

# THE CONDON GLOBE

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## NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

The Russian army is retreating to Kirin.

Another earthquake in India has wrecked two towns.

The Russian fleet has changed its course and gone eastward to coal.

Bloody disturbances are expected throughout Russia on May day.

Paul Jones' body has been found in Paris and will be brought home for burial.

The czar has announced his intention of revising the land laws in order to quiet the peasants.

The Winnebago Indians, in Nebraska, have protested to Washington, claiming to have been robbed of their lands by agents.

The Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company will spend \$500,000 on new lines in Utah, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming in 1905.

An unknown malady is killing many people at Tonopah, the new mining camp of Nevada. Hundreds are fleeing from the district to escape the disease.

A commission has been appointed to decide the dispute on international rivers. The waterways in question are the Rio Grande and Colorado on the south and the Milk river on the north.

Cader Powell has assumed office as marshal at Nome, Alaska, pending investigation.

Japan has been called upon to punish Formosans who murdered eight American sailors.

Four beef trust officials have been indicted by the Federal grand jury at Chicago for spiriting a witness away.

Both parties in the Chicago strike refuse to confer and the employers have adopted a plan by which they hope to win.

President Roosevelt has left Oklahoma for Colorado. He may be induced to come on to Portland and attend the fair.

It is said the interned Russian ships are preparing for a dash from Shanghai and China will be unable to prevent it, as she has no war vessels near.

The two hostile fleets in Asiatic waters have not yet come together, but they are fast approaching each other and a battle is expected at any time.

General Dragomiroff urges the czar to continue the war, saying that in four years Japan's resources will be exhausted and she will then be at the mercy of Russia.

Representative Jones, of Washington, expresses the opinion that Santo Domingo is not capable of governing herself and internal strife will continue until some government takes charge.

The Japanese are sending large forces against Vladivostok.

Edwin H. Morgan, of Aurora, N. Y., has been appointed United States minister to Corea.

Admiral Sigsbee, commanding the Caribbean squadron, reports all quiet in Santo Domingo.

Two miners were killed and a number seriously injured in a strike riot at Hibbing, Minnesota.

The houses of two nonunion miners at Blossburg, Alabama, were blown up by dynamite and a child killed.

The Chicago teamsters' strike continues without any material change. Riots are of frequent occurrence.

The question of the government accepting railroad rebates on material used in connection with the irrigation reclamation service has been referred to the attorney general for an opinion.

The Franklin county, Kentucky, grand jury has returned about 400 indictments against the Standard Oil company for failure to take out peddlars' license.

Dutch warships have reported to their government the commencement of a naval battle between the Japanese and Russian squadrons near the Anambas islands, east of the Malay peninsula.

Japanese cruisers have been seen headed for Singapore.

Commissioner Garfield has started his investigation into the doings of the Standard Oil in Kansas.

A Little Rock, Ark., lodge of Knights of Pythias accidentally killed a man who was being initiated.

### ADVANCE IN ALL BIG MARKETS.

Packers Raise Price and Lay Blame on Cattle Growers.

Chicago, April 14. — Prices of beef have advanced in every important market of the United States. The consumer is paying the advanced price, which to him represents several cents per pound over what he paid up to ten days ago.

Swift & Co., Armour and Nelson Morris state that no beef has been supplied to the retail markets of Chicago or to any other market in the country during the last month and a half except at a loss. This, it is declared, has been partially due to the fact that breeders of stock and the handlers of range cattle have been holding back on supply until the grass of the range becomes nourishing. Swift & Co., speaking for the packing interests, this afternoon, issued the following statement:

"During the last six weeks the producers of beef cattle have been receiving about \$1 advance over past prices for choice cattle. This simply means that the advance to the consumer in prices would be about \$2 on the one-half of choice cattle that can be used for food purposes. The range cattle producer is the master of the situation."

### ATTEMPT TO WRECK WARSHIP.

Caution Saves Connecticut from Being Ruined in Drydock.

New York, April 14.—During the process of placing the new battleship Connecticut in drydock at the navy yard here today, what might have proved a serious accident was avoided by the officer in charge sending down a diver to make thorough examination of the hull before the water should be pumped out and the vessel lowered into the keel blocks.

The diver discovered a heavy timber stuck fast to the hull on the port side of the keel, where it had adhered to the rough plating while the vessel was on the ways and had not been released in launching. A failure to discover the timber, it is said, would have resulted in the buckling or crimping of the keel and lower frames when the vessel settled on the blocks.

Several days previous to the launching of the Connecticut last fall divers were sent down to examine the ways and found a large spike placed where it would have pierced the hull, had it not been found. Later, an official investigation disclosed holes bored in one of the plates.

### LOW GRADES FOR SANTA FE

Will Spend Ten Millions on New Road Through Mountains.

Chicago, April 13. — The Record-Herald says: Official announcement is made that the Santa Fe has decided to build a \$10,000,000 cut-off to the Pacific coast with a view to getting rid of the mountain grades which now are encountered in the trans-continental travel. Orders have been given for the purchase of all the material necessary, and work will begin in 30 days. The work will be pushed to completion rapidly, and the new transcontinental low-grade line will be ready for opening within a year or 15 months.

The Western end of the cut-off will be at Belen, N. M., 27 miles south of Albuquerque, on the El Paso line, and the Eastern will be at Texico, 250 miles away on the Pecos valley lines of the Santa Fe. The new road will cross the Sierra Nevada mountains at Aho Pass, at an elevation of 6,491 feet, but at a maximum grade east-bound of 1 1/4 per cent and west-bound of 6-10ths of 1 per cent. The line will cross the Santa Fe Central near Willard and the El Paso & Northwestern at Llano, N. M.

### Ready to Fight Once More.

Paris, April 14.—Captain Rode telegraphs to the Matin that he has been the guest of Kaulbars, commander of the second Manchurian army at the Russian front. The captain's observations showed that the Russian army had been reinforced and is prepared to renew the battle. The troops maneuver daily in battle formation. The Japanese cavalry advance guard, the dispatch adds, is barely 10 miles away, and frequent cavalry skirmishes take place. The prisoners captured have sabre cuts on their heads, showing hand-to-hand skirmishes.

### Flood Damages Arizona Railroad.

Phoenix, Ariz., April 14. — For two or three days it has been raining heavily in Arizona. Early this morning 300 feet of the pile structure built to repair the Phoenix & Eastern railway bridge over Salt river at Tempe was washed away. Salt river is still high tonight and some fear is expressed for the Maricopa & Phoenix railway bridge at Tempe. Reports from the Roosevelt dam site is that the river is higher than at any time this year and is fully as high as the Arizona canal dam as at any previous time.

### Submarines at Vladivostok.

Tokio, April 14.—It is reported here that the Russians at Vladivostok are conducting experiments with six submarine vessels, and that these vessels are all of foreign manufacture, and include French, British and American types.

## TO HEAR ALL SIDES

Senate Committee Will Consider Railroad Rates.

### NEW BILL IS TO BE PREPARED

Two Months Will Be Devoted to Hearing Testimony of Experts on Question.

Washington, April 15. — Railroad rate legislation and kindred topics will again be brought prominently to the attention of the public with the meetings here, beginning Monday, of the senate committee on interstate commerce, which will assemble for the purpose of ventilating the subject in a manner more thorough than any heretofore on record. The meeting will be held in the committee's rooms at the capitol and will be public. Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, will preside. The Republican members are Cullom, Illinois; Aldrich, Rhode Island; Kean, New Jersey; Dolliver, Iowa; Foraker, Ohio; Clapp, Minnesota; and Millard, Nebraska. The Democrats are Tillman, South Carolina; McLaurin, Mississippi; Carmack, Tennessee; Foster, Louisiana; and Newlands, Nevada.

As a basis of consideration, the Esch-Townsend bill, passed by the house at the last session, will be expected to serve. The committee had the measure before it many days before the adjournment of the last congress and was urged to put it on its passage. Arguments were advanced, however, protesting against hasty action because of the alleged radical character of this measure, and the importance of the interests involved. Chairman Elkins and Senator Foraker were among those who advocated delay, and the committee, near the close of the session, after much time had been devoted to hearings, reported to the senate a resolution authorizing it to continue the hearings during the recess. This authority was granted and Monday's meeting will be the initial meeting under that authority.

Although the house committee on interstate commerce, which evolved the Esch bill, took sufficient testimony to fill several large volumes, and although the senate committee was not idle in that regard, the investigation of the subject now imminent promises to be most exhaustive. Both sides, in fact many sides, of the case will be heard.

### BUTCHERS DENOUNCE PACKERS

New York Trade Up in Arms About Advance in Beef.

New York, April 15.—Prices of all kinds of meat have begun to rise in New York because of a reported increased cost to dealers of about 2 cents a pound. This advance in dressed beef by the packers means a corresponding increase of from 4 to 6 cents per pound at retail on the average grade of sirloin steaks, porterhouse steaks and prime ribs of roast beef.

Retail dealers say they received notice of the first advance ten days ago, but postponed an advance to their customers. However, on receiving notice of a further raise next week it was found necessary to make a change in retail prices.

Meetings of the Retail Butchers' and Meat Dealers' Protective association will be held in all boroughs to take action. The Brooklyn branch of the association already has met and discussed the situation. Several retailers bitterly denounced the packers, who were alleged to be taking concerted action. It was declared that while the advance of wholesale prices was attributed to falling off in supplies of cattle at the Chicago stock yards, no such falling off had taken place, and that the raising of prices was entirely unjustified.

### Preparing for Long Siege.

Tokio, April 15.—It is reported here that the Russians are continually reinforcing the garrison at Vladivostok and that the work of strengthening the fortress is constantly progressing. It is said that the plans of the Russians contemplate a garrison numbering 100,000 men, with 500 guns. Many additional batteries, redoubts, barriers, and pits are in course of construction and enormous stores of ammunition are being accumulated. The Russians, it is said, have equipped their fortress to withstand a siege.

### Ten Million Dollars for Good Roads.

Albany, N. Y., April 15.—The proposed constitutional amendment authorizing a state issue of \$10,000,000 for building good roads under the state aid law passed the assembly today. Having passed the legislature last year, the proposition will now be submitted to the popular vote at the November election.

### HE IS DEFIANT.

Castro Insults United States Minister Bowen.

Washington, April 12.—Throughout the diplomatic corps keen interest exists regarding the sensational answer which President Castro is said to have made to Minister Bowen's latest request for arbitration of the pending questions between the United States and Venezuela. Although the Venezuelan legation officials say the text of the dispatch was not included in the mail reaching the legation today, which left Caracas after the answer was delivered to Mr. Bowen, it has become noised among the diplomats that the answer was undiplomatic and almost threatening in wording.

The knowledge possessed by certain diplomats on the subject here indicates clearly that the character, if not the exact text, of the answer has been known for some time to the diplomatic corps in Caracas, and there is reason to believe that several foreign governments have already been advised of its text.

While diplomats who have inquired at the State department have been informed that practically no action will be taken regarding Venezuela until President Roosevelt returns from his Western trip, they also have received the information that, if the exact text of Castro's answer comprises an insult to the American minister, it will not pass unnoticed.

### WILL DOUBLE FIELD FORCES

Japan is Ready to Meet Russia's Reinforced Army.

Tokio, April 12.—Japan is meeting the Russian plan of reorganization and reinforcement of its armies in Manchuria with an extensive expedition from its own military organization. The details and figures are carefully concealed of what seems to be a plan to double the present army units, but it is reliably estimated that by autumn next the total military organization will exceed 1,000,000 men actually employed in the field. The fighting force is roughly estimated at 700,000 men, with increases largely in the infantry and artillery, although an enlargement in the cavalry branch is also contemplated.

As a result of the manufacture at the arsenals in Japan, together with captures and purchases of guns, it is predicted that this year will see a Japanese artillery superior to that of the Russians, in quality as well as numerically, and it is confidently believed that the Russians will be incapable of overcoming these numerical advantages. Wherever railway improvement are possible they will be carried out, when Japan will be sufficiently strong to take and hold Harbin, and simultaneously continue operations against the Russian forces to the eastward of that city.

### ALL BEEF TRUST SECRETS OUT

Seized Trunks Reveal Inner Workings of Packers' Combine.

Chicago, April 12.—An investigation by the Federal grand jury which is inquiring into the working methods of the alleged beef trust, of a much deeper nature and a wider scope, it is asserted, is to result from the examination of the contents of the eight trunks taken yesterday from the safety vaults in the First National bank building. When these trunks were opened, it is said, the entire secret transactions of the Aetna Trading company, a corporation through which the secret business of the big packers was transacted, was revealed to the jurors, and as a consequence many new witnesses will be subpoenaed.

The trunks and contents have been impounded by an order by Judge Sanborn, so that no one by legal process can obtain possession of them.

Among the names of new witnesses subpoenaed today is said to be that of G. H. Godfrey, alleged secretary and treasurer of the Aetna Trading company, and R. H. Cowan, another official of the company. The initials "R. H. C." appear on each of the eight trunks taken from the vaults, and it is believed they belong to Cowan.

### Frauds in Trinity Timber.

San Francisco, April 12.—William H. Boren, indicted for subornation of perjury in the Trinity county land frauds, was on trial before Judge De Haven in the United States district court today. Boren's co-defendants, Harry W. Miller and Frank E. Kincaid, will be tried in Portland. Boren is accused of having persuaded John M. Layton to falsely swear out an application for a parcel of land under the homestead act. It is claimed that the defendants were representatives of the Tacoma Land & Lumber company.

### Total Deaths by Earthquake.

Lahore (Panjab), India, April 12.—Commissioner Jullundur reports that as a result of his investigations he estimates the fatalities resulting from the recent earthquake in the Kangra district at 10,000, and in the Palampur district at 3,000. The total number of persons killed at Dharmasala was 424, besides the Gurkhas, who were crushed to death by the falling of the stone barracks.

## SOON LET CONTRACT

Plans for The Dalles-Celilo Canal Are Almost Complete.

### WILL BEGIN WORK AT UPPER END

Enough Money Now on Hand to Build Upper Lock and Entrance to the Canal.

Washington, April 13.—Within two weeks, it is expected, Major Langfitt will be instructed to advertise for bids for the construction of the first lock of The Dalles-Celilo canal, thus launching a project that has been under consideration in one shape or another for a generation. The chief of engineers has received Major Langfitt's plan for beginning construction, but, owing to the fact that several details are not quite clear, the papers are to be returned for explanation. When they get back to Washington it is thought the plans will be approved and authority granted to invite proposals.

Major Langfitt's plans, which have been carefully worked out in great detail and with apparent care, contemplate beginning construction on the upper end of the canal and working down stream. This is done to enable contractors to make use of the canal as it is completed, section by section.

Major Langfitt has prepared plans for approaches to the canal at its upper end, for the guard gates for the first lock near Celilo, and for a considerable stretch of canal. It is impossible to tell how much work can be done with the money appropriated in the rivers and harbors law, but it is anticipated there are funds enough to complete the Celilo lock and canal entrance, and to do considerable blasting and straight canal work. Near the first lock it will be necessary to build an immense embankment as the north wall of the canal. This part of the canal, and in fact all other parts not cut through solid rock, will be lined with cement. All embankments will be solid of construction and will be faced with immense rocks to prevent washing in seasons of high water.

### ONLY ONE FARE.

Reduced Rate to Portland Fair from All Eastern Points.

Chicago, April 13.—The action of the Trunk Line association meeting held at New York yesterday was supplemented in this city today by the Central Passenger association meeting, which decided to concur with the former association in granting a one-way rate plus \$1 from all points east to Chicago for those desiring to attend the Lewis and Clark fair at Portland.

The Trunk Line association at its meeting yesterday receded from its former demand for a rate of 80 per cent of the round-trip fare, and agreed to make a one-way rate plus \$1 from all points in its territory on the Atlantic seaboard west to Pittsburg and Buffalo. This was to be done, provided the Central Passenger association would take the same rate from the two latter cities through to Chicago, where the rates could be joined with the same concessions made by the transcontinental lines, giving a one-way round-trip rate from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The action of the Central Passenger association ratified this agreement today, which makes the one-way rate from coast to coast certain.

This action assures a large attendance at the Lewis and Clark exposition from all of the territory lying east of Chicago, extending to the Atlantic coast, between the Canadian boundary and the Ohio river. The Central Passenger association territory takes in all the cities of the east, and the rate of one fare will induce thousands of well-to-do persons to make Portland the objective point in their summer and fall vacations.

### Illinois Will Show Lincoln's Home.

Springfield, Ill., April 13.—The commission which is to have charge of the state exhibit at the Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland, Or., this summer, elected Cyrus Thompson chairman and Reuben H. Tiffany, of Freeport, as secretary. The commission will hold a meeting at Springfield next Tuesday. Unless objections are raised the commission will make the state building a copy of the Lincoln home. It was practically decided to exhibit all available Lincoln mementos in the building during the fair.

### British Steamer Captured.

Tokio, April 13.—The British steamer Henry Bolckow was seized by the Japanese guardships off the island of Hokkaido, April 7. The character of her cargo has not been divulged and her destination is not stated in the official announcement. It is presumed, however, that the vessel was bound for Vladivostok.