

## NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

### HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Nevada state health officers report conditions improving at Tonopah, the new mining camp.

The senate committee on interstate commerce has commenced its hearings on railway legislation.

Commissioner Garfield is holding night sessions examining into Standard Oil methods in Kansas.

John A. Benson will have to stand trial in Washington on land fraud charges, the United States supreme court having denied his right to be tried in California.

Chicago teamsters' sympathizers have mobbed the negro drivers for Montgomery, Ward & Co., and other disturbances are daily occurring in connection with the strike.

The supreme court of the United States has decided the case involving the removal of George W. Beavers from Brooklyn to Washington against Beavers, holding him subject to removal.

The preliminary legal battle is on at Portland in connection with the land fraud cases. Hermann, Mitchell, Williamson and the smaller offenders are all in attendance at Judge Bellinger's court. The best legal talent of the state is arrayed against Prosecutor Heney and they will be augmented later by some of the best lawyers of the nation.

Chicago will own the city's car lines within three months.

Carnegie will soon distribute \$12,500,000 among 50 colleges in 17 states.

Minturn, a small Colorado mining town, has been practically wiped out by fire.

Bids have just been opened by the Navy department for the construction of three cruisers.

Indiana's anti-cigarette law is in force and a cigarette cannot be purchased in the state.

Further violence on the part of the strikers has ended peace conferences on the Chicago teamsters' strike.

The revivalists who have just left Portland and gone to Seattle say the latter city is the purer of the two.

Russia accuses British ships of spying on the movements of the Baltic fleet and reporting to the Japanese.

Omaha retailers have had the price of beef raised on them. They are now paying \$15 to \$20 more per carcass than they were two weeks ago.

A number of Chicago beef trust witnesses have fled to Canada and their wives have been summoned before the grand jury to tell what they know.

The Russian army is retreating to Kirin.

Another earthquake in India has wrecked two towns.

The Russian fleet has changed its course and gone eastward to coal.

Bloody disturbances are expected throughout Russia on May day.

Paul Jones' body has been found in Paris and will be brought home for burial.

The czar has announced his intention of revising the land laws in order to quiet the peasants.

The Winnebago Indians, in Nebras-

ka, have protested to Washington, claiming to have been robbed of their lands by agents.

The Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company will spend \$500,000 on new lines in Utah, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming in 1905.

A commission has been appointed to decide the dispute on international rivers. The waterways in question are the Rio Grande and Colorado on the south and the Milk river on the north.

Cader Powell has assumed office as marshal at Nome, Alaska, pending investigation.

An unknown malady is killing many people at Tonopah, the new mining camp of Nevada. Hundreds are fleeing from the district to escape the disease.

Japan has been called upon to punish Formosans who murdered eight American sailors.

Four beef trust officials have been indicted by the Federal grand jury at Chicago for spiriting a witness away.

Both parties in the Chicago strike refuse to confer and the employers have adopted a plan by which they hope to win.

President Roosevelt has left Oklahoma for Colorado. He may be induced to come on to Portland and attend the fair.

The two hostile fleets in Asiatic waters have not yet come together, but they are fast approaching each other and a battle is expected at any time.

It is said the interned Russian ships are preparing for a dash from Shanghai and China will be unable to prevent it, as she has no war vessels near.

General Dragomiroff urges the czar to continue the war, saying that in four years Japan's resources will be exhausted and she will then be at the mercy of Russia.

The Japanese are sending large forces against Vladivostok.

Representative Jones, of Washington, expresses the opinion that Santo Domingo is not capable of governing herself and internal strife will continue until some government takes charge.

Edwin H. Morgan, of Aurora, N. Y., has been appointed United States minister to Corea.

### BUTCHERS DENOUNCE PACKERS

New York Trade Up in Arms About Advance in Beef.

New York, April 15.—Prices of all kinds of meat have begun to rise in New York because of a reported increased cost to dealers of about 2 cents a pound. This advance in dressed beef by the packers means a corresponding increase of from 4 to 6 cents per pound at retail on the average grade of sirloin steaks, porterhouse steaks and prime ribs of roast beef.

Retail dealers say they received notice of the first advance ten days ago, but postponed an advance to their customers. However, on receiving notice of a further raise next week it was found necessary to make a change in retail prices.

Meetings of the Retail Butchers' and Meat Dealers' Protective association will be held in all boroughs to take action. The Brooklyn branch of the association already has met and discussed the situation. Several retailers bitterly denounced the packers, who were alleged to be taking concerted action. It was declared that while the advance of wholesale prices was attributed to falling off in supplies of cattle at the Chicago stock yards, no such falling off had taken place, and that the raising of prices was entirely unjustified.

### Grand Trunk Station Burned.

Durand, Mich., April 18.—Fire tonight destroyed the Grand Trunk union station here, in which are located the general offices of the road division west of Port Huron. The building was new and was valued at \$125,000.

## TO HEAR ALL SIDES

Senate Committee Will Consider Railroad Rates.

### NEW BILL IS TO BE PREPARED

Two Months Will Be Devoted to Hearing Testimony of Experts on Question.

Washington, April 15.—Railroad rate legislation and kindred topics will again be brought prominently to the attention of the public with the meetings here, beginning Monday, of the senate committee on interstate commerce, which will assemble for the purpose of ventilating the subject in a manner more thorough than any heretofore on record. The meeting will be held in the committee's rooms at the capitol and will be public. Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, will preside. The Republican members are Cullom, Illinois; Aldrich, Rhode Island; Kean, New Jersey; Dolliver, Iowa; Foraker, Ohio; Clapp, Minnesota; and Millard, Nebraska. The Democrats are Tillman, South Carolina; McLaurin, Mississippi; Carmack, Tennessee; Foster, Louisiana; and Newlands, Nevada.

As a basis of consideration, the Esch-Townsend bill, passed by the house at the last session, will be expected to serve. The committee had the measure before it many days before the adjournment of the last congress and was urged to put it on its passage. Arguments were advanced, however, protesting against hasty action because of the alleged radical character of this measure, and the importance of the interests involved. Chairman Elkins and Senator Foraker were among those who advocated delay, and the committee, near the close of the session, after much time had been devoted to hearings, reported to the senate a resolution authorizing it to continue the hearings during the recess. This authority was granted and Monday's meeting will be the initial meeting under that authority.

Although the house committee on interstate commerce, which evolved the Esch bill, took sufficient testimony to fill several large volumes, and although the senate committee was not idle in that regard, the investigation of the subject now imminent promises to be most exhaustive. Both sides, in fact many sides, of the case will be heard.

### Bank Robbed in Sight of Crowd.

Churubusco, Ind., April 15.—Six men today robbed the private bank of Oscar Gandy & Co. of \$2,000. Mrs. Gandy, wife of the banker, was shot in the neck by one of the robbers, all of whom escaped. Three explosions set off in wrecking the safe brought a number of persons to the scene. The robbers on guard, armed with rifles, warned them not to approach the building, and fired a number of shots to frighten those who came too near. After securing the money, the robbers escaped in a buggy.

### Preparing for Long Siege.

Tokio, April 15.—It is reported here that the Russians are continually reinforcing the garrison at Vladivostok and that the work of strengthening the fortress is constantly progressing. It is said that the plans of the Russians contemplate a garrison numbering 100,000 men, with 500 guns. Many additional batteries, redoubts, barriers, and pits are in course of construction and enormous stores of ammunition are being accumulated. The Russians, it is said, have equipped their fortress to withstand a siege.

### SHONTS IS TO BE CHIEF.

Secretary Taft Says He Will Work With Panama Commission.

New York, April 18.—Secretary of War Taft, who is here to attend the annual meeting of the directors of the Panama railroad company in this city tomorrow, had this to say tonight on the affairs of the railroad company:

"The meeting will result in a complete reorganization of the company. The government is now in control of the stock. It is absolutely essential for the United States to control the affairs of the company in the work of constructing the canal. We desire the affairs of the road conducted in harmony with the commission which will have charge of the general construction work.

"With this end in view, the directors of the Panama railroad company at the meeting will elect Theodore P. Shonts, the new chairman of the Panama canal commission, president of the Panama railroad company.

"With Mr. Shonts at the head of the company it is certain that its affairs will be conducted most satisfactorily. His experience as a practical railroad man will enable him to operate the railroad just as the Panama canal commission may desire while the work of the construction is in progress. The entire official board of the company will be comprised of either members of the commission or men who are interested in the work of constructing the canal.

"By official board I mean the officers and directors of the company.

"We expect to have this road in readiness at the time the work of the canal construction begins and managed in a manner so as to facilitate this great work."

### WHEELS BLOCKED IN ITALY.

Railway Strike May Extend to Other Forms of Industry.

Rome, April 18.—Every railway line throughout Italy is tied up this morning as a result of the strike among the employes, who are dissatisfied with wages and hours of labor. The strike is expected to spread to all of the large industries in the several cities, and before it is ended bloodshed is likely to result.

The strike started in Naples, and a few minutes afterward the heads of labor unions wired to every subordinate organization telling them to notify their members to stop work at midnight. The order was literally obeyed and not a wheel is turning this morning, although the officials of the roads allege they will have them in operation before the end of the day.

All the station clerks and office employes have been ordered to report to the station masters to aid in moving trains.

### Burned Stores Too Soon.

London, April 18.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg to a news agency reports that General Linievitch has issued an order forbidding officials of the commissariat to burn stores here prematurely and reproving officials in cases that have already occurred. The order directs that storehouses be destroyed hereafter only by permission of the commanders of army corps and divisions. The Telegraph's correspondent at Tokio reports that the Japanese recovered 200 of the 500 Russian guns abandoned in the retreat from Mukden.

### Opened by the President.

New York, April 18.—With President Roosevelt as the chief guest and leading educators from all sections of the United States among the speakers, the next general session of the National Educational association, which will be held in Asbury Park, and Ocean Grove, N. J., next July, promises to be the most notable in the association's history. The meetings will begin Monday, July 3, and continue five days. An elaborate program has been completed. President Roosevelt will deliver the principal address of the meeting.