

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 Montana forest ranger has been killed by a deer.

French troops have repulsed an attack of tribesmen near Ain Sfa, Algeria.

The Japanese ambassador to France denies that his country is after another foreign loan.

Carnegie would base the issue of paper money on the gold reserve instead of government bonds.

The Northern Pacific railroad will reduce grain rates from Montana points to St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Findlay, Ohio, was badly shaken by the explosion of a glycerine factory. Much property damage was sustained.

Hill told the Interstate Commerce commission that it means a loss of \$80 a car to keep the old lumber rate in effect.

Secretary Taft is having a rough passage across the Atlantic and his vessel will be a day or two late in reaching New York.

Goldfield mineowners have asked the government to dissolve the Western Federation of Miners and prosecute it as treasonable.

Liquor men propose to fight river and harbor appropriations by congress for dry states. They say two-thirds of the national revenue is derived from the liquor business.

England has just been visited by a severe storm.

The Colorado State bank, of Durango, has suspended.

The revolutionary agitation is growing in Portugal.

The Yaqui Indians are again on the warpath in Mexico.

The National Bank of Commerce, of Kansas City, will reopen.

Japan and Russia have combined to freeze China out of Manchuria.

The bridal gifts of Marshall Field's daughter were stolen in England.

The peace conference of the Central American republics has been concluded.

Scotchmen in London are again adopting the kilt as a regular wearing apparel.

The East has just experienced a great storm. Heavy snow fell and many wires are down.

Premiums are being offered for the new gold pieces without the motto "In God We Trust."

A petition to allow women to vote on municipal affairs in Paris was greeted with laughter by the council.

General Funston finds the Goldfield situation serious.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Leupp says Indians are losing millions yearly in timber lands.

A house-to-house canvass at Monongah, W. Va., shows 18 still missing as a result of the mine disaster.

Plans are complete for re-organizing the Merchants' National bank at Portland and it is expected to open soon.

District Attorney Langdon, of San Francisco, also admits that the evidence of Ruel will be required to convict Calhoun.

The American Can company has control of the Pacific coast, having absorbed the United Can company, of San Francisco.

Goldfield mineowners have withdrawn their new scale and opened negotiations with the American Federation of Labor. The object seems to be to get this organization into a fight with the Western Federation of Miners.

D. L. Anderson, president of the Fochow university, who has just returned to this country, says China is on the eve of a bloody revolution that will mark her entrance into the parliament of the world as a power to be reckoned with.

The campaign against rats is being kept up vigorously in San Francisco.

The Michigan state treasurer is to be removed for putting funds in a rotten bank.

The great fleet of warships is all ready to start on its voyage to the Pacific.

The presence of General Funston at Goldfield is believed to have a good effect.

Bristol's nomination has been withdrawn from the senate as district attorney for Oregon.

Queen Carola, of Saxony, is dying.

Mrs. Longworth has undergone an operation for appendicitis, but there is no fear of the results.

Kuropatkin has taken the witness stand in behalf of Stoesel and the general stands a better chance of being cleared.

Two mail pouches containing valuable packages were stolen from the Omaha postoffice, and no trace of them has been found.

ROOSEVELT AS A SAINT.

Russian Peasants Worship Picture of President

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Americans think a great deal of President Theodore Roosevelt, but it has been reserved for the Russian peasants settled in Eastern Siberia to reverence the well known picture, which shows the gleam of teeth, as that of a saint. That they do so is asserted to be a fact by Alexander G. Denbigh, who arrived on the steamer Siberia, and is now staying at the St. Francis hotel.

"The people there are of the lowest class of Russian peasants, and know nothing about the outside world," said Denbigh. "In every house, no matter how poor it may be, there is sure to be an ikon of some kind, and if it is possible for the owner of the place, he also has a picture of a saint."

"The picture of our president has gone over the world, and can be found in many queer places. I remember asking one of my men from the Ural mountain district, who had never heard of Roosevelt, what picture he had in his tent. He at once told me that it was one of St. Peter—without the beard and with spears on. Curious to see such a picture, I went to the hut and found that it was a chromo of the president of the United States. The man assured me that he had the best of good fortune since he had obtained the picture of the 'holy saint.'"

MEXICO'S ANNUAL EXPENSE

What It Costs to Conduct Affairs of Southern Republic.

Mexico City, Dec. 17.—In congress yesterday the report of the minister of finance was read and the budget for the coming year was made public. The estimated receipts for the coming year total \$103,385,000, while the expenditures will reach \$103,203,842, leaving an estimated surplus of \$181,158. The total increase of this year's budget is \$6,595,275, the largest item in the increase being for \$1,367,589 for maintenance of the department of war.

The revenue for the fiscal year just ended total \$114,062,000, the expenditures \$100,208,132, leaving a surplus of \$14,077,868. The surplus of the previous year, \$29,049,081, and the falling off of the past year, was due to large surpluses spent in public works—\$17,208,808. Minister Limantour maintained that the recent crisis in the United States would make itself felt in the coming year in Mexico, in that investments would be curtailed. Interest rates are higher, but this would only affect mining industries. He believed that in the end it would work for good rather than evil.

RELIEF FOR VICTIMS.

Committee Making Contributions to Be Sent to Monongah.

Fairmont, W. Va., Dec. 17.—The permanent relief committee, headed by Governor Dawson, to provide for the widows and orphans in distress through the recent explosion at the mines of the Fairmont Coal company at Monongah, today prepared an appeal for funds that is being sent to chambers of commerce and kindred organizations all over the country. Contributions of clothing, toys for the orphans at Christmas time and similar donations are to be sent to W. H. Moore, mayor of Monongah, and chairman of the committee, looking after the temporary wants of the victims.

The appeal says that fully 250 widows and 1,000 children are left without any means of support. As near as can be determined, \$50,000 from all sources has been subscribed. The committee feels that a total of \$200,000 will be required to carry on the relief work. All checks should be made payable to the Monongah Mines Relief committee, J. E. Sands, treasurer, Fairmont, W. Va.

Rich Oil Strike.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Dec. 17.—A telephone message from Santa Maria, 50 miles north of here, brought the information this afternoon that the Union Oil company had struck a wonderful gusher which threw a vast stream of petroleum over the derrick and continued to flow at the rate of 7,000 barrels a day. At the present price of oil this means \$2,500 a day from this one well. This is the second largest gusher ever struck in California. The largest was a 10,000-barrel well, but it has since declined considerably.

Still in Race for Senate.

St. Paul, Dec. 17.—A special from Des Moines, Iowa, says that Governor Cummins, of Iowa, referring to his suggested candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination, said: "I have no thought of surrendering my candidacy for United States senator. The suggestion about the presidency is new here, although I have heard about it in other states. I do not intend to do anything that will take me out of the race for senator."

Fiat Money Saves Life.

San Rafael, Cal., Dec. 17.—Stewart Dunbar, a prominent insurance broker of Honolulu, while on his way to meet a party of friends last night, fell through a cattle guard on the narrow gauge tracks of the Northwestern Pacific railroad and caught his foot so that he would have been crushed to death beneath an approaching handcar had he not ignited a clearing house certificate and used it for a danger signal.

Forty Lives Lost.

London, Dec. 17.—The gale along the British coast on Friday and Saturday, which was described by Captain Jameson, of the steamship St. Louis, as the worst in his experience, subsided yesterday. It was responsible for the loss of some 40 lives.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

DAIRYMEN MEET.

Successful Two-Day Convention Held in Portland.

Portland—The most important meeting of dairymen ever held in the state of Oregon was that which convened last Thursday and Friday in Woodmen of the World hall, on Eleventh street, when the Oregon State Dairy association held its deliberations. The convention hall was crowded at both days' sessions with delegates and others interested in the development of the dairy industry. The hall in the basement of the Woodmen building, in which dairy products and the most approved dairy machinery were displayed, attracted large crowds.

The convention was called to order at 10 o'clock Thursday by President E. T. Judd, of the association. Tom Richardson, of the Commercial club, welcomed the delegates to Portland on behalf of that organization. In responding to the address of welcome President Judd thanked the Commercial club for its reception and its efforts in making this meeting of the association a successful one. The speaker referred to the important position dairymen in this state has reached in the last few years, and said that this was the first time in the history of the state that the dairy industry had received the recognition its importance should command and would fully pay the cost of promotion. Papers were read by prominent dairymen and others from all parts of the state.

WANT BRAND ON ALL SHODDY

Woolgrowers Working for Protection of the Industry.

Pendleton—In accordance with one of the resolutions passed at the recent convention of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association, the secretary has sent to the Oregon congressional delegation a request for an act compelling the branding of manufactured goods and clothing, the object being to protect the public from shoddy and cotton counterfeits of woolen goods. The pure food law is cited as an example that it is right for the government to protect the people from frauds, counterfeits and adulterations of all kinds.

Another resolution passed at the same time calls for the retention of the import duty on wool, woolen fabrics, hides, meat and meat animals, with the object of continuing the present prosperous condition of the wool and livestock industry.

Men Do More Work.

Klamath Falls, J. D. Church, assistant engineer of the Southern Pacific, has just returned from the end of the California Northeastern railway and states that the 850 men now at work for Ericson & Peterson, the contractors, are doing more work than the 1,100 men they were working last summer. The grade between Bray and the first townsite, Mount Hebron, is about completed, and Mount Hebron may remain the terminus of the road for this winter. However, as Dorris is only 13 miles distant from Mount Hebron and the grade very easy, that town may be the terminus.

Embryo Farmers Interested.

Albany—Linn county school children are taking great interest in the new subject of agriculture, the teaching of which was begun this fall. No experiment work has yet been begun in this county, but in the seventh and eighth grades in all the schools of the county one recitation each day is required in an agricultural text book. Reports received by County School Superintendent Jackson state that probably greater interest is manifested in this study than in any other branch.

Water Reaches Hermiston.

Hermiston—Water in the distributing system of the government project has reached Hermiston. A good flow in the A line heralded the coming of water for irrigation next season and activities under the Umatilla government reclamation project are under full headway. The water traversed the big feed canal a distance of 26 miles to the reservoir gate, where it was turned through what is known as the by-pass into the distributing system of ditches.

November Ideal Month.

Burns—November was a month of ideal fall weather in Harney. There were two flurries of snow, on November 16 and 23, but they were followed by pleasant sunshine and the snow disappeared in a few days. There has been a great deal of fall plowing done and the amount of winter wheat sown this year is double that of any year in the history of the country.

B. F. Mulkey Has Resigned.

Ashland—Announcement has been made at the state normal school here that President B. F. Mulkey would retire from the institution on January 1 and will engage in the law and abstract business at Jacksonville as a partner in the Jackson County Abstract company, which maintains offices at Ashland and Medford and will open one at Jacksonville.

Timber Made to Pay Tax.

Oregon City—The assessed valuation of Clackamas county property is very close to \$13,000,000. The figures were made public by County Assessor Nelson, who has made an increase of about \$2,500,000 over the valuation of last year. This increase is all on the property of the big corporations and on timber lands.

CHANGES FOREST BOUNDARIES

Department Heeds Demands of John Day Stockmen.

John Day—Cy J. Bingham has received his commission as acting forest supervisor for the Malheur national forest reserve, with headquarters at John Day. The boundaries of the new reserve are the John Day river on the north, previous withdrawal on the east, former lines on the south, irregular lines running near the center of townships in range 27 on the west, Heppner forest is extended to the John Day river and headquarters removed to Monument. The remaining portion of the western division is renamed Deschutes and headquarters at Prineville. Stockmen rejoice at the change.

New Road Is Under Way

Grants Pass—The government is making good progress under the direct supervision of the local forestry service, in extending a road down Rogue river into Curry county. This particular stretch of road will open up a wide latitude of country rich in mineral and prolific of the best marketable pine. When this work has been completed, 10 per cent of the proceeds will be diverted to the school fund, thus increasing the permanent means of keeping up schools. About \$5,000 has been appropriated to be used in developing the highway, and it is expected that congress will set aside \$5,000 more to be used on this project.

Another Mill for Albany.

Albany—Albany is to have another flourmill. In the next few weeks a plant with a capacity of 50 barrels a day will be established by E. A. Johnson, who now operates a saw mill at Drain, and P. B. Marshall, who for years has been secretary of the Albany Farmers' company. The two men have consummated the purchase of the three warehouses of the Albany Farmers' company, situated at Albany. Tallman and Tangent, and in addition to carrying on a warehouse business, will operate a flourmill in one of the local buildings of the old company.

Request Railway Service

Salem—A large number of farmers and shippers residing between Tallman and Shelburn, in Linn county, have complained to the railroad commission because the Southern Pacific has abandoned its train service between the two towns named. The complaint recites that traffic was abandoned because a bridge washed out about a year ago. The farmers want the commission to order the railroad company to renew the service.

Fruit Meeting in Eugene.

Eugene—Plans are under way for an important meeting of the Lane County Horticultural society with the officers of the State Horticultural society, in Eugene, the first week in January. President W. K. Newell and Secretary H. M. Williamson, of the state board, will be here to address the meeting, and there will be some members of the faculty from the Agricultural college in attendance.

No Depot for Suver.

Salem—The state railroad commission has turned down the proposition to give the people of Suver better depot facilities. The business of the station has fallen off in the past five years, and the people of Wells, two miles from there, have in a petition for a station.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 80@81c; bluestem, 82@83c; valley, 81@82c; red, 78@79c. Oats—No. 1 white, \$28; gray, \$28. Barley—Feed, \$27.50; brewing, \$31; rolled, \$30. Corn—Whole, \$32; cracked, \$33. Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$16; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$20@23; clover, \$15; cheat, \$15; grain hay, \$15@16; alfalfa, \$15; vetch, \$14. Butter—Fancy creamery, 35@37 1/2c per pound. Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 8 1/2@9c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 6@6 1/2c. Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 6@6 1/2c; packers, 6@6 1/2c. Poultry—Average old hens, 11@12c per pound; mixed chickens, 11c; spring chickens, 12c; roosters, 8c; dressed chickens, 12@13c; turkeys, live, 15c; dressed, choice, 17@19c; geese, live, 8@9c; ducks, 12 1/2@13 1/2c; pigeons, \$1@1.50; squabs, \$2@3. Eggs—Fresh ranch, candled, 35@37 1/2c per dozen. Fruits—Apples, 75c@82c per box; peaches, 75c@81c 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@81c per dozen; celery, \$3.50@3.75 per crate; onions, 15@20c per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peas, 11c per pound; peppers, 8@17c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1 1/2c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; sprouts, 8c per pound; squash, 1@1 1/2c per pound; tomatoes, \$1.50 per box. Onions—\$1.75@2.25 per hundred. Potatoes—50@65c per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, \$2.50 per hundred. Hops—1907, 5@7c per pound; old, nominal. Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 13@20c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 18@20c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 2@3c per pound.

WILL DO NOTHING.

Small Chance Congress Will Reform Currency

Washington, Dec. 16.—It can be stated on the highest authority that if the subcommittee of the house committee on banking and currency now dealing with the subject can have its way no effort will be made by the present congress to adopt legislation remedial of the present financial condition. All the energies of that committee will be directed toward the framing and passage of laws more general in character and which will be intended to preclude shrinkage of the circulation, entailing widespread financial distress.

The subcommittee held a four hours' conference today with its chairman, Representative Fowler, of New Jersey, at which the bill which the subcommittee has undertaken to draft was earnestly discussed, but no decision as to its precise character and scope was reached. It is not likely the subcommittee will be ready to report on the bill until after the holidays. Men high in the world of finance will be given an opportunity to appear before the committee to present their views on the proposed measure.

Much time will be spent in both the house and senate in considering the bill when reported, and it is the hope of the members of the banking committee that the finances of the country will have so adjusted themselves by that time that there will be no necessity for legislation looking to the correction of present conditions.

WOMEN IN TERROR.

Afraid for Their Lives Until Troops Arrived in Goldfield

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 16.—Delegations from the Woman's club, of Goldfield, and from the chamber of commerce, Merchants' association and Mining exchange called on General Funston this afternoon to acquaint him further with the conditions which have prevailed in Goldfield previous to the coming of the United States troops and the situation which led to the sending of Governor Sparks' dispatch to Washington asking that troops be sent here. The visit of these delegations doubtless was because of the efforts that are constantly being made to have the troops recalled.

General Funston said, after the conference was over, that the statements were a revelation, especially those made by the women, who are wives of prominent citizens of Goldfield. The statements, he said, showed that for days the women of Goldfield had lived in a state of constant terror, until the coming of the troops though no instances of anything more than trivial annoyances were cited.

MAKE CANADA INDEPENDENT

Destiny is Union With United States or Monarchical Independence

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 16.—The independence of Canada is now being openly discussed and in a measure promoted before some of the most important public bodies of the dominion. Today the idea of Canada as a nation is looming large on the public mind, and it has in a very short space of time marvellously changed public sentiment in that regard.

Speaking before the Canadian club at Ottawa, J. S. Ewart, K. C., of Toronto, predicted that Canada would yet fill an independent position in the world. Then she would pursue either one of three courses—a union with the United States as an independent republic, a union with Great Britain as an independent monarchy with her own sovereign, or an independent monarchy with allegiance to the British sovereign.

Canadian opposition against the imperial government was directed not against the king, but against the colonial secretary, who is generally ignorant of colonial matters.

Long List Yet to Harg.

St. Peterburg, Dec. 16.—The authorities have just completed their investigation of the daring terrorist robbery of October 27, 1906. Thirteen men already have been executed for connection with this outrage, and 80 others are to be tried for complicity. The robbery of October 27 was a daring affair. A band of 15 revolutionists attacked a cashier of the custom house who was proceeding in a carriage from the sub-treasury. They wrecked the vehicle with a bomb and made their escape with \$193,000.

Agree on Incorporation.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Dec. 16.—Articles of incorporation and by-laws of the Pacific Coast Hopgrowers' union, the purpose of which is the combination of hopgrowers of California, Oregon and Washington, were adopted here today. A committee was also named to visit Oregon and Washington to organize growers of those states, and when such organization is effected, 10 of the 15 directors are to resign and give place to five from each of the states mentioned.

Buy Ties in Hawaii

Los Angeles, Dec. 16.—The Santa Fe Railroad company has just contracted for 5,000,000 road ties in Hawaii, the biggest contract ever let for such material to be shipped by water. The shipments may result in the establishment of a freight steamship line between San Pedro and Honolulu. The Southern Pacific may also place similar orders in Hawaii.

Old Suit Cleared Up.

St. Louis, Dec. 16.—The decision of a jury in the Probate court today on an instrument of writing confirmed as the will of Solomon P. Sablette, a pioneer who died in 1857, and title to 208 acres of land in the southwestern part of St. Louis, valued at \$2,500,000, is cleared.

BIG FLEET IS OFF

Sixteen Battleships Start Out for Pacific Ocean.

ARE REVIEWED BY PRESIDENT

Sight Is One That Brings Forth Admiration of Every Spectator, Many Being Foreigners.

Old Point Comfort, Va., Dec. 17.—Sixteen hard hitting, steel belted American battleships, guns bristling and burly of girth, but sparkling white in their immaculate dressings of peace, started away yesterday under the dazzling sun of a cloudless winter sky, on their famous twin sea expedition of 14,000 miles along foreign shores and in changing climes to the west coast of the United States. President Roosevelt, on the bridge of his cruiser-yacht, the Mayflower, personally led the magnificent four-mile line of fighting vessels during first stage of the voyage. From the anchorage grounds in Hampton Roads to the Horseshoe bend of Chesapeake bay his eagle-crested flag of blue pointed the way to the fleet's new home at the Golden Gate. Then, when the wide reaches of the sea were visible through the wide-swung capes of Virginia, he turned aside and, coming to anchor again, reviewed the passing pageant.

The blue of the sky, the stretch of green sea miles, the glistering of spotted hulls, the curl of foam-crested bow waves, the cheering of sailors aloft and friends ashore, the breeze-blown strains of "Auld Lang Syne," floating across the waters, the blare of trumpets, the rattle of drums, the flash of signals and the boom of saluting cannon marked the departure of the fleet, presenting to the people who watched it a spectacle they will never forget and to the world at large the reality of the trimmest, most homogeneous, most thoroughly equipped, most mobile and self-reliant assemblage of first class battleships ever gathered in one command.

There will not be a ship in the line old enough to have smelt powder or to have taken the shot of Manila or Santiago—stories written scarcely 10 years ago in the history of nations. All were modern of design, examples of the aggressive seagoing navy which the president has declared to be so essential to the peace of the country.

Attaches of foreign legations and embassies at Washington and many correspondents who have seen war service on foreign journals freely declared that yesterday's naval display was the most impressive they had ever seen. The facility with which the big vessels were handled, the manner in which they were maneuvered into single column formation, and the perfect alignment which was maintained to the southward turn from the cape called out the warmest admiration. The thrill of the beautiful marine picture was felt until the last wind blown spiral of smoke was lost on the horizon.

The first part of the fleet's journey will bring it to Trinidad on Christmas eve, and there, amid the heat of the tropics, the Christmas celebrations will be held. Hundreds of good-bye telegrams were flashed to the ships by wireless telegraph as they left the roadstead and had turned down the southern coast.

These vessels made up the fleet which sailed yesterday under command of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans:

Connecticut, 16,000 tons; Louisiana, 16,000 tons; Kansas, 16,000 tons; Vermont, 16,000 tons; Georgia, 14,948 tons; Virginia, 14,948 tons; New Jersey, 14,948 tons; Rhode Island, 14,948 tons; Minnesota, 16,000 tons; Ohio, 12,500 tons; Maine, 12,500 tons; Missouri, 12,500 tons; Alabama, 11,525 tons; Illinois, 11,525 tons; Kearsarge, 11,525 tons; Kentucky, 11,525 tons; Culgoza, supply ship, 5,725 tons; Glacier, supply ship, 7,000 tons; Panther, repair ship, 3,380 tons; Yankton, tender, 975 tons.

All Quiet in Japan.

Tokio, Dec. 17.—The announcement of the sailing of the Atlantic fleet of the United States navy has not been received by the newspapers of Tokio or by the government officials. All public men who have been interviewed by the Associated Press representative accept the sailing of the fleet as a foregone conclusion and it is not likely that the actual start will cause the slightest ripple of excitement. Everyone accepts the assurances of friendship offered by America conceding the right of that nation to send its warships to the Pacific.

Short of Cash in Alaska.

Seattle, Dec. 17.—A special from Fairbanks, Alaska, says: Today the Washington-Alaska and First National bank of Fairbanks will go on a clearing house basis. Only \$50 a day withdrawal will be allowed each depositor. A committee of depositors representing the Fairbanks Banking company, which recently closed its doors, reported today that the assets exceeded the liabilities by \$354,815 and the bank will probably open on a clearing house basis soon.

Gold Movement \$105,350,000.

New York, Dec. 17.—The Guarantee Trust company today announced the engagement of \$500,000 in gold for import. Lazari Freres has engaged an additional \$1,600,000 in gold for import. This makes the total movement \$105,350,000.