

# 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.

Canada has made a reciprocity treaty with France.

Boston has a municipal indebtedness of \$111,848,735.

It is reported that Senator Smoot will not seek re-election.

Democrats in the house will revolt against Williams' leadership.

Archbold, of the Standard Oil, denies that his money is tainted.

The German chancellor declares the policy of the kaiser is one of peace.

It is reported that an attempt was made to blow up Tait's train in Russia.

Foraker has announced his candidacy for president and denounces the rate law.

Mount Vesuvius is slightly active, but the villages surrounding it are not suffering.

Congressmen who have just returned from Panama say the canal may be finished in six years.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson says the present year has been the best for crops in all parts of the country in its history.

Anarchy reigns supreme in Armenia.

Seven men were killed by a gas explosion in Kansas City.

The government has increased its deposits in Portland banks.

No more treasury certificates will be sold by Secretary Cortelyou.

Secretary Garfield says irrigation has now passed the experimental stage.

Excavation of dirt on the Panama canal showed a big increase for October.

Congress will be asked to authorize a suit to recover Southern Pacific land grants.

Evidence has been secured of a conspiracy to murder President Diaz, of Mexico.

Two steel works at Greenville, Pa., have shut down, throwing nearly 1,000 men out of work.

Archbishop Christie, of Oregon, who underwent an operation at Chicago recently, is rapidly recovering.

Miss Edith Root, daughter of Secretary Root, and Lieutenant U. S. Grant, grandson of General Grant, have been married.

An indicted Brooklyn banker has committed suicide.

New York banks are preparing to resume cash payments.

Hill and Harriman are again reported to have made peace.

The Russian duma has refused to designate the czar as an autocrat.

Roosevelt will not speak on a third term until after congress adjourns.

Officers of the Jenkin Trust company, of Brooklyn, have been arrested.

The miners of Roseland, B. C., will accept a reduction in wages and the mines will not close.

The striking street car employees at Louisville, Ky., have lost and decided to go back to work.

Prussian expenditures have increased \$25,000,000 and the government is at a loss to provide for a greater revenue.

S. M. Felton, president of the Chicago & Alton railroad, has been elected president of the Mexican Central railway.

Hopgrowers of California have formed an organization for the purpose of controlling the market of the entire coast.

Colorado land fraud trials will begin in Denver December 16.

The grand lodge of Elks will hold the next convention at Dallas, Texas.

Emperor Francis Joseph has just celebrated the 60th anniversary of his reign.

Jewelry manufacturers expect a decrease in Christmas gifts of their wares. Many orders are being canceled.

The Chinese government has just paid \$10,000 damages for the killing of an American missionary in 1905.

The executive committee of the National Educational association has decided on Cleveland as the place for the 1908 convention, June 29 to July 3.

From January 1 to October 31 this year 51 permits were issued in New York for buildings more than 10 stories high.

## GREATER SAN FRANCISCO.

### Charter Amendments to Provide for Immense Bond Issue.

San Francisco, Nov. 25.—By the special session of the legislature, the city of San Francisco has been enabled to take the necessary steps for rehabilitation on a big scale. The legislature has ratified amendments to the local charter which were adopted by the voters at the last election. The most important of the amendments to the city at the present time is that which admits of the sale of bonds bearing 5 per cent interest. Under the charter the city was empowered to issue bonds carrying interest not in excess of 4 per cent. The local law provides that the bonds may not be sold below par. It was impossible to sell 4 per cent bonds, but now the city will be able to go ahead with 5 per cent securities. Of course it is not expected that they can be floated under present financial conditions, but by the time the question has been submitted to the voters and the bonds prepared, it is believed that the flurry will have passed.

It is proposed to issue 5 per cent bonds to the extent of \$28,000,000 for public improvements. Of this sum \$6,000,000 will be devoted to the reconstruction of the city hall. One million dollars will be devoted to the reconstruction of the shattered hall of justice. It was completely wrecked by the fire and during the Schmits administration no effort was made to restore it. One million dollars is to be spent for a new county hospital. Another million will be used for a public library. Several million (the amount has not yet been accurately estimated) will be devoted to the erection of new school houses; several hundred thousand will be used for the purchase of lands for park purposes; \$5,000,000 will be employed for the reconstruction of sewers and streets, and \$6,000,000 will be devoted to the purposes of an auxiliary water system from the ocean for fire fighting.

### FORCING LID ON CHICAGO.

#### Law and Order Leaguers Gathering Evidence for Grand Jury.

Chicago, Nov. 26.—Some two hundred volunteer detectives from the subsidiary organizations of the Chicago Law and Order league visited saloons in Chicago Sunday in an endeavor to obtain evidence that the Sunday closing law of Illinois was being violated. The action is in furtherance of a campaign inaugurated by the league after the successful election struggle for local option waged in 17 counties of the state earlier in the month.

The evidence collected, it is announced, will be presented to the grand jury of Cook county. Leaders in the movement for a "dry Sunday" in Chicago hope that the inquisitorial body will find the facts sufficient for the voting of true bills against numerous saloon keepers in each of the 35 wards of the city under the state law which carries penalties of a \$200 fine and a jail sentence for each proven violation.

Mayor Busse has thus far refused to heed the pleadings of the organizations that the saloons be closed and in this attitude he has been upheld by the Saloonkeepers' association, the Restaurantkeepers' association and the United Societies for Self Government.

### WOMEN STARTED MUTINY.

#### Induce Russian Sailors to Seize Ship and Revolt.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 26.—The steamer Kumeric brought advices that the recent mutinies at Vladivostok were caused by four girls, who went on board the destroyer Sukurni, and instigated the bluejackets of the destroyer to seize the officers of the vessel and escape to Japan.

They agreed, but decided to shell the city from the roadstead before leaving. A red flag was hoisted and the destroyer opened fire on the admiralty office and the governor's residence, and then exchanged shots with the cruiser Maudslowi. The engineer room of the destroyer was struck by a shell from the forts, and the vessel was run ashore to prevent sinking. The four girls who instigated the mutiny were all killed, as well as a number of the bluejackets, the remainder being arrested.

### Postpone Thaw Trial.

New York, Nov. 26.—The second trial of Harry Kendall Thaw, set for Monday, will again be postponed, and there is little chance that it will be called until some date well along in January. The decision to ask for a postponement has been agreed to by both sides. It is due partly to the fact that the task of securing a jury would be made doubly hard by the approach of the holidays and the prospect of the talesmen of spending both Christmas and New Years day looked under the care of court bailiffs.

### Brings Suit Against Japan.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 26.—News was received from Tokyo that John Hartley, a Britisher who went to Japan in 1864, has brought suit against the Japanese government for 1,000,000 yen damages for having impounded opium imported by him in 1876, while allowing Dutch firms and other foreigners to import the drug.

# NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

## STANDS UP FOR THE NAVY.

### Assistant Secretary of State Says No Better One Exists.

Washington, Nov. 25.—From time to time during the last few months there have appeared in various publications comments concerning alleged defects in vessels of the navy, particularly in battleships and armored cruisers.

To answer these, Rear Admiral Capps, chief of the bureau of construction and repair, has commented in his annual report to the secretary of the navy. Admiral Capps covets responsibility for the designs, such as they are, and pays the highest tribute to his predecessors in office. He declares our battleship fleet is fully equal in all respects to that of any other navy, designed during the same period. He further quotes one of the most distinguished foreign authorities, as follows:

"Extraordinary high figures for United States ships afford food for thought, for both in ships and high power guns impervious to vital injury at long range, the United States fleet is superior to any other in the world." Recurring to the criticisms of the battleships, Admiral Capps says:

"The chief constructor hopes that he has demonstrated fully and clearly that such serious faults as exist in any battleships and cruisers were not due to the arbitrary methods of the board of construction or to the bureau of construction and repair, but were almost wholly due to developments in material and the insistence of sea-going officers that certain military features should be embodied in the original design or, subsequently, that changes covering the same should be made under these last conditions. The changes obviously involved a very considerable cost.

Estimates for the next fiscal year for construction and repair on ships shows an increase of \$850,000 over the appropriations for the present year.

### Keeping It Secret.

Washington, Nov. 30.—There was another land grant conference in the office of the attorney general today, but nothing has been made public as yet. So far, it is known that these conferences have been purely deliberative, and no conclusions have been reached. Even when it is decided what course shall be pursued, either to compel the railroads to comply with the terms of their grants or to forfeit their lands, it is probable no announcement will be made, as the department deems it imprudent to show its hand to the railroad companies in advance of the institution of legal proceedings. It is learned that before a definite policy is agreed upon all members of the Oregon congressional delegation will be called in to conference, and will be consulted as to the policy to be adopted.

### Some of Utes Go To Work.

Washington, Nov. 28.—The commissioner of Indian affairs has been advised of the arrival of 180 of the disaffected Ute Indians at Rapid City, S. D., where they have agreed to accept work on a railroad. The information comes from Superintendent of Indian Employment Dagnett, who has prevailed upon the Indians to work by informing them of the attitude of the government, which is opposed to indulgence to them so long as they remain in idleness. There are 240 of the malcontents who have not yielded.

### Japs to Prevent Trouble.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Evidently desiring a more conservative course on the Japanese question, Japan announces the transfer of Consul Uyeno from San Francisco to Sydney, Australia. Chozo Kojik, a distinguished diplomat and consul general at New York, goes to San Francisco, on December 2, to be consul general, the post being raised from a consulate.

### Proposes Large Homesteads.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Soon after congress convenes Senator Felton will introduce a bill authorizing 640-acre homesteads in those parts of Eastern Oregon where small acreage will not sustain families. His plan has been successfully tried in Nebraska, particularly in sections which have but little rainfall and where irrigation is not possible.

### End of the Old Saratoga.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The old sloop of war Saratoga, famous in history for her performance under command of Admiral Farragut as well as under Commodore Perry, is to go on the junk pile. Thomas Butler & Co., of Boston, who bought the ship for \$3,210, intend to demolish her for the sake of any old metal and scrap in the hull.

### New Railway Mail Clerks.

Washington, Nov. 30.—L. C. Osler and F. H. Twohey, of Portland; Charles A. Crocker, Cornelius Roscoe, S. Steets, Independence, and Guy N. Howell, Salem, have been appointed railway mail clerks.

## SAYS RATES WERE EXCESSIVE

### Lumber Firm Complains to Commission Against Harriman.

Washington, Nov. 26.—A complaint was filed today with the Interstate Commerce commission by the E. H. Lewis Lumber company, operating in Oregon and Washington, alleging that the Harriman roads in the Northwest in 14 different cases exacted freight charges on cars of lumber shipped from Oregon and Washington to the East in excess of the legal rates published by the roads.

All the excess charges were made subsequent to the time the new rate went into effect, and on this ground complainant asks the commission to require the roads to refund the amount of the excess and hereafter to conform to their published rates.

### Indorse Plan of Aitchison

Washington, Nov. 29.—The Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana senators who are here met today and adopted a resolution favoring an amendment to the interstate commerce law in accordance with the terms of the resolution introduced by Commissioner Aitchison, of Oregon, at the recent state railway commissioners' convention here, providing that no increase shall be made in any rate when shippers object until the road can show the rate is reasonable. Today's action was taken in compliance with the wishes of the Pacific Northwest lumbermen, who are now before the Interstate Commerce commission here with several cases involving proposed increase in rates on coast lines.

### Nothing As Yet Results.

Washington, Nov. 26.—E. D. Townsend, assistant United States district attorney for North Dakota, having under investigation the Oregon and California land grant cases, had a conference today at the department of justice with A. McDonald McBlair, who was the assistant of Mr. Townsend in the investigation and Tracy C. Becker, who was appointed by the attorney general to go over the report of Mr. Townsend, with the view of recommending what action, if any, should be taken. No determination has yet been reached, and it is not likely the conference will result in a report to the department of justice.

### Let Bourne Get Mandate.

Washington, Nov. 28.—The Washington Post today recommends a plan to Senator Bourne to compel President Roosevelt to serve another term. The plan is to bring a mandamus suit in the Supreme court requiring Roosevelt to obey the will of the people. The Post says: "Bourne yearns for Roosevelt as a hart yearns for the water brook. Not only is he deaf to the dismaying tongue, but there is a menacing note in his overtures that is nothing short of blood curdling. If Roosevelt withstands him there will be tragedy."

### Should Pay the West.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Senator Kittredge, of South Dakota, discussing the financial situation today, said: "If the East pays the West what it owes there will be no trouble. The East has our crops and live stock and will not give us a cent. What we really need is a more elastic currency."

### Cannot Work Government.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The pronounced excess of the 3 per cent certificates enables Secretary Cortelyou to defeat plans for the purchase of the certificates for speculative purposes. Only individuals showing that the purchase price has not been withdrawn from the banks will be favored.

### Best Constitution Made.

Washington, Nov. 26.—William J. Bryan, in an address before students and others at the George Washington university last night, characterized the new Oklahoma constitution as the best constitution extant, and he added "and I don't exclude the constitution of the United States."

### No Tariff Revision.

Washington, Nov. 27.—"There will be no tariff revision at the coming session," said Representative Payne, of New York, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house of representatives, after a conference with the president today on tariff and currency legislation.

### Navy Needs Men.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The navy department announces that it wants from 2,000 to 3,000 additional workmen for the Bremerton and Mare Island navy yards to prepare for Rear Admiral Evans' battleships when they arrive at those places.

### Northwest Rural Carriers.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Charles Houts has been appointed regular, Emma Houts, substitute rural carrier, route No. 1 at Krupp, Wash.

## NEW BOXER OUTBREAK.

### Aged Chinese Empress Alone Holds Back Fanatic Hordes.

San Francisco, Nov. 25.—Another Boxer outbreak of the sort which occurred in China in 1899, when many lives were lost, is threatened for the near future, according to advices received here on the auxiliary collier Justin, arriving from Manila and Guam, and the United States is preparing to rush troops to China at a moment's notice. A steamer fully loaded with provisions and ammunition is lying in the harbor at Manila and should a report be received from China to the effect that the Boxers are again on the rampage, troops from the Philippines will be immediately hurried to the scene of the outbreak.

Those arriving on the Justin state that from reports received from China, it is pointed out that this trouble is likely to occur in the vicinity of Peking, where the former fighting resulted from an attack upon the missionaries.

It is stated that trouble would have resulted long before now, except for the interference of the dowager empress. To her alone, it is stated by men arriving on the collier, is due the fact that the Boxers have remained quiet for the past many months. At the present time the empress is seriously ill, and it is said that her death is expected in the near future.

Once the empress has passed away, the Boxers will lose little time in renewing their attacks upon the missionaries, and it is known that they have made up their minds to drive the teachers of religion out of China for all time.

## JURY DISAGREES.

### Unable to Reach Conclusion in Adams Murder Trial.

Spokane, Nov. 25.—A special from Ralshdram, Idaho, to the Spokesman-Review says:

The jury in the Steve Adams murder case was discharged at 5:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon, being unable to agree on a verdict, after being out since 8:30 o'clock Saturday night.

The jury stood eight for acquittal and four for conviction. Jurymen J. F. House, Charles Dittmore, D. W. Garwood and S. A. Varum were the four men who believed Steve Adams guilty of the murder of Fred Tyler in the Marble creek district of Shoshone county, Idaho, in August, 1904.

Five ballots were taken, all with the same result. The jury was ready to report at 3 o'clock, but the court conferred with attorneys for both sides and it was agreed to keep the jury out a little longer.

Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for Adams, tried to obtain concessions of bail for Adams and of immunity from arrest by Colorado authorities until the Tyler case is disposed of. No promise was given him. Sheriff Bailey, of Shoshone county, is here with a warrant for the arrest of Adams on the charge of murdering Ed Bonle, near the same place and at about the same time the Tyler murder occurred.

## MIIGHT SPOIL YOSEMITE.

### Muir and Keith Oppose New Water Supply Source.

San Francisco, Nov. 25.—John Muir, the famous naturalist, and William Keith, the noted landscape painter, have protested to President Roosevelt against the plans of the city of San Francisco to establish reservoirs in the Hetch-Hetchy valley, in the Yosemite reservation, for the purposes of a municipal water supply. They base their protest on aesthetic grounds, saying that the projected reservoirs would disfigure the landscape.

It is feared that this opposition will have great weight with the president, as he specially commissioned Mr. Muir to make an investigation and report to him. When the president requested Mr. Muir to investigate, he expected to get expert knowledge on water sources and purity, not thinking of the aesthetic side of the matter. Mr. Muir, however, got his friend, Mr. Keith, to accompany him into the reservation, and the two decided that huge reservoirs would mar the natural wonders.

San Francisco engineers ridicule the idea that the reservoirs would spoil the landscape.

## Act Held Constitutional.

Helena, Mont., Nov. 25.—The Supreme court today affirmed the constitutionality of the fellow servant act. S. L. Lewis sued the Northern Pacific and one of its engineers for heavy damages for the loss of his left hand, while in the employ of the railroad company, and a jury gave him judgment for \$17,400. This amount was reduced by the District court to \$10,000 on the ground that it was excessive. The railroad appealed, attacking the constitutionality of the fellow servant act, under which the action had been brought.

## Hearing Claims of Cities.

French Lick, Ind., Nov. 25.—The National Democratic committee today heard committees from various cities sent to secure the 1908 convention if possible. Denver is after the convention. Most of the committeemen here seem to favor Chicago.

# TURN DOWN HENEY

## Oregon Land Fraud Trials Cannot Wait Longer.

## BRISTOL TO GO ON WITH CASES

### Department of Justice Has Been at Last Goaded to Action by Complaints and Criticisms.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Further postponement of the trial of the Oregon land fraud cases is not to be tolerated. Because of complaints and criticisms the department of justice has decided to take radical steps, which will force trials at an early date, and it is expected that District Attorney Bristol will soon receive instructions to proceed.

Only recently John Hall, under indictment, wrote the president, asking for trial. His request was transmitted to the attorney general and thence to Mr. Bristol, who replied that he could not proceed, as that was one of F. J. Heney's cases.

The department says that, if Mr. Heney cannot get away from San Francisco long enough to prosecute Hall and Binger Hermann, some one else will be found who can take up this work. In fairness to those under indictment, the department believes these long delayed cases should be tried. It is probable that Mr. Bristol will be instructed to prosecute Hall and Hermann, as well as all others under indictment for land frauds.

## BURNED IN REVENGE.

### Thirteen Persons Roasted in New York to Gratify Malice.

New York, Nov. 26.—Thirteen persons lost their lives and several others were injured early today in a tenement house fire at 109 Eighth street and Second avenue. All the dead were Italians. Six of the 13 were children. The bodies were huddled together in rooms on the top floor of the four-story building, where the terror-stricken people had been driven by the flames, which rushed up from the lower floors. Some had been enveloped in the flames and burned alive. Others, overcome by smoke, were spared the agonies of death by the flames.

That the fatal fire was the work of incendiaries who sought revenge is the opinion of the police and firemen, who made the first hasty examination. Three weeks ago three Italians were caught in the act of trying to rob a safe in the saloon of Giuseppe Cudano, on the ground floor. The safe contained more than \$2,000 which the saloonist's friends had withdrawn from the banks during the money panic. The would-be robbers were arrested and are now awaiting trial.

The fire of today started in Cudano's saloon, and the police believe it may have been the work of friends of the prisoners, who take this means of squaring accounts with the saloonist.

## OPEN MORE LAND.

### Nearly Million and a Half Acres in Montana to Be Sold.

Helena, Mont., Nov. 26.—The members of the commission recently appointed to appraise the remaining government land on the Flathead Indian reservation have perfected an organization. Orders from Washington are to go into the field at once and begin work. The reservation contains approximately 1,425,000 acres, of which 175,000 acres have been allotted to the Indians, leaving 1,250,000 acres to be inspected, classified and appraised. The land will be divided into agricultural land of the first class, agricultural land of the second class, timber land, mineral land and grazing land.

Settlers under the homestead law, who shall reside upon and cultivate the land for five years, shall pay one-third of the appraised value in cash, at the time of entry, and the remainder in five equal installments, one, two, three, four and five years, respectively, with the usual homestead fees.

## To Free Philippines.

Boston, Nov. 26.—Historic Faneuil hall was last night the scene of a notable meeting in support of a plan for a pledge of independence to the Philippine islands accompanied by neutralization of the territory. Among those who addressed the meeting were Congressman James L. Slayden, of Texas, James H. Blount, formerly judge of the first instance in the Philippines, and Congressman Samuel W. McCall, of Massachusetts, the mover of the resolution in congress embodying the plan for Philippine independence.

## Government Checks Plague.

San Francisco, Nov. 26.—The plague report issued by the board of health was as follows: One new suspect; none verified; 101 verified to date; 63 deaths; 30 discharged as cured; 8 remaining. The Federal authorities have decided to take over the work of sanitation.