

FEUD ARISES IN NAVY

Brownson Resigns as Chief of Bureau of Navigation.

COMMAND OF HOSPITAL SHIPS

One Sent With Battleship Fleet is in Complete Control of Hospital Corps.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Harmony within the United States navy bureaucracy seems to be in for a severe jolt. Open war already has been declared between the bureau of navigation and the bureau of medicine and surgery, the initial result of which has been the resignation of Rear Admiral Brownson from his position as chief of the former bureau, and, coming just at a time when severe criticism is being aimed at the administration of the Navy department, the charges involving the bureau system in particular, the ruction may culminate in some radical changes.

Surgeon General Rizzy, whose recommendation in favor of putting a medical officer in absolute command of a hospital ship was approved by President Roosevelt against the view of Admiral Brownson, throws down the gauntlet to the bureau of navigation in a formal statement issued last night. The surgeon general charges that the bureau of navigation has interfered in an unwarranted manner with the bureau of medicine and surgery, and to the extent of crippling its usefulness. Comparatively trivial events sometimes lead to sweeping reforms, and, if there be defects in management, in naval construction and in methods of administration, the Roosevelt-Brownson-Rizzy imbroglio is likely to be the means of bringing matters to a focus and causing remedies to be applied where needed.

It should not be forgotten that the president is as staunch a friend of the navy as the navy has, in considering the present controversy, which so materially involves himself. Popular sentiment naturally would incline the expert observer to side with the line officers in the conflict with the staff, because the line is the fighting contingent from which heroes most frequently are developed in days of war. In siding against the line officers in the present case, the president may or may not be aiming his spear at the bureau system. He has taken a ground he thinks is for the best interests of the service.

FLOUR OUTPUT SMALLER.

Minneapolis Statistics Show Effect of Financial Stringency.

Minneapolis, Dec. 26.—Flour shipments from Minneapolis for 1907 will fall short of the total shipped during 1906 by nearly a million barrels. This decrease has been apparently due to the financial stringency, as the figures for each month show that only in three months of the entire year have the shipments for 1907 exceeded those for the same month in 1906.

The number of barrels of flour sent out from Minneapolis by the various mills so far this year has been 13,925,375, while for the corresponding period in 1906 there were 14,573,123 barrels shipped, a deficit of 747,748 barrels.

Despite the recent financial stringency, the sales of flour for use in the country or for export did not suffer so much as was generally expected. The shipments for October this year were 1,449,802 barrels, against 1,593,097 last year. In November of this year the greatest falling off is shown with shipments of 1,067,970 barrels, against 1,315,648 a year ago. For the trading days in December up to the present, 679,271 barrels have been sent out as against 979,494 for the corresponding days last year.

Wheels Turn Again.

Pittsburg, Dec. 26.—Christmas in Pittsburg and vicinity was made doubly joyous by the announcement that by January 6 all of the thousands of wheels of industry in the mills of McKeesport, Glassport, Duquesne and allied plants in the Monongahela valley would be in operation. Over forty thousand men who have been idle for several weeks will return to work. It is also said that other mills in the district will also resume, practically doubling the number of workmen employed within fifty miles of Pittsburg.

Great Tinplate Mill to Resume.

Newcastle, Pa., Dec. 26.—Ten of the 30 pot mills of the Shenango tin mills here will resume operations January 6 next. Ten additional mills will resume shortly after, and it is expected that the entire plant will be running full force before the end of January. The mill, said to be the largest tin plant in the world, has been idle since July 31. Fully a thousand men are affected.

OPEN HEARTS AND PURSES.

San Francisco Banks Generous With Overworked Clerks.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Elated at the calm course of business which marked the discontinuance of the holidays, the local bankers opened their hearts and purses and their clerks and other employees were richer by \$30,000 than they were yesterday. Almost every bank in the city rewarded its men for the long hours of toil during the recent trying days.

The Crocker National bank led off yesterday morning, when a yellow envelope was placed on the desk of every employe. It contained an amount equivalent to one month's salary. The amount thus distributed exceeded \$10,000. The Crocker interests are very large and they rewarded in a similar fashion their employes in other lines. Other banks have generously treated their men. Some added turkeys to the presents of gold. Others added boxes of fruit.

The Merchants Exchange gave every one of its employes a big, fat turkey. It employs 100 people. One mercantile firm provided every one of its employes with all the things that go to make up a Christmas dinner—turkeys, vegetables, fruit and pies.

The Standard Oil company distributed a large sum among its local employes.

The usual Christmas dinners to the poor, the orphans, cripples and others began Sunday and will continue on a greater scale than ever until after Christmas.

SPECIAL SESSION PROBABLE.

Governor of Utah Wants Peace Assured at Goldfield.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 25.—"It is possible that the governor will call a special session of the legislature," said Captain Cox, "if by so doing any immediate results which will better the situation can be obtained."

The rumor has been current here that a company of rangers is contemplated, and, as this could not be done without action by the legislature, the statement of Captain Cox is taken to mean that, such a plan is decided upon, the legislature will be convened.

A suit against the Western Federation of Miners is to be brought by the Goldfield Mineowners' association in the Federal court. An injunction will be asked for restraining the members of the local miners union, which is affiliated with the Western Federation, from interfering in any way with the operation of the mines in Goldfield. This suit will be filed December 26.

It has been definitely decided that after December 30 each individual mine owner or each company operating a mine or lease, shall take care of his own property, independent of the association. This will necessitate the putting on of many more guards.

Acting President Mahoney has made no attempt yet to appear before the mineowners and present any proposition looking to a solution of the difficulties. If he has prepared any such proposition, which he denies.

FLEET AT TRINIDAD.

Battleships Complete First Stage of Long Voyage.

New York, Dec. 25.—Special dispatches from Port of Spain, island of Trinidad, announce the arrival there of the Atlantic fleet on its way to the Pacific. The fleet is said to have passed into the Gulf of Paria and anchored there in four columns five miles off the town.

According to the dispatches, the only mishap on the trip from Hampton Roads to Port of Spain was a temporary derangement of the Kentucky's steering gear. They also say that the entire fleet stopped engines for nine minutes Sunday and half masted flags while ordinary Seaman G. E. Piper, who died of meningitis aboard the Alabama, was buried.

The harbor of Port of Spain, while well protected, is shallow for a long distance out from the beach and vessels of great draft like the battleships anchor a long way out. The fleet will remain in the harbor for several days and will coal there. Supplies will also be taken on board of the supply ship Colgoa and the refrigerator ship Glacier.

Reduce Entire Force.

Sacramento, Dec. 25.—That there is to be a great reduction of the force employed in the local railroad shops after the first of the year was admitted yesterday by officials of the company, who say that the retrenchment is to be general on the Harriman system. In an interview, an official said: "The orders for the general layoff Christmas week came from New York, not San Francisco, and apply to the entire system, not Sacramento alone. It is purely an economical measure, paving the way for a reduction of force."

Denver Begins to Pay.

Denver, Dec. 25.—The first installment (\$25,000) of the \$100,000 fund pledged to the Democratic National committee by the Denver Convention league was forwarded yesterday to Chairman Thomas Taggart, at French Lick, Ind. The remainder will be paid in equal installments on January 22, February 22, and March 22.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

FULL OF SUGAR.

Good Report on Klamath Country Sugar Beets.

Klamath Falls—Frank Ira White of the Enterprise Land & Investment company has just received reports from the department of agriculture relative to samples of sugar beets raised on the Enterprise tract. The beets were from the same tract as were those sent to Professor Kniesly some time ago, but were fully matured, while the others were not. Professor Kniesly's test showed from 17.40 to 19.35 per cent pure sugar, while the department test is one or two per cent higher, with a very high degree of purity.

These beets produced 5,286 pounds to the quarter-acre tract, or nearly 17 tons to the acre.

The department of agriculture in a letter to Mr. White says Klamath county's sugar beets are of the most excellent quality and that prospects are bright for the industry in this county.

Many Make Own Way.

University of Oregon, Eugene—A canvass of the students of the University of Oregon just made shows that between 60 and 70 per cent of the men in the university this year are either wholly or partially making their own way through college. The greater part of the earning is done, of course, during the summer. The canvass shows that, since the vacation is comparatively short, the men get employment in the harvest fields, mills, mines and labor of various kinds paying good wages. It shows also that the engineering students find no trouble in getting work in their line. The engineering department has a large number of graduates in the employ of the Southern Pacific, O. R. & N., Northern Pacific and the government reclamation service, and the majority of the engineering students are engaged before the session closes in June. A number of students are partly earning their own way during the session. The university maintains an employment bureau under the direction of the registrar, but it has not been able this fall to supply all calls made on it for students to work.

Wheat Trade Stagnant.

Pendleton—Business is dull in the local wheat market, the price being down, and the farmers are unwilling to part with the holdings at a figure that is 10 cents lower than what they could have secured early in the fall. Until recently the local quotation on club has been 67c, but another drop of a cent has occurred. However, wheat is said to be worth 68c in Pendleton, and at least one buyer is offering that figure. Others declare they are out of the market for the time being.

Hood River Apple Crop.

Hood River—Complete returns from Hood River's 1907 apple crop show that the growers will receive in round numbers \$200,000 for their product, notwithstanding the money trouble, car shortage and reduced crop. This is approximately what the Hood River crop brought last year when it was in the neighborhood of 20,000 boxes more, and is accounted for by the fact that the apples brought a much larger average price. The entire crop is now placed at 110,000 boxes.

More Traveling Libraries.

Salem—The Oregon Library commission held its regular session last week at the commission's rooms in the state house. W. B. Ayer and Miss Isom, members of the commission, were in attendance, besides the governor. It was decided to buy 25 more traveling libraries, making 90 in all, that will be placed in circulation as a result of the commission's first year's work. It was decided to establish an exchange station for Eastern Oregon at Baker City.

To Attend Scientists Meet.

Corvallis—A. L. Kniesly, Federal chemist for Oregon, expects to start East immediately after Christmas, to attend the midwinter meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Chemical society at Chicago. He also expects to visit the Chicago, New York and Washington pure food laboratories before coming back to Portland, which will be his headquarters.

Select by Conventions.

Salem—In answer to an inquiry from Chairman G. A. Westgate, of the Republican state central committee, Attorney General Crawford has rendered an opinion in which he says that delegates to the national conventions and candidates for presidential elector must be chosen at conventions and not under the direct primary.

Shut Down on Keno Canal.

Klamath Falls—The reclamation service has closed down on the Keno canal on account of the wet weather, keeping only the derrick gang and the engineering corps. The shutdown was made necessary on account of the wet weather.

INCREASE IN TILLABLE ACRES

Umatilla County Shows Big Gain in Five Years.

Pendleton—Umatilla county's rapid development is shown in the recent summary of the taxable property in the county, recently furnished the secretary of state by Assessor Straits. This summary, compared with the one made five years ago, shows the number of tillable acres as increased by 90,000. The total number of acres of arable land in the county at present is 46,000. The number of acres classified as non-tillable is given at 588,144.

The figures for the latter do not, of course, include the forest reserves and other government land not subject to taxation. The amount of non-tillable land in the county is constantly increasing, also, by reason of the fact that so much government land is being taken up and deeded to settlers.

The increase in the number of tillable acres is due in large measure to the different irrigation projects which are being completed. This is not the only source of increase, however, as thousands of acres of land in the western and southwestern parts of the county are now plowed up and growing wheat that a few years ago were considered worthless for anything more valuable than range for stock. Much of it was given over entirely to sagebrush and jackrabbits. The Pilot Rock and Birch creek countries have experienced the greatest development in this line.

Each Farm to Be Named.

Grants Pass—Among the business transacted at the Josephine County Fruitgrowers' union at its last meeting was the adopting of individual letter-heads and letter paper, upon which will be designated the name of the fruit farm and the brands packed by the grower. It was thought best for each member to have some appropriate name for his fruit tract, and by inserting it upon letter sheets it would also give prominence to individual effect, and at the same time give the union greater notice and strength, which would more favorably attract the buyer to this locality.

Railroad Buys Laidlaw.

Laidlaw—The rumor has been rife in this community for some time that the Laidlaw townsite had been sold to the Mount Hood Railroad company, but until now these rumors could not be verified. The verification comes from the fact that the abstracts of title are now being prepared at Prineville preparator to a formal transfer of the property to the purchasing company.

To Indict Nevada Sheepmen.

Pendleton—Through the efforts of Dr. W. H. Lytle, state sheep inspector, indictments will be returned against P. Anderson, a millionaire sheepman of Nevada, for bringing flocks over the state line into Oregon without first giving notice to the state sheep inspector.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 82c; bluestem, 84c; valley, 82c; red, 80c.
Oats—No. 1 white, 42c; gray, 42c.
Barley—Feed, 37c; brewing, 43c; rolled, 43c.
Corn—Whole, 43c; cracked, 43c.
Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, 16c; Eastern Oregon timothy, 12c@13c; clover, 15c; chest, 15c; grain hay, 15c@16c; alfalfa, 15c; vetch, 14c.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 35c@37c per pound.
Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 8 1/2c@9c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 6c@6 1/2c.
Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 6c@6 1/2c; packers, 6c@6 1/2c.
Poultry—Average old hens, 10c per pound; mixed chickens, 10c; spring chickens, 10c; roosters, 8c; dressed chickens, 12c@13c; turkeys, live, 15c; dressed, choice, 18c@19c; geese, live, 8c@9c; ducks, 12c@13c; pigeons, 11c@1.50; squabs, 25c.
Eggs—Fresh ranch, candled, 35c per dozen.
Fruits—Apples, 75c@82c per box; peaches, 75c@81c per crate; pears, 1.25@1.75 per box; cranberries, 49.50@12 per barrel.
Vegetables—Turnips, 75c per sack; carrots, 65c per sack; beets, 41c per sack; beans, 7c@9c per pound; cabbage, 1c per pound; cauliflower, 75c@81c per dozen; celery, 43c@3.50 per crate; onions, 15c@20c per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peas, 11c per pound; peppers, 8c@17c per pound; pumpkins, 1c@1 1/2c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; sprouts, 8c per pound; squash, 1c@1 1/2c per pound; tomatoes, 1.50 per box.
Onions—1.75@1.85 per hundred.
Potatoes—50c@65c per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, 2.75@3 per hundred.
Hops—1907, 5c@7c per pound; old, 1c@2c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 13c@20c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 18c@20c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 29c@30c per pound.

PASSAGE THROUGH STRAITS.

Captain Greene Selected to Pilot Big Fleet Safely Through.

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—The man who is to pilot the United States battleship fleet through the Straits of Magellan is in Los Angeles on his way to Washington, from whence he will proceed to Rio de Janeiro, there to join the fleet on January 1.

The man selected by the Navy department for this important service is Captain E. F. Greene, of the United States army transport service. He is 58 years of age and has made in all 17 trips through the straits. He has been a sailor since he was 14 years of age, when he joined the Confederate navy. His first trip was made in 1869 and the last a year ago, when he brought the lighthouse tender Junita to the Pacific coast. Captain Greene will assume charge as pilot of the fleet at Punta Arenas about February 1, according to schedule. There will be assigned to him by Admiral Evans one of the fleet's torpedo craft with which he will lead the way through the straits. The actual passage will require about 48 hours. Captain Greene anticipates no danger in taking the squadron safely through.

WILL CHECK EMIGRATION.

Japan Gives Canada Assurance—Divert Stream to Korea.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—Negotiations between Canadian Minister of Labor Rudolph Lemieux and the Japanese government, which have been delayed by a hitch over details, will be concluded within the next few days. It is understood that Minister Lemieux has finally agreed to accept Japan's verbal assurance that she will undertake the self imposed task of limiting emigration to Canada. The exact method of limitation will be left entirely in the hands of the Japanese government. The assurance is identical with that given the United States.

It is stated that the hitch arose over the desire of the Canadian government to secure a definite promise in writing outlining the undertakings. This was positively declined by Japan because it would entail a sacrifice of treaty rights. Minister Lemieux also desired to secure from the Japanese government a note giving the exact number of laborers that the government proposed to allow to emigrate to Canada. This was also refused.

Rioting in India.

Calcutta, India, Dec. 24.—In consequence of the sentence of three months' imprisonment, pronounced against Ben Chandra, the Nationalist chief, for having refused to testify in court against a Hindu newspaper, grave disorders of a seditious nature took place in the streets here. An immense crowd raised a great tumult in front of the hall of tribunals, attacking the police and stoning the windows. A party of Hindu students assaulted various British officers and sergeants, blockading the principal streets.

Favors Giving Tithes.

New York, Dec. 24.—Joseph H. Choate in an address at the annual meeting of the State Charities Aid association advocated adherence to the old Mosaic law that one-tenth of all property be given to charity. He said he did not believe many of the rich women and men who composed his audience had lived up to the law and that if all the people of the country had done so there would not have been any financial troubles like those through which the country has just passed.

For State Line Stations.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 24.—The railroad commission of Oklahoma has ordered the Santa Fe to establish stations at all points on the state line crossed by the company. The action was taken because of a decision on the part of the commission that the Santa Fe had failed to sell interstate tickets at the 2-cent rate.

Chile to Welcome Fleet.

Valparaiso, Dec. 24.—The house of W. R. Grace & Co., of this city, has received a telegram from New York certifying that the American fleet, now on its voyage to the Pacific, will enter the ports of Chile. Preparations are being made here to give them an agreeable welcome, in which the government will join.

Goldfield to Be Troopless.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Roosevelt has ordered the troops withdrawn from Goldfield Monday, December 30. No statement as to the reason for withdrawal is offered but at the War department it is assumed by many that General Funston has found that it was not necessary to send the soldiers there.

British Squadron in Pacific.

London, Dec. 24.—According to the Standard, the Admiralty has decided to establish next May a Pacific and North American squadron, the base of which will be at Esquimalt, B. C.

MOB CHINESE STORES

Mounted Police Called Upon to Quell Canadians.

DUE TO FALSE MURDER STORY

Baseless Rumor That White Man is Wounded Arouses Fury of White People.

Lethbridge, Alberta, Dec. 28.—Because they believed that a prominent citizen had been murdered in a Chinese restaurant, 1,500 men raided the Oriental quarter late last night and left a wreck behind. Restaurants and laundries were smashed, doors and windows and entire fronts of buildings being reduced to splinters. The regular police of the town were powerless and a brigade of mounted police had to be called out to quell the riot.

It was just after 9 o'clock that the mob began to form. The story had got abroad that Harry Smith, one of the best known ranchers of the entire district of which this city is the seat, had been fatally wounded in a restaurant. Curiously enough, neither Smith nor any one else had been hurt, but even the police were misled by the tale and two Orientals were placed under arrest, charged with his murder.

An indignant mob gathered opposite the eating house and there was talk of lynching. Suddenly someone threw a rock, which smashed a front window, and in a moment the crowd was beyond control. Bricks and stones were used and, when the doors had been broken, the tables and chairs and dishes were smashed. The Columbia and Alberta restaurants were literally wrecked. What could not be conveniently broken by the few men who could get inside was passed out to the street to the mob in waiting, and there demolished.

At 10 o'clock a detachment of mounted police appeared and the crowd scattered. Hundreds of the rioters merely shifted the scene of their pillaging. Three blocks away, opposite the Arlington hotel, they cleaned out another Chinese restaurant and badly handled two Orientals who were captured within.

Mayor Galbraith, who had rushed to the scene when the mounted police were first called, delivered a speech asking good citizens to disperse. The crowd listened to him and to Magistrate Townsend, who spoke later. All possible damage having been done, the crowd went home.

Five of the rioters have been arrested, but it is doubtful if they will be prosecuted.

OLD DOCUMENTS FOUND.

Papers Taken From Lieutenant Pike Come to Light.

Mexico City, Dec. 26.—What is considered a very important historical discovery has resulted from the efforts of Dr. Herbert E. Bolton, the American historian, who is here engaged in research work under the auspices of the Carnegie institute of Washington. The discovery consists in the unearthing in this city of 18 of the 21 documents taken from the possession of Lieutenant Zebulon N. Pike, of the United States army, by Spanish soldiers in 1806, when he was captured while making his famous trip up the Arkansas and Missouri rivers, visiting the Ojaga and Comanche Indians, at the instance of General James Wilkinson, then governor of Louisiana.

The whereabouts of the other three documents cannot be learned. So important is the discovery considered in the United States that Secretary Root has just sent Dr. Bolton his congratulations.

Find Bodies by Hundred.

Joab's Creek, Pa., Dec. 28.—Rapid progress is being made in the removal of bodies from the Barr mine. All of the entries, except No. 27, have been cleared and a total of 124 bodies brought from the mine. A number of other bodies have been located and it is expected that they will be brought to the surface during the night. In entry No. 29, where the explosion apparently took place, numerous bodies were found. The pit cars were blown to pieces. It is said fully 100 bodies will be removed from entry No. 27, as yet unexplored.

Telephones for Submarines.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Following elaborate experiments to prevent the recurrence of accidents to submarine vessels, the minister of the navy has issued orders that all submarines be fitted out with detachable telephone buoys, which, in case of accident will permit of communication with the surface.

Triumph of Roosevelt.

London, Dec. 28.—The Times in an editorial this morning discusses the prospect of peace in Central America resulting from the peace conference held at Washington, which it regards as a great triumph for President Roosevelt's diplomacy.