

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

150,000 garment workers have been ordered out on strike for better wages.

A complete reorganization of the Mexican federal army has been commenced.

A baby weighing just 17 ounces was born at Aurora, Ill. It is healthy and perfect.

The Volunteers of America fed 12,000 hungry men and women in Chicago December 29.

California's Progressive legislators have invited the regulars to join with them in legislation.

A portrait of "Aunt Delia" by a noted Boston artist was presented to President Taft as a New Year's gift.

Portland had a total rainfall of 2.21 inches Sunday, causing much property loss by slides on the hills west of the city.

Roosevelt is preparing a magazine article in which he states that Japan, not Russia, first sued for peace in the Russo-Japanese war.

Turks appear inclined to present more moderate demands in the peace conference, and the allies show anxiety to close negotiations.

Idaho will call a convention to take up the matter of a state highway and branches, in conjunction with the same movement in adjoining states.

The London Times devoted an entire page to presenting the condition of the city's poor, and declares that the increase of pauperism is "dismaying."

Thomas Harding, aged 91, is dead at his home in Redland, Ore. He was famous as a newspaper writer and was the author of the poem entitled, "Remember the Maine."

The United States army officer who wrote a satirical poem on the exploits of the German-trained Turkish army says he had not the slightest idea his verses would create international complications.

A Chicago policeman, on discovering the basement of a church to be on fire while Sunday school was in session, quietly notified the teachers, who had the organist play "Onward, Christian Soldiers," while the pupils marched to safety.

Railways are making preparations for immense business in 1913.

Standard Oil stock took a sharp advance in the New York market.

A government attache says plenty of fuel is the chief need of Alaska.

General Wood plans for a big military display at the inauguration of Wilson.

A 3-year-old child was burned to death in a Christmas tree fire at Rio Bonita, Cal.

Prune packers of Vancouver, Wash., are preparing a shipment of four carloads to go direct to Germany.

Archduke Ferdinand, of Buglaria, plans for a new Slav empire under the rule of the Hapsburg royal family.

Admiral Dewey at 75 years of age says he stays young by keeping regular hours and avoiding midnight banquets.

The council of the city of Portland has forbidden the use of firecrackers by the Chinese in celebrating their coming new year.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 80c; bluestem, 84c; 40-fold, 81c; red Russian, 78c; valley, 81c.

Barley—Feed, \$22.50@23 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$26.50@27.50.

Corn—Whole, \$36 per ton; cracked, \$37.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$22.50 per ton; shorts, \$24.50; middlings, \$30.

Hay—Timothy, choice, \$17@18; mixed Eastern Oregon timothy, \$12@15; oat and vetch, \$12; alfalfa, \$11.50; clover, \$10; straw, \$6@7.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$25@26 per ton.

Fresh Fruits—Apples, 50c@1.50; box; pears, 75c@1.50; grapes, \$1.60; Malagas, \$8 barrel; cranberries, \$10.50@12 barrel; casabas, \$2.50 doz.

Potatoes—Jobbing prices: Burbanks, 60@65c hundred; sweet, 2 1/2c pound.

Onions—Oregon, 90c@1 sack.

Eggs—Fresh locals, candled, 32 1/2c dozen.

Butter—Oregon creamery, cubes, 37 1/2c pound; prints, 38 1/2@39c.

Poultry—Hens, 14@14 1/2c; broilers, 14 @ 14 1/2c; turkeys, live, 24 @ 25c; dressed, choice, 27 1/2c; ducks, nominal; geese, 16c.

Pork—Fancy, 9 1/2@10c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 3 1/2@4c per pound.

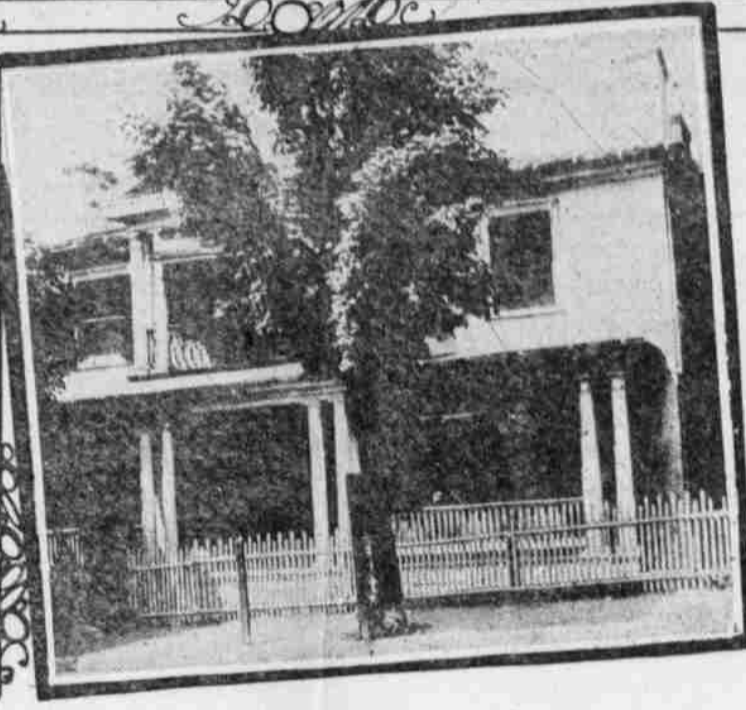
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 48c per pound; valley, 2 1/2 @ 2 1/2c; mohair, choice, 32c.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$7 @ 7.25; good, \$6.50@6.75; medium, \$6@6.35; choice cows, \$6@6.50; good, \$5.50@5.75; medium, \$4.50@5.25; choice calves, \$7.50 @ 8.75; good heavy calves, \$6@7; bulls, \$3@5.50; stags, \$5@6.

Hogs—Light, \$7.25@7.60; heavy, \$6.25@6.75.

Sheep—Yearling wethers, \$4.25@5.25; ewes, \$3.25@4.35; lambs, \$5@6.75.

PRESIDENT-ELECT, TOWN OF HIS BIRTH AND PRESBYTERIAN MANSE IN WHICH HE WAS BORN



HAWAII MAKES GREAT STRIDES

Governor of Islands Reports Progress and Prosperity.

Commerce, Homesteading, Transportation, Public Works, Health, Etc., Improve.

Washington, D. C.—Hawaii has enjoyed greater prosperity and progress during the last year than during any other in its history, according to Governor Frear's annual report, submitted to the Secretary of the Interior Fisher. The preceding four years had been notable for their prosperity, says the governor, but this year witnessed even greater strides forward.

In commerce, homesteading, improvement in class of immigrants, betterment of transportation facilities, construction of public works, public health, administration and public school facilities there had been marked advance.

That the United States reclamation act be extended to Hawaii is one of the governor's recommendations. He says there are large areas which should be made available by irrigation for settlement by Americans in colonies of considerable size.

Imports and exports of the islands during the year totalled \$84,100,000, an increase of \$14,680,000 over the preceding year. The increase was chiefly in trade with the United States, which constituted more than nine-tenths of the total. The increase in exports from the territory was 12 times as much as that in the imports, being \$13,500,000 against \$1,130,000. The exports totalled \$55,400,000; the imports, \$28,700,000.

Governor Frear reports that "the percentage of homesteads taken by Americans and other Caucasians has been much larger this year than usual."

During the last two years the departure of Japanese steerage passengers exceeded the arrivals by 489.

PRICE-FIXING TO BE TESTED

Suit Is Begun Against Breakfast Food Concern.

Detroit—The Kellogg Toasted Corn Flake company is alleged to be violating the Sherman law in a petition in equity filed in the United States district court here by order of Attorney-General Wickersham to settle for all time the extent to which a manufacturer can control retail prices. The company and its officers, engaged in the manufacture of Kellogg's toasted corn flakes, are charged with fixing prices at which the flakes are

Smallpox Under Control.

Washington, D. C.—Rigid steps by the public health service have brought under control a threatened serious outbreak of smallpox along the West Virginia-Maryland border. Dr. B. S. Warren, detailed to investigate the situation, who has just returned to Washington, reported 11 cases in the vicinity of Martinsburg, W. Va. These cases, all within from three to ten miles of the city, are under proper control. All suspected persons in the region will be vaccinated and kept under observation for 15 days.

sold to retailer and consumer, preventing competition which would reduce the price to the public and creating a monopoly by concentrating the entire interstate traffic in this commodity in the hands of jobbers and retailers who abide by price agreements exacted by the defendants. It is alleged that the defendants have invoked the patent laws through the use of a patented carton in which the flakes are packed as a mere "subterfuge and device" to escape the provisions of the Sherman law.

The government asks for injunctions to prevent the company, its officers and agents from controlling the price of the breakfast food after it leaves the hands of the manufacturer. The suit is regarded by the government as of vast importance because of its bearing on the right of a manufacturer to control prices to the consumer. It is alleged that the company sells only to jobbers, refusing absolutely to deal directly with the consumers or with the retail trade. The commodity, according to the petition, is sold to jobbers at a uniform price, under an agreement that the jobbers will sell to retailers at a price fixed by the defendants. The defendants are charged with strictly enforcing the agreement of sale by absolutely refusing to deal with any jobber who fails to maintain the specified price.

MEXICAN SHOPMEN STRIKE

Higher Wages and Shorter Hours Demanded by 7000.

Laredo, Tex.—Seven thousand shop employees of the National Railway of Mexico struck Friday because of the refusal of the management to grant an eight-hour day and an increase in wages. The strike was called simultaneously at Nuevo Laredo, San Luis Potosi, Mexico City and Aguas Calientes. At Nuevo Laredo 100 skilled mechanics and 100 other employees walked out. The shops are closed.

Because of the demoralized condition along the line of the railway as the result of the rebel activity the strike has caused the greatest concern. Railroad officials refuse to discuss the situation beyond saying that the strike will not cause a tieup of the lines and that they believe regular train service can be maintained.

Soldier of Fortune Dead.

Reno, Nev.—With both hands cut off and his skull fractured, Max Von Buelow, said to be a descendant of Count Von Buelow, the famous German general, was picked up on the railroad track near the state line and died two hours later in the railroad hospital at Sparks. Von Buelow was a globetrotter and soldier of fortune. Several years ago he married Miss Christine Plummer, a wealthy woman of Pueblo, Colo., and they traveled through Europe in regal style. Von Buelow was highly educated.

Gum Chewer Discredited.

Chicago—United States Judge Carpenter revealed one method he has of judging whether a person is testifying truthfully. If the witness chews gum and talks rapidly the chances are no great weight should be attached to his statements, the court said. This developed when the court told Joseph Burns, a witness chewing gum while on the witness stand: "The harder a person chews gum the less responsibility you can place in his testimony."

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PRESIDENT-ELECT AT HOME

Staunton, Virginia, Gives Noisy Welcome to Wilson.

Staunton, Va.—Virginia enthusiastically welcomed home Governor Wilson, the eighth of her native sons to be chosen president of the United States. From the moment the president-elect crossed the state line at Alexandria in the afternoon, after he had a ten-minute glimpse of the national capital, until 9 o'clock, when he reached the little parsonage where he was born 56 years before, the reception was one of great enthusiasm, noisy demonstration and spectacular display.

Escorted by cavalry, militia companies and a torchlight procession, the governor and Mrs. Wilson motored through the streets of Staunton to the home of Rev. A. N. Frazer, pastor of the Presbyterian church. In this home Rev. Joseph K. Wilson, father of the president-elect, lived in 1856.

"It is fine to be back again," exclaimed the president-elect, as he stepped indoors.

Suffering from the effects of his cold, he returned immediately to the room in which he was born to rest.

Staunton was not alone in celebrating the arrival of the distinguished visitor. Fireworks shot across the skies and red lights threw a festive glare at all stations along the route. Mrs. Wilson stood with her husband on the rear platform of the train and enjoyed the demonstration.

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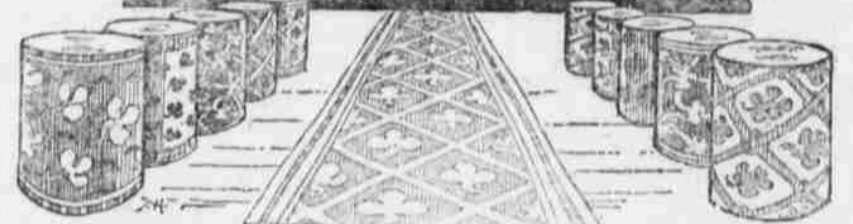
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