# NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our **Busy Readers.** 

## **HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS**

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

A row betweed Tillman and Dolliver has led to talk of a duel.

The Hague conference is having some lively debates over the Americaan prop--onitions.

Express companies in Nebraska will fight the new state law reducing rates 25 per cent.

Japanese have formally demanded li censes in San Francisco preparatory to suing for damages.

Commissioner Neill is making streauous effort to keept he telegraphers strike from spreading.

The Jamestown fair has borrowed another \$350,000. The company's property is given as security.

Sedition is spreading in India and it is predicted that England will soon have another war on her hands.

Archbishop Glinnon, of St. Louis has been appointed to take a census of American Catholics, estimated at 15, 000,000.

The Union Pacific at the Omaha shops has just turned out two all steel box cars and it is probable the change will be adopted.

Judge Charles Swayne, of the North ern district of Florida, is dead. The judge was brought into prominence a short time ago by an attempt to impeach him.

Telegraph operatorrs are to vote on a general strike

It is reported that the Moqui Indiana in Utah are on the warpath.

Philadelphia has forbidden games at school in which there is kissing

Odesen is again the scene of rioting in which many Jows are being killed.

A tornado in Eastern Wisconsin Large Party Found on Priblioff Isstruck several towns and killed two people.

The Hague conference is receiving many propositions to mitigate the horrors of war.

Negotiations are in progress to settle the dispute between United States, Co- of the Pribiloff group by the United Iombia and Panama.

Grover Cleveland, who has been ill for three weeks, is improvend suffi-ciently to be around the house.

Bandit Raisuli has captured General MacLean, commander of the body guard of the sultan of Morocco.

The Miners' Federation has voted to continue Moyer and Haywood in office and given abcut \$45,000 to aid in their

Chester B. Runyon, cashier of the Windsor Trust company, of New York, has disappeared with \$96,317 of the company's money, leaving no trace of his whereabouts.

Health Department Takes Up Work Left by Garbage Strikers. New York, July 2 .- An attempt to

WAR ON NEW YORK FILTH.

settle the strike of garbage collectors by arbitration failed last night. By action of the civil service law the men who have failed to report for five days are

no longer in the employ of the city. The Health department took herold mea area today to clean the streets of the piles of filth and garbage which have accumulated. There were a number of clashes between the strikers and strikebreakers during the day, none of which, however, assumed serious pro-

portions. Conditions in some parts of the congested district may be imagined when the piles make streets impassable. Several doctors, who have visited the districts where conditions are worst, say that a great deal of eickness and many deaths must necessarily follow as a con-sequence of this disastrous strike.

It is a curious fact that the people whose health and very lives are menseed by the prevailing conditions, yes-terday aided the strikers in an attempt to drive away workmen who had been sent to remove the garbage. Dr. Ben-sel called for and is receiving ample police protection.

BAD OUTLOOK FOR NEW DOUMA

### **Reactionaries Are Probable Winners Regarded** as incompetents.

St. Petersburg, July 2 .- The most unfavorable auguries for the working power of the third doums may be drawn from the Zemstvo congress. which has been in session the past week at Moscow. Membership to this body is dictated by the classes which will control the elections in most of the provinces of Russia, and it was thought the work they accompliated at this conference might foreshadow the composition of the next parliament. The so called "black nobility" or

reactionary gentry, were in a large majority and the deliberations of the congreas were filled with a display of utter unfamiliarity with parliamentary prosedure and hostility towards the liberal program. The Octoberists, who expected to form the center of the new douma, made a disappointing showing. The majority of the members seemed without plans or definite ideas, and without leaders capable of directing the work.

# JAPANESE POACHERS CAUGHT.

### lands by Cutter Perry.

San Francisco, July 2 .- The steamer Homer, Captain Donaldson, which ar-rived today from the Pribiloff islands, brought word of the capture of 29 Japaners seal ponchers at St. Paul's island

States revenue cutter Perry. The Japanese, each of whom was armed and provided with six rounds of ammunition, surrendered to the government officers and were taken on board the schooner, which was towed by the Perry to Unalaska. No scals were found in the small boats and only 12 skins on the schooner. As the schooner was outside the three-mile limit and as no evidence of posching in the way of skins was found in the boats, it was decided to give the Japanese another chance before confiscating the schooner.

### WAR VESSELS COLLIDE.

Rumored Sinking of Torpedo Boat

# **NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL**

NOT REGARDED AS A MENACE.

Aaki Strengthan Pacific Fleat.

Washington, July 5 .--- "No, the Japanese would not regard it as an unfriendly act if the American government the saw fit to increases her naval representation in her territorial water upon the Pacific coast, or even if she sent additional men-of-war to the Asiatic station. She would not look upon it as a

menace or regard it with regret." These were the words of Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador to the United States, whose attention was called to the published reports that the general board of the navy had recom-mended to the president that the battleships of the American fleet be sent around to the Pacific coast. At the same time the ambassador expressed a great deal of interest in the stories printed and asked if they were true. He disliked, he said, to appear in the

public prints, when there was no reason for it, but he felt at perfect liberty to say what he did on this subject.

### Will Issue New Small Bills.

Washington, July 4 - The Treasury department Monday began carrying into effect the provisions of the Aldrich act, which confers upon the secretary of the treasury authority to issue all necessary quantities of small bills to meet the business needs of the country. The large denominations of gold certifi cates are being replaced by new \$10 certificates, which will be issued from the subtreasury. Small silver certificates in large quantities will be issued at once, as will a new series of United States #5 notes.

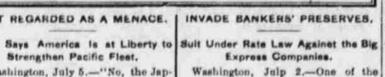
### Not One Penny of Graft.

Washington, July 3 .- "After inves-ligating every charge which has been brought to my attention, whether ap parently well founded or not, I have been unable to find a single penny of graft going to any one in connection with the Isthmian canal work." This statement was made by Secretary Taft today when his attention wass called to the statements that special accountants had been sent to the isthmus to exam-ine the books of the disbursing officers of the commission.

### Irrigation Work Delayed.

Washington, July 6 .-- Owing to unsual severe weather, which rendered it impossible to carry on work of exca-vation for a considerable portion of the past winter, the secretary of the interior has granted an extension of two menths' time to the following contractors, in which to complete their can tracts on main laterals of the Okanogan irrigation project in Washington John S. and S. Peterseon, Frank E. Jones and Edmund Kail, all local residents.

Secretary Adjusts Land Claims. Washington, July 2 .- The secretary of the interior has approved Oregon relinquishments Nos. 24 and 26, La Grande, embracing the claims of 46 settlers, etc., and covering 7,517 acres, and Oregon relinquishment 25, The Dalles, embracing the claims of 23 set-



most important cases yet filed with the Interstate Commerce commission under the new railroad rate law was today presented by the American Bankers' association, which alleges that the express companies through their power and facilities as common carriers, are usurping the prerogative of the banking associations and at the same time em-

ploying the capital of the banks in the conduct of their business. It is alleged that the exchange business of the express companies and the

relations which they have with the rail-road companies enable them to seriously discriminate against regular commercial operations of banking institutions. The complaint is directed against the Adams, United States, American, Pacific, Wells-Fargo, Southern and Great Northern express companies.

American Flour in China.

Washington, July 6 .- Vice Consul A. W. Pontius, of Niuchwang, China, reports some interesting figures in reference to American shipments of flour to that port during 1906. He says: An increase of nearly \$200,000 was shown in comparison with the figures of the preceding years. The imports of American flour during the year were 36,414.000 pounds, valued at \$712,050 in American gold. In addition to the foregoing figures, American flour to the amount of \$1,336 was imported from Shanghai. During 1907 the direct imports of American flour will most likely be larger than those of the preceding year.

### Nebraska in Commission.

Washington, July 5 .- The Navy department is informed that the new batliship Nebraska was placed in commission today at the Bremerton naval Paciefi waters. Lieutenant Conse is acting as commander of the ship temporarily and has with him only a skeleton crew. The Nebraska must remain at the Bremerion yard for some time yet, and in the meantime Captain Reginald Nicholson, who is to be permanently in command of the ship, will gather up a crew for her in the East.

### Carriers Get Higher Pay.

Washington, July 3 .- On July 168 letter carriers of Portland then receiving \$1,000 were promoted to \$1,100 under the new law, and one carrier at \$600 promoted to \$800. The promotions are based on growth of population. Promotions may be made in other Oregon cities as follows: \$850 to \$900; \$600 to \$800; \$,1000 to \$1,100. Albany, three from \$850 to \$900; Astoria, 1, 1907. five from \$850 to \$900; Baker City, two from \$850 to \$900 and one from \$600 to \$800; Engene, three from \$850 to \$900; Pendleton, three from \$850 to \$900; The Dalles, two from \$850 to \$900.

Can't Fix Evacuation Date.

Washington, July 4 .- Secretary Taft threw some additional light upon his lowing cablegram to Governor Magoon "I am in receipt of a teleat Havana: t - something I have had with reference to the restoration of Cuba to the republie. The plan for the revolution of the government of the island upon the person to be selected by a fair election, as been changed in the slightest."

### RETRIBUTION DUE.

### WILL USE NO COAL Pennsylvania to Punish Thievas Who Stole Over \$5,000,000.

HarrisBurg, Pa., July 1 .- "The state will be avenged upon those who have Steel Corporation is Planning to plundered it. Criminal and civil suits will be instituted and the case is a strong cne."

This declaration was made today by James Scarlet, chief counsel for the leg- WILL INSTALL MANY GAS ENGINES islative committee which has just completed its three and a half months' investigation of the Pennsylvania capitol Claim is Made That Saving Effected scandal. Within 30 days the investigators will render a report to Governor Stuart, and then, when he turns over the papers to Attorney General Todd, will come the retribution.

The investigation has disclosed not only one of the biggest public scandals in the history of the nation, but has brought out some very peculiar facts. It has shown that, whereas the capitol was built for less than \$4,000,000, nearly \$9,000,000 was spent in furnishing it. The \$4,000,000 spent on the building had been appropriated by the legislature and no scandal attaches to its expenditure, but not one cent was ever appropriated for the furnishing of the building, and it was only by acci-the building, and it was only by acci-the building and it was only by accident last fall that State Treasurer Berry discovered that nearly \$9,000,000 had been taken from the treasury and sown among the contractors who vied with

each other in the percentages of their profits-profits which were rarely less than 400 per cent and in a number of instances were more than 2,000 per

## ADVANCE FREIGHT RATES.

### Schedules Between Mississippi and **Rocky Mountains Increased.**

Chicago, July 1 .- Freight rates 11 the territory between the Mississippi river and the Rocky mountains will be advanced 5 per cent by the action of the Western railroads in raising the

minimums on carload shipments and other changes in the classification. It

has not yet been determined to cancel many of the carload commodity tariffs, station on Poget sound, making the though a few of those whose usefulness only battleship in active service in the has passed will be canceled and the though a few of those whose usefulness commodity rated according to classification.

It is the intention to cancel all less than carload commodity rates, but as they have to meet special conditions, the shippers generally have not made any specific complication.

The call for the meeting of the Western Classification committee at Charlevy, Miss., July 16, was sent out yestorday. The docket contains 425 sub-

jects, many of which were rulings issued by F. O. Becker, chairman of the committee, since January 15, 1907, and will be ratified by the committee. The most important of the subjects is "To revise the minimum weights," on which special committees have been at work.

The new Western freight classification will become effective September

### INQUIRY INTO TELEGRAPHS.

**Commissioner Smith Will Exclude All** From Immunity.

Chicago, July 1 .-- A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says: In nos with the instr - 01 plan regarding the American evacuation President Roosevelt, Commimissioner of Cubs yesterday by sending the fol- of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith is arranging for an immediate investigation of the relations between the telegram from General Loynas Castillo as graph companies of the United States. The investigation will be conducted in such a manner as to avoid giving any company or official the privilege of immunity from prosecution in case a vio-lation of the law should be discovered. outlined in my letter to you, has not The investigation will determine the nature and extent of the agreement existing between the telegraph companies, the rate of wages paid to employes, the operating expenses and such other data as will be useful to the department of justice in determining whether to institute legal proceedings, and to congress, should that body desire to have the gov-

Employ Substitute.

### Will More Than Pay Cost of Installation.

Pittaburg, July 2 .- That the cost of production of steel may be reduced a few cents a ton, millions of dollars are to be spent in new machinery at the plants of the United States Steel corporation, and about 100 engines are to be relegated practically to the scrap heap. This step will probably take where the experiments have been along the lines of abolishing con: in favor of gas as fuel and using the gas that blows from the blast furnaces.

The experiments at the Edgar Thompcon plant, it is said, has determined policy of the steel corporation for the all their works, and gas engines will be immediately installed as fast as they cent. In one instance, Sanderson, it is alleged, charged \$3,250 for a mantel which cost him \$32. installed to furnish power and to "blow" the furnaces. These engines are said to cost about \$150,000, and the cost for engines alone at this plant will be about \$3,000,000. Besides this outisy there will be a great expenditure for the vast system of monster pipes for carrying the gas from the blast turnaces and for its purification before it can be used in the engines.

UNCLE SAM'S BIG SURPLUS.

Balance at End of Fiscal Year Was \$87,000.000-One of Largest.

Washington, July 2 .- So far as workng purposes are concerned the fiscal year of the government ended June 30 with a surplus of substantially \$87,-000,000, one of the largest net balanes ever shown. In the fiscal year 1902 there was a surplus of \$91,287,275, but that was the largest since 1890.

While the official figures for the fiscal year will not be announced for a few days yet, the figures now available are approximately correct. They show that in the year just closed the income from the various sources of revenue was \$665,306,184 and expenditures \$578,-376,709, as compared with receipts of \$594,454,121 for the last fiscal year and expenditures of \$568,784,799, tha surplus in that year being \$25,669,322. There has been a tremendous increase in the receipts in the year just closed, while the expenditures have been only about \$10,000,000 in excess of last year. The largest increase in receipts has been from customs, although internal revenue has shown a big gain. The receipts of this fiscal year in customs were \$353,250,120 and in internal revenue \$270,309,388

### WOMEN SAVE MANY LIVES.

Their Heroic Work Prevents Breaking of Big Dam.

Harriman has ordered full publicity of all railroad accidents on his lines.

The Miners' Federation convention at Denver has adpoted a Socialist platform.

Maxico.

A new ordinance passed in Philadel phia makes the city a partner in all street car lines.

A French emigrant sgent has been weavers to America.

Navajo Indians in Arizona threaten a revolt because the agent killed one of them in self defense.

President Cabrera has passed whole sale death sentences in Guatemals for alleged revolutionary acts.

The contest for the Republican na tional convention city is now on. Chi cago seems to have the preference.

The garbage drivers of New York have returned to work. The men will trust Mayor McClellan to give them a fair hearing of their case.

Arrangements are almost complete for the transfer of 16 battleships from Atlantic to Pacific waters. This is believed to be a move to offset action by Japan.

Japan threatens to start a boycott against American goods.

Prospects of a settlement of the tele graphers' strike seem Letter.

Corean delegates have protested to The Hague conference against annexation by Japan.

The French senate is seeking to cor rect a number of things complained of by wine growers.

by Battleship.

Toulon, July 2 .- It is reported tonight that during the voyage of French squadron bound from Marseilles the battleship Jaureguiberry collided with the torpedo boat destroyer Pertuy-Thousands of Japanese are being same and that 60 men were killed or in-amuggled into the United States from jured. The maritime prefecture desame and that 60 men were killed or in-

slines to give out any information in the way of confirmation or denial of the report.

Later reports are to the effect that it was the torpedo boat destroyer Darde that collided with the Jaureguiberry arrested by his government for sending and that the Darde was sunk. Admiral Foy, in charge of the prefecture had received no news of the accident up to the time he left his office at 6 p. The squadron was bound from Marseilles to Kebler, Algeria.

#### No Bribes to Secure Cars

San Francisco, July 2 .--- Vice President and General Manager Calvin, of the Southern Pacific, announces that after a thorough investigation of the reports that employes had organized a system for the expedition of freight position of surgeon general of the navy. over Southern Pacific lines in return for bribes, has been completed, and shows that there is no such organiza ticn. A few shippers, impatient at delay, bribed one of the yardmasters at Sparks, Nev., who in making up trains would give preference to the dispatch of certain cars.

### Quake Rattles Windows.

Portsmonth, N. H., July 2 .- Earth tremblings that shook houses perceptibly at intervals were felt here today. Windows shook and rattled and brie-abrao clatter from the shelves. Some times half an hour would elapse be-

tween the vibrations, but by sundown 100 shocks had been felt. The heavlest came between 5:15 and 54:5 p. m.

tlers, etc., and covering 2,521 acres This is part of an adjustment of claim? growing out of a conflict with the Northern Pacific grant.

### Postal Changes in Northwest.

Washington, July 2 .- Rural free delivery carriers have been appointed as follows: Oregon-Parkers, route 1, Percy J. Dickson carrier, Joseph O. Anderson substitute. Washington-North Yakima, route 3, Fred B. Dye

carrier, Robert Burdill substitue; Rochester, route 2, Emma Manners car rier, Allen K. James substitute. The postoffice at Arctic, Chebalis county. Wash., will be discontinued July 31.

### Appointments by President.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., President Roose relt has announced these appointments: Phillip M. Brown, secretary of embassy. at Constantinople; Peter Augustus Jay, secretary of embassy, at Tokio. The president signed the application of Medical Inspector Presity M. Rixey, private shipbuilding fir to be advanced to the rank of medical the use of steam turbines. director. Dr. Rixey now holds the

#### **Civil Service Examiners**

Washington, July 6.—Civil service examinations will be held this fall for positions in the departmental service in Washington, at the following places in Oregon: Portland, Eugene, Baker City and Astoria. Sertamber 11 and Washington, July 6 .- Civil service City and Astoria, Septamber 11 and ty as assistant to the general storekeep-October 16. Idaho-Boise, September 11 and October 1; Moscow, September 11 and October 16; Pocatello, October 11.

### More Time Allowed Bidders

Washington, July 4 .- Acting Secretary Newberry yesterday announced that the time allowed for the presenta-tion of bids for torpedo boat destroyers would be extended to September 3 next. ell, to be used if found expedient.

#### Contracts for Big Ships.

Washington July 4 .--- Before leaving for the West, Secretary Metcalf announced his decision in respect to important matters. In one of these he places contracts for the construction of tleships, the interesting point of his decision being the rejection of the Navy department's plans and the acceptance of the more progressive ideas of the private shipbuilding firms, involving

### Transfer of Naval Officers.

Washington, July 2 .- Lieutenant G. r. Pettingill, U. S. navy, has been or-

### **To Rout Fractious Indians**

Washington, July 6 .- The secretary

### Steel Trust in Great Britain.

London, July 1 .-- A great combination of steel and iron manufacturers, similar to those existing in the United States and Germany, is in course of formation in Great Britain with the avowed purpose of combatting Ameri-can and German competition, which is Increasing. Nine big companies, head-ed by Vickers' Sons & Maxim, and including John Brown & Co., which re-cently was amalgamated with the Har-tan & Wolff company, have assembled 86 concerns which were previously in-Wells bathhouse was totally destroyed, dependent

#### Work Under Bad Conditions.

Colon, July 1 .- Despite the strike of of the interior has made a request on rainfall, the earth tak in from the con-panisation of a posse by the United lebra cut during May exceeded 500,000 to the ultimatum of the manufacturers states marshal for Arizona, to assist in splendid and as being due to the stren-tion, the manufacturers announce their intention to close all their plants in nons efforts of Liertenant Colonel Goe-thals, chief engineer, and his staff.

Laramie, Wyo., July 2.-How the breaking of the Wheatland dam, impounding the largest artificial body of water in Wyoming, was prevented by the heroic efforts of four women is modestly told in a letter from Miss

Knight, addressed to her mother. Miss Knight, who is visiting Miss Helen McGill, at McGill, with her hostess and Mrs M. J. Reed and daughter, was riding by the reservoir who she noticed a leak in the dam. The women notified Mrs. Reed's hurband, who is in charge of the reservoir, and he started for Wheatfield to summor help.

Mrs. Reed and the three girls spent the entire night filling the crevice hay and dirt, using eleven loads of hay. When Reed returned in the morning they were almost exhausted, but had succeeded in keeping the break from enlarging to the danger pcint.

### Texas Resort is Burned.

Mineral Wells, Tex., July 2 .-- Mineral Wells, with nearly 10,000 visitors from all over the South, was threatened with total destruction by fire last night. The fire started in the skating rink of the Palace Amusement company, a new \$5,000 structure. From there the fire spread to the Mineral Wells sanitarias were the Lithia pavilion and a part of the Wann hotel.

### Close Havana Cigar Factories.

Havana, July 2 .- The cigarmakers to the ultimatum of the manufacturers tion, the manufacturers announce their intention to close all their plants indefinitely.

the two American "Dreadnaught" bat- ernment exercise control over the telegraphic service.