

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.

Bryan is busy on his speech of acceptance.

Hot weather set fire to a great coal pile at Reno, Nev.

Officials of the Philippine railroad are making arrangements to extend it.

Dismissals of consuls may cause a quarrel between the United States and Honduras.

Reports are being received at Republican headquarters of babies named after Taft.

Gould has got money from Harriman to pay his railroad debts, and lost control of the Wheeling road.

M. R. Preston will not accept the Socialist nomination for president, and August Gilliams has been named.

Panama is afraid the United States wants to annex the country and Roosevelt has sent a reassuring message.

Eastern railroads have begun an attack on a law passed by the last congress limiting the hours of continuous service of employees.

The Northwestern road has been buying cars for the rush when the crops begin to move and expects to have use for every piece of rolling stock.

There is some talk of Cortelyou running for governor of New York.

The international peace congress at London is supported by the king and cabinet.

Curacao has sent back sugar from Venezuela and will use none of Castro's merchandise.

Gould has raised needed money to pay off his railroad indebtedness without surrendering control.

The American car in the New York-to-Paris race has arrived at Paris, where it received a great ovation.

The cashier of a Kenosha, Wis., bank stole about \$6,000 and gives as his excuse a desire to get married.

Detective Burns has been summoned to answer to a charge of contempt in connection with the Ruel trials.

Turkish Liberals are not yet satisfied with the sultan's concessions. They want corrupt officials removed. Strikers at Vigneux, France, are fighting with soldiers.

The cashier of a Seattle national bank had his salary raised because of fidelity to the institution. Later it was discovered that during the past seven or eight years he has stolen nearly \$50,000.

The steel trust reports an improving business.

The typhoon at Hongkong is known to have cost over 300 lives.

The Turkish people will call for a clean sweep of corrupt officials.

The work on the new Franco-American tariff treaty is proceeding rapidly.

Gould admits he would welcome Harriman's help in running his railroads.

A young negro has been burned at the stake in Texas for an assault on a white girl.

Messages from the battleship fleet indicate that it is having an easy trip and is over 1,200 miles from Honolulu.

The railroads have been given more time to reduce lumber rates on condition they do not enjoin the Interstate Commerce commission.

Taft has been formally notified of his nomination. In his speech of acceptance he said, that, if elected, he would take Roosevelt's policies as his guide.

Four nuggets weighing about half a pound each and worth \$500, were found in a fashionable residence district of Los Angeles while workmen were excavating.

Nan Patterson has been expelled from Pittsburgh.

The czar is entertaining President Fallieres, of France.

Harriman is endeavoring to secure control of the Gould roads.

Governor Norris has cleared the Montana land board of fraud charges.

Hearst opened the Independence convention by denouncing the old parties.

Taft is reported to have become wedged in a telephone booth at Hot Springs, Va., and a carpenter was called to saw him out.

An important conference is being held by officials of the Justice department regarding action to be taken in the Standard Oil case.

LESSEN MINE DEATHS.

European Experts to Visit America and Conduct Experiments.

Washington, July 28.—In response to an invitation extended by the United States government in behalf of the geological survey, Great Britain, Germany and Belgium will send to this country next month their leading experts in the prevention of mine disasters, to aid in the inauguration of the work here. The negotiations were conducted through the State department.

The three experts are Captain Deaborough, inspector of explosives under the Home office, Great Britain; Herr Meisner, head of the German mine service, and Victor Watteyne, engineer-in-chief of the administration of mines, Belgium. It is expected that the experts will reach New York about the end of August, and proceed to Pittsburgh, where the United States Geological survey is engaged in erecting a plant for the purpose of conducting investigations into the cause of mine explosions.

In company with the expert in charge of the technologic branch of the survey, they will visit the fields of Pennsylvania, the coal fields of Illinois, Wyoming, Colorado, Alabama, West Virginia and Ohio, in order that they may learn the conditions under which coal is mined in this country.

Experiment stations for the prevention of disasters have been in operation for a number of years in each country represented by the experts, and there the death rate in the mines has been reduced to a minimum.

With the knowledge that mine accidents have been increasing and the death rate constantly becoming larger the United States government authorities are hastening to begin the investigations which it is believed will greatly reduce the loss of life. It is expected that the advice of the foreign experts will be invaluable.

LEVEE GIVES WAY.

Causes Heavy Damage to Farm Land on San Joaquin.

Antioch, Cal., July 28.—Last night at 2 o'clock about 200 feet of the San Joaquin river levee gave way on the fertile Jersey island tract located east of here, flooding the entire island, comprising nearly 4,000 acres. The loss will be about \$50,000, and fall principally upon the Jersey Island company, although there are many small farmers who hold leases who will lose everything, as their crops were all practically ready to harvest.

The Jersey Island company had 100 acres of the finest celery in the river section, estimated at 8,000 carloads, that would have been ready to harvest in about two months. There was also 500 acres of potatoes, besides other vegetables. Nothing will be saved.

Besides this direct loss, all the ditches used for draining the land will be ruined. Also thousands of young celery plants that were ready for planting are under water. It was intended to make this one of the largest celery fields in the state.

ENJOINS ADVANCE IN RATE.

Georgia Judge Grants an Injunction Against Southern Roads.

Mount Airy, Ga., July 28.—On application of the Macon Grocery company, and other merchants and mercantile corporations of the state, Judge Speer, of the United States court yesterday granted a preliminary injunction restraining the Atlantic Coast Railroad company, the Louisville & Nashville and the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific and the Southern Railway companies from putting into effect the increased rates on shipments of staple products from Western to Southern points, which the railroads have given notice to the Interstate Commerce commission will take effect on August 1.

Judge Speer will hear arguments on July 29 at Mount Airy. The increase, if carried into effect, the petition alleges, will cost the shippers and purchasers in Georgia from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 annually.

Drill Into Vault Room.

Seattle, Wash., July 28.—Crackmen drilled their way into the vault room of the Seattle Safe Deposit company's vaults, at 701 First avenue, in the heart of the business district, last night, but before they had lighted the fuse attached to a pocket of nitro glycerine attached to the main door of the inner strong box. A. J. Elwell, the manager, visited the vaults with Ed Hatfield, of Portland, on an emergency case and frightened them away. Entrance would have secured valuables worth more than \$1,000,000.

Coiners in Coal Mine.

Yusovo, July 28.—While clearing away the ruins of the explosion in the Ripovsky mine, which occurred early in this month and resulted in the death of nearly 200 men, the officers today found a set of counterfeiting tools and a quantity of spurious money. It is surmised that the counterfeiters may have been responsible for the disaster.

NEWS ITEMS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

FORMS NEW UNITS.

President Makes Changes in Administration of Forests.

Washington, July 28.—A radical change is to be made in the administration of forest reserves, or National forests, during the coming fall; not a change of policy in any way, but a change in the manner of disposing of forestry business. The change is primarily in the interest of the people of the West, but incidentally it benefits the service, in that it will save considerable time, and permit of prompt action.

In brief, the large clerical force of the forest service, now maintained in Washington, is to be divided in halves; one half will remain here, the other half will be scattered over the West, wherever the service maintains division headquarters. About 250 clerks and stenographers will be sent out from Washington to Portland, San Francisco, Salt Lake, Denver, Missoula and Albuquerque, from 40 to 50 going to each place. These respective offices will be placed in charge of administrative officers, yet to be selected, and once organized will handle and dispose of practically all administrative questions that arise in their respective districts.

The Portland office, for instance, will handle all questions arising in the National forests of Oregon and Washington; Salt Lake City will handle cases from Idaho, Utah and Nevada; Missoula will handle Montana and Minnesota matters, and Denver will take care of questions arising in Colorado and Wyoming.

This change in administration will not entail any new appointments whatsoever. All the clerks will be transferred from Washington, and the administrative officers will be chosen from among the present officials of the service.

BIDS FOR COLLIERIES HIGH.

Navy Department Rejects and Will Invite New Tenders.

Washington, July 31.—Acting Secretary of the Navy Newberry announced yesterday that of the bids submitted for colliers under the provisions of the naval appropriation act at the last session of congress, none will be satisfactory. He announced also that, as no emergency existed requiring immediate delivery of any collier, the navy department would invite tenders of colliers to be delivered within 12 months, specifying in the invitations the general characteristics, speed, carrying capacity and equipment necessary for the naval service.

The appropriation was \$525,000 for each vessel, and the wording of the act was such as to afford an advantage to the Massachusetts company, which had three colliers practically ready for delivery. The department decided that the bids were excessive, and did not meet all of the requirements. The announcement of the rejection of all bids was made after a conference held by Mr. Newberry with Admiral Converse, president of the board of construction, and with representatives of the companies which submitted bids.

The bids were received during last month. William Cramp & Son of Philadelphia, proposed to build three colliers at \$475,000 each; the New York Shipbuilding company, of Camden, N. J., at \$438,000 each; the Massachusetts Ship company, of Boston, at \$425,000 each, and the Maryland Steel company, of Baltimore, at \$376,000 each.

Japanese Sealers Busy.

Washington, July 28.—A dispatch received by the Navy department today from the gunboat Yorktown, on sealing patrol duty about the Pribilof islands, Alaska, indicates that while the situation in sealing waters at present is quiet, five Japanese schooners are sealing near the island of St. Paul. If the sealing vessels should encroach upon the seal preserves a serious clash is probable.

Colonel Symons Retires.

Washington, July 31.—Colonel Thos. W. Symons, corps of engineers, was placed on the retired list of the army yesterday on his application, after more than 37 years of service. Colonel Symons is now employed on the New York state canal commission. He was formerly superintendent of public grounds in this city.

Knockers Are Challenged.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 1.—Morality of the workers on the anaconda canal is to be the subject of a conference between President Roosevelt and Secretary of War Wright today. Secretary Bishop of the canal commission said yesterday: "The president is annoyed at the strictures on the morality of the canal camps and wishes them cleaned up."

Midshipman Loses Berth.

Oyster Bay, July 30.—The president today approved an order for the dismissal of Midshipman James M. Haralson from the naval academy. Haralson was found guilty of using obscene language to an enlisted man.

GIVES ADDITIONAL TIME.

Commission Defers Operation of Reduced Rates on Lumber.

Washington, July 30.—Upon application of the defendants in the Pacific Lumber cases, the Interstate Commerce commission has extended the effective dates of its orders from August 15 to October 15. This action was taken upon the showing made by the carriers involved that, owing to the immense number of rates involved, it would be a physical impossibility to check up the rates and print and file the new tariffs before August 15, and also upon their assurance that, if the extension was granted, they would not apply for an injunction to restrain the commission's order from becoming effective.

They expressly reserve the right to test the reasonableness of the rates ordered by the commission in a suit to be brought for that purpose or in suits which may develop out of reparation claims by shippers who have been shipping under the advanced rates. This does not include the case involving rates from the Willamette valley via San Francisco, on which the Southern Pacific has already filed a petition in San Francisco asking an injunction against the commission's order.

Kills All Exequaturs.

Washington, July 30.—Drew Linard, American consul at Ceiba, Honduras, called the State department today that President Davulla had canceled his exequatur and those of all the other consuls at that port. There was no explanation of the act in the cablegram, but it is thought here that the consuls united to prevent the execution of revolutionists who had incurred the displeasure of President Davulla. It is likely that an additional gunboat will be ordered to Amapala at once to assist the Milwaukee in making a demonstration against the revolution. The Milwaukee was ordered from Honolulu Monday.

Ready to Begin Tests.

Washington, Aug. 1.—The work of inflating the big gasbag of Captain Thomas S. Baldwin's airship will be begun today. The tent in which the balloon will be housed arrived at Fort Meyer yesterday and will be pitched today. By Monday, barring accidents, Captain Baldwin will be ready to make his first flight. There is an element of uncertainty as to what Captain Baldwin's aerial craft will do when it gets up in the air, many of its features being new in this country. In the past Captain Baldwin has steered his balloon by shifting the weight of his body.

New London is Penitent.

Washington, Aug. 1.—Satisfactory assurances have been given the navy department by the officials and citizens of New London, Conn., that there will be no further discrimination against the enlisted men of the navy, or the uniform of the United States, in the places of public amusement in that city. A formal letter has been received by Acting Secretary of the Navy Newberry from the mayor of New London, stating that amusement managers of the city unite in extending a welcome to uniformed men of the navy.

Wright to See Roosevelt.

Washington, July 29.—Secretary of War Wright expects to go to Oyster Bay the latter part of this week to confer with the president on pending matters of importance. The papers in the case of the eight cadets, whose dismissal from the military academy was recommended by a board appointed by Colonel Scott, superintendent of the academy, have been returned to the War department from Oyster Bay, bearing the approval of President Roosevelt of the findings and sentence of the board.

Shippers' Letter Not Received.

Oyster Bay, July 29.—When asked today whether President Roosevelt had taken any action on the letter reported to have been sent to him by the Receivers and Shippers' association of Cincinnati, asking him if he intends to enforce a decree against several railroads forbidding an increase in rates, the president's secretary said that no such letter had been received by the president.

Select Building Sites.

Washington, July 29.—J. H. McDowell, of the supervising architect's office, has been selected special agent for the Treasury department to select sites for public buildings at La Grande and Pendleton, Or.; Walla Walla, Wash., and Pocatello, Idaho. Mr. McDowell leaves for the West tomorrow.

Equipped to Lay Mines.

Washington, July 29.—By direction of the Navy department the cruiser San Francisco is being equipped for the laying of mines.

HARRIMAN WILL FIGHT.

Starts Suit to Prevent Lumbermen Getting Reduced Rate.

Portland, July 27.—While the reduced transcontinental rates on lumber shipments from Oregon to the Middle West will go into effect on all lines on August 15, the Willamette valley lumber mill men have not won their final round, since the Southern Pacific company has opened fire from a new quarter and sued in the Federal court for an injunction against the Interstate Commerce commission's order cutting down the \$5 rate to San Francisco and bay points. The new attack by the Southern Pacific company will again check the lumber industry in the valley, as it clouds the future with uncertainty.

Temporary injunctions are regarded as very dangerous to business prospects, and especially so in this case. Although the railroads propose to give a bond to indemnify lumber manufacturers in event of losing the railroads' case in court, the alleged bond does not prove to be any protection to the lumber industry. No new lumber mill is going to start up and no old mill is going to resume business on the promise of a railroad company to reimburse the mill should a lower rate ultimately be made.

It is believed by well-informed lawyers that there does not exist more than one chance in 100 for the Southern Pacific company to win any important ground in the fight against railroad regulation as a result of its newest attack upon the validity of the Hepburn law. Should the company win this suit it would destroy the Interstate Commerce commission as at present created and organized.

DOUBT SULTAN'S GOOD FAITH.

People of Constantinople Accept His Trade With Stolidity.

Constantinople, July 27.—The momentous act of the sultan of Turkey in proclaiming yesterday the restoration of the constitution of 1876 has left the population of Constantinople unmoved. The aspect of the city is today perfectly normal and there have been no manifestations of satisfaction of any kind. The stolid fatalism of the Moslems, who for centuries past have been accustomed to a regime of personal rule and who are not used to political freedom, is thought partly to explain the apathy everywhere apparent.

Added to this is skepticism regarding the durability of the new era promised. Furthermore, past experience and the fact that the sultan conceded a re-establishment of the constitution under extreme pressure inclines the Turks to the belief that the concession is intended merely to surmount the present troubles and avert the threatened disruption of the empire, and that the earliest opportunity will be taken again to suspend the charter of liberty.

TOOLE UNDER CHARGES.

Waives Immunity and Denies Complicity in Land Frauds.

Great Falls, Mont., July 27.—On account of charges made in connection with state timber land in the Flathead valley district, an investigation has been in progress at Kalispell before Governor Norris, and land board and ex-Governor Toole, who was a member of the board when the sales under investigation were made. The charges are to the effect that the commission favored the big land companies by selling to them through dummies valuable timber land for less than it was worth. Several witnesses today testified that dummy names were used.

When Mr. Toole wished to take the stand attorneys for the complainants objected on the ground that to permit such testimony would grant immunity to any person so testifying. On behalf of the governor himself and the other members of the board, the attorney general waived such immunity.

Mr. Toole emphatically denied the charges made by Procter, as did Mr. Galen, Secretary of State Yoder and Superintendent Harmon. Mr. McCrea also denied having made any such remark to Procter. The investigation will be continued and Governor Norris insists he will go to the bottom of things.

Mount Baker in Eruption.

Bellingham, Wash., July 27.—Mount Baker is now a seething volcano, and three craters are belching forth vapors and sulphurous fumes, according to five members of an exploring party which left this city Tuesday and returned last night. The main crater is now at least 40 feet in diameter, and the intense heat caused by the interior fires has melted the snow from around its mouth, causing numerous landslides. The smaller craters, which are estimated to be about 800 feet from the main one, are more active.

Wool Market Reported Active.

Dillon, Mont., July 27.—The past week has been very active in the wool markets. Sales amounted to 250,000 pounds at prices ranging from 14 to 17½ cents. At Lewiston the buyers and growers have deadlocked over prices, and the greater part of the three million pounds will be consigned.

SENTIMENT WARLIKE

Venezuelan Consul Expelled From Willemstad, Curacao.

PROTECTED BY DUTCH SOLDIERS

People of Island Demand Protection Against Venezuela and Cruiser Gelderland Is Sent.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, July 28.—The population here made a big demonstration against Senor Lopez, the Venezuelan consul, who retires, when he sailed on the steamer Maracaibo today. A large military force protected Senor Lopez on his way to the steamer and soldiers are patrolling the streets. The populace is overjoyed with the order of the governor exiling the Venezuelan consul.

The principal club here admitted everybody today on account of the occurrence, and there was great joy manifested when it became generally known that Senor Lopez had left.

The public demands from the government protection against Venezuela, and insists that a naval force shall be sent to declare that the traffic in arms and ammunition shall be free and to compel Venezuela to respect the Dutch flag.

The Dutch cruiser Gelderland, arrived here this morning and went first to the quarantine station. The cruiser had as a passenger M. de Reus, the Dutch minister who was expelled by President Castro. She has been ordered back to Venezuela to protect Dutch interests as their condition is now considered alarming.

INQUIRE INTO INCREASE.

Interstate Commerce Commission to Investigate Rates.

Washington, July 28.—The Interstate Commerce commission today issued a statement that without waiting for filing of complaints it will institute an investigation in its own motion for the purpose of determining whether advances in freight rates are justified.

"The commission," the statement says, "has no authority to suspend a proposed advance in rates and can order reduction of the advanced rates only as the result of an investigation after the advanced rates have become effective, but the commission, while it could make no order prior to the actual advancement of rates, has almost unlimited power of investigation, and it is understood that if the tariffs filed with the commission show increases the commission without waiting for the filing of the formal complaints, will institute an investigation on its own motion for the purpose of determining whether or not the advances are justified."

"Such general information would enable it to handle promptly any complaint which may be filed against advanced rates. The commission is having a close check kept of all advances in freight rates."

TYPHOON AT HONGKONG.

Wrecks Buildings and Steamers and Drowns Many Chinese.

Manila, July 28.—A destructive typhoon swept over Hongkong at midnight last night causing heavy loss of life among the Chinese residents and unroofing many buildings. The typhoon caused tempestuous seas, which resulted in several steamers being driven ashore.

The British steamers Persia and Schuykill and the coasting steamers Charles Harden and Laing were battered against the shores, where at last reports they are still resting.

The crew of the British cruiser Astraea performed gallantly in attempting to rescue the Chinese crew of a junk. After battling desperately in the mountainous seas for over an hour, the Britishers succeeded in rescuing six out of a total of 13. The remaining seven were drowned. The property loss on shore will be heavy.

Ask Money to Reclaim Wet Land.

Memphis, Tenn., July 28.—An effort will be made to get a large proportion of the government fund of \$38,000,000, for the reclamation of wet lands in the Mississippi valley by the Mississippi Valley Drainage and Good Roads association, which began its annual meeting here today with delegates from Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. If the convention succeeds in its effort to bring about a big national undertaking, thousands of acres of land which now is worthless will be rendered valuable.

Scout Cruises Completed.

Boston, Mass., July 28.—The Fore River Shipbuilding company today officially turned over to the Navy department the new scout cruiser Salem, whose recent trials showed her to be the fastest large ship of the American navy.