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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.

Canada is seriously considering the advisability of building a navy.

A general strike is on at Barcelona, Spain, against the war in Morocco.

Hawaiian sugar planters propose to import Russian laborers to displace the Japs.

The battleship Michigan, the speediest of her class, will go into commission in August.

The chances seem good that Thaw will be declared sane and released from the asylum.

European pressure may yet cause China to refuse Americans a share in the railway loan.

The assistant cashier of a Tipton, Ind., bank, robbed it of \$60,000 and left for parts unknown.

Hubert Latham damaged his airship during a trial flight before attempting to cross the English channel.

The British cabinet has announced that four more battleships of the Dreadnaught type will be built.

The ex-shah of Persia has been offered an annual pension of \$25,000 on condition that he leave the country.

Japan has adopted a vigorous policy against Korean insurgents.

The death roll of the recent Gulf storm has been increased to 41.

A train struck an automobile at Menominee, Mich., killing an entire family of three.

One man saved his life in the recent Galveston storm by using his cork legs to keep him afloat.

Spain is on the verge of a revolution because of English and clerical influence over the king.

A Seattle woman has secured a divorce because her husband has been too tired to work for 12 years.

Lightning struck a residence at American Forks, Utah, four times. One woman was killed and four other persons hurt.

During a balloon race at Newton, Ill., two of the big gas bags collided 2,000 feet in the air. One man's leg was badly crushed.

Raphael Manco, who served in the Crimean war, later served with "Chinene" General Gordon and then saw service in the Civil war, is dead. He had lived at Los Angeles for the past 25 years.

Premier Briand has formed a new French cabinet.

Roosevelt is being proposed for mayor of New York.

A big forest fire is raging in the mountains near San Bernardino, Cal.

A cloudburst in Colorado killed two persons and did much damage to property.

Premier Asquith says Britain should be warned against tariff by American and German experiences.

In an automobile race at Grand Rapids, Mich., 50 miles was made in 51 minutes and 22 seconds.

The serious condition of King Peter of Serbia is arousing anxiety. His death would cause no surprise.

A Vancouver, B. C., police magistrate fined himself \$5 and costs for exceeding the speed limit with his automobile.

A Los Angeles judge in denying a divorce in which the plaintiff's mother was involved said no house was big enough for a married couple and a mother-in-law.

The final count of dead in the Texas storm shows a loss of 25 lives. Communication has been established with all points and the property damage will be over \$1,000,000.

Bolivia and Peru have agreed to arbitrate the boundary dispute instead of fighting.

The Six Companies have forbid making San Francisco's Chinatown a show place for tourists.

The Italian press is greatly excited by reports that Italians in the Southern states are practically slaves.

Spanish troops have protested against going to Morocco. There have also been several riots among the people.

The Chicago health commission has decided that pasteurization of milk is ineffective and useless, if not dangerous.

A Utah man has just committed suicide at the age of 80.

The steamer Verdi has sailed from New York for Buenos Ayres with \$8,000,000 in gold, the heaviest single shipment ever made to a South American port.

Employees of the tanneries at Kenosha, Wis., have gone on strike for higher wages. Trouble is feared and state troops have been called out. Three men have been wounded.

A company is being organized to invest \$10,000,000 in steel vessels to ply on the Lakes-to-Gulf waterway, which the promoters consider assured.

The entire town of Brownlee, Tex., has been destroyed by fire.

Colorado women will run a woman for congress two years hence.

Argentina has dismissed the Bolivian minister and Bolivia is preparing for war.

The Union Pacific has sold Santa Fe stock to avoid trouble with the government.

ROADBED CRUMBLES.

Train Goes Into River and Six People Killed and 36 Hurt.

Kansas City, July 27.—Six lives were lost and 36 persons were injured, three perhaps fatally, in the wreck of a passenger train No. 4, when it plunged into the Missouri river 30 miles east of here.

The train left Kansas City at 9 o'clock Saturday night, and was due in St. Louis ten hours later. Of the eight cars that made up the train, five and the engine are now in the river with the water covering all of them except one end of the Des Moines sleeper.

A deadhead Pullman, a mailcar, a baggage car, a day coach and a sleeper followed the engine into the stream. The chair car and two Pullmans remained on the track.

For days flooded waters have been undermining the roadbed, which parallels the river. Three hours before the wreck a freight train of 45 loaded cars passed the point safely. Three hours later No. 4 started across the same bit of track and 50 feet of the roadbed suddenly collapsed.

The train was running 14 miles an hour, and the forward cars telescoped, allowing the rear cars to stop so gradually their occupants were hardly shaken.

MARK TWAIN AS PILOT.

Former Steamboat Man Will Conquer President Down Mississippi.

St. Louis, Mo., July 27.—When President Taft takes his trip down the Mississippi river from St. Louis to New Orleans, Mark Twain, the humorist, will act as pilot on the boat carrying the country's chief executive.

The president's river itinerary has been completed and includes stops at Cape Girardeau, Caruthersville, in the Missouri; Cairo, Ill., Memphis, Tenn., and Vicksburg, Miss. When a president of the United States takes a river trip, Mr. Clemens always has been invited by the committee in charge to pilot the boat. The usual invitation was extended to Mr. Clemens on this occasion, and his friends, who say he has a high personal regard for Mr. Taft, declare he will agree to pilot Mr. Taft safely down river.

MOORS GATHER IN FORCE.

Madrid, July 27.—Official dispatches concerning the bombardment yesterday around Melilla state that this measure was taken to prevent the enemy from massing. The gunboat Martin Alonso Pinzon assisted in the bombardment, after which she chased, but did not catch, two steamers suspected of carrying contraband arms. The bombardment was resumed today. The Moors are gathering in great force in the Rif region. It is estimated that they now number 20,000, and are preparing for a concentrated attack.

THIEVES USE WIRELESS.

Los Angeles, July 27.—When the police arrested four boys, whose ages ranged from 14 to 17 years, in a deserted shack, they discovered this gang had been operating the most modern "burglars' club" ever found in the city, with a wireless telegraph as one of its features. Arthur Smith, 17 years old, appeared to be the ruling spirit of the gang, and he also was the operator of the chief wireless station. Four other stations were operated, and the gang was kept informed of one another's movements by wireless.

TROLLEY WRECK IS FATAL.

Los Angeles, July 27.—One person was killed and several were injured, some of them seriously, tonight, when a heavy trolley car on the Monrovia Los Angeles division of the Pacific Electric line crashed into the rear end of a car on the Pasadena Short Line, on a curve near East Lake park. The Short Line car was partially telescoped. The two cars were running at high speed, but the conditions warranted the belief that prices will reach \$1 per bushel or better.

BLERIOT AWAKENS ENGLISH.

London, July 27.—The London morning newspapers publish editorials on Blériot's feat. A new point brought out is its striking appeal to the imagination of Englishmen that Great Britain's insular strength is no longer unchallenged, that the aeroplane is not a toy, but a possible instrument of warfare which must be taken into account by soldiers and statesmen and that it was the one thing needed to wake up the English people to the importance of the science of aviation.

BIG FOUR CRASH HURTS 42.

Indianapolis, July 27.—Forty-two persons were injured today in the wreck of a southbound Big Four passenger train at Zionsville, Ind., and all but 76 passengers who were brought to hospitals in this city were able to continue to their destinations. The baggage car and the coaches behind it left the track while the train was running 50 miles an hour.

NEBRASKA PAYS NOTES.

Omaha, Neb., July 27.—It is evident that the people of Nebraska did not mind the recent panic, for during the year 1908 there were 17,990 farm mortgages paid off and cancelled, representing a value of \$126,377,791, and 16,658 new farm mortgages were recorded, representing a value of \$36,432,657, leaving a tidy balance of about \$90,000 to the credit of the property.

SPEED TEST SETS RECORD.

Philadelphia, July 27.—The battleship Michigan, which returned today from her trial trip, is reported to have broken all speed records for a vessel of the battleship type. The Michigan is said to have made a fraction over 19 knots an hour. Her speed requirement was 17 1/2 knots.

THREE LIVES LOST IN GULF.

Pensacola, Fla., July 27.—With her rigging damaged and her sails torn almost to shreds, the fishing schooner Minnie W. arrived today and reported the loss of three of her crew in the Gulf hurricane of last Wednesday, and the narrow escape of two others.

BLUCHER'S ORDERLY DIES.

Quincy, Ill., July 27.—John Leonard Roeder, who died Saturday at the age of 108 years, was buried today. During the battle of Waterloo Roeder acted as orderly to General Blucher.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

ELECTRIC LINE ASSURED.

Articles of Incorporation of Farmers' Line Filed at Pendleton.

Pendleton—Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Farmers' Railway & Navigation company, which proposes to build and operate an electrical railroad system in Umatilla county. The first unit will be a road between the towns of Umatilla, on the Columbia, and Milton, in the heart of the fruit and grain belt of the east end of the county. The company behind the scheme is incorporated for \$250,000, and it is announced that surveyors are already in the field prepared to locate the right of way. The county court has also been asked for franchises over certain roads of the county. This organization is the result of electric road construction by the Farmers' unions of the county. A committee has been investigating the matter for several weeks. One of the men understood to be behind the development scheme is Dr. W. R. Campbell, one of the prominent wheat growers of the county, and state organizer for the Farmers' union. The incorporators of the scheme are: Charles A. Hill, R. O. Earnhart, A. A. Cole. The capital stock of the Farmers' Railway & Navigation company is divided into 2,500 shares of \$100 each. In addition to the main line of electric road from the Columbia to the center of the wheat belt, articles of incorporation also permit branch lines, the maintenance of a fleet of steamers on the Columbia, and construction of telegraph and telephone lines. This railroad project will be in competition with one for which articles of incorporation were filed a week ago by Dr. C. J. Smith, A. R. Turner and Douglas Belts, and which proposes to construct a network of electric roads throughout Umatilla county, beginning at Pilot Rock and passing through the new irrigation districts.

275 CARS FROM ROGUE RIVER.

Medford—The pear crop of the Rogue river valley for the season of 1909 is estimated at 275 cars, which will represent a value of over \$300,000. The crop is an exceptionally good one, and will bring the highest prices. Very little second grade fruit will be among that going forward. The work of gathering the Bartlett's will start within the next two weeks. Local fruit men are doing considerable worrying over the fact that they may experience a car famine, such as is the case in California at the present time. The apple crop also promises to be an exceptionally heavy one.

SCHOOL HEADS TO MEET JUNE 28.

Salem—The annual convention of county school superintendents has been called by J. H. Ackerman, superintendent of public instruction, to meet in his office Monday, June 28. Among the topics to be considered are school supervision, how it may be made more effective; school libraries, how to use them; annual institutes, most important subject to emphasize for all institutes this year; school sanitation, what has been done, what should be done; school board convention, value of, how to conduct.

Turns Down Good Offer.

Madras—Henry Windom, one of the progressive farmers in the Culver county, has recently refused an offer of 90 cents per bushel for his 1909 crop of wheat. He was twice offered that figure in Primeville for his entire crop this season, but refused it, as he believes that wheat will reach a higher figure before the season has far advanced. He says that he does not expect to see wheat open that high, but believes that conditions warrant the belief that prices will reach \$1 per bushel or better.

SUMMER SCHOOL CROWDED.

University of Oregon, Eugene—The enrollment in the summer school of the University of Oregon is more than twice that of any previous year. The registration includes teachers from all over the state, as well as a number of students who wish to lighten their work for the coming year. A number of special lectures have been engaged from outside the state, Dr. Stuart, of Leland Sand university, having charge of the department of English literature.

Money Ready to Gather.

Ontario—W. H. Pennington, the honey grower of Ontario, has commenced extracting this week the honey stored in his 260 beehives. Mr. Pennington's honey is famed all over the Northwest, as he ships extensively of that commodity, and it is made of the finest alfalfa syrup, gathered in the immense fields surrounding Ontario. Last year Mr. Pennington shipped more than three carloads from this place.

Dufur Is To Advertise.

Dufur—The officers of the Dufur Valley Development league are beginning an advertising campaign for home seekers. A booklet, now in the hands of the printer, will consist of 40 pages, and will be profusely illustrated by photographs of the valley. This is the first of a series of booklets. There is as good strawberry and fruit land here as anywhere in the state, it is said, and this is to be advertised.

Clatskanie Sawmill Burns.

Clatskanie—The Kratz & Anderson shingle mill at Hazel Grove, one and a half miles from here, was burned to the ground while the manager and crew were attending the Clatskanie celebration. A spark from the sawdust pile, which was supposed to be safely out, is thought to have caused the damage. The mill was constructed only last winter and gave employment to a crew of ten men.

Lumber Company Claims.

Salem—The Bridal Veil Lumber company has complained to the state railroad commission that the rates on lumber on the Mount Hood railroad are too high. The Bridal Veil Lumber company also claims that the Oregon Lumber company is owned by the railroad and that this company gets a much lower rate than other shippers.

FINE WHEAT ON DRY LANDS.

Ontario Farmers Get Excellent Results From Experiments.

Ontario—Wheat on the dry farms near Ontario is in excellent condition this year and is expected to make a record crop. While Malheur county farmers do not give much attention to wheat growing, a general crop, nearly every farmer has a small field, and the past few years dry farming has come more and more into favor on the benches, where wheat is one of the good crops.

This year the wheat is full, healthy and clean. Most of it will average, it is estimated, from 35 to 40 bushels to the acre, and the grain stands four to five feet high. On fields which have been cultivated for the first time this year it is not quite so thick as on older fields, but the entire average is good. There will be more wheat harvested near Ontario this year than ever before.

County Must Repair Bridge.

Salem—County Judge Bushey and Commissioner Beckwith have returned from Stayton, where they held a conference with the board of directors of the Linn county, in regard to the capers of the Santiam river near Stayton, which is causing some trouble by leaving its former course and going around the big bridge owned jointly by Marion and Linn counties. It was decided that Marion county should build a wing dam perhaps 200 feet long to force the river back into its course under the bridge.

Dufur Harvest Begins.

Dufur—Harvest is now in full blast here and the yield both in quality and quantity is much better than was expected. Until a week or so ago there had been no rain here since the middle of February. The yield of both wheat and barley will be better than an average crop. The good yield is attributed to the fact that there have been no hot winds to dry the ground and the weather has been remarkably cool and pleasant all spring and summer.

Cherries for Chicago Market.

Union—The first large consignment of cherries will go forward from Cove this week when the Cove Mercantile company will ship a straight car of Bings to the Chicago market. The entire car will consist of fancy packed 10-pound boxes, and it is figured the cherries will bring \$1.50 per box at auction in Chicago, at which price the shippers will realize \$1 per box.

Salary Increase in Union.

Salem—Average salary paid male teachers in Union county the past year was \$72 against \$70 the year before, according to the annual report of Superintendent E. E. Bragg filed in the office of the superintendent of public instruction. The salary of female teachers has increased during the same time from \$30 to \$33.75.

Editor Gets No-Work Job.

Salem—Colonel E. Hofer will hold his job as a member of the board of regents of normal schools for six years more, notwithstanding the fact that the board's active laborers at an end. Governor Benson having reappointed the Salem newspaper man to the position he has held for several years past.

Pupils Decrease in Wheeler.

Salem—According to the report of County School Superintendent H. J. Simmons, both the attendance and school population of Wheeler county are on the decrease. The attendance last year in Wheeler county was 651, this year it was 626. The population a year ago was 888, this year 875.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, nominal; club, \$1.15; valley, \$1.15. New crop—bluestem, \$1.05; club, \$1; Russian, 98c; 1.15; black caps, \$1.50; watermelons, 80c@\$1 hundred; blackberries, 9c@10c per pound.

Potatoes—\$1.01@1.75 per hundred; new, 2c@2 1/2c per pound. Vegetables—Beans, 6c; cabbage, 1 1/4c@1 1/2c per pound; cauliflower, \$1 per dozen; lettuce, head, 25c; onions, 12c@15c; peas, 5c@7c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 29c; fancy outside creamery, 27c@28c; store, 26c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices. Eggs—Oregon ranch; candied, 27c@28c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 14c@14 1/2c; springs, 18c@19c; roosters, 9c@10c; ducks, young, 11c@12c; geese, young, 9c@10c; turkeys, 18c; squabs, \$2@2.25 per dozen.

Pork—Extra, 10c@11c per pound. Veal—Extras, 9c per pound; ordinary, 7c@8c; heavy, 7c. Hops—1909 contracts, 15c@16c per pound; 1908 crop, 11c@12c; 1907 crop, 7c; 1906 crop, 4c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16c@23c per pound; valley, 23c@25c; mohair, choice, 24c@25c. Cattle—Steers, top, \$4.50; fair to good, 4c@4.25; cows, top, \$3.50; fair to good, \$3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; calves, top, \$5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, \$2.75@3.25; common, \$2.25@2.50.

Hogs—Best, \$8.25@8.50 fair to good, \$7.75@8; stockers, \$6@6.50; China fats, \$6.75@7. Sheep—Top wethers, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; yearlings, best, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; spring lambs, \$5.25@5.35.

EQUIPMENT GOES IN.

Rush Orders Given for Railroad Construction on Deschutes.

The Dalles, July 26.—All yesterday four-horse teams, hauling wagons piled high with railway camp equipment, have trekked out of The Dalles, bound for the Deschutes river. Beginning at 7 o'clock in the morning it was not until 5 in the afternoon that the last of the 40 wagons shipped here by Porter Bros., railroad contractors, who are supposed to be working for the Hill railways, wended its way to the south-east.

Indications are almost conclusive that Porter Bros., intend to establish not two, but five or six camps, as if preparing to cover the entire ground of the Oregon Trunk line surveys. They themselves did not know, was the reply given by representatives of the Oregon Trunk to inquiries as to the number of camps and places of location. Every indication is that men and equipment were secured hastily, and it is believed here to be true that the contractors only know in a general way where the camps will be established.

Either a sudden decision to contest with Harriman for the traffic of Central Oregon or the sudden acquisition of knowledge that the Oregon Trunk would be down and out very soon unless it began construction is believed to be the cause of the rushing of men into the Deschutes country.

Either alternative raises conjecture as to whether Porter Bros. are playing a hold-up game on Harriman or are backed by James J. Hill or actually intend to build a railroad themselves.

BLERIOT CROSSES CHANNEL.

French Aeronaut Makes the 22 Miles in 23 Minutes.

Dover, July 26.—Louis Blériot, the French aviator, accomplished the remarkable feat of flying across the English channel Saturday in 23 minutes. The distance from his starting point, near Calais, to Dover, is about 22 miles, and he therefore traveled at the rate of nearly a mile a minute.

The aviator left the French shore at 4:30 and within a few minutes sighted the white cliffs of the English coast. He descended gracefully in the North Fall meadow, behind Dover Castle, at 4:53 a. m.

M. Blériot looked little the worse for his hazardous trip, although his foot was burned by petrol. This gave him some trouble, and he had to be assisted to an automobile which was waiting. He drove to the Lord Warden hospital, where he was greeted enthusiastically.

A French torpedo boat destroyer followed the aeroplane, but so swift was the speed of the machine that the destroyer was soon left far behind. Although the start was made in calm weather, the wind soon rose and a strong breeze was blowing at the time of the descent, making the performance all the more noteworthy.

The French torpedo boat destroyer arrived at Dover at 6:50 with Blériot's wife and a party of friends on board.

By his achievement Blériot wins the special prize of \$5,000 offered by the London Daily Mail.

MOORS FIGHT SPANIARDS.

Tribesmen Put Up Desperate Fight Against Trained Soldiers.

Malaga, Spain, July 26.—The steamer Menorquin, with 80 wounded aboard, arrived here today from Melilla, where the hospitals are overcrowded. Passengers on the steamer declare that the residents of Melilla are panic-stricken, the successes of the Moors giving rise to the belief that they will sweep down on the city itself. Friday's battle was sanguinary, there being much hand-to-hand fighting.

The Moorish tribes now gathered close to General Marina's camp are estimated at 16,000. Their recent losses are said to have been nearly 1,000. The Spanish forces lost not less than 3,000 men.

When the battle became general, the Spaniards endeavored to trap the Moors between two lines of fire. The tribesmen, however, were too wary and fought desperately. They retreated only when they were literally hurled back at the points of Spanish bayonet. At dusk there was a lull in the fighting.

Victory for Americans.

Pekin, July 21.—On account of the failure of the negotiations at the recent meeting of bankers in London and Paris, an attempt is being made at Pekin to close quickly the Hankow railway loan by increasing the amount so as to give Americans equal participation and not reduce the original allotment to the other three powers—Great Britain, France and Germany. This arrangement was agreed to by the Chinese foreign board Saturday and the four days' negotiations ended with the consultations of foreign bankers.

Man Higher Up Indicted.

Chicago, July 26.—Police Inspector Edward C. McCann was indicted today charged with malfeasance in office in the collection of "protection" money from illegal establishments of the West Side "tenderloin." McCann's predicament was foreshadowed Saturday, when an indictment was returned against Detective Sergeant Jeremiah Griffin, alleged to have been the collection agent working out of McCann's office. Inspector McCann was arrested after the grand jury's action and soon after gave bonds for \$220,000.

Export Argentina Wheat.

Buenos Ayres, July 21.—During the first five months of this year the exports of wheat amounted to 77,700,000 bushels. A decree has been published modifying the law prohibiting the importation of cattle from certain countries, so that those countries may send cattle to the exposition of 1910. The government has also sent instructions to our minister in Washington to agree with the bureau of American republics on a program.

Lightning Hits Scientist.

Christiana, Nor., July 26.—Captain Englestad, of the Norwegian navy, was killed by lightning today. He was taking meteorological observations during a thunder storm. Captain Englestad was to have commanded the polar expedition ship Fram on the coming Amundsen polar expedition.

WAR OF RAILWAYS ON IN DESCHUTES

Construction Work Begins on Rival to Harriman Road.

Grading Equipment Rushed to The Dalles by Porter Brothers, Builders of North Bank Road—Hill May Be Behind Central Oregon Line—Surely Is Not Harriman.

The Dalles, Or., July 24.—Railroad grading equipment, consigned to Porter Bros., contractors, was unloaded here today, and preparations have been made to begin in the morning transferring the material to Sherar's bridge, on the Deschutes river.

Work on a railroad through the Deschutes canyon into Central Oregon will begin immediately, and this road will not be Harriman's, according to the contractors.

This is regarded here as the first move in a Titanic struggle between Harriman and Hill for control of the Deschutes grade into Interior Oregon.

Johnson Porter, member of the firm of Porter Bros., contractors, is in the city and superintending the unloading of the grading equipment. Mr. Porter will not admit that his company is working for Mr. Hill, but insists he is not in the employ of Mr. Harriman. Mr. Porter is the contractor militant who built the North Bank for Mr. Hill in the face of Harriman's active and sometimes forcible opposition.

In this city the supposition is that Porter Bros. are the construction agents of Mr. Hill.

CHICAGO GRAFT EXPOSED.

Indicted Detective Collected \$9,000 a Month for Protection.

Chicago, July 24.—Stories of graft, astounding in extent and detail and revealing conditions beyond belief, were told to the grand jury today and were followed by the immediate indictment of Detective Sergeant Jeremiah Griffin, of the Desplaines street police station, known as Inspector Edward McCann's "man Friday."

He is charged with demanding and accepting bribes from dice keepers, gamblers, cocaine sellers and respectable women of the West Side levee.

There are 25 counts in the true bill voted against the sergeant, each setting forth a separate offense. Upward of \$9,000 a month was collected by him from dwellers of the underworld, according to the indictment, and more than \$150,000 in all is said to have been delivered to the Desplaines street police executives.

The more startling phase of the investigation lies in the fact that the trail has been rapidly followed to the city hall, and it is now said that Mayor Busse's confidence in some of his most trusted advisers has been sadly betrayed.

Similar conditions are said to exist in half a dozen other police precincts.

JAPAN GROWS RESTIVE.

Wants Equal Tariff Rates With Other Nations.

Washington, July 24.—Japan undoubtedly is becoming restive under trade conditions imposed in her treaty with the United States. This recently was made evident when she proposed to this government that negotiations for a new treaty be begun at once, notwithstanding the fact that the present treaty does not expire for two years. Our trade interests in Japan, however, are not suffering and for this and other reasons this government did not see its way clear to discuss the questions involved before the expiration of our treaty in 1911.

Under the most favored nation clause of the treaty, Japan extends to the United States all the conventional rates which it has granted to Great Britain, Germany and France. On the other hand, none of the reduced rates authorized in section 3 of the Dingley act, which were granted by the United States to certain foreign countries, are extended to Japan.

Uniform Laws Proposed.