

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.

One person was killed and two injured in black hand outrages at Pittsburg.

An unknown vessel is reported wrecked a short distance south of San Francisco.

The court martial of General Stoessel is nearing an end. The evidence looks bad for him.

Busch, the great Milwaukee brewer, has declared for a restriction of the liquor traffic.

Sonsa's band was in a train wreck in Michigan but only one member was hurt and he not fatally.

Several naval vessels are equipped with wireless telephones and experiments thus far are satisfactory.

Chicago does not want the National Democratic convention and the meeting will doubtless be held either at St. Paul or Louisville.

Nearly 50,000 Italians have left the United States since December 1. They are returning to their home country on account of financial stringency.

The California Supreme court has sustained the special holiday statute recently passed by the legislature allowing court sessions on specially called holidays.

A six-day bicycle race is on in New York.

Mrs. Louisa Taft, mother of Secretary Taft, is dead.

Gustav V, son of the dead monarch, is now king of Sweden.

Railroads will not grant reduced rates to national conventions.

American laborers are to replace foreigners in the Pittsburg coke works.

It is definitely known that the dead in the Monongah mine explosion will reach 550.

The Mineowners' association of Goldfield, Nevada, is determined to have an open camp.

Oregon national banks have cash reserves on hand far in excess of the legal requirements.

The call for the Republican National convention has been issued, to meet in Chicago on June 16, 1908.

The tramp steamer Sotoyome, en route from Coquille river to San Francisco with lumber, was burned at sea. The crew all escaped.

J. Dalzell Brown, general manager of a defunct San Francisco trust company, is under arrest for felonious embezzlement, and officers are after another official of the same company.

Taft is on his way to the United States.

Taft's mother is much worse and all hope of her recovery has been given up.

Japan has thanked Roosevelt for the stand he takes on the Japanese exposition.

Harry S. New has been elected chairman of the National Republican committee.

Large amounts of gold continue to come to this country from London and Paris.

The Fort Pitt National bank of Pittsburg has closed. The bank was organized in 1859.

Secretary Cortelyou has sold but half of the Panama bonds. The others will be held until the money is needed.

A mummy has just been brought to New York which is said to be that of a woman who lived about 4,000 years ago.

A strong movement has developed in Japan that may force the government to stop all emigration of laborers to the United States and Canada.

The National Rivers and Harbors congress has petitioned congress to appropriate \$50,000,000 annually for the systematic and uninterrupted improvement of the national waterways.

Managers of New York theaters have decided to give no Sunday shows.

Hungarians returning home from America are causing riots on the frontier.

Senator Borah has left Washington for Boise to take part in the Pettibone trial.

King Oscar, of Sweden, is very low. The crown prince has been appointed regent.

All the bodies of the miners who lost their lives at Fayette City, Pa., have been recovered.

Troops have been sent to Goldfield, Nevada, to prevent a miners' riot.

Harriman has ordered construction work to proceed on his entire system.

The German reichstag has succeeded in reducing the power of the cabinet, scoring a victory over Chancellor von Buelow.

Governor Chamberlain says December 14 will end the legal holidays for Oregon unless some unforeseen circumstance comes up.

START WITH NON-UNION MEN

Owners Will Open Up Goldfield Mines Wednesday.

Goldfield, Dec. 10.—Wednesday has been definitely decided upon as the day for reopening the mines in Goldfield.

An authoritative statement was made tonight that already sufficient men are on the ground to work the mines. The total number of those that have been quietly brought in and those who have secretly made application to return to their former positions is placed at 1,000. There are about 1,500 Western Federation men out. The men who are to take the places of the strikers are not to be housed at the mines, but will be scattered through the camp and protected, for each individual will be guaranteed protection by the Mineowners' Association.

Two propositions have been positively decided upon, the making of an open camp for all time and the early lowering of the wage scale. At the same time the Mineowners' Association is going to begin a vigorous crusade to lower the cost of living in Goldfield.

Denver, Dec. 10.—The executive board of the Western Federation of Miners tonight issued the following statement concerning the present controversy between the Goldfield Mineowners' Association and the Goldfield Miners' Union:

"On December 6, President Roosevelt issued a proclamation ordering federal troops to proceed to Goldfield, Nev., ostensibly for the purpose of protecting life and property. That there was ever any danger to either person or property is emphatically denied by the officers of Esmeralda county, and by the merchants and citizens of Goldfield. The only reason for the present trouble was the decision of the mine operators to force upon the miners a scrip that would not be taken at par by the railroad company, the Wells Fargo Express Company, the post-office, the stores or the boarding-houses. Neither would the mineowners guarantee that they would redeem this scrip at any time in the future.

"In refusing to accept this worthless scrip in exchange for their hard labor, the miners of Goldfield are taking a manly stand against the usurpation of governmental functions by unreliable banking firms, which assume the right to set aside the legal money of the nation.

"We desire to call the attention of the American people to the awful disaster at Monongah, W. Va., where 500 coal miners were murdered by the capitalist system in its greed for profits. Had President Roosevelt been as anxious to enforce the laws in West Virginia, had he considered as well the protection of the lives of those miners by demanding that the mineowners safeguard their employees against unnecessary dangers, as he is to send the regular army to crush an organization whose only aim is to better the conditions and make happier the lives of the working class, 500 blackened corpses would not today be laid upon the altar of greed at Monongah, W. Va., around which weep widowed wives and orphaned children.

FOREIGNERS MUST GO.

Eighty Thousand Will Be Replaced by Americans Near Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Dec. 10.—Independent coke-makers of the Pittsburg and Connellsville district have decided to decrease the price of producing coke by increasing the price of their workmen. The day of the foreigner has passed, and hereafter none but American born or naturalized citizens of the United States will be employed about the 20,767 ovens of the independent operators. To these Americans will be paid higher wages than was paid to the foreigners, but the operators expect to decrease the cost of production.

There are 29 of these independent who own 20,767 ovens, the H. C. Frick Coke Company, the fuel end of the steel corporation, owning and operating 19,900 ovens.

In the 40,667 ovens in the district, owned by both independents and the steel corporation, there are employed more than 80,000 men, the majority of whom are at the present time foreigners. These men are paid an average of \$85 per month. The statisticians find that the \$85 a month which the foreigner makes, he puts back into circulation but \$20 a month, living in absolute squalor during his stay in this country. While the remaining \$65 per month is saved.

Great Britain Mourns.

London, Dec. 10.—The death of King Oscar of Sweden has caused the greatest regret in Great Britain. The relations between the two countries and between the two royal families have been of the closest for many years, but Englishmen of the present generation have a warm regard for the dead monarch because of his friendly attitude during the South African War. King Oscar paid his last visit to England in 1900, when Cambridge University conferred upon him the honorary degree of LL. D.

Labor Troubles for Mex'co.

Mexico City, Dec. 10.—That Mexico, which for years has been free from the question, is to have her labor problem, was made evident today when it was announced that a meeting of delegates from various branches of labor throughout the republic would be held early next January. It is planned at this convention, by certain of the newly created labor leaders, to organize a great union society similar to the Federation of Labor.

Valuable Painting Stolen.

Courtraf, Belgium, Dec. 10.—One of Van Dyke's great masterpieces "The Erection of the Cross," has been stolen from the Church of the Notre Dame. The thieves carefully cut off the canvas from the frame and carried it away.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

PREHISTORIC MONEY.

Confederate Bills and Old State Bank Paper in Circulation.

Pendleton.—The flood of counterfeit money in the shape of Confederate bills, old bank bills and paper money issued before the war, which is now being circulated in Eastern Oregon is causing the officials to begin a determined war upon this form of fraud.

Every Eastern Oregon town is being imposed upon by this form of money. Many new, crisp clean Confederate government bills of all the small denominations are being largely circulated in Pendleton, La Grande and Baker City, and lawyers differ as to the possibility of conviction, as the money is not really counterfeit in a strict construction of the law.

District Attorney Ivanhoe, of La Grande, has filed three informations against a man caught in the act of passing Confederate money, to-wit: For passing counterfeit money, for obtaining goods under false pretenses, and for gross fraud. He believes that he will be able to convict under one of the three charges.

A concerted effort will be made by Eastern Oregon district attorneys to convict those passing this form of money.

Football Men Good Students.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—University of Oregon football men during the season just past have made good records in the class room as well as on the football field. The records of the Registrar's office show that of the twenty men composing the regular squad, only half a dozen have received grades as low as 'D' in any of their subjects. There have been no failures and their work as a whole compares favorably with that of last year, when in the final examinations in February, the football team ranked slightly better than the average for the whole student body. The records show also that for the two months just past, football men have cut fewer classes than any other class of students. Reports of absences of all students are sent to the Registrar's office daily and a careful record is kept. The University works on the theory that students are there first to study, and this means regular attendance at classes.

Want Graduates for Teachers.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—The University of Oregon is experiencing the largest demand in its history for graduates, both men and women, to take principalships and positions as teachers in the high schools of the state. Of the fifty-three members of last year's class, twenty are teaching in the high schools and colleges of Oregon and the Northwest, and the demand was much larger than the supply. At the present time there are a number of positions vacant because there is no one available who is adequately prepared to take them. The University would be able next year to place as teachers some forty or fifty men and women, if its graduating class furnished that number. The class of 1908 now numbers about sixty members.

Save Fruit from Frost.

Portland.—At the suggestion of J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the O. R. & N. company, a rule has been promulgated by which apple shippers can ship their products in car lots whether in refrigerator cars or in ordinary freight cars. The railroad will permit a caretaker to accompany each carload of apples crossing the mountains, and if necessary, to the Eastern markets. The caretaker will be furnished with return transportation. He will keep sufficient fire burning in the car to prevent damage to the fruit by frost.

Appeals to Commissioner.

Burns.—An appeal to the commissioner of the general land office has just been filed in the Burns land office from the decision of the register and receiver in the important contest of the Pacific Livestock company, protestant against the state of Oregon and the Harney Valley Improvement company, claimants, involving the rights of the latter company to draw water from the Silvers river for the irrigation of about 70,000 acres of land.

Astoria Plants Cut Wages.

Astoria.—On account of the disturbed condition of the lumber market and in order to guard against a shutdown of their plants, the Clatsop Mill company and the Astoria Box company have made a cut in the wages of their employees of 25 cents per day on each man. The new scale became effective December 2. The Tongue Point Lumber company is also said to have made a cut in wages amounting to about 15 per cent.

Queer Schools.

Albany.—Linn county has one school without a single boy pupil and another which no girls attend. Of course both are in small remote districts. District 84, in Fox Valley, near Lyons, has eight pupils, all of whom are boys, and District 119, near Sweet Home, has only five students and all are girls.

Make Appointment Later.

Salem.—Governor Chamberlain has not considered the appointment of a successor to the late Circuit Judge Fraser, and will not do so for some days. He says there is no occasion for hasty action, and he will take time to consult with members of the Multnomah county bar.

Cash for Government Checks.

Astoria.—Arrangements have been made through the local banks by which all government checks will be paid in cash in the future, as money has been received by the banks for that purpose.

RUSH RAILROAD WORK.

Southern Pacific Anxious to Reach Klamath Falls.

Klamath Falls.—The Southern Pacific company seems bent on extending the California Northeastern railway into the Klamath basin at an early date, as there has been no cessation of work since the financial flurry made its appearance. There have, of course, been rumors that work is to be discontinued, but the methods being pursued by the contractors indicate that the work is to be rushed rather than delayed. Ericks and Peterson, the contractors, who are now building roadbed near Mount Hebron, in the south end of Butte creek valley, are increasing their forces, and Archie Mason, who has the contract for building the dike across Klamath marsh, just below this city, has also increased his force and has another large dredge en route to be used on the work.

Little can be learned as to the plans of the Southern Pacific and the engineers in charge of the California Northeastern extension make no further statement than that they have orders to construct the road in the least possible time.

The distance from Bray, the present terminus, to Klamath Falls is about 37 miles. Nineteen miles of this, the distance across Butte creek valley, is a level sagebrush plain and construction of a road across it will require but a short time.

WANTS ANOTHER ROAD.

Southern Oregon Hopes for Lessened Rates in Competition.

Grants Pass.—The announcement through the press that Moffatt & White are about to extend the Oregon Electric line through Rogue River valley has been received here with the greatest satisfaction. It has been the dream of the citizens that some day another transportation company would find its way into the valley.

The annulling of trains 11 and 12 by the Southern Pacific company has aroused the people to greater activity and to stand ready to offer an inducement to a competing line. The resources from the mills and mines and the products of the field have been carried for years by one railroad company, with charges running up into thousands of dollars.

Electric Line Great Boon.

Freewater.—The month of November was a record breaker on the Walla Walla Valley Traction company's line. They hauled out of this city over 90 cars loaded with hay, apples and canned fruit. These cars were all for points on the Northern Pacific railway. The apple crop has been excellent this year and every apple of any account has been marketed. The second-class apples were disposed of to the Freewater cannery. The total value of the fruit crop in this vicinity is estimated at \$500,000.

Likes the Ashland Normal.

Ashland.—Hon. Milt A. Miller, of Linn county, is a member of the state textbook commission, a regent of the state university and deeply interested in the educational system of the state. He addressed the normal students in chapel briefly and after visiting the different department and looking over the buildings and grounds, expressed himself as being impressed with the school and its work and pleased with the beautiful grounds.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, \$2@83c; bluestem, \$4@85c; valley, \$2@83c; red, \$0-83c. Oats—No. 1 white, \$29; gray, \$29. Barley—Feed, \$27.50; brewing, \$31; rolled, \$30.

Corn—Whole, \$32; cracked, \$33. Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$16 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$20@23; clover, \$15; cheat, \$15; grain hay, \$15@16; alfalfa, \$15; vetch, \$14.

Fruits—Apples, 75c@82 per box; peaches, 75c@81 per crate; pears, \$1.25@1.75 per box; cranberries, \$9.50@12 per barrel.

Vegetables—Turnips, 75c per sack; carrots, 65c per sack; beets, \$1. per sack; beans, 7@9c per pound; cabbage, 1c per pound; cauliflower, 75c@1.10; celery, \$4 per crate; onions, 15@20c per doz; parsley, 20c per doz; peas, 1c per pound; peppers, \$6@17c per doz; pumpkins, 1@1.15c per pound; radishes, 20c per doz; spinach, 6c per pound; sprouts, 8c per pound; squash, 1@1.15c; per pound; tomatoes, \$1.50 per box.

Onions—\$1.75@2 per cwt. Potatoes—40@60c per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, \$2.25@2.50 per cwt.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 32 1/2@35c per pound. Veal—75 to 125 pounds, \$8@8 1/2; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 5@6 1/2c.

Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 6@6 1/2c; packers, 6@6 1/2c. Poultry—Average old hens, 11 1/2@12c per pound; mixed chickens, 11@11 1/2c; spring chickens, 10 1/2@11c; roasters, 8c; dressed chickens, 12@13c; turkeys, live, 14@15c; dressed, choice, 17@18c; geese, live, 9@10c; ducks, 12 1/2@13 1/2c; pigeons, \$1@1.50; squabs, \$2@3.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, candled, 37 1/2c per doz. Hops—1907, 5@7c per pound; olds, nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 13@20c per pound, c ording to shrinkage; valley, 18@20c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 29@30c per pound.

WAR ON MINERS UNION.

300 U. S. Regulars Now in Camp at Goldfield, Nevada.

Goldfield, Dec. 9.—Encouraged, doubtless, by the presence of federal troops in Goldfield, the Goldfield Mineowners' Association held a meeting yesterday afternoon, and last night gave out a statement in which it is openly said that the members of the association have decided to make a determined struggle to free Goldfield of union domination and make this an open camp.

The statement of the purpose of the mineowners is direct and unequivocal, and throws down the gauntlet to the Western Federation of Miners.

Officers of the association refused to say if any steps have already been taken toward importing non-union miners in sufficient numbers to reopen the mines, which are now idle and rapidly filling with water, but stated that many telegrams are being received hourly, offering men, and that within 48 hours the mines could be opened with the same number of men as were formerly at work in them. One concern in San Francisco it is said, offered to send 1,000 men on an hour's notice.

The officers of the association say, however, that in their belief there are enough men in the camp who will leave the union now to make the importation of men unnecessary, and they are looking for these men to make application early in the week. It is impossible, the operators say, for them to get enough men in the mines at present to operate the pumps and keep them clear of water. Cave-ins are constantly taking place, and other damage is being wrought by reason of the inactivity.

No unusual excitement was caused by the arrival of the first detachment of troops and the crowds that gathered at the depot quickly dispersed after the troops had marched to the mess, in the northwestern part of the city, where they have gone into temporary encampment. Goldfield is quiet and there are no indications of impending trouble.

The Nevada Workman, organ of the mine workers in Goldfield contains a statement by Charles K. Mackinnon, president of the Goldfield Miners' Union, in which he says:

"There is no sane man in the district who will say that there was any need for the federal troops in Goldfield."

The paper says editorially: "It is evident that the Mineowners' Association intends to re-enact the tragic scenes of Colorado. The coming of the troops means nothing short of that. Violence and disorder will ensue upon the arrival of the troops and it is apparent that the gloomy history of Colorado is to be rewritten."

A statement to the public by the Goldfield Mine Operators' Association states in the beginning that "repeated outrages against individual rights and banishment from the camp of men desirous of investing in the mines, open looting of every mine carrying high grade ore and deeds of violence have become so unbearable that the owners must either close the mines, hand them over to the union, or make a desperate effort to gain the right to work them as we please. We have chosen the latter alternative, and propose to make one final struggle for the right to manage our own property."

KING OSCAR IS DEAD.

Beloved Ruler of Sweden Sinks Painlessly to the End.

Stockholm, Dec. 8.—King Oscar is dead.

Stockholm, Dec. 8.—Although the theaters and other places of amusement were open as usual last evening, the crowd, numbering thousands, patiently waiting in a pouring rain in front of the palace, testified to the popular sympathy for the aged monarch, whose life was slowly ebbing.

Within the palace, members of the royal family, high ecclesiastics, the Premier and the Minister of Foreign Affairs had been assembled for several hours in the King's study, to which room His Majesty had been removed in bed at noon, when still unconscious. This measure was taken to enable all the family and the officials to be present at the last moments without undue crowding.

The physicians in attendance administered stimulants, consisting of saline solution, camphor and digitalis, which were injected at intervals, and they relieved also as far as possible the residual trouble from which the King had suffered severely all through the illness.

Indict All Sunday Actors.

Kansas City, Dec. 9.—Drastic measures were taken here yesterday to enforce the Sunday closing law as a result of the recent campaign begun by Judge William H. Wallace, of the Criminal Court. The county grand jury indicted 228 traveling actors and actresses and employees of local theaters, charged with violating the Missouri law forbidding labor on Sunday. Of this number 41 were arrested and gave bond for \$200 each, while the others evaded the officers.

Penny Arcades Closed.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 9.—While there have been no Sunday theatrical performances allowed in Cleveland for several years, the penny arcades and street shows that have existed by sufrage here, were closed Sunday.

Taft En Route Home.

Cushman, Dec. 9.—The steamship President Grant, with Secretary of War William H. Taft, and the members of his party on board, left here at noon today for New York via Boulogne and Plymouth.

Lid On in Kalamazoo.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 9.—Mayor Thompson issued an order that all of the theaters here close during Sunday. The order prohibits "entertainments or any other form of amusement."

FLEET IS ASSEMBLED

All Preparations Completed for Great Naval Movement.

ADMIRAL EVANS IS IN COMMAND

Voyage to Pacific Greatest Test Ever Undertaken in History of the American Navy.

Old Point Comfort, Va., Dec. 10.—The double-starred flag of blue, emblem of the commander-in-chief of the Pacific bound battleship fleet, was flung to the breeze from the main truck of the battleship Connecticut yesterday, and Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans formally assumed his position as leader of the greatest naval movement in the history of the American people.

Yesterday was assembly day for the fleet, which is to set sail next Monday, and of the 16 great fighting machines ordered to skirt the southern end of all America and inaugurate a new naval era in the Pacific ocean, there were but two layards. These were the 16,000-ton Minnesota, flagship of Rear Admiral C. M. Thomas, commander of the second squadron of the fleet, and the Kentucky, whose paltry 11,150 tons relegated her to a position at the end of the armored column. The Kentucky also is the oldest vessel among the 16, having been laid down with her sister, the Kearsarge, in 1898, at the beginning of the war with Spain. Nine years ago is an ancient period in modern battleship construction, so great have been the strides in American naval architecture.

The collier Abrenda has preceded the fleet south with coal. There were scenes of activity on board the vessels yesterday. The crews of many of the battleships were engaged in filling the bunkers with "picked" coal, while others were engaged in loading supplemental magazine stores.

RECOVERING BODIES.

Band of Rescuers at Monongah Are Making Slow Progress

Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 10.—When darkness came last night a total of 66 bodies had been brought from the two wrecked mines at Monongah. Rescue work, while slow, was progressing smoothly and as rapidly as due precaution for the rescuers would permit.

It is believed that close on to 100 of the dead will have been recovered by daylight today. The fire which caused a suspension of rescue work Sunday and early Monday in mine No. 8, was extinguished, it is said, at noon yesterday.

The fourth day was a repetition of its three predecessors in the matter of pathetic scenes; hundreds of women remained near the mines all day, screaming and crying until they almost collapsed. As on former days, hot coffee was served at intervals by the company to keep the unfortunate women from falling to the ground in exhaustion.

LOOKING BEYOND BALLOON.

American Army to Experiment With Aeroplanes

Washington, Dec. 10.—The army is already looking beyond the simple balloon, the dirigible balloon and like contrivances for navigating the air, to the more scientific aeroplane, and it was announced today that the chief signal officer will soon call upon American inventors to submit plans for a practical machine, heavier than air, to be used instead of a balloon for military purposes. The terms of the advancement are now under consideration.

The beginning of experimentation in the use of aeroplanes, it is said, will not interfere with the War department plans now in execution for the training of selected men in the use of balloons nor with the projected construction of at least two dirigible airships.

Honage to New King.

Stockholm, Dec. 10.—Attended by the princes and his suite, King Gustav V at noon yesterday received the homage of the troops, who were drawn up in a semicircle around the palace. The king addressed the troops briefly, saying that it was his firm conviction that they would always be ready to follow him when the welfare of the country required them to do so. The funeral of the late king is expected to be held December 19. Only the reigning sovereign of Sweden, among the crowned heads, is likely to attend.

Confess Land Stealing.

Carson City, Dec. 10.—In the United States Circuit court yesterday Senator Williams and his brother, George B. Williams, indicted for illegally appropriating government land, through their attorney entered a plea of guilty. Sentence will be passed by Judge Farrington today. The United States grand jury has brought in an indictment against A. R. Hardin, one of the richest cattle owners of Humboldt county, Nev., for illegal fencing of government land.

Reduction of Wages.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 10.—Late yesterday afternoon the Goldfield Miners' association issued its ultimatum to the miners in Goldfield, in the shape of a set of resolutions adopted at the meeting which had been in progress all day. These resolutions embody the new scale of wages to be in vogue from this time on, showing a lowering of the scale about 20 per cent.