

## 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.

The Rough Riders will have a place of honor in the inaugural parade.

A Chinese capitalist declares that he knows Port Arthur has provisions for three months.

Of the 100 locomotives ordered for the Harriman lines, 50 are for the Southern Pacific.

Dowie has paid the last installment on his debts and Zion City is again on a sound financial basis.

The Russian battleship Sevastopol at Port Arthur has not been sunk and is adopting defensive measures.

The Japanese have turned their attention to Golden Hill fortress and some damage has been inflicted.

A dispatch from Mukden says the Japanese have driven the Russians on the right bank of the Hun river westward.

The president has sent the nomination of C. P. Neill to succeed Wright as commissioner of labor to the senate for confirmation.

The British American arbitration treaty has been signed by Secretary Hay and the British ambassador. It is expected that the Italian treaty will be ready soon.

A Russian captain has been arrested for criticising the admiralty.

Washington has four aspirants for the office of fish commissioner.

The Southern states are flooding Roosevelt with invitations to visit them.

The remains of Kruger, the ex-president of the Transvaal, have arrived at Pretoria.

Severe skirmishes have occurred on the Shabke river in which the Russians were defeated.

A Japanese cruiser struck a mine at the entrance to the Port Arthur harbor and sunk. Of the crew only 39 were lost.

A number of prominent Russian officials have resigned on the czar declaring he will stand by the new ministers of the interior.

Twenty years ago, when both were stationed at Paris, General Kuropatkin and General Teruchi, now Japanese minister of war, met and became fast friends. On the eve of the present war an exchange of swords as presents took place between them.

The first snow of the season has fallen in Eastern Oregon.

St. Petersburg authorities deny that a famine exists in Southern Russia.

The torpedo boats at Port Arthur have not been sunk, and they may try to escape.

It is reported that the czar has ordered the Baltic fleet not to proceed to the Far East.

Secretary Hay will ask congress to increase the salaries of a number of diplomats.

Governor elect Douglas will appoint General Miles as adjutant general of the Massachusetts militia.

The School coal mine, near Peoria, Illinois, is on fire. There were 100 men at work at the time the flames were discovered, but all escaped. The property loss will be heavy.

The house committee on rivers and harbors has decided to send for some of the district engineers, as they desire to hear from them on the needs of rivers and harbors in their respective districts.

Many shells sent to the Russians at Mukden have proved defective.

A son of General Nogi was killed in the attack on 203-Meter hill at Port Arthur.

The Japanese have sunk all the Russian battleships and cruisers at Port Arthur.

Japan has signified her willingness to participate in a second Hague peace conference.

So far in the Far Eastern war Russia has lost 23 warships of all classes and the Japanese four.

Roosevelt has abandoned the idea of a special session of congress in the spring to consider tariff revision.

A bill will be introduced in congress to connect the canal zone on the isthmus with the United States by cable.

Secretary Shaw will urge congress to increase the appropriation for the Tacoma public building from \$400,000 to \$800,000.

The handwriting experts in the Denver election frauds found evidences of repeating for both the Democratic and Republican tickets.

Senator Mitchell has a fight on his hands to secure the chairmanship of the canal committee, made vacant by the death of Hanna. The stand he took for the Nicaraguan route two years ago is the cause.

Liberal appropriations for Columbia river jetty are assured.

Russians have lost 3,000 men trying to retake 203-Meter hill.

Cooos county will spend \$100,000 on Lewis and Clark fair exhibit.

Japanese from 203-Meter hill are shelling Russian fleet and have sunk one battleship and set a number of other ships on fire.

A grand jury has been empanelled to investigate the Denver election frauds.

Taft acknowledges he made a mistake in extending Dingley tariff to canal zone at Panama celebration.

A prominent canneryman says greed and defiance of the law are ruining the salmon industry of the Columbia river.

The jury in the land fraud cases found five of the defendants guilty as charged, but cleared Miss Marie Ware.

#### OREGON HAS A GOOD FRIEND.

##### Appropriation for Fair Due to Influence of the President.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Oregon has reason to congratulate itself on having secured the appropriation for its exposition at the last session of congress. It now appears that the \$475,000 appropriated for government participation in the Lewis and Clark fair is the last money that congress will expend for expositions for many years to come.

The action of the house committee on expositions in flatly refusing to make any appropriation whatever for the Jamestown exposition is an indication that congress has had enough, and has finally reached the stage where it will put its foot down. Had it not been for the interest President Roosevelt took in the Oregon enterprise and for the influence which he exerted in behalf of the Lewis and Clark appropriation bill Oregon would have suffered the same blow that has been dealt to Jamestown.

Congress was just as much opposed to exposition appropriations a year ago as it is now, but Oregon had a friend at court, and the only friend who could be of real service.

#### To Rush Fraud Case.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The attorney general will make a motion in the supreme court next Monday to advance the case of Hyde and Dimond, under indictment in the district of California for land frauds in California. They appealed from the order of the Federal court in California denying them writs of habeas corpus, and the attorney general is anxious to have the appeal decided in order to go on with the trial in Washington.

## STARVE FORT

### Japs Make Fewer Assaults on Port Arthur.

#### COST OF LIFE IS TOO GREAT

##### Sinking of the Russian Fleet Was Main Object of the Recent Desperate Attacks.

Tokio, Dec. 12.—In disabling the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, precluding the possibility of its being able to reinforce the second Pacific squadron, the Japanese have accomplished the main object of the desperate assaults against the fortress which they have been making for the past three months. There is now a strong probability that, while continuing the siege, they will avoid losses of the magnitude already attending their efforts, and, instead of assaulting will rely on starving out the garrison until it is finally captured.

Considerable astonishment is expressed here over the fact that the Russians in no way resisted the disabling of the Port Arthur fleet. In certain quarters the opinion is expressed that the Russians opened the sea-cocks of the submerged vessels to lessen their exposure to the Japanese fire.

The recent cessation of mine clearing was taken as evidence that the fleet did not intend to make a sortie.

There was no sign of life on the Russian ships during the bombardment, and from this fact it is concluded that the bluejackets took refuge on land or that they are engaged in the land defenses.

With the Russian second Pacific squadron approaching, those in Tokio cannot comprehend the failure of the Russians to die hard and to inflict all possible damage on the Japanese fleet, even at the cost of weakening the effective garrison.

Now that the Port Arthur fleet has been disabled, it is deemed impossible for the Russians to overcome the inferiority of the second Pacific squadron to Togo's fleet, unless at present unforeseen, the Black sea fleet should pass the Dardanelles.

#### ASK FOR FULL AMOUNT.

##### Oregon Senators Assured Support of River and Harbor Committee.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Senators Mitchell and Fuiton have united in a letter to Chairman Burton of the Rivers and Harbors Committee, strongly urging that liberal appropriations be made for the Columbia river and other Oregon waterways. They point out the necessity for securing at this session enough money to complete the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia, asking for \$1,300,000. They urge the appropriation of the full amounts recommended by Major Langfitt for the Dailles-Celilo canal and all other projects in which Oregon is interested.

This letter is filed to back up arguments which the Senators have made orally to Chairman Burton and to Representative Jones, of Washington, who is on the committee. Burton and Jones show great friendliness toward the Columbia and give assurance which leads to the belief that adequate amounts will be appropriated.

#### Zero Weather in Manchuria.

General Kuroki's Headquarters in the Field, Dec. 14.—The army has had its first taste of the real quality of a Manchurian winter the past week. Last night the thermometer fell to six degrees below zero, Fahrenheit. The days are cold also, but sunshine and the absence of severe winds makes life tolerable. The hills are covered with snow, which on the plain is one inch in depth. All streams are thickly frozen.

#### Snow Falling in New York.

New York, Dec. 14.—A snow storm, accompanied by a high wind, descended upon New York early today and still continues. Nearly two inches has fallen. Traffic in the city has not been seriously impeded, but craft of all kinds have been delayed.

#### DEAL IS CLOSED.

##### Stamp Mill to Operate During Lewis and Clark Fair.

Portland, Dec. 12.—Negotiations were practically completed with a big Colorado mining company yesterday for the installation at the Lewis and Clark exposition of a stamp mill, concentration plant and other mining machinery, showing the treatment accorded raw ore in converting it into bullion. This will form a valuable addition to the mining exhibit, which promises to be the most notable ever made.

The company in question is the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, one of the largest of its kind in existence. The proposition was made to the exposition management in the form of an offer to install the machinery providing Oregon mining men would furnish sufficient ore to keep the machinery busy during the exposition hours. After a canvass of Oregon producers the exposition management was able to assure the company that no difficulty will be experienced in supplying all of the ore that will be required.

It is possible that an annex to the mining building will be required for the new working exhibit, as the space in the main building is now well taken and no great allotments can be made to one enterprise since the interests of individuals and districts which wish to participate must be protected.

General interest is being displayed in the Lewis and Clark mining exhibit. Miners and mining men all over the country are preparing their choicest ores for shipment here, and judging from the number of offers of minerals now on file at exposition headquarters there will be more ores on hand than can possibly be shelved. This will necessitate the selection of choice specimens, although it will not cause any exhibit to be ruled out, as all exhibitors will be given a chance.

#### LARGEST VOTE FOR PRESIDENT

##### Roosevelt Defeated Parker by a Majority of 2,546,169 Votes.

New York, Dec. 14.—The Times tomorrow will say: A canvass by the Times of the popular vote at the last presidential election, complete except as to one county in Tennessee, and four counties in Michigan, where estimates are given, shows that President Roosevelt defeated Judge Parker by 2,564,169. He polled the largest vote ever given a president of the United States, 7,640,560. This is more than 400,000 in excess of the vote cast for McKinley in 1900.

The official figures for Missouri show that Roosevelt carried that state by 25,600.

In Maryland one Republican elector received the largest vote, but his colleagues were defeated. The Democrats of Maryland, therefore, will have seven votes in the electoral college, while the Republicans will have only one.

A comparison with the vote table of 1900 shows a marked change in the Socialist vote. Debs, the candidate of the party that year, was also this year's candidate, and his vote shows an increase of more than 30. Watson, the Populist candidate, ran strongest in his own state, Georgia, where he received 22,635 votes. He received most of his votes in the South and West, but only one vote was cast for him in South Carolina. The electoral vote will be 360 for Roosevelt and 140 for Parker.

#### \$1,000,000 For Improvements.

Denver, Dec. 12.—The News today says: Plans to spend \$1,000,000 in improvements at Pueblo have been announced from the office of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company in Denver. The money is part of the \$8,000,000 appropriation under the recent reorganization scheme for extension of properties. The big tin plate mill and the merchant mill, both of which are incomplete, will be finished at once, and the latest machinery for the manufacture of all sorts of merchant steel is to be installed.