

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 Chicago & Alton railroad has been sold to the Toledo, St. Louis & Western.

Raisuli, the Moorish bandit, has defeated the army sent by the sultan to capture him.

Western railroads are again issuing warnings to coal dealers to lay in a winter supply before too late.

Deaths from the bubonic plague in India promise to exceed all former records during the present year.

Honey and Delmas continue to fight every step in the Glass bribery case now being tried in San Francisco.

Japanese have sued the city of San Francisco for \$2,575 damages on account of the restaurant wrecked by a mob.

A heavy electric storm has done much damage to telegraph and telephone wires in Northern California and Southern Oregon.

Texas has begun suit against the International Harvester company for \$1,100,000 for alleged violation of the anti-trust laws.

Vice President Zimmer, of the Pacific States Telephone company, has been sentenced to imprisonment for three months for contempt in refusing to answer questions in the Glass trial. He has appealed.

Count Boni has been snubbed by Gould in London.

Ninety cases of typhoid fever are reported at Ridgeley, Pa.

The Philippine government has suppressed the flag of a secret rebel society.

Drivers and stablemen employed at the wholesale beef packing houses in New York are on strike.

Congressman McCall, of Mass., predicts hard times as a result of the heavy fine imposed on the Standard Oil company.

The new San Francisco police board has accepted Chief Dinan's resignation and elected O. M. Anderson as acting chief.

Canadian telegraph operators have not struck but threaten to walk out unless the companies refuse to take messages from across the boundary.

Patients at the New York state hospital for the criminal insane revolted and were not subdued until one of their number had been shot and killed.

Governor Vardman, of Mississippi, has been appealed to for protection to the Western Union strikebreakers. The company officials say their men have been driven from Holly Springs, Grenada and Greenwood.

In a speech at Provincetown, Mass., President Roosevelt scored the rich lawbreakers.

The New Zealand senate has turned down a measure allowing women a seat in that body.

In an explosion of dynamite at Tsingtau, China, two Germans and 100 Chinese were killed.

The War department has advertised for material with which to improve the Honolulu harbor.

Secretary Taft may change all his Philippine trip plans owing to the illness of his mother.

Reports from Central West and California indicate an almost complete resumption of wire service.

By means of wireless telegraphy the station at San Francisco sent the correct time to Midway island, 2,700 miles away.

Sympathy in Portland for the striking telegraph operators is making itself known by popular subscriptions for a relief fund. One contribution of \$50 was by a former county official.

The Standard Oil company has issued a pamphlet saying that the courts are biased and that under vindictive warfare waged by the Federal government rights of corporations are trampled on.

Hearst is laying his plans for 1908. Boston has started a crusade against grafters.

While on his trip around the world Taft will visit the czar.

Both telegraph companies in San Francisco say business is improving.

Speaker Cannon approves the president's plan of sending a fleet to the Pacific.

WHERE MONEY WENT.

How San Francisco Has Made Use of \$9,000,000 Relief Funds.

San Francisco, Aug. 20.—The Relief Corporation has issued a statement summing up the work that it has done from the time of the fire to the present evacuation of the camps. The statement says:

"The efforts of the corporation to provide permanent homes for the sufferers from the catastrophe will complete the administration of the \$9,000,000 relief fund. The amount in money that was received by the corporation amounted to \$8,357,933.93, besides free transportation and the supplies donated from various sources. The sum of \$906,000 subscribed is still outstanding, \$700,000 of which is in the hands of the American National Red Cross.

"In the three months immediately following the fire, known as the emergency period, \$2,060,000 was spent for clothing, food, shelter, distribution of supplies, sanitation, aid to the sick and injured and aid to neighboring cities. Since the permanent organization on August 1, 1906, of the Relief and Red Cross Funds corporation the expenditure has been \$6,226,000. Nearly \$3,000,000 of this sum has been used for small loans, mostly for the purpose of assisting people who had acquired lots in the city to erect homes on them. The result is shown in the building of 1,367 cottages. The remainder has been spent as follows:

"Furniture and household necessities, \$1,200,000; tools for artists and professional men and to assist business men, \$513,000; transportation, \$41,000; sewing machines, \$37,000; relief of various kinds, \$627,000.

"The department of lands and buildings has spent for the construction of dwelling houses in the parks and for the fitting up of the Ingleside camp for old people, \$900,000. Bonuses to the amount of \$402,000 have been given to people erecting buildings in the burned district. Eight hundred and forty-three buildings have brought the owners such a reward, the bonuses representing 12 per cent of the cost of the building. A permanent home for those who are too old to care for themselves and have no means is being erected at a cost of \$900,000.

"Ninety-five thousand dollars has been administered by the bureau of special relief for a variety of needs, such as medical services, milk for children, special delicacies for children, artificial limbs, spectacles, sewing machines, stoves, etc. The bureau of hospitals has cared for 4,750 patients at an expense of \$170,000. The industrial bureau has spent \$35,000 for the establishment of social halls, the maintenance of sewing centers, kindergartens, etc. For the rehabilitation of hospitals and charitable societies \$360,000 has been expended, which, however, is not sufficient for the purpose. The plans of the corporation for the winter include additional aid to the needy institutions, the caring for about 200 women and children in the hospitals, the maintenance of the Ingleside camp and the assistance of those who are in real need of charity."

DON'T WORK ENOUGH.

Hetty Green Says Girls Think Too Much of Clothes.

New York, Aug. 20.—"Young girls of today are too extravagant. They think too much about clothes and they don't have enough to do. If they had some useful work to occupy their thoughts they would not run to such extravagance."

So spoke Mrs. Hetty Green, the world's greatest woman financier, when asked her opinion on some topics of current interest.

"I speak from experience," she added. "Perhaps you don't know it, but I was quite a belle when I was young. But I outgrew all that sort of thing. The rainbow silks and metal fingers are not to my taste. I used to wear those things. I used to have more fixings and trimmings on me than there is on a Christmas tree. I have more sense now. Society hasn't enough to do to keep itself out of mischief. Those so-called fashionable women spend all their time these days at bridge and smoking cigarettes and drinking pale tea and strong whisky. Every one of them ought to be working."

Aerial Visitor Frigstens.

New York, Aug. 20.—Everybody out of doors at Amagansett, L. I., was startled last evening on hearing a terrific roar, and at the same time saw a blazing mass shooting through the heavens over the ocean apparently only a little way out from shore. The blazing object appeared to many to be about 20 feet in diameter. Those who witnessed the flight, say the meteor must have weighed several tons. When it struck the ocean huge breakers came tumbling shoreward. Several bathing pavilions were washed away.

Work Pumps for Weeks.

Charlestown, S. C., Aug. 20.—The ship Shenandoah, with a cargo of coal for the Mare Island navy yard, is reported wrecked at Melbourne, Australia, due to a heavy storm encountered while rounding Cape Horn. For 64 days the men worked the pumps before reaching harbor.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

FAIR IS FAILURE.

Uncle Sam Can't Get Money Back from Jamestown.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Uncle Sam may become gatekeeper at the Jamestown exposition this week. He materially assisted in financing the undertaking, but has been unable to get his money back according to agreement.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasurer Edwards is now upon the ground for conference with those in charge, and unless some definite assurance can be given that installment payments will be made on the government loan, he may place a representative at the gates to take charge of the receipts.

At the treasury department it is stated that patience has been exhausted waiting for some evidence to be shown of a serious intention to reimburse the government. By an act of congress \$1,000,000 was advanced out of the public treasury to aid in the opening of the fair, and with the consent of the exposition company it was stipulated that 40 per cent of the gross receipts would be paid the government in July, when the first installment on the loan was due, and that on August 1 and every half month thereafter \$100,000 should be paid.

Weather and other conditions were adverse to the exposition at the beginning, and delay in installing exhibits kept many visitors away.

Ask Guard for Operators.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Representatives of the telegraph companies visited the War department today, asking for soldiers at Ash Fork, Ariz., to protect the operators against another attack. General Bell advised them to apply to the governor of Arizona. If the governor decided that troops are necessary, he would request President Roosevelt, who undoubtedly would honor the request.

Keeps Ahead of Budget.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Pan-American canal construction work is proceeding faster than was calculated in the estimate presented to congress. This year's work will cost \$8,000,000 more than the appropriation, owing to the rapidity of construction. Colonel Goethals, however, will continue to work in advance of the appropriation, expecting that congress will make good.

Navy Officials Start.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Brigadier General Murray, chief of artillery, and Commander Spencer Wood, of the navy, started for the Pacific coast, where they will lay out the so-called defense sea areas, similar to those established on the Atlantic coast. They will visit Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and San Diego.

Cutter Manning Hits Rock.

Washington, Aug. 20.—A telegram received by the Treasury department reports that the revenue cutter Manning yesterday ran upon an uncharted rock near Valdez, Alaska. As Captain Cantwell added that he proceeded to Sitka for repairs, it is believed the Manning is not seriously damaged.

Taft Is Off to Manila.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Secretary Taft left here today on the first stage of his trip to Manila. He is expected to make a notable speech in Columbus, O. At Seattle he will be joined by members of his family. Mr. Taft will return in December, via Suez, completing a trip around the world.

Federation Asks Damages.

Washington, Aug. 24.—President Gompers said today that the American Federation of Labor would probably sue the National Manufacturers' association on the charge of the conspiracy in beginning a concerted effort for injuring organized labor.

Seek Bank Clerk and \$11,000.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Edwin H. Potts, until a few days ago a trusted employe of the American National bank, is being sought by the police on a charge of stealing \$11,000 worth of Erie railroad stock certificates.

Faster Work on Canal.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The Isthmian canal commission will expedite canal excavating 20 per cent by contracting for 14 new steam shovels in addition to the 60 now working.

Railroad Selection Approved.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The secretary of the interior has approved the selection of 400 acres of land by the Northern Pacific railroad in the Coeur d'Alene land district, Idaho.

Hold Examination at Boise.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The Civil Service commission announces that clerk-carrier examinations for the post-office service will be held at Boise, Idaho, August 28.

Ordered to Bremerton Yard.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Assistant Engineer A. O. Bastron, U. S. N., has been ordered to duty at the Puget sound navy yard.

WOULD MAKE RED WHITE.

Experts Find Signal Lights Have Two Meanings on Railroads.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The board of experts appointed to investigate the signal system of railroads of the United States will be confronted at the outset with the fact that there has been completed a more or less startling revolution in block-signal practice during recent years. This is nothing less than changing the universal and time-honored white light from a safety signal to a danger signal.

Ever since block-signaling went into effect on American railways, and even before that time, the white light at night has been notice of safety to men on "head end." It still is so on a majority of lines, but generally managers throughout the country have decided almost without exception that the best signal practice discards the white light as a sign of "clear ahead" and transfer its meaning to "something wrong; stop immediately."

This revised language has become such because of the fact that it has been discarded from the signal lexicon of the best authorities and by many of the largest railway systems of the United States.

HARRIMAN WAS OWNER.

In Control of Chicago & Alton When Granted Immunity.

New York, Aug. 23.—A Washington special to the Herald says:

That E. H. Harriman was in control of the Chicago & Alton railroad when it made its "immunity" bargain with the department of Justice and gave evidence which led to the imposition of a \$29,240,000 fine upon the Standard Oil company was established today, when it was officially learned that the promise of immunity was extended in June, 1906. The Alton, under the joint control agreement revealed by the Interstate Commerce commission, is now controlled by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad, dominated by the Moore brothers, but in June, 1906, it was controlled by Mr. Harriman.

Whether Mr. Harriman knew of the immunity bargain cannot be learned here and will not be known until C. B. Morrison, who, as United States District attorney in Chicago, gave the promise of immunity with the approval of Attorney General Moody, arrives here on Monday.

Uncle Sam Makes Good.

North Yakima, Wash., Aug. 22.—Mrs. Wilbur Spencer, who lost \$109 in paper currency in a fire which destroyed her home in Tappanish some time ago, has recovered \$40 of it from the United States Treasury. Mrs. Spencer found the charred remnants of two \$20 certificates after the fire and gave them to Cashier Goodrich, of the local bank. Mr. Goodrich forwarded the two pieces of paper to the treasury, together with affidavits setting forth the facts of the case, and a reply was promptly received.

Northwest Postal Affairs.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Rural route No. 4, has been ordered established October 16, at Vancouver, Clark county, Washington, serving 500 people and 115 families.

Albert L. West has been appointed regular, with W. J. Edwards substitute, rural carrier for route No. 3 at Sherwood, Oregon. Joseph Trecker has been appointed postmaster at Goshen, Wash., vice P. G. Cooke, resigned.

Goes Over the Testimony.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Attorney General Bonaparte conferred several hours today with District Attorney Sims, of Chicago, going over the testimony taken in the Standard Oil trial at Chicago to determine to what extent the evidence given by Harriman and other Chicago & Alton officials would render them immune to prosecution growing out of the so-called Alton deal.

Reading Man Recommended.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Senators Perkins and Flint have recommended that Judge Edward Sweeney, of Reading, be appointed superintendent of the mint at San Francisco to succeed Frank Leach.

Wireless Stations on Coast.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The Army and Navy departments have arranged to co-operate in maintaining wireless communication between Nome and St. Michaels, Alaska, and Seattle and San Francisco.

Buffalo to Aid Cutter Patrol.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Naval transport Buffalo sailed for Puget sound yesterday to assist the revenue cutters in patrolling the sealing waters in the vicinity of the Pribilof islands.

Portland Man Gets Clerkship.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Jack J. Wocho, of Portland, has been appointed a clerk in the office of the shipping commissioner at San Francisco.

TURNING POINT REACHED.

Both Sides in Strike Expect They Can Win Fight.

Chicago, Aug. 19.—Important developments in the strike of the Commercial Telegraphers are looked for today by both disputants. Confident that the strike has spent its force, and that the turning point has been reached, the telegraph companies look for a stampede of the strikers to regain their former positions.

Cheered by the reports they have received from the various cities affected, the strike leaders on the other hand are prepared to prosecute the fight more vigorously than ever.

According to advices received at union headquarters, the messenger boys and check clerks in New York are scheduled to go out today. Broker firms throughout the country have been given until noon today to sign contracts with their operators or suffer the consequences of a walkout.

Three hundred operators employed by the American Telephone & Telegraph company throughout the Southwest may be called out before night, unless a 10 per cent increase in wages is granted. This is one of the trump cards which President Small expects to play. If the order is issued it will isolate Chicago from the rest of the country, so far as telephonic communication is concerned.

KEEPS CORPSES LIKE LIFE.

Young Italian Blacksmith Finds New Method of Preservation.

Paris, Aug. 19.—The scientific and medical world is greatly interested in the discovery of a young blacksmith, of Rome, to preserve corpses fresh and intact. The system is the injection of serum which kills the micro-organisms of putrefaction.

It is said to be the secret of the invention many years ago, for the same purpose of Gerolamo Segato, which had since been lost. The inventor is a young man named Pignotti, 23 years of age, and his hope is that from this discovery he may push on his researches and succeed in curing certain diseases by injecting his serum into the living subject.

It has already been injected into living animals without causing them any inconvenience, or disorder of the organism, while a corpse which was inoculated with the concoction was found ten days later in exactly the same condition as at the moment of death.

PLAGUE IN FRISCO.

Board of Health Takes Drastic Measures to Isolate Patients.

San Francisco, Aug. 19.—Five cases of bubonic plague, four of which have resulted in death, have been reported to the Health department within the past week. The patients, with one exception, were of the poorer class of foreigners dwelling in the neighborhood of the old Chinatown. The exception was a foreign sailor taken from a coastwise steamer.

Prompt and active measures were taken by the local, state and Federal authorities, and spread of the disease is not feared. Both President Jules A. Simon, of the health board, and Health Officer James T. Watkins stated today that the situation is well in hand and no occasion exists for alarm. The infected steamer was ordered into quarantine with her passengers and will so remain until released by the Health department. The two shacks inhabited by the other patients were fumigated, locked up and sealed.

The bodies of the two Mexicans, Italian and Russian Pole, who succumbed, were destroyed in quicklime.

Pinkerton Dies at Sea.

New York, Aug. 19.—Robert Pinkerton, head of the detective agency bearing that name, died at sea Monday on the steamship Bremen. He was en route to Germany in the pursuit of health. The cause of death was fatty degeneration of the heart. Robert Pinkerton was one of the two principals of the Pinkerton Detective agency, this organization having never incorporated. During the last 25 years, he has been in charge of the New York agency, while his brother, William A. Pinkerton, resided in Chicago.

Record Price for Rents.

New York, Aug. 19.—Nine leading companies affiliated with the Steel corporation has leased four floors of a great office structure which the Hudson Tunnel company is erecting at the Church street terminal, for which they will pay a record rental of \$60,000 for each floor, or \$2,400,000 for 10 years' lease. This is said to be the largest rental paid anywhere on earth.

Double Track Great Northern.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 19.—N. H. Hogeland, chief engineer of the Great Northern, announced here tonight that the line on the west slope of the Rockies, between Whitefish and Summit, would be double tracked and a large portion of it entirely rebuilt. Mr. Hogeland has just completed an inspection trip over that territory.

GUILTY OF GRAFTING

Benson and Perrin Convicted of Fraud Against Government.

JURY OUT ONLY HALF AN HOUR

Aged Defendants Hard Hit by Result—Both Are Permitted Their Liberty on Bail.

San Francisco, Aug. 20.—John A. Benson and Dr. Edward B. Perrin were yesterday convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States government in securing 12,000 acres of land in Tehama county.

The verdict, which means a fine and term of imprisonment, was returned by a jury in the United States District court after being out about an hour. Benson and Dr. Perrin were allowed to retain their liberty on bail. Judge De Haven set Thursday as a day for passing sentence.

J. C. Campbell made the closing argument for the defense at the morning session, and in the afternoon United States District Attorney Devlin closed for the prosecution, summing up the case in a forcible manner. In his charge Judge De Haven instructed the jurors that if they found from the evidence that Dr. Perrin had at any time subsequent to October 31, 1903, taken advantage of the contract with Benson he should be found guilty as charged.

After the jury had been out about half an hour they filed back into court and asked for a reading of letters Perrin wrote from Washington, Snell's reply and that part of the charge relating to Dr. Perrin's liability in connection with the Benson contract. A verdict was returned within ten minutes after the request of the jury had been granted.

Dr. Perrin took the verdict very hard and was comforted by his two sons. Benson appeared to be dumfounded at the result.

The punishment provided by the statute is a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000 and imprisonment for not less than two years.

NO LACK OF MEN.

Telegraph Company Blames Operators for Congestion.

Portland, Aug. 20.—"General conditions are improving," said R. T. Reid, district superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph company, who was in this city yesterday from Seattle.

"There has not been a day since the strike began, a week ago, that our company has not had enough good operators to handle all business, and they could have done so, but for the malicious interference with our wires by the railroad telegraphers. We have a number of secret service men and inspectors, who are on duty at suspected points and we propose to arrest and prosecute every man who is found tampering with our wires. However, there has been less disturbance on this account today than any other day since our operators walked out.

"Six months ago the operators in the employ of the Western Union throughout the Northwest were as one large happy family. But that condition has been replaced by discord ever since the men came under the influence of Sam J. Small, president of their national organization. The men had no grievances and what is more they deliberately walked out without being so much as ordered. It was not until then that they formulated a statement of grievances to be presented to the company. The same course was pursued by the messengers.

"The trouble is not that the men have grievances, nor that they were kept from their positions by intimidation. They would rather not work at all. Take the Portland office today, for instance. The company is paying \$3 a day for messengers. Seven men accepted positions as messengers this morning and before night six of them had quit their positions."

Gompers' Aid Asked For.

Washington, Aug. 20.—President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, today reported to the executive council of the federation that he, John Mitchell, of Indianapolis, and Daniel J. Keefe, of Detroit, had been entrusted by united labor with an attempt to bring about "an honorable adjustment of the telegraphers' strike at an opportune time." Mr. Gompers was asked when he thought that time would arrive, and replied that he could not say, but that it might be "at any hour, or perhaps not at all."

Stomach Full of Frogs.

Tremont, Pa., Aug. 20.—Frogs' eggs imbibed in spring water by Mrs. Walter Kaudlich, of West Schuylkill, nearly proved fatal. The warmth of the body caused the eggs to hatch instantly, and the little frogs thrived to such an extent as to cause an internal obstruction. An operation was necessary to save Mrs. Kaudlich's life.