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# 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 parliament house is to be built by Russia.

The senatorial deadlock in Wisconsin continues unbroken.

It is said Thaw lawyers will ask for a change of venue for the next trial.

Russian industry is being paralyzed by the continued strike of the sailors.

The senatorial deadlock in Rhode Island is practically where it was 13 weeks ago.

A resolution asking Roosevelt to accept another term has been defeated by the Pennsylvania legislature.

More than a score of foreigners accused of being members of the "Black Hand" and responsible for a large number of crimes are on trial at Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Secretary Taft is home from a month's trip to Panama and Cuba. He praises the work done by Governor Magoon in Cuba and says the canal is progressing satisfactorily.

A committee appointed by the Minnesota legislature places the value of railroads in that state at $215,000,000. The report says much water has been injected into various stocks.

King Leopold may offer to sell Congo to France.

Cold weather in Texas has greatly damaged early fruit.

The order of Native Sons of California have ousted Ruef.

War has been renewed in Central America and an army sent into Honduras.

Fire partly destroyed the largest shipyard at Genoa, Italy. The loss is placed at $500,000.

Several prominent Ohio lumber dealers have been indicted for violating the anti-trust laws of that state.

A Chicago boy 17 years old has disappeared with $7,000 which he was to take to a bank for his employers.

The Minnesota senate has tabled a resolution passed by the house which hendorses Roosevelt in his stand against Harriman.

Fire swept over 100 acres of Manila, the loss amounting to $200,000. The greatest part of the destroyed section was composed of native houses.

A discharged employe of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railway has been arrested for attempting to wreck a passenger train on that road.

A St. Louis couple will be married soon at the ages of 101 and 100.

Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York have been visited by a snow storm.

Early fruit in Tennessee is reported to be severely damaged by cold weather.

A slight earthquake shock at Charleston, S. C., threw the people into a panic.

There is no chance for the election of a senator from Rhode Island the present session of the legislature.

Chinese famine sufferers are dying by hundreds and there is difficulty in securing the dead suitable burial.

The Austrian premier declares every colony of the various nations should be made an independent government.

President Roosevelt has about made up his mind that the best way out of the national campaign trouble is for the government to pay the legitimate expenses of all candidates.

San Francisco street railway employes are receiving back pay. The arbitration board granted the men an increase from the time the trouble began last fall and now $415,000 is being distributed.

Dr. Kennard, an American agent in Russia, says the suffedring there from famine is appalling. Not less than 20,000,000 are dependent on aid until another harvest. Epidemics of disease add to the suffering.

There is a deadlock in the Wisconsin senatorial contest.

Jerome is investigating a charge of tampering with a Thaw juror.

The vice president of the New York Central railroad favors government control.

The British budget proposes a pension for old age and increased taxes on the rich.

The thief who stole $25,000 from the Northern Pacific Express company at St. Paul has been captured and the money recovered.

Southern cotton manugacturers complain of rate discrimination by the railroads.

Captain George Curry has been inaugurated governor of New Mexico in place of F. C. Hagerman, who resigned.

The Illinois Supreme court has decided the municipal ownership law invalid and Chicago will not be able to own her own street railway system.

Hearst is said to be building up a third party.

Regis H. Post has been inaugurated governor of Porto Rico in succession of Beekman Winthrop, who resigned to become assistant secretary of the treasury at Washington.

The Hermann trial is approaching the end.

Coal miners at Coleman, Alberta, have struck for an increase of 10 per cent in wages.

Portland police have captured the "pink domino," a bold burglar who has terrorized the Nob Hill district for several weeks.

## BUILDINGS UNFINISHED.

**Jamestown Exposition to Open 80 Per Cent Completed.**

Norfolk, W. Va., April 23.—Despite the energetic efforts of officials and workmen, the Jamestown Tercentennial exposition will be opened this week unready. Many of the structures that are to have domestic and foreign commercial exhibits and shelter the achievements in the industrial arts are incomplete. Yet the sum of what has been done, as compared with the unfinished work, forms a satisfactory result.

In the beauty of the water show with its amazing gathering of foreign fleets, reprsenting the most formidable types of naval fighting machines of nearly every power in the world, and in an opening program with President Roosevelt in the leading role, with diplomatic, military and naval representatives of great and small foreign nations participating, the public will have its recompense.

The grounds and buildings at the exposition are about 80 per cent finished. Several thousand of the most important buildings are built solidly of brick, cement and iron, and these are intended to remain on the grounds as a nucleus of a great park. Regardless of the permanence of the work, however, the exterior of most of the buildings will be ready when the exposition is formally opened on Friday next.

The Jamestown Tercentennial, when completed, will be almost all that is implied in the expression, "a world's fair," but it will not stop there. No other exposition has attempted to show the world the life of the colonists, the hardships of the pioneers who opened the country after civilization had been attained on the seaboard, and the achievement these people worked from the raw material. Twenty-five states will trace their history from their earliest days to the present, and the exhibits will be sheltered by buildings. The state buildings have been grouped along the historic shore of Hampton Roads, and command an excellent view of the navies of the world.

It is this great naval display that will prove the crowning glory of the exposition. Nothing like it has ever before been attempted. There are few harbors in the world that accomodate so large an assemblage of warships. The fleets will number, in addition to several of the best types of each of the foreign naval powers, the Atlantic fleet of the United States navy, under command of Rear Admiral Evans, which is conceded to be the finest organization of fighting machines afloat.

The seal of government sponsorship will be set upon the exposition by the coming of the president of the United States, ambassadors and ministers of foreign governments, the governors and representatives of states and territories and delegations representing important civic bodies.

## BIG BENEFIT TO GRAIN CROPS.

**Fruit Slightly Injured in Nebraska but Snow Did Great Good.**

Omaha, Neb., April 23.—As a result of unprecedented weather that prevailed during the greater part of the month of March, and the freezing weather and heavy snowfall of the past few days, early fruits, such as peaches, plums, apricots, cherries and blackberries in this section have been injured, but the general opinion among those who have the best means of information is that the damage is not as great as has been reported. Indeed, many are of the opinion that, while early fruits have been injured and in some instances completely killed and possibly some of the later varieties have been hurt, the benefits resulting to the grain crops from the snowstorm more than offsets the damage.

"Reports from points along the line of our railroad are not unfavorable," said G. W. Loomis, assistant general manager of the Burlington, today.

"The fruit in the southern part of Nebraska, which the unusual warm weather in March had brought to an advanced state of development, is reported to have been pretty badly damaged, but little or no damage is reported from points north. The snow, however, did a vast amount of good to winter wheat, and has put the ground in fine condition for other farm crops."

Silmilar reports have been received at the general offices fo the Northwestern road.

**To Defend Harriman Line.**

Topeka, Kan., April 23.—It was rumored here today that N. H. Loomis, general solicitor for the Union Pacific railroad in Kansas, was to be made general counsellor for all the Harriman lines in cases before the Interstate Commerce commission. Mr. Loomis today admitted that such a plan was under consideration. In case the position is created, Mr. Loomis will move to Chicago, where he will have a large corps of assistants. The position is new in railroad circles and is made necessary by the passage of the new rate law.

**No Snow Storm in the South.**

St. Paul, Minn., April 23.—According to officials of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads, there have been no snowstorms along these lines in the West for several weeks, particularly west of the Rocky mountains. General Superintendent Horn, of the Northern Pacific railway, when asked if the snowstorms of recent date had in any way inconvenienced them in the West, said: "We have not had a sign of snow along our line in the Far West since February, with the possible exception of Livingston, Mont."

**Snow Flurry at El Paso.**

El Paso, Tex., April 23.—Snow fell here this morning at a lively rate for more than an hour. This is the latest snowfall ever known here, and the temperature, which was 36 degrees, did damage to the small fruit and truck gardens in the valley, variously estimated at from $50,000 to $100,000. Frost is predicted by the local weather bureau for tonight. The Golden State limited on the Rock Island road is six and one half hours late on account of the snow.

**Pray for Rain in Cuba.**

Havana, April 23.—Prayers for rain were offered in churches throughout the island Sunday. No rain has fallen in six months. The country is parched, many cattle are dying and forest fires are devastating vast areas.

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

## SAYS ESTIMATE IS TOO HIGH

**U'Ren Compiles Cost of Submitting Legislation to People.**

Oregon City—William S. U'Ren, the father of the initiative and referendum, takes issue with the statements that have been published regarding the cost of voting under that law. Mr. U'Ren has carefully compiled the cost of initiating and referring legislative measures to the people under the act of 1907, which repealed the act of 1903. He admits that the postage expense in sending printed matter all over the state to 100,000 voters will be $3,000, but he says that the cost of printing would be $3,636 for 120 pages of measures, figuring on 100,000 copies, which is one-third more than have ever been printed. He says the binding will cost $3,600 and the paper $1,563.

The experience of Mr. U'Ren stands him in good stead in figuring on this matter. He bases the cost of addressing and filling 100,000 envelopes at $4 per thousand, totaling $400. The envelopes can be supplied and printed for $5 per thousand, or $500, and he believes that the cost of securing the names and postoffice addresses of 100,000 voters will not exceed $1,500.

The publication of proclamations is not required by the new law of 1907, and the item of $5,000 for that purpose must be eliminated from the cost. Mr. U'Ren believes that his estimate is conservative.

## FARMING PAYS AT WOODBURN

**Actual Crops Disposed of Show Extra Good Profits.**

Woodburn—If the true farming conditions of this section were more widely known in the East there would be thousands more coming to Oregon regardless of whether there are special railroad rates or full fare. Here is only a few instances of how farming in this vicinity pays, reference being made to recent sales of 1906 crops:

P. J. Anderson, ten acres of potatoes, sold for $1,043.

Martin Bergan, six acres of potatoes, sold for $750.

Bonnez Bros., one and three-fourths acres of potatoes, sold for $317.

Hemshorn Bros., four acres of onions, sold for $800.

Innumerable instances can be given of big profits being made by producers in potatoes onions, hops, clover seed and other outputs, and the future looks so exceedingly bright that our farmers are preparing to increase their acreage. The markets are all that could be desired.

**Marion Fruit Prospects.**

Salem—Fruitgrowers of this section of the Willamette valley are looking forward to splendid crops in all varieties of fruits, especially in quality, and in consequence of the destruction being wrought to the crops in parts of the East by the recent severe frosts and other detrimental conditions of weather, there is also a fine prospect for good prices for Oregon fruits, both green and evaporated. Although the spurs on the prune trees are not so thickly set as last year, growers are pleased because what is lacking in quantity will be more than made up in quality and the price basis will be increased in proportion.

**Elgin Is Going Ahead.**

Elgin—Elgin is one among the many Oregon towns that are growing with rapid strides. Several thousand dollars are to be expended the present season for public improvements, chief among which will be the erection of a new and modern school building, which will cost when completed $20,000. The structure will be constructed of native stone and brick and will have ten rooms. The building will be heated by steam and will have every modern convenience. School Clerk Weiss is now receiving bids for the structure, and it will be completed this season.

**Adopt Interstate Regulations.**

Salem—With the exception that the period of posting notices is fixed at ten days instead of 30, the Railroad commission has adopted the rules of the Interstate Commerce commission bodily, regulating the serving of notice upon the commission and posting of same in waiting rooms of railway stations when it is proposed to make a change in the regular schedule of rates, mileage, commutation, party, excursion and round-trip rates. Notice of the adoption of this rule has been forwarded to all railroad companies in the state.

**Jackson County Stock Burned.**

Jacksonville—The barn of L. Neidermeyer, one mile north of Jacksonville, was consumed by fire a few days ago. The origin of the fire is a mystery, as it was in the early hours of the morning that Mr. Neidermeyer discovered it. At the time of the fire there were five head of valuable farm horses in the barn, all of which were burned. Two thoroughbred head of fine sows were also cremated. One hundred tons of hay and all the farming machinery were also destroyed. The total loss is estimated at $3,000, with no insurance.

**Expects Big Gathering.**

Hood River—Members of Hood River valley's grange societies are preparing to make arrangements for entertaining their fellow members from other partts of the state, who will meet here in convention May 24. Letters received indicate that between 600 and 800 members will be present, as societies from several districts have already signified their intention of sending large delegations. Multnomah county is expected to be represented by 150 to 200.

**Paying Off County Debt.**

Oregon City—The semi-annual statement of the financial condition of Clackamas county, just completed by County Clerk F. W. Greenman, shows that the net indebtedness of the county has been decreased by one-half during the past year. The indebtedness March 31, 1906, was $42,572.12, and this year it is only $20,571.80.

## INSPECTION MAY BE CHEAP.

**State Sheep Commission Inclined to Make Burden Light as Possible.**

Salem—One of the most serious problems the Oregon Sheep commission will have to solve is the schedule of rates to be charged by county inspectors for the inspection of flocks for scab or other contagious infectious disease. It is probable the solution determined on will be to turn the duty of inspetcion over to the government inspectors, especially east of the Cascades, and confine the duties of the deputy state inspectors to supervise the dipping, with their compensation fixed on the basis of $5 per day and expenses.

In order to make the expense as light as possible upon the sheepmen the commission first decided upon a minimum charge of 25 cents and a maximum of 1 cent per head per flock, where the number did not exceed 1,000 head. Then it was thought a maxamum charge of $1 per flock would be sufficient, inasmuch as there was not much work connected with the inspection, which consists principally of taking a birdseye view of the flock and looking for outward symptoms of scab and ticks, and requires only a few minutes' work.

**Must Put Up Time Tables.**

One of the rules of the state railroad commission is that bulletins giving the hours of the arrival and departure of all trains, be posted in every station. Practically all stations have for years been supplied with these bulletin boards but because of the carelessness or indifference of agents, time cards have not been posted for the information of the public. Newly painted bulletin boards are being sent to station agents for the O. R. & N. and the Southern Pacific, accompanied by a letter from the office of General Manager J. P. O'Brien, in which the attention of agents is called to the posting of bulletins.

**Train Service Bad.**

Members of the state railroad commission have addressed a letter to William McMurray general passenger agent for the O. R. & N., informing him that the local train service between Biggs and Pendleton is inadequate. In the absence of a necessary local service between these points, the commission argues that the heavy transcontinental trains have been obliged to look after this traffic with the result that these trains are frequently several hours late reaching Portland.

**Klamath Wants Gateway.**

Klamath Falls—Crater lake will receive more attention from tourists during the coming summer than at any time heretofore. The lake has become quite widely known as one of the greatest wonders of the world, and is likely to be the means of bringing thousands of people to the Klamath country. A movement is now on foot to establish a direct route from this city to Crater lake. A boat will ply between Klamath Falls and Fort Klamath. Stages will be run from Fort Klamath to the lake, perhaps tri-weekly.

**Commission House Changes Hands**

La Grande—An important real estate deal was consummated this week when L. W. Damon and Dr. M. K. Hall purchased the fruit and commission business formerly owned by the Parr-Simmons company. The present owners will enlarge the facilities for handling business and will probably add a cold storage plant during the summer. Mr. Damon will be the active manager. The price paid for the business was $16,000.

**Banner Clover Crop.**

Oregon City—What is said to be the banner clover crop of this part of the Willamette valley has been raised by W. P. Herman, of Molalla. He harvested 21,300 pounds, mostly alsike and red clover. Mr. Herman sold the red clover for 11½ cents and the alsike for 11 cents, getting a handsome profit from his crop.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 75c; bluestem, 77c; valley, 72c; red, 74c.

Oats—No. 1 white, $29.50; gray, $28@29.

Rye—$1.45@1.50 per cwt.

Barley—Feed, $22.50 per ton; brewing, $25; rolled, $23.50@24.50.

Corn—Whole, $25; cracked, $26 per ton.

Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, $15@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, $17@18; clover, $9; cheat, $9; grain hay, $9@10.

Apples — Common, 75c@$1.25 per box; choice, $1.50@2.

Vegetables—Turnips, $1@1.25 per sack; carrots, $1@1.25; beets, $1.25@1.50; horseradish, 7@8c per pound; cauliflower, 75@$1.25 per dozen; lettuce, head, 35@45c per dozen; onions, 10@12½c per dozen; radishes 20c per dozen; asparagus 15c per pound; rhubarb 4@5c per pound.

Onions—Oregon $3.50@4 per cwt.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks fancy $1.40@1.65; extra fancy, $1.75@2; No. 1 choice, $1.25@1.40.

Butter — Fancy creamery, 25@27½c per pound.

Butter Fat—First grade cream 26c per pound; second grade cream 2c less per pound.

Poultry—Average old hens, 15@16c per pound; mixed chickens, 15@15½c; spring fryers and broilers, 22½@25c; old roosters, 10@12c; dressed chickens, 16@17c; turkeys, live, 13@15c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18½@20c; geese live, 8c; ducks, 16@18c.

Eggs—19c per dozen.

Veal—Dressed, 5½@8½c per pound.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 3@3½c per pound; cows, 5@6c; country steers, 6@7c.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 10@10½c per pound; ordinary, 8@9c; spring lambs, with pelt, 12½@13c.

Pork—Dressed, 6@9c per pound.

Hops—7@10c per pound, according to quality.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 13@18c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20@22c according to fineness; mohair, choice, 29@29½c.

## DEEP SNOW ON PRAIRIES.

**Six Inches Ruins Fruit Prospect, But Benefits Wheat.**

Omaha, April 19.—Five inches of snow fell during the night, and the storm continued during the forenoon. The fall was general over Eastern Nebraska, and is the heaviest known in April for many years. The extent of damage is not known. Opinion as to the storm's effect upon fruit and early vegetables varies. In some counties along the southern and central belts cherries, peaches, plums, and berries are said by some authorities to have been ruined almost entirely, while other growers report that fruit was not far enough advanced to become seriously endangered.

In grain circles it is believed the snow will kill all the green bugs that have been threatening the winter wheat crop and spreading over the central portion of the state.

A Norfolk dispatch says Northern Nebraska, Southern South Dakota, Northeastern Wyoming and the Black Hills are covered with a blanket of snow six inches deep upon the level, which is still falling. At Northwestern railroad headquarters here it was said the storm was practically over the entire system west of the Missouri river.

## DEATH LIST GROWING.

**Mexican Earthquake Proves to Have Been Most Disastrous.**

City of Mexico, April 19.—Today the Associated Press was in direct communication with a number of towns in the district affected by Sunday's earthquake. From the telegrams received it is certain that the death list will exceed 100. There are a number of small towns yet to be heard from, but up to date the average number of fatalities at these places has ranged from 9 to 12 and the number of injured from 30 to 40.

In Chilapa 33 persons were injured and 779 buildings destroyed. Nobody was killed, as reported yesterday.

After the first great shock the air was filled for many miles with a thick, sickening, sulphurous odor. This caused great distress to the survivors. There are many speculations as to the cause of the peculiar freak of nature and some consider it a proof that the earthquake had its origin in some subterranean explosion.

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

**San Francisco Remembers Earthquake Year Ago.**

San Francisco, April 19.— While there was no general cessation of the work of rehabilitation, the first anniversary of the earthquake and the fire which left this city a mass of ruins was observed yesterday by appropriate religious services and commemorative exercises by the Building Trades Council and other organizations.

The crowning event of the day was the banquet of the Merchants' association at the Hotel Fairmount, at which the material and civic regeneration of the city was amply discussed and faith expressed in a new and greater San Francisco. The principal business streets were decorated with bunting and incandescent lights. Flags were flying everywhere and the dome of the city hall, still in a partly wrecked condition, was illuminated as on gala occasions "before the fire."

## WILL GO FOR SIX-BITTERS

**Frisco Policy Holders Bring 1,800 Suits for Payment.**

San Francisco, April 19.—More than 100 suits against insurance companies for the payment of policies held during the great fire a year ago were filed today at the county clerk's office, bringing the total well over 1,800. At 5 o'clock, when the office closed, there was a long line of attorneys, clerks and messengers waiting, and it took three clerks nearly an hour to dispose of the overflow.

Today was practically the last day for the filing of such suits, although in some cases the year allowed will not expire until tomorrow. During the past two days the county clerk's office has taken in nearly $3,000 in fees on these cases alone.

**After Men With Guns.**

New York, April 19.—While squads of detectives are scouring the foreign quarters, working under the direct orders of Police Commissioner Bingham, arresting all the armed men they find, the judicial officers are showing evidence of their intention to co-operate with the police in breaking up the practice of carrying deadly weapons. District Attorney Jerome has prepared 50 cases against men charged with carrying concealed weapons, and will present them to the grand jury tomorrow. In all, 215 men have been locked up.

**Too Much Executive Power.**

Chicago, April 19.—A plea for the perpetuation of state rights was made last night by Congressman Winfield S. Hammond, of Minnesota, in a talk at the 12th annual banquet of the Holland society of Chicago. His subject was "The Sovereign State." Mr. Hammond took a covert rap at President Roosevelt by declaring that "in view of recent events, one might be led to believe that the legislative department of the Federal government has become wellnigh extinct. It is a bred in us to have the government close to us."

**Proposition Is Withdrawn.**

Paris, April 19.—The announcement of the withdrawal of Italy's compromise proposition on the discussion of limitation of armaments at The Hague peace conference, owing to Austria and Germany's decided attitude in opposition to it, was made public today. It does not greatly affect France's position relative to the limitation of armaments. Authorative circles declare that France, as a matter of principle, regards favorably all efforts to advance the idea.

**Volcano Erupts in Andes.**

Valparaiso, Chile, April 19.—News has reached here that the Renihue volcano, in the province of Valdivia, is in violent eruption. The eruptions are accompanied by awful subterranean rumblings, earthquakes, intense darkness, electrical displays, ashes and boiling water. The flowing lava has set fire to the surrounding forests, and the inhabitants are fleeing in terror.

# FIRE IN PHILIPPINES

## Ilo Ilo, Second Town in Islands, Suffers Heavy Loss.

## TYPHOON IN CAROLINE ISLANDS

**One-Fourth the Population of One of the Islands Dead and Rest Are Starving.**

Manila, April 20.—Latest reports from Iloilo say the fire has been checked. The native quarter of the city was destroyed. The property loss is estimated at $100,000 gold. The business section of the city was untouched, it being saved by the military and constabulary.

Seven hundred houses were destroyed and 800 or 1,000 natives made homeless. Adequate relief measures have been taken. The homleess have been housed in schools and other buildings. The province and the city will provide for the refugees and no physical suffering is feared.

There was no loss of life by the earthquakes. The shocks, while the most severe experienced in 15 years, were not violent enough to cause much destruction. Dispatches from points in several provinces report severe shocks but little damage.

The total damage caused by the earthquakes in the entire archipelago will not exceed $10,000.

**Typhoon Sweeps Caroline Islands.**

Berlin, April 20.—Colonial Director Dernburg informed the budget committee of the reichstag today that a cable message had been received from the governor of the island of Yap, announcing that a disastrous typhoon swept over the Caroline islands on Good Friday, March 29, and that 230 of the 800 natives of the Ululthi group were drowned, that the cocoanut trees were destroyed, and that famine threatens the surviving natives.

The steamer Planet, of the German navy, which has been engaged in geodetic work, and the steamer Mani, of the Jaluit company, proceeded to Ululthi islands, taking food and help. It was proposed to bring as many of the suffering natives as possible to the Pelew and Ladrone islands.

**Less Than 100 Lives Lost.**

Mexico City, April 20.—Communications have now been opened with all the important points in the section most affected by the earthquake. The latest reports indicate that the loss of life will not reach 100, but many persons have been injured and the property loss is very great.

Vice President Corral, in a communication published here today, declares that the whole of the state of Guerrero has been devastated.

Thousands of dollars are being subscribed to the fund being raised in this city for the relief of the earthquake sufferers.

## WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

**Bryce Speculates on Result if Revolution Had Failed.**

Philadelphia, April 20. — James Bryce, ambassador from Great Britain, in an address at the banquet of the Trans-Atlantic society of America here tonight, declared that, if America had remained as a colonial ward of England, President Roosevelt would not have been confronted with such world-important problems as he is now called to solve.

Had the countries not been separated, Mr. Bryce said, the development of the United States would have been more gradual. He was of the opinion that slavery would not have endured so long and would have gone, perhaps, without bloodshed. There would have been fewer railroads, less internal strife and consequently fewer big economic problems to solve.

**Build Terminals at Oakland.**

San Francisco, April 20.—The Western Pacific railroad has decided to commence immediately the construction of its trans-bay terminal along the north retaining wall of the Oakland estuary. This work will involve the filling in of a mole 1,000 feet in width and between 4,000 and 5,000 feet in length. The construction of the mole, together with the erection of a modern depot building and slip approaches at its western end, will take about 17 or 18 months, and will involve a financial outlay of something like $2,500,000.

**Fued Ties Up Whole Port.**

Odessa, April 20.—Serious disturbances have again broken out here. Yesterday several members of the Union of Russian People attacked workmen along the harbor front who refused to join the union, killing two and wounding five. No arrests were made. The workmen at once retaliated by going on strike, demanding that members of the union be disarmed. The authorities declined to grant this demand. Today the railroad laborers joined in the strike, with the result that the harbor is entirely closed.

**Forgery by Mutual Life.**

New York, April 20.—Abraham Benedict, of the law firm of Guggenheim, Untermeyer & Marshall, counsel to the International Policyholders' committee, called on Acting District Attorney Smyth at the district atorney's office today and laid before Mr. Smyth certain evidence by which it is alleged forgery had been committed in the election held recently by the Mutual Life Insurance company. The district attorney's office will investigate.

**Georgia Peaches Killed**

Atlanta, Ga., April 20.—State Entomologist Smith today received reports from the various peach growing districts of the state, a summary of which shows that at least 75 per cent of the crop has been killed by the recent cold weather.

## WILL FIGHT HENEY.

**Big Corporations Have Banded Together in San Francisco.**

San Francisco, April 17.—A conspiracy which puts into the shade the $5,000,000 affair that recently aroused the inmates of the White House has evolved from the graft proceedings in San Francisco, and, like the conspiracy in Washington, it has its headquarters in Washington. Moreover, one of the leaders of the $5,000,000 conspiracy is one of the chief actors in this latest plot.

In short, the big corporations, which have sighted the specter of indictment, have banded together against the common foe. Combined they represent one of the most powerful forces that America has known, and they are prepared to expend a large share of the unlimited capital they control. The United Railroads, an $80,000,000 corporation; the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company, the Home Telephone company, and lastly the Southern Pacific company, have joined hands to fight down the graft prosecution.

The head and front of the plot are reputed to be Patrick Calhoun and E. H. Harriman. It is no secret that above all others it is the desire of Mr. Heney to direct the fire of the prosecution against Calhoun and the men who occupy the seats of the mighty in the councils of the Southern Pacific. Harriman's representative on the Pacific, W. F. Herrin, is one of the chief objects of Mr. Heney's investigation. Mr. Herrin has always refused to come into the open and even now, with public attention centered upon him, he remains in the background.

## MEXICAN SHOCKS CONTINUE

**Destruction Grows as Reports Come From Outlying Districts.**

City of Mexico, April 17.—Heavy earthquake shocks continued on the west coast until 4 o'clock this morning. Late news of the earthquake shows that the devastation wrought was greater than at first supposed. Beside the destruction of Chilpancingo and Chilapa, it is now said that Tixtla also was leveled. Messengers reaching Chilpancingo say the towns of Ayutla and Ometepre have been wiped out.

The population of Ayutla is small, and it is thought the loss of life there will be insignificant. Ometepre is a town of about 4,000 inhabitants and the loss of life probably is large.

Tlapa, near the border line of the state of Oaxaca, is also reported to be wiped out. A report from Chilpancingo says the whole of the west coast from Acapulco south of Salina Cruz has been badly damaged.

The damaged places are remote, and news from the stricken district consequently is incomplete. Only one wire is working to Chilpancingo.

**Standard Dodges Taxes.**

Chicago, April 17.—Taxing authorities of Lake county, Indiana, have instigated an action against the Standard Oil company of Whiting as a result of investigations in charge of County Assessor William E. Black and his assistant, Towns Assessor Bert Escher, of Hammond. They have discovered, they say, that the company for four years has sequestered millions of dollars' worth of valuable property from tax duplicates. It is estimated by the officials that the Standard Oil company should be paying taxes on $40,000,000 worth of property when it is assessed on the tax duplicates for only $3,000,000 worth.

**Will Test the 16-Hour Law.**

Butte, Mont., April 17.—A Helena special to the Miner states that Attorney General Albert J. Galen in an opinion rendered today states that he holds the recent enactment by the legislature of the statute limiting the hours of employment of railway employes to 16 hours to be valid. William Wallace, Jr., counsel for the Northern Pacific, has served notice upon the board of railway commissioners that the company will ignore the new statute. Mr. Galen has advised the commissioners to at once begin a test case against the railways.

**Accused of Taking Bribe.**

Chicago, April 17.—Perry L. Hedrick, chief sanitary inspector of the city Health department, was arrested today on charges of soliciting and accepting a bribe. It is alleged the $200 paid to him by George A. Beckway, an inventor, was found in his pocket when he was arrested. Hedrick was released on $10,000 bonds. According to the charges made against Hedrick, he agreed with Beckway that on payment of the money he would recommend Beckway's invention to the Health department.

**Methods of Japanese Smugglers.**

City of Mexico, April 17.—Representatives of the United States Commerce and Labor department have been making a quiet investigation here in the last few days, and are said to have discovered some startling facts in connection with Japanese passing into the United States from Mexico. Japanese labor agents have been operating among the Japanese who desire to enter the United States, and are said to be instructing hundreds to proceed to the Texas line and declare that they are en route to Canada.

**Boston Has $100,000 Fire.**

Boston, April 17.—Millions of dollars worth of property was endangered today by a fire that broke out in a Central wharf warehouse, but owing to the fact that the wind was blowing in the direction of the harbor, the firemen were able to confine the flames and prevent their spreading toward the city. The fire was started in the oil refining plant of Howe, French & Co., and was caused by the explosion of an oil tank. The property loss is placed at $100,000.

**Wisconsin Central Is Guilty.**

WMinneapolis, April 17.—A jury in the United States District court last night found the Wisconsin Central railroad and two of its officials guilty of rebating. Burton Johnson, general freight agent, and G. T. Huey, his assistant, were convicted on all the 17 counts named in the indictment.