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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

Less important but not less interesting happenings from points outside the state.

Roosevelt has announced his plans for his African hunting trip.

House Democrats have elected Champ Clark as their leader.

The government has launched a big collier at the Mare Island yard.

General Simon has entered the Haytian capital with his army.

Germany will provide several schools in the Chinese territory it holds.

Internal revenue officers have seized 30,000 pounds of oleomargarine at Denver.

An Italian writer has denounced Americans for claiming equality with royalty.

The schooner D. M. Clemson, plying on Lake Erie, is believed to have been lost.

Rear Admiral Coughlan is dead.

The republic of Salvador has put down a revolution.

The Western Pacific railroad has just finished a tunnel through the Sierras, which is 7,306 feet long.

An Oregon boy won first honors in an oratorical contest at Notre Dame university, Ind. He will represent the school in the state contest.

Castro is believed to have deserted Venezuela forever.

The international naval conference is in session at London.

The prosecution has completed its evidence in the Ruef trial.

A Pittsburg broker is charged with forging bonds for \$600,000.

Elks of New York City are to spend \$1,000,000 on a new clubhouse.

A steamer and two docks burned at Portland, Me. Loss, \$350,000.

Montenegro has attacked an Austrian fort and Austria is hurrying troops to the scene.

Adjutant General Ainsworth reports that desertions in the army are on the decrease.

A Los Angeles man has been arrested for having dies for counterfeiting money.

A Chicago grand jury reports wholesale election frauds, particularly direct primary.

Physicians hold out some hope for the recovery of Governor-elect Cosgrove, of Washington.

The Union Pacific has reduced its running time between Omaha and Portland two and one-half hours.

Admiring friends want to present Admiral Evans with a house at Los Angeles, but he has taken warning from the Dewey incident and declined.

Mrs. Yerkes-Mizner has started a contest of Yerkes' will.

The Y. M. C. A. has erected a fine building at Seoul, Corea.

An imperial edict has been issued in China guaranteeing a constitution in nine years.

Los Angeles civil service employes have been forbidden to visit race tracks to witness races.

Two miners were killed and three fatally injured in an explosion of gas in a West Virginia coal mine.

Miss Elkins is said to have jilted Abuzzi because she preferred Lieutenant Andrews, of the navy.

Railroads and coal companies have been convicted of conspiracy in restraint of trade at Salt Lake City.

Rabbi Wise attacked New York judges for banqueting Croker on the occasion of his visit to this country.

In the Standard Oil dissolution case Archbold has forgotten almost everything in connection with the company's business.

A Chicago man imported a lot of rugs and other articles, placing a value of \$1,000 on them. Chicago customs officials have seized them as they were worth \$15,000.

Thaw's lawyers continue to fight to secure his release.

Minnesota, Montana and the Dakotas are having zero weather.

A Columbus, Ohio, city official has been convicted of grafting.

At the municipal elections just held in Massachusetts, several cities went dry.

The floods in Arkansas have not subsided. The property loss will be enormous.

The government inquiry into the Harriman merger has begun at New York.

Four persons are dead as a result of the crush at Emperor Francis Joseph's diamond jubilee.

At a conference of Pennsylvania Baptist ministers Roosevelt was severely censured.

Radicals will cause a storm in the German reichstag by a move to limit the kaiser's power.

Many election frauds have been uncovered in Missouri and indictments are expected to follow.

The Pillsbury-Washburn Milling company, of Minneapolis, which failed some time ago, is to be reorganized.

WILL REFUSE LANDING.

President Castro Will Be Asked to Apologize First.

Paris, Dec. 8.—If President Castro, of Venezuela, comes to Bordeaux, he will not be allowed to set foot on French soil until after he has offered a formal apology for the fashion in which he has flouted France. This decision was made by the cabinet, but was kept a secret, as it was expected that Castro would disembark at Santander, Spain. But should he arrive at Bordeaux, and his illness not be serious, permission to land will be made conditional upon the dispatch of an official telegram of apology to the French government and the dispatch of telegraphic instructions to Caracas for the immediate execution of the arbitral award in the matter of the French claims.

Dr. Domingo Castillo, the Venezuelan consul general at Hamburg, and Dr. Escalante, consul general at Liverpool, passed through Paris today on the way to Santander, presumably to meet President Castro.

DEPOSITS TOO LARGE.

Remarkable Conditions Existing With Canadian Banks.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 8.—A very remarkable condition of affairs is disclosed by the Canadian government's bank statement for October, just issued. It is shown that the people of this country are saving money at a very much faster rate than the banks and business men of the dominion can dispose of in profitable investments.

The result of this condition of things is that deposits in Canada increased during October to the extent of \$11,362,879, while the business of the country absorbed by way of current and call loans only \$3,332,014 more than during the previous month.

When it is remembered that the crop movement began very early this year, and that farmers were paid for their wheat and other products promptly, it will be understood that several million dollars of the increase for the month in deposits may be due to the plentifulness of the dominion in the rural districts of the dominion.

Whatever the cause, however, bankers of Canada are confronted with the fact that they have to earn interest on \$96,000,000 of capital and \$67,000,000 of deposits.

BRITISH GIVE PROTECTION.

American Gunboats Leave During Insurrection in China.

Pekin, Dec. 8.—Reports have been received here that the Americans in the Yangtse Kiang territory are indignant on account of the withdrawal of the American gunboats, which went to Manila with the Pacific fleet for target practice, leaving no protection for Americans during the recent insurrection at Nanking. Because of this the American consul general at Hankow, William Martin, was compelled to ask the British representative to look after American interests at Nanking.

Detailed reports of the revolutionary conditions which prevailed show that had the rebels succeeded in taking Nanking, an insurrection would have broken out in at least three or four places, which would have put the American residents in great danger.

Cabinet Timber in Wheeler.

Washington, Dec. 5.—William R. Wheeler, assistant secretary of commerce and labor, is suggested by the politicians for a place in the cabinet of President-elect Taft. A cabinet position is conceded to the Pacific coast, and since the name of George A. Knight aroused discussion and opposition the chances of Wheeler have been discussed. Wheeler as assistant secretary has had experience and is held to have shown himself capable of succeeding Secretary Straus if the latter should lay down the portfolio. Wheeler, however, has shown adaptability and another post in the cabinet may be his.

Fleet Passes Singapore.

Singapore, Dec. 8.—The United States Atlantic battleship fleet, under Rear-Admiral Sperry, passed through the harbor here today. The stately procession impressed both the expert and the many other spectators. The scout cruiser Yankton kept in constant communication with the fleet during its passage, but otherwise the battleships did not communicate with the shore. The flagship Connecticut saluted the port, and the salute was returned. Many launches and small vessels filled with spectators went out to meet the American ships.

Ferry Crashes Into Mole.

Oakland, Dec. 8.—Missing her slip in the almost impenetrable fog that had settled down upon the bay and blotted everything from view, the ferry steamer Berkeley, crowded with commuters returning home from San Francisco at 9:28 last night, crashed into the bulkhead at the end of the Oakland mole with such force that one of the passengers was fatally injured, three seriously and a score of others crushed and trampled upon in the panic that followed.

Flood Threatens Town.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 8.—A continued rainfall and the consequent softening of the already crumbling banks has renewed apprehension that it is not improbable that considerable additional property loss may occur, notwithstanding the rapid recession of the Arkansas river, which at nightfall had fallen a foot. The embankment protecting the wholesale district and county courthouse are impaired to such an extent that it is feared they will give away.

Electrocution on Trial.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 8.—County Justice Frank G. Scammell announced today that he would try to resuscitate the next man electrocuted at the New Jersey state prison. He will do this in an effort to disprove the claim of physicians that electrocution does not kill. John Mantasana is under sentence to be electrocuted during the week of December 21.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

STATE HOPES TO WIN SUIT.

Chances Good for Recovery of \$390,000 Civil War Expenses.

Salem.—Attorney-General Crawford has received a letter from the law firm of Ralston & Siddons, of Washington, D. C., informing him that the case of the State of Oregon against the United States court of claims on November 27 and that the state's chance of winning the suit is good. The state's claim is for approximately \$390,000 on account of expenditures made by this state during the civil war in enlisting and maintaining volunteer troops for the service of the United States.

The state has a contract with the Washington attorneys by which the state agrees to pay them as their fee 10 per cent of all the money collected by them and turned into the treasury. The balance of the amount collected is to be turned into the irrevocable school fund.

NYSSA FAVORS PROJECT.

Dry Land Owners Anxious for Work to Begin on Water System.

Ontario.—Probably the best and most enthusiastic meeting to foster favorable feeling for the Malheur irrigation project was held at Nyssa last week. Mayor Boydell had charge of the meeting and Mr. Griffith, secretary of the Boise-Payette Waterusers' association, and several others spoke, showing the advantages of government irrigation and drainage.

The object of the meeting was to get the co-operation of dry land owners and men who own water rights in asking the government to go to work at once. Resolutions to this effect were drawn up and signed by all present. There were probably 150 dry land owners and waterusers in attendance.

The government engineer showed that the object of irrigation is not alone to put water on the land, but to drain the water off after it has fulfilled its purpose, and to reclaim the alkali land. The government representatives are ready to go to work as soon as the people show that they want the Malheur project bad enough to support it in the right way. The Nyssa meeting emphasizes that the people are beginning to realize the importance of government irrigation. After the meeting the people of Nyssa gave a banquet in honor of those present from outside points.

Cannot Give Jobs to Secure Votes.

Salem.—Although many, if not all the candidates for president of the senate or speaker of the house may not be aware of the fact, yet their campaigns for election come within the regulations of the corrupt practices act, adopted by the people last June. Section 10 of the act specifically provides that the term "public office" shall apply to the presiding officer of either branch of the legislature. Such candidates would not, however, be bound by section 8 of the act, limiting campaign expenditures, for that section applies only to the candidate "who has received the nomination to a public office."

Pendleton Wants Library.

Pendleton.—The women of Pendleton have taken upon themselves the task of saving the city's public library from abandonment. At a recent mass meeting a plan of campaign was outlined and a big public reception, the first step, will be held soon. It is desired to have Miss Marvin, state librarian, present, and the date will be arranged to suit her convenience. The library will be housed in the new city hall and will be in charge of a competent librarian. It is also proposed to raise funds sufficient to make valuable additions in the way of books and periodicals so that it will be more efficient.

Votes New Water System.

La Grande.—The city of La Grande will have a new water system that will convey high mountain water 18 miles to this city with a 1,300 foot pressure, as the result of the adoption of the new city charter at a special election. The vote cast was exceedingly small, but the majority in favor of the new charter was large. Construction of the water system will begin at once, and will be finished by next summer, at a cost of \$160,000.

Coos Bay Road Revives.

Roseburg.—The project of a railroad from Roseburg to Coos bay was revived again when M. M. Johnson, assistant secretary of the Equitable Savings & Loan association, and treasurer of the Columbia Life & Trust company, of Portland, arrived in this city and immediately set about looking to the possibilities of an electric line between the two places. Mr. Johnson will go to Coos bay in furtherance of this project.

Sheepmen Meet at Baker.

Baker City.—The largest attendance that the Baker-Union-Grant counties Woolgrowers' association has had since its organization was the session held here last week. The meeting was devoted to a general discussion of topics that are of vital interest to the sheepmen.

Takes Chickens to Japan.

Eugene.—K. Kakkada, a Japanese, who has been porter at the Hotel Gross for several years, has started to Japan with 14 coops of the finest bred chickens to be found in Lane county. He is going to introduce these American birds in Japan and raise poultry there.

ADVERTISE OREGON FIR.

Lumber Manufacturers to Carry On Vigorous Campaign in East.

Portland.—The Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturers' association, at its last meeting, took up the matter of extensively advertising Oregon fir for interior finish in the Eastern markets.

It has been discovered that the beautiful surface of the wood which is so plentiful out here is now attracting attention in the East, but at the same time it is considered advisable to do some missionary work to get it introduced on a large scale.

How to go about it has not yet been decided upon, but the matter has been left with a committee to formulate the most effective system. A unique exhibit will in all probability be sent to the larger Eastern centers to be placed on display for a certain length of time in each city. The material will also be brought to the attention of leading architects.

Henry B. Miller, American consul general, Yokohama, made a highly interesting talk to the assembled lumbermen, speaking principally upon the lumber situation and timber resources in Japan, China and Manchuria. He said that China, especially, will always prove a market for Pacific coast timber, since that country is entirely denuded of anything in the way of forests. Manchuria, on the other hand, he said, has large bodies of fine timber which eventually will enter into competition with other sources of supply.

First Irrigated Tract.

Blalock.—Roy M. Jones, of Silverton, who has been engaged by the M. J. Lee company to superintend the planting and cultivation of strawberries at the old Blalock orchard, reports that he has planted in the last 10 days 87,000 Clark Seedling strawberry plants. The company will plant about 40 acres to strawberries alone. This tract of land has in the past produced berries which were earlier than either Hood River or Kennewick. It is believed that it was one of the first pieces of land in the Columbia river basin to be put under water. Dr. Blalock, of Walla Walla, having planted it to fruit about 25 years ago and pumped water from the Columbia for irrigating purposes.

Lane's Poultry Show.

Eugene.—The Lane County Poultry association will hold its annual fair in Eugene December 21-24. The Commercial club is taking an active interest. The secretary of the poultry association and the manager of the club have secured silver cups from the following business men: R. A. Booth, S. H. Friendly, Griffin Hardware company, F. E. Dunn, John H. Hartog, Linn Drug company. Other prizes have also been secured.

O. R. & N. Promises Sidetrack.

Baker City.—The O. R. & N. has advised the commercial organization here that it is ready to build sidetracks for the new mill whenever they are needed. This ends the controversy that was on between this city and the company over the mill matter.

Buys Pendleton Business College.

Pendleton.—Professor E. O. Draper, of the Moscow Business college, has purchased the Pendleton business college of Miss M. M. Slattery, of Spokane, and has taken possession. Professor Draper has taken charge and will make Pendleton his home.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Fruits—Apples, 75c@82c per box; pears, \$1@1.25 per box; grapes, \$1@1.50 per crate; quinces, \$1@1.25 per box; cranberries, \$12.50 per barrel; cashews, 2 1/2c per pound; huckleberries, 10c@15c per pound; persimmons, \$1@1.25 per box.

Potatoes—75c@85c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2c@2 1/2c per pound. Onions—\$1@1.10 per 100 pounds.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1@1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1; parsnips, \$1.25; beets, \$1.25; horseradish, 8c@10c per pound; artichokes, 90c@1 per dozen; beans, 10c@14c per pound; cabbage, 1c@1 1/2c per pound; cauliflower, 75c@1 per dozen; celery, 40c@75c per dozen; cucumbers, \$2@2.50 per box; eggplant, 15c per pound; lettuce, \$1@1.25 per box; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 10c per pound; peppers, 10c@14c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1 1/2c per pound; radishes, 12 1/2c per dozen; spinach, 2c per pound; sprouts, 9 1/2c@10c per pound; squash, 1c@1 1/2c per pound; tomatoes, 50c@55c per crate.

Wheat—Bluestem, 96c; club, 90c@91c; rye, 90c@91c; red Russian, 88c; 40-fold, 91c; valley, 91c.

Barley—Feed, \$26.75 per ton; brewing, \$27.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$31@31.50 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$16@17.50; clover, \$12; alfalfa, \$12@12.50; grain hay, \$12.50@13.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 36c@27c; fancy outside creamery, 32 1/2c@35c; store, 17c@20c.

Eggs—Oregon selects, 40c@45c; Eastern, 29c@32 1/2c.

Poultry—Hens, 11c; spring, 11c; ducks, 14c@15c; geese, 9c@10c; turkeys, 16c; dressed turkeys, nominal.

Veal—Extra, 8 1/2c@9c; ordinary, 7c@7 1/2c; heavy, 5c.

Pork—Fancy, 7c; large, 5 1/2c@6c.

Hops—1908, choice, 8c@8 1/2c; prime, 7c@7 1/2c; medium, 5 1/2c@6c; 1907, 2c@4c; 1906, 1c@1 1/2c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10c@14c; according to shrinkage; valley, 15c@16c; mohair, choice, 18c.

LIVES BEYOND INCOME.

England Must Appropriate Big Sum for Stronger Navy.

London, Dec. 7.—Estimating that by the beginning of the next fiscal year in March, England will be living \$100,000,000 annually beyond its income, the administration is gradually breaking the news to the country that there must be a heavy increase in taxation shortly.

Forced by circumstances to declare for a stronger navy, the cabinet has undertaken a program involving \$30,000,000 unanticipated expenditures for ships.

To escape a quarrel with the various religious denominations over sectarian education in the public schools, financial concessions have been necessitated to the extent of \$7,500,000. Old age pensions, payment of which will begin on January 1, will cost at least \$35,000,000, and relief of the country's idle will foot up \$30,000,000.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd-George figures on making up the deficit as follows: Income tax increase \$20,000,000; increased taxation of urban land, \$20,000,000; increased death duties, \$5,000,000; increased cost of liquor license, \$25,000,000; diversions from payments to sinking fund maintained for gradual payment of national debt, \$32,500,000.

Hints of the necessity for increased taxes have been thrown out from time to time for months past in speeches by the various cabinet members and in the Liberal party newspapers. A plain statement of the situation has finally been made by the chancellor, accompanied by an outline of his plan for a remedy.

REBEL AT ROUTING RULE.

Chicago Shippers Opposed to New Regulation of Railroads.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—The Tribune yesterday printed the following news article on the new railroad traffic rule: Shippers of Chicago and other cities are considerably exercised over what they regard as another attempt on the part of the railroads to deprive them of the right to specify the routing of freight shipments beyond the line of the initial carrier to which the freight is delivered.

This question has been the subject of a long-standing controversy between the shippers and the roads. Its renewal at the present time is caused by a rule in the new west-bound transcontinental tariff, effective in January. This provides: "The rates therein are subject to the absolute and unqualified right of the initial carrier to determine the routing of freight beyond its own lines."

If enforced strictly, this rule is regarded as apparently in conflict with the administrative ruling of the interstate commerce commission.

Railroad officials said yesterday that under the commission's ruling the rule could not be enforced literally, but the fact remains that it is stated in black and white in the tariff and the shippers are wondering how far the roads will go when the tariff takes effect.

The National Industrial Traffic league, which since its organization has insisted on the right of the shipper to control the routing, is now preparing an amendment to the Hepburn law securing this right, which will be presented to congress at the coming session.

DEATH LIST GROWS.

Storm on Upper Atlantic Coast Gets Many Victims.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 7.—More than 50 seamen have lost their lives off the upper North Atlantic coast during the last few days as the result of a storm of unprecedented severity. The reckoning, itemized as accurately as the meager reports will allow, follows:

December 3—Seventeen members of the crews of three fishing schooners drowned off the New Foundland coast.

December 4—Twenty-eight members of the crew of the schooner Sook City, which is believed to have sunk in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

December 5—Seven members of the crew of the barge No. 101, which went down off the coast of Nova Scotia.

Free Leather Scares British.

London, Dec. 7.—The threatened abolition of the tariff on leather is worrying English bootmakers. They have decided to hold a meeting to discuss means to be adopted in case the change should be made.

English leather, which is considered the best in the world, combined with American manufacturing ability, leading dealers admit, would let the Americans establish a British trade that would drive the Englishmen out of business. They would be able to put shoes on the market at a price nearly a fourth lower than that now charged.

Miles to Tour Africa.

Paris, Dec. 7.—General Nelson A. Miles leaves Paris in a few days for an extended automobile tour of Algeria and Tunisia, French possessions in Africa, and hopes to be able to push on into Morocco, if the health of his traveling companion, Colgate Hoyt, will permit the journey. Later General Miles will gratify a long-cherished wish to visit Corsica from one end to the other and then sail from Genoa for home in the spring.

Chicago's Official Santa Claus.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Postmaster Campbell yesterday received from the postmaster general an official letter that, in effect, makes John M. Hubbard, assistant postmaster, official Santa Claus of Chicago. The letter contained a letter addressed to Santa Claus, care the postmaster general. Local merchants have made arrangements to have all these letters forwarded to them, with their guarantee that every one will be answered.

OUTLINES HIS POLICY

Taft Has Many Improvements He Would Inaugurate.

TARIFF REVISION COMES FIRST

President-Elect Intends to Reorganize Three Departments Dealing With Corporations—Improve Rivers.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 5.—The World is able to present here the principal legislative program of the Taft administration:

Tariff revision is the primary reason for the extra session that will be called immediately after March 4, 1909, but the next President sees no reason why, during that extra session, the Sherman anti-trust law should not be so amended that railroads may make rate agreements under the strict supervision of the interstate commerce commission. It is not likely that more subjects than the tariff and an amendment to the Sherman act will be named by Mr. Taft in calling the extra session, though he may decide later to mention all of the principal laws that he hopes to see enacted. These are:

1. Putting a limitation on the issuance of interstate bonds and stocks.

2. Authorizing railroads to make rate agreements which otherwise would be in violation of the anti-trust law, subject to the approval of the interstate commerce commission.

3. Defining particular cases in which temporary restraining orders may issue without notice, and prescribing proceedings limiting their operation to the very shortest day.

4. Such amendments to the law organizing the bureau of corporations as shall require certain large corporations doing an interstate business to submit to the scrutiny and examination of agents of the federal government.

5. Reorganizing the department of justice, the interstate commerce commission and the department of commerce and labor in respect to the jurisdiction exercised by them over interstate corporations, both railroads and others. It is Mr. Taft's idea that the three departments should work harmoniously, so that no one shall be going over ground covered by another and so that there shall be no conflict of authority. Ultimately cases handled by these departments must now go to the courts, but it is Mr. Taft's idea that a large number of cases can be disposed of finally and equitably by the departments under the right sort of law.

6. Reform in the monetary and banking systems of the country. This is recognized as one of the great problems before the new administration, but it is not expected that it will be taken up at the extra session.

7. Conservation of the natural resources of the country, including the Appalachian bill. The question of the constitutional power of the federal government in this matter is not yet clear. It can be seen that Mr. Taft is in sympathy with the end to be accomplished, but that he will recommend no legislation until he is satisfied as to the exact length to which the federal government can go.

8. Improvements of rivers and harbors. The new administration is committed to an energetic policy of improvement, particularly of inland waterways. The Ohio river nine-foot channel from Pittsburg to Cairo is to the front at present. It will cost \$61,000,000, and the next president favors the issuance of bonds to push the work.

BEGINS HOSTILE ACTION.

Dutch Warships Make Demonstration Off Venezuela Coast.

Willemstad, Dec. 5.—Having been unable to obtain amicable settlement of outstanding differences with Venezuela, The Netherlands government has begun a naval demonstration off the coast of the South American republic, and since Wednesday warships flying the Dutch flag have steamed from Puerto Cabello to La Guayra, at a distance of 3000 yards from the shore.

Will Not Admit Charge.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 5.—E. A. Dupont, secretary, and Edward M. Mead, treasurer, of the several powder companies against which suit has been brought by the government, were examined today before United States Commissioner Mahaffey, by the government counsel in regard to the purchase of competing companies by the Dupont company, and an effort was made to show that, during several years when no dividends were declared, the money was used in purchasing other companies, but they would not admit this.

Finds Infernal Machine.

Stockton, Cal., Dec. 5.—What is believed to be an infernal machine was found in the Western Pacific construction yards today by a workman under a pile of ties. It consisted of a two-gallon can of dynamite, to which was attached a blasting fuse five feet long. The workman took the infernal machine to an open field and set it off, the explosion shaking the buildings within a