# **NEWS OF THE WEEK**

## In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

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

to sufferers from the Vesuvius eruption. The dormant volcano at Palma, Canary islands, is showing signs of activ-

Two more men injured by the explosion on the battleship Kearsarge have

Anthracite operators have rejected

a long strike. Wives of striking French miners and fight the troops.

message, is being drafted.

has been retained by the government to fight the coal monopoly. Three persons were killed and four

seriously injured by an explosionl on the British battleship Prince of Wales.

The Postal Telegraph & Cable comorder a new cable from San Francisco vote.

The opening of two Manchurian ports trade is announced by the Japanese government.

Voliva proposes to Dowie to arnitrate their troubles

Russia says the Jews are in no immediate danger of massacre.

King Alfonso has gone to England to

arrange the program for his wedding. In a riot among coal miners near Johnstown, Pa., four men were killed and many injured.

Hermann's trial at Washington for destroying government letter press books has been postponed until April

Chicago, the cruiser Marblehead and the revenue cutter Perry will reach Portland May 5 for a short stay.

The New York legislature has passed another insurance regulation law, known as the "anti-perjury bill."

Fred O. Murray, newly appointed by to relieve the thousands of revenue collector at Buffalo, N. Y., has left homeless by the earthquake. Ter- that the Tuttle road law is constitu- at least a year before patents would it- number of master mariners and membeen indicted for grafting. The alleged rible scenes are reported around Kagi tional. Regarding assessment of prop- sue, and in that time the company bers of the crews of vessels which went stealing was from Eric county, of which and Doko. he is ex-treasurer.

Prosecution of the steel trust has begun in Ohio.

Attorney General Hadley, of Mis-Bouri, is quite sick.

in a Chicago church.

Another terrible earthquake in Formosa has killed thousands.

A Springfield, Mo., mob burned

three negroes and wrecked the jail. Mark Twain has announced his in-

tention of leaving the lecture platform Russia has sent to the interested nations a proposed program of subjects for house, London, the residence of Ambas-The Hague conference.

Sailors on Portugese warships have mutinged and temporarily have the upper hand. Dislike of their superior officers is the cause.

moyatr of New York city. The American Smelting & Refining

company will soon adopt an eight-hour day for its five Colorado plantst. This will affect about 2,500 men. Dowie and Voliva are negotiating for

a compromise.

help Wall street men. Roosevelt is being boomed for re-

election despite his refusal. Platt says he will not be a candidate

for re-election to the senate.

Correspondents on the isthmus say Colon could be made a model city.

The eruption of Vesuvius has almost entirely subsided, leaving a barren

ance business.

The government will spend \$1,400,-000 on the Jamestown exposition.

September 20.

The Pennsylvania's officers report that in target practice with 6-inch guns 17 hits were scored in 90 seconds. Future Governor Smith, of the Phil-

ippines, is home for a rest. He says day said: "The lynching at Springlower tariff rates with the islands is field was a most disgraceful occurrence. The Northern Pacific announces that

a third passenger train service will be added May 39 between St. Paul and were entitled to punishment by law Pacific coast points.

Prospects of the Columbia jetty bill are improving.

France is satisfied with the success of the Moroccan conference.

Germany is arging Turkey to resist the demands of Great Britain. Anthracite coal operators have re

jected the terms of the miners. Rossia has agreed to a postponement of The Hague peace conference.

TO AMEND CONSTITUTION.

Ex-Senator Turner, of Washington Would Call Convention.

Spokane, April 17 .- A convention to mend the constitution of the United States, so that many of the reforms and laws demanded by the people may be carried out, is advocated by Judge Southern Oregon Towns Unite for George Turner, ex-United States senator, who has recently returned from Washington, D. C. A provision for made in article 5 of the constitution.

country has it been applied. "I am in favor of having a convention to amend the constitution called," New York Italians have sent \$10,000 said Judge Turner tonight. "Experience has demonstrated that there are omissions and corrections which it would be wise to regulate.

"In article 5 of the United States constitution it is provided that 'congress, whenever two-thirds of both houses shall deem it necessary, shall the miners' offer and are preparing for propose amendments to this constitution, or, on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several continue to wreck houses, mob women states, shall call a convention for proposing amendments which in either An insurance bill, along the lines case shall be valid to all intents and recommended by the president in his purposes, as part of this constitution, when ratified by the legislatures in three-fourths of the several states, or Charles E. Hughes, of New York, by convention in three-fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by congress.'

"I believe that there is an urgent need for such a convention. In my opinion it is the only way by which the necessary amendment can be passed to pany has completed and has in working elect United States senators by popular

"There is an amendment needed to the constitution to enable an income May I and one June I to the world's tax law. This measure has been passed by congress, but declared unconstitutional by the Supreme court. Such a convention would make possible a uniform divorce law and also the Federal control of life insurance matters, as advocated by President Roosevelt. The convention could go over the entire onstitution."

## TERRIBLE SCENES AT KAGI.

Buildings Left by Former Earthquake Are Now in Ruins.

Tokio, April 17 .- One bundred and nine persons are known to have been killed and 29 injured in the earthquake Admiral Goodrich, with his flagship in the southern part of the island of Formosa last Saturday, but further dethat of March 17.

The town of Kagi was again the prin-The "big bill" only remains to be acted cipal sufferer, the houses which escaped destruction in the former disturbances Governor Folk, of Missouri, will see being now in ruins. Doko and several that the Springfield lynchers are ar- other towns and villages were also affectrested and has two companies of militia ed by landslides, which have complete on guard. Four of the leaders have ly changed the topography of the country. The officials are working feverish-

Later reports received from Formosa confirm the earlier rumors of the complete destruction of Kagi, where seven persons were killed and 35 injured. At Daigo 400 huildings were destroyed and at Ajensui 1,191 buildings collapsed Four persons were killed in a panic and 749 were damaged and three persons were killed and 15 injured.

These later advices say that this shock was more powerful than that of March 17, but as the people had been warned they were able to escape.

Portrait of Franklin. New York, April 17 .- The portrait of Benjamin Franklin, from Dorchester sador Reid, which has been restored to the United States by Earl Grey, arrived today on the American liner St. Paul, in a tin case addressed to President Roosevelt. In view of the approaching bicentenary Franklin celebra-Hearst has begun proceedings in the tion soon to be held in Philadelphia, New York Supreme court to test the Earl Grey, who, with Counters Grey, validity of the election of McClellan as was recently entertained in this country, thought it fitting that the picture should be restored at this time.

Captured Bandits Slain in Jail,

A great bank is being proposed to within the city, and a squadron of dra-mitted that the prisoner was not guilty. Barley — Feed, \$23.50@24 per ton; brewing, \$24.60; rolled, \$24.50@ tally wounded four of the Tartars, the the judge and district attorney. others escaping. A squadron of Coseacks which surprised another hand in the village of Jevanshis, captured four of the leaders. Four Cossacks were killed in this encounter, and after the bandits had been lodged in prison they arrived from the East with the first inwere killed by the Cossacks.

Great Influx of Aliens. New York, April 17 .- A new high Governor Higgins, of New York, has will be set when the aliens who arrived signed two more laws regulating insur- at this port today on nine European pected to follow soon. steamships, and those due temorrow on eight big ships which are expected to pass in Sandy Hook before nightfall, have been permitted to land on United The meeting of the second Hague States soil. On the vessels which arconference will be held some time after rived today were 11,839 immigrants. The steamers due tomorrow are expected to add at least a like number.

> Mob Members Guilty of Murder. Jefferson City, Mo., April 17 .- Gov-

ernor Joseph Folk, in a statement to-Whatever the offense of the negroes may have been and however deserving of death they may have been, they and not by a mob, and when a mob takes the law into its own hands, as this one did, any member of it is guilty of murder."

Revolt Against the Sultan. London, April 17 .- According to the firm of A. M. Williams & Co., is pre-Daily Mail's correspondent at El Are- paring to plant an orchard on 50 scres lah, Morocco, a young relative of the recently purchased from C. L. Phillips. sultan will soon be proclaimed ruler in The land lies south of The Dalles, and the south and a formidable revolt will be devoted entirely to Royal Ann against Fex is maturing at the city of cherries and Crawford and Solway pelt on, 10@1016c.

## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO SECURE SETTLERS.

Common Welfare. Medford-Rogue river valley, fair as a garden and bounding with manifold the calling of such a convention is products of the soil, surrounded by high hills rich in mineral wealth, and lying on the main line of railroad communialthough never in the history of this cation with the outside world, has witnessed a demonstration of enthusiasm never before equaled by its citizens. Pursuant to a meeting recently held at Grants Pass, at which 60 were present from Medford, a representative gathering of men from Ashland, Grants Pass, Gold Hill, Central Point and Jacksonville convened upon invitation of the Medford Commercial club last week to discuss means and adopt plans for organization to secure more settlers and increased advantage in all lines for the Rogue river valley and for Southern

Oregon as a sectoin. The organization will unite all towns of the valley and will comprise all commercial bodies in the cities named. Delegations were met at the depot by the Medford Commercial club with a band, and the visitors likewise brought musicians, whose efforts added to the enthusiasm. Dinner was served for 400

by J. F. Reddy, of the Nash hotel. William Colvig presided at the meeting at the Davis opera house. W. I. Vawter delivered the address of welcome, followed by the pest speakers from towns represented. The tone of the addresses indicate that the entire valley will be united in working for the advancement of every enterprise of common interest to this section of the

Water Rights on Walla Walla River. which, when properly tabulated, will to investigate and report. show the facts in each case without a great mass of conflicting testimony. The suit pending in the Circuit court of Umatilla county was originally started to determine the rights of a few claimants, but when the court came to consider the priority of various claims, other water users' rights were involved.

The Dalles to Advertise. The Dalles - The Dalles Business in the Vigt block, with J. S. McDonald tails, it is expected, will swell the death Donald is recently from Detroit, Mich., weeks before the famous Hood River roll, as the shock was more severe than preparing a line of advertising, descriptive of the resources and possibilities of The Dalles and vicinity, to be circulated in the East in localities where people are looking to the West for homes and for investments. The association is enthusiastic in the belief that much good will result.

> Tuttle Road Law Constitutional. a road constructed under this law the board and engineer. opinion says it means both ends of the road, the starting point and the finish. Property owners within a proposed road district of residents of the county may join in a petition for a road to be built under the Tuttle law, or may protest. The right to assess property is clearly defined.

Overhauling Beet Sugar Factory. La Grande-The work of overhauling the machinery at the sugar factory has begun and is being rapidly completed. Half a dozen mechanics are employed. In a short time the factory will be completely renovated and overhauled in all departments. Mr. Taylor, the new facory superintendent, is expected to ar-

ever before.

Two Convicts Pardoned. Salem-Governor Chamberlain has issued pardons to John Zavier, sentenced in 1902, for eight years, from Josephine county, for rape, and to A. W. Hussey, sent from Donglas county Tiflis, April 17 .- In an encounter in for two years for burglary in January, the outskirts of Tiflis today between a 1905. Zavier was pardoned because of band of Tartar brigands who have excellent prison record and doubt of been committing depredations almost guilt, complaining witness having ad-Hussey's pardon was recommended by

Brings Settlers to Medford. Medford - Edward Andrews, who went to the Dakotas recently to secure settlers for the Rogue river valley, has stallment of his party. There were 17 in the car, all homeseekers, from the vicinity of Mankato and Crystal Springs, Minn., and Mitchell, South Dakota. water mark in the tide of immigration The country looks good to them and they will locate here. More are ex-

Establish New Course.

Willamette University, Salem-Presdent Coleman has anonounced that a friend of the university had given the institution \$2,000. Half this sum will be used as a loan fund for students who need help, and \$1,000 will be used in establishing a university course in elec-trical engineering. Willamette will then be well equipped in these lines.

Opinion on Bond Taxation. Salem-The attorney general, in reply to a query from the assessor of Lane county, holds that city bonds and counstitution distinctly authorizes taxing such property. He says that all money due from the state or any subdivision

Plants 50-Acre Orchard. The Dalles - Carl Williams of the penches.

ENLISTS AID OF PRESIDENT. Fulton Persuades Him That Umatilla

Sheepmen Are Right. Washington-President Roosevelt has ssured Senator Fulton that he would verrule Secretary Hitchcock and see that Umatilla county sheepmen holding permits to graze in the Wenaha forest eserve are accorded the privilege of triving sheep across the Umatilla Indian reservation in going to and returning from their summer range. Fulton took the matter up with Indian Commissioner Leupp and found that he was willing to accept the proposition, provided Indian property can be properly protected. The senator assured him that sheep could cross the reservation without damaging Indian property. The president will confer with Mr. Hitchcock in the immediate future and see that some regulation is provided that will be acceptable to the stockmen. He declared that their request to cross the reservation was entirely reasonable and should be allowed.

The recent trouble at the reservation is believed to grow out of the fact that Agent Edwards favors giving this right

Examines Booth-Kelly Bill. Salem-Governor Chamberlain has received a copy of Senator Fulton's Booth-Kelly bill in response to a wired request. It authorizes the secretary of the interior to exchange certain lands in the Klamath Indian reservation, ownership of which has been vested in the California & Oregon Wagon Road company by the United States Supreme By its terms the company can select not exceeding 87,000 acres in townships 31 and 32, in one or more Salem-State Engineer J. H. Lewis tracts, in lieu of an equal number of has addressed a circular letter to attor- acres of road lands. The bill also neys interested in the suit involving grants waterpower rights and millsites irrigation and power rights in the and right to construct a railroad Walla Walla river. The letter sug- through the reservation. The govergests a series of questions to litigants nor will authorize the state land agent

Look for Early Berries.

Milton - From present indications he strawberry crop in this vicinity will be from two to three weeks earlier than usual and, unless the unexpected develops, will be the largest on record. Fred Beller, a prominent fruit rancher, says that his strawberries were already commencing to bloom and he expected to have fruit on the market in less than Men's association has opened quarters a month. Fancy prices will be demanded for the early fruit, which will

Work is Progressing. Salem - The state land board conferred with H. D. Turney, president, Jesse Stearns, attorney, and C. M.

Opinion Under Carey Act. Salem-Commissioner Richards, o to a query from Chief Clerk Brown of the State Land board, that it is proper to reclaim desert land under the Carey act by pumping water, provided the cost was not too great to admit of permanence. Secretary Hitchcock concurs in the opinion. This question arose from the proposition of W. E. Burke to irrigate land in Harney county from wells.

Quarter-Blood Indians May Vote. Salem-Attorney General Crawford, in an opinion rendered upon request of rive from Logan, Utah, within a few M. F. Parker, of the Klamath Indian days. The demand for seed is much agency, holds that Indians of onegreater than in any previous season, as quarter blood may vote in this state. the acreage is very much larger than Such Indians are to be recognized as white people. He says a half-breed is to be considered a white man if his mother was a white woman, or an Indian if his mother was a squaw.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Club, 69c; bluestem, 69@ 70c; red, 66c; valley, 68c. Oats - No. 1 white feed, \$27,50; gray, \$27 per ton.

25.50. Hay - Eastern Oregon timothy, choice, \$15@16 per ton; vailey timothy, \$12; clover, \$7.50@8; cheat, \$6@7; grain bay, \$7@8; alfalfa, \$12. Fruits - Apples, \$2@2.75 per box;

strawberries, \$3.50 per crate. Vegetables - Asparagus, 836@1236c per pound; cabbage, 21/221/c per pound; cauliflower, \$2.25 per crate; celery, 75@90c per dozen; head lettuce, 25c per dozen; onions, 10@15c per dozen; radishes, 20@25c per dozen; rhubarb, 3%@4c per p und; spinach, \$1 per box; pareley, 25c; turnips, \$1@ 1.25 per sack; carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c@\$1 per sack.

Onions-No. 1, \$1@1.15 per sack No. 2, nominal. Potatoes-Fancy graded burbanks 65@70c per hundred; ordinary, 50@ 60c; new Cal f rnia, 5c per | oind. Butter-Fancy creamery, 1736@20c

per pound. Eggs-Oregon ranch, 16%@17c per

Poultry-Average old hene, 14@14 % per pound; mixed chickens, 13%@14c; broilers, 25@27%c; young roosters, 12%@13e; old roosters, 11@11%e; ty warrants may be taxed the same as dressed chickens, 15@15%c; turkeys, other property. He says the state con- live, 17@18c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 21@22%c; geese, live, 8@10c; geese dressed, 10@11c; ducks, 17@18c.

Hops-Oregon, 1905, 8@10c; olds. 14@7c. Wool-Eastern Oregon average best, 15@20c; valley, 24@26c per prund mohair, choice, 28@30c.

Veal-Dressed, 316@716c per pound Beef-Dressed bulls, Sc pir pound ows, 4@5c; country steers, 416@516c. Mutton-Dressed, fancy, 914 @10c per

Pork-Dressed, 6@834c per pound.

SEVEN LOSE LIVES.

Powder Exploses in Turret of Battleship Kearsarge.

Washington, April 16 .- Two years go to a day later than the fatal Missouri disaster, as every sailor immediately recalled, on a Friday and the 13th of the month, seven men were done to death in the forward turret of the battelship Kearsarge by one of those accidents which acquire additional terror edly from 11:30 to 5 o'clock. In that tered a motion to recommit to the postfor sailors because of their obscure origin and the almost impossibility of prevention.

The Atlantic fleet had been for weeks engaged in most severe drills in the taken up on motion of Dixon, Montana. waters of the Caribbean sea, culminating in the quarterly target practice. ing, with most satisfactory results up to Friday, and it was confidently expected at the department, upon the timber and stone section of the present timber and stone section of the present. This practice was just about concludbasis of preliminary reports received, that all records would be broken in the matter of rapidity of fire and efficiency of the gunners. But today came a cablegram from Rear Admiral Evans, commanding the Atlantic fleet, telling of a dreadful accident on one of his best ships, the Kearsarge. The news came from Caimanera, a little cable station at the mouth of Guantinamo bay, indicating that the Kearsarge itself had arrived at that place. The message read as follows:

"Caimanera, April 16. - Secretary Navy, Washington: On April 13, about 3:15 p. m., shortly after completion of target practice of the Kearsarge forward turret, while the powder was going below, three sections of a 13-inch charge of powder were ignited. The charge of powder in other lift just be-low and one section of 13-inch remained intact. Cause unknown. Matter is being investigated. Seven men were killed and the recovery of another is doubtful."

### BLAMES COMPANY.

Official Report on Steamship Valen cia Disaster.

Washington, April 16 .- The department of Commerce today made public the report of the special commission which held an investigation into the Valencia disaster last February, holding its sessions at Seattle. The report, which is made to the president and signed by the three commissioners, Laurence O. Murray, assistant secretary of the department; Herbert Knox Smith, deputy commissioner of corporations, and Captain William T. Burwell, U. S. N., consists of 52 printed pages and exhaustively reviews the testimony and findings of the commission.

A feature of the report is its severe as secretary and manager. Mr. Mc- probably be placed on the market two censure for the Pacific Coast company, ditions, these laws will apply July which owned the steamer. The brunt next. of the blame, however, is thrown on Captain Johnson, who perished in the wreck.

pages. Irrigation & Power company. They ance of witnesses and had no funds would get the business. asked the board and the state engineer with which to remunerate them, subto certify 53,000 acres of the 76,600 in stantially all of the survivors of the to 27. the Deschutes Irrigation & Power com- wreck were examined, except a lew Salem—Assistant Attorney General pany's system, as ready for patent. who had gone to distant points before an Winkle has rendered an opinion Mr. Turney explained that it would be the inquiry began. In addition a large erty within one mile of the terminus of could comply with requirements of the to the Valencia's aid were put on the stand.

COUNTRY RETURNS TO LIFE.

the General Land office, says, in reply Sun Shines on Naples and People

Resume Business. Naples, April 16 .- The news from Vesuvius continues to be satisfactory The sun is shining brightly this morning, and the last vestiges of the eruption are disappearing from Naples.

The work of cleaning and sweeping is still going on here. The city has about resumed its normal appearance. Reports from the villages and towns in the region of Vesuvius say that the people are gradually returning to their homes. The stores are beinng reopened. The inhabitants of the towns which suffered the least are actively engaged in repairing their damaged homes and churches. In the opening up of the roads they are assisted by the troops sion bills. and government engineers.

San Pedro Road Again Open. Los Angeles, Cal., April 16 .- The San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake railway will be opened for through traffic again this evening for the first time since nearly 100 miles of the road between Calientes and Las Vegas was rendered useless by floods on March 24. The company has had 3,000 men at the scene of the washouts, and General Manager Wells has spent his entire time there, and has not yet returned to this city. No. 2, the first train out, leaves here at 8 o'clock tonight. No.

will leave Salt Lake at midnight. Prepare for Coal Strike. Philadelphia, April 16 .- Despite the optimism with which Mr. Mitchell fields, the miners themselves and business men throughout the region express but little hope of a peaceful settlement and miners. On the other band officials of the coal companies have since Thursday in various sections been making obvious preparations for an extended suspension of mining operations. imported laborers are said to have been placed in several colleries.

Gorky May Be Deported.

Chicago, April 16 .- A special to a Maxim Gorky and the woman who is known as his wife may be deported because of false representations made ers of the Immigration bureau declare that, if the matter is properly brought Northern and Northern Pacific rail- and open up the country within a reasbefore the bureau, Gorky may be deported. It is believed that persons who do not admire his opinions will lose no time in oringing up his case.

Can't Ask Him to Attend.

any nation other than France.

# IN THE NATIONAL HALLS OF CONGRESS

Tuesday, April 17.

he legislative decks for pending money bills for the support of the government, the house today worked uninterrupt-

suspension of the rules. The bill to provide for entry of agricultural land within forest reserves was Mondell, Wyoming, thought if the bill rollcall, which was ordered. Moon's passed it would bring vast areas directly under the bureau of Forstry that did tained the subsidy in the bill, and

law and the commutation clause. The bill was passed with one amendment, striking out the paragraph giving the secretary of scriculture the right to set aside such forest reserve

settler January 1, 1906. Washington, April 17.-Preceeding the taking up of the railroad rate bill his resolution directing the senate committee on finance to enter upon an investigation of the question of campaign contributions by the national banks and the resolution was referred to the finance committee. Tillman said that he would not confine the inquiry to the Republican committee, but would extend it to the Democratic committee. Foster spoke for almost three hours on the rate bill, contending for the validity of the proposed legislation.

Monday, April 16.

Washington, April 16 .- It took the house of representatives just one minnte to pass Representative Jones' bill appropriating \$400,000 to continue work on the jetty at the mouth of the speech by Lattimer on in support of Columbia river. In accordance with his promise, Speaker Cannon this afternoon recognized Mr. Jones to call up the bill reported by the river, and har-

bor committee last Friday.

The bill was read, and without a sinthird time, engrossed and passed." This was all there was to it. It happened so quickly that few members present knew that nearly \$500,000 was eing appropriated.

Crumpacker, of Indiana, called up house bill extending until April 11, 1909, the date for applying the coastwise laws of the United States to the Philippines. Under the present con-

Opposition to the bill was made b Humphrey, of Washington, who said there was ample American shipping Sixty witnesses were examined, their on the Pacific coast to take care of the testimony covering 1,860 typewritten commerce between the United States Though the commission was and the Philippines, and, if the time Redfield, representing the Deschutes without power to compel the attend- was not extended, these American ships The bill was passed by a vote of 217

> Washington, April 16 .- A speech on the railroad rate bill by Heyburn, of to fix a time for taking a vote on the Idaho, in advocacy of his court review | rate bill, Aldrich expressed the opinion amendment, led to more than two that before the end of the week the hours' technical debate, in the senate today. The Indian appropriation bill was taken up for committee amendments, but was not completed, and consideration will be resumed tomorrow. Tillman, of South Carolina, at the opening of the session, offered a order today, a senate bill ratifying an resolution providing for an inquiry by the committee on finance into contributions by national banks to campaign

them had not been disclosed by the comptroller of the currency.

Friday, April 13. Washington, April 13. - Owing to the fact that none of its members were prepared to speak on the railroad rate bill, that measure was temporarily said Hayes, Cal., spoke in favor of an inaside today in the senate, permitting the devotion of the entire time to the consideration of other bills on the cal endar. Of these more than 300 were passed, most of them being private pen-

Among the general bills passed was one increasing the pensions of ex- mittee, that he will permit them to soldiers who lost limbs in the service; another retiring and pensioning petty officers and men of the army, navy and marine corps after 30 years of service at three-fourths their regular pay; and it means that the bill must be considthird bill increasing the pensions of ered solely on its own merits, and can ex-Mexican war soldiers to \$20 per month and making the attainment of associated with any other river and 75 years of age evidence of disability.

Progress of Reclamation.

Washington, April 13 .- After spend-

Washington, April 17 .- The third Interior Hitchcock stated that, includ- and have lost no opportunity to deny ing the irrigation projects under con- that they themselves are unduly friendviews the situation in the anthracite struction, those which are contem- ly to the great transportation corporaplated and those approved but not be- tions. Up to the present session, gun, there will have been spent on whenever there was talk of "corporaof the differences between the operators the estimated receipts from the opera- sensitive; they did not jump to their \$500,000 more than that amount.

Clears Docket of Trash.

Washington, April 17 .- For the first time in 29 years the Supreme court of Roosevelt, after repeated conferences the United States today called its with Attorney General Moody and Secdocket of original cases with the end retary Hitchcock, has determined toin view of eliminating some of them if inaugurate a vigorous campa yn for repossible. In the case of Washington claiming government land now unlaw-Chicago paper from New York says vs. Oregon, a boundary question, a fully fenced in and used for pasturage stipulation to close the taking of testi- by numerous large cattle owners. mony by the first Monday in August These men have escaped punishment so was announced. The case of Washing far. The president will probably issue on their entrance to this country. Offi- ton vs. the Northern Securities com- a proclamation July 1, ordering sattle pany, involving the merger of the Great owners to tear down their illegal fences roads, was dismissed.

> Heyburn Talks to Desks. Washington, April 17 .- Twice dur-

ling much time in useless debate and Washington, April 17. - To clear wrangling, the house took up the post-

office appropriation bill. The bill was finally perfected at 5:45 o'clock, when Moon, of Tennessee, entime 11 general bills were passed under office committee with instructions to report the bill to the house immediately with the Southern railway mail subsidy stricken out. On this motion Crmpacker, of Indiana, demanded a motion was lost, 96 to 99. This re-

Thursday, April 12.

Washington, April 12 .- The feature of today's proceedings in the house of representatives was the speech made by Cochran, of New York, who, under an land as was not occupied by a bona fide agreement made on a previous day, was given an hour to elucidate the subject of "general debate" on appropriation bills. In view of the announcement that Cockran would speak, the galleries in the senate today, Tillman called up were crowded and a very large proportion of the members were in attend-

> Cockran, after a short discussion of the fiction of "general debate" and the failure of members to attend the sittings of the house while subjects covering the widest possible latitude were being illuminated, launched into a defense of the Hepburn rate bill and the high position taken by the house, not only in the exceptional character of the legislation, but in the dignified way in which the bill passed the lower branch of congress. In this connection he ridiculed the constitutional debaters in

Washington, April 12 .- After a brief the house railroad rate bill, Foraker today took the floor on that measure and consumed practically all of the remainder of the day's session of the senate. He spent some time in the discussion of some of the amendments he has gle word being said in its favor or is suggested, and then entered upon the opposition, the speaker announced that consideration of the entire question of the bill "would be considered as read railroad rate regulation, arguing against the constitutionality of the pending bill from various points of view. He was frequently interrupted by other senators. Lodge spoke briefly in support of the practice of granting lower rates on goods intended for export than on those used in domestic consumption.

Wednesday, April II. Washington, April 11 .- Among the many bills passed by the senate today was one granting land on Morton island, in Snake river, Oregon, to that state as a fish hatchery. Other bills passed follow:

Authorizing the allotment of land to natives of Alaska; prohibiting the use of diving apparatus in the taking of sponges; authorizing the state of Montana to select lieu lands; prohibiting aliens from gathering sponges in American waters. In response to a request by Tillman

speeches would be so far disposed of as o enable the senate to foresee the end of general discussion. Washington, April 11. - When

Speaker Cannon called the house to agreement with the Lower Brule band of the Sioux tribe of Indians, in South Dakota, was passed. The postoffice apcommittees and why facts concerning propriation bill was then taken up. The military record of General Jacob H. Smith was the subject of a speech by Banon, Ohio, who defended the ac-

tions of General Smith, in the Philip-

pines, stating that General Wood's

achievements were a complete vindica-

tion of the case of General Smith.

creased salary for postal clerks.

Cannon Gives Aid. Washington, April 14. - Speaker Cannon today assured Representative Jones, of Washington, and Chairman Burton, of the river and harbor comcall up the Columbia river bill on Monday under suspension of the rules. This is the most satisfactory arrangement that could be brought about, for under no circustances be confused or harbor or appropriation bill. merits of the bill are so apparent that

it cannot be assailed. Quick to Protest.

Washington, April 16. - Since the annual general inquiry of the house debate on the railroad rate bill warmed committee on irrigation regarding the up, certain senators have grown very operation of the national reclamation sensitive about allusions to "railroad act was begun today. Secretary of the senators" and "friends of the railroade," June 30, 1908, \$37,000,000, and that tion senators," these men were not so tion of the law up to that time will be feet then to continually disclaim any particular friendliness for corporations,

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onable time, about 60 days.

More Talk Coming.

Washington, April 16 .- Speeches on ing his rate speech yesterday Senator the railroad rate bill will be the feature Heyburn practically emptied the sen- in the United States senate the present Washington, April 16.—The impostate. When he began, senators gradu- week. Notwithstanding the assurances ibility of inviting the British ambas- ally left, and in the middle of his to the contrary which were given by sador to participate in the Paul Jones speech he called for a quorum, so that senators last week, there is no immediceremony at Annapolis on April 24, he would not talk to empty desks, but ate prospects for securing an agreement ommemorating events in which Eng- no sooner had the senators answered to upon a time for voting upon t' bill. land came out second best, has led their names than they again retired. No one has at any time count d upon pound; ordinary, 6@7c; lambs, with those in charge of the externonies to re- At the conclusion of his speech there getting such an agreement until the frain from inviting the participation of was but a mere handful of senators general speeches shall have been exhausted.