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EUGENE, OREGON.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week. Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting.

The senate refuses to consider the Littlefield anti-trust bill.

Fire at Lowell, Mass., cost one life and destroyed \$30,000 worth of property.

Two masked men held up the postmaster at Bisbee, Ariz., and secured \$100.

The president is determined on an extra session of congress unless the Cuban and Panama canal treaties are ratified.

The powder works near Cherokee,

CAN'T EXCEL THE OREGON.

Senate Naval Committee Votes for More Ships of Her Type.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The senate naval committee believes, with Senator Hale, that the battleship Oregon represents the most perfect type of warship afloat today, and accordingly overrules the house program for an increased navy and authorizes the building of four new ships of the Oregon type rather than the heavier battleships provided for in the house bill. The senate program is smaller battleships and more of them, the house in its bill having provided for two large battleships.

When the bill passes the senate and goes to conference, there is strong probability of the senate provision being retained, or at least the authorization of two or more ships of the Oregon type.

Senator Hale says there is no more perfect warship in existence today than the Oregon, and the country cannot do better than to add others of the same class to the navy as soon as possible.



CHARLES W. FULTON, SENATOR-ELECT FROM OREGON.

Kan., blew up, killing four men and injuring 15, two fatally.

A number of protests are being sent to Washington against the seating of Senator-elect Reed Smoot, of Utah.

Two robbers blew open the safe of Hubbard's private bank at Cedar Springs, Mich., and secured between \$400 and \$500.

To Colonel Coffey was presented a handsome tea and coffee service by the whole staff of the Wild West show, in London in celebration of his 57th birthday.

The Chicago grand jury returned 75 indictments against the operators of slot machines as a result of a crusade instigated by the Hyde Park protective association.

Policeman John Ritchey, of Denver, was dangerously wounded while attempting to arrest a lone highwayman.

A bill to exempt beet sugar factories from taxation for a period of five years was killed in the Wisconsin assembly.

Starting disclosures in St. Louis of a system of traffic in young women, under police protection, are to be made by the grand jury as the result of a raid on resorts.

The Great Falls, Mont., land office has received word from Washington of the return of about 1,000,000 acres of land in Northern Montana to entry under the general land laws.

One man was killed, one fatally injured and four others more or less seriously hurt in a freight wreck on the Pennsylvania road at Kittanning Point, seven miles west of Altoona, Pa.

The New York Metropolitan museum of art has received \$500 of a donation which will in time aggregate \$6,000, the millionaire locomotive builder, of Paterson, N. J.

Dr. J. E. Rankin, president of Howard college, at Washington, has resigned owing to advanced age and infirmities. Howard college is one of the leading negro educational institutions of the country.

Fire damaged the plant of the J. I. Case plow company, at Racine, Wis., to the extent of \$100,000.

General Gasper Uchila, who owns the Popocatepetl volcano, including the immense sulphur deposits in its crater, is reported to have sold that property for \$5,000,000 to an American syndicate in which the Standard Oil interests are largely represented.

The Berwind-White coal company, which employs 2,000 men at coal mines at Winbar, Pa., will advance wages 10 per cent on April 1.

Burglars at Atchison, Kan., blew open the safe of the East Atchison postoffice with dynamite, the explosion setting fire in the building.

Count Boni Castellani has left Paris for New York to bring back his wife and children. In a statement to the press, he said he would like most to speak in the United States of closer ties and even a formal alliance between France and the United States.

Owing to the large demand from America, the price of iron in Germany has advanced 50 cents a ton since Feb. 1, and the product is sold months ahead.

RECORD OF THE OREGON LEGISLATURE.

SENATE BILLS THAT HAVE BECOME LAWS.

1. Marsters—For execution of death sentence at Penitentiary.
2. Varnum—Establishing boundary of Washington County.
3. Steiner—Regulating carriage of property by express.
4. Mendenhall—For state and county boards of health.
5. Mendenhall—Prohibiting sale of indecent literature.
6. Myers—Relative to organization of crematory associations.
7. Croshaw—Regulating mutual insurance companies.
8. Johnson—For transfer of land from county to Astoria.
9. Kuykendall—Transportation of children to country schools.
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HOUSE BILLS THAT HAVE BECOME LAWS.

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STATE NEWS.

Albany will probably have a street fair and carnival the coming summer. The dates yet to be determined.

D. L. Sleeper, of Lawton, Okla., who was commissioned by the general land office to investigate the recent entries made on timber claims in the Lakeview district, is in Albany examining the entries for the purpose of finding out, if possible, whether the entries filed on the claims with honest intentions or in the interest of outside parties.

The Lucky Boy mine in the Blue river district, has closed down. Some 30 men have been employed at the mines and nearly all of them have gone out. The mine will resume operations about April 1. The closing down is due to the heavy snow, there being about four feet at the mill and seven or eight feet in the timber, where work is obstructed.

Labor unions of Oregon City blame Senator Brownell for the failure of the eight hour bill to pass.

Everything it was possible to carry away was taken from the legislative hall at Salem after the close of the session by souvenir hunters.

It is understood that the Booth-Kelly lumber company will put in a system of water works at Springfield. They have already secured a franchise for electric lights.

Governor Chamberlain has announced that a special election will be held between May 1 and June 15 to elect a representative to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Thomas H. Tongue.

BOYCOTT ON COAL.

Miners Attack Pocketbooks of Maryland and West Virginia Operators.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mineworkers of America, has abandoned all hope of organizing the miners of Maryland and West Virginia without outside assistance that will bring strong pressure upon the operators that they will be forced to unionize their own mines in self-defense. To that end a movement was started today in Chicago to protest against the awarding of public contracts to firms handling Maryland coal, and this movement is to spread all over the United States wherever labor is organized. The Chicago union teamsters have entered into a compact with the miners to tie up the output of the boycotted mines, and they will refuse to deliver it on any public contract.

The first move was made when Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, Albert Young, president of the Amalgamated Teamsters' association, and the largest union labor committee ever congregated in Chicago for such a purpose, called on Mayor Harrison and filed a formal protest against the awarding of city coal contracts to firms dealing in coal that is mined by non-union men. The committee declared that if contracts for West Virginia or Maryland coal shall be awarded, the teamsters will refuse to deliver it, and a general tie-up in Chicago will result.

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SPECIAL MESSAGE

PRESIDENT APPEALS TO CONGRESS ON BEHALF OF PHILIPPINES.

Endorses Governor Taft's Urgent Call for a Reduction of Tariff—Governor Says Famine Will Come if Action is Not Prompt—Filipinos Have Suffered Long Series of Calamities.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The president yesterday sent the following message to the senate:

"I have just received a cable from Governor Taft which runs as follows: 'Necessity for passage house tariff bill most urgent. The conditions of productive industry and business considerable worse than in November, the date of the last report, and growing worse each month. Some revival in sugar and tobacco prices, due to expectation of tariff law. The interests of Filipinos in sugar and tobacco extensive, and failure of bill will be a blow in the face of those interests. Number of tobacco factories will have to close and many sugar haciendas will be put up for sale at a sacrifice if the bill does not pass. Customs receipts have fallen off this month one-third, showing decrease of the purchasing power of the islands. General business stagnant. All political parties, including labor unions, most strenuous in petition for tariff bill. Effect of its failure very discouraging.'

"Vice Governor Luke E. Wright indorses in the strongest manner all that Governor Taft has said, and states that he has the gravest apprehensions as to the damage that may come to the islands if there is not a substantial reduction in the tariff levied against the Philippines goods coming into the United States. I very earnestly ask attention of congress and that the relief prayed for be granted.

"As congress knows, a series of calamities has befallen the Philippine people. Just as they were emerging from nearly six years of devastating warfare, with the accompanying destruction of property and the breaking of the bonds of social order and the habits of peaceful industry, there occurred an epidemic of rinderpest which destroyed 90 per cent of the caribous, the Philippine cattle, leaving the people without draft animals to till the lands or to aid in the ordinary work of farm and village life. The extent of the disaster can be seen from the fact that the surviving caribous have increased over tenfold in value. At the same time a peculiar oriental horse disease became epidemic, further crippling transportation. The rice crop, already reduced by various causes but a fourth of its original size, has been damaged by locusts so that the price of rice has nearly doubled.

"Under these circumstances there is imminent danger of a famine in the islands. Congress is in course of generously appropriating \$3,000,000 to meet the immediate needs, but of indispensable and pre-eminent need is the resurrection of productive industry from the prostration into which it has been thrown by the causes above enumerated.

"I ask the action in the tariff matter, not merely from the standpoint of a wise government policy, but as a measure of humanity in response to an appeal to which this great people should not close its ears. We have assumed responsibility toward the Philippines which we are in honor bound to fulfill. We have the specific duty of taking every measure in our power to see to their prosperity. The first and most important step in this direction has been accomplished by the joint action of the military and civil authorities in securing peace and civil government. The wisdom of congress at the present session has provided for them a stable government, but there remains vital need that one thing further shall be done. The calamities which have befallen them as above enumerated could have been avoided by no human wisdom. They cannot be completely repaired, but their sufferings can be greatly alleviated and a permanent basis of future prosperity assured if the economic relations of the islands with the United States are put upon a satisfactory basis.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT, White House, Washington, D. C., February 27."

Chinese Rebels Victorious. Pekin, March 2.—Advices received here today show that 500 imperial troops were caught February 13 in an ambush in the Yang Yung pass by rebels of the province of Kwang Si, South China. All the soldiers were killed and the rebels secured large supplies of arms, which the troops were taking to the besieged garrison of Chien Yuen. The official reports admit that the rebellion in Kwang Si is increasing, and has spread over the border into the province of Hunan. The victory of Hunan has sent troops to the boundary to check the rebels' advance.

Troops at Dedication. Omaha, Neb., March 2.—Officers of the department of the Missouri are beginning to arrive for the movement of troops to St. Louis to attend the ceremonies of the dedication of the Louisiana Purchase exposition, April 30. It is expected that troops from Forts Cook, Riley, Leavenworth, and Jefferson barracks will be present. General Corbin, Adjutant General of the army, will act as grand marshal of the civic and military parade, and it is expected that he will personally designate the troops.

Must Bid on Equal Terms. Washington, March 2.—The Pacific coast shipbuilders who bid on new vessels will have to enter the competition on an even basis with builders on the Atlantic coast. While the naval bill was under consideration in the senate an attempt was made by any Pacific coast senator to secure the adoption of a 4 per cent preferential amendment. As neither house adopted this provision, it cannot be inserted in conference.

COALING STATIONS IN CUBA.

Agreement Gives U. S. Control of Coaling Stations—Sea-Isle of Pines Given Up.

Washington, Feb. 28.—President Roosevelt has signed the agreement drawn up, under the terms of the amendment, providing for the acquisition by the United States of a coaling station at Guantanamo and a coaling station at Bahia Honda, both in Cuba. The document had been previously signed by President Palma, and was brought to Washington by Minister Squiers. It does not specify the price of the properties to be acquired by the United States, and this detail is left to be settled by the usual legal condemnation proceedings after the navy department has decided exactly the amount of land it wishes at each place.

With these two places properly equipped as naval bases, the Gulf of Mexico would not be possible of occupation by a hostile fleet, and the Caribbean would be unsafe for an enemy. Guantanamo there will be erected extensive coal docks and perhaps a line of railroad to connect the port with the backbone railroad already finished by private enterprise. Bahia Honda will, for some time, probably be used simply as a place for the storage of coal.

When Mr. Squiers returns to Havana he will take up for settlement the question of the possession of the island of Pines. The indications are that the United States government will not press strongly in this matter. The reason for the inference is, first, the unavailability of the island as a base, owing to the shallow water surrounding it, and second, the strong sentimental attachment of the Cubans for the place, which would cause a feeling of resentment toward the United States in the event