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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.

It is said Pinchot has eye on presidency.

Los Angeles is said to be "areonutty" over the aviation exhibition.

Both sides admit that the Liberals have won in the English election.

A Chicago man died under the influence of the new anesthetic, stovaine.

China has opened two towns in Chientao, complying with Japanese treaty.

Four were killed and three were injured in a freight wreck on the Illinois Central.

Curtiss, Paulhan and Hamilton, all execute daring aerial maneuvers in teeth of a gale.

Roosevelt witnesses a successful lion-spearing in east Africa. Kermit is first white man to successfully stalk and kill a bongo deer.

A German prince who has carefully watched proceedings at Aviation park, 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 areoplane 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.

Henry S. Graves has been appointed chief forester. He is a friend of Pinchot, and served under him.

Paulhan broke the altitude records at Los Angeles, rising nearly a mile. Cutiss broke the speed record.

The New York academy of medicine is planning to eradicate the common house fly, claiming that it spreads all kinds of cantagious diseases.

The steamer Czarina was wrecked at the entrance to Coos Bay and 30 men are believed to be lost. One man drifted ashore and was picked up unconscious. The steamer struck in the same place as the old Arago, lost 13 years ago.

It is the present prediction of lumbermen that more timber will be cut in the lower Columbia river district this year than ever before and at higher prices.

Russian explorers have found in Turkestan the ruins of a subterreanean city built by a highly civilized people before the Christian era, entrance to which was effected by caves.

An amphibious automobile, shaped like a boat and driven by a propeller when in the water, has been purchased by the French war department and assigned to an engineer regiment.

The proclaimed boundaries of the national forests now include nearly 195,000,000 acres of land within which, however, about 16,000,000 acres have been alienated by congressional grants and the patenting of claims.

The agreement between the Boston Sheet Metal Workers union and the employers, which went into effect January 1, calls for an increase of wage from a minimum of $3.60 to $3.75 a day. Under the agreement there will be a further increase to $4.00 a day on June 1.

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-months-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 received since their vessel drifted ashore Friday at the mouth of Rogue river came from the Fairhaven's signal flags as the steamer steered in through the Golden Gate.

The party was taken from the sinking, water-logged lumber schooner after three days of hardship and suffering. They had about despaired of their chances of escaping death in the ocean, when the Fairhaven hove in sight just before dusk Friday afternoon, and the rescue was accomplished despite the heavy sea that was running.

First Mate Erickson, of the San Buena Ventura, was seriously injured on Wednesday afternoon, when the cargo of lumber shifted. Three of his ribs were fractured, and it is probable that he is internally injured. J. Cossiovey, one of the seamen, sustained an injury of the right hand. These were the only casualties.

When the Fairhaven sighted the disabled schooner Captain Paulson sent Second Mate Johann Silversten and four men to the rescue in a lifeboat. After an exciting battle with the heavy seas the small boat reached the side of the doomed vessel.

Mrs. Rappemundt and her son were taken into the lifeboat. Then Mate Erickson was lifted over the side. One by one the members of the crew, nearly exhausted after their many hours at the pumps, deserted the wrecked craft; but Captain Rappemundt refused to leave the ship.

"She'll stay afloat for a week yet, and I'll stay with her," he shouted to his men. They pleaded with him in vain, and it was not until Mrs. Rappemundt threatened to leap into the sea with her three-months-old baby in her arms that the ship's master finally yielded.

CHINA LIVES UP TO TREATY.

Throws Open Two Cities, Regardless of Japan's Protests.

Pekin, Jan. 18.—China has opened Hun Chun and Lungchin-sun, in Chientao, Manchuria, to international trade, notwithstanding the fact that an agreemen has not been reached with Japan regarding the matter of tariffs to be collected on the Corean-Manchurian border.

The question of tariffs will come up for settlement soon.

By the terms of an agreement between China and Japan, signed September 4, 1909, among other things the Tumen river was designated the boundary line between China and Corea, and several towns in Chientao, which were given to China, were to be opened to the residence and trade of foreigners. Among these towns are Hun Chun and Lungchin-sun.

Various dissensions in carrying out the terms of the agreement have arisen, such as the immigration of Coreans into Chientao. By the terms of the agreement, China was to have suzerainty over the Coreans there, of whom there are about 70,000. Japan felt her control of Corea was in a measure threatened by this. Another hitch was caused by the question of tariffs. So the opening of the designated towns, promised by January 1, was delayed. Both nations recognize, however, that sooner or later in the course of progress these towns must be opened, and China's present declaration is not thought to portend any serious clash with Japan.

The importance of the opening of Hun Chun to foreign commerce is apparent when it is understood that the town is nine miles northeast of the Corean boundary, 35 miles above the mouth of the Tumen river, and less than 100 miles from Vladivostok.

STOVAINE BRINGS DEATH.

Doctor Says New Anesthetic Kills Chicago Patient.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Stovaine, according to a coroner's physician, Dr. Warren M. Hunter, caused the death of John Rohrty at the county hospital last Thursday.

Rohrty was operated on for a fractured knee cap, and died an hour after he was taken off the operating table. Dr. Hunter has made a post-mortem examination of the body, and an inquest probably will be held tomorrow.

"Death was caused by stovaine and external violence," said Dr. Hunter. "The fractured knee cap forms all the external violence marks that the body showed, and that in itself would not cause death, of course."

Dr. Hunter referred to the new anaesthetic recently demonstrated in Chicago by Dr. Thomas Jonnesco, as "a medical gold brick."

Man Dies by Blast Route.

New London, Conn., Jan. 18.—Placing three sticks of dynamite in the front of his shirt, William A. Bennett lighted the fuse and was blown to death today. Bennett, on returning from work Friday, handed his wife a bouquet of flowers, with the remark: "You will know what to do with them between now and Monday." Then he demanded money. On being refused he drew a revolver and fired at her, the bullet striking a corset steel, glancing off. He was arrested

Cable Breaks; No News.

North Sydney, N. S., Jan. 18.—As a result of the breaking of the cable that connects the Magdalen islands with the mainland at Bay St. Lawrence, the islands are completely cut off from all communication, either by cable or otherwise, until the opening of navigation in the spring.

HAPPENINGS FROM AROUND OREGON

WET 65,000 ACRES.

Big Project in Baker County Only Waits for Settled Weather.

Baker City—With the opening of spring work will begin on the two reservoirs planned by the Powder Valley Irrigation company, the main reservoir being situated in the Thief river valley, located on the old Fisk and Gilbert ranches, seven miles east of North Powder and 20 miles north of Baker City. This reservoir will conserve 60,000 acre feet of water. The other reservoir, is to be situated about 30 miles northwest of Baker City, at the half way house on the Union stage line, near Sanger, and will conserve about 24,000 acre feet of water.

When completed, the entire system will irrigate about 65,000 acres of land, extending from the Miles bridge east to what is known as Table rock, or five miles east of Goose creek, on both sides of Powder river, covering a strip of fine land about 30 miles wide. The immensity of this irrigation scheme can hardly be realised, but the difference in the amount of hay, grain of all kinds, fruit and what not, that will be produced on these broad acres in the very near future, will tell the tale in the farmers' bank accounts.

IMPROVEMENTS ON O. R. & N.

Coyote, Umatilla, May Be Division—Umatilla May Be Abandoned.

Pendleton—It now seems that the long pending Coyote-Echo cutoff on the O. R. & N. is to become a reality soon. Rumors are current here among railroad people that the sum of $707,946.25 has been appropriated for that purpose. This, coming on the heels of the announcement that $1,020,000 has been set aside for elimination of curves between Yoakum and Pendleton, means that the O. R. & N. contemplates the expending of nearly $2,000,000 on improvements in Umatilla and Morrow counties, as it is now understood that the big cutoff is to be made from Coyote to Echo, via Stanfield, that will eliminate 8.8 miles of present trackage. Coyote is to be made a terminal, as it is understood the order calls for terminal improvements, including a ten stall roundhouse. The general understanding is that, as far as the main line is concerned, Umatilla will cease to be a division point. It is a matter of speculation as to what route the cutoff will take, as engineers have surveyed three possible routes. As to the improvement between this city and Yoakum, it is said the work will reduce the distance 1½ miles. The maximum curvature will be about four degrees, while at present it is ten. The stretch of track at Horseshoe curve will be brought up to a standard roadbed.

Defective Lemons Destroyed.

Roseburg—California lemons covered with parasite, known as oyster shell scale, has been discovered in Roseburg by the fruit inspector. The lemons were shipped to a Portland commission firm. Acting on instructions from District Horticultural Commissioner Carson, Grants Pass, Inspector McCall had them destroyed. Carson stated that if California is going to continue to send such fruit into the state, Oregon will have to compel an inspection before sale. This is a condition already imposed by California on fruit shipped from Oregon.

To Get Motor Car Service.

Pendleton—A motor car is to be installed on the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company's line between Pendleton and Walla Walla to replace the steam service now connecting with the Portland trains. The motor is expected to arrive this month. A motor service has been in operation between Dayton and Wallula via Walla Walla for a month, and is reported as giving excellent satisfaction to patrons along the line.

Poultry Show at Woodburn.

Woodburn—The second annual exhibit of the Clackamas and Marion County Poultry association will be held here on February 3, 4, and 5. Many birds are being entered. H. C. Schellhaus of Vancouver, Wash., is superintending the show. The judge is Will B. Dixon of Oregon City. The secretary is Mrs. Ella Plank, of Woodburn.

Coos Bay Men Adopt Slogan.

Marshfield—"Better fruit, more of it and better prices," was the slogan adopted by the Coos Bay Fruit Growers association at the annual meeting. The organization will take steps toward securing a cannery to create a greater market. P. M. Hall Lewis was elected president.

Mill City Mill Operates.

Mill City—The large sawmill belonging to the Curtiss Lumber company in this city is again in operation after a forced lay off of several days, owing to the recent cold weather, and the large quantity of ice in the North Santiam river log pond.

Brick Building for Lebanon.

Lebanon—Samuel Labbe & Son have let the contract for a brick building, 44x100 feet, with full basement. The structure will be occupied by the firm as a furniture and hardware store.

Buys Wallowa Farm.

Joseph—S. M. Losier has purchased the G. C. Gowing farm of 120 acres, on Prairie creek, for $7,175.

Burns will have a steam laundry; maybe a creamery.

MANY POTATOES ARE LOST.

Prolonged Cold Spell Prevents Digging the Crop.

Salem—From $5,000 to $7,000 worth of potatoes have been frozen in the ground in the vicinity of Salem since the recent prolonged cold spell began. Because of peculiar weather conditions it has been impossible to dig the potatoes this fall and probably more than half of the crop still remains in the ground and now the report comes from different localities that the potatoes in the ground have frozen. The earth in some districts is frosen to a depth of five inches.

The early fall began with heavy rains and the farmers were unable to take care of the potato crop. Following the continued rains came the cold spell, increasing in severity until the damage has followed. Some growers say that part of their crop that was dug was ruined while others are keeping fires in their potato houses all in the effort to save the crop that was gathered.

Potatoes are selling in Salem at 50 cents a bushel, but in view of the damage done growers confidently expect to get $1.25 before the new crop comes in.

Irrigate 150 000 Acres.

Klamath Falls—The Warner Lake Irrigation company was recently incorporated with a capital stock of $25,000, for the purpose of irrigating a large tract of land in Lake county under the Carey act. The officers of the company are: W. H. Bradford, president; E. C. Belknap, vice-president; and chief engineer; C. H. Gleim, secretary; H. B. Millard, assistant treasurer and manager.

It is the intention of the company to reclaim approximately 150,000 acres. The Warner valley is a beautiful district of approximately 100 miles in length lying in the eastern part of Lake county. This valley is so sheltered by the mountains that it has a climate all its own; so different is the climate from the surrounding territory that the stock men have for years made a practice of wintering their sheep and cattle in this district.

Hood River Men Buy Oil Land.

Hood River—Twenty local capitalists of Hood River met and organized a syndicate to invest in Malheur county oil lands. The company will secure 3,200 acres of land in the southern part of the county. J. H. Hibbard left for Vale, Ore., where he will look after the location and interests of the company. C. L. Morse was elected president of the local company and A. T. Allen and J. H. Ferguson, secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Heating Plant at Asylum.

Salem—Bids advertised by the state for the construction of a central heating and ventilating plant for the asylum. The plans were accepted last week. The cost of the system as authorized by the legislature is $55,000. Bids were advertised once before, but were rejected because none were within the estimate of the first plans adopted.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat — Track prices: Bluestem, $1.21; club, $1.11@$1.12; Red Russian, $1.10; Valley, $1.08.

Barley—Feed and brewing, $30@30.50 per ton.

Corn—Whole, $35; cracked, $36 ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, $32.50@33 ton.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy: Willamette Valley, $18@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, $19@22; alfalfa, $17@18; clover, $16@17; cheat $16@17; grain hay, $16@17.

Fresh Fruits—Apples, $1@3 box; pears, $1@1.50 per box; cranberries, $9 per barrel.

Potatoes—Car load buying prices: Oregon, 65@85c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2c per pound.

Vegetables — Artichokes, $1@1.25 per dozen; cabbage, $2 per hundred; cauliflower, $1.75 per doz.; celery $3.50 per crate; garlic 10c pound; horseradish 2½c per pound; pumpkins, 1½@1½c; sprouts, 6@7c; squash, 1@1½c; tomatoes, $1.50@2.25 per box; turnips, $1.50 per sack; carrots, $1; beets, $1.50; parsnips, $1.50.

Onions—Oregon, $1.50 per sack.

Butter—City creamery extra, 39c; fancy outside creamery, 34@39c; store, 22½@24c. Butter fat prices average 1½c per pound under regular butter prices.

Poultry—Hens, 16½@17c; springs, 18c; ducks, 20c; geese, 13c; turkeys, live, 19@20c; dressed, 22½@23c.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon extras, 39@40c per dozen; Eastern, 25@27½c per doz.

Cheese — Full cream twins, 18@18½c per pound; young Americas, 19@19½c.

Pork—Fancy, 10@10½c per pound.

Veal—Extras, 11½@12c per pound.

Cattle—Best steers, $4.75@4; fair to good, $4.25@4.50; medium and feeders, $3.50@4; cows, top, $3.50@4.00; fair to good, $3.00@3.50 common to medium, $2.50@3.75; bulls, $3.25@5.50; heavy, $4.00@4.75.

Hogs—Best, $8.75@9.05; medium, $7.75@8.50; stockers, $6.50@7.25.

Sheep—Best wethers, $5.50@6; fair to good, $4.50@5.00; ewes, ½c less; yearlings,, best, $5.00@5.25; fair to good, $4.50@4.75; lambs, $6@6.25.

Hops—'10 crop, 20@22c; olds, nominal.

Wool — Eastern Oregon, 16@23c pound; mohair, choice, 25c pound.

Hides — Dry hides, 18@18½c per pound; dry kip, 18@18½c pound; dry calfskin, 19@21½c pound; salted hides, 10@10½c; salted calfskin, 15c pound; green, 1c less.

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 clew 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."

New York Snowed Under.

New York, Jan. 17.—Nine lives were lost and six persons were injured in one of the worst storms that ever visited New York City. The total snowfall at 10 o'clock today, when the skies cleared, was 14½ inches, second only to the storm of 1899, when 15½ inches fell, and of 1888, in which year Roscoe Conkling lost his life, when 20.9 inches fell. Eighteen thousand men have been put to work clearing the streets, in order that traffic may be resumed.

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.

FIND HUGE GRAFTS

Pittsburg Bankers and Politicans 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 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 councilmanic 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 guaranters 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.

Harvester Company Waxes Fat.

New York, Jan. 15.—Another "melon" of large proportions—the distribution of $20,000,000 in common stock—is to be given to the stockholders of the International Harvester company. The new stock is to be distributed ratably as a stock dividend to the present $60,000,000 of common stock. The directors of the company have recommended that the entire $80,000,000 of stock be placed on a 4 per cent dividend basis, beginning next April.

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.