

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.

The battleship fleet has sailed from Auckland to Sydney.

Japan is paying off her war debt in good sized installments.

The Canadian government is to mediate in the railroad strike.

Ira D. Sankey, the evangelist, is dead. He was 68 years old.

Fire in the Buffalo, N. Y., stock yards, burned close to \$1,000,000 worth of property.

Contractors driving the big St. Paul tunnel in Montana are breaking all records for speed.

Two people were killed and six injured by the explosion of a balloon at London. A spectator attempted to light a cigar.

The bones of 21 persons have been found on an island in Lake of the Woods. They are believed to be the remains of a party of explorers massacred by Indians in 1736.

Rear Admiral Cogswell, retired, is dead. He was an officer on the Oregon when that vessel made its famous voyage around the horn to engage the Spanish fleet.

Train robbers held up a Northern Pacific train near Trust, nine miles west of Spokane. The mail car was uncoupled and run up the track. It is not known what the result of the haul was.

Turks and Armenians join in celebrating their liberty.

Taft, a new town near Missoula, Mont., has been destroyed by fire.

It is believed the effect of the Thaw bankruptcy proceedings will be liberty for Thaw.

A veterinary surgeon has just died in New York as the result of a bite by a horse.

A Los Angeles maniac killed his son and daughter, attempted to kill his wife and himself.

A wealthy Italian has been slain in New York. Nihilists are supposed to have done the work.

The government has started a fight in San Francisco against the bringing of young girls to this country for immoral purposes.

Some unknown person in San Francisco at intervals has been throwing ink on women's expensive wearing apparel, thus ruining it.

Japan is rejoicing over the new trademark treaty with the United States, giving it as proof of friendship between the two countries.

A modus vivendi has been arranged whereby the Newfoundland fisheries dispute between Great Britain and the United States will be settled by the Hague tribunal.

Senator La Follette is going to start a newspaper.

The Canadian Pacific is importing strikebreakers from Europe.

King Peter, of Serbia, is accused of conspiracy against Montenegro.

A severe hail and thunder storm has hurt the Kentucky tobacco crop.

Prohibition is to be the main issue of the Democratic state convention.

Forest fires have broken out again in Canada and more towns are threatened with destruction.

Extravagant living since the war with Russia has caused corruption in the Japanese army.

King Edward and Emperor William met at Cronberg, Germany, and conferred on a naval program.

Two masked men near Chico, Cal., held up 16 men as they came along at different times and secured \$700.

The five people arrested at Detroit on instruction from Helena are wanted for safekeeping, burglary and forgery.

The Turkish minister to the United States has been recalled and will be replaced by a reform movement man.

Holland seeks to know the American policy in Venezuela.

Hearst's Independent league is said to be short of money.

Thaw's creditors may oust his receiver and name a trustee.

New York sheriff is accused of winking at race track gambling.

President Falliere's daughter has married the private secretary of the president.

OPEN NEW LANDS.

Vast Area Available in Western Canada in September.

Ottawa, Canada, Aug. 11.—Next month will see radical changes in the land policy of the Canadian government. The Oliver land act, which goes into effect September 1, will throw open to the public 28,000,000 acres of rich, arable land, in the odd numbered sections of Western Canada that are liberally intersected by a network of railroads, are adjacent to commercial markets and swarming with live, hustling townships, with well established police protection, municipal government, schools, churches and institutions essential for agricultural prosperity.

While the "reuter" and the man with limited loose cash is being given the opportunity of owning his own farm, unlike the procedure heretofore followed in granting free homesteads, he is not asked to forego the advantages in settled districts and to go into the wilderness to fight the hard fights of the pioneer. Instead of this, the new instrument of the Canadian legislature gives the enterprising man free land situated near flourishing towns, offering all the advantages and conveniences of modern life.

In order to encourage railroad building in the Dominion, the government has given to the railroad companies 32,000,000 acres of land during the last few years, and as a further inducement they have been left absolutely unfettered in the choice of locality and the time of selection, but recently were made to select their lands. The companies have taken full advantage of this generous provision and made a constant practice of leaving their grants in abeyance unless, after closely watching the trend of immigration and settlement, they could make up their minds as to what tracts of land would best serve their interests.

TRIBESMEN HOLD UP SHAH.

Persian Ruler Held Prisoner in His Own Palace.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 11.—Special dispatches received here from Teheran give a tragic-comic description of the position of the shah of Persia, who is virtually a prisoner in the hands of wild tribesmen summoned to Teheran to protect the throne against the revolutionists, but have become a greater menace to the monarch than his other foes.

The tribesmen are extravagant in their demands for money, which the shah is unable to grant, and they threaten to destroy the palace and pillage Teheran. The \$250,000 secured from the Russian bank recently as a loan on the crown jewels of Persia already is exhausted. General Liskoff's Cossacks are unable to make any headway against the tribesmen, who have refused to permit the shah to leave the camp at Hade Shakh for Saitana Bad, where the harem is now staying.

Famine is reported to be imminent in Southern Persia, and this promises to bring about a crisis in political affairs in the autumn.

DISCORD IN TURKS' PALACE.

Former Ministers Blame Each Other for Ill Luck.

Constantinople, Aug. 11.—Discord reigns among the former ministers and palace officials detained at the ministry of war. Men Dugh Pasha, ex-minister of the interior, is at loggerheads with Lahn Pasha, the sultan's former secretary, who reproached him with not having adopted his advice three months ago to solicit the sultan to grant amnesty to political prisoners. The secretary, who is suffering from acute melancholia, replied that it was better to have died than to witness the present state of affairs.

Zekki Pasha, who was recently dismissed as inspector of military schools, is also reported to be a prisoner at the ministry of war, half demented and constantly requesting a revolver with which to end his life.

To this request the response was made that he must live and render to the nation an account of his doings. He has contributed \$25,000 toward a fund to purchase two cruisers to be named after the heroes of the revolution.

Full Force Restored.

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—When the employes in the Southern Pacific shops at West Oakland went to work yesterday they found that they were expected to work nine hours instead of eight per day. Their pay, however, will be on the nine-hour basis. During the last 60 days the railroad company has increased its working force in the Oakland shops until now it is as great as it was before the slump of several months ago. The increase of working hours is necessitated by the large amount of work on hand.

Meet Death in Flames.

New York, Aug. 11.—Six persons were burned to death in a tenement house at 312 East One Hundred and Twelfth street, four children between the ages of 8 and 12, an infant of 2 months and an aged man. Other occupants of the tenement were injured by jumping from windows.

NEWS ITEMS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

SAYS PEACE IS RESTORED.

Honduran Cabinet Minister Sends the News to Washington.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The fact that peace has been fully restored in Central America and an expression of confidence expressed that it would be maintained, is given in a cablegram received here today by Dr. Ugarte, minister from Honduras, from the minister of foreign affairs of his country. Mr. Dodge, the American minister to Salvador, will leave Salvador for Tegucigalpa on August 18 to take up directly with the Honduran government the matter of the consul and vice consul at Ceiba, whose exequaturs were cancelled owing to their alleged intervention in international affairs in Honduras.

MAKE RATE DECISION SOON.

Important Ruling to be Made by Interstate Commission.

Washington, Aug. 11.—During the next month or six weeks it is possible that the Interstate Commerce commission will decide upon the question of the reasonableness of the proposed increase of railroad freight rates in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida and portions of South Carolina, in the southern territory and Texas, in the southwestern territory. The proposed increase in the several Southern states embraces practically extensive increases proposed throughout the country at this time. The decision will have an important bearing on rates in general.

Good Job Awaits a Learned Chef.

Washington, Aug. 14.—A chef is needed at the government asylum for the insane, and a civil service examination was held today to fill the vacancy. Notwithstanding the fact that the position pays \$1,200 a year there was no over abundance of applicants for the job. The reason perhaps lies in the fact that the successful applicant must be possessed of a fund of knowledge that would enable him to hold down a chief clerkship in almost any of the departments and render it unnecessary for him to don a cook's apron.

Mystery at Oyster Bay.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 14.—The unusual activity at the government executive office here, which has been apparent for almost a week, both day and night, has become the subject of considerable curiosity. Rudolph Forster, acting secretary to the president, and the force of clerks under him recently have been the hardest worked men in the village. Their duties begin early and at times have continued far into the night. The executive office staff has been augmented by the arrival of two clerks from the Washington executive office.

Malone's Place Filled.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Dr. G. C. Bantz was today appointed assistant treasurer of the United States, in place of the late J. L. Malone. Mr. Bantz has been an employee of the Treasury department for 35 years and recently has filled the position of deputy assistant treasurer. William H. Gibson, assistant cashier of the cash room, was promoted to be deputy assistant treasurer in place of Dr. Bantz. James A. Sample, now a division chief, was appointed to be deputy assistant treasurer.

Engineers Sent to Hawaii.

Washington, Aug. 14.—The War department has issued orders to Company A, First battalion of engineers, to leave San Francisco for Honolulu, sailing on November 15, 1908. The First battalion of engineers is now on duty at Fort Mason, California. These engineers are to make a survey preliminary for the fortifications in and around Honolulu and at Pearl harbor, where the government is to construct a large naval station. After their work at Hawaii, they will return to Vancouver barracks.

Confer About the Hazards.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 11.—Secretary of War Wright and Colonel Hugh L. Scott, of the West Point academy, arrived here today to discuss the West Point hazing cases with President Roosevelt. Secretary Wright said: "I see a whole lot of trouble has been stirred up over these cases since my last visit here. I had no idea the matter was to be made of such national importance." Colonel Scott refused to make any statement whatever regarding the cases.

May Order Rectifier's Marks.

Washington, Aug. 13.—The commissioner of internal revenue has informed W. M. Hough, attorney of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' association, that there is ample authority of law for the government to prescribe the marking of packages of spirits and liquors in the hands of rectifiers as in the case of marking the products of distillers.

MOLOKAI LOCAL STATION.

Lepers From Mainland May Not Be Sent There.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Though virtually a part of the United States, the leper colony on isolated Molokai, cannot recruit its death-marked population from this country. It is this fact that makes it impossible for government officials to comply with the request of the territorial authorities of Arizona for the speedy removal of aged Mrs. General Warwell, whom the terrible disease has claimed for its victim. According to Dr. H. G. Geddings, assistant surgeon general of the public health and marine hospital service, the leper settlement at Molokai is strictly a territorial enterprise. There exists neither law nor precedent to warrant the removal of a leper from a state or territory, however, to the settlement, and Dr. Geddings voices the opinion of the bureau that the Hawaiian health authorities would not approve such a move.

Favors Policy of Peace.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Naturally the American government is interested in knowing what the Dutch intend to do in Venezuela, and it is not surprising therefore that the Holland government is sounding American Minister Beunreut at The Hague as to what the United States might do in the varying contingencies that are likely to arise. While the United States under certain conditions may be open to criticism regarding any prospective course in Venezuela, it is not believed that any co-operative punitive agreement with any foreign power will be sought. On the contrary an arrangement for a peaceful settlement of differences would be gladly welcomed.

Robbers Torture Women.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Three masked men entered the home of Miss Maria de Garmo in a remote part of the county yesterday morning and after battering down the door, bound and gagged Miss de Garmo and her niece, Miss Lizzie Hartman, the only occupants of the house, and robbed them of their jewelry and a small amount of cash. Carpets were slashed, mattresses ripped open and chests broken into. When no large sum of money was found, the women were tortured until the elder one fainted and the men left, Miss Hartman, bleeding and cut, at last freed herself from the ropes and released her aunt.

Hitchcock Off to Chicago.

Washington, Aug. 15.—Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock, of the Republican National committee, accompanied by his secretary, James T. Williams, Jr., arrived in Washington this morning from Hot Springs, Va., where he conferred with Mr. Taft yesterday. Mr. Hitchcock started for Chicago this afternoon to meet Eastern and Western officials of the national committee, who are to meet there and open the Western headquarters. Mr. Hitchcock had no political engagements here, but closed and surrendered the last of the rooms used as Mr. Taft's pre-convention headquarters.

Alaska Wireless Station.

Washington, Aug. 12.—A wireless station in Prince William Sound, Alaska, is to be erected by the Navy department, the exact site to be selected shortly. This will be 500 miles from the military wireless station being installed at Fort Gibbon, and will form a connecting line between that station and the naval wireless station at Northbead, Washington. The government will be able to maintain wireless communication up the Pacific coast to the Alaska station.

Colonel Hoxie Retires.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Colonel Richard L. Hoxie, one of the veteran officers of the corps of engineers and who for some time past has been in charge of the fortification and river harbor work in Baltimore and vicinity, was placed on the retired list of the army today on account of age. He is succeeded at Baltimore by Major William E. Craighill, who until recently was stationed at Mobile.

Will Do Special Service.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The gunboats Albany and Yorktown today were detached from the Pacific fleet by the Navy department for special service on the Pacific coast. These vessels were only nominally a part of the Pacific fleet, having been engaged in protecting American interests in Central America.

Bullets in Flag at Tabriz.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Dispatches from Tabriz today state that the American flag over the United States consulate was shot away yesterday. The dispatches are brief, but the authorities say they believe the shooting of the flag was accidental.

RECEIVER FOR BIG MILL.

Pillsbury-Washburne Company Needs to be Reorganized.

Minneapolis, Aug. 10.—Incident to a reorganization certain of the stockholders of the Pillsbury-Washburne Flour Milling company Saturday petitioned the Federal District court for the appointment of receivers.

Whatever action is taken by the court, the business will be continued.

The indebtedness of the defunct company is set at more than \$5,000,000, without security. The book value of the company's property exceeds \$15,000,000. The total secured indebtedness covered by debenture bonds, is \$4,000,000, or a total indebtedness of \$9,000,000. Liquid assets are estimated at \$3,500,000, to pay \$5,000,000 unsecured debts.

The company has \$800,000 of its products stored in 25 states outside of Minnesota.

The application for receiver has created surprise, but it is not expected to cause any flurry in milling or financial circles. The milling interests in Minneapolis have enjoyed an exceptionally good year and the conditions that affected the Pillsbury-Washburne company have been peculiar to that organization.

The receivers have been appointed with full power to operate the company's manufacturing plants and with confident expectation that this expedient will be found only temporary and that ample property, over and above all debts, will be ultimately left for the holders of shares. It is proposed to operate the mills under receivers and in charge of the receivers, so that labor interests will not be seriously affected at this time, and this is regarded as promising good results, in view of the very satisfactory condition everywhere of the milling and grain business, no other company engaged in similar lines here being in any way involved.

BUILD \$20,000,000 DEPOT.

Northwestern Plans Costly Structure for Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—The Chicago & Northwestern railway announced yesterday that its engineers and architects have completed the plans for its new Madison street passenger terminal, which will cost when completed in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000, and which will include facilities for handling over a quarter of a million passengers every 24 hours. This station will surpass in point of ground covered and length of trackage every railway terminal in the United States, it is said, except the South Station, in Boston.

The new terminal will occupy practically four entire city blocks, bounded by Madison street on the south, Kinzie street on the north, Clinton street on the west and Canal street on the east, passing under Washington and Randolph streets by means of brilliantly lighted subways.

The structure will be of gray granite of classic design, the essential features of which is the great colonnaded entrance or portico, of lofty proportions that will tower to a height of 120 feet above Madison street.

Before this imposing front will be a broad pavement or esplanade, from which will rise the granite columns that guard the inner vestibule.

ARRESTS ARE MYSTERIOUS.

Immigration Authorities Busy in Detroit After Long Chase.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 10.—Great secrecy is being maintained regarding five arrests made here today by the local police and the local immigration authorities on a telegraphic request received from Helena, Mont. The prisoners are three men and two women of striking appearance, and a small boy and two dogs form a conspicuous feature of the party.

The arrests are said to have followed a search by United States officials which began in San Francisco in 1905 and has been carried since to Boston, Pittsburg, Omaha, Helena, Chicago and several other points. Both the city police and the local immigration inspectors say they do not know why the arrests were ordered. The prisoners deny that they are identified with any persons wanted by the United States.

Denied Citizen Rights.

Seattle, Aug. 10.—After serving three years in the United States army in the Philippines and receiving an honorable discharge, Buntaro Kamagai applied for admission to citizenship under the laws of the United States and was refused his papers by Judge C. H. Hanford, of the Federal court, here today. The case is the first one of the kind to come up before a Federal or State court in this country. Kamagai has a fine army record and was regarded as a most useful man. He speaks fine English.

New Wool Market Sets Record.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 10.—Wool shipments at Baker, a new station on the St. Paul in Eastern Montana, for this season, amount to 1,000,000 pounds. The price paid is 18 cents or better, the highest average of any market in Montana.

FIGHT HIGH RATES

Texas Brings Suit Against Host of Railway Companies.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY BY ROADS

State Commission Appeals to Interstate Board, Basing Complaint on Valuation of Lines.

Washington, Aug. 11.—The railroad commission of Texas today filed a formal complaint with the Interstate Commerce commission against 67 railroads and other common carriers, alleging a conspiracy on the part of the defendants through the Southwestern Traffic association for the suppression of competition and restraint of trade in the recent action increasing freight rates to common points in Texas. The commission will forward notice of this complaint to all the carriers involved and will give them 15 days to reply, the usual period allowed for answering a complaint being 20 days. The commission will expedite this case as much as possible on account of its widespread importance.

The complaint undertakes to compare the alleged cost of maintenance and operation of the railroads with the actual cost, and the claimed debt which is supposed to justify the increase, with the actual debt. The railroad commission of Texas, it appears, has appraised the cost of construction and operation of the roads as well as the actual debt upon which the rates may be fairly based.

Eight freight schedules, which have recently been filed with the commission, are made the basis of the complaint and all are alleged to have been brought about by an unlawful agreement between the defendant carriers and the Southwestern Traffic association, of which they are members or whose members represent, through power of attorney, those who are not. It declares that the increased rates will fall primarily upon the commodities of daily necessity; that they will seriously disturb trade relations, causing loss to shippers and the consuming public, and that the increased tax, so far as Texas alone is concerned, will amount to \$2,653,000.

SHIP CHINESE HOME.

Large Party Smuggled Over Mexican Border Sent to China.

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—Eighty-five Chinese for deportation arrived here today and were put aboard the Siberia, which sails tomorrow for the Orient. They were brought here from the Southeast border in a special train by United States Marshals Daniels, of Tucson; Smith, of Albuquerque, and Warden, of the Northern district of Texas.

Nine Chinese from Texas were among the 18 recently discovered in a sealed boxcar. The immigration agent at El Paso became suspicious of the car and, upon having it opened, found the 18 Chinese. They had provided themselves with a cask of water and food sufficient to last for a week or two. The Chinese arriving today entered Mexico through the port of Salina Cruz, direct from the Orient.

SECOND CLOUDBURST.

Bisbee, Ariz., Again Swept by Downpour of Water.

Bisbee, Ariz., Aug. 11.—For the second time within a week the Bisbee postoffice was put out of commission today by a cloudburst. At about the same hour in the day as before a heavy rain came up and, when a cloud burst over Mule mountain, tons of rock and dirt slid into the postoffice, piling nearly ten feet high. The office was also flooded with mud and silt.

The general delivery section was destroyed. The stamps and money were saved, being carried to a place of safety as soon as the flood grew threatening. A large force of men with a steam shovel is at work on the debris tonight.

Raise Insurance Rates.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 11.—Word was received here this afternoon that the Canadian Fire Underwriters' association today in Toronto considered seriously the situation arising out of the \$3,000,000 losses sustained at the Fernie fire and increased rates were decided upon. Partly for this reason and partly because the association regarded existing rates on grain in elevators in the Western provinces too low, it was decided to increase the rates 33 per cent on that class of insurance.

Chicago Gains 20,700.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—An increase of 20,700 since last year gives 2,425,000 as the population of Chicago, estimated by the Chicago Directory company, whose 1908 issue is now ready for distribution.