

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

A window glass trust is being formed. General Funston has been placed in command of the American forces in Cuba.

Seattle subscribed more than \$500,000 in one day for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific fair.

An Alabama mob shot two of its own members by mistake while searching for a negro.

Ex-Governor Magdon, of the Panama canal zone, is to be provisional governor of Cuba.

Forty four light houses were wrecked by the recent Gulf storm and four light keepers drowned.

President Palma was in tears when he departed from Havana with his family for their country home.

President Roosevelt says it will be his aim not to annex Cuba, but to restore the fallen republic.

Three of the largest packing houses in Chicago were convicted of selling short-weight lard and fined \$25 each.

Thieves have stolen many valuable treasures from the Vatican at Rome. Some of the plunder has been sold in England.

Four persons had bones broken and one girl was killed by street cars in San Francisco in one day, all in separate accidents.

Disarmament of Cubans is progressing rapidly.

Cuban Moderates accuse the Americans of forcing intervention.

Heavy rains are adding to the misery of the homeless people on the Gulf coast.

President Smith, of the Mormon church, has been arrested for polygamy.

The landing of American marines was welcomed as a great relief by the Cuban people.

Baron Rosen, Russian ambassador to the United States, had a narrow escape from injury in an automobile collision.

A hot wave has badly damaged the California grape crop. Thousands of tons of fine grapes are now fit for nothing but wine or raisins.

Cienfuegos was surrounded by 4,000 armed rebels when the American cruiser Des Moines arrived and landed a force which saved the city from pillage.

The body of Carey M. Snyder, who disappeared from Hillsboro last December, was found in the woods with a bullet hole through the skull, telling the story of a suicide.

The Japanese war department has asked the government for \$135,000,000 to be used for the building of a new navy, including the repairing of several captured Russian ships.

John D. Rockefeller is missing from his Forest Hill home.

The steamer Mongolia has started for San Francisco, leaking badly.

The Cuban situation adds many complications to Mr. Roosevelt's already strenuous job.

The Russian government is now taking final action towards the distribution of land to peasants.

Bernard Shaw says the new spelling reform is not much of a reform, consisting mostly of abbreviations.

The recent report of the killing of 26 United States soldiers by Cuban insurgents is declared absolutely untrue.

The total number of deaths from the recent Gulf storm is now placed at 125, and many points are yet to be heard from.

The report of Pension Commissioner Warner shows a decrease of \$12,470. There were 43,300 deaths of pensioners during the year.

Indications now are that at the coming session of congress the senate will throw many obstructions in the way of Roosevelt's policy towards Cuba.

General Thomas Hailey Harris, brigadier general in the Union army during the rebellion, is dead, aged 93 years. At Appomattox he is said to have silenced the last battery ever placed in action by General Lee.

Still another plot to assassinate the czar has been discovered.

A new outbreak of Jewbaiting has occurred at Odessa, Russia.

A sister of Mrs. Howard Gould has married a Chinese coolie in San Francisco.

Taft will not use troops in Cuba if he can possibly get along with marines and bluejackets.

All preparations are complete for the inquiry into the doings of the lumber trust at San Francisco.

The Hill lines are said to have sold vast deposits of iron ore to the United States Steel corporation.

The Navy department has issued orders to prepare the receiving ship Hancock for use as a transport.

PLATT IN HOT WATER.

Fearing Divorce Suit Gives His Wealth to His Sons.

New York, Oct. 3.—Fearing a suit for divorce and in order to prevent his wife from obtaining a large settlement, Senator Thomas C. Platt, in the last few months, it is declared, has given away nearly all his fortune, so that his financial resources are no greater than those of a man of moderate means.

From authoritative quarters the further statement comes that Mrs. Platt has been acquainted with her husband's procedure for some time and is striving to ward off the possible loss of a financial adjustment in her favor. At Tlaga Lodge, the Platt villa at Highland Mills, the former Mrs. Janeway said she was the victim of a conspiracy and one of the most abused women of the times.

The announcement that logs will be higher on the Sound after the first of the month does not concern local sawmill men. They say that prices are already higher on the Columbia river than on the Sound.

The price of logs on the Columbia river has advanced remarkably during the season. In the spring logs of the best class could be had for \$7 and \$8. Now these same logs cost \$11 and \$12 per 1,000.

The remarkable demand for lumber is responsible for the increase, together with the somewhat restricted supply. With every mill cutting to its fullest capacity, logs are bound to advance.

Some say the situation is such that loggers could get what they might choose to ask for their product, on account of the small amount of sawmill timber available, but it is given out by millmen that if the prices are raised any more the mills will close down, as prices are already up to the limit.

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CABINET CHANGES.

Attorney General Moody and Secretary Shaw Will Resign.

Washington, Oct. 3.—Two retirements from the President's Cabinet are slated for the coming winter. They are those of Attorney-General Moody, whose resignation will become effective about December 1, and Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, who, according to present intentions, will retire in February.

Mr. Roosevelt has sought to prevail on Mr. Moody to remain in the Cabinet, but the latter, because of business arrangements, has found it impossible to do so.

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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

PRICE WILL NOT ADVANCE HELPS FOR DEBATING SOCIETIES.

Oregon Millmen Not Worrying Over Price of Logs on Sound.

Portland—Despite the shortage in the log supply for the Columbia river mills and the exhaustion of the surplus that is stored each summer for the winter's run, Portland millmen are not apprehensive of a raise in the price of logs.

Each library contains a few of the best books and pamphlets on the subject, and usually the brief from "Briefs for debate" or "Briefs on public question." Periodical articles, to supplement the library, may be rented from the H. W. Wilson Co. of Minneapolis for a few cents.

Application should be made soon as there is but one library on each subject, and loans will be made in order of applications.

Societies planning for several debates should file request at one time for all libraries wanted during the year, stating date of debate on each topic.

Libraries on the following subjects are now ready and more will be supplied soon: Industrial arbitration, Chinese exclusion, immigration, tariff, trusts, eight-hour day, child labor, capital punishment, open shop, spelling reform, trades unions, popular election of United States senators, nominating systems, proportional representation, railroads, roads, taxation, insurance, forestry, irrigation and prisons.

Heppner—in order to facilitate the ascent of the fishway at the falls in this city by salmon in their efforts to reach the Upper Willamette, the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company is placing heavy timbers on the top of its concrete weir.

At a meeting of the business men it was decided to guarantee a free right-of-way to E. E. Lytle, of the Pacific Railway & Navigation Company, with terminal grounds, from Tillamook City to the Nehalem river, and from the Nehalem to the county line in Washington county.

It is expected that the free right-of-way will cost the citizens between \$20,000 and \$30,000, and the business men and farmers have thus far liberally subscribed towards it, although it is somewhat of a large amount of money for so small a community to raise.

Some little disappointment was felt here that the effort to get through in getting some financial help from the Portland business men, in the building of Mr. Lytle's road will be of great benefit to Portland commercially.

Salem—There are 379 mills in the State of Oregon, according to statistical data collated by Labor Commissioner Hoff, to be embodied in his forthcoming report, including saw mills, combined saw and planing mills, combined saw and shingle mills, 7 shingle mills and 37 planing mills, which cover 90 per cent of the industries of the state.

The total annual output of these mills, as reported, embraces 1,097,460, 300 feet of lumber and 37,030,000 shingles. The reported value of the planing mills aggregates \$369,500; and that of the 300 mills remaining \$6,264,200. The total number of men employed by 313 mills reporting is 11,790, and women, 311. The total amount of wages paid for labor in 313 of these mills in 1905 was \$6,648,093.90, and 96 mills report an increase of 12 per cent in wages over 1904; none reports a decrease.

Myrtle Point—The new Farmers' Telephone line from Norway, a point about four miles from here, to Myrtle Point is nearing completion. This is one of a large number of farmers' lines centering at Myrtle Point. The farmers' lines have induced the Pacific States Telephone Company to give free rates over its line, through the Coquille Valley, and also to reduce rates for the rental of telephones.

Astoria—The rainfall at Astoria in September was the heaviest during any corresponding month since the records have been kept here. The precipitation was 3.66 inches. The nearest approach to this was during September, 1905, when 7.38 inches of rain fell.

DROWNED AT HIS POST.

Keeper of Lighthouse on Gulf Declines to Take Refuge on Tug.

Mobile, Ala., Oct. 2.—The number of casualties in the great storm of last Wednesday is slowly increasing, as messages arrive from places which have heretofore been inaccessible. The total last night of the known dead was 75. This number was brought up to a certainty of 79, and a possibility of 102, by the reports which reached Mobile during the night and early today.

Four bodies not before counted have been found at Coden, and it is estimated that 23 lives have been lost from the oyster fleet around Cedar Point. This last estimate is not known to be accurate, and is probably somewhat exaggerated, for the reason that it includes among the dead every man aboard a fishing boat who has not been heard of since the storm.

It is known that some of the boats on which these men were have been driven ashore, and it is entirely possible that some of the crews managed to reach the shore. It does not seem likely at present that the death roll will amount in this vicinity to more than 125.

Mobile itself is rapidly emerging from the confusion caused by the storm. Large gangs were kept working all of Sunday in clearing the streets of debris, three of the street car lines have commenced to run, for the first time since Wednesday, the confusion at the docks is rapidly being repaired and business will be at normal action as soon as the railroads are able to run trains.

The keeper of the Horn Island lighthouse, just outside of Scranton, lost his life. The captain of a tug which came near the house at the commencement of the storm urged him to leave, but he refused to abandon his post, and in a short time was drowned. The entire end of the island on which the lighthouse was situated is said to have been carried away by the waves.

Five out of eight vessels at Ship Island at the time of the storm were beached and two will be total wrecks. Several vessels, the names of which are unknown, are ashore off Horn Island and the small islands marking the passage between Dauphin Island and the mainland have been destroyed. The beacon lights on this part of the coast are not greatly damaged.

The schooner Alice Graham, of Mobile, is known to have been lost, with her crew of six men. This boat has been pursued by an evil fate, and, besides having various mishaps from time to time, was wrecked in the great storm of 1893, when several people were lost from her.

Four bodies have been picked up in the water near Dauphin Island and have been buried there. Two were evidently sailors and two were boys. The people on Dauphin Island suffered great hardships during the storm, and for 24 hours were in great danger. The soldiers of Fort Gaines made a dangerous trip of two miles to the residences on the island, offering to give everybody shelter within the fort, but the offer was in all cases refused, the people preferring to remain in their own houses.

Vancouver Troops for Cuba. Vancouver Barracks, Wash., Oct. 1.—To assist in protecting life and property and in preserving peace in Cuba—the "Pearl of the Antilles"—is the peaceful, rather than war like, mission which will start the Seventeenth and Eighteenth mountain batteries now stationed here across the continent to Newport News at an early hour today and which later will lead them to the scene of the present West Indian imbroglio. It will be the first time that these troops, equipped better than the foot or mounted soldiery of any other post in America to wage warfare among the mountain passes and inaccessible highlands of Cuba, have been away from the Columbia River garrison since their return from the Philippines nearly two years ago, save for their short trip to San Francisco to do patrol duty following the earthquake.

Great Tract Was Flooded. New Orleans, Oct. 2.—Reports that probably a dozen lives were lost and that hundreds of square miles of land were under 18 inches to four feet of water during the hurricane on the Mississippi river delta were brought here today. The inundated tract is mostly inhabited by fishermen and oystermen. Messages which left these villages last night said that up to that time several persons were still missing. The loss to the United States Marine Hospital quarantine station on Ship Island is about \$60,000.

Six Added to Death List. New Orleans, Oct. 2.—Six more deaths were added to the list of drowned in the Mississippi Sound region today. Captain Culver, his wife and four boatmen, who were on an island in Grand Bay on the Mississippi-Alabama state line when the hurricane began, have been given up for lost. Everything on the islands was washed into the bay, leaving the place almost barren.

Another Storm is Coming. Washington, Oct. 2.—The Weather Bureau tonight announced that another "tropical disturbance" is reported as approaching the Yucatan Channel from the east, but that there was no information available as to the intensity of the storm.

TAFT WINS CUBANS

Believe He has Come to Uplift Fallen Republic.

SPEAKS AT HAVANA UNIVERSITY

Refuses to Evict Poor From Barracks to Make Room for Soldiers—Amnesty for Prisoners.

Havana, Oct. 2.—Governor Taft's acts today have gone far to win him a warm place in the hearts of the people whose destinies have been placed in his hands. Presiding this morning at the opening exercises of the University of Havana, he declared his mission here was solely for the purpose of uplifting the fallen Republic and restoring it to the path of prosperity, an announcement which was received with demonstrations of delight by an audience representative of the highest society in Havana.

Following this it became known that Mr. Taft and Assistant Secretary of State Bacon had cabled for their wives to join them here, a step which cannot but be most agreeable to the Cuban people and which will strongly cement the bonds of affection between them and the American provisional administration.

Still another act of Mr. Taft is warmly commended as illustrative of his thoughtful consideration of the humbler classes. Learning that many poor families occupying the temporarily disused barracks at Camp Columbia were about to be summarily evicted by order of the Cuban authorities in preparation for the occupation of the quarters by the brigade of marines, Mr. Taft went to Camp Columbia in an automobile, explained that he had not been aware of the conditions and rescinded the order. He left the camp amid cheers and warm expressions of gratitude from the people. The news of this act of humanity spread rapidly and received the highest praise.

Much of the Governor's time today was occupied in receiving officials of the various departments and judges of the courts. With the members of the Supreme Court he held a long conference concerning the drafting of a proclamation of general amnesty. This decree is of the most importance, in view of the fact that at many points on the island, notably Cienfuegos, many persons are in jail awaiting the disposition of political charges.

Bible Not the Word of God. Detroit, Oct. 2.—Bishop Charles Williams, of the Episcopal diocese of Michigan, in an address to Y. M. C. A. members here on "The Bible and the Word of God," declared that the Bible was not the word of God and that the teachings of the contrary are the most prolific sources of unbelief the church has to contend with. The Bishop declared: "Nowhere does the Bible declare itself the word of God. Yet we are told we must take it in its entirety. It is a venerable book and visitors are requested not to touch it, as it is the direct word of God, there is no other."

"Take the young man just out of college. He reads Genesis and finds impossible geology, astronomy and ethnology. His teacher, when questioned says: 'Manipulate it until it fits your sciences.' If too honest to handle the word of God craftily, the young man gives up the Bible. He refuses to stultify his reason."

"The Bible needs no defense; all it needs is a square deal. There are those who read it devoutly and diligently, but I never say the Bible is the word of God. I say the Bible and the word of God. To those who accept the entire book as the literal word of God I point out that it is nowhere so stated. Christ tore asunder the Old Testament precepts, the law of Moses, and furnished new ones. Where the Old Testament directed men to hate their enemies the teachings of Christ were to love your enemies."

Another Typhoon at Hongkong. London, Oct. 2.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Hongkong, dated September 29, says:

"The observatory signals gave warning of an approaching typhoon Friday afternoon, and by midnight a terrific storm was raging. The violent gale was accompanied by a phenomenal rainfall and was still blowing Saturday afternoon. The devastation by the typhoon of the 18th has been completed. The entire water front is again heaped with wreckage."

Afraid of Thermometer. Constantinople, Oct. 2.—A report that the Sultan is so ill that he has only six months to live is untrue. His ailment does not threaten any immediate serious results. The only danger consists in Abdul Hamid's objection to ordinary medical precautions. Under no consideration will he have his temperature taken, as he is afraid of having a thermometer put in his mouth or under his arm lest the instrument explode.

Kansas to Oust Standard. Topeka, Kan., Oct. 2.—Suits were instituted in the Supreme Court today by Attorney-General Coleman under the state anti-trust act to oust the Standard Oil Company and the International Harvester Company.