

The Estacada News

ESTACADA, OREGON

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

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

A revolution is threatened in Venezuela.

An attack on Havana by rebels is feared.

Many Cuban veterans, angry with Palma, will join the rebels.

The ravages of peasants in Verones, Russia, are being drowned by brutality by troops.

The American minister to Chile has renewed his appeal for help for the people there.

B. O. Velguth, clerk in the Portland Gas company's office, has spent about \$15,000 of the company's money on wine, women, horses and automobiles.

Ten persons have been made seriously ill at Kalamazoo, Mich., by eating dried beef.

Littlefield has been re-elected to congress in Maine.

Strike breakers at San Francisco were pursued by a mob of strike sympathizers.

Building in San Francisco is progressing rapidly.

Repairs to the steamer Elder are almost completed.

The Hill railroads will increase the rolling stock 8 per cent during the next year.

Robbers at Vladivostok secured \$107,000 from a bank intended to pay troops.

The cruisers West Virginia, Colorado Maryland and Pennsylvania have left for the Asiatic station.

A bomb thrown into a street car at Riga, Russia, killed one man and wounded a number of others.

Secretary Root, on board the cruiser Charleston, has left Chilean waters and is now stopping at various places along the coast of Peru.

The Harriman lines have two more steamers which will be put on the Portland-San Francisco run if trade warrants the increase.

An extra session of the Cuban congress has been called by President Palma to consider the disturbed condition of the country and devise means for ending the situation.

During the last seven months the sale of vodka in Russia has increased greatly.

Moorish rebels are again causing trouble.

Secretary Shaw has forbidden banks to loan government money for speculation in Wall street.

There is fear that Stensland will commit suicide or escape before he is returned to the United States.

The United States has authorized the release of five Japanese arrested for seal poaching in Alaskan waters.

Major Roe, of Kansas City, Kan., had resigned. He was in favor of saloons and his resignation favors the liquor element.

The trial of Esther Mitchell, the Oregon girl who killed her brother in Seattle, has been set for September 24.

Mexico has prepared a warm reception for any revolutionists who may start trouble.

Efforts at peace in Cuba may result in the placing of Vice President Capote in President Palma's chair.

Opinion differs as to the possibility of saving the transport Sheridan from becoming a complete wreck.

TOPEKA ON ROCKS.

Two Great Holes Torn in Vessel at Point Arena.

San Francisco, Sept. 11.—The Pacific Coast Steamship company's steamer City of Topeka dragged her way into port at noon today, two great holes in her side and the men at the pumps.

It was 3 o'clock this morning when the vessel, bound to San Francisco from Eureka crowded with passengers, was cautiously feeling her way through a thick fog near Point Arena.

Suddenly with a crash the steamer impaled herself on the rocky reef which juts out from the land at this point, the rocks which have sent many good vessels to the depths.

The vessel caught a moment in the rocks, and then, caught by a great wave, rose higher in the air and settled higher up on the rocks.

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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

BIG SALE OF GOATS.

Polk County Sends Eight Hundred Angoras to Washington.

Independence—Last week 700 fine buck lambs, for which a good price was paid, were shipped from Independence to Wyoming for breeding purposes.

This week 800 fine Angora goats were shipped from here to the state of Washington. The goats were held here several days awaiting cars for shipment.

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FORTUNES IN ORCHARDS.

Fruit Grower's Opinion of Hood River Apple Land.

Hood River—The prices now made public by independent buyers for Hood River Newtown and Spitzbergen apples have caused apple growers to do some figuring.

A well known apple man, who is an authority on this subject, in talking about the matter, said: "At the prices this year for the different sizes of Spitzbergen, which were \$3, \$2.75, \$2.50 and \$2.25 per box, growers obtained an average price of \$2.40.

Placing the yield of 7-year-old Spitzbergen trees, planted 65 trees to the acre, at five boxes to the tree, we will get 365 boxes to the acre.

A 20-acre orchard on this basis will produce 7,300 boxes, which, at the average price of \$2.40, gives us \$15,600 for our season's work.

"The prices for Newtowns so far announced are \$2.25, \$2 and \$1.75 per box. This gives us an average of \$2 per box.

But the Newtown is more profitable than the Spitzbergen, and produces seven boxes to the tree instead of five, giving us 55 boxes to the acre, or 9,100 boxes for a 20-acre orchard.

As can easily be seen, the earnings on a 20-acre Newtown orchard this year at these prices will be \$18,200.

"While these figures are large, they are based on the yield of comparatively young trees which have not yet reached their full bearing maturity.

A full bearing orchard can be safely depended on, I think, to produce 500 boxes of apples to the acre, as I know of several in the valley that now do it.

Figuring on a basis of full trees in full maturity, and with a large proportion of the crop composing the larger sizes, as it does this year, it is not very difficult to determine the profits of the apple business in the future."

Beat Harvesters Needed.

La Grande—Preparations are going forward to start the fall run at the sugar factory about September 20.

Growers are anxious for a good rain as the present drought will render the digging slow and unsatisfactory.

To get sufficient help at the present time is a grave problem and lively hustling in the valley that now do it.

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MAY NOT SECURE CHINESE.

Oriental Not Anxious to Help Dig Panama Canal.

New York, Sept. 10.—Charles Yip Tin, the Pierpont Morgan of China, is in this country investigating the operation of the American railroad systems.

He is an Americanized Chinaman, who is a financial and political power in China, having recently been created a taotai by the emperor.

Speaking of the plan to build the Panama canal with coolie labor, he said today: "It is easy for your president to say the solution of the labor problem on the Panama canal may be met by the importation of Chinese coolies.

It is quite another matter to get coolies in any great number to work on your great enterprise under the conditions named. Neither my government nor my people are anxious to further this work.

The government realizes that the coolies would not receive the same consideration shown the laborers of other nationalities and the common people themselves have become thoroughly conversant with all the details of your exclusion laws, of the climatic perils of Panama and of the bonding scheme affecting coolie laborers on the canal.

"I think I can sum up your feelings best by saying that they will not help you \$10,000 worth of American prosperity at the expense of \$1 worth of Chinese labor and suffering."

UNCLE SAM KEEPING WATCH.

Fear Grows That Intervention Alone Can Restore Peace.

Washington, Sept. 10.—The State department is keeping in close touch with conditions in Cuba.

The feeling grows that the time when there must be intervention is not far distant. If the insurgents make any headway in their movement upon Havana or manifest any disposition to interfere with the vast American interests in the island, Uncle Sam will take a hand.

The government will act promptly in preventing filibustering expeditions, but it does not want to send forces into Cuba until that government has plainly demonstrated to the world that it is unable to cope with conditions and properly protect foreign interests.

NEW SLATE FOR CABINET.

Attorney General Moody Soon to Advance to Supreme Bench.

Washington, Sept. 10.—Political wisecracks who have been predicting that Attorney General Moody would soon retire to private life are all agog at the report that he is to be elevated to the Supreme bench.

They now claim they have inside information on what will be done. This is the way they have it for this year.

W. H. Moody from attorney general to supreme bench; C. J. Bonaparte from Navy department to attorney general; George Von L. Meyer from St. Petersburg to Navy department; Leslie M. Shaw to retire from the cabinet and Postmaster General Cortelyou to succeed him.

WAR MUNITIONS FOR CUBA.

Steamer Leaves New York With Arms for Palma's Troops.

New York, Sept. 10.—The Cuban government steamer Maria Herrera, which has been loading arms and ammunition at the foot of Forty-second street, South Brooklyn, the past week, sailed this evening, supposedly for Havana.

The vessel's departure was unexpected, as Senator Alderman, the Cuban official who was in charge of her, said he would not leave New York before Tuesday or Wednesday.

According to Acting Consul General Antonio Altamira, she was to ship 800 tons of arms, equipment and other munitions of war. At noon today scarcely one-fourth of her cargo had been put on board.

Oil Bothers Warship Engines.

Washington, Sept. 10.—The Louisiana, designated as the "most modern battleship," which is now undergoing her "shaking down" process, has been obliged to steam slowly because oil gets into the boilers and causes trouble.

This condition of affairs has afflicted a number of other vessels, and alterations have been made in the machinery to obviate the difficulty.

The dynamo engines are run the entire 24 hours of the day, and are lubricated by a spray oil, which gets mixed with the steam that is sent into the condenser.

Aniline Dyes Are Barred.

Washington, Sept. 10.—Candy manufacturers all over the country are protesting because the Agricultural department has determined to bar aniline dyes in candies under the pure food law.

ALL OVERTURES FAIL.

Cuban Insurgents Assume Aggressive With Force.

Guerrera Blows Up Railroad Bridges and Issues Ultimatum—Hopes of Peace Now Gone.

Havana, Sept. 8.—All peace overtures are blocked by the refusal of Pino Guerrera, the insurgent leader in Pinar del Rio province, to enter into any arrangement for an armistice.

Guerrera's answer to the government's announcement of its agreement to grant a ten days' armistice is the blowing up of two bridges on the Western railway, cutting railway communication beyond Pinar del Rio city, and an attack on San Juan de Martinez.

It is said here tonight that San Juan de Martinez is in the hands of the insurgents, and that the garrison, consisting of 100 government recruits and a small force of mounted rural guards, had been defeated or captured.

The fact that other leaders of the insurgent forces are willing to agree to an armistice has little effect so long as Guerrera is determined to prosecute the war, and there is slight doubt in any quarter that Guerrera can control the situation in his own region.

His force is reported by all those who have visited him recently as ranging from 3,000 to 4,000 men, all of them well mounted and some of them well and others indifferently armed.

The government force opposed to him, which is under command of Colonel Avalos, comprises about 1,000 men. It was reinforced at 7 o'clock this evening by Lieutenant Colonel Clews with 1,250 men and three machine guns from Havana.

Colonel Avalos' force, with the exception of small detachments left at San Juan de Martinez and San Luis, is at Pinar del Rio city, but is without means of transportation to go to the relief of San Juan de Martinez.

Not more than 400 of them are mounted. General Menocal said today that Guerrera evidently had not been informed that the government had actually, although informally, granted an armistice, adding that a second committee had been sent to him, but could not reach him before tomorrow.

The fact is, however, that Guerrera refused point blank to accept an armistice except on condition that the last presidential and congressional elections shall be annulled.

That the government should consent to this is out of the question, and tonight prospects point to a continuance of the war.

PLANS FOR PANAMA TRIP.

President and Party Will Go to Isthmus in November.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Arrangements are in progress for the trip of President Roosevelt to the Isthmus of Panama this fall. The start will be made early in November.

Three weeks will likely be consumed. It is, of course, the president's desire to complete his inspection of the canal work and reach here before congress convenes December 3.

That the journey may be made safely and expeditiously, the Navy department will provide three warships.

Detailed plans have not been completed, but it is likely that the president, Secretary Taft, and other guests will occupy a first class battleship, the members of the Canal commission another, and newspaper representatives a third, which is to be a cruiser.

This will enable the president and party to make the trip in comfort, give them healthy accommodations while on the isthmus and incidentally provide against the possibility of delay through accident to any of the ships.

Both Against State Union.

Bisbee, Ariz., Sept. 8.—As a result of the convention held here today by both the Democratic and Republican parties of Arizona, Mark Smith, of Tucson, was named as the Democratic candidate for congress and W. C. Cooper, of Globe, as the Republican candidate.

Both parties adopted an identical resolution as follows: "We are unalterably opposed to joint statehood between Arizona and New Mexico, and would prefer to remain a territory forever than to have a joint state with New Mexico."

Agree on Meat Labels.

Washington, Sept. 8.—After numerous conferences between Secretary Wilson, Dr. Marvin, chief of the bureau of animal industry, and about 40 representatives of the various packing houses, the problems which have arisen over the question of labels which must be put upon meat products have been settled to the satisfaction of all concerned.

At the conclusion of the conference, the packers announced that they would at once prepare the labels and have them ready by October 1, when the law goes into effect.

Bring All Battleships Home.

Washington, Sept. 8.—The Navy department has decided to concentrate all the battleships of the navy on the home stations and to replace those on the Asiatic station with armored cruisers.

EXPOSES LAND FRAUD.

Puter Implicates Hermann, Mitchell, Williamson and Others.

Portland, Sept. 7.—Stephen A. Douglas Puter, whose connection with the Oregon land-fraud scandals is notorious and who for many years lived by his wits and his knowledge of methods of defrauding the Federal government by corrupt practices in the United States land offices, took the stand as a witness for the prosecution in the Blue Mountain conspiracy case yesterday and laid bare his entire connection with that and other plots, successful and unsuccessful, to rob the United States of its lands.

By his testimony he implicated, not only in the Blue Mountain case, but in others similar, some of the most prominent politicians and public men of the state of Oregon, and furnished to the last and strongest link in the chain of evidence against Franklin Pierce Mays, Willard N. Jones, George Sorenson, Commissioner of the General Land Office Hermann, ex-Congressman Williamson and the late Senator Mitchell, against whom the indictment in the case now on trial was returned.

In his story, complete as to names, dates and circumstances, he revealed with remorseless candor revolting secrets as to the operations of the land-fraud ring, of which he was a member, showing the actual partnership of the high officials mentioned, and others of scarcely less social and political prominence, in the operations of the ring and their participation in the profits.

CHAMBERLAIN IS CHOSEN.

National Irrigation Congress Elects Him President and Adjourns.

Boise, Idaho, Sept. 6.—The Fourteenth National Irrigation congress closed its sessions this evening after voting to hold the next congress at Sacramento, Cal., and electing as president of the Fifteenth congress Governor George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon.

The enthusiasm of the Californians over Sacramento's victory was the more pronounced because of the narrow margin by which the victory was won. The attractions of the Jamestown exposition had been cleverly presented, and on the first ballot for the convention city, Jamestown was in the lead.

Sacramento won on the second ballot, with 207. Jamestown received 155 votes. Oregon adopted the unit rule early and at an early morning caucus decided upon Sacramento as the convention city for 1907.

The other officers elected are: First vice president, John Henry Smith, Salt Lake City; second vice president, H. B. Maxson, Reno, Nev.; third vice president, George W. Barstow, Texas; secretary, D. H. Anderson, Chicago.

ALL PANIC AT SEVASTOPOL.

Commander Cannot Trust Men and Officers Threaten Terrorists.

Sevastopol, Sept. 6.—In answer to the publication of a notice from the terrorists that a sentence of death had been imposed on Colonel Dumbadze, commander of a rifle regiment here, the officers of that corps in an open letter have announced that in case of an attack on the colony they will exact vengeance on the leaders of the progressive parties.

Admiral Skrydloff, commander of the Black sea fleet, and the military commander here are very apprehensive regarding the attitude of the sailors of the fleet and the garrison of the fortress. The cruise of the training squadron as well as the regular fleet maneuvers have been postponed, the ships scarcely venturing beyond the range of the guns of the fortress.

The military patrols of the city have been withdrawn inside the walls of the fort, due, it is said, to the fear that the soldiers will be corrupted by contact with the masses.

The merchants of this city have practically been thrown on their own resources in the matter of protection from lawlessness. The governor, at a recent meeting, advised them to organize their own guard, as soldiers could no longer be spared for police duty and the municipality is bankrupt.

Will Bring Stensland Back.

Chicago, Sept. 7.—State's Attorney Healy today received a message from Assistant State's Attorney Olsen, who is now in Tangier, with Paul O. Stensland, the fugitive banker, asking that he and James Keesley, managing editor of the Chicago Tribune, who made the arrest, be appointed to bring him back.

On receiving the telegram, Assistant State's Attorney Barbour wired to Governor Dineen at Springfield, and the governor has made a written request to President Roosevelt that Olsen and Keesley be delegated to bring him back.

Divers Find the Leak.

Bellingham, Sept. 7.—The United States cruiser Boston, damaged September 3 on Peapack rock, will make a start for the Bremerton navy yard tomorrow morning under her own steam.

The divers today discovered the leak in the hull for which they have been searching. It is well under the bottom and is four feet long. One of the plates was broken and the ends overlapped, making it difficult to stop the flow of water. Oakum wrapped in canvas was inserted in the crack, and this was compressed with hydraulic jacks.

American Flag as Protection.

Tampa, Fla., Sept. 7.—General Acceda, a Cuban military officer, has arrived here on a government mission to ascertain the real attitude of Cubans in Tampa regarding the Cuban revolution.

Two firms in Tampa have about 40,000 head of cattle on Cuban ranges, which are valued at \$500,000. One firm purchased large numbers of American flags and displayed them about its Cuban ranges, hoping thus to prevent depredations on property.

Will Work for Joint Statehood.

Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 7.—The Republican territorial committee this afternoon endorsed the Hamilton joint statehood act by a vote of 35 to 10 and appointed a subcommittee of five to work with a like committee from the Democrats. It is probable that the opposition to statehood will fight indorsement in the convention, which will be held in Las Vegas September 29.