

CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

General Resumé of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A noted Japanese historian predicts war with America as absolutely certain.

A pleasure yacht at Santa Cruz, Cal., is missing with 20 young people on board.

Government agents find evidence of wholesale liquor traffic with Indians on Selkirk reservation.

Ex-President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, is held to be an active supporter of the revolutionary movement.

Senator Gore of Oklahoma, claims he was offered \$25,000 to \$50,000 to put certain legislation through congress.

The Japanese expedition to the South Pole, which was to have started this month, has been postponed for lack of funds.

A Montana stage driver is under arrest for horse stealing and his wife is driving in his place, so as not to delay the mails.

Rockefeller and the Standard Oil company have been sued for \$550,000 by private oil interests, who claim the monopoly has caused them to lose that amount.

An "orphaned" humming bird no larger than a bumble bee is being raised by hand on four drops of honey every two hours, by parties at Pullman, Washington.

A forest fire was seen to start near Anaconda, Mont., from sparks from a passing locomotive, but before it could be reached it was beyond control, and has burned over 500 acres.

Five sailors on a Great Lakes ore steamer mutinied and planned to attack a party of women guests on board. They were placed in irons and now find themselves subject to fine, imprisonment, or death, under the marine laws.

Politicians would force Ballinger out of the cabinet.

Another big bribe scandal has developed in the Illinois legislature.

Only three buildings now remain in the burned town of Hoover, Oregon.

The order of Eagles is said to have lost a large sum through grafting of its national officers.

Eastern business men have combined to force the express companies to grant lower rates.

Many thousand acres of government land in the Northwest will be thrown open to settlement this fall.

The Reform league of Chicago asserts that millions of dollars worth of property evades paying its just taxes.

The revenue cutter Perry is ashore on a reef of the Pribyloff islands, in Behring sea, and has been abandoned as a total loss.

The time limit has expired for the extradition of Porter Charlton, who murdered his wife in Italy, and as he is safe in America it is likely he will never be brought to trial.

Three cruisers which cost the government \$8,500,000 exclusive of armament a few years ago, are now considered entirely out-of-date and practically worthless. One is the Brooklyn, Admiral Schley's flagship during the Spanish-American war.

An aeroplanist in Brussels reached a height of 5,570 feet.

Locomotive engineers on 55 Western railroads will ask for a raise.

A detective has sued the estate of "Lucky" Baldwin for alleged services rendered.

Infantile paralysis has attacked the arm of a professional baseball pitcher of the American league.

Spain is reinforcing garrisons in disturbed provinces and taking every precaution to prevent an uprising.

The state of Mississippi may place a statue of Jefferson Davis in Statuary Hall at the capitol in Washington.

A fire which started in the sawmill of the town of Hoover, Ore., has destroyed practically the entire place.

President Taft has cancelled many speaking engagements, and may not speak before the conservation congress in St. Paul, September 5.

All the large independent cracker companies in the country have combined, and the new organization is on the friendliest terms with the present cracker trust, forming practically one giant monopoly.

A San Diego fireman became suddenly insane, killed his wife and baby, and two of his fellow firemen, wounded a third fireman and then committed suicide in a public square.

Thirteen vials containing tuberculosis and diphtheria germs were lost from the mails in Topeka, Kan., and were later found empty in an alleyway. They had contained enough germs to depopulate the state, but no harm is anticipated, as the vials were found where the hot sun shone on them.

REDUCED RATES DEMANDED.

Eastern Men Say Fight Express Companies to Finish.

Chicago—Commercial organizations throughout the country have decided to engage in a finish fight with the express companies with a view to securing greatly reduced rates.

The first gun in the campaign was fired when the Chicago association of commerce and 123 other influential commercial organizations in all parts of the country led a petition to the Interstate Commerce commission asking that body to make an investigation on its own motion into the charges made by express companies and into the revenues they are enjoying.

Indirectly the attack on the express companies hits at railroad revenues, for a portion of the complaint is based upon contracts entered into between their lines.

The movement against the express companies was started by the Chicago association of commerce and the New York Merchants' association, the former interesting most of the powerful commercial organizations in the West, and the latter influencing those in the East to join the movement.

It is said that sufficient data has been gathered to warrant the commission in reducing express charges by fully 50 per cent.

Among other things the commission is asked to examine closely into the origin and character of the contracts between railroads and the express companies and to make a full disclosure of the names of the stockholders, especially of the railroads holding stock in express companies.

GRAND TRUNK STRIKE WON.

Agreement Reached With Employers for Increase in Wages.

Ottawa, Ont.—The strike of conductors, trainmen and yardmen, which began on the Grand Trunk and Central Vermont systems on July 18, was officially called off.

Under the terms of the agreement signed by President Hays for the railroads and all the union officials, the men will receive, dating back to May 13 this year, an advance of approximately 18 per cent, and beginning January 1, 1912, a rate of wages slightly below the Eastern association schedule, for which they struck, but an advance in many instances of over 30 per cent.

In the case of the Central Vermont, the same settlement applies, with the exception that the standardization to be applied on January 1, 1912, is to be that of the Rutland Railway, a road in the same territory, and not that of the Canadian Pacific, which will only apply to the Grand Trunk system.

Japan's Friendship True.

New York—Speaking from the standpoint of 30 years' experience, the Right Rev. Herriman C. Harris declares that Japanese friendliness for the people of the United States was a striking characteristic not only of the government, but of the people.

"Japan is bound to Great Britain by the close and definite terms of an alliance, but good feeling toward America is inherent among the people; it is traditional. I would not be going too far in saying that the good will toward this country which you encounter everywhere among the people as well as among those in official life is more than a matter of mere friendly sentiment. It has been in evidence in Japan for 50 years and as I said, is something which young generations of Japanese are taught to accept as a part almost of national feeling.

"Now this may sound strange, but I know it is true."

Operation Big Success.

San Francisco—The delegates to the American Osteopathic convention spent the afternoon in a trolley tour of the city and its suburbs. The condition of the 8-year-old Vera Sternemann, who was made the subject of the famous Lorenz operation for congenital dislocation of the hip by Dr. Harry Forbes, of Los Angeles, is rapidly improving and those in attendance reported to the convention that the affected leg of the patient had been lengthened an inch and a half by the bloodless surgical operation.

Alleged Fraud is Probed.

Springfield, Ill.—Representative Charles Lederer, of Chicago, Sidney Alder, the law partner of Speaker Edward D. Shurtleff, were the witnesses before the grand jury here in the investigation into the alleged use of money in connection with the loan shark bill, the bill amending the child-labor act to permit children to perform in theaters, and the law prohibiting the manufacture or possession of slot machines.

Press Backing Up State.

Madrid—The Liberal press officially denies the insinuations of the Vatican that it only demanded the withdrawal of the bill prohibiting further religious orders until the concordat had been revised, and also points out that the bill in question did not violate the concordat, which recognizes only three orders. El Liberal says Pope Pius X is now sowing a wind to reap a whirlwind in following the advice of two Spanish cardinals.

Estrada Gains Victory.

New York—Pio Bolanos, an Estrada supporter, has received advice confirming the recent abandonment of Acayapa by Madriz forces under the command of General Vasquez. The dispatch to Mr. Bolanos states that after a decisive battle the Estrada forces took Acayapa.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

TEN MILE LAKES POPULAR.

Trout Fishing Ideal Sport in Isolated Mountain Streams.

Marshfield—Ten-Mile lakes, near Coos bay, is a locality which affords as much real sport in the way of trout fishing as any part of the country. The place is more popular this year than ever before. With better connections with the outside, the lake country will doubtless be one of the most famous resorts in Oregon.

The lakes are not far from the ocean, are hidden in the mountains, and have their outlet through Ten-Mile creek, which empties directly into the ocean. The trip to the lakes from Coos Bay is a novel one for a person who has never taken it.

Gasoline launches run from the bay cities to the head of navigation on North inlet. There passengers must leave the boat and ride on the stage about 10 miles over the mountains to the head of the lakes, where there is a settlement called Lakeside. Here is located a creamery, stage stables, two boarding houses and a store and post-office. Lakeside has been platted into town lots, and quite a number of summer cottages have been built there. Along the banks of the lakes are many attractive cottages. Mayor L. J. Simpson, of North Bend, has the most elaborate summer home on the lakes, his house being quite a large one and commanding a beautiful view. Some of the ranchers live on the lake, but it will not be many years until all of the lake frontage is taken up by summer homes.

CHANGE NATRON CUTOFF.

S. P. to Bar Junction With Oregon Trunk at Crescent is Plan.

Crescent—Revision of the Natron cut-off of the Southern Pacific line is now in progress near here, two engineering crews under Engineer Knowlton being in the field. One party is near the summit west of lakes Odell and Crescent, the other 12 miles west of here and working toward Crescent. A pack train of 35 animals is used to convey the outfit for the Summit crew. The revision is in conformity with the change in the line determined upon by the company some time ago. The line at present passes a mile and a half south of Crescent, but the new line will swing into the town, it is understood, to form a junction point with the Oregon Trunk.

Grading on the Southern Pacific line from Klamath Falls northward toward Crescent has progressed to a point six miles south of here. The Oregon Trunk line, which is rushing its survey work, this week placed another party in the field near the agency.

DRAW 260 FEET IN LENGTH.

Albany Has Longest Wooden Span in Whole World.

Albany—Work has begun on the construction of a new draw span in the big Corvallis & Eastern railroad bridge spanning the Willamette river at this city. A draw 260 feet long will be built, replacing one of similar length and new pivot pier constructed beneath it. This pier will be 22 feet in diameter at the top and 34 feet in diameter at the bed of the river. This 260-foot draw is the longest wooden draw span in the world. Local railroad men say there is no other draw in existence so long as this one which is not constructed of steel. For many years the local bridge has held this record. The next longest wooden draw span, which was 240 feet in length, was on a wagon bridge in California, which has recently been replaced with steel, so now the local bridge has by far the longest swinging wooden span on earth.

McKenzie River Trip Popular.

Eugene—The trip up the McKenzie river is becoming so popular that it has become necessary to double and sometimes treble the service on the run. Each stage carries 12 people and two and three stages were sent up daily during the past week, besides many private parties going by team and automobiles. The road is in perfect condition, except that it is dusty in spots clear through to the base of the Three Sisters.

Sawmill to Cut 50,000 Feet.

Corvallis—The McCredie mill on the Mary's river flat will be in full operation in a short time. A dam across Mary's river has been completed, giving ideal conditions for handling logs. The water is raised four feet a half mile above the dam. The river is full of logs, and the Carver road is bringing in more every day, so that continuous operation at full capacity will be possible. At full capacity this mill ought to cut 50,000 feet of lumber daily and employ from 25 to 50 men.

New Town Springs Up.

Vale—Brogan, the new town of the Willow River irrigation project, now has train connections with Vale, the last rail in the Brogan yards having been placed. Temporary service is being maintained by the construction train. Less than a year ago the town-site of Brogan was a wilderness of sagebrush land, but now it is a town of several hundred people and has six modern white pressed brick buildings.

Big Field of Beets.

Nyssa—Probably the largest sugar beet field in Oregon is located three miles north of Nyssa and contains 500 acres of sugr beets on land owned by Frank J. Kliesel, of Ogden.

NO SMUT IN ATHENA WHEAT

Umatilla Grain Yield Averages 35 to 60 Bushels to Acre.

Athens—Harvest in this vicinity is progressing very rapidly, and with 50 combines and 10 stationary outfits at work in the county, in two more weeks the greater part of the grain will be in the sack. The yield here this year ranges from 35 to 60 bushels per acre. Some wheat is being hauled already into the various warehouses, and according to B. B. Richards, local agent for the Puget Sound warehouse company, the wheat is testing from 60 to 62, and less smut in it than in any previous year.

The best of wheat weather has prevailed in Umatilla county throughout this season. The combine seems to be the favorite reaper. Almost every farmer either has interest in a combine or has one of his own. All the wheatgrowers say they find it saves 50 per cent over the header and thrasher.

WALNUT INDUSTRY.

Secretary of McMinnville Club to Make Long Journey.

McMinnville—The walnut industry of Oregon is to be exploited by a series of lectures illustrated by about 60 stereopticon photo slides, by Colonel J. C. Cooper, secretary of the McMinnville Commercial club.

Mr. Cooper will deliver his first illustrated lecture at Eugene, and later in the week will start East under the direction of the Southern Pacific advertising bureau, his first stop after leaving Oregon being at Cheyenne, Wyoming. He will be routed as far East as Washington, D. C., and will visit and lecture at as many of the government experimental stations as can be reached along the course of his travels, with a view to interesting Eastern people with the rapidly growing importance of walnut culture in this section of the state.

Yamhill Fair List Out.

McMinnville—The prize list for the forthcoming Yamhill County School fair, to be held September 20 to 25, has been published by the directors, and comprises liberal cash awards for all classes of agricultural and floral products exhibited by the children, as well as prizes for their mechanical skill, and culinary products and sewing and darning. Sharp competition is also invited between the school districts for the best decorated booths.

Blast Away "Troy Hill."

Enterprise—The "Troy hill," rising from the canyon in which Troy, of this county, is situated, is being blasted out to facilitate travel, the wagon road originally was one of the most difficult of travel in the county. The hill around which the road winds is 1,500 feet high. The road was about three miles in length up this incline, and so narrow in places that teams could not pass.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 96@98c; club, 88@90c; red Russian, 88c; valley, 92c; fortyfold, 92c; Turkey red, 92@93c.
Barley—Feed and brewing, \$24.50 per ton.
Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$18@19 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$20@22; alfalfa, new, \$13 @14.
Corn—Whole, \$32; cracked, \$33 ton. Oats—No. 1 white, \$29@30 per ton. Green Fruits—Apples, new, 50c@1.50 per box; apricots, 30c@1; plums, 75c@1; peaches, 32.25; peaches, 65c@1.25; blackberries, \$1.50 per crate; watermelons, 90c@1.25 per hundred; cantaloupes, \$1@2.25 per crate.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 60@75c per dozen; beans, 3@5c per pound; cabbage, 2 1/2@3 1/2c; cauliflower, \$1.50 per dozen; celery, 90c; corn, 25c; cucumbers, 50c per box; egg plant, 12 1/2c per pound; green onions, 15c per dozen; peas, 5c per pound; peppers, 50c per box; radishes, 15@20c per dozen; tomatoes, 65c@1 per box; carrots, \$1@1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, \$1@1.25; turnips, \$1.
Potatoes—New, \$1.15@1.25 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 5c per pound.
Onions—Walla Walla, \$2.50 per sack; Oregon, \$2@2.25.
Butter—City creamery, solid pack, 34c per pound; butter fat, 34c; country store, 24c.
Eggs—Oregon candied, 26 1/2@27 1/2c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 17c per pound; springs, 17c; ducks, 14@15c; geese, 10@11 1/2c; turkeys, live, 18@20c; dressed, 22 1/2@25c; squabs, \$3 per doz.
Pork—Fancy, 13c per pound.
Veal—Fancy, 12 1/2c per pound.
Hops—1909 crop, 8@12c; olds, nominal; 1910 contracts, 13@13 1/2c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 13@17c per pound; valley, 16@18c; mohair, choice, \$2@3.3c.

Cattle—Beef steers, good to choice, \$5.25@5.75; fair to medium, \$4.25@4.75; cows and heifers, good to choice, \$4.25@4.65; fair to medium, \$3.50@4; bulls, \$3@3.75; stags, \$2.50@4.50; calves, light, \$5.75@6.75; heavy, \$3.50@5.
Hogs—Top, \$10@10.25; fair to medium, \$8.60@9.75.
Sheep—Best wethers, \$3.75@4.35; fair to good, \$3@3.50; best ewes, \$3@3.50; lambs, choice, \$5.50@6; fair, \$4.75@5.25.

MOTHER DROWNS CHILDREN.

Driven Insane by Lonesome Surroundings and Fear.

Antioch, Cal.—One after another, four little children were drowned in a tub by their mother. Two older children tried to prevent the murders, but the woman went about the work in a strange calm and strength, as though she had been called upon to make sacrifice to some unknown power. She took her arrest in the same quiet spirit, gazing calmly at her husband as he struggled with his agony on coming home from work to find his babies dead.

The woman, Mrs. Joseph Mello, wife of a ranchman, said she was tired of looking forever at the brown hills that shut in their home. She said she was afraid that she was losing her mind and feared her children would inherit her insanity. After her husband left home in the morning, she set about her task. She filled a large washtub with water and gathered the children into the kitchen.

They were Ramona, 4 years old; Leona, 2 years old; and Bernal and Vernal, 5 months old twins. These put up their arms to their mother trustingly, and were sent away with

CLERK DISCLOSES CHINESE PLOT

Wholesale Entries Made by Substituting Photographs

Officers of United States District Clerk in Northern California Involved in Crookedness.

San Francisco—By the arrest of Jew Loy Sing, a wealthy merchant, Immigration Inspector Richard Taylor asserts that he has disclosed a method whereby hundreds of Chinese have obtained fraudulent entry to this country.

According to Taylor, the clerks' office in the United States district court for the northern district of California is badly involved by the disclosures. He said that the arrest of Jew was brought about by a confession of a youthful deputy in the clerk's office.

Jew Loy Sing is specially accused of altering and changing a public document by substituting the photograph of an unknown Chinese for that of Gee



King Alfonso and Queen Ena, of Spain, whose throne is threatened by revolutionists.

little struggle.

The two other children became frightened, the oldest, a 14-year old boy, breaking out of the house and calling wildly for help. There was a 6-year old girl, too, who got away. While these two were screaming in the yard the 2-year old baby was quickly drowned and laid out in the row with the twins. Then the struggle with Ramona began.

While this was going on, Sheriff R. R. Veale, who was passing in a buggy, heard the screams and drove up to the house.

"Mother is killing the children," the oldest boy told him. The sheriff ran into the kitchen and found the struggle just about over. He tore the little girl from her mother and sought in every way to restore life, but, after working on her for some time, saw that the child was dead.

The mother stood and looked quietly at the sheriff. Then the husband came home to his strangely quiet house, and Mrs. Mello was taken away to the Martinez jail, talking on the way about ordinary things. She never before had given any signs of insanity.

Prehistoric Find Made.

Auburn, Cal.—The bones of two prehistoric humans with low brows and heavy jaw bones have been found in an ancient cave on the limestone property that is being opened up near Cool, Eldorado county. The company owning the ground gave to Dr. Sawyer, of Auburn, permission to open and explore the cave and recover any curios it might possess. In one chamber were found portions of two human skeletons. They are believed to be those of members of a race that inhabited this country long before the Indians lived here.

Strikes May Soon be Ended.

Montreal—Conferences between W. L. MacKenzie King, and both sides in the Grand Trunk strike continue, and while no definite statement is obtainable, it is said that the situation has been clarified. The negotiations will be carried to a settlement if possible. Reports from towns and villages entirely dependent upon the Grand Trunk state that failure to receive freight is causing the closing of factories and at some points coal famines are imminent.

Loss by Storm is Heavy.

Lexington, Ky.—One thousand acres of tobacco, nearly as much wheat, and more than 500 acres of corn were destroyed by a cloudburst in Lincoln, Boyle and Mercer counties. A number of buildings and flocks of sheep were washed away.

Jung Kee in the court record of a habeas corpus proceeding which had resulted in the admission of Kee to this country. Taylor declares that substitution has been practiced upon no less than 300 habeas corpus court records in the district clerk's office here. In some cases more than one substitution was made in the same record until it has become practically impossible to trace the original.

The Chinese who posed as Gee Jung Kee with the latter's habeas corpus papers succeeded in securing the entry of three Chinese as his sons and was preparing to have three more pseudo sons and one daughter permitted to land when the plot was uncovered. He then disappeared, but Jew, who is said to have employed him, was caught.

Inspector Taylor estimated that the two Chinese expected to make \$10,000 from the use of the substituted papers, as the pretended Gee's adopted family would have paid that sum to land here, and more were planning to come when admission was denied to the three sons and one daughter.

A minimum rate form on for the use of papers was \$500 each and that for women, who could not be sold, \$3,500.

Wilder Confesses Guilt.

New York—Erwin J. Wilder, the young cashier of the Russo-Chinese bank, in this city, whose stealings from the bank's security box resulted in a loss of more than \$500,000 to the institution, pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzlement. Wilder was remanded for sentence on August 10. The indictment specifically charged Wilder with stealing stock valued at \$11,000. On this indictment he can be given an indeterminate sentence of from five to ten years. Wilder may, however, be indicted on other charges.

Grain Pool Under Probe.

Chicago—Federal grand jury investigations into the recent corner in July wheat will be started within a few days in an effort to determine whether the alleged manipulators of the deal violated the Sherman anti-trust law. W. S. Kenyon, assistant to Attorney General Wickersham, plans to summon sufficient witnesses before the present body to learn whether there are grounds for a complete inquiry by a succeeding grand jury.

Big War Balloon Works.

Berlin—The dirigible balloon Gross III, which left Gotha at 9 o'clock Monday night, with a military crew aboard made a safe landing at Tegel, at 6 o'clock next morning. The balloon traveled between 170 and 200 miles.