

WEEK'S DOINGS

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Condensed Form.

Admiral Dewey has declined to become a member of the North sea commission.

Roosevelt is likely to visit the South and make it a point to meet the masses.

Governor Pardée is working for a California state building at the Lewis and Clark fair.

Whites in German Southwest Africa are reported to be in great danger of being massacred.

All exhibitors from foreign countries may now send their wares to Portland for the 1905 fair without paying any duty.

David M. Parry, president of the Citizens' Industrial association, says the "open shop" movement is gaining, as is also his organization.

The 31st national convention of the W. C. T. U. is in session in Philadelphia. Five hundred delegates, representing every state and territory, are in attendance.

The New York state court of appeals has declared unconstitutional the labor law which prohibits a contractor from employing his men more than eight hours a day on city, county or state work.

Japanese are making progress in the assault on Port Arthur.

Russia has accepted the invitation of America to negotiate for an arbitration treaty.

Russia and Britain both want an American officer of high rank on the North sea commission.

Ten American fishing craft have been seized by Canadian officers and fined for fishing in Canadian waters.

The trouble caused by Paraguay firing upon an Argentine cruiser has been settled by the former apologizing.

Secretary of War Taft, in his annual report, urges that the tariff rates charged the Philippines be reduced.

Paul Morton, now secretary of the navy, may succeed Secretary Shaw, of the treasury department, if the latter does not remain in the cabinet.

General Kuropatkin has an automobile in which to travel from one part to another of his line. He wants 20 more in which to carry ammunition.

Russian marines at Odessa engaged in a mutiny and soldiers called out to quell the disturbance killed 25 and wounded 100 others before peace was restored.

The American Federation of Labor has re-elected Samuel Gompers as president.

Japanese diplomats contend that Great Britain is supplying coal too freely to Russia.

The Russians at Mukden have defeated the Japanese in strategy and a winter campaign now seems improbable.

The Russian supreme court finds the seizure of the British ship Cheltenham, taken early in July by the Vladivostok squadron, was legal.

It is stated that if Secretary Hitchcock resigns, William Richards, commissioner of the general land office, will be offered the position of secretary of the interior.

Fire in the Queens county court house, New York, caused damage estimated at \$100,000, and for a time threatened the jail in which more than 100 persons were confined.

The czar has decorated Aliexieff with the order of St. George, third degree.

The rail and steel mills of the Illinois Steel company, of Chicago, have closed down for an indefinite period, owing to a lack of business. Three thousand men are thrown out of employment.

Russians are finding the water problem at Mukden a serious one.

General Chaffee recommends that the Vancouver, Wash., military reservation be enlarged, and estimates the cost of land at \$30,000.

The government '05 fair board has begun the selection of exhibits at St. Louis.

The war has cut off Poland's market in Siberia and thousands of people are idle as a result.

A son-in-law of Marquis Ito declares that the apparent delay of Oyama is for strategic reasons.

The Prussian army budget for the coming year is estimated at \$116,000,000, an increase of \$11,250,000.

Commissioner Richards, of the General land office, is coming to Portland to testify in the land fraud case.

Charles J. Bonaparte, a leading lawyer of Maryland, is mentioned as a possible selection for a place in Roosevelt's new cabinet as secretary of the interior.

The location of the Vladivostok harbor defense mines is uncertain and as a result a torpedo boat has been sunk and a German steamer badly damaged.

The need of officers for the navy is very pressing.

Robbers blew up the safe of a La Plata, Md., bank and secured \$3,000 cash.

Anarchy prevails in Macedonia and Christians are slain daily.

Cuban health officers challenge American marine corps to prove that yellow fever has appeared in that country.

By the explosion of a boiler in the suburbs of Vicksburg, Miss., two men were killed and a number injured, two seriously.

The vessels of the Baltic fleet have arrived at Port Said. Every precaution has been taken to insure a safe passage through the canal.

JAPAN AROUSED TO DANGER.

Togo will be Unable Strongly to Oppose the Baltic Fleet.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—The Daily News has the following from a staff correspondent:

"Shanghai—Japan is now thoroughly aroused to the danger which threatens her in the approach of the Baltic squadron. Admiral Togo has only four battleships to oppose the seven the Russians will bring against him. The long service the navy has seen since February 8 has seriously deteriorated the large naval guns on board the fleet. All this constitutes a grave menace to Japanese sea supremacy. In view of the possibility that the transport service may be stopped, the authorities are accumulating vast stores in Manchuria. The Baltic fleet is expected to reach belligerent waters about February 1, and it is feared that it may at once seize the island of Formosa as a naval base. Formosa belongs to Japan, and is only poorly prepared to prevent such action on the part of Admiral Rojestvensky."

Cavalry to Preserve Order.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 2.—In view of the fact that a general strike will be inaugurated tomorrow, President Quintana had long conferences today with the ministers of the interior, war and marine and the chief of police, for the purpose of adopting measures for the suppression of possible disturbances. An official statement was given out tonight that the police are fully prepared to prevent any interruption of necessary public services and to protect purveyors of foodstuffs and those who are willing to work.

GETS INTO LINE

Russia Decides to Participate in 1905 Exposition.

WILL HAVE A LARGE EXHIBIT

Believed She Has Come to Time Because the Wily Jap Prepared Magnificent Display.

Portland, Dec. 2.—Russia stepped suddenly and unexpectedly into line for participation in the Lewis and Clark Centennial exposition yesterday. After stating at one time that it would be impossible for Russia to participate, the czar's ministry of commerce suddenly reconsidered the matter and in order to be sure of a space allotment rushed a cablegram to exposition headquarters. The cablegram was dispatched from St. Petersburg and was signed by Edward Grunwaldt, counselor of commerce. The message was as follows:

"St. Petersburg—To Lewis and Clark centennial exposition, Portland, Or. Invitation accepted finance ministry. Wire space allotted for Russia. Cable address Edgrun."

The cable message was telegraphed immediately to Director of Exhibits Henry Doeh. at St. Louis, in order that it may be acted upon.

With Russia's participation the powers of the world, as well as a majority of the minor nations, will be represented at the exposition.

Just what caused Russia's change of heart regarding the fair can only be surmised, but it is quite probable that the Oriental aspect of the exposition is what caught the eye of the Russian bear.

The same thing, though, caught the eye of the wily Jap some months since, and Japan has arranged participation on a big scale. It is surmised that Russia cannot afford to make a lesser showing than does Japan, and there is, therefore, reason to look for an attractive and valuable exhibit from the land of the czar.

BEEF FOR ARMY.

Big Russian Shipment to Go From Portland.

Omaha, Dec. 2.—One of the largest orders of beef ever sent out of the country is now being filled by the Cudahy Packing company, of South Omaha, who tonight shipped to Portland, Or., the first consignment of an order from the Russian government, consisting of 17 cars. The entire order will fill 135 cars of meat, and will be shipped as rapidly as it can be loaded.

The meat is consigned to the Russian government. It was sold through brokers. The shipment is packed in barrels weighing, when filled, about 350 pounds each. A car will carry about 129 barrels, or 42,000 pounds. The entire train of 135 cars will contain 5,670,000 pounds of meat. The meat will ration an army of 100,000 men for six weeks.

Own Ship Is Sunk.

London, Dec. 2.—The Shanghai correspondent of the London Morning Post cables that while one of the Russian destroyers attached to the Vladivostok squadron was returning from a scouting expedition on Monday, the garrison of one of the forts at the outer harbor failed to see her signals and opened fire on her. A shell from a big gun struck her amidships, and she sank almost immediately. It is not known if her crew was rescued.

Coin for the Philippine Islands.

San Francisco, Dec. 2.—The local mint will turn over to the war department today a large consignment of Philippine money. The coin will go to the islands on the transport Logan, which sails tomorrow. There will be 800,000 pesos in 50-centavo pieces; 60,000 pesos in 20-centavo pieces, and 150,000 pesos in 10 centavos.

AT AWFUL COST.

Japanese Continue Their Attack on Port Arthur.

London, Dec. 1.—According to a Tokio dispatch to the Standard, there is an official rumor that the Japanese have hauled large caliber guns to the top of 203-Meter hill, whence their fire has a sweep of the whole harbor. This report doubtless goes beyond the facts; but various dispatches indicate the progress the Japanese are making in the reduction of Port Arthur. Japanese here explain the great importance of the capture of 203-Meter hill, which, besides giving command of the harbor, will serve as a wide breach made by the wedge the Japanese had previously driven in between the Etz group and the Russians' last retreat in the ravines of Laotie mountain. They declare that retreat to Laotie will be effectually cut off, and it is not unlikely that Laotie will be simultaneously attacked in the final assault.

Bennett Burleigh wires to the Daily Telegraph from Chefoo that in the last attack the Japanese lost 400 men in one hour's fighting. They claim to have captured two more of the north-eastern forts and a third, which is part of the West Kekwan fort. They assert, Mr. Burleigh adds, to have effected a lodgment at Pigeon bay, thus turning the fort on 203-Meter hill, and that they are now tunneling from the gorge below Laotie hill, which they hope first to damage and then rush. The dispatch continues:

"Desperate fighting is proceeding daily, and the losses are admitted to be excessive, but the Japanese insist that Port Arthur must fall within 21 days."

The Morning Post's correspondent at Shanghai telegraphs that wireless communication has been re-established between the Russian consulate at Chefoo and the Port Arthur garrison.

PLANS GREAT BRITISH ARMY.

Kitchener's Reorganization Scheme Greatly Enlarged.

London, Dec. 1.—The war office is in possession of the full details of Lord Kitchener's army reorganization scheme. No secret is made of the fact that particular mention has been paid to points which would offer convenient centers of Russian invasion in the event of hostilities and in view of the recent imbroglio the original plan was considerably extended.

The keynote of the reorganization, which will entail expenditures to the amount of \$50,000,000, is to secure through war training a great army in times of peace, and to place the troops not only where they can obtain such instructions, but where their presence will be of permanent strategic value.

With this object in view Northern India has been divided by parallel lines into a number of areas with their upper points converging on the frontier, and their respective bases well down in India. Were the order to mobilize given seven or eight field forces, each from 15,000 to 20,000 strong, could, in a few hours, be concentrated on the borderland from east to west.

Canadians to Build Hatcheries.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 2.—It is officially announced today that the Dominion government has issued directions for the establishment of two large hatcheries on the Northern coast. One of the hatcheries will be located at Rivers inlet and the other on the Skeena river. Each will have a capacity of 20,000,000 eggs a year. The hatcheries will be in operation in time to enable the plants to secure spawn from next season's run of sockeyes in the North.

Calls Witnesses in Smoot Case.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Senator Burrows chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, has issued subpoenas for 20 witnesses in the Smoot investigation and fixed Monday, December 12, as the date for their appearance before the committee. Nearly all these witnesses are in Utah.