

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

COMPLAIN OF BAD TREATMENT.

Northern Lumbermen Want Portland Gateway Opened.

Washington, May 2.—Rivalry between the Hill and Harriman railroad lines in the Northwest has culminated in the presentation of the matter to the Interstate Commerce commission. For several months lumber dealers and manufacturers in Washington, particularly in the Puget sound territory, generally have complained informally to the commission that owing to the refusal of the Hill and Harriman lines to make them through rates and joint rates they were unable to get their products shipped to points east of the Cascade mountains.

Finally it was suggested that they institute proceedings under the new rate law to compel the railroads to make such through rates a joint rates. In compliance with the suggestion the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association, the Southwestern Washington Lumber association and the Shingle Mills bureau today filed a complaint with the commission against the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern, the Southern Pacific, the Oregon Short Line and 15 other roads, requesting the commission to issue orders providing that the railroads shall make through and joint rates on lumber products from points in Washington via Portland, Or., to points east of the Cascade mountains.

Uncle Sam Loses Best Men.

Washington, May 2.—The constant draft on the "economic force" of the geological survey made by the large mining organizations, which offer the government experts much larger salaries than they get from the government, is seriously impairing the efficiency of that branch of the service, says a report on the investigation of metalliferous ores in 1906. The report adds: "It is only by years of practical experience in the field that the geologist, however excellent his preliminary training, becomes competent to carry on independent work in investigating a mining district, and the loss of trained men in this work is irreparable."

Provide for New Trails.

Washington, May 2.—Four thousand seven hundred and twenty-five dollars have been appropriated for construction of four trails in the Northern division, Cascade national forest, Oregon, and \$3,000 will be appropriated to build roads in Bitter Root national forest, Idaho, on condition that the interested counties raise an additional \$5,000. The state of Idaho has already appropriated \$8,000 toward this work, provided a like amount is raised by counties that have asked forest service, to assist in this work.

Third Term Talk is Nonsense.

Washington, May 4.—President Roosevelt today characterized as "absolute nonsense" the talk of nominating and electing him for a third term. Mr. Roosevelt talked freely with several of the callers at the White House on this subject today. He made it plain, however, that he will not issue any formal statement on the subject of a third term. He considered that what he said following the election in 1904 and what he has said subsequently should suffice. He thinks he should be taken at his word and let it go at that.

Northwest Postal Affairs.

Washington, May 3.—Rural free delivery carriers appointed for Washington routes: Arlington, route 1, Christ Meyer, carrier, Joseph Kraetz, substitute; Ellensburg, route 3, James H. Endley, carrier, Harry Sweet, substitute. Frank Strain has been appointed postmaster at Hare, Or., vice Joseph Hare, dead. A postoffice has been established at Alderdale, Klickitat county, Wash., Eva A. King postmaster. The postoffice at Quinton, Gilliam county, Or., will be discontinued May 15.

Northwest Postal Carriers.

Washington, April 30.—Oregon postmasters appointed: Antelope, W. E. Johnson, vice J. M. Hamilton, resigned; Owyhee, Edwin Wilson, vice Paul Trembley, resigned; Wildwood, Myron E. Dunn, vice William Southward, removed. William H. Ellis has been appointed regular, John F. Dunn substitute rural carrier route 1, at Hartline, Wash.

Beatty to Back Up Borah Charges

Washington, May 3.—Judge Beatty called to see the attorney general today in regard to Senator Borah, but the attorney general was in Baltimore and the visit was postponed. It is understood that Judge Beatty is here to sustain District Attorney Ruick. Judge Beatty's known hostility towards Mr. Borah is known in administration circles.

Changes to National Bank.

Washington, May 2.—The comptroller of currency has approved conversion of the Pioneer State bank of Ritsville, Wash., into the Pioneer National bank of Ritsville, with \$75,000 capital.

STATE CAN SELECT LANDS.

Interior Department Sends Out New Regulations to Registrars.

Washington, April 30.—The commissioner of the general land office has issued instructions to registrars of local land offices concerning the selection of lands by states and territories under grants for educational and other purposes, under regulations approved by the secretary of the interior last Wednesday.

Under the new regulations the states will be permitted to make indemnity school land selections in lieu of fractional portions of legal subdivisions, which heretofore has been prohibited, and notice of all selections made by the state is required to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the lands selected are situated. A few other modifications are made, designed to facilitate the selection of lands by the state officers.

Instructions also have been issued to local land offices regarding the disposition of lands withdrawn from coal entries, both as to lands known to lie within a known coal field and the lands outside of such fields. The land offices will be furnished with geological survey township maps, showing known coal fields, and entries of such lands will be reserved.

Lands heretofore withdrawn from entry and not released will be considered as coal lands. Coal filings made within 60 days prior to withdrawal from coal entry may be completed within the time prescribed by the statutes, less the time from date of such withdrawals to date of special written notice of filing of maps and lists in the local land offices. Lands not coal lands may be entered under any of the public land laws applicable to the particular tract.

Renews Suit Against Equitable.

Washington, May 4.—A petition for a writ of review filed by the Equitable Life Assurance society of New York, in the case of J. Wilcox Brown, of Maryland, a policyholder, against the company, was docketed in the Supreme court of the United States today. The suit was instituted by Mr. Brown on behalf of himself and other policyholders to secure an accounting of the funds, and a statement regarding the conduct of the company's officers. The effort of the company to have the suit dismissed on demurrer was sustained by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

Bids on Submarine Boats.

Washington, May 2.—Three companies bid today at the Navy department for the contracts for supplying submarine torpedo boats. The Lake Torpedo Boat company, of Bridgeport, Conn., offers to build any number of 235-ton boats above five at \$198,000 each. The Sub-surface Boat company, of New York, offers to build a boat of 250 tons for \$250,000. The Electric Boat company, of New York, offers to build boats patterned after the Octopus, of 274 tons, for \$312,000. It would cost more on the Pacific coast.

Bank Notes Increase.

Washington, May 4.—The monthly circulation statement issued by the controller of the currency shows that at the close of business, April 30, 1907, the amount of national bank notes outstanding was \$599,913,840, an increase for the year of \$43,267,558, and an increase for the month of \$2,701,777. The amount of circulation based on United States bonds was \$550,204,771, which is an increase for the year of \$35,781,522 and an increase for the month of \$2,571,708.

Statue of Gen. McClellan.

Washington, April 30.—The most interesting event of the 37th annual reunion of the society of the Army of the Potomac this week will be the unveiling on May 2 of the heroic bronze equestrian statue of General George B. McClellan, organizer and first commander of the army of the Potomac. President Roosevelt will make the principal speech. About 5,000 troops, regulars and militia, will participate in the ceremonies.

New Postmasters Appointed.

Washington, April 30.—The following postmasters are appointed: Oregon—Rex, Jennie Conrad, vice W. H. Lashier, resigned; Whiteoak, William A. Hobugh, vice Edward Minor, resigned. Washington—Jerry, Clark H. Jilison, vice E. E. Thompson, resigned. A postoffice is established at Yach, Tillamook county, Oregon, with Frank Yach postmaster.

Brown and Roosevelt Confer.

Washington, April 30.—President Roosevelt had an extended conference with W. O. Brown, senior vice president of the New York Central railroad, today. Mr. Brown would say nothing about his talk with the president, but admitted that he had "talked a little" about the railroad situation with Mr. Roosevelt.

ARMED FORCES FOR CUBA.

All Elements Oppose Plan for Large Standing Army.

Havana, April 30.—The plan of a standing Cuban army of 12,000 men, as suggested by the general staff of the American army, is most attractive to that element of the Cuban people which is fond of the gold lace and regalia of the Spanish-American armies.

But among the conservative elements the plan excites really less interest than the preceding one to recruit the rural guards up to 12,000 men. The latter plan was vigorously opposed, even by the Liberals, who, it was supposed, would have jumped at the opportunity for a lavish distribution of patronage, and while the standing army scheme has been framed to meet their objections, the apparent impossibility of this accomplishment has caused it to be received with something very like derision.

Governor Magoon, who has not yet been advised of any intention of the War department to adopt the elaborate program of the general staff, does not believe it possible to bring to the island of Cuba 12,000 soldiers who shall come up to the standard of the United States army. This view is fully shared by Cubans experienced in military affairs.

ABANDON STEAMER AT SEA.

Lucifer Springs Leak and Crew Has to Leave Her.

Falmouth, April 30.—The British steamer Sagami, from New York, April 12, for Rotterdam, arrived here today and landed the crew of the steamer Lucifer, bound from New York for Dublin, which was abandoned in latitude 49.19 north, longitude 60 west. Members of the Lucifer's crew said it was discovered April 8 that the vessel's hold was filling with water. The pumps were manned, but the water gained. The steamer drifted helplessly.

The captain ordered all the boats stocked with provisions for 12 days and made ready for instant use. A keen lookout was kept and three days later the crew was relieved to see the lights of two passing vessels. Their distress signals, however, were not seen, and a part of the cargo was jettisoned to lighten the vessel and keep her afloat, though it was evident she could not survive much longer. Finally after a week the Sagami was sighted and the crew transferred. Shortly after this the Lucifer foundered.

HURL STONES AT LEGATION.

Mexican Authorities Highly Indignant at Guatemalan Mob.

Mexico City, Mex., April 30.—Extreme indignation has been caused here by the report that the American and Mexican legations in Guatemala City have been stoned by a mob of several hundred men. There is evidently a strong inclination to give credence to the report.

Mexican troops are being mobilized on the Guatemala frontier, which is believed to be highly significant, though the War department has stated this is only a movement to insure strict neutrality and protect Mexican interests against remote danger from marauding bands.

Reports are current here that Minister Gamboa, representing Mexico in Guatemala, has left that country and crossed into Mexican territory as the result of friction with the Cabrera government.

WILL TALK TO ROOSEVELT.

Central Federated Union Committee to Ask for a Conference.

New York, April 30.—The Central Federated union today, instead of unanimously condemning the president for his action in the Moyer-Haywood matter as has been reported, stood about evenly divided on the question which has stirred labor unions all over the country. The discussion, which lasted more than three hours, was the most bitter ever heard at a Central Federation union meeting. The result was that the meeting, representing more than 100,000 workers in Manhattan, ordered that a committee of three go to Washington and have a heart-to-heart talk with President Roosevelt regarding his criticism of Moyer and Haywood.

Propose to Test Rate Law.

Lincoln, Neb., April 30.—A letter from Union Pacific headquarters to the state railway commission today intimates that the roads contemplate resistance to the 2-cent passenger rate law. The letter is an answer to an inquiry from the commission asking why the Nebraska patrons were not being given the benefit of the 2-cent rate on interstate travel. In reply to this the Union Pacific says that the lawyers for that line and others are seriously disposed to unite in a suit attacking the validity of the law.

Scurvy in Famine Lands.

St. Petersburg, April 30.—Scurvy has increased greatly in the famine districts. An urgent meeting of the government relief committee has been called for tomorrow following the receipt of a telegram from Zemstvo, president of Ufa province, reporting 1,000 cases and asking for aid.

ROADS MUST BE GOOD

Companies Short on Freight Cars Shown No Favors.

SHORTAGE NO LONGER FEARED

Lines With Plenty of Cars Form Combine Against Slow Return of Borrowed Property.

Chicago, April 30.—Drastic measures are to be adopted by the railroads of the entire country to stop car stealing and thereby compel the roads which are short of equipment to provide themselves with a sufficient number of cars to transport their traffic.

Acting upon legal advice, all of the railroads which are interested in stopping car stealing have decided to boycott all car thieves roads with a view to eliminating this evil from the transportation world. In doing so the railroads expect to end the car shortage and to prevent a recurrence of a scarcity of equipment which paralyzes the business of the country.

The railroad boycott will consist of a refusal by all roads which are members of the per diem and the car diversion agreements to permit their cars to go to railroads which are not members of these agreements and also a refusal to make through rates over such lines.

This is a direct and positive boycott of all car stealing roads, as it applies only to roads which are short of equipment and which have refused to become parties to the two agreements mentioned.

Through rates mean through routing and both expressions involve the use of the cars, and where reasonable rules and regulations are not recognized a carrier is not compelled to establish a through route. Under this ruling a most rigorous boycott can be maintained against roads which steal the equipment of connecting lines and use it for months without return or without adequate compensation for the use of the cars.

The penalties are now so high for the misuse of cars by connecting lines that no road can afford to keep the cars and pay the penalties.

REVOLT BREAKS OUT.

Montenegrins Openly Rebel Against Military Rule.

Vienna, April 30.—Dispatches received tonight report an outbreak of a revolt and grave political crisis in Montenegro. Military government has been proclaimed, and Premier Tomonovic has tendered the resignation of the cabinet, which Prince Nicholas has refused to accept.

Armed bands are reported to be marching on Cetinje. Serious street fights have occurred at Podgorica, 38 miles north of Soutari and having a population of about 7,000.

The trouble in Montenegro has arisen because of the campaign the cabinet has been inaugurating against the Radical party. The government is accused of instigating the destruction of the principal offices of the two Radical papers at Nikesco, which had attacked the government and Prince Nicholas. This action has aroused consternation.

OKLAHOMA TOWN SWAMPED

Heavy Rains and Floods Destroying Crops and Other Property.

Oklahoma City, Okla., April 30.—With Lightning creek running out of its bank, and the Canadian river rising steadily, the people of the lowlands of Capitol Hill, a suburb of this city, are tonight facing a situation that will become critical if the heavy rains of the last 24 hours continue. The lowlands have been converted into a veritable swamp, crops have been ruined and much stock drowned.

No human lives have been lost so far as can be established tonight. Residents in the bottoms were forced to leave their homes and several persons were in trees last night. One house floated down the Canadian river with a family inside. The occupants were rescued.

Nine Jurors in Two Months.

San Francisco, April 30.—Four jurors more were finally selected and five were sworn in today's proceedings in the Ruel trial. This leaves three additional jurors to be obtained for the completion of the trial panel—a task begun two months ago. The prosecution is hopeful of beginning the introduction of evidence some time this week. The panel was tentatively filled today by the acceptance of three talemen. Three of the eight probationary jurors were subsequently challenged preemptorily.

Steamer and Crew Perish.

London, April 30.—News has reached here that the British steamer Thornhill, bound for Rio Janeiro, was destroyed by fire during her voyage. Her crew perished.

RIOTS EXPECTED IN INDIA.

Ball Cartridges Given to Volunteers and High Officials Enlist.

Lahore, British India, April 29.—Rifles and 20 rounds of ball cartridges have been served out to the local volunteers in consequence of signs of marked unrest among the Hindoo student element. The publication of inflammatory articles in the native newspapers, inciting race hatred against the Europeans and demanding native control of the government of India by means of an elected parliament, has been followed recently by riots at Lahore and elsewhere in the Punjab and by attacks on Europeans. Professional and political agitators are now fomenting strikes on the railroads, and the government has concluded that it is time to suppress the rioting by forceful means, if necessary.

The authorities are satisfied that a determined front will speedily end the outward signs of disaffection, especially as they have the unanimous support of the great Mohammedan population, who, at numerous mass meetings, have emphatically condemned the anti-European movement. Recent events have given a remarkable impulse to enlistment in the volunteers. The recruits include five judges of the Supreme court, the directors of public instruction, university professors, high government officials and leading bankers and merchants, all of whom have entered the ranks of the privates.

TORNADO IN TEXAS.

Eight Lives Known to Have Been Lost and Heavy Damage Done.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 29.—One town is destroyed, extensive damage done to property and crops at other points and eight lives are known to have been lost as a result of a storm which was general over this state Saturday night, and at some points assumed the proportions of a tornado, according to a meager report received here.

The village of Heaming, in Cook county, was practically wiped out and five persons are reported to have been killed at this point. The dead include W. Alexander, a young child named Wilkinson, two men and a little girl.

The field of the tornado was about 500 feet in width. At Valley View several houses were blown down and Robert Nichols was killed. Two other men were killed in the same neighborhood, but their names were not learned.

At Sulphur Springs hail banked in drifts and stalled all trains. At Celeste a big cotton mill was blown down.

The fruit crop in the neighborhood of Sulphur Springs was destroyed; cotton and corn was beaten to the ground and the damage will amount to many thousands of dollars.

HERMANN ACQUITTED.

No Wrong Done in Destroying Letter Books, Says Jury.

Washington, April 29.—Binger Hermann walked out of court Saturday afternoon a free man. No longer does he rest under the charge of having fraudulently destroyed 35 letter press copy books just prior to his retirement from the office of land commissioner. That he destroyed the books he does not deny, but that he did so with wrongful intent is denied by both Hermann and by the jury, and its judgment is final. His so-called private letter books may have contained some official letters, Hermann may or may not have known of this fact, but the jury has held that he did not fraudulently destroy the books. He did not destroy them for the purpose of impairing the usefulness of the records of the general land office nor to cover his own tracks, and so holding, the jury set at naught more than six weeks' testimony introduced by the government to show a motive.

Hermann has made no plans for the future. He will eventually return to Oregon, but whether he will again venture into politics is yet to be determined. He said tonight that his time had been so engrossed with the trial that he had given no thought to the future. He stated, however, that the verdict was not a surprise to him. He had been conscious all along of his innocence and having every confidence in the fairness of the jury, felt no concern about the outcome.

Cuba is Settling Down.

San Juan, April 29.—That the United States government will withdraw from temporary control of Cuba a great deal earlier than has been supposed by many was manifested in an interview by Secretary of War Taft today. Briefly referring to that country and his recent visit there, the secretary said that the Cuban settlement had proved so unexpectedly satisfactory and that Governor Magoon has won so completely the confidence of all parties that he believes the United States can withdraw before September, 1908.

Death When Pier Drops.

Baltimore, April 29.—A section of 500 feet of the new pier being constructed at the immigration station at Locust Point, South Baltimore, for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, collapsed this afternoon, carrying down with it between 20 and 25 workmen, of whom 16 are unaccounted for.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

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

The government is securing information on the watch trust.

Socialists of Russia will endeavor to force a dissolution of the duma.

Hindooes in India have broken out in a revolt. They demand a parliament.

A Montana sect is selling its property in preparation for the end of the world.

One of the walls of the Chihuahua, Mexico, dam gave way and between 25 and 30 workmen were killed.

The government has decided to place a large tract of land in Montana on the market about July 1. It will be irrigated by what is known as the Huntley project.

An explosion of a gunpowder magazine at Canton, China, wrought great destruction to surrounding property. Hundreds of persons were injured and 21 bodies have been recovered. It is not known how many were killed.

In the Federal court at Portland Judge Hunt has sentenced Franklin Pierce Mays to serve four months in the county jail and pay a fine of \$10,000. Willard N. Jones is fined \$2,000 and sent to jail for eight months. George Sorenson did not appear in court and his bail of \$4,000 was forfeited and a bench warrant issued for his arrest. These three men were convicted of land fraud.

San Francisco telephone girls have gone on strike.

All pressmen on the St. Louis papers have gone on strike.

Ruef has asked for a change of venue, saying the city is prejudiced against him.

The outlook for an early settlement of the San Francisco ironmolders' strike seems good.

A special grand jury will convene in Denver May 14 to investigate alleged land frauds.

The New York chamber of commerce has petitioned for a reciprocity treaty with France.

Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Shaw says was for control of the Pacific coast is only a matter of time.

Roosevelt says third term talk is nonsense and Morton says the president would decline if nominated.

Deputy sheriffs of Silver Bow county, Montana, threaten to strike if not given more pay. Butte is the county seat.

The Italian government is likely to adopt restrictions on emigration. At the present time thousands are flocking to other countries, principally to the United States.

San Francisco carmen are voting on the strike question.

A thousand mile balloon voyage from St. Louis to Washington is to be attempted.

It is said the Montenegro revolt was caused by the domineering ways of Prince Nicholas.

The transport Buford has sailed from San Francisco with flour for the Chinese famine sufferers.

The Russian duma has been saved from dissolution by the passage of the army bill and apologizing for insult.

Earthquake experts believe it is possible to be warned by wireless telegraph eight or twelve hours in advance of the shock.

The Circuit court in Kansas City, Kan., has found that an ice trust exists there and will place a heavy fine on the members.

Chancellor von Buelow declares the world is not yet ready to sheath the sword and Germany will not discuss limiting of armament at The Hague conference.

An unsuccessful attempt has been made to assassinate President Cabrera, of Guatemala. A bomb was thrown at his carriage, which killed the horses. Many suspects have been arrested.

A general strike is threatened in France.

France wants a reciprocity treaty with the United States.

The Minnesota 2-cent rate is to be fought by the railroads.

An insult to the army has caused a crisis between the Russian cabinet and the duma.

It is estimated that the diamond trust is paying not less than 400 per cent profit this year.