

DOINGS OF THE WEEK

Current Events of Interest Gathered From the World at Large.

General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

W. H. Corbett, president of the Willamette Iron and Steel works, is dead.

Arbuckle Bros. have a corner on coffee and prices are rising as a result.

Russia disregards the protests of the powers and continues her preparations for war upon China.

The Oregon legislature has left nine measures to be voted on by referendum at the 1912 elections.

A guard will protect Count Apponyi, former Hungarian minister, when he appears in Chicago.

Aberdeen, Wash., mill men refuse to buy "stray" logs, as too many logs disappear from the booms and rafts.

Goatherds from the hills around San Ignacio brought news of a severe death of government troops by Mexican insurgents.

Oregon good roads enthusiasts are rejoicing over the passage by the legislature of four most important good roads bills.

A member of parliament was suspended for severely criticizing the speaker and was obliged to openly apologize to regain his seat.

It is predicted that a bi-weekly steamer service will be established between Portland and the Panama canal as soon as the canal is finished.

Robbers held up a Portland jewelry store at noon and secured \$4000 worth of goods.

Two express trains in France struck a freight simultaneously, killing ten persons.

A California legislator has introduced a bill to prohibit office holders from appointing relatives.

A man believed to be David Caplan, one of the Los Angeles Times dynamite suspects, has been arrested at Idabel, Okla.

Commissioner of Corporations Smith says the bulk of the nation's timber is owned by a few large holders, of whom the Southern Pacific is the largest.

A party of Los Angeles high school students, while gathering pebbles and curiosities on the beach at San Pedro, were caught by a huge breaker and three of them drowned.

A San Francisco man who borrowed \$100 at 5 per cent per month from a loan shark five years ago, is now homeless and penniless and faces a deficiency judgment of \$333.30.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, \$1 @82c; club, 79@80c; red Russian, 77@78c; Valley, 80@81c; 40-fold, 60@81c.

RUSSIA RELIES ON TREATY.

China Places Restrictions on Trade in Manchuria, Despite Agreement.

Victoria.—That Russia relies on an old treaty between America and China under which China cannot place restraint on foreign trade, in her ultimatum which is being followed by an armed demonstration in Ill and Mongolia, was the news brought by the steamer Montegale.

The Dallokaia Okraina, a Russian paper published at Vladivostok, says:

"There is no doubt a storm is approaching which will soon burst between Russia and China with disastrous results."

"According to the treaty concluded in 1841 between China and the United States of America, the former country cannot place any restraint on foreign commerce, including Russian trade, by means of either monopoly of other measure."

In virtue of the treaties concluded in 1858 and 1881 between Russia and China, the former could enjoy all the rights of the most-favored nation and Russian merchants could deal in goods of any origin in every populated district in Mongolia.

"For that reason long ago there were established many Russian firms dealing in tea in the Ill, Tarbagatay and Sitsilansk provinces. This trade was conducted by Russian merchants, and the Chinese officials secretly participated in the business, making great profits by their deals. Lately, however, they have been endeavoring to take this trade out of Russian hands."

"At the outset several attempts were made to place obstacles in the way of Russian trade, but last April a joint stock company was officially organized monopolizing all trade in tea in Tarbagatay and Ill, and Russia was effectually checked."

"Besides this, the Chinese authorities did not act fairly toward the Russians in the Altai province, the capital of which is Shara-Sume. The Amban, chief of the province, since 1905 has repeatedly refused to render any judgment when misunderstandings occurred between the Russian and Chinese and issued an order prohibiting Chinese to sell or to lease houses to Russians."

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DOINGS OF OREGON STATE LEGISLATURE

Approved by Governor.

S. B. 2, by Hawley—For registration of farm names. S. B. 15, by Kellaher—Authorizing the issuance of Broadway bridge bonds.

S. B. 16, by Lyster—Appropriating \$50,000 for Astoria Centennial.

S. B. 69, by Malaise—Appropriating money for the North Oregon River.

S. B. 102, by Albee—Distributing moneys. S. B. 141, by Dicker—To appoint trustees.

S. B. 152, by Lester—For testing track. S. B. 174, by Dimick—Pertaining to custody of state funds.

S. B. 215, by Collins—Relating to corporation. S. B. 251, by Selting—Relating to private.

S. B. 256, by Patton—Authorizing bridge across Snake River. S. B. 287, by McCulloch—To amend the parol.

H. B. 2, by Cole—Making October 12 Columbia day a public holiday. H. B. 12, by Abbott—Appropriating \$20,000 annually for topograph maps and investigations.

H. B. 23, by Egerton—Appropriating \$1000 for burial plot for deceased soldiers of Spanish War. H. B. 46, by Neuner—Protecting the water.

H. B. 57, by Buchanan—Appropriating \$12,899 to reimburse Oregon National Guard. H. B. 52, by Potts—Requiring that convicted.

H. B. 87, by Stevens—Limiting the age of persons employed as stationary engineers in logging camps. H. B. 99, by Buchanan—Allowing Grand Army of the Republic \$300 worth of

H. B. 113, by Bryant—Denoting "railroad" and other terms. H. B. 154, by Brown—Establishing an experiment station in Harney County.

H. B. 156, by Brown—Establishing a station for unclaimed funds of insane persons shall escheat to the state. H. B. 228, by Brown—Providing penalty for persons imposing on secret societies.

H. B. 236, by Brown—Granting rights of way across state lands. Filed by Governor.

S. B. 7, by Burgess—To regulate the sale of firecrackers. S. B. 19, by Markey—Relating to adoption of children.

S. B. 13, by Joseph—Fixing salary of Multnomah County Commissioners. S. B. 12, by Locke—Authorizing county.

S. B. 19, by Locke—To provide for registration and examination of graduate nurses. S. B. 26, by Oliver—To provide for manner of approving of official documents.

S. B. 28, by Dimick—Providing method for changing boundaries of corporations. H. B. 35, by Wood—Changing name of State Reform School to State Training School.

S. B. 47, by Oliver—To fix terms of court in Tenth Judicial District. H. B. 52, by Brown—To provide for protection of car repairs.

S. B. 55, by Von der Helten—To fix salaries of treating attorneys in First District. S. B. 55, by McCulloch—For time of holding court in First District.

S. B. 58, by Hawley—To appropriate money for building at O. A. C. S. B. 62, by Brown—Relating to fees of mining corporations.

S. B. 88, by Von der Helten—Prohibiting relating by Oregon. H. B. 96, by Stant—Legalizing divorce.

NAVARRO LURED INTO TRAP.

Gustavo Madero Explains Purpose of Movement on Juarez.

Washington.—That Orozco, the Mexican rebel general, never intended to attack Juarez, but simply made a faint in that direction, is the opinion of Gustavo Madero, brother of the rebel leader of that name. He said:

"Orozco's real purpose was to draw away from the vicinity of the state capital, Chihuahua, the entire federal force located there. To do this his only hope lay in menacing Juarez, to whose rescue he knew Navarro and Rabago would come rather than let the custom house fall into insurgent hands. You will notice that practically no obstacles were placed in the way of the rescuing expedition."

"Today Orozco is on his way southward stronger than ever. There he will control every communication between Navarro and the capital. It will now be impossible for Navarro or Rabago to get any more men unless some are permitted to come through United States territory."

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Salem, Feb. 19.—The house adjourned at 11:20 o'clock; the senate adjourned at 1:20 o'clock this morning.

To the total of appropriations as voted by the two branches of the legislature has been added an appropriation of \$340,000 by the eleventh annual enactment of the Marine state aid bill, with two minor appropriations bills reconsidered in the senate late this afternoon, makes the grand total of appropriations enacted by the twenty-sixth legislative assembly \$4,892,460.43, which is an increase over the appropriation of two years ago of \$1,897,924, an increase of more than 50 per cent.

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Salem, Ore., Feb. 18.—Representative Amme's bill fixing the liability of telegraph and telephone companies for delayed and incorrect messages which had a tumultuous course through the house, was killed in the dying hours of the senate tonight, being indefinitely postponed.

Representative Beals' two tax measures, proposing increased rates on gifts, inheritances and legacies, were defeated in the senate this afternoon. Norton expressed the opinion that all tax measures should be passed up to the special committee of the legislature on taxation, which will submit such amendments to the people as it may deem wise.

Standing at safe distance from the ladies looked in vain for other than verbal rebuff, Jay Bowerman and Dan Kellaher, representing the opposite poles of thought in the senate, flung the lie at each other in the senate late this afternoon and performed new stunts in picturesque style.

Yielding to sympathy, pleas and the influence of deft politics played by the Bowerman crowd, the senate this afternoon refused to put State Dairy and Food Commissioner Bailey's bill for a vote of 12 yeas and 16 nays, the senate rendered an inconclusive verdict against the removal bill, leaving Bailey still saddened on the state and two reports declaring him incompetent lying on the desk of Secretary of State.

Declaring that he was in the company of the investigating committee, which he signed.

Salem, Feb. 17.—Virtually giving the lie to the members of the Multnomah delegation in the senate, Abraham started a midnight session, the first of the day, when the bill giving to the governor power to appoint the commissioners of the port of Portland appeared for final passage.

Some of the members from outlying counties took occasion to attack the only local measure that has been introduced during the session of the legislature, the bill of the Multnomah county delegation have agreed.

The house and senate are deadlocked on the question of good roads legislation, and there is a serious question if any act will be passed before the two houses are finally enacted.

Word came to the house today from the senate that unless the house passed the state-aid bill, the senate would not consider further the state highway board as amended by the house and which is now on the table in the senate. This moved the friends of good roads in the house to get busy.

In which the members of the afternoon session they took from the table Mariner's bill appropriating \$680,000 of state funds to aid construction of permanent roads.

In committee of the whole the total of appropriation in this bill was again reduced to \$340,000 and the measure was then placed in final passage.

Eclipsing all past records for appropriations for a single day, both houses of the Oregon legislature, working like a machine today, ground out bills representing \$3,802,124.93, and up to a late hour were still passing on bills, many carrying appropriations.

Workmen Unite With Americans. Denver.—The Ancient Order of United Workmen of Colorado perfected a merger with a fraternal beneficiary society known as the American Union of Workmen in San Francisco and branches in Idaho, Oregon, Washington and California. The merger has been approved by the grand officers of both lodges and is now being submitted to a referendum vote for ratification.

Mountain Will Be Blown Up. Corona, Cal.—A mountain of rock at Porphyry, one mile from Corona, will be blasted on March 1 by the largest charge of dynamite ever fired in the west. Twenty-five tons of the explosive will be used. The blast is expected to release 300,000 yards of rock, enough to supply all needs of the rock company owning the quarry for a number of years. The cost of the charge will be \$5000.

\$145,000,000 in Estate. Vienna.—The Neue Freie Presse figures that the estate of Baron Albert von Rothschild, who died here recently is worth \$145,000,000.

DID BATTLE ALL DAY

Mexican Government Troops Fail to Dislodge Insurrectos in Hills

Soldiers Shivering in Cold and Rebels May Surrender Rather Than Freeze.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 20.—Fighting between the insurrecto forces and the federal troops is reported to the southeast of Casas Grande, Chihuahua, where the Morron colonias are located. The fighting is reported to have been in progress all day, although the number of dead and wounded cannot be ascertained, owing to the fact that the Mexican Northwest telegraph line is out of commission, having been cut by the insurrectos.

Four hundred federal troops, of the 20th Infantry, were sent out to dislodge the insurrectos, who are thought to be under the leadership of Colonel Blanco. Blanco is known to be in the vicinity of Casas Grande. As these are the only federal troops of any consequence in the state of Chihuahua, outside of Navarro's command, now operating east of Juarez, it is thought that Blanco intends to annihilate them before joining the main forces under the leadership of Madero, at Guadalupe.

Federal troops have been sent into the Ojo mountains near Cananea, to drive out the insurrectos who are thought to be operating there. The scouts returned to the mining camp with the reports that they saw a large body of these rebels in the Ojo mountains, and it is feared that they are planning an attack on Cananea while the federals are guarding the border. The cold in the mountains is extreme, and the rebels are expected to come in and surrender rather than perish in the snow storms which have been raging there for a week.

One unconfirmed report from Cananea states that insurrectos fired on the advance guard of the federals and were strongly entrenched in the mountain fastnesses, ready to repulse any effort to dislodge them. The guards in the streets and at the public buildings in Cananea are still maintained.

At Mexicali, General Leyva and Simon Berthold, his second in command, organized a police force here today and then admitted they were preparing to move on Ensenada. The start will be made tonight. They would leave when they departed they would have a guard fully capable of defending the town against any number of federals.

WIVES WILL BE IMPORTED. German Girls Sought for Big Band Country Bachelors.

Spokane, Wash.—The bachelors of the Big Bend county will have their choice of imported wives in a few weeks, when Eugene Beck, a farmer of the big wheat district, one of their members, returns from Luxembourg, Germany, where he has gone for a supply of eligible girls. Housewives for the foreign farmers in that part of the state are in demand, and Mr. Beck volunteered to return to the fatherland and bring back a party of flaxen-haired German girls. Mr. Beck told of his errand in the Soo-Spokane office Saturday, when he contracted for passage on the American liner, and paid for his ticket from a great roll of bills, the smallest of which was \$50. He has booked passage from New York for March 2 and will return in several weeks.

Exiled Nuns Coming Here. New York, Feb. 19.—Six nuns driven out of Portugal by the republican government which dethroned King Manuel arrived here today en route to Baker, Oregon. They are the Irish Dominican order and have been invited to Oregon by the bishop of that diocese to aid the Capuchin mission and to found a convent.

Mother Mary Catherine Roth, who is in charge of the party, told the nuns' escape to England, following the edict which expelled them from Portugal on but six hours' notice.

Jap Denies Christ Lived. Victoria, B. C., Feb. 15.—Mail advices received today from Japan report that Denjiro Kotoku, the leader of the anarchists, recently executed, left a book which has just been published in Tokyo, seeking to prove that Christ never lived and that much of the Bible is fiction. He devotes several chapters to discussion of alleged inconsistencies in the Gospels and holds that the best religious teachings did not originate in Christianity.

Ensenada Panic Stricken. San Diego.—Private telegrams received here from Ensenada state that Governor Vega, accompanied by four men, arrived there Sunday morning. The steamer San Diego, which arrived from Ensenada today, reports that panic continues in that city. Thirty refugees were brought here by the steamer. The captain has received orders to take the vessel back to Ensenada at once.

Three Nests Planned. Eureka, Cal.—Within a few days this city will enter the shipbuilding industry, when the Bendixen yards lay down the keel for one of three steam schooners of from 750,000 to 1,000,000 feet capacity of lumber. All will enter the lumber-carrying trade on the Coast. One is for the McCormick Company, one for the Freeman Line and one for the Hammond Lumber Company. The contract on each vessel calls for completion within six months of laying the keel.

Turkistan Is Objective. London.—A special dispatch from St. Petersburg says a rumor is current that a whole army corps of 35,000 is preparing to rec occupy Kujia, a district of Chinese Turkistan.

STEAMER OSKOSH LOST.

Turns Turtle Off Clatsop Beach—Engineer Alone Escapes.

Astoria, Feb. 14.—The gasoline schooner Oskosh, belonging to the Elmore fleet of coasting vessels, bound from Tillamook to the Umpqua river with a small cargo of flour, turned turtle about 10 o'clock Monday morning near the striped buoy, half a mile south of the end of the Columbia river jetty, and six of her crew, including the captain and two drowned, the engineer, George May, being the only survivor. She left Tillamook early Saturday morning, the fact of her being lightly laden no doubt contributing greatly to the disaster.

The lost are: Captain Thomas Lathman, one of the best known steamboat men in this section; William R. Deane, part owner of the vessel and engineer; Al Davis, cook; Gus Chiberg and Gus Ramazog, deckhands, all residents of Astoria.

About 11:20 a. m., as they were nearing the striped buoy off the end of the jetty, the vessel suddenly broached to. She went down by the bow, the stern and threw her crew and went completely over with a sudden plunge. Mr. May says that what happened afterward is like a dream. He managed to reach a beam in the floor of the engine room and got on top of it, and threw a life preserver around the mast held on for life.

The water was up to his armpits, but there was about two and a half feet of air space. For nearly six hours he hung on in this manner, with his ears and nose protruding from the awful pressure of the air as the hull rolled and tossed, and faintly with hunger and weariness, until the hull was thrown upon the beach a short distance south of the jetty.

The wreck was thrown well up on the beach and as the water receded he realized he was safe. He managed to break through a partition and got out on the beach, none the worse, physically, except for blue bruises and from hunger and weariness, for his awful experience. This was about 3:45 p. m. He then made his way to the jetty where he was met by George Flatman, one of the engineers, and taken on a handcar to the headquarters.

REYES PROPOSES PLAN. Diaz' Envoy to France Recommends Conscription for Mexico.

Paris.—General Bernardo Reyes has completed the first part of his military mission from President Diaz, of Mexico, and gave an outline today of his conclusions. He says he will do with the establishment of obligatory military service in Mexico.

The general said his ideal was a powerful army based on his suggestions and that the best possible grand homogeneous republic freed of revolution and anarchy.

General Reyes said he had no idea of returning home now, as his doing so might be interpreted as a desire on his part to resign his office by the present political chaos in Mexico.

He said he would recommend to Diaz obligatory military service for two years, with no possibility for the richer classes to hire substitutes, as has been the custom in Spain.

The greatest difficulty he had found was the refusal of the educated and more prosperous classes to mingle with the poorer.

MADERO SHAVES; ESCAPES. Insurrecto Leader Leaves Whiskers and Statement in El Paso.

El Paso, Tex.—While United States officers were searching this city for Francisco I. Madero with a warrant for his arrest, the self-styled "provisional president" of Mexico and leader of the insurrectos, was employing shears and a safety razor on his beard, skipped over into Mexico. The Madero charging him with organizing a revolution against a friendly nation on American soil, was not served.

Besides his whiskers, Madero left in the trunk a statement to the American public, which was signed by the insurgent junta. In it Madero expresses regret that his duty to his followers in the movement against Diaz does not permit him to remain and face the charges. These, he declares, are brought about by the Diaz administration. He thanks the American people for their interest in the revolution.

Job Spirit Rampant. Oklahoma City.—Job spirit is rampant in Swanton county as a result of the fight over the removal of the county seat from Mountain Park to Snyder. County Commissioners Bull and Thompson and County Clerk Bristow are prisoners in the Mountain Park jail charged with illegally removing the county records to Snyder. Additional guards were stationed around the Mountain Park jail today, as it is feared an attempt will be made by Snyder residents to release the prisoners.

Cost of Living Up to Women. Washington.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, head of the bureau of chemistry and pure food expert, who is about to be married after 45 years of bachelorhood, declares that the solution of the cost of living problem is up to the housewives. "American women should discharge their cooks and don kitchen aprons," said Dr. Wiley. "If they did they would reduce the waste about 25 per cent. Our people should consume less meat and more vegetables. Household wastes should be taken raw broken cereals and cook them at home."

Taft Meets Boy Scouts. Washington.—President Taft, who is honorary president of the Boy Scouts of America, gave evidence of his interest in the movement by receiving at the White House Wednesday afternoon the many leaders of the organization who are here in attendance on the first meeting of their national council. The boys, clad in regulation khaki suits, marched in procession from the New Willard hotel to the executive mansion.

Ammunition Blows Up. Managua, Nicaragua.—Three soldiers were killed, and it is estimated 7000 rifles and 10,000,000 cartridges were destroyed, as the result of an explosion in the ammunition barracks near the palace of the president. The organization who are here in attendance on the first meeting of their national council. The boys, clad in regulation khaki suits, marched in procession from the New Willard hotel to the executive mansion.