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ESTACADA OREGON

RESUME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Comprehensive Manner for Busy Readers

Burglars shot a patrolman at Pueblo when about to be caught.

French strikers insist on the dismissal of Simyan, and may win their point.

Castro has left Germany for Bordeaux, where he will embark for Venezuela.

Boston is to have a crusade against rats similar to the one conducted at San Francisco.

A plot to kill the ameer of Afghanistan was unearthed and 1,200 arrests have been made.

A millionaire iron man, a banker and four others are to be indicted at Pittsburgh for bribery.

Francis J. Heney has protested against the appointment of Fulton as Federal judge in Oregon.

Governor George Curry, of New Mexico, has resigned. He was appointed by Roosevelt in 1907.

The Pennsylvania senate has passed a resolution offering a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of the kidnapers of the Whitla boy.

A St. Louis physician has left an estate of over \$1,000,000 to a 3-months old girl.

The German steamer Ella was held up by Nicaragua and searched for spies and arms.

The government will seek no more land fraud indictments unless the evidence is strong.

The California senate sent for a sick member to break the deadlock on the direct primary question.

The United States Steel corporation will close some of its large plants April 1 unless business improves.

The French government may relieve Minister Simyan, who has charge of posts and telegraph, in order to appease the strikers.

Russia is ready to intervene in Persia if necessary.

A Washington physician says over-eating causes a desire for smoking and drinking.

A Brockton, Mass., man has come to his right senses at Los Angeles after wandering three years.

The universal suffrage measure has advanced to second reading in the British house of commons.

The condition of Mrs. Helena Modjeska, the famous actress, is such that her death may occur at any time.

The king of Christmas island, in the Pacific ocean near Singapore, has abdicated because his wife objects to being queen.

An absconding Oklahoma bank cashier has sent back nearly all the money taken and promises to return the balance soon.

The British parliament may authorize eight instead of four battalions of the Dreadnaught type on account of activities on the part of Germany in increasing her navy.

After a searching investigation a board of inquiry has recommended the suspension of the pilot who had charge of the transport Logan when it went aground at the entrance to Honolulu harbor.

The Chinese boycott against Japanese goods has been revived.

Servia may yield to the terms of a joint note from the powers.

The Cuban revolutionists have surrendered to government troops.

The crisis between China and Russia over Manchurian territory is said to be over.

News agents on trains in Mexico have been forbidden to sell liquor in future.

The Nicaraguan president defies the United States to intervene in Central America and threatens to fight marines to a finish.

The Home Telephone companies of the Pacific Northwest, including the long distance connections, have been sold to a syndicate of Portland and Seattle capitalists.

Robbers dynamited two bank buildings at Bald Knob, Ark., and put to flight a band of citizens who had been attracted by the explosions. A sheriff's posse is in pursuit.

The fight on the tariff bill in congress will be a free-for-all, both parties splitting.

Roosevelt says he doesn't intend to die of fever in the wilds of Africa.

Eight men have now been secured for the Calhoun jury.

A runaway train killed and injured 30 people and wrecked the Montreal depot.

Scientists have a theory that many mine explosions are caused by earthquakes.

Many prominent United States Americans have appealed to the United States for intervention.

RAILWAY DEMONSTRATIONS.

Every Safety Device Known Will Receive Test at E. Y. P. Exposition.

Seattle, March 22.—Actual demonstrations of every railway safety device, approved and unapproved, will be made daily in the transportation building and yards of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, which will open on June 1 in Seattle.

The transportation building is now being hurried to completion and tracks, spurs, switches and 'Y's' are already laid for the most complete exemplification of general and special railway traffic ever attempted on the grounds of an exposition.

So desirous were Eastern locomotive builders of taking advantage of reaching the Oriental field through the medium of the Seattle fair, that they provided the major portion of the \$75,000 which the construction of the transportation building has cost, in order that the structure should be of ample size for their most complicated illustrations.

Locomotives of all makes and all periods will be exhibited. Everything, from the old 'hay burners' of the cotton belt, to the big transcontinental mogul will be shown under full steam.

A modern passenger train, equipped with the latest work in Pullman service, lights, brakes and wireless alarms will be a daily show.

The electric end of transportation will be given as complete exhibition as its rival. A fully equipped modern trolley as well as a new underground trolley, which it is claimed, does away with all previous objections to the underground system, will be displayed in operation.

Every known farm vehicle, reapers, stagers, harvesters, plows and all else, even to the harness for the horses, will be shown and the big traction harvesters found working throughout the West, will have a place, with all of their latest improvements.

Food Supply Affected.

French Telegraph Strike Continues and Famine Threatens.

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NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

THE SPECIAL SESSION

Salem, March 17.—No appropriations for normal schools were made by the Oregon legislature, which ended its special session at 8:40 tonight.

The lawmakers quit the capitol, leaving dead in the house a senate bill granting the schools \$8,000 each for maintenance until next June.

The normal force repudiated the bill and its supporters could not muster the two-thirds vote necessary to advance it to second reading.

The vote on suspension of rules was 28 ayes to 16 noes.

Because the gross earnings tax laws enacted by the initiative in 1908 were killed by implication by a tax act of the legislature in 1907, the ad valorem tax act of the regular session of 1909 was not touched by the special session.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to render inoperative the dairy inspection act of the regular session.

An effort to introduce new business were defeated and the bills passed during the special session were defects in those passed at the regular session and are as follows:

Appropriation for improvements in state institutions; appropriation for experiment station at Union; opening duck season in Willamette valley October 1 instead of October 15; protecting deer; prohibiting night hunting of deer; protecting elk; rope fire escapes in hotels not to apply to towers having fire regulations; salaries of Supreme court bailiff, clerk and stenographers; act creating curricula board; requiring doors of public buildings to open outward; new code; appropriating \$7,500 for special session; reimbursing George H. Small.

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Disclosures in connection with the strike indicate that the abuses and favoritism charged have been largely due to the fact that politics have had much to do with the administration of the post and telegraph service.

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IRRIGATION SEEMS SURE.

New Contract Will Ample Protect All Users Under Project.

Vale—In order to bring in all the land owners who have vested water rights under the proposed government Malheur project, a new contract has been made which amply protects all parties who have land under irrigation from present water ditches.

The contract states specifically the project users shall be fully compensated for their ditch rights when they sign up their land with the government.

It is believed here that all owners of land, who have heretofore held out, will sign these contracts, and thus practically insure the committee of the full co-operation of every individual having land susceptible to irrigation under the project.

J. W. McCulloch and C. O. Thomas have gone on the Malheur valley to secure the contracts of the ranches under the farmers' ditch scheme west of Vale. In view of the fact that more than 100,000 acres have been signed up exclusive of the military wagon grants, the project is almost a certainty.

Festival Floats to Seattle.

Portland—The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition and the Oregon state commission are making strenuous efforts to secure for Portland day after the Seattle fair all the floats that will be shown in the "Spirit of the Golden West" parade at the Rose festival of June 9.

This pageant will be one of the most beautiful features of the carnival, and will serve splendidly to exhibit the wonderful resources of the Oregon country, as each float, car or exhibit will represent the matchless fruit and other products indigenous to the many important localities of the great Northwest country.

It is proposed to make the parade in Seattle an exact replica of this particular parade as seen in Portland.

The Northern Pacific railway in response to a request from the A. Y. P. officials has agreed to haul these floats from Portland to Seattle and back again absolutely free of charge, having been informed that the Interstate Commerce commission will interpose no objection to such a plan, because the floats are to be sent to Seattle for exhibition purposes only.

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Numerous complaints have been received regarding the alleged unreasonable rates which are enforced by the Southern Pacific on these commodities.

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Seventeen Cents for Clip.

Pendleton—The first wool sale of the season in this section is reported from Echo, where is located the wool securing plant. Charles Green, a wool buyer of this section, contracted for the clip of Walden Rhea at a price of 17 cents a pound.

It is considered an exceedingly high price, since this is all sand wool, due to the nature of the soil in the neighborhood. The same quality of wool sold last year at prices ranging about 10 cents.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.20@1.25; club, \$1.07@1.10; red Russian, \$1.06@1.08; valley, \$1.10.

Oats—No. 1, white, \$39.50. Barley—Feed, \$30.50. Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$13@15; Eastern Oregon, \$16@18; clover, \$12@13; alfalfa, \$14.50@15; grain hay, \$13@14; cheat, \$13.50@14.50; vetch, \$13.50@14.50.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 36c; fancy outside creamery, 32@35c; store, 18@20c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2 cents over regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 20@22c. Poultry—Hens, 15@16c; broilers, 24@25c; fryers, 18@20c; roosters, old, 10@11c; young, 14@15c; ducks, 20@22 1/2c; geese, 10c; turkeys, 18@19c; squabs, \$2.50@3 per dozen.

Veal—Extras, 10@10 1/2c; ordinary, \$7@8; heavy, 5c. Pork—Fancy, 9 1/2@10c; large, 8@8 1/2c.

Apples—75c@82.50 box. Potatoes—\$1.35@1.40 per hundred; sweets, 2 1/2@3c.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1 sack; carrots, 90c; parsnips, \$1.50; beets, \$1.75; horseradish, 10c pound; artichokes, 75@90c dozen; asparagus, 11@17 1/2c pound; beans, 25c; cabbage, 3 1/2@3 3/4c; cauliflower, \$2.50; celery, \$4.5 crate; lettuce, head, 85c dozen; onions, 40@50c dozen; parsley, 25@30c dozen; radishes, 35c dozen; rutabaga, \$2.75 box; spinach, \$1.25.

Hops—1909 contracts, 10@10 1/2c; 1908 crop, 7@8c; 1907 crop, 3@4c; 1906, crop, 1 1/2@2c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, contracts, 16@18c; valley, 16@17c; mohair, choice, 22c.

Cattle—Top steers, \$5@5.25; fair to good, \$4.75@5; common to medium, 3.25@4.50; cows, top, \$4.25; fair to good, \$3.50@4; common to medium, \$2.50@3.50; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls, and stags, fat, \$3@3.50; common, \$2@2.75.

Hogs—Best, \$7.25; fair to good, \$6.75; stockers, \$5.50@6.50; China fat, \$6.75.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$5.75@6; fair to good, \$4.75@5.25; ewes, 1/2 less on all grades; lambs, top, \$6.50@6.75; fair to good, \$6@6.50.

SIEGE CONDITIONS PREVAIL.

Strike Ties Up French Capital and Food Becoming Scarce.

Paris, March 19.—Mi-Careme, the middle of Lent, usually celebrated with grotesque processions throughout France, and with particular gayety in Paris, found the capital today in a state of virtual siege.

Because of the postal strike no mail-deliveries were made, banks held up payments on checks because of their inability to receive advices from their correspondents, stamps were not on sale, telegrams were refused acceptance, and the prices of provisions were soaring, while eggs, milk, butter and other country produce were painfully scarce.

Over a million letters are stacked in the postoffice awaiting sorting and dispatch, as the postal employes in the other branches besides the telegraph service have gone on a sympathetic strike.

The last American mails have not yet been removed from their sacks, and practically no letters have left the country.

Three thousand telegrams are piled on the dispatching hooks, awaiting transmission, as the military telegraphers pressed into service, are unfamiliar with the postal instruments, and cannot use them.

The government has threatened to call upon the army to furnish mail to deliver the mail, but as yet has not taken this step.

Business is at a standstill, as the conditions are grave in all lines that depend upon the postal activity for their daily continuation.

PENNY LUNCH AT SCHOOLS.

Poor Boys and Girls to Be Fed at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, March 19.—An innovation in the form of penny lunches to the public school children attracted much interest today. It was started by the Civic Federation, and the large Ann street school in the poorer quarter of the city was the first to benefit.

Eventually all are to be included, and served every school day in the year.

Large dairy dining rooms are provided, and there was a great rush today at the opening, hundreds gathering at the tables. Each one was given all the soup, fruit and buns he or she could eat for one cent. Each lunch costs the association about four cents.

Other departures, such as half an hour of story-telling at lunch time, are to be made. This is in line with the agitation going on the country over being cause children of poor parents are sent by the thousands to school without having had proper food.

PLANT BLOWS UP.

Explosion in Coeur d'Alene Powder Works Kills Inventor.

Spokane, Wash., March 19.—The Coeur d'Alene Powder mills, near Wallace, Idaho, were almost totally destroyed yesterday evening by sparks falling in the mixer. The loss will aggregate thousands. The secret of making the powder died with J. Skalberg, the maker, whose death occurred in the explosion, and may end the manufacture of powder in this country.

His powder exploded without smoke or poisonous gases and was very valuable to mining. Pete Pico and Alvin Nelson were also killed. J. K. Ogilvy, an engineer, was badly hurt. Windows were broken for miles around, and trees were torn to shreds.

Lead Miners Object to Cut Denver, March 19.—Following information that the new tariff bill provides for a reduction in the rate on lead concentrates from 1 cent per pound, comes the announcement of the determination of Western mining men to fight this reduction, which they declare will have the effect of closing mines all the low grade producing mines in the United States.

To this end Secretary J. F. Callbreath, of the American Mining congress, today issued a call for a meeting of operators to be held in Salt Lake City next Monday.

Suffragettes Set Plot Guthrie, Okla., March 19.—Many Oklahoma suffragettes refuse to vote. They claim there is a deep-laid plot against them by the election officials, because it is required of them to give their age, color of hair and eyes, and their politics. D. S. Levy, of Oklahoma City, secretary of the county election officers in the United States district court, is accused of this plot. "But very few women will register. The ladies declare the new law is a deliberate slap at woman suffrage, and there is much fear and trembling on the part of legislators."

West Will Fight. Washington, March 19.—Congressmen from the Pacific Northwest will unite in a fight for the restoration of the duty on rough lumber to \$2 per thousand. After the tariff bill was introduced all members from Oregon, Washington and Idaho were interviewed, and all announced their purpose to oppose the lumber schedule as fixed by the ways and means committee, and to join with members from other lumber producing states to get the old duty.

Kerens New Ambassador. Chicago, March 19.—The following is special cable to the Daily News from Vienna: The new American ambassador to Austria will be Richard Kerens, of St. Louis. The State department has asked the Austrian government if he is persona grata, and an affirmative reply has been sent.

Big Union Depot Burns. Louisville, Ky., March 19.—The Louisville union depot, valued at \$400,000, was destroyed by fire tonight. Half an hour after the building collapsed, the Commercial club had decided that the city must have an elaborate new station at once.

Germany Backs Up Austria. Paris, March 19.—According to latest information, Austro-Hungary, with the support of Germany, has fully resolved to send an expedition into Servia unless that country changes its present attitude.

FRANCE WILL REVISE TARIFF

Proposed New Schedule Raises Many Old Rates.

United States Exports Hard Hit by New Rates Under Consideration and Business Men Anxious to See What Action Will Result—Fresh Fruits Suffer Most.

Washington, March 23.—The attention of American manufacturers will not for the next few months be entirely focused upon the proposed tariff revision in this country. France proposes to revise its tariff, and in the changes to be made the United States is vitally interested.

If the proposed French tariff bill should be enacted into law in its present shape, American trade would be injuriously affected.

Some of interesting facts in regard to the new measure are prepared by N. I. Stone, tariff expert of the department of commerce and labor.

It is proposed to advance the general rate on canned meats of 20 francs per 100 kilos to 30 francs, an increase of 50 per cent, leaving the minimum rate of 15 francs unchanged.

Under the existing agreement fresh apples and pears are admitted at the rate of 2 francs per 100 kilos. It is proposed to advance the minimum rate to 5 francs, an increase of 150 per cent, and to increase the general rate from 5 to 8 francs. It is proposed to increase the minimum rate on hops from 30 to 40 francs, and the general rate from 45 to 60 francs per 100 kilos.

Far more numerous are the tariff changes on articles which are not affected by the commercial agreement between France and this country. Among the more important of these changes the following may be mentioned, the rate being given in francs per 100 kilos:

Meat extracts, general rate increased from 40 to 45 francs; cotton seed, now admitted free, to be subject to a duty of 1.50 francs; peanuts, now admitted free, to be subject to a duty of 2.50 francs, and preserved vegetables, duty increased from 20 to 24 francs.

ASSIGNMENTS ARE GIVEN.

Northwest Senators Get Places on Various Committees.

Washington, March 23.—During the 61st congress Northwest senators will have committee assignments as follows:

Bourne—Fisheries, chairman; commerce, public expenditures, printing, coast defenses, postoffice, public health, railroads.