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RESUME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Comprehensive Manner for Busy Readers—National, Political, Historical and Commercial.

Two men held up a Portland street car crew and secured $12.

Austria is strengthening her frontier to guard against Servia.

Japan seeks a new agreement with the United States about China.

Pope Pius has just celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a priest.

A ring from the Duke d'Abruzzi for Miss Elkins has been seized for duty. It is valued at $5,000.

Secretary Wright has appeared before the house committee in favor of free sugar from the Philippines.

Objection to the admission of Irish-American delegates has caused a storm in the British parliament.

A lone highwayman held up 20 men at a hotel in Hazen, Nev., and secured $50 in cash, refusing $200 worth of jewelry.

Peter van Vlissingen, a rich Chicago real estate man, has confessed great frauds, and on his own request has been sent to the penitentiary without trial. He stole more than $100,000.

The Chinese dowager empress is mortally ill.

Roosevelt denounces Haas' crime and applauds Heney.

A race between balloons from the Pacific to the Atlantic is about to be attempted.

It is estimated that General Gomez has been elected president of Cuba by a majority of 25,000.

The death of the Chinese emperor has been confirmed. The regent appointed is a friend of reform.

Prince de Sagan and his American wife have already tired of each other, and may secure a divorce.

Ruef's trial will be continued by volunteer lawyers. Some of the best of San Francisco have offered their services.

Mrs. Conger, widow of the late ambassador to China, says there is not likely to be any uprising following the death of the emperor.

A wealthy Montana man, who has just died, provided in his will that if any women present themselves claiming to be his wife, each shall be given $1.

Texas has declared a quarantine against smallpox, yellow fever, cholera, typhoid fever, bubonic plague or other communicable diseases. "Other communicable diseases" is understood to mean tuberculosis.

Denver has almost zero weather.

The anti-gambling war is again on in Reno.

Von Buelow is to present an ultimatus to the kaiser.

Roosevelt says there will be no slaughter of game on his trip to Africa.

Samuel Gompers will be re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor.

A New York delivery company contemplates tubes for the delivery of packages.

German miners blame managers for the recent disaster in which 390 men lost their lives.

The United States Steel corporation will spend $5,500,000 in increasing the capacity of its plants.

For the first time in the history of the San Francisco mint, pennies and nickels are to be coined there.

The emperor of China is reported dead; the empress dowager dying, and regent appointed to control the destinies of the Flowery Kingdom.

District Attorney Langdon declares Heney is a martyr to the public, and says prosecutions will continue despite the attempted assassination.

The election of Gomez in Cuba is almost certain. The election is the first step toward again turning the island republic over to the people.

San Francisco has voted for municipal waterworks.

Liberals are expected to win in the Cuban elections.

Castro has finished his preparations for war with Holland.

Six Chinese were drowned in Niagara falls while trying to smuggle into the United States.

A German military balloon hit a tree and fell into the Baltic sea. The occupants were rescued.

The fate of Chancellor von Buelow depends on the kaiser's acceptance of pledge to keep quiet.

Charles M. Schwab, the steel man, says real pleasure is not to be found in palaces, but among hammers and whistles.

A Philadelphia boarding house has been blown up by Black Hand members because one of the occupants refused to give up $1,000.

Members of the board of supervisors of Schenectady, N. Y., have resigned at the call of citizens. They are charged with grafting.

A committee of San Francisco citizens is to inquire into delay of graft trials.

The house committee has begun its tariff revision inquiries.

Federal officials who are investigating the Standard Oil company are looking for a man who "borrowed" $7,500,000 from the company.

Roosevelt says he will not run for the senate from New York.

Five persons were killed by an explosion on a steamer near North Bay, Ontario.

An automobile collided with a train near Red Bluff, Cal., and four persons were killed.

A student at a Cleveland, Ohio, university has been driven insane by imagined hazing.

Electoral Vote for President

State	Taft	Bryan
Alabama	..	11
Arkansas	..	9
California	10	..
Colorado	..	5
Connecticut	7	..
Delaware	3	..
Florida	..	5
Georgia	..	12
Idaho	3	..
Illinois	27	..
Indiana	15	..
Iowa	13	..
Kansas	10	..
Kentucky	..	13
Louisiana	..	9
Maine	6	..
Maryland	2	6
Massachusetts	16	..
Michigan	14	..
Minnesota	11	..
Mississippi	..	10
Missouri	18	..
Montana	3	..
Nebraska	..	8
Nevada	..	3
New Hampshire	4	..
New Jersey	12	..
New York	39	..
North Carolina	..	12
North Dakota	4	..
Ohio	23	..
Oklahoma	..	7
Oregon	4	..
Pennsylvania	34	..
Rhode Island	4	..
South Carolina	..	9
South Dakota	4	..
Tennessee	..	12
Texas	..	18
Utah	3	..
Vermont	4	..
Virginia	..	12
Washington	5	..
West Virginia	5	..
Wisconsin	13	..
Wyoming	3	..
Total	321	162

Membership of New House

State.	Dem.	Rep.
Alabama	9	2
Arkansas	7	..
California	..	8
Colorado	3	..
Connecticut	..	5
Delaware	..	1
Florida	3	..
Georgia	11	..
Idaho	..	1
Illinois	6	19
Indiana	11	2
Iowa	1	10
Kansas	..	8
Kentucky	8	3
Louisiana	7	..
Maine	..	4
Maryland	3	3
Massachusetts	3	11
Michigan	..	12
Minnesota	1	8
Mississippi	8	..
Missouri	10	6
Montana	..	1
Nebraska	5	1
Nevada	1	..
New Hampshire	..	2
New Jersey	3	7
New York	11	26
North Carolina	7	3
North Dakota	..	2
Ohio	9	12
Oklahoma	2	3
Oregon	..	2
Pennsylvania	5	27
Rhode Island	..	2
South Carolina	7	..
South Dakota	..	2
Tennessee	8	2
Texas	16	..
Utah	..	1
Vermont	1	2
Virginia	9	1
Washington	..	3
West Virginia	..	5
Wisconsin	1	10
Wyoming	..	1
Total	175	216

New Governors of States

State	Name	Politics.
Colorado	John F. Shafroth	D
Connecticut	George F. Lilley	R
Delaware	Simeon S. Pennewill	R
Florida	Albert W. Gilchrist	D
Idaho	James H. Brady	R
Illinois	Charles S. Deneen	R
Indiana	Thomas R. Marshall	D
Iowa	B. F. Carroll	R
Kansas	Walter R. Stubbs	R
Massachusetts	Eben S. Draper	R
Michigan	Fred M. Warner	R
Minnesota	John A. Johnson	D
Missouri	Herbert S. Hadley	R
Montana	Edward Donlan	R
Nebraska	A. C. Shallenberger	D
New Hampshire	Henry B. Quinby	R
New York	Charles E. Hughes	R
North Carolina	W. W. Kitchin	D
North Dakota	C. A. Johnson	R
Ohio	Judson Harmon	D
Rhode Island	Louis E. Remington	R
South Dakota	Robert S. Vessey	R
Tennessee	M. R. Patterson	D
Texas	Thomas M. Campbell	D
Utah	William Spry	R
Washington	S. G. Cosgrove	R
West Virginia	W. E. Glasscock	R
Wisconsin	James O. Davidson	R

DIES BEFORE TELLING MUCH.

Assassin Haas is Believed to Have Given Little Information.

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—From the best information obtainable it is believed that Detective Burns secured some sort of a rambling statement from Haas to the effect that he had been approached by persons who attempted to increase his resentment toward Heney by making remarks such as "I would not stand such treatment," etc.

It is also rumored that Detective Burns is shortly to make public the statements which Haas made to him during the day of sweating to which Haas was subjected just before he took his own life. Just what these disclosures will be and whether or not they will implicate anybody in a conspiracy cannot now be learned from the prosecution.

It is true, however, that Detective Burns, at the time he was making an examination of the body of the dead man at the county jail, was heard to make remarks which indicated that his chain of evidence secured from Haas' statements was not nearly as conclusive as he had hoped, and that for that reason he deplored the act which made it impossible to secure any further statements.

Round-Up of Bison Fails.

Missoula, Mont., Nov. 17.—The strenuous work of the past two months on the Flathead reservation in rounding up and corralling the 250 bison of the Pablo herd, purchased by the Canadian government, has come to naught, and there will be no shipment of the animals to Canada this year. Despite all the precautions that had been taken to insure the success of the drive, the enclosure into which the buffalo had been driven preparatory to loading them into cars at Ravalli proved insecure and the herd is now roaming at will on the reservation.

Reform School is Burned.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 17.—Five buildings of the Indiana state reformatory and nearly the entire plant of the Indiana Manufacturing company at Jeffersonville, Ind., across the Ohio river, were destroyed by fire late yesterday. The loss will total about $250,000. There were no fatalities, the 1300 inmates of the reformatory remaining locked in their cells, a portion of them sending cheers through the grated windows as they watched the work of the firemen.

After Oil King.

New York, Nov. 16.—John D. Rockefeller will be subpoenaed to appear as a witness in the United States court here in the federal suit to dissolve the Standard Oil company of New Jersey. United States Marshal Henkle was given a subpoena today and ordered to serve it on the oil king. It is reported that Rockefeller will be a willing witness.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF OREGON

THE OREGON VOTE.

Result by Counties on Recent Presidential Election.

	Taft.	Bryan.
Baker	1,598	1,511
Benton	1,203	779
Clackamas	2,798	1,895
Clatsop	1,482	659
Columbia	1,246	454
Coos	1,857	894
Crook	913	539
Curry	46	18
Douglas	2,092	1,372
Gilliam	500	251
Grant	337	189
Harney	394	271
Hood River	768	360
Jackson	2,036	1,537
Josephine	938	674
Klamath	632	428
Lake	464	223
Lane	3,309	2,170
Lincoln	595	282
Linn	2,202	1,817
Malheur	317	185
Marion	3,785	2,203
Morrow	682	270
Multnomah	18,021	10,031
Polk	1,459	1,113
Sherman	443	252
Tillamook	626	252
Umatilla	2,336	1,569
Union	1,520	1,199
Wallowa	801	424
Wasco	1,324	770
Washington	2,329	1,165
Wheeler	416	232
Yamhill	1,980	1,247
Total	61,440	36,669

Increase Commodity Rates.

Portland.—Important changes in freight rates to and from the Pacific coast will be made by the new transcontinental tariffs that are to go into effect January 1. All points on the Pacific coast between San Diego, Cal., and Vancouver, B. C., will be effected by the changes. It is said that the tendency will be to increase commodity rates under the new tariff. Some increases as high as 10 per cent are intended, although the average will be from 5 to 10 cents on the hundred. Class rates, it is said, will be slightly reduced.

Prosperous Year for Stockmen.

Vale.—With the close of a prosperous year for farmers, cattlemen and sheepmen in southeastern Oregon, there are abundant signs of prosperity reflected in the growth of the towns of the district. As the gateway to the markets for the greater part of Malheur and Harney counties, Vale, the terminus of the Malheur railroad which connects with the Short Line at Ontario, is reaping the benefit of the general prosperity prevailing over the territory, and is showing signs of developing into a modern, progressive and energetic community.

College to Raise $50,000.

Albany.—Albany college has launched a campaign for a $50,000 endowment. Friday, November 20, will be "college day" in Albany and on that date an effort will be made to raise $10,000 in this city as a nucleus for the fund. An endowment now seems assured for Albany college by the action of the college board of the Presbyterian church of the United States. The president of this board has promised to give one dollar for an endowment for Albany college for every dollar raised in Oregon up to $25,000, thus providing for a $50,000 endowment.

Famine Threatens Klamath.

Klamath Falls.—Flour is now selling in Klamath county at $3.20 a hundred weight, and it is believed from the present outlook that there will not be enough to last until spring. It is probable that grain and flour will have to be shipped into this country before next season's crop is ready. Wheat is now selling at $1.50 a hundred weight, and oats and barley about the same. This price is nearly double that of last year.

Road Operated at Loss.

Salem.—The Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern railroad has filed its annual report in the office of the railroad commission, showing a total of 31.56 miles of main line and spurs in operation. The capital stock is $2,000,000, and the funded debt $625,000. The cost of the road and equipment to date of report is $2,900,221.95. The net operating income for the year was $20,221.56, but payment of taxes and interest left a net corporate loss for the year of $23,555.13.

Has 50,000 Boxes of Apples.

McMinnville.—M. O. Lownsdale's apple crop for this year is estimated at 50,000 boxes of marketable fruit. This yield of first-class apples represents faithful and painstaking attention to spraying and caring for the trees, one of the principal tenets of Mr. Lownsdale's every-day religion. The small per cent of apples inferior in size and quality will be made into a fine quality of apple jelly at the farm.

Plans Elaborate Special.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—The class of 1910 of the university of Oregon is planning on an elaborate issue of the "1910 Beaver," the annual issued each spring by the members of the junior class. Oliver Huston, of Portland, has been elected editor-in-chief, and Cary V. Loosely, of Klamath Falls, business manager.

Police Force Dismissed.

Klamath Falls.—The entire police force of Klamath Falls has been dismissed by the city council, on account of complaint that they were not doing their duty in enforcing the liquor and gambling laws. Chief C. C. Low declared the action unjust, as they were not given opportunity to resign. New officers will be appointed by the mayor.

Stock Over Sumpter Line.

Baker City.—Stockmen of the John Day and Burns country are pleased with the arrangement of the Sumpter Valley railroad, which permits stock to be shipped over that line in the future. Yards of considerable size have been built at Austin and will accommodate the large herds raised in the interior.

Curry Coal Strike.

Gold Beach.—A three-foot vein of coal of good quality has recently been discovered on the Hume ranch, five miles from Wedderburn. Mr. Hume will put a force of men at work at once to develop the property, and if found in sufficient quantity will ship from Wedderburn.

SHIP SUGAR BEETS.

Union Sending Out an Average of 90 Tons Per Day.

Union.—Within a few days practically all the sugar beet crop of this district will have been gathered and shipped to the factory at La Grande. Last week shipments aggregating 180,000 pounds, or 90 tons per day, were made, and it will require a few days more to clear the fields. With the cold nights of the last two weeks farmers have been hurrying the crop to market with all haste, and shipments have been made regularly. The plant is running at full capacity, and enough beets are now on hand to keep it in operation for weeks.

It is complained generally that the plant at La Grande cannot secure acreage enough of beets to keep the factory in operation long enough in a season to make the business profitable. Around this town a number of colonies have been established, and the fields are used almost exclusively for beet culture, with good profits to the producer. A number of German families have been brought in this season, and labor is more plentiful than ever before.

Institutes in Klamath.

Klamath Falls.—Klamath county farmers have formed an organization and will conduct local institutes in the various towns of the irrigated district during the coming winter. The first of the institutes was held at Klamath Falls last week, at which Hon. J. W. Bailey, state dairy and food commissioner, was the principal speaker, and gave the farmers some excellent advice as to the importance of dairy development. The institute was under the auspices of the Klamath chamber of commerce, and aroused considerable interest and enthusiasm. As a result, it is the purpose of the active citizens to keep the good work going.

Improve Marshfield Mines.

Marshfield.—Extensive improvements important to Marshfield have been announced by the Spokane, Yakima & West Coast Railroad company, the Spokane corporation which purchased from the Oregon Coal & Navigation company the Libby coal mine at Marshfield, the steamer M. F. Plant and 3680 acres of land near the city. The president of the company, Colonel D. H. Butts, of North Dakota, and M. N. Kruppenburg, the secretary and manager, of Spokane, have been here closing the deal, and are preparing to improve the property.

Improve Coos Bay Road.

Marshfield.—The Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern railway, the small road in Coos county owned by the Southern Pacific, will build a new passenger and freight depot at Myrtle Point, the southern terminus of the road. Increase in business at that point makes the improvement necessary. General Manager Millis states that the road is now in excellent shape. Much grading has been done, bridges repaired, new cars added to the rolling stock and the tracks raised in many places where the winter freshets formerly overflowed.

Record Building Era.

Brownsville.—Brownsville is assuming metropolitan proportions. Two new brick business blocks have been completed, and fine residences are rising on all sides. There have been more substantial buildings erected during the past year than in any previous ten years. Brownsville's most pressing need is train service. It takes passengers two days to make the trip to Portland and return, a distance of less than 200 miles.

Josephine Irrigation Work.

Grants Pass.—All of the material for the new steel bridge across Rogue river in this city is now on hand, and work of construction will begin at once. The construction company hopes to have the new structure ready for traffic early in 1909. The bridge will have a width of 25 feet, and will be constructed to accommodate both wagons and cars.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 95c; club, 91c; fife, 90c; red Russian, 88c; 40-fold, 91c; valley, 91c.

Barley—Feed, $25.50@26 per ton; brewing, $27.

Oats—No. 1 white, $30@31 per ton; gray, $29@30.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, $14 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, $11; eastern Oregon, $16.50@17.50; mixed, $13; clover, $9; alfalfa, $14; alfalfa meal, $19.

Fruit—Apples, 60c@$2 per box; peaches, 85c@$1 per box; pears, 75c@$1.25 per box; grapes, $1.25@1.50 per crate; local Concords, 12½@15c per half basket; huckleberries, 12½c per pound; quinces, $1@1.25 per box; cranberries, $9.50@12.50 per barrel; casabas, 2½c per pound; Spanish Malaga grapes, $7@7.50 per barrel.

Potatoes—90c@$1.00 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 1½@2½c per pound.

Onions—Oregon, $1.10@1.25 per 100 pounds.

Vegetables—Turnips, $1.25 per sack; carrots, $1; parsnips, $1.25; beets, $1.25; horseradish, 8@12½c per pound; artichokes, $1 per dozen; beans, 10c per pound; cabbage, 1½@2c per pound; cauliflower, 50c@$1 per dozen; celery, 40@75c per dozen; cucumbers, $2 per box; egg plant, $2 per crate; lettuce, 75c@$1 per box; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 10c per pound; peppers, 10c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1½c per pound; radishes, 12½c per dozen; spinach, 2c per pound; sprouts, 10c per pound; squash, 1½c per pound; tomatoes, 50c@$1.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 35@36c; fancy outside creamery, 32½@35c per pound; store, 17@20c.

Eggs—Oregon selects, 37½c; eastern, 27@32½c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 11½@12c per pound; spring, 11@11½c; ducks, old, 12@13½c; young, 14@15c; geese, old, 9@10c; young, 9@10c; turkeys, 17@18c.

Veal—Extra, 8½c per pound; ordinary, 7@7½c; heavy, 5c.

Pork—Fancy, 7c per pound; large, 5½@6c.

Hops—1908, choice, 8@8½c; prime, 7@7½c; medium, 5½@6c per pound; 1907, 3@4c; 1906, 1@1½c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10@14c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15@16c.

Mohair—Choice, 18c per pound.

HAAS TAKES LIFE.

Would-Be Assassin of Heney Shoots Himself in Jail.

San Francisco, Nov. 16.—Morris Haas, who attempted to assassinate F. J. Heney Saturday night, committed suicide by shooting himself through the middle of his forehead with a pistol he had concealed about his person.

It is reported by District Attorney Langdon that Haas made a confession and named the people who hired him to shoot Mr. Heney, but Mr. Langdon declares he will not divulge the names.

Haas went to bed at 8 o'clock at the county jail, and covered up his face with a blanket. At 8:40 a shot was heard from his cell, and when the guards entered, it was found that he had rolled out of bed and was lying dead on the floor with a bullet-hole in his forehead. A 41-caliber single-shot derringer was grasped in his hand. His left trouser leg was pulled up and examination showed a mark on his leg where the weapon had rested while concealed in his left shoe. Haas wore gaiters with elastic sides, which made this possible.

After he had shot Mr. Heney Haas was searched by Police Captain Duke, Detective Burns and a police officer. After he had been taken to the county jail he was searched again, but at neither time were his shoes examined. Haas went to bed Friday night with his shoes on and again Saturday night, and when he was asked why he did this said that he would rather sleep with them on.

HENEY IMPROVES.

Rests Easy and Recovery is Assured by Physicians.

San Francisco, Nov. 16.—The condition of Francis J. Heney is still most satisfactory, and the attending surgeons report that he is making excellent progress on the road to recovery. He passed a comfortable night, sleeping most of the time, and rested easily yesterday.

How Haas secured the pistol with which he committed suicide is the question which is puzzling the police and special agents of the prosecution. Captain Duke says Haas had no other weapon when arrested, and Captain Kelly, in charge of the jail, says there was no opportunity for a pistol to have been passed to the prisoner in his cell.

Detective Burns is said to have worried some sort of admission from Haas that he was encouraged in his threat against Heney, but just how much of a statement was secured from the prisoner before he killed himself, the prosecution refuses to reveal.

Although the bullet has been located, embedded in the left jaw, about an inch in front of the ear, the surgeons have decided not to extract it until Mr. Heney gains more strength, as it has as yet given no trouble.

The swelling in the throat is less than at any time since the patient was taken to the hospital, and he is breathing normally.

San Francisco, Nov. 16.—At a meeting of citizens Saturday night, presided over by Mayor E. R. Taylor, resolutions were passed declaring unwavering allegiance to law and a determination to support the district attorney's office in securing the detection and conviction of criminals, high or low, and the full protection of the officers in the discharge of their duty.

The resolution also declared that, if the criminal law was found to be so framed as to permit the escape of civic malefactors, the law must be amended, and if the lax administration of the law was due to misinterpretation by judges, men should be placed upon the bench capable of construing the law.

The meeting was the most significant that has been held since the days of the vigilantes, and demonstrated that public sentiment is fully aroused and determined to bring an end to the demoralizing conditions of the last two years.

Quarantine Against Anthrax.

Helena, Mont., Nov. 16.—The governor has issued a modification of his recent quarantine proclamation prohibiting the importation into Montana from South Dakota of any domestic animals, and conditionally as respects North Dakota and Wyoming, on account of anthrax. The step is taken at the request of federal inspectors, who state that the authorities have the anthrax outbreak reasonably well in hand. Hereafter shipments from South Dakota will be permitted to enter Montana when accompanied by federal health certificates.

Barricades Office.

San Francisco, Nov. 16.—Hearst's Examiner composition and editorial rooms were barricaded Saturday night and guarded by armed men, as the managers of the newspapers feared that a mob would be formed to attack and clean out the offices. For several months the Examiner has printed daily cartoons ridiculing F. J. Heney, Rudolph Spreckels, W. J. Burns and the entire graft prosecution, and each day at the bottom of its editorial column it has run the legend about the time since the prosecution began.

Lends Coal to France.

Mare Island, Cal., Nov. 14.—The French cruiser Catinet is filling her bunkers with 350 tons of coal from the United States navy yard here, loaned by the United States government after Captain H. Buchard of the warship had attempted to purchase the fuel in San Francisco. Failing to obtain his steaming supply from private companies, the French commander appealed to Commandant J. S. Phelps of the navy yard, who in turn notified the navy department of the request. The department wired back its consent.

Careful Guard Over Trial.

San Francisco, Nov. 16.—When the trial of Abraham Ruef, so tragically interrupted by the shooting of District Attorney Francis J. Heney in the open courtroom by Morris Haas, is resumed today, more than a score of plain clothes detectives will mingle with the crowd, armed men will guard the corridors and in front of Carpenter's Hall, on Fulton street, and the streets in the vicinity of the building will be strongly patroled.

Grand Duke Alexis Dead.

Paris, Nov. 16.—Grand Duke Alexis, uncle of the czar of Russia, died here Saturday morning after a brief illness. The grand duke had been ill for some time, but recently recovered his health sufficiently to plan a trip to England.

Snow in Middle West.

Chicago, Nov. 16.—Winter is here. Snow fell in Chicago yesterday, and in the afternoon lights were necessary in all the homes and offices to dispel the attendant darkness. The snowfall was general throughout the Middle West.

CHINA ON BRINK OF REVOLUTION

Prince Chun Fears Reformes May Overthrow Dynasty.

Masses Just Awakening to Death of Dowager Empress and Emperor, and in Panic Following 14 Banks Are Closed—Thousands of Gendarmes Guard Streets.

Pekin, Nov. 17.—China is beginning to realize that the emperor and the dowager empress are dead. Prince Chun, regent of the empire, in fear of increasing excitement and revolutionary movements, has taken a firm grip on affairs and has adopted stringent measures that will result in the maintenance of peace for a time at least.

At noon 3000 gendarmes guarded the streets, and other military forces were held in readiness for any eventuality. Every precaution was taken to prevent a recurrence of the revolutionary tactics of last April and May, which were marked by widespread incendiarism. The foreign legations are under guard, special detachments of Chinese troops keeping watch at the approaches. The statement was made at the legations that there was no fear that the Chinese government would be unable to afford ample protection, but those within the legations were more alert than usual and seemingly anxious to have set at rest the doubts arising from the swift movement of events in the last few days.

There were many occurrences yesterday to add to the sinister aspect of affairs. Rumors were current for a time that the new dowager Yehonala and Yuan Shi Kai, the grand councillor, and one of the most powerful men in the empire, had committed suicide. Though there was no truth in these reports, they went far toward disturbing the Chinese and foreigners alike.

Serious runs on banks occurred yesterday and today, and 14 native banks closed. The crowds were wild with excitement, and toward the close of the day the police intervened and drove them back. One foreign concern, the Yokohama Specie bank, suffered a big run on its Tientsin notes, but the British, Russian and German institutions were not affected. It is probable that a number of native banks will be closed tomorrow, and it is believed that the government will step in and endeavor to stop the financial panic among the poorer classes.

BULLET IS REMOVED.

Prosecutor Stands Operation Well and Rallies Rapidly.

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—After passing through a most successful operation for the removal of the bullet which was fired at him by Morris Haas during the Ruef trial last Friday, the condition of Francis J. Heney is reported by the doctors to be favorable in every way, and predictions of his ultimate recovery are made by his physicians. The operation followed the taking of X-ray photographs, which plainly showed the location of the leaden pellet in the muscles of the left lower maxillary. Chief Surgeon Terry, of the city hospital service, wielded the instruments, while Drs. Stillman, Moffat and Huntington assisted.

It was found that the bullet, which entered the right side of the head just in front of the ear, had passed downward, crossing the palate and striking the left lower jawbone, which was slightly splintered but not broken. The bullet was deflected backward by striking the bone, and lodged in the muscles of the jaw. Its removal necessitated the utmost surgical skill, as it lay close to the big blood vessels of the neck.

Mr. Heney rallied rapidly from the effects of the anaesthetic, showing no ill effects from the drug or shock from the operation. He passed a quiet day and slept peacefully last night. At midnight it was said by his attendants that his condition was entirely favorable, and that hopes for his speedy recovery were entertained.

Plan Big Meeting.

Portland, Nov. 17.—The next important convention to be held in Portland will be that of the Northwestern Fruitgrowers' association, which will meet with the Oregon State Horticultural society the first three days of December. Preparations are being made to house a large exhibit of fruit in the building during the week of the convention. British Columbia and the states of Idaho, Washington and Oregon will be represented in the convention, these being the state associations that comprise the Northwestern association.

Asks Change of Venue.

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—With Judge Lawlor's courtroom thronged by policemen, special detectives, deputy sheriffs and other peace officers, while the streets about the building were guarded by mounted police and many patrolmen, the trial of Abraham Ruef was resumed yesterday after its interruption on Friday, when Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney was shot. As was expected, the defense asked the court immediately for a change of venue, declaring that Ruef could not obtain in this city fair and impartial trial.

War Clouds Grow Darker.

Vienna, Nov. 17.—The possibility of trouble between Austria-Hungary and Servia has not yet been eliminated. A semi-official statement issued here yesterday states that the Austro-Hungarian government will be compelled to take decisive steps if the Servian provocations do not cease. The dignity of the dual monarchy forbids it longer to tolerate Servia's actions. A final decision as to the course of the government will be reached in a few days.

Australian Chinese Hint Foul Play.

Melbourne, Nov. 17.—The Sydney correspondent of the Age says that the Chinese reform party in that city has received a cablegram to the effect that the death of the Chinese emperor was due to foul play, and that it is feared a rebellion will break out.

MINE EXPLOSION FATAL.

Awful Disaster in Germany Claims 339 Known Dead.

Hamm, Westphalia, Germany, Nov. 13.—The greatest mine disaster in many years in Germany occurred yesterday morning at the Radbod mine, about three miles from this place. There was a heavy explosion at 4 A. M., and almost immediately the mine took fire. Of 380 miners working underground at the time, only six escaped without injury. Thirty-five men were taken out badly hurt and 37 dead were brought to the mouth of the pit. The remaining 302 have been given up for lost.

The explosion was unusually violent, destroying one of the shafts, which had to be partly repaired before the rescue work was begun. In addition the flames and smoke proved to be almost insurmountable obstacles in the efforts of the rescuing parties. A special corps, composed of the men who rendered such valuable aid in the terrible mine disaster at Courrieres, France, in March, 1906, arrived upon the scene shortly before noon, but were unable to enter the mine, being forced to await the result of the efforts of the firemen to keep the flames in check.

Meantime heartrending scenes took place at the mine when the dead and injured were brought to the surface, and there were similar scenes in the town when the injured were transported through the streets to the hospitals.

At 1 o'clock the fire had made great headway, and later in the afternoon, after a consultation of the engineers, it was decided that any further attempts to rescue the entombed men would be in vain, owing to the impossibility of entering the galleries. At the same time an order was issued to flood the mine.

First reports indicated that the accident was the result of an explosion of coal dust, but the statements of the injured men rendered this improbable and it is not clear just what caused it.

FREIGHT RATES UP.

Railroads Gain $10,000,000 Yearly by New Tariff.

Los Angeles, Nov. 13.—Ten million dollars a year will be added to the freight revenues of the railroads by the increase in west-bound transcontinental freight rates which become effective January 1, according to the estimate of Fred P. Gregson, traffic manager of the Associated Jobbers of Los Angeles.

Mr. Gregson has just received a press proof of the new tariff, which is issued by the Transcontinetal Freight Bureau—the first copy of the new tariff to reach Los Angeles.

"The increase in rates is not nearly as bad as I feared it would be," said Mr. Gregson, after going through the tariff.

"One item which might work a hardship on our foundrymen and some manufacturers is the rate on certain kinds of iron, which has been raised from 75 to 80 cents and on which the rate is the same on the unfinished as on the finished product.

"Live poultry in carload lots is raised from $2.00 to $2.20 a hundred weight. Boots and shoes are raised from $2.50 to $2.75, plaster from $7 to $8 a ton, while hardware and structural iron men are touched up all along the line. Plumbers' supplies, building hardware, drugs and chemicals, glassware, electrical machinery and many other items are raised."

WAR AGAIN POSSIBLE.

All Depends on Note to the Powers From Austria.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 13.—Although an air of outward calm is maintained at the Russian foreign office, the Balkan situation has now reached an acute stage, where everything depends upon the nature of the note which is expected from Vienna today and the outcome of the mediation which Russia, France and Great Britain have undertaken at Belgrade, at Austro-Hungary's request, with a view to limiting the belligerent activity of Servia.

If mediation is not successful, war is recognized as a possibility in authoritative circles. The Austro-Hungarian-Servian relations are too strained, it is believed, to permit present conditions to continue indefinitely.

The Austrian note will definitely outline the attitude of that government regarding discussion of the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and possible compensation to Servia and Montenegro, and the nature of the note will determine whether or not an international congress can be held.

Chinese Emperor Dying.

Pekin, Nov. 13.—The condition of the emperor is so serious that the various legations here are sending cable dispatches thereon to their respective governments. There have been circumstantial rumors among the people of the death of the emperor and his little brother, the infant son of Prince Chun, has been brought into the palace. The emperor has been suffering for ten years past from chronic nephritis, a condition now complicated with diabetes and sciatica. It is admitted that his brain is affected.

Train in Explosion's Path.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 13.—Thirty passengers on a Kansas City Southern train were injured, several probably fatally, when a powder house exploded at Holmes Park, south of here, yesterday as the train was passing. The explosion destroyed three houses and shattered buildings for a quarter of a mile in every direction. It is reported that several persons were killed in the three houses, which were totally wrecked. The train was near the powder house, and the force of the explosion almost blew it off the track.

To Improve Tennessee River.

Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 13.—The Tennessee River Improvement association met in convention in this city yesterday with a good attendance of delegates from the several states interested in the improvement of the waterway. The association purposes to put forth every endeavor to secure an appropriation from the coming session of congress to carry out the plans for the improvement of the river in order to make it navigable.

Prepares for Big Influx.

Butte, Mont., Nov. 13.—That the Northern Pacific expects travel into the northwest next year to exceed that of any previous year is indicated by the statement of President Elliott yesterday that the company has ordered 93 new passenger coaches, which will be placed in the transcontinental service next year. An increase in the service throughout the northwest will be made.