

WEEK'S DOINGS

News Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Condensed Form.

The Mukden situation remains unchanged.

German shipbuilders are busy turning out war supplies for Russia.

Russian Ambassador McCormick is coming home on leave of absence.

The dredge Chitook has made the channel across the bar at the mouth of the Columbia two feet deeper.

Russians claim that Japanese are cutting off the queues of Koreans and forcing them to join the army.

The German steamer Progress has run a cargo of coal into Vladivostok and officers of the vessel say it is easy to elude the Japanese.

The British steamer Shehan, from Hong Kong, was seized by the Japanese off Niu Chwang. The Shehan carried a cargo of cattle and flour intended for Port Arthur.

It is reported that the fire of the Japanese battleship has severely damaged four Russian warships in the harbor of Port Arthur. It is stated that one of the vessels was completely wrecked.

The volcano Pelee, Martinique island is in violent eruption.

Brigadier General William S. Worth, retired, is critically ill.

Harriman is endeavoring to gain control of the St. Paul railroad.

The Japanese are capturing many junked loaded with provisions trying to enter Port Arthur.

The Russians are displaying great activity at Mukden. The meaning of the move is in doubt.

A Japanese leader predicts a long struggle and expects that Japan will be out \$1,000,000,000 in two years.

Filipinos are holding meetings at Manila for the purpose of discussing ways and means of securing independence.

Fire of an unknown origin started in the hold of the cruiser Washington, being built at New York. It was extinguished before serious damage was done.

A robber walked into the bank of a small town near Council Bluffs, Iowa, and after compelling the assistant cashier to hand over \$1,500, locked her in the big vault and departed.

Russia is finding it very difficult to secure ships to carry coal to Vladivostok.

The Russians have frustrated several attempts of the enemy to break through their lines.

The International Peace congress has made an earnest appeal to all nations to take steps to avert more wars.

The Japanese are feeling out the Russian positions around Mukden and a general advance is expected next week.

It is said that Secretary Hitchcock's report on land frauds was largely intended to cover up his own shortcomings.

Hops have made another advance in the Willamette valley, several sales being reported at Independence at 31 cents.

The Chinese government says that if foreign capital is needed for proposed railway construction, it will first turn to America.

Chinese refugees from Southern Manchuria say the Japanese are administering affairs with a high hand. There is a great scarcity of provisions among the native population.

Lieutenant Granville Fortescue, American attaché, who has been with the besieging forces at Port Arthur, is returning home. He is pledged to secrecy as to the conditions around the fortress.

Four persons were killed and fifty injured in an English railway accident.

Fire wiped out an entire village in Southern Russia. Five hundred families are homeless.

The Norwegian bark Sir John Lawrence, from London, struck on rocks off the coast of Norway and went down with all on board.

Detectives are unable to find any clue to the persons who have attempted to destroy the battleship Connecticut. There is little danger that any further attempt will be made. Marines are stationed all around the boat and others on it.

According to dispatches from Okhama the South Canadian river is higher than in 40 years. It is feared that the loss to cotton and corn crops and bridges, with other properties along the river, throughout the territory, will be enormous. No loss of life has been reported.

Tokio is advised that the army is making steady progress at Port Arthur.

The Santa Fe has large gangs of men at work in Colorado repairing the work of the flood. It will take a week to make the road passable.

Sir William Harcourt, a noted British politician, is dead.

Trinidad, Colo., reports that it can relieve all distress caused by the flood. A third attempt has been made to wreck the battleship Connecticut.

PLEA NOT IN VAIN.

America Gains Another Victory in Russian Court.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 8.—Contrary to general expectations, the representations submitted to Russia by the United States for the recognition, without discrimination, of American passports have not been entirely fruitless. Foreign Minister Lamsdorff's response, communicated to Ambassador McCormick today, even creates the hope that something may actually be accomplished.

After receiving consideration at the foreign office, the American note was referred to the high commission for general revision of passport laws, which was created by imperial ukase, in December, 1903. All matters relating to passports and the exclusion of the Jews are governed by the international laws of the empire, and the question is outside of the direct field of diplomatic negotiation. By referring the representation of the United States, compliance with which would involve a modification of the passport law, to the commission, which body is competent to act thereon, a decision of the question may be directly reached.

An official of the foreign office has been appointed by Count Lamsdorff to sit with the commission, thus insuring consideration of the international aspect of the question. Moreover, the commission will sit under the direction of the minister of the interior and Ambassador McCormick, who had an extended talk with Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky, the minister of the interior, upon the subject this afternoon found him, as might have been expected from his recent public utterances, quite sympathetic.

AUTO PLUNGES OVER BANK.

Train Strikes the Wreckage and Three People are Killed.

New York, Oct. 8.—While speeding along in the Bronx early this morning an automobile containing nine persons went off an embankment at One Hundred and Sixty-first street and Jerome avenue and two persons, a man and a woman, were killed. The machine fell on to the New York Central tracks, and the wreckage was struck by a south bound train.

In the automobile when the accident occurred were five women and four men. At Jerome avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-first street the roadway is between 30 and 40 feet above the railroad tracks. When the big machine plunged downward it struck near the south-bound tracks, and the nine persons and the automobile were caught by an incoming train.

Besides the two killed, all the others in the automobile were injured. They were taken to the Forham hospital, where it was reported at 1:30 this morning that at least four of those hurt were in a serious condition.

One of the passengers on the train said that the train was running about 35 miles an hour when it struck the machine. The machine was a heavy touring car, and it is said was running down Jerome avenue at a rapid rate of speed.

STATION FOR COLUMBIA.

Navy Department is Pushing Establishment of Wireless Telegraphy.

Washington, Oct. 8.—Admiral Maney, chief of the bureau of the equipment of the navy department, has been pushing with great energy the establishment of wireless stations for naval and general maritime use. A report addressed by him to the secretary of the navy some time ago, but just made public, shows the bureau already has established 22 stations along the coast.

Among the stations to be established are the following: San Diego, San Pedro, Point Conception, Point Sur, Point Arenas, Cape Mendocino, Cape Blanco, Columbia river, Cape Flattery, Port Townsend, Bremerton, Washington, Sitka, Dutch Harbor, Kiska Island, Honolulu, Midway Islands, Guam, Tutuila, Cape Bojeador, Point Piedras, Capoes, Ologapo, San Bernardino, Port Subig, Port Cebu, Point Tabuna, Holo, Suala Straits.

Chairman Tawney Coming.

Portland, Oct. 8.—James Tawney, chairman of the exposition committee of the United States congress, is to visit Portland next summer to attend the Lewis and Clark exposition. Mr. Tawney will be remembered as the congressman who stood by the Oregon delegation at the time the exposition appropriation bill was brought up, and he is in a large measure responsible for the passage of the bill. Word of his intended visit was received yesterday by President Myers, of the state commission.

May Have Robbed Attacks.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 8.—The French embassy here has received information that two Chinamen have been arrested at Chefoo while trying to exchange \$2,000 in French and German notes, believed to have been stolen from Lieutenant de Conville and Captain von Gilgenheim, respectively the French and German naval attaches at Port Arthur, who have mysteriously disappeared. A local paper intimates that the Japanese are the real culprits.

Deathblow to Bullfighting in Spain.

Madrid, Oct. 8.—The Institute of Social Reforms, after a heated discussion today, decided by 13 votes to eight to ratify the absolute prohibition of Sunday bull fighting. This is considered to be the death blow to bull fighting in Spain.

LARGEST EVER

Battleship Nebraska Added to American Navy.

IS SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED

Fully 50,000 People Viewed the Ceremonies—Christened by Miss Mickey, Governor's Daughter.

Seattle, Oct. 8.—The battleship Nebraska, destined to be one of the finest fighting machines afloat and already showing in every detail that she will come up to expectations, slid gracefully into the water promptly at two minutes after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The great mass of nearly 16,000,000 pounds of steel moved down the ways as easily and noiselessly as though it were only a diminutive fishing schooner, instead of one of the largest battleships in the world.

The statement that she moved noiselessly may be difficult to prove, for bedlam broke up almost simultaneously with the Nebraska and wild cheering from 40,000 throats drowned the music of half a dozen bands and made the roar of the big cannon on the United States monitor Wyoming seem faint and far away. Taking up the refrain, whose key was pitched under the building sheds of the yards every steam whistle between Ballard and Black river turned loose and hundreds of craft ranging in size from giant steamships down to launches and every locomotive on the water front added to the music with whistle and bell.

Fully 50,000 people viewed the ceremonies and saw the big vessel slip into the water. She created but a very small wave as she took her maiden plunge, and floated out gently and gracefully. Naval men who viewed the launching stated that it was the most successful they ever saw.

Miss Mary Nain Mickey, daughter of the governor of Nebraska, christened the vessel.

CLARK, INNOCENT PURCHASER.

Title Disputed to Land Grants Acquired Fraudulently.

San Francisco, Oct. 16.—The case of the United States against Senator William A. Clark, was argued today before the circuit court of appeals. It came before this bench on an appeal from the circuit court for the district of Montana.

The action is brought to annul 82 land grants under which Clark claims title to timber lands within the state of Montana, on the ground of alleged frauds committed by the patentees in securing the same.

It is charged that the patents were secured under the direction of Robert M. Cobban, who later transferred the land to Clark. Cobban is alleged to have first examined the lands and then hired persons to enter them, under the name of timber act, agreeing to pay them for their services, to defray all their expenses and furnish the purchase price of the lands.

The lower court held that, on such a state of facts, Clark, the innocent purchaser for a valuable consideration, acquired a valid title. The government took the matter on a writ of error to the circuit court of appeals.

ALASKA CABLE COMPLETED.

Acting Governor Distin Announces Event by Message.

Seattle, Oct. 10.—Telegraphic communication has now been established between the states and all parts of Alaska. At 7:47 o'clock this afternoon the following official message was received here, announcing the opening of the line:

Sitka, Alaska, Oct. 8, 1904.—The newspapers of Seattle and the Associated Press: The completion of the government cable from Valdez to Sitka, making a complete connection by an all-American line with 46 stations in Alaska, is the beginning of a new era for Alaska. Wagon roads and railroads will open up the greatest mining center of the world. Other industries will quickly follow and insure this country's future prosperity. William L. Distin, acting governor of Alaska.

To Study American Methods.

San Francisco, Oct. 10.—Yoshio Kinoshita, who fills the important position of general passenger agent of the imperial government railways of Japan, is a guest at the Palace hotel. He has come here to make a thorough study of American railroad methods in so far as they apply to passenger department affairs, before returning to Japan. The purpose of his visit is to familiarize himself with up-to-date methods of handling passenger traffic, with a view to raising the standard of service on the Japanese lines.

Railroad to be Electrified.

New York, Oct. 10.—About 100 miles of the Long Island railroad system will be equipped with electricity, it is stated, and be ready for operation with that power early next spring. Ultimate it will be possible for a person to take train at the Pennsylvania station, to be built in the heart of Manhattan, and ride without a change of cars or motive power to Manhattan Beach, Rockaway Beach, Far Rockaway, Avenel or intermediate points.

Russian Troops in Good Health.

Moscow, Oct. 10.—Professor Golovin, of the Red Cross society, who has just returned here from the front, reports the health and general condition of the troops are remarkably good. There are no epidemics, and no very serious disease, the prevailing complaints being a light form of stomach typhus and dysentery.

PAYNE IS NO MORE.

Heart Disease Causes the Death of Postmaster General.

Washington, Oct. 6.—Henry C. Payne, postmaster general of the United States, a member of the national Republican committee, a stalwart of his party, with the history of which, in his home state and nationally, he had been identified for many years, died at his apartments at the Arlington hotel at 6:10 last night, aged 60 years. Death was due to disease of the mitral valve and dilation of the heart.

Mr. Payne has been in poor health for at least two years, but his last illness covered only seven days, an attack of heart trouble last week precipitating the end, at a time when, after a rest, he appeared to have recovered a small measure of the vitality impaired by years of arduous labor. Death came after nearly six hours of unconsciousness. The last official caller to inquire as to Mr. Payne's condition was President Roosevelt, and he had been gone only about ten minutes when the stricken member of the cabinet expired.

The death of the postmaster general came as the result really of a succession of sinking spells due to a weak heart that enfeebled the sick man until finally the heart literally gave out. Never in recent years robust, Mr. Payne was unable to withstand the shock of the sinking spells, and last Friday, when he had two rapidly approaching the end. While moderate doses of heart remedies sufficed at first, it became necessary by Sunday to give much more powerful stimulants, and the doses were given in greater quantities than on any previous day.

SOVEREIGNTY IS RECOGNIZED.

Diplomats on Isthmus of Panama Will be Accredited to America.

Washington, Oct. 6.—Chile has formally recognized the absolute sovereignty of the United States over the Panama canal zone. Other nations which have been holding back to await the outcome of the diplomatic test case will do the same. The result will be that practically all the foreign diplomats on the isthmus will be accredited to this country instead of Panama.

Chile some time ago applied for an aqueduct for Greenup, who was appointed consul at Panama. The request was withheld, owing to the unsettled condition of affairs. Though this country exercises full control over the canal zone, the land belongs to Panama. Today the secretary of state disposed of the question by issuing the exequatur, but instead of being in the regular form it is a notification to General Davis, governor general of the canal zone, that Mr. Ossa is authorized to represent Chile in all diplomatic matters involving the canal strip. This will probably involve further differences between this government and the republic of Panama.

CORTELYOU WILL SUCCEED HIM.

He is Expected to Enter the Office About December 1.

Washington, Oct. 6.—In succession to Mr. Payne, George Bruce Cortelyou, ex-secretary of the department of commerce and labor, and now chairman of the Republican national committee, will become postmaster general.

Mr. Cortelyou's appointment as head of the postoffice department was determined on several months ago by President Roosevelt, when Mr. Payne indicated to the president his desire to retire from the department on account of the precarious state of his health. Mr. Payne would have resigned the portfolio long ago had it not been for the then pending investigation of the affairs of the department. He felt, however, and said many times to his friends, that he could not relinquish the duties of the office while the investigation was pending, and expressed his determination to carry this work to a conclusion.

Perish in Flood.

Santa Fe, N. M., Oct. 6.—Reports received here from different points in the flooded territory show that the loss of life occurred in the past week is greater than heretofore believed. At least 20 persons perished, and all sections have not been definitely freed from. Ten Santa Fe passenger trains are tied up at Santa Fe tonight, but passengers are being sent east and west over the Rock Island and Southern Pacific roads, connection being effected through the Santa Fe Central, which resumed operations today.

Believes Confession Not True.

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 6.—Robert Romaine, who confessed to complicity in the Independence and Vindicator outrages in Colorado, was taken to the Kansas penitentiary from here today. He will serve a sentence for robbery. The Colorado officials have decided to drop for the present all notion of prosecuting Romaine for his alleged part in the explosions, as they believe his confession is not true, and made with the sole purpose of evading punishment.

Japan Does Not Fear Cruisers.

Tokio, Oct. 6.—The navy department discredits the report that Russian cruisers Roesia, Gromobad and Bogaty are being repaired at Vladivostok and are about to descend for another raid on the Japanese coast. The navy department further expresses the belief that the Bogaty is completely disabled.

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

FEATURES FOR CHAUTAUQU.

Distinguished Women of the Country Booked for Next Year.

Oregon City—One of the main features of the Willamette Valley Chautauqu assembly for 1905 will be the part to be taken by the leading women of the country and for which the board of directors is already arranging. It is the purpose of the Chautauqu management to devote two entire days of next year's session to women and women's work, and to insure the success of this feature of the assembly an effort has been started to secure the services of such distinguished women as Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman of New York, a grand niece of Henry Ward Beecher and a literary writer of wide reputation; Miss Anna Shaw, president of the National Woman Suffrage association, and also Mrs. Catt, president of the National Federation of Women's clubs.

Secretary Cross is in correspondence with these celebrities and expects to be able to secure their attendance and services in making the 1905 Chautauqu a grand success. In forming the program and engaging lecturers for next year the officers of the Willamette Valley Chautauqu association will take advantage of the holding of the Lewis and Clark fair, and will engage only the best of talent in every department, that the exercises may be up to a high standard for the entertainment of the many visitors from distant points, since the Chautauqu sessions will be held during the life of the 1905 exposition.

CUT ON GOVERNMENT LAND.

Many Cords of Wood Held Up in the Vicinity of Meacham.

La Grande—It is reported that there is tied up by government inspectors around Meacham, 25 miles west of this city, 2,000 cords of wood believed to have been cut from land not yet out of government ownership. A large number of men have filed on land in the mountains. Of each 160 acres 120 is grazing land and 40 acres timber land. The pre-emptors can get the grazing land on time, and yet use it for grazing purposes. To acquire title enough to give them the right to cut wood on the remaining 40 acres they must pay down in full for the land. This is alleged many have not done.

The marketing of the 2,000 cords depends upon the outcome of the investigation. It is believed it will be east upon the settlement of each individual for the 40 acres of timber land by paying the cash for it, as was the original intention.

LEDGE SIXTY FEET WIDE.

New Camp Will be Opened in the Bohemia District.

Eugene—According to the report of W. S. Crabb, a prospector who has just come down from the mountains in the vicinity of the Upper Willamette, another rich mining camp is about to be opened up in this county.

Mr. Crabb reports the discovery of a very rich ledge of quartz, which he says is 60 feet wide, samples of the ore from which he brought out for assay. From his description of the location, it is 20 miles above Hazel Dell postoffice, and must therefore be about that distance to the east and north of the Bohemia mining district.

Fruits for the St. Louis Fair.

La Grande—W. K. Newell, of Dilley, Or., and George H. Lamberson, of Portland, have been in the valley during the past week, gathering Grand Ronde fruits for the St. Louis fair. Judd Geer, of the Cove, horticultural commissioner for Eastern Oregon, and A. C. Gail, a prominent fruitgrower at Union, assisted them in gathering a choice assortment, and they expressed themselves as highly pleased with the excellent fruit grown here. Apples are being picked and packed for the fair markets. Over 100 cars will be sent out from the valley this season. Prune packing and picking is still going on. The fruit growers of Grande Ronde will organize and hold meetings pertaining to the growth and sale of fruits and other things concerning their common good.

Sheep Poisoned on the Trail.

Lakeview—Three hundred mutton sheep en route to the railroad for shipping are said to have been poisoned along the main traveled road between here and Bend. The alleged poisoning happened near a spring, and analysis of the stomachs of some of the sheep is said to have disclosed salspeter and strychnine. The name of the owner could not be learned, nor the motive of the reported deed. The scene is in one of the remotest portions of Central Oregon, and only slight details reached Lakeview.

Investigate Sherman Land Claims.

The Dalles—Francis W. Clements and James I. Parker, attorneys of Washington, D. C., representing the secretary of the interior, are here to confer with Special Agent Neuhausen and the local land officials upon the investigation of the claims of the Sherman county settlers. After their conference in this city they will leave for San Francisco, there to meet the officers of the Eastern Oregon Land company.

Many Agrics Enrolled.

Corvallis—The enrollment at the Oregon Agricultural college has passed the 500 mark, and is now 103 greater than in the same day last year. The count is confined to students in the actual college courses, and is not inclusive of music pupils and other side issues. The number is more than double that in the academic and college course of any other educational institution in Oregon.

Wheat Market.

Portland—Walla Walla, 81¢@82¢; bluestem, 85¢; valley, 85¢; Tacoma—Bluestem, 80¢; club, 82¢. Colfax—Club, 70¢; bluestem, 70¢.

CAUGHT BY FLOOD.

Twelve People Drowned at Watrous, New Mexico.

Las Vegas, N. M., Oct. 5.—Half the town of Watrous was destroyed by the flood, and at least 12 persons were drowned. Many persons were rescued from trees and rooftops. The greatest damage was around the junction of Mora and Sapello creeks. The rock crusher, the great iron bridge and much track at Watrous were washed away.

The Gallinas river formed a new channel here. In the Gallinas cañon the dams of the Aqua Pura company broke, bringing a terrific flood on the city. The Montezuma-Hot Springs track went out in many places. Half a dozen bridges were destroyed and the Montezuma bath houses were partly carried away. The Santa Fe loss here is \$40,000. The Aqua Pura company's loss is \$15,000.

For two blocks on Bridge street every business house was flooded. The big found brick store was ruined and the bridge undermined. Twenty merchants estimate their loss at from \$2,000 to \$4,000 each.

Gallinas park is under water and the trolley line cannot be repaired for two weeks. The race meet to have been held here next week has been declared off. One hundred thousand dollars will not cover the loss to the town and the railroad loss is equal to that of recent floods in Arizona.

TOWNS WASHED AWAY.

Rio Grande Cuts New Channel and Hundreds are Homeless.

Albuquerque, N. M., Oct. 5.—Reports from the floods in the Rio Grande valley above and below this city are coming in. The towns of Valencia and Los Lentos were practically washed away and several hundred families are homeless. The river swung to the east, cut a new channel, and poured a torrent through the two towns. No lives were lost.

The Barajas suburb of this city suffered the most in this immediate vicinity, about 50 homes being destroyed.

Ignacio Gutierrez, a commissioner of Sandoval county, telephoned that the damage at Los Cordales and Alamosa, above the city, will amount to several hundred thousand dollars.

There is one passenger train from Southern California at Gallup and another from San Francisco at Winslow, while the other trains from California are held here. The local officials cannot say when the trains will arrive or depart, and the traffic situation is serious.

Many feet of track is reported gone at Ortiz, at Corralito, Wado, Thornton and Bernalillo, and above and below this city at Rincon, Amarillo, N. M., and Isleta.

DROP INTO CELLAR.

Many People Injured at Church Corner Stone Laying.

Adams, Mass., Oct. 5.—While Right Rev. Thomas D. Beven, Roman Catholic bishop of Springfield, was laying the corner stone of St. Stanislaus' Polish church, a floor collapsed, precipitating 150 persons into the basement. A dozen persons were injured, several seriously. Bishop Beven and several of the priests assisting him were slightly hurt.

Some 7,000 persons attended the ceremony and about 200 were seated or standing on the floor which covered the newly made basement. Just as the bishop was about to lay the stone a section of the flooring, about 40 feet square, collapsed, dropping 12 feet, and carrying with it the bishop, the clergy and about 140 others.

In the confusion that followed many were trampled upon and half suffocated. Bishop Beven was caught in the crush but was able to save himself from serious injury. He was bruised about the body and had his hands scratched.

Bloodiest of the Siege.

Tokio, Oct. 5.—Reports have been received by the war office to the effect that the death struggle at Port Arthur has been resumed. The Russians have made several valiant attempts to retake the strong positions around and including Fort Kuropatkin, but were repulsed after three hours' fighting. The engagements were among the bloodiest since the siege began, and the losses on both sides number many thousands. Several times during the assault the troops came so near each other, they fought hand-to-hand.

Train of Sick and Wounded.

General Oku's Headquarters in the Field, Oct. 5.—The first southbound train on the railway left this afternoon carrying 490 Japanese wounded, 100 sick and 93 wounded Russian prisoners on the way to Japan. The wounded are practically the last of the Japanese wounded at the battle of Liao Yang. The hospitals are now devoted to those suffering from beri beri and other diseases.

Gunboat Hit by a Mine.

Tokio, Oct. 5.—It is rumored that a Japanese gunboat hit a mine and sunk south of the Liao Tung peninsula. A portion of her crew reached an island and were rescued. The navy department does not deny the report, but says that the department lacks confirmatory information.