

EVENTS OF THE DAY

News Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

PREPARED FOR THE BUSY READER

Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

One thousand farmers hold convention in Walla Walla.

Banker Walsh is preparing to prison and serve his time.

A Boise Chinaman was nearly by agents of some powerful tong.

Taft and Pinchot addressed the national Civic federation from the platform.

Dismasted and helpless the ship Liam H. Smith was towed into harbor on Puget sound.

The Russian government will neglect Knox's scheme for neutral Manchurian railways.

Forest service bureau has sale of 14,000,000 feet of lumber.

is first white man to successfully and kill a bongo deer.

A German prince who has watched proceedings at Aviation says dirigibles are the only practical air craft yet invented.

E. H. Wemme, a Portland capitalist, who owned the first automobile in the northwest, has purchased a Curtiss aeroplane and will have it on exhibition in Portland Jan. 25 to 29.

Truce arranged between Republican regulars and insurgents in house.

The British house of lords is engaged in a vote which means life or death.

A gigantic graft plot involving millions has been uncovered in Pittsburg.

The political situation in Spain threatens the downfall of the present cabinet.

A diver at Long Beach, Cal., won a desperate battle with a devilfish on the sea bottom.

Mississippi ice gorges have filled the levees high with wreckage, and the river is rising.

President declines to permit Representative Mondell to introduce land bills tagged "by request."

C. K. Hamilton, an American aviator, failed in an attempt to beat Paulhan's altitude record of 4,155 feet.

Paulhan made a successful flight across the country at Los Angeles, but failed to beat Curtiss' speed record.

Both East and West are suffering from heavy snow and floods. Trains are snowbound throughout the Mississippi states.

President's message urges reform of land laws, conservation of timber, preservation of forests and improvement of waterways.

A Utah mail carrier was frozen to death sitting on his horse.

The National Livestock association has endorsed Pinchot's policies.

A Nicaraguan rebel army confronts the government forces and a battle is near.

Japanese Ambassador declares his government will stand by America's policy.

Taft is reported to be trying to restore harmony by making peace with the insurgents.

VENTURA'S CREW SAVED.

Steamer Fairhaven Rescues All on Board in Nick of Time.

San Francisco, Jan. 18.—Captain Paul Rappemundt, his wife and 3-month-old child, his 16-year-old son, Paul Rappemundt, Jr., and the entire crew of seven of the wrecked schooner San Buena Ventura, have been saved from the sea. They arrived in San Francisco harbor tonight on the steamer Fairhaven, and the first news of them re-

FIND HUGE GRAFTS

Pittsburg Bankers and Politicians Deeply Involved.

COUNCIL MEMBERS BOUGHT UP

Bank Officers Caught Along With Men Whom They Bribed to Deposit Public Money.

Pittsburg, Jan. 15.—President E. H. Jennings and Vice-President F. A. Griffin of the Columbia National bank; Max G. Leslie, county delinquent tax collector and ex-Republican city chairman; Charles Stewart, ex-councilman, and F. F. Nicola, a capitalist and real estate operator were arrested today on warrants issued by District Attorney Blakely, charging them with conspiracy to cause the selection of the Columbia National bank as a city depository.

In addition, Leslie is charged with perjury and another councilman alleges that for two years he made a business of soliciting the aid of councilmen for the influence of legislation. All gave bail.

The charges are the result of the graft scandals of 1908, when it was brought out that councilmen had been paid money to vote for six depositories. Officers of other banks who were found guilty had taken an appeal to the superior court and the present cases had been halted pending a decision on the other cases. As no decision seemed at likely until March, when the statute of limitation would have exempted those arrested today, the district attorney took summary action.

It is charged in the writs that in May, 1908, Stewart, as a councilman, solicited from Griffin \$17,000 for his vote and influence in favor of the ordinance that authorized the Columbia National bank as a depository. It is also charged that Nicola instigated this move on the part of Stewart. Griffin is charged with conspiracy to defraud the city by corrupting members of the city council and it is further charged that he promised certain members \$25,000 for their votes and influence in favor of the ordinance.

Leslie is charged with receiving \$22,500 to influence councilman votes. It is also charged that before the grand jury investigated this charge Leslie perjured himself in denying that he had received any payments for any purpose whatever from any of the men named.

DIVER BEATS DEVILFISH.

Deep-Sea Artist Wins Desperate Fight on Ocean Bottom.

Long Beach, Cal., Jan. 15.—Cut off from assistance from above, A. D. Christy, a professional deep-sea diver, spent the worst 15 minutes of his life today in a desperate battle on the sea bottom with a large devilfish.

Christy had gone down to inspect the caissons and piers of the outer wharf for the city. In wandering around he tangled his lifeline up so that when he felt the octopus seize his leg he was unable to give the signal for ascending.

Perceiving that the line was fast he turned to the octopus, which by that time had four tentacles wrapped around his left leg. Five times he slashed at the monster with his big scraping knife and each time severed a tentacle.

At last, the octopus moved away and Christy hastened to straighten out the lifeline and gave the signal to be hauled up. He has been in a state bordering on nervous collapse ever since, but his condition is not serious.

Walsh Signs Agreement.

Chicago, Jan. 15.—John R. Walsh today attached his signature to the agreement of settlement of his financial troubles and sent it to the First Trust and Savings bank, to be held until the guarantors of the note sign their part of the agreement. The signature gives to the Associated Banks of Chicago, which backed the adjustment of Walsh's financial affairs after his banks were suspended in 1905, the \$14,039,000 in securities he put up to cover a note for \$7,121,887 in return for the canceled note. In addition, the banks will get \$600,000 from the guarantors signing the note, who are then to be given the \$949,000 in securities they put up as surety.

Port Arthur to Be Open.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Notice to the intention of the Japanese government to open Port Arthur to world-wide commerce is indicated in Tokio dispatches to the Japanese Embassy about two months ago, but it was said the issuing of the order would be withheld until the government was able to fix the exact date for the opening. The purpose is not to make Port Arthur a free port in the sense of Hamburg, where goods may enter free of duty and be placed in bond, but simply to put it on the footing of New York or any other commercial city.

Switchmen War Still On.

Washington, Jan. 15.—An agreement between the railroads operating out of Chicago and their switchmen is not yet in-sight. Conferences between the parties involved and the mediators under the Erdman act have been in progress for three days.

COUNTERFEITERS' MINT FOUND.

Secret Service Officials Capture Three Men and Outfit.

San Francisco, Jan. 17.—The most complete coin counterfeiting outfit that has ever fallen into the hands of the federal authorities was captured here by secret service men this afternoon, and with it three men were arrested. The secret service men admit the seizure and arrests are of great importance and the result of concerted effort in following trails leading in many directions.

The plant was located in a lonely shack on the rocky summit of Bernal heights, the highest hill in the city, and was captured after a spectacular assault. Secret Service Operatives Harry Moffit and J. M. Nye were on the case, and after definitely locating their quarry, they called City Detectives Reagan and O'Connell to their aid.

Last night the detectives on watch in the shrub-covered rocks saw four of the men they had marked enter the shack, but the attack was deferred in the hope that other members of the gang might come to cover.

They were disappointed in this, and late this afternoon Chief Operative Moffit decided to act. Creeping on hands and knees the four officers approached the shack, and on signal made a rush, but the house was well barricaded, and they were compelled to batter an entrance with an ax. While they were breaking in the doors, one member of the gang escaped, making his way down a cliff on the brink of which the cabin stands.

The three men arrested gave their names as Michael Angelo, Samuel Di Cola and Samuel Arman. These are probably assumed names, and there is reason to believe that at least two of the prisoners are important captures. After securing their prisoners, the officers examined the plant, which filled the little hut, and were astounded at its completeness and the mechanical excellence of the machinery. It was a miniature mint. They found almost perfect dies for every coin from 10 cents to \$10, and lathes, saws, stamps and other accessories of the finest workmanship.

The stamps are said to be of almost the same pattern as those used in the United States mints. The largest stamp was so massive it could not be carried into the Federal building. It is too powerful for hand operation, and probably fearing the noise of a motor or other power engine, the gang had devised and installed a complicated and ingenious system of lever and graduated weights, applied by a long steel beam. No coins or metal were found, for the raid was timed just before the plant was to have been placed in operation.

It is understood the crew followed by the secret service operatives began with the purchase of the big stamp, and has been followed for months. They refuse, however, to say where the stamp was bought.

"Coins from dies identical with those we have here," said one of the officers, "are now in circulation in the east, and may have been made with this machine. This gang is probably part of a country-wide organization."

COOK DESERTED AGAIN.

Explorer Gives New Address, but Ignores All Telegrams Sent Him.

Copenhagen, Jan. 17.—Walter Lonsdale, Dr. Cook's secretary, and the last of the explorers' friends, has now lost confidence in the doctor. Lonsdale says the last letter from Cook was dated in a city in southern Spain, December 24. It gave another address to which Lonsdale could telegraph, and promised a long letter of detailed information. Lonsdale since has telegraphed several times to the address given, but received no reply, nor the promised letter. The solitary notebook sent the commission was received from Mrs. Cook December 21, from the same city in Spain. Lonsdale has no idea where Cook is now.

Lonsdale was private secretary to United States Minister Egan up to the time of the arrival here of Dr. Cook, with whom he then associated himself in a similar confidential capacity. He accompanied the explorer to the United States, made the typewritten duplicate of the polar records, and brought the data here for examination by the university committee. He has remained loyal to his employer until now, when, he says, he is beginning to doubt him. Lonsdale estimates that Cook cleared \$50,000 from the exploitation of his Arctic reputation.

Insane After Trip to North.

Cleveland, Jan. 17.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook's story of the discovery of the earth's apex was the result of polar insanity, according to Rev. B. E. Rowe, Episcopal bishop of Alaska. Bishop Rowe said that both Cook's remarkable story and Commander Peary's frame of mind upon hearing that story, readily can be attributed to the loneliness, the grayness and the silence of the north. "All men come from the polar circle with their nerves shattered," said the bishop, "and in Alaska we send home 50 men annually after the long winter, their minds completely wrecked."

Gallagher Seen in Rome.

San Francisco, Jan. 17.—According to a private letter received in this city, ex-Supervisor James L. Gallagher, the star witness in the Calhoun case, for whom a warrant has been issued, was recently seen in Rome.

30 LOST IN WRECK

Coal Steamer Goes Down In G at Coos Bay.

TWO SURVIVORS REACH SHORE

One By One Men Fall From Icy Rigging and Meet Death in the Angry Waters.

Marshfield, Ore., Jan. 13.—(3 A. M.)—C. J. Mills has just returned from the jetty with the news that second assistant Engineer J. Robinson drifted ashore at an early hour this morning.

Robinson reports that the captain first officer and Harold Mills are still in the rigging alive. A light was flashed by the men the rigging early this morning.

Marshfield, Ore., Jan. 13.—(2 A. M.)—Assistant Engineer Harry Kentz just able to talk and weak with delirium, declares Captain Dugna and Harold Mills were lashed to the last remaining mast on the Czarina, and still on board the vessel. The captain was bound much against his will.

A furious gale is raging, and the fires have been kindled on the beach to protect the watchers from the bitter cold. Only one dead body has come ashore so far.

Marshfield, Ore., Jan. 13.—Plying between Coos Bay and San Francisco with coal and oil, the Czarina, shortly after leaving Marshfield yesterday afternoon, went ashore on the north jetty of Coos Bay bar, about a mile north of the jetty.

The steamer started to sea shortly after noon, just as the tide began to ebb. The sea was rough outside, but the bar was apparently smooth, and the lumber steamer Redondo having just crossed out ahead of the Czarina.

Midway out a tremendous sea struck the Czarina, and, according to eye witnesses, swept away the bridge. Captain Dugan is thought to have been carried overboard with the bridge and possibly others. Apparently the worst storm that had been approaching the coast had just struck her and the Czarina shipped 20 or 30 heavy seas in rapid succession, but kept ahead.

Just as she passed beyond the east North jetty, she appeared to stop. She was swung around toward the west spit and soon was in the breakers. The crew made a valiant struggle, and succeeded in working out to the last of the breakers, where they either anchored or she struck and went aground.

When darkness came, only a party of one mast appeared standing, and a dozen men clinging to it, appeared to be left aboard.

The Czarina's lifeboats were swung away by the first seas that struck, and the men aboard had no means of trying for the shore except to swim, and the sea around the vessel was rough for even the most daring to attempt. From all that can be gathered, the men at the life-saving station think the seas that struck the vessel shifted the cargo and probably damaged the steering gear, eliminating all chances of getting to sea after she was swung around by the waves and washed ashore.

Out of reach of the life-saving men and clinging desperately to the covered and scant rigging of the hull of the steamer Czarina, the men were visible with the aid of glasses as darkness settled tonight on the scene of the wreck.

In all, 31 lives are believed to have been taken as toll by the turbulent which raged off Coos Bay late this morning and tonight.

For an hour or more as the heavy seas broke over the vessel men were seen to drop exhausted from the rigging into the angry water.

Shortly after 9 o'clock one man, Harry Kentzell, second assistant engineer, drifted near enough in the sea to be picked up by the life-saving boat. He was unconscious when found, too weak to speak.

Among the anxious throng who lined the shore near the jetty is C. J. Mills, whose son, Harold, was among those aboard the ill-fated steamer. She left out the harbor this afternoon. Pityful was the plight of the father, the life-savers time and again slipped line to the sinking vessel only to have it fall short. Late tonight all that young Mills and Captain Dugan will be seen again was abandoned.

Shortly after dark a man drifted near the shore, but before he could be reached he threw up his arms and appeared. A life preserver, which had been used by one of the victims, floated on to the sand.

Scores of people are wading into the surf in the hope that survivors may come inshore. Captain Boyce, of a life-saving crew, has not abandoned efforts to reach the wreck, and the tug Astoria is making an effort to reach the scene, but against the heavy breakers is helpless.

140 Crews Near Strike.

St. Malo, France, Jan. 13.—Four thousand members of the crews of 100 schooners which fish annually on the Newfoundland banks are at loggerheads with the masters and today were preparing to strike.