

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

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

Germany is equipping a complete balloon corps for her regular army.

The French minister of war was insulted and then assaulted by an insane workman.

Steamers of rival companies are racing from Seattle to Alaska to get \$25,000 worth of business.

Sacramento is being completely covered with electric lights and displays for the irrigation congress.

A member of the New York Black Hand society has given the police all the details of his initiation.

One of the Korean delegates to The Hague has been sentenced to death and the other two to life imprisonment.

It is reported that there will be strong opposition in congress to the sending of a fleet of warships to the Pacific.

A United States marshal recently returned from Alaska says rich pay dirt is being found on the third beach at a depth of from 60 to 100 feet.

Boilermakers on the Southern Pacific lines are on strike.

Negroes in Cuba have organized an independent party for their own benefit.

Ten jurors have now been secured in the Halsey bribery case at San Francisco.

Several persons were killed and much property destroyed by tornadoes in Iowa and Minnesota.

Bears driven from cover by forest fires terrorized the town of Standish, Michigan, for several hours.

Peary starts for the North pole and his wife and children take up their residence on Eagle island, off the coast of Maine, to await his return.

Emil J. Zimmer, of the Pacific States Telephone company, pleads not guilty to the charge of contempt of court in refusing to testify against Louis Glass.

A temporary injunction has been granted by the Federal court restraining the labor unions from boycotting the telephone company in Helena, Montana, where a strike is on.

Four anarchists were wounded by the accidental explosion of a bomb at Lisbon.

Ambassador Rosen, from Russia, reveals in American humor and reads every funny paper he can get.

Eleven Chinese who had just been smuggled across the Rio Grande river were captured at El Paso, Texas.

A Salvador warship fully armed and provisioned has sailed from San Francisco and another will soon follow.

Many employes on the Panama canal are getting married, because the government provides separate homes for married men.

A Chinese laundryman of Pottsville, Pa., has legally adopted a white boy, with the consent of the boy's mother and grandmother.

Turkish troops are devastating Persian villages and killing and enslaving the inhabitants. Twelve girls were carried away from one village.

The United States ambassador to Austria, Charles S. Francis, and Ernest Hamlin Abbott, of New York, were entertained at luncheon by President Roosevelt.

The American Tobacco company has declared on its common stock the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent and an extra dividend of 7 1/2 per cent, against 2 1/2 regular and 5 per cent extra at the last previous declaration. The dividend is payable September 2.

Hall Caine is believed to be the richest novelist in the world.

An explosion of a firelamp in a Prussian mine killed 18 men and injured 11 others.

Pacific Coast lumbermen will fight the proposed advance in lumber rates on Mississippi valley points.

One hundred unruly members of the Belfast, Ireland, police force have been exiled and 150 more will follow.

A German princess who systematically stole silver plate from European hotels has been exonerated on the ground of insanity.

Five hundred brakemen and a number of conductors on the Colorado Southern railroad have struck for an increase of 2 cents an hour.

Three-fifths of the output of the great DeBeers diamond mines in South Africa is taken by American dealers and prices are steadily rising.

Rots, the fighting leader of the Palaujanes in the island of Leyte, has been sentenced to death. One companion was sentenced to imprisonment for life and four others were given 35 years. The trial of Faustino Abien, the chief of the Palaujanes, will take place this week.

Nationalists have a safe majority in the newly-elected Philippine assembly.

Haywood was given a great reception at Salt Lake.

BLACK HAND REIGNS.

Pennsylvania Citizens Are in Constant Dread of Assassination.

Pittsburg, Aug. 13.—The whole mill district of Western Pennsylvania has been roused to action by the outrages charged to the murderous Black Hand Society. The streets of New Castle and Hillsville are being patrolled by Troop D of the State Constabulary. More than 40 suspects, including four known leaders, are in jail at New Castle. The State Constabulary was ordered out by Governor Edwin Stuart on petition of citizens, who are afraid to leave their homes, fearing attack.

Evidence is being secured by Pinkerton detectives employed by the United States Steel Company. The detectives are working among the Italians and as fast as evidence is secured suspects are rounded up by the state troops. The police of Allegheny City today made the most important captures during the crusade against the Black Hand, in which the officials of New York, Philadelphia, Rochester and other cities are co-operating.

Glattana Racco is in jail, accused of slaying the throat of Mrs. Mary B. Bazusko at her home, when she refused to give up money demanded by him and another Italian, for whom the police are looking. The woman has positively identified Racco as the man who slashed her throat with a razor, while his accomplice held a cap over her face.

Racco was identified as one of the assassins of Dominio Marattio, a wealthy Italian lured from home at night and shot to death, after receiving Black Hand letters that threatened death unless he gave up \$5,000. Racco was identified by Samuel McKee, who witnessed the murder from his home. Racco lived in New York, from where the threatening letters came to Marattio. The police believe he was sent here as the agent of the society to assassinate the wealthy Italian.

Michaelo Govinote, a wealthy owner of fruit stands in Pittsburg and Allegheny markets, has appealed to the police for protection. During the last week he has received letters from New York, London, Philadelphia and Rochester, demanding \$5,000, under threats of death. All were written in red ink and signed "Maghifco." He is living in constant fear of assassination.

ROADS NOT TO BLAME.

Harriman Talks About the Threatened Coal Shortage.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 13.—E. H. Harriman and his two sons attended church at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral here Sunday during a break in the Westward vacation trip which the railroad magnate is making in his special train. The Harriman party was accompanied from Chicago to Omaha by President Harahan, of the Illinois Central.

Mr. Harriman gave out a long interview Sunday afternoon. Many of his statements had, however, been made before. He declined to comment upon recent court actions against corporations.

In answer to questions, Mr. Harriman said: "I think we shall have a coal shortage this winter, due to the general increase in the consumption of coal by reason of the great expansion of all lines of industries all over the country, and also to the fact that some mines are not able to turn out as much as they might because of a lack of labor, and then there is the shortage of freight cars to be reckoned with. And to this coal shortage I want to say a word in reply to the general charge that the railroads are wholly to blame for car shortage. The charge is unjust in many respects. Numerous causes conspire to bring about a shortage or congestion in cars where the people know nothing, and they are causes for which the railroads are not responsible and cannot avoid."

A. P. Strike Not General.

Chicago, Aug. 13.—The Associated Press operators in Chicago, New York and other leased wire points in the West and South struck at 7:30 last night. The operators in Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Detroit and Cleveland remained at their posts. The strike was against the wishes of General Secretary Russell, of the Telegraphers' Union, who, with a majority of the operators desired 24 hours as Mr. Stone had expressed his willingness to endeavor to arrive at an understanding.

Foolish Girl Awakens.

New York, Aug. 13.—According to reports that have reached Hempstead, the awakening has speedily come to Miss Floretta Whaley, the 17-year-old girl who eloped on April 29 with her guardian, the Rev. J. Knobe Cooke, then rector of St. George Episcopal Church at Hempstead. Miss Whaley it is reported, has been deserted by the unfortunated minister and is reported to be in a sanitarium in Canada, a nervous wreck.

Gompers Will Take a Hand.

Detroit, Aug. 12.—President Samuel Gompers spoke at the Epworth League Chautauqua at Coffey this afternoon and hurried to Des Moines and took the train for Chicago. He declined to discuss the telegraphers' strike except that he would be in Chicago several days.

Southern Pacific Will "Compete"

El Reno, Tex., Aug. 13.—The Southern Pacific has delivered an ultimatum to the Phelps-Dodge Interests that if its proposition to buy the Nacozari road from Nacozari to Douglas, Ariz., is not accepted by September 1 the Southern Pacific will construct a parallel line.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

GOOD PAY FOR HOP PICKERS.

Largest Growers in State Will Pay \$1.10 Per Hundred.

Portland—Fifty-five cents a box is the price that will be paid for picking hops in the Willamette valley this fall. Krebs Bros., the largest growers in the state, announce that they will pay \$1.10 per hundred for picking on their yards at Independence and Brooks. Other growers have not announced any fixed price, but as the competition for pickers is always strong, it is more than probable that this price will have to be met in all the hop-growing sections.

"We have decided to pay \$1.10 per hundred for picking our crop of hops," said Conrad Krebs. "We feel, notwithstanding the prospects of a low market, that the pickers are entitled to a fair remuneration for their services. High wages are being paid for all kinds of labor, consequently the price paid for picking should be in proportion. Furthermore, the hoppers have nothing to do with the market. They did not receive any more on a 30-cent market when the growers were piling up a fortune, therefore they are entitled to good pay now regardless of the market."

"The crop of the state looks as well as could be expected. There is not much foliage, which will make it very profitable for pickers. We have never had a finer crop than this year in our own yards."

BUTTER PRICES SOARING

Now 80 Cents a Roll, and Will Reach \$1 by End of Year.

Portland—Butter is going to be an expensive luxury in the Portland market in the coming fall and winter. A dollar a roll or more will be before long the price charged at the retail stores. The price is now 80 cents, and during the remainder of the year the advance is certain to be steady.

Butter prices are rising all over the country. The consumption, taken as a whole, exceeds the production, and for this reason but little surplus butter has been put into cold storage during the flush season in the big butter centers of the United States. The current make, until next spring, will have to satisfy all requirements, and as the production naturally lessens at this time of year, the natural result is a rise in prices.

Two weeks ago the Portland market was raised 2 1/2 cents, to 32 1/2 cents a pound at wholesale. The officials of the Hazelwood Cream company, at its last meeting, decided on another 2 1/2-cent advance. As all the city creamery companies are running shorter than last month, the new price will probably be general immediately. Last year at this time the highest wholesale price of butter in Portland was 32 cents, and the 35-cent mark was not reached until December 6. Two years ago at this time butter was worth 30 cents, and the highest price in that year was 32 1/2 cents wholesale.

Test New Prison Dogs.

Salem—The youngest two of the trio of thoroughbred bloodhounds recently added to the state penitentiary equipment were given a practical test by Warden Curtis, and they worked fully up to the guarantee and the expectations of the prison officials.

Two trusty convicts were turned out, one at a time, and each resorted to all the tricks known and practiced by fugitives to evade man-hunting dogs, such as back-tracking, wading through streams, climbing trees, and such was given an hour start, but the dogs, which were lashed together, followed the scent unflinchingly and treed both men in short order.

County Court Aids Fair.

Oregon City—Permanent organization of the Clackamas County Fair association is now complete and the promoters of the scheme for an annual county fair are encouraged by the action of the county court, which has offered to appropriate \$450 as soon as organization is complete. The legislature of 1905 authorized county courts to expend \$500 annually for advertising the county, and it is this fund that the fair association will utilize. The fair will be held this year October 9, 10 and 11, on the Chautauqua grounds, in Gladstone Park.

New Portland-Frisco Train.

San Francisco—General Manager E. E. Calvin issued orders today to put express train service on all lines out of San Francisco and within a week this will be installed to Portland, to El Paso and to Los Angeles. There is a train already in operation between here and Ogden that has brought such good results that the general manager has decided that the service be extended. It is expected the train will carry only express and mail, but may take some baggage.

Hops Bring Good Price

Oregon City—Fifteen cents is the ruling contract price for hops and three contracts have been filed in the office of County Recorder C. E. Ramsby. The contractor is Ed. C. Heron and he gets from H. A. and Samuel W. Wolfert, of Needy, 49 bales from a 10-acre tract; B. Merz, of Macksburg, 5,000 pounds from a seven-acre tract.

McArthur is Reappointed.

Olympia—Announcement is made at the executive office of the reappointment of J. W. McArthur, of Spokane, as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, to take effect November 1.

FIRE BENEFITS CITY.

Eugene to Have Better Buildings and Cement Walks.

Eugene—Aside from the loss of stock and furniture suffered in the fire of August 6, the general result has been and will be very beneficial to the property holders along Willamette street, and to the city. The council has definitely decided to extend the fire limits and it is likely that all future buildings put up on North Willamette street will be of brick or stone.

James Sanford, who lost about half the buildings destroyed by the recent fire, will erect a modern brick on his property, the work to commence this fall. A brick building will be put up on the Betman property and the balance of the block is too valuable to be allowed to lie idle.

Cement sidewalks are being put in along Willamette street, with one or two exceptions, as far as the depot, and every foot of sidewalk in the front of the fire line has been taken up to give pace to cement walks. The council will likely order all the board walks supplanted by cement.

County Aids Fair Project

Pendleton—The County court has instructed the clerk to draw a warrant in favor of the Umatilla-Morrow District fair in the sum of \$1,000, this being the amount the Fair board requested the county to give. The fair is to be held in this city this year, during the last week in September, and it is expected that it will greatly surpass the one held last year, which was the first since the district was created, and which was a success from every standpoint. The pavilion is being improved and the number of stalls and stables for the stock exhibits is to be nearly doubled.

Hops Early in Dallas

Dallas—Hops in the Dallas district promise an early crop. Vermin has appeared in nearly all of the yards, but are being held in check by the hot weather and vigorous spraying. Prospects of low prices early in the season caused many of the growers to cultivate lightly in order to save expense, and as a consequence the crop will be light. No trouble is anticipated in securing pickers for the yards in this district as many have signified their intentions of picking.

See Their First Autos.

McKenzie Bridge—This place had its first experience with automobiles the other night when two motor cars arrived on their way to Belknap Springs. The trip was made from Eugene in less than eight hours with no accidents.

Fish Traps Removed.

Astoria—The fish traps at Point Ellice, which were condemned recently by the War department as being a menace to navigation, have been removed by the owners in accordance with the orders of the United States engineers.

State's Forestry Apportionment.

Astoria—Senator Fulton has received a letter from Associate Forester Price stating that the amount which Oregon will receive from the forestry service for the fiscal year 1907 will approximate \$15,980.89.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 80c; bluestem, 82c; valley, 80c; red, 78c.
Oats—No. 1 white, 25c; gray, nominal.
Barley—Feed, \$21.50@22 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$23.50@24.50.
Corn—Whole, 28c; cracked, 29c per ton.
Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@23; clover, \$9; cheat, \$9@10; grain hay, \$9@10; alfalfa, \$13@14.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 27 1/2@30c per pound.
Poultry—Average old hens, 12 1/2@13c per pound; mixed chickens, 12 1/2@13c; spring chickens, 15@16c; old roosters, 8@9c; dressed chickens, 16@17c; turkeys, live, 12@15c; turkeys, dressed, choice, nominal; geese, live, 8@11c; ducks, 8@14c.
Eggs—French ranch, candled, 22@23c per dozen.
Fruits—Cherries, 8@12 1/2c a pound; apples, \$1.50@2.25 per box; Spitsenbergs, \$3.50 per box; cantaloupes, \$2.50@3.50 per crate; peaches, 60c@1.25 per crate; raspberries, \$1.25@1.50 per crate; blackberries, 5@7c per pound; loganberries, \$1 per crate; apricots, \$1.50@2 per crate.
Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.75 per sack; carrots, \$2 per sack; beets, \$2 per sack; asparagus, 10c per pound; beans, 3@5c per pound; cabbage, 2 1/2c per pound; celery, \$1.25 per dozen; corn, 25@35c per dozen; cucumbers, 50c@1 per box; lettuce, head, 25c per dozen; onions, 15@20c per dozen; peas, 4@5c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; tomatoes, \$1@1.25 per crate.
Potatoes—New, 1 1/2@2c per pound.
Veal—Dressed, 5 1/2@8 1/2c per pound.
Beef—Dressed bulls, 3 1/2@4c per pound; cows, 6@6 1/2c; country steers, 6 1/2@7c.
Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 8@9c per pound; ordinary, 5@7c; spring lambs, 9@9 1/2c per pound.
Pork—Dressed, 6@8 1/2c per pound; Mops—6@7 1/2c per pound, according to quality.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 16@22c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20@22c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 29@30c a pound.

STRIKE MAY SPREAD.

If Operators' Demands Are Refused General Strike Will Follow

Chicago, Aug. 11.—The strike of the union commercial telegraph operators will be universal throughout the United States and Canada within 24 hours, according to National Secretary Russell, of the telegraphers' organization. This statement was made by Mr. Russell after he had been informed of the action taken by the men in New York, who, at a meeting there today, decided to hold a walkout in abeyance until the latter part of the week.

"This strike movement," said Mr. Russell, "has come to a point where there can be no backing down. The telegraphers have been trodden on long enough by the companies, and now that we have the opportunity to enforce our demands. For several weeks President Small and myself have been holding the telegraphers back, and have been advising conciliation; but they have taken matters in their own hands and we are going to stand by them. No union man will be allowed to work with anyone not belonging to our organization, and this means that tomorrow morning, when the business of the week begins, the strike will become universal. We cannot go half way in this matter now. The strike has been precipitated by the men themselves, without the sanction of the national officers, but we are now working in unison and anything that the officials of the various unions throughout the country have done in calling strikes meets with our hearty cooperation."

This announcement was made by Mr. Russell at a mass meeting of the striking telegraphers held in Brand's hall Sunday afternoon. The hall seated 1,500 persons, and so great was the demand for accommodations that several hundred of the striking operators were unable to gain admittance to the building and remained on the streets in the vicinity until some of the early arrivals had left the hall.

The Order of Railway Telegraphers was represented at the meeting by National Secretary Quick. Mr. Quick informed the strikers that his organization was at their disposal, both morally and financially. "We have \$1,000,000 in our own treasury," said he, "and it is at your disposal. Your fight is ours, and we will stand with you until the end."

Before the mass meeting the 320 union telegraphers employed by companies using leased wires was held. At this gathering brokers, news agencies and commercial organizations, including the big packing-houses, were represented. A resolution was adopted declaring that this class of labor was underpaid and that the various firms were asked to sign a wage schedule and also to employ none but union telegraphers. It was decided to let the private-wire men prepare and present their own schedules to their employers. The broker-men will present their schedule at 10 o'clock Monday morning. The broker-men will ask for a minimum of \$30 a week.

The men employed by the press associations presented their request at 7:30 o'clock Sunday night, and the employers will be given 24 hours to comply with it. The schedule presented calls for \$35 a week for six nights' work, and 70 cents an hour overtime, eight hours to constitute a day's work, with half an hour for lunch. The operators employed by the news companies and newspapers in the day time will ask for \$30 a week and 60 cents an hour overtime, eight hours to constitute a day's work, and the regular lunch. These requests were presented to every news-gathering organization in the United States and Canada Sunday evening, and 24 hours will be allowed for an answer. If at the end of the time the demands have not met with a favorable response, the men will report to the union officials, and they say a strike will be ordered.

In regard to the newspaper end of the controversy Secretary Russell issued the following statement: "To all publishers, United States and Canada: The Commercial Telegraphers' Union does not desire in any way whatever to hamper the newspapers of the country. We are fighting for our rights, however, and believing that the telegraph operators employed in this service are underpaid, we have authorized our men to present a schedule to their employers asking for what we consider reasonable recompense for their labors. If these demands are not met by the various news gathering organizations within a specified time the men will be ordered to quit work."

Miss Roosevelt's Name.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—The name of President Roosevelt was greeted with jeers and hisses and the aims of the Western Federation of Miners cheered to the echo at the reception tendered William D. Haywood, the central figure in the recent Boise trial by the Moyer-Haywood defense committee at Luna Park today. Self-styled "undesirable citizens" cried for Haywood, Pettibone and Moyer and hooted and hissed the names of Roosevelt, Governor Henry A. Buchtel and the Colorado state officials and mineowners.

Walls of Jericho Are Found.

Berlin, Aug. 12.—The walls of Jericho, famous in the Old Testament, have been discovered by Professor Sellin, who has been excavating on the site of the ancient Canaanite city with more than a hundred laborers. The professor reports to the Vienna Academy of Science on his interesting finds. The city wall, he writes, is built of burnt lime bricks. It rises from a stone foundation, and is for the most part ten feet thick.

Bathing Season in New York.

New York, Aug. 12.—Eleven drownings were reported in the immediate vicinity of New York yesterday.

OPERATORS ALL OUT

Telegraph Systems of Country Almost Paralyzed.

HAS BEEN NO GENERAL ORDER

Strike Is Optional With Local Unions, but Sactioned by National Officers When Called.

Portland, Aug. 13.—The telegraphers' strike is now general throughout the country. Following is a general summary of the situation today:

Commercial operators—Strike has extended with great rapidity throughout the United States and telegraph business is everywhere paralyzed or badly crippled. Both Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies appear to be equally affected.

Press Operators—At 7:30 p. m., New York time, Associated Press operators left their keys over the entire system, refusing to give General Manager Stone time to refer to the board of directors of the Associated Press their demand for higher wages and limitation of hours.

Railway Telegraphers—L. W. Quick, grand secretary and treasurer of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, issues order directing railroad telegraphers not to handle commercial messages.

Practically the entire telegraphic business of the country is tied up as the result of the strike inaugurated in most of the large cities by the operators of the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Postal Telegraph Company, and one or two other telegraph companies of minor importance.

The strike now involves practically the commercial telegraphers, but also the operators of the Associated Press in all the large cities of the country, save a few in New England and the Middle West. The strike of the Associated Press men came at the end of a day of negotiations between General Manager Melville E. Stone and officials of the telegraphers' union in New York. Owing to the radical demands of the operators, General Manager Stone asked for 24 hours in which to advise with the members of the Board of Directors of the association.

This request apparently was acceptable to General Secretary Russell, of the Telegraphers' Union, and to a large number of Associated Press operators who realized its reasonableness, but a number of radicals on the Texas circuit would not consent to a postponement of action on the part of the Associated Press and quit their keys. This action was followed largely throughout the country.

A serious phase of the strike developed yesterday afternoon and during the night when it was discovered that railroad telegraphers in many places were tampering with the wires at relay points. By withdrawing "plugs" from the switchboards and grounding the wires communication on a number of circuits was interrupted and in some instances entirely shut off.

From the developments of yesterday and last night it seems certain that the Order of Railway Telegraphers will support the commercial telegraphers in their strike, and it is not improbable that the railway telegraphers' organization will become more deeply involved in the strike should it be of lengthy duration.

While the strike at this time has the appearance and to some extent the effect of a general strike, such is not the case. A large number of commercial operators are still at their keys and will not go out until instructed to do so by President Small.

In Portland the operators of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies struck last night. The Western Union men were called out by President Branin of the local union at 7:21 o'clock. The Postal operators left their keys at 7:44 o'clock. Both strikers were very orderly. The messenger boys struck last night at 11 o'clock after holding a meeting at which they formulated a demand for a considerable increase in pay.

Fatal Floods in Japan.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 13.—Heavy loss of life is reported from Central Japan because of floods. According to advices received by the steamer Athenian several hundred were killed in all and many injured. A score of lives were also lost on Koshina, an island of Zu, by an earthquake which destroyed many houses and sent the islanders to the hills in a panic. At Takigawa the ground subsided 20 feet and a large number were killed and injured. The Japanese government sent relief supplies.

Bonds Go Begging.

New York, Aug. 13.—For the second time within six weeks the City of New York failed today to obtain bids for any considerable amount of the large issues of 50-year, 4 per cent gold bonds offered at public bidding. Issues amounting to \$15,000,000 were offered today, and the total amount of the bids was less than \$2,000,000. No premium was offered except on four or five bids for very small amounts. Further efforts will be made to dispose of the bonds.

American Boat Wins.

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 13.—The American defender of the Canadian cup Seneca defeated the Canadian challenger Adele today in the second of the races.