

## NEWBERG GRAPHIC.

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### EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting.

St. Louis has been warned to expect a flood.

The house has passed the bill giving Alaska a delegate.

The Vladivostok squadron has sunk a small Japanese steamer at Gensan.

Kourapatkin is to be made commander of land and sea forces in the Far East.

A dispatch from Port Arthur denies that 20,000 Japanese troops have landed at Dalny.

The foreign military observers assigned to Japan's first army in Corea have been ordered to leave for the front.

The Japanese are landing much material and other supplies and preparing to build bridges in the neighborhood of Wiju.

The powers are expected to back Russia in declaring the use of wireless telegraphy constitutes espionage. The United States alone is expected to make certain reservations.

The tomb of the famous Livingston family, near New York, was broken into and the bodies of several removed, while the bones of others were scattered over the floor.

The house has passed the senate bill providing that when the United States district judge of the district of Oregon is absent or unable to hold court, the circuit judge may hold district court and perform other duties of the district judge.

The czar has signed an order recalling Viceroy Alexieff.

The Japanese lines on the Yalu river now extend for 30 miles.

Bank robbers at Lola, Wis., secured \$1,200, but overlooked \$9,000 in their haste.

The Panama canal property has been formally turned over to the United States.

An American doctor and eight nurses have arrived in Japan to assist in Red Cross work.

Alaska Indian children will be brought to the Chemawa, Oregon, school or education.

Kourapatkin has forbid his generals to engage in any battles and even opposes small skirmishes.

Rumors of fighting on the Yalu, in which the Japanese lost heavily continue to come from Port Arthur.

George A. Hammond, consulting engineer, has been ordered to Eastern Oregon to assist in the examination of the Malheur irrigation proposition.

The Indian agent at Colville, Wash., and the bonded superintendent at Nez Perce, Idaho, reservation have been let out on account of indiscreet actions.

Neidermeir, Marx and Vandine, the Chicago carbarn bandits, have paid the penalty of their crimes.

Russia may not send her Baltic fleet to the Far East, as it would leave her European ports unguarded.

A Port Arthur report says an entire Japanese column was destroyed on the Yalu river. No confirmation is obtainable.

It is reported that two Japanese, disguised as beggars, attempted to assassinate General Kourapatkin while he was in Niu Chwang recently.

Russian troops en route to the Far East have been denied liquor as there is a determination on the part of officers that the army shall conduct itself well.

The Hansbrough bill recently passed by the senate repealing the timber and stone act, and authorizing the sale of government timber to the highest bidder, has been practically killed in the house public lands committee.

Many floating mines have been seen off the Shan Tung promontory in the path followed by vessels bound to and from Shanghai and Che Foo and Tien Tsin. This is extremely dangerous to shipping and probably will cause an increase in marine insurance.

Twenty Russians engaged in planting mines in the entrance to Port Arthur were killed by an accidental explosion.

The senate has passed the pension and the river and harbor bills.

The cost of the war to Russia, up to April 5, is placed at \$46,250,000.

St. Petersburg is in receipt of a report that Niu Chwang is being bombarded.

Colorado militiamen clubbed the secretary of the Miners' Federation for defying their chief.

### RAIN CAUSES KANSAS FLOOD.

Rescues From Homes Surrounded by Rising Waters.

Fort Scott, Kan., April 27.—Fort Scott is experiencing the most serious flood in its history. Marmatong river and Mill creek, which runs into the former stream here, have risen ten feet in the past 24 hours, the result of heavy rains. Several hundreds of persons have been rescued in boats. As far as known tonight no lives have been lost. The estimated loss in livestock drowned and property damaged is \$100,000.

The two streams began to rise at 10 o'clock last night and today the city was divided into three sections and almost completely isolated. Normally Mill creek runs into the Marmatong river, northeast of the city, but because of the rapid rise they formed a new channel which cut across one end of the city. Tonight the entire northern part of the city is cut off, and part of the city is inundated.

Ten feet of water is rushing through the streets in that part of the city and several hundred persons in what is known as Belltown have been forced to leave their homes. Many were taken away in boats.

There were several narrow escapes from drowning. Late today an aged couple named Lemore, living north of the city near the river, were rescued in boats. They were completely hemmed in. Rescuers were out all day under the direction of Fire Chief Ausman, Mayor Congdon and Chief of Police Mendenhall, and they succeeded in saving thousands of dollars' worth of property as well as the hundreds of inhabitants of that district.

Many who refused to leave Belltown will still have to be taken away in boats, as all avenues of escape have now been cut off.

The gas works is three feet under water and has closed down. The engine and pumps at the water station are 20 feet under water. The Southwestern Wholesale Grocery company's warehouse is flooded and the water has reached the office. The wholesale district is completely surrounded and merchants are removing their stocks of goods. All the railroads are tied up, bridges being threatened and tracks covered.

Washouts are reported in all directions. In the low farming land the water is from five to ten feet deep and much stock has been drowned and heavy damage to property caused. It is estimated that 300 persons are homeless.

### SOLDIER KILLED IN WRECK.

West Bound Santa Fe Train Collides With a Light Engine.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 27.—A west bound special train carrying several carloads of soldiers bound for the presidio, San Francisco, was wrecked at Hartoum Station, the first station west of Needles, Cal., on the Santa Fe railroad. One soldier, James M. Bowers, was killed and about a dozen injured.

According to the meagre information obtainable in this city tonight the wreck occurred sometime during the afternoon Sunday and was caused by the colliding of a light engine east-bound with the troop train. The engine had helped a train over a heavy grade just west of Needles, and was returning to that point, presumably without the knowledge of the special troop train.

### Carnival at Portland.

The Federated Trades Council, representing 75 labor unions, and the Lewis and Clark Fraternal Building association, comprising 34 fraternal societies, have arranged to hold a mardi gras and carnival in Portland June 28 to July 12 inclusive. It is intended to make this affair the largest and most complete ever attempted on the Pacific coast. A spectacle employing 300 people will be one of the chief attractions of the amusement features, as well as a circus, balloon ascensions, etc. The management has promised that the entire two weeks will be full of specialties and one cannot go once and see it all. There will be a monster Fourth of July parade, also an illuminated parade on the night of July 2. Reduced rates have been secured on all transportation lines running into Portland.

### Irrigation Investigation at Yakima.

Washington, April 27.—District Engineer T. A. Noble, of the reclamation service, at Spokane, Wash., has been instructed to proceed to make the necessary investigations at the earliest possible date concerning the development of the Yakima valley, to ascertain whether the opportunities for irrigation works there are of such a character as to warrant the beginning of a large government work in this city. The investigation will be for the purpose largely of securing a better knowledge of the physical conditions of this region.

### Improvements at Puget Sound Yards.

Washington, April 27.—Bids have been opened at the navy department for a steel storage building at the Puget sound navy yard, the lowest bidder being the St. Paul Foundry company, \$30,736, and for a boatshop at the Puget sound yard, the lowest bidder being T. Ryan, Seattle, \$165,000.

## PAPERS ARE SIGNED

TITLE TO PANAMA CANAL NOW RESTS WITH UNITED STATES.

Agreement Transfers Property Without Reservation—Stockholders Will Now Ratify the Act of President and Director of Company—Title Is Perfect—U. S. First to Hear News.

Paris, April 25.—The Associated Press is authorized to announce that the contract by which the Panama canal passes to the United States is signed and sealed. The title to the canal is now vested in the United States. The document by which this transaction is consummated bears the signatures of President Board Director Richman, of the Panama canal company, who signed for the company as its responsible officers. The transfer is complete and without reservation, and the United States secures a perfect title.

This result has been quietly accomplished, and unexpectedly, as the public has been given to understand that the contract would not be executed until after the meeting of the stockholders of the Panama canal company tomorrow, at which the question of ratification would be presented. As a matter of fact, however, when the meeting takes place President Board will announce that the sale has been completed, and, instead of asking for authority to execute a contract, it will only remain to ratify the contract of sale which the officers of the company have formally completed. Only a few of the highest officers of the company are now aware of the secret, which will not be known except by this announcement in the United States up to the time of the meeting.

It is confidently believed that the completion of the sale before this meeting will increase the vote for ratification.

### RUSSIA ISSUES PAPER MONEY.

Finance Minister Says It Is Not Forced, and No Loan Is Desired.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—Russia has made a new issue of \$15,000,000 in paper currency against free gold in the State bank. At the ministry of finance it was explained that it was an ordinary issue, and in no sense was forced. Under the law paper is issuable to double the amount of gold up to \$150,000,000 gold, in excess of which paper issued must be covered rouble for rouble. In the State bank there are, in round figures, \$400,000,000 in gold, which would permit of an issue of \$550,000,000 in paper, but the paper issue at present only amounts to \$350,000,000. All sorts of figures of the cost of the war are printed abroad. The correspondent of the Associated Press is authoritatively informed that the daily expenses are averaging \$750,000, and it is estimated that a year's expenditure for the war will total \$250,000,000. To meet this there existed a free balance of \$50,000,000 by reductions in the ordinary budgets, leaving ostensibly \$135,000,000. But a portion of the latter is made up by the increased earnings of the railroads owned by the government. It being in reality a question of bookkeeping, how the balance is to be raised has not yet been determined.

### ALL RETIRE AT SEVENTY YEARS.

House Committee Decides on Reform in the Civil Service.

Washington, April 23.—The house committee on reform in the civil service authorized Chairman Gillett to introduce a bill providing that on June 30, 1907, every office in the classified service of the United States held by a person who is then over 70 years old, shall become vacant, and that thereafter such offices shall become vacant when the incumbent becomes 70 years old.

The committee directed Mr. Gillett to report all pending bills granting pensions to civil employees of the government to the house, with the recommendation that they lie on the table; also that the draft a bill reclassifying the clerical service of the government, with a view to providing for more frequent promotions in the smaller salaried positions.

### Alaskan Fishing Season Extended.

Washington, April 25.—The secretary of commerce signed an order today rescinding the regulation which limits the duration of the salmon fishing season in Southeastern Alaska. Under the former regulation, cannerymen were prohibited from taking salmon until July 1, but the order issued today removes this restriction entirely and no date is fixed. The repeal of the old regulation was demanded by the cannerymen's association, and was also recommended by the Jordan commission.

### Protects Water Supply of Portland.

Washington, April 25.—Protection to the water supply of the city of Portland was provided by the house today when it passed a bill prohibiting trespassing on the Bull Run forest reserve. The maximum penalty for trespassing was reduced to \$500.

### SHADOWED BY JAPANESE.

Spies in France are Trying to Learn Plans of Russians.

St. Petersburg, April 26.—The Ruski Slavo prints a letter from an official in the French secret service which reports the presence of numerous Japanese spies in France, well provided with money. They shadow Russians and watch the shipyards. Especially do they endeavor to ascertain the exact date of the departure of the Baltic fleet and the points en route at which it will coal.

The Novosti states that the Russians should feel gratified at the strategical achievement of the naval squadron, which imposed caution upon the Japanese operations and gave Russia time to throw a prepondering military force into Manchuria. The most favorable time, the Novosti continues, for Japanese military operations has passed.

A letter written by Colonel Apagoff, an officer of marines on the Petropavlovsk, who was drowned, describes the routine upon the battleship. We rise, he wrote, at 6 o'clock, learn the news of the night and drink tea. At 8 o'clock we attend colors and then read the papers in hope of obtaining information of the intentions of the enemy. Afterwards we go to a meeting at headquarters and discuss questions of defense. Lunch comes at 1 o'clock. Afterwards we visit the city or transact our own affairs. Dinner at 6 o'clock, when rumors of all kinds circulate.

If reports of the appearance of the enemy are persistent, the letter states, the torpedo boats are sent out, and upon these craft falls the hardest service of the war. When Grand Duke Cyril arrived at Port Arthur, he was given command of a torpedo boat. The ships in the harbor, it is stated, were connected with the others and with the shore by telephone.

### NOT TO WATER IT.

Nation Finds Crook County Field Taken by Private Concerns.

Washington, April 26.—The secretary of the interior has received a petition from 300 members of the Farmers' co-operative irrigation association of Oregon asking that a thorough investigation be made by the reclamation service to determine the irrigation possibilities of Crook county. The petition has the indorsement of Senator Mitchell.

It happens that representatives of the reclamation service have made extensive investigations in Crook county, and reached the conclusion that there is no present opportunity for the government to enter this field. There are several attractive irrigation projects along the Deschutes river, but all of these are now covered by segregations made by the state of Oregon under the Carey act, and the government does not desire to interfere with the plans of private companies.

The only other water available for irrigation in Crook county is the Crooked river, and the summer flow of this stream is now fully utilized. As it would be very expensive to divert water of the Deschutes across the Crook river valley onto the distant arable lands, the government has decided it can do nothing in Crook county unless private enterprises under the Carey act are abandoned.

### SPECIAL STAMP FOR '05 FAIR.

Postal Department is Expected to Authorize the Issue Soon.

Washington, April 26.—At the suggestion of Senator Mitchell, the post-office department has taken up the matter of preparing a special issue of postage stamps to commemorate the Lewis and Clark centennial. The department can issue such stamps without special authority of congress, and in view of the department's attitude on the cessation of other expositions, it is expected that the postmaster general will soon authorize a special Lewis and Clark issue.

Senator Mitchell has also requested the department to supply the Portland postoffice with a special cancelling stamp bearing some such words as "Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, 1905, Portland, Oregon," or "World's Fair, Portland, Oregon, 1905."

This suggestion has been taken under advisement. Senator Mitchell believes the stamp issue and the special cancellation stamps will be an excellent means of advertising the exposition.

### Will Get Boats Ordered by Germany.

New York, April 26.—Some sensation has been caused in Berlin, says a Herald dispatch, by a rumor to the effect that Germany has ceded to Russia certain torpedo boats building in private yards, which are on the point of completion. Eight of these, which are being built by the Schichau yards, are the largest torpedo boats as yet constructed in Germany, being 560 tons, with an average speed of 28. In order to prevent a breach of neutrality it would be necessary that the German government annul its contract.

### Japanese Land Near Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, April 26.—A report is current here that the Japanese have landed 20,000 troops at Kin Chau, above Port Arthur. This report, however, cannot be confirmed tonight.

## LOSS IS MILLIONS

LARGE BUSINESS PORTION OF TORONTO DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Damage Placed at \$12,000,000 With \$8,360,000 Insurance—City Acts for Sufferers—All Public Buildings are Placed at Their Disposal—Erection of Temporary Structures Permitted.

Toronto, Ont., April 22.—The total loss by the fire which destroyed the wholesale district of Toronto last night will, according to the most conservative estimate, reach \$12,000,000, the total insurance \$8,360,000.

The area swept by the fire embraces 14 acres, and 9,000 to 10,000 persons are thrown out of employment. The work of tearing down the dangerous walls was continued until this afternoon.

The city council this afternoon placed all public buildings and the exhibition grounds at the disposal of the fire sufferers, amended the fire regulations to allow the erection of temporary structures, and appointed a committee to wait on the legislature and secure an act ordering all wires under ground.

The principal warehouses of the city were reduced to ashes and nearly 250 firms were put out of business. The area covered by the fire is three blocks in length and varies from half a block to two blocks in width. Every building on Bay street, from Melinda street southward to the waterfront, was wiped out and the fire spread on Wellington and Front streets, along the waterfront from this section and the Esplanade along the waterfront from this section with Bay street for a boundary for a few hundred feet to a whole block.

From the time the fire started on the north side of Wellington street, a short distance east of Bay street, in the E. & S. Currie manufacturing plant, till it burned itself out at daybreak, there was not a moment when a shift of the wind to the northward would not have resulted in the destruction of the greater part of the city.

At a meeting of the Toronto legislature tonight, the premier and the leader of the opposition expressed sympathy with the fire sufferers, and it was decided to place a sum of money in the supplementary estimates for the benefit of the firemen's fund.

It is probable that the prorogation of the legislature, will be indefinitely delayed because of the fire. The burning of the Warwick brothers and Rutter building delays the government printing for this year.

The total number of buildings destroyed is 122; the number of firms affected is 222.

### IRRIGATION WORKS FOR IDAHO.

Government Decides to Take in the Payette Valley Project.

Washington, April 22.—The government has finally decided to take up the Payette irrigation project, in Idaho, which contemplates the reclamation of 140,000 acres of land in Boise and Payette valleys, by diverting the waters of Boise river. Examinations of this project have been under way for several years, and the department is now convinced the project is feasible and can be carried out at a reasonable cost.

During the coming summer, final surveys will be made for canals and other works, and it is expected that contracts for the construction can be prepared and let by the end of the season.

The board of consulting engineers will consist of H. N. Savage, J. H. Quinton and W. H. Sanders which will soon examine the Umatilla and Malheur irrigation projects in Eastern Oregon to determine which of the two is the better adapted for government construction. The report of this board is likely to lead to the formal adoption of one or the other of these projects.

### Blizzard Rages in St. Louis.

St. Louis, April 22.—A severe storm raged here today, at times assuming the proportions of a blizzard. The storm began with a sleet storm, followed by a fall of 20 degrees of temperature. Following there was a snowfall of five inches. Street traffic was impeded and trains were late. The snow prevented the games between the St. Louis and Chicago national league teams, and St. Louis and Cleveland American league teams, scheduled for today. Five to seven inches of snow fell within radius of 150 miles of St. Louis.

### Trainrobbers Get \$50,000.

Tiflis, April 22.—A train on the Trans-Caucasian railway was held up between Novosenkai and Abasha by four armed men, who entered the mail car and, after binding the officials, escaped with registered letters and valuables worth \$50,000.