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## BRIEF NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

### Condensed Dispatches from All Parts of the Two Hemispheres.

#### Interesting Events from Outside the State Presented in a Manner to Catch the Eye of the Busy Reader—Matters of National, Historical and Commercial Importance.

A Virginia girl has married a British naval officer.

International balloon races are being held near Berlin, Germany.

Britain continues to hold out against Austria and defends Turkey.

Senator Beveridge is quite ill and has been forced to cancel several speaking dates.

The Trans-Mississippi Congress has turned down the parcels post, after a spirited debate.

Much of the wheat grown in the province of Ontario, Canada, is being moved to tidewater by American carriers.

A man and woman bound together were found drowned near New York. Investigation showed that they had entered into a suicide pact.

A lone robber held up a stage near Missoula, Mont. From \$5 to \$25 each was obtained from the 12 passengers. Hunger was given as an excuse by the bandit.

The United States circuit court of appeals at Chicago has modified the injunctions against picketing, allowing unions to thus fight employers so long as it is done peaceably.

The battleship fleet has left Manila for Japan.

The army retiring board declares Colonel Stewart is disabled.

A British fleet has been sent to Turkey to keep the country quiet.

A conference of the powers on the Balkan middle depends upon Great Britain.

The naval tug Sotoyomo went aground on Puget Sound during a heavy fog.

E. A. S. Blake has been found guilty of attempting to bribe a prospective juror in the Ruef case.

A Russian general was wounded by his own troops during the army maneuvers. Balls became mixed with the blank shells.

The waterways convention has passed a resolution asking congress to open a ship canal from the Great Lakes to the Gulf, as the railroads cannot keep pace with the volume of business.

A Massachusetts school teacher locked a boy in a closet for punishment and forgot him. The boy remained in his dungeon two days and a night while the teacher attended a wedding 20 miles away. The teacher is prostrated and the boy under a physician's care.

Austria has sent a warship to Belgrade and threatens to annex Serbia.

More dependencies of Turkey threaten to revolt and declare their independence.

Seattle banks will back Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition bonds to the amount of \$200,000.

A phenomenally rich discovery of gold has been made in the Sturgeon Lake district, Canada.

James J. Hill says railroads are being hampered by many laws. He advocates deep waterways.

Delegates to the National Rural Lettercarriers' association favor adoption of a parcels post law.

An American and two Spaniards were murdered by Filipinos in one of the provinces near Manila.

France continues to insist that an international conference is the only solution for the Balkan trouble.

Hearst did not appear at Reno with the Independence speakers, having been threatened with dynamite.

A pessimistic feeling prevails in Great Britain with regard to an early settlement of the near Eastern question.

Registration in New York has fallen off greatly from the figures of 1904.

A German millionaire has married a St. Louis heiress, after proposing by cablegram.

Mrs. Jean Dunsmuir, who died recently at Victoria, B. C., left an estate of \$2,000,000.

Two school teachers were first to register at O'Neill, Neb., for land in Rosebud reservation.

In an attempt to enter a house at Slobodzie, Russia, robbers killed 12 people. The murderers were arrested.

The jury box for the latest Ruef trial is filled, but six of the 12 men may be removed by peremptory challenge.

The Japanese government has decided to prohibit all gambling of racetracks and to strictly enforce the laws governing r. elng.

## SPITZBERGEN IN DISPUTE.

### Conference to Be Called to Settle Ownership of Land.

Berlin, Oct. 12.—An international conference will be summoned in the near future to regulate the future of Spitzbergen, and it is expected that delegates will attend from Great Britain, the United States, France, Russia, Germany, Sweden and Norway. The Norwegian government, which has taken the initiative in proposing the conference, desires to safeguard the rights of the Norwegian fishermen who work along the coasts of Spitzbergen by an international agreement. The Norwegian fishermen and huntsmen were for a long time undisputed masters of Spitzbergen and enjoyed unlimited freedom in following their occupations. Recently, however, two mining companies, one financed by British and Norwegian capital and the other financed by American and Norwegian capital, have begun operations in Advent Bay and both companies have annexed enormous areas of land, and have prohibited Norwegian fishermen and huntsmen from trespassing on these territories. It is expected that Norway will lay claim to the possession of Spitzbergen by virtue of the prior rights of Norwegian fishermen and huntsmen, but in this case it is expected that Sweden will raise a counter claim on the ground that Swedish scientific expeditions have been mainly instrumental in opening Spitzbergen to the outside world.

## PUT POACHERS TO DEATH.

### Russians Make Short Work of Japanese Seal Butchers.

San Francisco, Oct. 12.—The United States gunboat Yorktown, which has arrived here after a cruise in Alaskan waters, confirms the news of the summary execution of several Japanese seal poachers by the Russian authorities on the Komandorsky islands. After a speedy trial on charges of piracy, the men were convicted and put to death.

Two Japanese schooners, with their crews, found sealing within the three-mile limit by the revenue cutter Bear, were taken to Valdez. Following the custom of previous seasons, it is thought the men will be allowed to go free.

Lieutenant Commander TOROCK, of the Yorktown, which has been doing police duty around the Pribilof islands, states that the rookeries there are covered with dead and dying pups. Their mothers had been killed at sea and the young left to perish.

During the season the Yorktown encountered 11 Japanese sealers, but none was within the three-mile limit.

While off Cape St. Elias the Yorktown was in a terrific gale, and was compelled to leave to sea for 36 hours. The gunboat was washed from stem to stern, and one of her lifeboats was carried away. This was the same gale in which the bark Star of Bengal was wrecked on Coronation island, with the loss of 111 men.

## TRY WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

### Apparatus to Connect Admiralty Office With Ships at Sea.

London, Oct. 12.—The De Forest system of wireless telephony is shortly to be put to the test by the admiralty, who will endeavor to communicate with wireless telephone with the channel fleet from the admiralty offices in St. James Park.

The experiments, which may extend over some weeks, are expected to demonstrate the possibility of the officials in London keeping in touch with the warships at sea and also of the ships communicating with the land station.

Wireless telephony over long distances has already been shown to be possible by the invention of Mr. Poulson, the famous Danish inventor. By means of powerful arc lamps of a special form continuous electrical waves can be sent from one place to another impressed with the effects of speech in such a way that these impressions can be reconverted into speech at the receiving station.

The electrical waves are bent out of shape so to speak, by the telephone connected with the transmitting apparatus, and these modified waves are capable of carrying the impression to the receiving apparatus.

## Not Aggressive, Says Serbia.

Budapest, Oct. 12.—Serbia has replied to the Austro-Hungarian demand for an explanation of her purpose in summoning the reserves to the colors by granting that this step has no aggressive character. Speaking at Saturday's session of the Austro-Hungarian delegation, Foreign Minister von Aehrenthal expressed the belief that he would be able to carry through the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina peacefully. He said that already he was negotiating with some of the powers with the view of smoothing out difficulties.

## Acquits Mob Leader.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 12.—The jury in the case of Ernest Humphrey, one of the alleged mob leaders indicted for malicious destruction of property on August 12 last, has returned a verdict of not guilty. This is the third case growing out of the recent race riot in which a verdict of not guilty has been returned.

## NEWS NOTES GATHERED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF OREGON

### DESCHUTES' BID TOO HIGH.

#### State Land Board Balks at \$60 an Acre Lien.

Salem.—The state land board, at its last meeting, heard and took under advisement the application of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company for a contract for the reclamation of 74,000 acres of land south and east of the tract that company is already reclaiming in the vicinity of Bend, Crook County. This new tract is what is known as the Benham Falls project.

The state has a contract with the United States for the reclamation of this tract, and now the question is to whom the state shall let the contract of constructing a reclamation system. The Deschutes company wants a lien of \$60 an acre for reclaiming the land, but there are indications that the board thinks this is too much. It is reported that the Twin Falls Land & Water company, which operated extensively in Idaho and eastern Washington, is figuring on undertaking the Benham Falls project at a price less than that named by the Deschutes company.

The board will send State Engineer Lewis to inspect the land and report. The company estimates that 31 per cent of the entire tract is non-irrigable.

The state land board adopted a new and important rule relating to residence on reclaimed land in the Deschutes projects. Heretofore the rules have required purchasers of reclaimed land to reside three months on the land and put one-eighth of it under cultivation within three years from the date of application. The rule adopted permits the settler to "prove up" by showing a 30-day residence, the cultivation of 75 per cent of his land and the erection of a four-room house.

### GIVES ELECTORS' NAMES.

#### Secretary Benson Issues Form of Ballot for November Election.

Salem.—Secretary of State Benson has issued the form of ballot containing the names of all candidates for presidential electors at the November election. The candidates of the five political parties are as follows:

Republican—J. D. Lee, of Multnomah county; A. C. Marsters, of Douglas county; Frank J. Miller, of Linn county.

Democratic—O. P. Coshov, of Douglas county; August Hackett, of Marion county; E. S. J. McAllister, of Multnomah county; Samuel White, of Baker county.

Prohibition—W. P. Elmore, of Linn county; Hiram Gould, of Washington county; A. J. Hunsaker, of Yamhill county; F. McKercher, of Multnomah county.

Socialist—Peter S. Beck, of Umatilla county; W. T. Grider, of Union county; James E. Quiek, of Coos county; F. C. Varner, of Benton county.

Independence—John W. Bennett, of Clackamas county; William R. Lake, of Multnomah county; Michael J. Malley, of Multnomah county; Thomas A. Sweeney, of Multnomah county.

### Cancel Feed Contracts.

Portland.—Portland hay and feed men have been requested by the 18th militia canal commission to bid for government contracts for 1,500,000 pounds of hay, 1,000,000 pounds of oats and 100,000 pounds of rice straw for bedding for delivery at Colon or La Brea between January 1 and February 1, 1909. Bids are also asked for 8,000 bridge ties of yellow pine or Douglas fir for use on the Panama canal work.

### Railroad Values Increased.

Roseburg.—The work of compiling the valuation of the Southern Pacific company's holding in this county for 1908 has been completed by County Assessor Staley. One hundred and sixteen and fifteen-one hundredths miles of roadbed, together with the rolling stock, was assessed at \$44,250 a mile or an increase over the assessment for 1907 of \$14,250 a mile.

### Wallows to Have Courthouse.

Enterprise.—The county court has accepted plans for a courthouse, to cost \$30,000. Bids for foundation and basement will be advertised for immediately in order that the foundation at least may be put in this fall. Wallows county has been set apart from Union county 29 years, and this will be the first courthouse erected in the county.

### Heavy Assessment in Clatsop.

Astoria.—While it will be several days before the exact amount of the 1908 assessment will be known, sufficient progress has been made in compiling the valuations to indicate that the total will be not less than \$8,500,000, or about \$2,500,000 more than last year.

### TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

#### Oregon Now Has 90, With 5,000 Volumes, Scattered Over State.

The Oregon library commission, which has its headquarters in the state house at Salem, has charge of 90 traveling libraries, 5,000 volumes, which constitute Oregon's state lending library. Each library contains from 50 to 60 books, which are selected to suit difference ages and tastes. These libraries are sent to any community in Oregon, absolutely free, except transportation charges. We will have more libraries this winter and should be glad to communicate with anyone who is interested to know more about them.

The 85 stations which are now receiving traveling libraries are located in the counties of the state as follows: Baker county, one station; Clackamas, eight; Clatsop, two; Columbia, three; Crook, one; Douglas, two; Gilliam, two; Grant, five; Jackson, four; Hood River, one; Josephine, four; Klamath, one; Lane, five; Lincoln, one; Linn, seven; Malheur, four; Marion, seven; Morrow, two; Polk, three; Sherman, three; Tillamook, three; Umatilla, three; Union, three; Wasco, one; Washington, four; Wheeler, one; Yamhill, three.

The books of the eleven traveling libraries which were returned to the office between August 12 and August 20 had a total circulation of 1,842.

The following books were among those that were the most popular: Church, Stories from Homer; Dumas, Count of Monte Cristo; Kingsley, Westward Ho; Kipling, Kim; Kipling, Light That Failed; Pye, Some Adventures of Robin Hood; Schaffer, History of the Pacific Northwest; Stevenson, Master of Ballantrae; Tilton, Children's Hour; Wallace, Ben Hur.

Besides the traveling libraries the commission has a collection of books on "Municipal Government" and a collection on "Roads" which it is glad to loan to any person or organization in the state. The one on "Municipal Government" considers municipal improvement, sanitation, water supply, public health, sewage disposal, gas and electric light plants and city roads and pavements in a practical way. The library on "Roads" gives the value of good roads and practical directions for also road laws of Oregon and some states.

### Activity at Merlin.

Merlin.—The first carload of machinery for the new smelter which is being put in by the Alameda Consolidated Mining company at Galice has arrived, as has also the five teams sent from Portland to haul the machinery to the mine. The work of transportation down Rogue river will begin at once, in order to handle the machinery that is to follow.

### Three Delegates From Albany.

Albany.—The Albany Commercial club will have three delegates at the Trans-Mississippi congress in San Francisco next week. President Langdon has appointed Y. G. Freeman, Thomas Cummings and Peter Paulus to represent the club, and all will attend.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 93c; club, 88c; five, 88c; Red Russian, 86c; 40-foal, 91c; valley, 90c.

Barley—Feed, 42c per ton; rolled, \$27.50@28.50; brewing, 28.50.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$31@31.50 per ton; gray, \$30@30.50.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14 per ton; Willamette valley, ordinary, \$11; eastern Oregon, \$15.50; mixed, \$13; clover, 49c; alfalfa, \$11; alfalfa meal, \$20.

Fruit—Apples, new, 60c@81.50 per box; peaches, 65c@85c per box; pears, 50c@1.25 per box; plums, 50c@81 per box; grapes, 50c@1.25 per crate; Concord, 17c@20c per basket; huckleberries, 9c@10c per pound; quinces, \$1.25 per box; cranberries, \$10 per barrel; prunes, 2c per pound.

Potatoes—80c@90c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2c per pound.

Melons—Cantaloupes, \$1@1.50 per crate; watermelons, 1c per pound; casahua, \$1.75@2 per pound.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, 5c; parsnips, \$1.25; beets, \$1.25; artichokes, 65c per dozen; beans, 5c@10c per pound; cabbage, 2c@2 1/2c per pound; cauliflower, 50c@81.25 per pound; celery, 75c@85c per dozen; corn, 90c@1.15 per sack; cucumbers, 15c@20c per dozen; egg plant, \$1.25 per crate; lettuce, 75c@81 per box; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 6c per pound; peppers, 8c@10c per pound; pumpkins, 1c@1 1/2c per pound; radishes, 12 1/2c per dozen; spinach, 2c per pound; sprouts, 9c per pound; squash, 1 1/2c per pound; tomatoes, 40c@65c.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 32 1/2c@34c; fancy outside creamery, 30c@32 1/2c per pound; store, 18c.

Eggs—Oregon extras, 32 1/2c@33c; eastern, 25c@28c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 12c per pound; spring, 12c; ducks, old, 12c@12 1/2c; spring, 14c@15c; geese, old, 8c@9c; young, 9c@10c; turkeys, old, 15c; young, 19c.

Veal—Extra, 9c@9 1/2c per pound; ordinary, 7c@7 1/2c; heavy, 5c.

Pork—Fancy, 7 1/2c@8c per pound; ordinary, 6c; large, 5c.

Hops—Oregon, 1908, 7c@7 1/2c per pound; 1907, 2 1/4c@4c; 1906, 1 1/4c@1 1/2c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10c@14c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15c@15 1/2c.

Mohair—Choice, 18c@18 1/2c per pound.

## OPPOSE PARCELS POST.

### Trans-Mississippi Congress Favors Ship Subsidy, However.

San Francisco, Oct. 9.—Assembling after half a day of recreation, the delegates to the nineteenth session of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress devoted yesterday afternoon and evening to practical addresses on the development of the West and brief speeches explanatory of resolutions under consideration by the various committees. Hereafter one half of each day is to be taken up by entertainment provided by the commercial bodies of San Francisco and of the 1200 delegates who are registered as attending the congress, fully one-third participated yesterday in an excursion by steamer to many points of interest on the bay.

A new flood of resolutions deluged the secretary's desk after the delegates returned. Because of the extended debates that have occurred in the sessions of the committee on resolutions, it is probable that the action upon many of the important measures for which approval has been asked will be retarded.

The committee has decided to recommend, in modified form, the resolution urging the necessity of providing for a rejuvenated merchant marine, and after a bitter debate of several hours, determined to report adversely the resolution commending the attitude of Postmaster General Meyer on the subject of a parcels post. The latter topic is expected to furnish the basis of a lively contest on the floor of the congress.

### WAR ON AUSTRIA.

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### LIMIT SKYSCRAPERS.

New York Building Authorities Decide on 300 Feet.

New York, Oct. 9.—The committee on public buildings of the board of aldermen has announced a public hearing on the proposal to limit the height of all buildings in New York. If the aldermen should adopt the proposal after the hearing it must go to the board of estimates, and the mayor will have the final decision.

It is proposed to limit the height of buildings to 300 feet, with the exception of buildings that front on a park, square or plaza, for which the limit is proposed at 350 feet.

The proposition was made by the building code revision committee, which made its reports after investigating the width of the streets in the city. Where the width of a street is less than 45 feet, a height of 135 feet only will be permitted. A general limit of 150 feet is proposed for all stores, lofts, warehouses, restaurants, markets, refrigerator plants, stables, factories, workshops, garages and other structures of a similar nature. Office buildings, grain elevators and observatories are to be the only buildings to be allowed to rise higher.

It is expected that considerable opposition to the new plan will develop.

### COLONIZE BIG RANCH.

Red Bluff, Cal., Oct. 9.—One of the largest sales of land ever recorded in northern California was closed here yesterday, when the Herbert Kraft company sold the Capay Rancho, in the southern portion of Tehama county, to the Metropolitan Trust company of San Francisco. The ranch consists of 1600 acres of fertile land, and is to be subdivided into colony tracts. The figures have not been made public, but it is stated here that the San Francisco concern paid \$250,000 for the land.

### RIOT LEADERS GO FREE.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 9.—The jury in the case of Abe Raymer, alleged mob leader, charged with destruction of property during the recent riots, returned a verdict of not guilty yesterday. Raymer had previously been acquitted of murder in connection with the lynching of William Donnegan, an aged negro. This acquittal is taken to mean that convictions cannot be obtained in the remaining riot cases.

## PEOPLE DEMAND WAR

### Serians Want King Peter to Fight Serbia or Abdicate.

### Emperor Francis Joseph Could Place One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Men Across Line in Twenty-Four Hours—Already Has Large Army Camping on Border.

London, Oct. 10.—In spite of warnings to King Peter from Great Britain and France that the people of Serbia be kept in check, the populace of Belgrade held demonstrations yesterday and demanded the resignation of the cabinet and also the abdication of King Peter unless he declared war against Austria-Hungary, which has refused to accept Serbia's protest against the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Two thousand Austro-Hungarian troops are garrisoned along the Drina river between Bosnia and Serbia, ready for eventualities, and it is said 150,000 men can be thrown into Serbian territory in 24 hours.

M. Iswolsky, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, arrived in London last night and will have a conference today with Sir Edward Grey, British secretary for foreign affairs, concerning the calling together of the powers signatory to the treaty of Berlin in an endeavor to bring about order in the Balkans.

Prince Ferdinand, czar of Bulgaria, entered Philippopolis yesterday and received an enthusiastic greeting at the hands of the troops and the populace.

At Candia, the largest city in Crete, the militia yesterday followed the example of their compatriots at Canea, the capital, and took the oath of loyalty to Greece.

A British fleet of two battleships, two cruisers and two torpedoed destroyers is today well on its way from Malta to the Aegean sea.

The forts on the Bosphorus yesterday fired blank shots across the bows of a steamer flying the new Bulgarian royal flag as it attempted to pass them.

It is the self-control of the Turks, who are acting practically under the direction of Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary of foreign affairs, who is supposed to have written their note to Austria-Hungary, which was published today.

### BATTLE TO RAGE.

Trans-Mississippi Congress May Fight Roosevelt's Policy.

San Francisco, Oct. 10.—The session of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress held yesterday was devoted largely to addresses covering a wide variety of subjects, to the deliberations of the committee on resolutions, which took action upon a number of important questions, and to entertainment of the delegates in the form of automobile tours of the city.

Practically all of the contests before the committee on resolutions affected, directly or indirectly, the expressed policy of the national administration upon matters relating to conservation of resources and in some instances it is expected that the controversies will be carried to the floor of the congress this morning, when the delayed report of the committee is presented for consideration.

One of the most important of these related to the disposal of water rights suitable for power development, and a resolution introduced by Frank Short, of Fresno, dealing with the subject, was so amended before the committee as to defeat a proposal to grant to the originators of power projects the rights and privileges that are now accorded irrigationists. Ex-Governor George C. Pardee, of California, a member of the national commission on conservation of resources, opposed Mr. Short in the hearing, and it was agreed that the resolution should not endorse the granting of perpetual rights, whether located in or out of forest reserves, and should not confer the right of disposal upon the state in which they were located.

### COAL SUIT COMPROMISED.

Pueblo, Colo., Oct. 10.—The famous suit of the United States against the Ute Coal & Coke company, of Durango, Colo., in which the government sought to recover \$630,000 for coal alleged to have been taken from government lands illegally was compromised in the federal court here yesterday. The coal company is to pay the government \$400,000. The case was tried here in 1906, and the government was awarded judgment in the sum of \$5,125, but immediately took an appeal. The case was reversed and remanded for trial.

### BOUGHT TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

Hongkong, Oct. 10.—It is learned here from reliable sources that the real reason of Sir Robert Hart's recent visit to England was to bring about an alliance between China, the United States and Great Britain to conserve the interests of the three nations in the Far East.