

CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

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

The latest census gives the population of Canada as 7,489,781.

A Pennsylvania boy died from lock-jaw resulting from a bee sting.

Whitman made a trip from New York to San Francisco by auto in 10 1/2 days.

Canada objects to the American campaign to induce settlers to leave the dominion.

The ruling regent of China has secretly ordered all anti-foreign agitation suppressed.

A party of Mazamas has discovered ten glaciers on the slope of the Three Sisters mountains.

The Danish Arctic expedition which sailed in June, 1909, has been wrecked on the coast of Greenland.

A number of innovations are being introduced in the Chinese government by American-educated officials.

California insurgents have elected nine-tenths of the convention delegates and will control both houses of the legislature.

An aeroplane, trying for an altitude record, saw a balloonist in trouble and hovered near him till he was safely landed.

Reports of a breach between Roosevelt and Taft are discredited at Beverly and little credence is given them elsewhere.

Canada has purchased from England the cruiser Rainbow, to form the nucleus of the Canadian navy. England also lends her colony a number of naval instructors.

Another car shortage seems inevitable.

An Ottawa, Ont., scientist turns copper into iron.

Truck farming in Alaska is said to be a lucrative business.

Japan has 500,000 sufferers on account of the recent floods.

Cholera is raging in Russia, and children left orphans are starving.

Shipyards in Germany are idle, owing to the walk-out of 35,000 men.

Aviator Le Blanc won the \$20,000 prize in the 455-mile race at Paris.

Colliding with a black bear in the highway in Maine, an auto was overturned.

The award list of the Belgian fair was not lost in the fire, and the prizes will be given out.

Roosevelt lauds the South and approves of the statute of General Lee in the halls of congress.

A Washington state postmaster predicts difficulties for the establishment of postal savings banks in that state.

A Eugene farmer, jilted by a girl he sent to Norway for, has brought suit in the circuit court to recover \$3,213 damages.

A newly wed couple of Philadelphia were caught by the customs officers when returning from abroad trying to smuggle.

Jack Cudaby, the millionaire meat packer of Kansas City, is to sue his wife for divorce and custody of the four children.

Thirty-two passengers and seven of the crew of the Spanish steamer Mertos were drowned Tuesday when the ship sank near Tarifa Point, after a collision with the German steamer Elsa. Heavy fog enshrouded the vessel, causing the accident, and preventing the crew of the Elsa from saving many of the Mertos' passengers or crew.

Mayor Gaynor is still improving. Germany will build four dreadnoughts.

Forest fires still continue in Montana, Idaho and Washington.

Four hundred Punjabs and Hindus have sailed for San Francisco.

A California tennis player won the national meet at Newport, R. I.

Thieves are pillaging the ruins of the Belgian exposition, which recently burned.

Nine persons were hurt in a trolley car collision on the edge of the Niagara whirlpool.

John Lind still refuses to be the democratic candidate for governor of Minnesota.

Governor Harmon has ordered the state troops back to Columbus, Ohio, to quell the rioters.

The notorious burglar, "Pink Domino," was killed at Sacramento while fleeing from an officer.

Ex-President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, did not endorse the Illinois strike, as was expected.

Otto Schultz, of Los Angeles, has confessed to murdering Mrs. Frieda Schultz Castine and burying the body on her ranch, where a dog dug her out.

San Francisco mint is working overtime to handle the large amount of gold which is pouring in from the Orient, Mexico, Alaska and this country.

With her bare hands, Miss Maud Barbour, a young woman of Washington, D. C., strangled a large dog, apparently mad, which attacked her.

WEST WANTS ITS OWN.

Western Idea of Conservation Is Urged by Idaho's Governor.

Boise, Idaho—Governor Brady was asked for an expression bearing on the interview given out by Governor Norris, of Montana, in which the Montana executive stated in effect that there was a movement to secure control of the national conservation congress in St. Paul as against the Northwestern idea of conservation, which advocates not only the preservation of the forests and the fullest protection of the water power, but also their fullest possible use of general development and yet without monopolistic control.

Governor Brady stated that he would leave for Salt Lake to attend the preliminary conservation conference of the governors of the Northwest to be held there. He added that he expected to attend the national conservation congress at St. Paul, and that Senator Borah would also attend both meetings, at his request, as special representative of Idaho.

Continuing, the governor said: "The policy of conservation is important to every citizen of the United States, but it is absolutely vital to every resident of the Northwestern States. We are fighting for the right to develop a new country without an extra handicap being placed upon us. We are struggling for equality of opportunity for the right to develop our new states under approximately as fair a chance as the older states of the East have had."

"We are in favor of the policy of conserving the natural resources, there is no difference of opinion on that. But we think that the methods of administering the policy of conservation should be changed so that the development and progress of the states should not be held back, and we are appealing to the fair-minded people of the East who believe in right and justice to come to our aid; they outnumber us in the senate and house of representatives, and we must have their assistance."

"I am hoping that we shall get an equitable consideration of our point of view at St. Paul. If it occurs that we do not, I am in favor of a thorough organization of the Western States in order that the people of the East may thoroughly comprehend our position and give us relief."

URNS COPPER INTO IRON.

R. L. Keogh, of Ottawa Institute, Makes Discovery.

Ottawa—R. L. Keogh, of the Ottawa Collegiate Institute staff, has made a discovery of great scientific and possibly financial importance. After years of labor and investigation, he has succeeded in transmuting copper into iron. This, he says, has never been before accomplished, and demonstrates the fact that the transmutation of the metals is possible.

Mr. Keogh states that the new element obtained from his experiments with copper answers the tests usually applied to the identification of iron. In support of his contentions he explains that he is willing at any time to allow competent judges to undertake the work of verifying his results.

"I do not think that the discovery I have made is at present of any financial significance," said Mr. Keogh, "but it is possible at a later date something of more importance will follow. I have been greatly handicapped in the work that I have been carrying on, owing to the lack of apparatus. Later something of greater importance may follow from the results that have already obtained. I intend to continue my researches on the transmutation of elements."

FARMERS SELL OWN CROPS.

Field-to-Consumer Idea Is Growing in Indiana—Build Warehouses.

Indianapolis—Within the next 30 days the most comprehensive efforts that have ever been made to organize Indiana farmers into devoted self-interest will be inaugurated and paid organizers will be at work in all parts of the state.

Steps have already been taken to raise a fund for the disposal of millions of dollars' worth of grain from a central depot in this city, and elevators and other buildings are to be erected from which agents of the farmers are to sell their products direct to shippers and consumers. The plan is much the same as that adopted by the big brewers in Kentucky and other states, and farmers interested in it believe it will be quite as successful.

Cholera Rages in Russia.

St. Petersburg—The horrors of the cholera scourge in Russia, according to Professor Pein, of the Red Cross, who has been sent by the government to Southern Russia to study measures of combatting the disease, are steadily increasing. Children are starving in many instances, because their parents and adult relatives have died, leaving them unsupported. There is no indication yet of the epidemic diminishing, and thousands of new cases are being registered daily, according to reports, understating the full extent of the disease.

Negroes Abandon Texas.

El Paso, Tex.—A delegation of 50 negroes from the vicinity of Palestine, Tex., where 19 of their race were recently killed by mobs, passed through here Wednesday for the interior of Mexico.

The negroes declared that they intended establishing a colony in Mexico and moving their families from the United States. They asserted that the movement of negroes to abandon Eastern Texas was widespread.

Virginia Gives Statue.

Paris—Colonel James Mann, chairman of the Virginia commission appointed last winter by the general assembly of the state to present to the republic of France a bronze copy of the Houdon statue of Washington, at Richmond, arrived here, accompanied by State Senator Don P. Hayes and State Senator Kling.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

SPIDERS DAMAGE HOPS.

Long-Continued Drouth Helps Cut Down Crop Estimate.

Salem—Standing between two evils, a record-breaking drouth in the Willamette Valley and an unprecedented scourge of the red spider, the hop crop of the State of Oregon has suffered immensely the past week or ten days, and the yield, conservatively estimated from the standpoint of both the "bills and bears," will fall approximately 3000 bales below that of last year. The yield of last year was about 84,000 bales, and the latest estimate for this season ranges between 82,000 and 100,000 bales.

The market has taken on a considerable stimulus as a result of the effects of the weather and increased ravages of the vermin within the past week, in consequence of which the growers began to assume a decidedly optimistic attitude, and little trading in futures is the result. Thus far there has been no remedy presented to combat successfully the ravages of the red spider scourge, which is gaining impetus with each succeeding year, and unless there is a visitation of a good drenching rain within the next few days (the only thing that will check the destructive work of the spider), the loss to the growers cannot be estimated.

Much complaint was received from the brewers on account of the laxity or apparent indifference on the part of the growers last season in respect to the harvesting of their crops, as a result of which the Oregon crop, which ordinarily brings the top price in both the Eastern and the English markets, suffered a severe slump in the quotations, and a serious setback in demand. The early deliveries were such an inferior grade in point of picking that brewers refused to bid upon the offerings, and paid the greater price for the California and North Yakima crops.

Oregon dealers in general have received warnings upon this score from the Eastern factors, cautioning the growers to be more circumspect in the matter of picking, else the Oregon hop, which has heretofore commanded the highest price in the market, both domestic and foreign, stands in danger of losing its prestige.

RABIES INQUIRY BEGINS.

State Health Board Rushes Physician to Wallowa County.

Portland—To make an investigation of the epidemic of rabies which has spread over a portion of Wallowa County, Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, left for that section as the representative of the state board of health.

Dr. Lytle will procure the brains and spinal cord of the dog that is reported to have the rabies, and will bring the specimens here for examination.

"I do not take much stock in the rumors that these animals are afflicted with the rabies," said Dr. C. S. White, of the board. "Hydrophobia in any form is scarcely known west of the Rocky Mountains. There have been reports of this disease in the past, but upon investigation the rumors have been found incorrect. However, we intend to investigate the situation in Wallowa County and ascertain the facts at once."

Coyotes afflicted with rabies in Wallowa County have created pandemonium in the neighborhood of Bly, on the state line, for some time, according to information that reached the office of Dr. White. Coyotes have bitten domestic animals, and a dog on one farm in Wallowa County with the result that the animals have developed marked symptoms of hydrophobia. A cow that was reported to have been bitten performed sundry antics about the place and ended its gyrations by trying to butt down a tree.

SALMON RUN FALLING OFF.

Packers Fear They Will Lose Money on Chinese Contracts.

Astoria—While the catch of salmon was slightly better following the 24-hour closed season, it was far from being satisfactory. The salmon caught average very small, while at this season of the year large fish should be coming in. The pack of both pickled and canned salmon is rapidly dropping behind, and the question of filling the Chinese contracts is beginning to bother some of the canners. Last season one of the local canning companies had a Chinese contract for putting up 40,000 cases, but it packed only 32,000 cases, and was thus compelled to pay out a net loss of over \$4000. This year its Chinese contract is for 32,000 cases, and to a few days ago it had packed only about 20,000 cases.

Next year practically all the Columbia River plants will be using the new seamless, or what are termed sanitary, cans. This will result in eliminating the Chinese contracts to a great extent, and more white labor will be employed in the plants.

Hoggrowers in Trouble.

Salem—Hoggrowers in this section are confronted by a serious situation, owing to the low stage of the Willamette River. Pickers for the majority of the ranches must be transported by boat, and it is impossible to float boats of any size upon the Willamette. As a consequence, growers are grappling with the problem of how to land pickers at their ranches, and thousands of employers in the valley will find themselves up against a difficult proposition.

Cutters Patrol Race Course.

Astoria—W. F. McGregor, collector of customs, was notified by the department of commerce and labor that the department had taken official knowledge of the course laid out for the speed races to be held during the regatta on August 29, 30 and 31, and had requested the treasury department to detail cutters to patrol the course.

Five of the fastest motor craft on the coast have already entered for the races. They are: Seattle Spirit, Pacer No. 2, Wolf No. 2, Fighting Bob No. 2, and Bonderworth, the latter being a steamer.

OREGON LIBRARY COMMISSION.

Good Books for Winter Reading Can Be Had by Villagers.

Salem—The Oregon Library Commission has several new traveling libraries ready to send out into the state. The traveling libraries are intended for farming communities and small villages not enjoying library privileges and unable to support a library. There is absolutely no charge for the libraries except the transportation charges both ways. The books are packed in a strong wooden box and sent by freight; the weight averages 100 pounds. The library may be kept six months, and then returned to the commission and exchanged for another and different lot of books. The books must be loaned free of charge to all responsible persons in the community.

The libraries are usually kept in the most convenient public place, a schoolhouse, postoffice, grange hall, store, or in a house. They are made up of the very best books for grown people and for children. Each library contains 50 popular and interesting books of fiction, history, travel, biography, science, sociology, and literature, books which old and young will enjoy.

If you are interested in a traveling library for your community, write to the Library Commission, Salem, for further information.

CLAMBAKE ANNUAL AFFAIR.

Newport People Pleased Over Success of First Festival.

Newport—Newport will have an annual clam bake owing to the success of the clam bake on August 14. The oven is permanent and the necessary sea foods are easy to obtain.

Sunday was selected as the date for the recent clam bake as the saloons are closed on that day. Rev. J. R. N. Bell defended the date, saying that he would feel as much at home at such a well-regulated clam bake as he would if he were invited to a private dinner on Sunday. The crowd, he said, were the best behaved he had ever seen, in church or out. All the visitors seemed to agree with him, as they have showered congratulations on the committee who arranged the affair.

The Corvallis & Eastern Railroad Company did the best it could, but many were compelled to stand in the cars. It is believed here that such crowds as have come to Newport this summer will force the railroad company to build around the bay from Yaquina, and thus do away with the ferryboat and waiting for the exchange of baggage.

Fight Films Curtailed.

Cottage Grove—The Johnson Jeffries moving pictures were put on at a local picture showhouse last week. After the show had been in progress a short time, Acting Chief of Police Brown ordered the manager to quit selling tickets for the exhibition, and placed the owner of the film under arrest, as only 10 of the 14 rounds were shown. Later the issue was adjusted after the show was advertised as a "10 round reproduction of the Jeffries-Johnson fight."

Small Fish of Fine Quality.

Astoria—The run of fish has showed some improvement, the seines on Sand Island making much better catches than last week. The fish are running small and are of a fine quality, but the large fish are not of the best, being so poor that cold storage plants have ceased pickling and smoking them.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 96@98c; club, 86@88c; red Russian, 84@85c; valley, 92c; forty-fold, 87@88c; Turkey red, 90c.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy Willamette Valley, \$18@19 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$20@21; alfalfa, new, \$13@14; grain hay, \$13@14.

Barley—Feed and brewing, \$24.50@25 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$32; cracked, \$33 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$20 per ton; middlings, \$30; shorts, \$21@22; rolled barley, \$35@36.

Oats—New, \$29@29.50 per ton.

Green Fruits—Apples, new, 60c@1.50 per box; apricots, 75c@1; plums, 75c@1; pears, \$1.25@1.50; peaches, 40c@75c; grapes, 75c@1.25; blackberries, \$1.75 per crate; loganberries, \$1.50 per crate.

Melons—Watermelons, \$1@1.25 per hundred; cantaloupes, \$1.50@3 per crate.

Vegetables—Beans, 3@5c per pound; cabbage, 2 1/2@3c; cauliflower, \$1.50 per dozen; celery, 90c; corn, 25c; cucumbers, 25c@40c per box; eggplant, 6@8c per pound; garlic, 8@10c; green onions, 15c per dozen; peppers, 50c per box; radishes, 15c@20c per dozen; squash, 40c per crate; tomatoes, 30c@60c per box.

Sack Vegetables—Carrots, \$1@1.25; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, \$1@1.25; turnips, \$1.00.

Potatoes—New, \$1.25@1.35 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 4c per pound.

Onions—Walla Walla, \$2.50 per sack; Oregon, \$2@2.25 per sack.

Eggs—Oregon candled, 28@29c per dozen.

Butter—City creamery, solid pack, 34c per pound; butter fat, 34c per pound; country store butter, 24c per pound.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 17 1/2@18c per pound; Young America, 18 1/2@19c.

Poultry—Hens, 18c@19c; springs, 18c@19c; ducks, 12@14c; geese, 10@11 1/2c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, 22 1/2@25c; squabs, 43c per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 13c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 12 1/2@13c per pound.

Hops—1909 crop, 8@12 1/2c, according to quality; olds, nominal; 1910 contracts, 13 1/2c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 15@17c per pound; valley, 18@20c per pound. Mohair—Choite, 32@33c.

LAND SWINDLE ALLEGED.

Government Issues Circular Warning Against Fake Real Estate Men.

Washington—The interior department has issued the following circular, warning home-seekers to beware of an alleged swindling band now operating in the Indian reservation lands: "What probably is an organized band of swindlers, posing as real estate men, has been operating throughout the country, advertising in all leading papers, of the opening of 1,000,000 acres or more of government land in the Yakima Indian reservation.

"They make statements that the reclamation service has practically surveyed all reservations with a view of placing the land under water, as they assert, may be put upon the land for about \$30 per acre, and that the bringing of the water to this land will create in the neighborhood of 7000 new homes. Pictures are being distributed purporting to be grain fields and orchards within the same sections as the reservation, comparing the lands included in the alleged opening to the famous Nob Hill region lands near North Yakima, where apples, peaches and other fruit culture has attained a high degree of perfection.

"The facts are that the government does not contemplate any opening on the Yakima reservation at this time, and perhaps not for some time. There is not anything like 1,000,000 acres to be opened, and none of the land to be opened on entry is likely to be irrigable or suitable for any purpose whatever, except grazing.

"It is not probable that there is a quarter of a section on the reservation, outside of what will be included in the Indian allotments upon which no person could make a living by farming.

"It is rumored that these swindlers are offering to locate soldiers' claims for \$25 each."

HUNDREDS DIE IN FLOODS.

Japanese Capital Inundated, Tens of Thousands Starving.

Tokio—At 6 o'clock Monday morning it was reported the flood was subsiding. The casualties reported up to date are 335 dead and 500 missing. The damage to property is enormous.

Tens of thousands of persons are homeless and starving. One of the three embankments guarding Tokio has broken. Should the second and third dikes break, half the capital would be submerged.

The threatened embankments are now being guarded by troops. Owing to the inundation of the buildings, the Fukugawa gas and electric lights are falling. Thousands of homeless people are being sheltered in the temples. The victims of the flood are wholly dependent on public relief. Thousands have been unable to find shelter, and are exposed to rain and hunger.

The question of feeding the stricken people is causing apprehension. The vegetable and fish supplies are falling, and the stock of biscuits already is nearly exhausted.

The water of the Sumida River is almost washing the bottoms of the bridges.

AMERICAN MEN PLEASE POLAIRE.

Women Dress Horribly—They Lifted Skirts to See Her Legs.

Paris—Polaire, back in Paris once more, does not bear the slightest resentment toward Americans for advertising her as the ugliest woman in the world. She said:

"American women are charming, but they certainly have a sense of modesty that is purely their own. Would you believe, they even pulled up my skirts to see my legs."

"No American man would have allowed himself to do that. I like American men immensely. They are always well groomed, smart and elegant. Everything about him suggests he has a daily bath. In dealing with women he may not have a Frenchman's esprit, charm and delicate little ways, but he is all right."

"The American woman is too slack in her appearance. She does not make as good an impression as the American man, and dresses horribly. She sticks an immense hat on her head, without knowing whether it will suit her or not. It is a fine hat, she thinks, so long as it is adorned with immense feathers. They are mad for feathers over there. If they were not afraid of stepping on them they would have them swing to their feet."

Road Caves In, One Dead.

Mammoth Hot Springs, Wyo.—When the last coach Saturday passed through Silver Gate, about three miles from here, the road caved in and the coach with its load of people sank 10 feet. Daniel Mackay, of New York, who, with his wife, was touring the park, was killed. Mrs. Mackay received injuries, but her condition is not reported as serious. Others who were bruised or suffered from the shock of the accident are: J. L. Louchinier, New York; Miss Mueller, Chicago, and W. F. Almon, of Helena, Mont.

Raid Made; Charity Wins.

Cleveland—Acting under preliminary instructions from Gov. Harmon, the county authorities clamped the "lid" on the betting ring at North Randall track, three hours before the closing of the Grand circuit race meet. As a result it is predicted the track may be closed permanently. Sheriff Hirsutius retired from the raid with his pockets, his hat and the fullness of his shirt stuffed with currency, and a swarm of bettors are looking for the bookmakers.

Honduran Insurgents Pili Jails.

New Orleans—It is reported here that scores of prisoners have been thrown into Honduras prisons following their alleged complicity in recent uprisings there. Rumors here are that President Davila has issued a statement declaring that insurrectionary movements have been completely quelled. Wholesale arrests of alleged leaders in the movement against the government are being made, it is said.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, POLICE BALK

Rioters Are Ruling City In Streetcar Strike.

Efforts Are Made to Dynamite Car Barns—Innocent Strikebreakers Are Arrested.

Columbus, O.—Rioting in a mild form was resumed early Sunday with the efforts of the traction company to move its cars. The police, while not displaying any energy in suppressing the disorder, were especially active in their treatment of the strikebreakers.

One woman, brought here as cook for the strikebreakers, was arrested on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. She had in her possession a revolver, but insisted she would not use it unless necessary to protect her life. She was subjected to torrents of vile abuse by the strikers and "sympathizers" as the police took her to the station with more ceremony than the occasion called for.

In early morning riots, one man was shot and five others were badly beaten by the strikers. In each case the police arrived too late to do more than arrest some strikebreakers, whose chief offense was that they had been spectators or had been beaten by thugs.

The electric lines between this city and Dayton are tied up, the company withdrawing its cars fearing their destruction and probable loss of life in attacks under cover of darkness. A few cars were operated in the mornings by clerks and train dispatchers, but their experiences on one trip usually sufficed for the day.

Following two attempts to dynamite the car barns, closer guard was established around these suburbs. Mayor Marshall has made no call for the return of troops, but the Fourth Regiment is held in readiness. The mayor expects to resume the guarding of cars by the automobile system, having the policemen who refuse to ride on the cars drive alongside them in automobiles, thus preserving the dignity of the police, and affording the cars and their patrons a show of protection. The mayor also hopes that 2000 citizens will volunteer for guard duty, thus avoiding the "disgrace" of calling for troops.

The traction company is firm in its stand, and says it will not yield to the demands of the demagogues, even to make political capital for the mayor and those backing him. The public generally is disgusted with the actions of the police, and there is an insistent demand that every man who had sworn to do his duty in protecting life and property, and who refused to do either, be immediately dismissed from the force.

It is altogether likely, after the strike is ended, that the mayor will be forced by public opinion to take some radical steps along this line, as the taxpayers have lost faith in the police force.

Strikers continue their activities, and the police were kept busy responding to riot calls. A woman was hit by a stone and seriously injured while riding on an East Side car. Eight more policemen joined the police mutiny against riding on cars. The strike was extended at Springfield, because the company officials refused to reinstate nine out of thirteen men recently discharged.

BIG WORLD'S FAIR BURNS.

Loss at Brussels May Reach \$100,000,000—Nothing Saved.

Brussels—One of the costliest conflagrations in European history wiped out the Belgian exposition Sunday night, entailing an enormous loss, estimated at \$100,000,000. So far as known only two persons are dead and two score injured.

The White City of the world's fair, as the Belgians have called their 1910 exposition, early in the evening was a mass of flames and now is smoldering ruins. A spark falling into inflammable material in the telegraph building, burst into flames, which, driven by a high wind, swept rapidly in all directions.

Soon the Belgian, English and French sections were destroyed. The flames and detachments of soldiers, called to the scene, found themselves baffled by the gale, which carried the burning embers to all parts of the grounds.

To the left of the main building arose the picturesque roofs and spires of "Bruxelles Kermesse," a Belgian Coney Island, with water chutes, toboggan slides and scores of slide shows.

Miners' Scandal Hinted.

Indianapolis—John H. Walker, president of the Illinois miners, at a caucus of the Illinois delegates, confessed that a number of delegates had been offered international offices if they would change their position in regard to the strike in Illinois. Walker did not name the men, whom he said had been approached, nor did he say who made the offer. T. L. Lewis, president of the international organization of miners, when seen, denied any such offer had been made. The convention voted unanimously to indorse the Illinois strike.

Rate Increase Wanted.

Topeka, Kan.—A movement was started here by railway employes to secure an increase in the freight rates. Petitions are being drawn up, and these will be sent out over all the railway lines in the United States for the signatures of employes.