NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

The Commercial State bank, of

Grand Island, Neb., has closed its doors. the manufacture or importation of al-

Parts of India are threatened with famine, having experienced the worst drouth since 1896.

Reliable reports from Karatagh, Russian Turkestan, say but 300 persons met death in the recent disaster.

General Booth, of the Salvation Army, has arrived in New York from igland and was given a great recep-British railroad employes have voted

a general strike and there seems little likelihood of a settlement being reached. The governors of Georgia, Alabama

and North Carolina have united to force the railways to obey new laws seed in those states. It is announced that 21 steamers

ve been chartered to bring coal and other supplies from Scotland for the American fleet which is to visit the

A third death from plague has occurred at Scattle.

Montana banks are doing business under normal conditions.

Hostile Navajo Indians have been killed or emptured in Southern Utah.

William D. Haywood will most probably be the Socialist candidate for pres-

California banks are almost all igporing the holiday proclaimed by the governor.

The Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads will not suspend construction.

A bank cashier at Charlton, Ind. left a message saying the bank was wrecked and committed suicide.

The Louisians legislature has been ealled in extra session to pass laws governing public service corporations.

The Rock Ileand railroad has laid off

every construction crew on account of approaching winter, the officials say. Two arrests have been made in Chieago for stealing records in the case of

John R. Walsh, wrecker of the Milwaukee avenue bank, New York banks are furnishing mon-

ey to move crops. The Union Pacific has stopped much

construction work.

Nebraska officials have severely snubbed the Japanese consul.

Forty sailors have been devoured by canibals near Cape Horn.

The German imperial bank has raised the discount rate to check gold ex-

ports. Many of the large banks in different part of the country are absorbing the

emaller ones. Immense crop exports from the Unit-ed States will force imports of foreign money and relieve the stringency.

Within the past few days Secretary Cortelyon has deposited \$50,000,000 with the various banks of the country.

President Small declares that the telegraph operators strike is over notwithstanding that he has been deposed as president.

Governor Stokes, of New Jersey, has signed a bill for a direct primary and direct election of senators similar to the

Kansas banks remain open but pay all demands by check.

The Western Union has opened number of its branch officers in Chi-

Oklahoma has proclaimed a public holiday that runs on banks may be pre

A tight money market has suspended work on the new Dupont Powder works at Tacoma.

Secretary Taft has had another close call in the Philippines. This time an automobile ran away with him.

PACKAGES IN RURAL MAIL.

Postmaster General to Make Recommendations in Report.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 29.—Post-master General von L. Meyer, at a dinner at the Union League club last night, made an address in which he called attention to recommendations which he purposes making in his annual report for the consideration of the next congress. On the question of par-cels post he said:

"I shall recommend the same rate A Resume of the Less Important but of weight for parcels, whether intended for points in this country or abroad, which means a reduction of four cents a pound and increase in the maximum weight to eleven pounds."

Pope Leo is reported to be seriously tion he said:

"I shall recommend a parcels post system on the rural delivery routes, a special rate to be charged on packages Finland has passed a bill prohibiting of the rural route, or if mailed by a patron of any rural route for delivery to a patron on the same route or at the distributing office of said route. rate would be five cents for the first

> pound, up to eleven pounds. This would be a great boon for the farmers." Regarding postal savings banks, the

> poured and two cents for each additional

postmaster general said: "As an evidence that it is not the desire of the government to compete with the private savings banks in obtaining deposits of the people, I shall advocate a rate of interest of 2 per cent per annum, or 1 per cent semi-annually and a limit of \$500, not more than \$250 to be deposited in any the year. My own belief is that far from its being a detriment to the established banks, it would be in the end an advantage. Now, in order to get this money back into the channels of trade. I purpose to ask congrees for authority to place the savings in the National banks."

DEVELOPS A NEW GRAPE.

Oklahoma banks will reopen Novem- California Scientist Believes He Has Variety Surpossing the Tokay.

Stockton, Cal., Oct. 29 .- An entirely new kind of grape is being developed at the government experimental station near Lodi, and Professor H. C. Husmann is of the opinion that it will result in a grape that will excel the famous Flame Tokay, which has given Lodi so much fame. The new variety is somewhat similar to the Tokay in texture and color, but is impervious to the rain, is much firmer and can be shipped longer distances without dam-It apears to be a cross between a Tokay and Farerra and is of an improved flavor. If properly developed it is expected to become a most profitable variety

Professor Musmann is due to arrive in Lodi this week and he intends to set out about 30 varieties of grapes, five different kinds of each variety, for ex-perimental purposes. Already 130 vavineyard will receive great benefits the station. Additional apparatus is to be installed at the plant in the way of thermometers and records of temperatures will be made so as to make comparisons with grape growing points in France, Spain, Italy and South Africa.

IMPROVE MARE ISLAND.

Works of Extension Planned to Cost Several Million Dollars.

ative Joseph R. Knowland visited Mare yard today a tended conference with Commandant Phelps and Civil Engineer Rockwell. Plans and estimates were given Knowland for the improvements desired at were 7,798 pensioners in Oregon draw-Mare Island, which call for the expenditure of several million dollars to make this station the finest naval establishment in the world. The spur dikes, which were designed by H. H. Rosseau, now of the Panama Canal commission, and have proved such a success in deep ening the channel to the yard, will be greatly extended at a cost of several hundred thousand dollars. The stone quay wall, to which vessels under re-pair are tied, will also be extended about a mile southward toward the magazine. At present the quay wall is so crowded that many of the ships have to lie in midstream or at a point below the lighthouse.

Prison Official Killed.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 29.-General Maximoffsky, director of the department of prisons of the ministry of the interior, was shot and killed today The general was the first responsible official connected with the Russian prison. A young woman who has not been identified, presented herself at the weekly reception of General Maximoffsky and remained quietly in the San Francisco. crowded auteroom until it was her turn to enter the general's private office-When she was in his presence the woman fired seven shots.

Increase Railway Rates.

The steamer Finland from New York for Dover, England, struck near that port and is supposed to be badly damaged.

Mexico City, Oct. 29.—It was authoritatively stated today that a general increase in the railway rates of the country would go into country would go into effect in the near future.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

WANT TWO MORE BIG SHIPS.

Naval Officers Expect Appropriation Prosecution Will Follow Completion for 20,000-Ton Battleships.

Washington, Nov. 1 .- It is the opinon of naval officers generaly that congress, at the coming sess on, should provide for two new 20,000-ton battleships, to be companion ships to those recently placed under contract. men believe it is a good idea to build up the naval force in units of four ships each, each ship of the unit to be identical with the other three. If this policy could be adopted, the navy could be enlarged more rapidly than if the plans are continually changed. For instance, if the necessary appropriations could be obtained for two ships of this type, contracts could be let for them not later than the first of next August, and they would follow along less than a year behind the ships recently contracted for.

If there should be any radical change in shipbuilding before the next con tracts could be awarded, the officers concede that the government would be justified in modifying its plans. For the present these officers are content with 20,000-ton battleships, and are not favorable to the immediate con-into the emsiter trust for many months. struction of ships of 22,500 or 25,000 The government has a mass of evitons, unless congress should see fit to dence. If it proceeds against the smelappropriate for more than two battle- ter trust and the Federal company it ships at the approaching session, and no one looks for any such abnormal appropriations at this time. If congress authorizes two new battleships in the next naval appropriation bill it will be doing more than many friends of the navy expect. There is a general feel-ing that congress will rather be in-clined to hold down naval appropria-tion, and authorize one rather than two

Trails in Rainier Forest

Washington, Nov. 2.—Supervisor G. F. Ailen, of the Rainler National forest, Washington, has just been authorized to expend \$1,750 for the construction of trails, cabins and pastures in his forest. The money is now available and the work will be begun at once. The greater part of the amount authorized will be used for building a fine trail system which will increase the effectiveness of the ranger force in all lines of work. Lack of trails in the Rainier forest has heretofore caused the loss of considerable time to forest offitraveling between important

Conditions Scare Officers.

Washington, Oct. 31 .- So serious are conditions in the army that as soon as congress convenes it will be asked to correct wrongs that menace the entire organization. The facts were admitted today at the War department. Desertions are on the increase; the standard ricties of grapes are being grown at the of recruits far too low; pay is too station, and it is believed that the small; there is too much promotion by favoritism; enthusiasm is lacking; fear from the experiments being made at of tropical service is general and the absence of the canteen has led to drunkenness and disgrace. These statements are made in officers' reports.

Railroads Aid Favorites.

Washington, Nov. 2.—In a com-plaint filed before the Interstate Commerce commission 223 railroads and transportation companies are made defendants by the wholesale drygoods dealers of Wichita. The complaints allege discrimination against Wichita in favor of Topeka and Kansas City in

ners in the Northwest.

Washington, Oct. 30 .- The annual report of the commissioner of pensions 021.545. In Washington there in Alaska 68, drawing \$9,699

Oklahoma as a State.

Washing'on, Oct. 31. — President Roosevelt will proclaim Oklahoma a state on Saturday, November 16. The the trouble. president made this announcement today to Governor Frantz, who brought to Washington a certified copy of the new constitution.

Oregon Railway Mail-Clerks.

Washington, Oct. 31 .- Melton Vernon, of Portland; Ralph W. Kaott, of Albany; J. C. Cooper, Thomas E. Thompson, A. R. Leta and F. E. Scoville, of Portland, are appointed railway mail clerks.

Government Buya Silver. Washington, Nov. 1.—The Treasury department today purchased 200,000 onnces of silver at 60.941 cents per fine ounce, 100,000 ounces to be delivered at New Orleans and 100,000 cances in

New Rural Orrriers Named. Washington, Oct. 31 .- W. E. Child has been appointed regular, Sherman Lyon substitute rural carrier, route 2, at Barton, Oregon.

Rural Carrier at Sunset. Washington, Nov. 2 .- David M. McSMELTER TRUST NEXT.

of Tobacco Case

Washington, Oct. 30 .- If the government is successful in its seizure of 8,-750,000 eigarettes from the tobacco trest at Norfolk, Virginia, under the Sherman anti-trust law, one of its next proceedings will be against the Guggen-heim smelter trust, of which the Fede ral Mining & Smelting company, operating in Washington and Idaho, is a constituent. Charles Sweeney, of Spo-kane, one of the directors of the Federal company, is heavily interested in Portland realty.

When questioned regarding the government's action relative to other trusts, if successful against the tobacco corporation, a responsible official in the department of justice replied:

"The government will not be limited with reference to any other trust."
"What about the Standard Oil and

the smelter trust?" 'The government will not be limited with reference to any other trust," the

official reiterated. An investigation has been going on will seize all interstate cars controlled by the Guggenheims in all their constituent companies.

ARE GOING BEYOND.

Civil War Pensioners Decrease Rapidly During 1907.

Washington, Oct. 29 .- The decrease of 18,600 in the number of pensioners on the rolls at the end of the fiscal year 1907, as compared with the year previous, is the feature of the annual report of Pension Commissioner Warner just issued. This is the greatest decrease in the history of the pension bureau.

The total number of pensioners June 30, 1907, was 967,371, and the total value of the pension roll at that date was \$140,650,880. This is greater by \$4,613,131 than the value of the roll for the year previous and is accounted for by the higher rates of pensions provided for by the act of February, 1907, under which act there had been ed June 30 of the present year 116,239 pensioners.

The total number of pensioners on the roll on account of the war with Spain was 24,077.

Army Activity in Philippines.

Washington, Oct. 29.—There are strong surface indications that important military developments are looked for in the Philippine islands in the near future. Chief smong the things pointing to that conclusion is the fact that Major General Leonard Wood, commanding that military division, and Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss, commanding the department of Mindanao, have asked for further service in the archipelago. General Wood will start for the United States next month by way of Europe to take command of the department of the east at New York. After a brief stay in the United States, General Wood plans to return to the islands and resume command. General Bliss also has asked that he be continued in command of the Philippines for another two years, following his San Francisco, Oct. 29.—Represent- shipments from the Atlantic seaboard. present term of service in the islands.

Utes Growing Restive

Washington, Oct. 31 .- The tribe of Ute Indians which more than a year shows that on June 30, 1937, there ago wandered away from its reservation on in Utah and threatened trouble in ing annual pensions aggregating \$1,- Colorado and Wyoming by threatening were to take the warpath and raid ranches, 10,393 pensioners, drawing \$1,352,634; is reported to have senin broken out on in Idaho, 2,205, drawing \$292,296, and the Cheyenne River reservation, in South Dakota, where the tribe was given temporary quarters. At the request of the secretary of the interior. the War department today ordered troops from Fort Meade to the scene of

Roosevelt 49 Years Old

Washington, Oct. 31 .- Sunday President Roosevelt's 49th birthday. No celebration marked the event. He did not depart from his customary Sunday program of worship, work and recreation. The day was spent at the White House fireside in a quiet family rejoicing. Congratulations in large numbers by mail, telegraph and tele-phone were received at the White House during the day.

More Government Forest.

Washington, Oct. 31.—The president has ordered the withdrawal of 34, 965 acres of land in Trinity, Shasta and Glenn counties, California, along the eastern border of the Trinity national forest, and it is proposed to add this acreage to the forest.

Special Land-Grant Lawyer.

Washington, Oct. 30.—It is announced that Tracy C. Becker, an at-Washington, Nov. 2.—David M. Mc-Cance has been appointed regular, and George Mills substitute, rural carrier, route 1, at Sunset, Wash.

torney of Buffalo, will be appointed special assistant attorney general to review the Southern Pacific land grant cases in California and Oregon. ISSUES PROCLAMATION.

President Set* Apart November 28 as Day of Thanksgiving.

Washington, Oct. 28.—The president's annual Thanksgiving proclamation, issued Saturday, selecting Thursday, November 28, for the people to assemble to pray that they may be given strength so to order their lives as to deserve a continuation of the manifold blessings of the past year, triumphantly declares that nowhere in the world is there such an opportunity for a free people to develop to the fullest extent all powers of body, mind and character.

"During the past year we have been free from famine, from pestilence, from war," it declares. "Our natural resources are at least as great as those of any nation. Much has been given us from on high and much will rightly be expected of us in return. Into our care the 10 talents have been entrusted, and we are to be pardoned neither if squander and waste them, nor yet if we hide them in a napkin.

"We should earnestly pray that the spirit of righteoneness may grow great-er in the hearts of all and that our souls may be inclined even more toward the virtues that tell of gentleness, for loving kindness and forebearance one with another, for without these qualities neither nation nor individual can rise to the level of greatness."

FIXES SAILING DATE.

All Plans Complete for Fleet to Sail for Pacific December 18.

Washington, Oct. 28. - Secretary

Metcalf today announced that it was definitely settled that the Atlantic fleet will leave Hampton Roads on December 16 for its cruise to the Pacific coast. This announcement followed a conference held at the White House, to which the president summoned Secretary Metcalf, Rear Admiral Evans, who will command the fleet on its cruise to the Pacific, and Rear Admiral Brownson, chief of the bureau of navigation of the Navy department. The conference was called to continue more in detail the cabinet meeting discussion of naval affairs. The discussion related the state notifying them of the issuparticularly to details of the Atlantic fleet's cruise to the Pacific.

It is understood that matters were in such shape that the president was thor-oughly informed on all important items in the itinerary. Admiral Evans, who has been confined to his apartments on account of an indisposition, looked and declared himself to be much improved in health. The bureau of insular affairs today received a cablegam from Governor General Smith, of the Philippines, asking that the Atlantic fleet be permitted to visit Manila during the week beginning February 10, in order

to attend to pre-Lenten festivities.

The fact that the fleet will not have arrived in Pacific waters by that time

precludes this. Mr. Metcalf stated that the question of allowing newspaper correspondents to accompany the fleet was discussed and the conclusion reached not to allow newspaper men aboard, but that officers of the fleet would be designated to send such news as might be thought desirable to make public.

TWO-CENT FARE PROFITABLE.

Two Roads in Missouri Make Money Under New Law.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 28 .- Having found the two-cent fare profitable, two of the railroads operating in Missouri have decided to give the new law another month's trial.

that two of the railroads operating in Missouri had found the 2-cent fare to to pass the trolley franchise. be profittable.

"The auditors of two of the railroads say the 2-cent rate has proved profit-able, while others take a different view of it," said Mr. Hadley.

'The fact that the vailroads can't agree on the proposition caused them to decide to give it another month's trial before going into court again. I cific) railroad grant in this state in a shall not take any further steps in the matter unless the railroads make a move. I shall be satisfied if they de-cide to continue the 2-cent rate indefi-

Brain Worth Six Millions.

New York, Oct. 28 .- It was learned today that Morris Rosenthal, the Standard Oil's \$1,000 a day lawyer, is originator of the unique defense to be made by the \$100,000,000 corporation in the government suit to dissolve it. It was his conception of the defense that caused the Standard to employ him at the unprecedented salary which began last spring. Estimating Rosenthal's salary to represent a return of 6 per cent in property value, his friends here figure that the actual market value of his brain exceeds \$6,000,000.

Considers Suez Route.

Rome, Oct. 28 .- The United States consuls at Naples, Palermo and Messina have received instructions from Washington to ascertain what amount of coal and provisions the three cities can supply on short notice. The in-quiry is believed here to imply that the United States Navy department contemplates sending part of the Atlantic battleship squadron to the Pacific by way of the Sues canal.

OREGON BANKS QUIT

From the East.

GOVERNOR ISSUES PROCLAMATION

Action of Portland Clearing House Necessitated by Refusal of Eastern Banks to Honor Balances.

Salem, Or., Oct. 29.—By order of a proclamation issued late last night by Governor Chamberlain, Oregon banks will enjoy five business holidays, in which interim it is expected that the situation in the East will become more clarified and the coa t banks will be enabled to secure the cash balances due

them from New York. This action was taken at the instance of the Portland clearing house committee, which met last evening to talk over the situation with Governor Chamberlain. The bankers arrived in the city

by special car.
Briefly stated, the situation as described to the governor is that Oregon banks have heavy deposits of cash in the East and the Eastern banks refuse upon any conditions to send money West in payment of demands. There has been no run or indication of a run by depositors upon Portland banks.

Believing that in one week they can effect a satisfactory arrangement with county banks and also arrange for the shipment of money due them from the East, the banks asked that the remainder of this week be made a legal holiday. November 2, the last day mentioned in the proclamation, is Saturday. Monday will therefore be the

next banking day.

It is understood that the Portland bankers sent telegrams to all banks in ance of the proclamation. The purpose is to prevent calls for money from country banks, induce them to close for the week and bring them together in an arrangement that will satisfy demands before next Monday. That Portland banks are solvent and in fact were nev-er in better condition than they are today, was asserted by the bankers who

waited upon the governor.

Governor Chamberlain at first doubt ed the wisdom of the action requested by the Portland bankers, but when the situation regarding the locking up of funds in the East was explained and the necessity of checking any stringen-cy which might arise as a result of this in the West, Mr. Chamberlain readily complied.

SAYS IT IS ON THE BOOKS.

Witness in Ford Trial Testifies That

Bribe Money Is Entered. San Francisco, Oct. 29 .- Such rapid progress was made yesterday by the prosecution in the Ford bribery trial that if the defense, adopting its proced-ure in the former trial, declines to put in any evidence, the case should be in the hands of the jury within the week.

Twelve witnesses were examined, all but the last one of whom were conclud-ed with. George Wilcutt, secretary and controller of the United Railroads, testified-to the unconcealed surprise and manifest distrust of the prosecu-tion—that the books of the street car Herbert S. Hadley, attorney general corporation do carry as entries the of Missouri, said this morning that he \$200,000 with which Ford and Ruef are alleged to have bribed the supervisorrs ness was directed to produce the corporation's journal and ledger.

Ends Land Grant Inquiry.

Portlad, Oct. 29 .- B. D. Townsend, Special United States Attorney for Oregon, will complete his investigation of the Oregon & California (Southern Pafew days, when he will submit his report to United States Attorney General Bonsparte. Mr. Townsend will not discuss the result of his investigation, which has covered several months and has included a careful research of all the records and documents pertaining to the grant and its terms.

Georgia Negro Lynched.

Macon, Ga., Oct. 29.—Passengers on the Central Georgia train coming from Byron, Ga., brought an account of the lynching of a negro named John Wilkes at that place last night. The negro robbed two small boys of 75 cents. When Marshal Johnson made an effort to arrest him the negro attempted to shoot the officer. Quick work prevented this. At a late hour unknown persons dragged the prisoner from the jail and after carrying him a short distance the body was riddled with bullets. It was then burned upon a log fire.

Buys Bar Gold in London

London, Oct. 29 .- The United States ecured all the bar gold offered today in the market, totaling nearly \$5,00 000. The price paid was \$19.50. This is 3½ cents higher than previous quotations, indicating the keenness of the competition. Both Paris and London bid against the United States. 000.