NEWS OF THE WEEK

in a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

MAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

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

The government is trying to prevent another coal famine in the West.

Secretary Metcalf urges the need of government drydocks on the Pacific.

The Western Union claims there has been a break in the operators' strike at Clevelad, Ohio.

A newspaper office at Joplin, Mo. has been dynamited because it fought the lawless element.

Count Okuma says the San Francisco riots were backed by the city, while Vancouver fought the rioters. An effort to have Stensland, the de-

faulting president of the Milwaukee bank, Chicago, pardoned, has There is an unconfirmed report that

the battleship fleet will leave for the Pacific November 17 instead of Decem-Roosevelt has approved the orders to

Admiral Evans to use his own judgment in visiting Portland with the fleet of battleships.

The next encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Toledo, Ohio. Judge Charles Burton, of Nevada, Mo., was elected commander-in-chief at the Saratoga meeting just

Hundreds of Jews are being tortured and burned in Russia.

The jury in the Tirey L. Ford case, San Francisco, has been secured.

Japan deplores the outbreak against her subjects at Vancouver, B. C.

Admission of Oriental adults to the Chicago schools is meeting with strong opposition.

French and Spanish troops have attacked and routed the Moors and burned their camp.

Striking telegraph operators in Chicago have received strike pay and whatever dissention existed has disappeared.

The trans-Atlantic liner Lusitania has established a new record for speed less than five days.

The Anglo-American polar expedition under Mikkelson and Lefingwell reports finding a deep sea north of Alaska but no continent.

A Great Northern passenger train large amount of registered mail but additional declaration of war. found the express safe, which they dynamited, empty.

Jamestown has offered a prize of \$2,500 for the most successful airship.

Canada will apologize to Japan and is negotiating to restrict immigration.

Telegraph operators on the Northern Pacific are said to be considering a

The question of the battleship fleet visiting Portland has been left to Ad miral Evans.

The situation in the telegraphers strike at Portland remains unchanged. Few messages are being sent or received.

The trial of Tirey L. Ford chief counsel of the United Railroads of San Francisco, charged with bribery, has ocmmenced.

The Western Union has decided to pass its regular quarterly dividend as the money may be needed on account of the operators' strike.

Chinese and Japanese have struck in Vancouver, B. C., and blocked industry. They are armed and the Japaneee consul demands military protec-

The French government has decided that Morococ must pay damages to foreigner.

Owing to the strict quarantine maintained San Diego has little fear of the plague.

China has just sent representatives to a number of countries for the pur-

Messenger boys at Tacoma have struck and the telegraph company is

considering the advisability of using

The Wetern Union still claims to be

TRUST IS WITH SPRECKLES.

Has Large Interest in Spreckels Company, but Does Not Compate.

San Francisco, Sept. 10. - John Spreckles, president of the Western Sugar Refining company, testified yesterday be ore United States Commissioner Richards in regard to the relations existing between his company and the American Sugar Refining company, of New York, the so-called Havemeyer sugar trust. It was cetablished by his testimony that Mr. Havemeyer and his men own a large minority of the stock of the Western Refining company, but he denied that either he or his father, Claus Spreckles, has any interest in the American Sugar Refining company. He declared that the price of sugar

on the coast was held low enough to prevent competition from Mr. Havemeyer, except in a few special grades, which the Western does not manufac

Mr. Spreekles' testimony is to be used in a suit brought by the receiver of the Pennsylvania Sogar company against the American Refining com pany for \$30,000,000 damages as the result of the Havemeyer interests getting control of the Pennsylvania concern and shutting down the plant. The suit is both for conspiracy and for violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. and is brought in the United States District court of New York.

GATHERING AT BARATOGA.

Fifty Thousand Grand Army Veterans Expected at Encampment.

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 10.—Amid gaily decorated streets, veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic have been arriving all day for the Forty-first National encampment, which will be held here this week. Fifty thousand veterans are expected.

This may be the last encampment held anywhere but in Washington. At the business session of the organization a resolution probably will be introduced fixing that place as the permanent meeting place of the organization here-after. It is also probable that within a few years the appual encampment will become only a meeting of delegates, for the veterans, it was stated by Grand Army officials, are becoming too feeble to attend the meetings in a body and to take part in the annual parade.

The encampment program begins to-

NEW RULES TO BEGIN WAR.

Hague Conferen Requires Notice to Enemy and Neutrals.

The Hague, Sept. 10 .- The fifth plenary sitting of the peace conference was held today. The whole American deleacross the ocean, making the trip in gation was present. The following rules regarding the opening of hostili-ties were adopted, a few countries making reservations:

"The contracting powers agree that hostilities must not begin without previous unequivocal notice having been given, either in form of a declaration was held up near Rexford, Mont., by of war setting forth its motives or in the Republican convention delegated man. They seemed a the form of an ultimatum with the who are pledged to Mr. Roosevelt. of war setting forth its motives or in the Republican convention delegates

> "A state of war must be notified without delay to the neutral powers, the effect of the latter beginning after they receive notice, which can be given even by wire. In any case the neutral powers cannot protest against the lack of this notice, if it is established that they undoubtedly knew that a state of war existed."

MOB BAILORS IN JAPAN.

Four Men From Cruiser Chattanooga Flee for Their Lives.

Tokio, Sept. 10 .- While the United States cruiser Chattanooga was at Hakodate on her way bere from Vladivostok, four of her men had a thrilling experience and a narrow escape from serious injury at the hands of a Japan-

In a dispute over prices, one of the American callors struck a Japanese shopkeeper. A mob quickly formed, armed with clubs, and started after the assailant and his three companions. Two of the sailors were forced to jump from a dock and swim to a sampan.

The others were rescued from the mob by the police, who took them aboard the ship.

Car Shortage Again.

Chicago, Sept. 10.-A New York special to the Record Herald says: Is the prosperity of the country again to be threatened this fall and winter by going repairs at Learne island. a shortage in freight equipment and It is likely that Canada will have to cost merchants and farmers untold milpay heavy damages on account of the lions? This question is being asked vancouver anti-Japanese rioting. on Wall street, and, as a rule, it is being answered in the affirmative. Men in the traffic world who control vast systems are shaking their heads and sdmitting that a recurrence of the disastrous car shortage is threatening.

Vaccinated by the Thousand.

Vienna, Sept 10 .- There are no sign of abatement in the smallpox epidemic. During the last few days 166,000 per-

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

TESTS TIMBER'S STRENGTH.

Ingenious Machine Worked by Forest Land Grafter's Fame Already Dim in Service at New Haven.

Washington, Sept. 11 .- The Forest service for some time past has been carrying on a series of experiments at its timber testing station at New Haven, Conn., to determine the effect of centinuous loads applied for long periods of time to wooden beams. The beams are tested by an ingenious apparatus, which is so arranged that the load on the specimens is constant, however much they may bend.

The most interesting part of the testing machine is a large paper covered drum, slowly revolving by clockwork, upon which a continuous record of the amount of bending in the specimen under test is recorded. This bending, or deflection, is shown on the drum by a pencil mark, the pencil being connected to the center of the beam by a system of levers so arranged as to considerably multiply the actual bending of the beam before it is recorded on the

Information as to the effects of loads applied to wooden beams for long per-iods of time is not at present very definite, and it is expected that the results of the experiments now in progress at New Haven will furnish much valuable information which will be of great benefit to the lumber industry.

DEFERS IMPROVING TRACK

Southern Railroad Will Not Doubl Road Under Present Laws.

Washington, Sept. 10 .- It was an nounced at the Southern Railway headquarters in this city that, owing to recent adverse railroad rate legislation in several Southern states, and to "general conditions," the double tracking of the Southern rallway between Chattanooga and Olteway Junction, in Tennessee, north of Greensboro, N. C., has been ordered stopped, pending further

Contracts had been entered into for double tracking work in Tennessee aggregating about \$15,000,000. The money intended for the proposed improvement in Tennessee and North Carolina has been withdrawn and will be used in operating the road.

Latest on Fleet Movement.

Washington, Sept. 12.—Those politicians who are looking for an ulteriomotive behind every move the president makes have discovered the real reason why the battleship fleet is to be sent around to the Pacific coast. The president, so they declare, is a candidate for renomination, and the fleet is to be sent to the Pacific to promote the political interests of Mr. Roosevelt. The presence of the fleet will demonstrate to the people of the coast that the president is their friend, and in return they will be expected to send to

Talk Business at Lunch.

Oyster Bay, Sept. 12.—President Roosevelt gave a luncheon today, at which Secretary Straus, of the department of commerce and labor; Charles P. Netll, commissioner of labor: Lawrence F. Abbott, and Ernest Hamlin Abbott, of New York, were guests. Mr. the attempted enforcement of the eightgraph strike was considered.

A Little Slow, but She'll Do.

Washington, Sept. 14 .- The battle ship Kansas, sister ship to the Vermont, has just completed her speed trials, and, while her record is alightly below that of her sister ship and a trifle below the 18-knot speed which she was required to make in her ac record is entirely satisfactory. The avendurance trial 17.09 knots

Battleship Has Narrow Escape

Washington, Sept. 14 .- The battleship Indiana narrowly escaped destruction, according to a report made public the Navy department, by a fire heroic action of the crew in removing

New Rural Carriers

Washington, Sept. 13.—Rural car-riers appointed: Oregon—Hillsboro, route 2, William M. Tipton carrier; Washington-Paul Ray substitute. Cheney, route 4, Thomas R. Riggs car rier; James V. Cossallman substitute

Washington, Sept. 11 .- The ginners' report of the government shows that 69.2 per cent of the normal cotton crop getting its old men back all over the sens have been vaccinated. Public has been ginned, against 72.1 per cent country, but the service does not improve.

Someting and processions have been a month ago. This accounts for the prove. NEVER HEARD OF PUTER.

Government Offices Washington, Sept. 12. - Fame is short-lived. Only a few days ago a letter was received by the Forest vice in this city asking for various bits of information regarding public land enditions in the state of Oregon. The letter bore the signature "S. A. D. Puter." The questions were leading Puter." The questions were leading ones and indicated that the writer was not dealing with an unfamiliar subject, rather that he was an old hand at Some of the questions could not be answered by the Forest service, so the letter was referred to the general land office, and came back with the answers and with this notation:

"Who is this writer Puter? We never heard of him."

The Forest service was no more acquainted with the man or the name than was the general land office, and when Puter's letter was passed from one official to another, it was always with the remark: "Never heard of with the remark: It was not until a complete answer had been mailed to Puter that

an official asked a newspaper corres-pondent if he had ever heard of Puter. OREGON LEADS ALL STATES.

Contributes Most to Reclamation Fund -General Increase Shown.

Washington, Sept. 10. - Oregon again leads all states in its contribution to the reclamation fund. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1907, the total receipts from land sales in Oregon amounted to \$1,429,760, nearly three times the receipts in the previous year, when the total was only \$545,346.

Last year, when timber entries in Oregon were tied up, North Dakota forged ahead of Oregon, but this year the receipts in that state were but \$300,000 less than in Oregon. There has been a general gain in land receipts through the West, Washington increasing from \$542,677 in 1906 to \$768,937 in 1907, and Idaho showing an increase from \$351,963 to \$709,169.

The total receipts from all states amount to \$9,484,938, and amount to and out of this total approximately \$8,000,000 will go into the reclamation fund, swelling the total to more than

New Lumber Rate Reported. Washington, Sept. 13 .- The Inter-

state Commerce commission today received from the Transcontinental Freight bureau notification of new rates ceived on lumber from the Pacific coast to points in the East, this being the rate, recently agreed upon, of 50 cents per hundred. The new rates will become operative November 1. Notice of filing of the rate was sent to lumbermen on the Pacific coast who have informed the commission of their intention to enter complaint and ask for a hearing, but this hearing will not prevent the rate going into effect November 1. In the event the commission decides against the new rate, lumbermen will be entitled to a rebate on all shipments made at 50 cents.

Take Up Coast Defense.

Washington, Sept. 13 .- An effort will be made by the War department Straus made a verbal report on his re-cent Western trip, and Mr. Neill took during the coming winter for the comup with the president certain difficul- pletion of all fortifications exclusive of ties which have been encountered in guns, at Portland, Me., New York and the attempted enforcement of the eight. Boston harbors on the Atlantic coast hour law. It is dealed that the tele- and at San Francisco and Puget sound on the Pacific coast. General Murray, chief of artillery, has taken up the mat ter with the bureaus of the War department, presumably at the instance of his superior officers, with a view to getting the money. Searchlights are the princtpal items needed at all five points.

Choice Reduced to Three

Washington, Sept. 12 .- On the eve ceptance trial several months ago, it is of Secretary of War Taft's departure said at the Navy department that her for the Philippines, national political leaders are taking account of stock and erage speed for four hours with full invoicing the presidential situation as power was 17.81 knots and for 24 hours it has developed up to the present time. The situation today gives prominence to three men: President Roose velt, Secretary Taft and Governor Hughes, of New York. Other persons whose names have been entered in the Republican presidential nomination race appear at this stage as nothing more than probable "also rans."

May Have Fuel Shortage

Washington, Sept 12.—The fuel problem is quite as acute in British Columbia as in the states of our Pacific Northwest; indeed, British Columbia is suffering somewhat because much of its coal is now being exported to American ports on the Pacific coast.

Naval Station for Pacific.

Washington, Sept. 10 .- That a strong ecommendation will be made by Rear

LET POLITICS ALONE.

Irrigation Congress Turns Down Free Lumber Resolution.

Sacramento, Sept. 9 .- The effort to have the 15th irrigation congress pass a Orientals in British Columbia resolution presented by Judge Raker, calling for the withdrawal of the duty levied on lumber failed. Another im portant action of the gathering Saturday was its decision to eliminate a ros olution protesting against the enactment of any further legislation favoring Philippine sugar. With this latter exception, the report of the committee on resolutions was adopted as read and the policy of President Roosevelt and his administration in relation to reclamstion, conservation of water and forests and other matters was endorsed.

Judge Raker withdrew his motion for the purpose of harmony, but the sugar question was only settled after great discussion, the friends of the beet sugar industry making a strong fight in their interest. The sentiment in favor of eliminating politics from the congrees was responsible for the withdraw-als of the lumber and sugar proposi-

Arthur Briggs succeeded in getting the congress to pass his resolution in the interests of California fruitgrowers, in relation to the use of sulphur in dry-The resolution asks the department of Agriculture not to enforce the regulation of the pure food law in the matter without further investiga-

The congress adopted unanimously the report of the committee on permanent organization. The newly elected officers are: Frank C. Goudy, of Denver, president; George E. Barstow, of Texas, first vice president; John E. Baker, of Modoc county, California, second vice president; Herbert E. second vice president; Herbert E. Strain, of Montana, third vice presi dent; Z. B. Fowler, of Arisona,

Albuquerque, N. M., was selected as the meeting place of the 16th irrigation congress. The only city named in op-position was Walla Walla, Wash. Dr. Blalock, of the Washington delegation, extended the invitation on behalf of that place. Hon. R. E. Twitchell, of Vegas, N. M., made an elequent appeal for Albequerque. With the exception of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, the state delegations voted for Albequerque. California was excused from voting at the request of Chairman Estudillo, who said the delegates did not care to be discourteous to the representatives of the two cities, as they were their guests.

After a few other matters were dis posed of the congress adjourned.

CLIFF HOUSE IN RUINS.

Flames Entirely Destroy Famous San Francisco Resort.

San Francisco, Sept. 9.—The famous Cliff House, of this city, San Francisco's first attraction for tourists, was burned to the ground Saturday evening. Fire broke out in the building about 4:45 o'clock and an hour later a blackened heap of ruins was all that remained of the structure.

The house was built of wood, and fanned by the lively ocean breezes, the flames made such headway before the nearest fire department arrived that it was realised that the place was doomed and more attention was paid to saving and includes the Butte field, where a adjoining property than to the burning strict investigation will be conducted

building.
The Cliff House had been closed for some time, as the new lessee, John is to secure restorations to the public Tait, was remodeling the interior. domain where it can be shown that

stroyed by fire. The building just burned was erected by Adolph Sutro, of Sutro tunnel fame, 12 years ago. was owned by the Sutro estate and was valued at \$50,000 Mr. Tait estimates his loss at \$50,000, on which there is \$35,000 insurance.

The Cliff House was ranked as one of the best known resorts of America. Located on a rocky promontory beyond the Golden Gate, directly above the lashing waves of the Pacific ocean, and affording a close view of the seals, it was a strong attraction for visitors, and has been undertaken by the governfrom its broad porches hundreds of thousands of people obtained their first view of the mighty waters.

The magnificent Sutro baths near by, were not damaged.

Message From Explorers.

New York, Sept. 9 .- Confirmation of the report that the Stefansse expedition is safe is given in a message received at the offices of the American geographical society in this city today from Vilhjal-mun Stefanssen, the ethnologist and leader of the expedition. This message was dated at Eagle City, Alaska, which is on the Upper Yukon river, and reads as follows: "Expedition is and reads as follows: "Expedition is all safe. Stefanssen." Officers of the geographical society said they supposed the message had been forwarded by messenger from Herschel island.

May Hunt in Louisana.

Oyster Bay, Sept. 9. — President Roosevelt is considering an invitation Admiral Capps, chief of construction of the navy, for building a naval station at San Diego is practically assured. It is believed his views are indersed by Rear Admiral Cowles, the president's brother-in-law.

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BAD BLOOD AROUSED

Arm Against Whites.

ASIATICS ALL LEAVE THEIR WORK

Japanese Purchasing Stock of Arms and Trouble is Feared When Next Steamer Arrives.

Seattle, Sept. 10 .- A special to the Times from Vancouver, B. C., says:

As a result of the disorders Saturday and Sunday evenings, the situation here with regard to Asiation is increasing in menace. The Japanese have notified Chief of Police Chamberlain that police protection is inadequate and they will take steps to protect them-selves. Chinese and Japanese em-ployed in hotels and restaurants have withdrawn from work. It is said that Oriental leaders have instructed them they must not work under penalty of \$100. The Japanese are purchasing firearms and the aspect of affairs is threatening.

Steamer Monteagle, due to arrive Wednesday or Thursday with many Orientals on board, will be met by a hostile demonstration. It is freely declared that the Orientals will not be allowed to land. There is growing un-easiness in the city. The feeling is increasing that, in view of the number of Japanese, Chinese and Hindus in Van-couver, the minister of militia should take steps to protect them. Several restaurant keepers met this morning and resolved to employ nothing but white labor.

Early reports of the disorders Saturday night were exaggerated. The crowd amounted to about 10,000, but the temper displayed was merely bols-The crowd surged through the streets in the Oriental quarters, cheer-ing everything white and hooting and denouncing everything colored. At intervals from some indistinguishable point in the crowd brickbate would burtle over intervening heads and crash through windows. Chief of Police Chamberlain, recognizing the inade-quacy of the force at his disposal, re-lied on diplomacy. Fearful of arousing the passion of the mob, he directed his men to lay aside their truncheons and exercise moderation. Later the order regarding truncheons was revoked, but at no stage did the police and populace come to blows.

FRAUDS IN FOREST LANDS.

Valuable Timber Land Secured Under Guise of Mineral.

Helena, Mont., Sept. 10.—Evidently suspecting frauds in connection with the location of mining claims in the Helena forest reserve, the national government has sent Arthur J. Collier, of Washington, D. C., to this city to conduct an investigation. The Helena forest is among the largest in the state

The main purpose of the government domain where it can be shown that Workmen were about the place until under the guise of locating mining under the guise of locating mining claims, valuable timber rights have the second house to be debugged been availed of, the law permitting actual prospectors the right to the ne cessary timber in the development of It their claims.

Therefore, no more patents to mining claims will be granted except where the good faith of the locator is proved. Where timber lands have been secured in this manner the government will endeavor to effect a restoration.

Referring to the investigations and classifications of the coal lands of Eastern Montana and Western North Dakota, Mr. Collier said that the work ment with a definite policy of preventing the coal companies and railroads of the West from monopolising the Western coal lands as those of the East bave been.

Great Corn Exposition.

Chicago, Sept. 10.—At the National Corn exposition, Chicago, October 5 to the most elaborate decorative scheme ever seen in Chicago will be presented at the Coliseum building and annex. This decorative work will cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000, and corn will be the dominant decorative material. In addition to a miniature corn farm in the center of the building. one end will contain an ancient temp dedicated to the goddess of corn, where at certain times of the day the virgins of the sun will offer sacrifices of corn.

Canada Asserts Sovereignty.

Ottawa, Ontario, Sept. 10,-By the establishmeont of a customs port of entry at Burwell, situated on the west of Cape Chudley on Hudson strait, the government has solved the problem of asserting and maintaining Canadian jurisdiction over the Hudson bay and