

EVENTS OF THE DAY

An interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form.

Two transports are overdue from Manila.
Archbishop Martinelli becomes a cardinal.

Kitchener will soon resume active campaigning.
Minister Wu wants the Chinese negotiations settled.

Morgan is not seeking control of the British iron market.
Dr. Kinyoun has been transferred from San Francisco to St. Paul.

There are sensational developments in the army scandal at Manila.
The territory of Hawaii is made a part of the ninth judicial circuit.

A man was murdered while walking up main street of Gem, Idaho.
President Schurman says the Cubans should have civil government.

A strong flow of natural gas has been located near Colorado Springs, Col.
The transports Logan and Thyra sailed from San Francisco for Manila.

There is an unconfirmed rumor in London that the Boers captured French.
A banquet was tendered President Tucker, of Dartmouth college, at San Francisco.

About 200 boiler makers, helpers and heaters struck in Buffalo for higher wages.
There is grave doubt as to the constitutionality of Oregon's new direct primary law.

The British ship Monterey cleared from New Orleans for Cape Town with 1100 mules.
Fishing season on Columbia opened with more gear in water than ever before on first day.

China has thanked Japan for what aid that country has already rendered and asks for further assistance.
A house was raided in Stout Falls, S. D., and a counterfeiter arrested. The officers secured a complete counterfeiter's set.

Daniel C. French, a sculptor, of Philadelphia, will receive a commission from the Lawton Monument Association to construct a memorial to General Lawton, who died in the Philippines.
There will be no strike on the Jersey Central.

The allotment of Chinese indemnity has been fixed.
An American party was almost entrapped in Leyte.

All arrangements are complete for the president's trip.
It is evident that Japanese will expect war with Russia.

The trial of an army scandal case has opened in Manila.
The crown prince of Germany will visit the Austrian court.

Moral crusade in Seattle is a personal war on Mayor Humes.
Twelve cents per pound has been offered for hops at Salem, Or.

Japan demands to know whether emperor will return to capital.
The burning of the negro Alexander at Leavenworth is being investigated.

Mrs. Nation was arrested for obstructing streets of Kansas City, Mo.
Many natives flocked to Capiz to hear form of provincial government explained.

Twelve thousand acres in Douglas county, Or., are to be prospected for oil and coal.
Co-operative method of marketing fruit was dealt a severe blow by California court.

Three Pennsylvania people were run down by a train and killed, and another injured.
Conduct of ministers of powers in postponing meetings causes much adverse comment.

Ann Arbor university dean of medicine acknowledges Student Hare has bubonic plague.
The stolen gold bars were found during the cleaning of the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse.

Captain J. G. Griffin, a Columbia (S. C.) railroad man, was shot, probably by Major B. E. Evans.
Commissioner Young, of 1905 centennial, would call on the Orient for both funds and attractions.

The Taft commission is in Western Leyte.
Washington pan-American fair commission turned down honorary members of woman board of managers.

One of three Idaho men who fired on deputy sheriffs from ambush was killed. Trouble probably due to abolition of martial law.
Charles M. Pepper and Professor Edward M. Ross were speakers at the convention of the Academy of Political and Social Science.

Anton Pfanner, Forest Grove, Or., banker, who failed for \$40,000, and then mysteriously disappeared, has turned up in Switzerland.

INDEMNITY CLAIMS.

Russia Heads the List With Ninety Millions.

BERLIN, April 16.—The correspondent of the Press hears tonight from an authoritative source that the Chinese indemnities for war expenses, exclusive of claims of private individuals and missions, have been fixed as follows:

Russia, 360,000,000 marks (about \$90,000,000); France, 260,000,000 marks (about \$65,000,000); Germany 240,000,000 marks (about \$60,000,000); England, 90,000,000 marks (about \$22,000,000). France will also present claims for the indemnity of the Italian mission.

The Amount Too High.

Washington, April 16.—The last advice to the state department from Mr. Rockhill contain further details respecting the amount of indemnities claimed from China by the powers. It appears that these claims have been much exaggerated in some statements, although the sum total is still far in excess of the amount of money it is believed here that China can raise. It is the belief of the state department that the total claims should not be allowed to exceed \$150,000,000 or \$200,000,000. According to the information received here, the British claim, so far as formulated, is reasonable in amount, as compared with other claims. In fact, the United States and Japan represent, in these negotiations, the moderate element, whose desire is to prevent the imposition of charges that shall destroy the Chinese government and result in the division of the empire. None of the claims exceeds \$100,000,000, and even the largest is something less than this amount. This is believed to be the Russian claim, which is fixed at \$90,000,000. The German claim is flexible, ranging between \$60,000,000 and \$80,000,000, but is nearer the former mark at present, though it, doubtless, will grow. As already stated, the claim of the United States is \$25,000,000, and, with these few totals, it will be seen that if the remaining powers are to be allowed a proportionate share, the aggregate will be beyond China's ability to pay, which has been tentatively placed at \$300,000,000. Nothing has yet been determined respecting the method of raising the indemnity fund, even after an agreement is reached.

VERMONT BANK WRECKED.

Cashier of a Vergennes Institution Deceived the Officers.

VERGENNES, Vt., April 16.—The Farmers' National bank went into the hands of John P. Sullivan as receiver at the close of business this afternoon. The exact amount of the shortage is not made public here, but it is intimated that the entire stock will be wiped out and in addition the stockholders will be heavily assessed. It is not thought likely the depositors will lose. Special Examiner Cunningham was asked for particulars tonight, but he declined to say a great deal, merely remarking that Cashier Lewis had deceived the officers of the bank and that he alone was responsible for the wreck. Mr. Lewis is very well known throughout the state, has been a member of both branches of the state legislature, and in 1886 was a candidate for state treasurer. He remains at home and has turned over to the officers of the bank his entire holdings of stock and negotiable property. His sureties are equal to \$30,000, and the men who have signed his bond are believed to be good for the full amount.

\$350,000 Fire in Blower Works.

Boston, April 16.—The main building of the extensive blower works of the B. F. Stertevant Company, in the Jamaica Plain district, was burned early this morning, causing a loss of \$350,000. The concern manufactured various kinds of machinery and electric goods, as well as blowers. All patterns and plans were destroyed. The company had recently added \$75,000 worth of tools and machinery, and had a large amount of electrical work ready for shipment. It also had a big number of engines and blowers for the government for use on battleships and cruisers in course of construction, all of which were destroyed.

Russia Laying Mines.

London, April 16.—Joseph Chamberlain's organ, the Birmingham Post, learns that the Russian ministers of war and marine have issued joint orders for the laying of an extensive system of submarine mines at Port Arthur, Vladivostok and elsewhere in those seas. The apparatus leaves Odessa early in May.

Run Down by a Train.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 16.—A party of four people, while crossing the tracks of the Lehigh Valley railroad at South Wilkesbarre early this morning, were run down by the Buffalo express going north. Three of the party were killed, and one injured.

OREGON STATE NEWS

Items of Interest From All Parts of the State.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL HAPPENINGS

A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth.

Lawton — The Lawton Townsite Company has been reorganized.

Grants Pass — The Josephine county court has extended time for payment of taxes to June 3.

Grants Pass — The Southern Pacific Company had its repair crew working on the bridge across Rogue river last week.

Pilot Rock — A Pilot Rock correspondent writes that it is feared the recent cold weather seriously injured the fruit crop in that section.

Island City — Williams Bros. sold 135 head of hogs to Kiddle Bros. of Island City, at \$5.40 per 100 pounds. This is the highest rate reached for some time.

Weston — W. J. Wilkinson, at Weston, purchased from Alex Walker, for the Pacific Elevator Company, 5200 bushels of wheat, which is stored at Downing Station. He paid 46 cents per bushel.

Pendleton — John Bradburn took to Pendleton two wagon loads or 22 sacks of wool from Charles Cunningham's home ranch above Pilot Rock. The wool was from thoroughbred ewes and the 22 sacks weighed 8600 pounds.

Salem — Oregon Christian Endeavorers are looking forward with much enthusiasm to the 14th annual convention, which will be held at Salem, May 16-19. The convention will open with the evening session, Thursday evening, closing Sunday evening.

Toledo — A committee of the Toledo fire department is investigating the probable cost of a system of waterworks and a storage reservoir on the hill east of the city. Another committee is figuring on the cost of fire engines and a third is investigating hooks and ladders.

Hudson — A \$10,000 sawmill is to be established near the mouth of Rock creek just north of Hudson.

Cable Cove — Work has been resumed at the Goldbug mine, in Cable Cove district. Two shifts are employed.

Grants Pass — Prospects are favorable for the resumption of active work at the Pacific pine needle factory at Grants Pass.

Paisley — The Lake County Telephone & Telegraph Company is the name of a new company just organized at Paisley.

Coos City — The shaft at the Coos City mine is now down over 300 feet, and it is expected coal will be found in the next 100 feet.

Coos County — Work has stopped in one of the tunnels in the Beaver hill mine, Coos county, pending installation of new machinery.

Baker City — The Bonanza mine, in Baker county, is making preparations to install considerable new machinery. Some of the buildings will be remodeled.

Arlington — The Arlington Warehouse Company has made the purchase of about 7000 sacks of wheat stored on the Heppner branch at prices ranging from 43 to 45 cents per bushel.

Grants Pass — The Grants Pass Water, Light & Power Company has received 700 feet of seventeen-inch steel pipe, for an extension to a point above the place where the water is now taken out of the river.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat — Walla Walla, 56 1/2 @ 57c; Valley, nominal; bluestem, 59c per bushel.

Flour — Best grades, \$2 70 @ 3 40 per barrel; Graham, \$2 60.

Oats — White, \$1 25 per cental; gray, \$1 20 @ 1 22 1/2 per cental.

Barley — Feed, \$1 50 @ 1 7; brewing, \$1 50 @ 1 7 per ton.

Millstuffs — Bran, \$1 6 per ton; middlings, \$2 15; shorts, \$1 7 50; chop, \$1 6.

Hay — Timothy, \$12 @ 12 50; clover, \$7 @ 9 50; Oregon wild hay, \$6 @ 7 per ton.

Hops — 12 @ 14c per pound; 1899 crop, 6 @ 7c.

Wool — Valley, 13 @ 14c; Eastern Oregon, 9 @ 12c; mohair, 20 @ 21c per pound.

Butter — Fancy creamery, 20 @ 22 1/2c; dairy, 15 @ 18c; store, 10 @ 12 1/2c per pound.

Eggs — Oregon ranch, 13 @ 13 1/2c per dozen.

Poultry — Chickens, mixed, \$4 @ 4 50; hens, \$5 @ 5 50; dressed, 11 @ 12c per pound; springs, \$3 @ 5 per dozen; ducks, \$5 @ 6; geese, \$6 @ 7 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10 @ 12c; dressed, 13 @ 15c per pound.

Cheese — Full cream, twins, 13 @ 13 1/2c; Young America, 13 1/2 @ 14c per pound.

Potatoes — Old, 50 @ 60c per sack; new, 2 1/2 @ 2 3/4c per pound.

Mutton — Lambs, 10 @ 11c per pound gross; best sheep, \$8; wethers, \$5; ewes, \$4 50; dressed, 7 1/2 @ 7 3/4c per pound.

Hogs — Gross, heavy, \$5 75 @ 6; light, \$4 75 @ 5; dressed, 7c per pound.

Veal — Large, 7c per pound; small, 8 @ 8 1/2c per pound.

Beef — Gross, top steers, \$5 @ 5 25; cows and heifers, \$4 50 @ 4 75; dressed beef, 7 @ 8 1/4c per pound.

IN NINTH CIRCUIT.

Decisions of Hawaiian Courts Are Not Final.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The United States supreme court, through Chief Justice Fuller, today issued an order granting leave to file a motion for a rule against the circuit court of appeals for the ninth circuit to permit the filing of an appeal in that court from a decision of the supreme court of Hawaii in the Wilder Steamship Company case. The rule was made returnable May 13. Previous to this action, a rule was promulgated attaching the territory of Hawaii to the ninth circuit with headquarters at San Francisco.

The action of the court in assigning Hawaii to the ninth circuit and at the same time issuing a rule to the circuit court of appeals to show cause why it should not take jurisdiction of an admiralty case originating in Hawaii, involves an interesting general question relating to our new territorial acquisitions. The application in this case was made by Duane E. Fox, in behalf of the Wilder Steamship Company, of Hawaii, against Hind, Spreckels et al. Under the act of 1891, organizing the circuit court of appeals, it was given jurisdiction in appeals from the supreme court of territories and the supreme court was given authority to assign the territories to the several circuits. But the courts in the territory of Hawaii were organized by the act of April 30, 1900, on a different basis from other territories, and the same distinction was made as in courts of a state as to writs of error and appeals, and the supreme court of the United States made no order assigning the territory. The act also provided that cases pending at the date of the organization of the territory should be carried on to final judgment and execution in the corresponding courts of the territory. It also established a district court, having the jurisdiction of United States circuit and district courts. The supreme court of the territory rendered judgment for \$55,000 against the Wilder Steamship Company, and, when the company attempted to appeal, the circuit court of appeals on April 1, 1900, refused to entertain the appeal, holding that the judgment of the territorial court was final.

CONFERENCE OF TAXATION.

Several Governors Have Named Delegates—Object of Meeting.

CHICAGO, April 17.—The governors of the various states are beginning to announce their appointments of delegates to attend the conference of taxation, called to meet at Buffalo, May 23 and 24, by the National Civic Federation. At the headquarters, notice of the appointment of the delegates has been received from the governors of Missouri, Maine and Montana. The call for the conference is signed by leading economists, tax experts and public men representing all portions of the country and all interests. The letter of invitation says: "For many decades the states have been building up independent systems of taxation without reference to each other, until now we have a state of affairs bordering on chaos, where each state is practically fighting nearly every other state. Some property is taxed three or four times, while other property is not taxed at all. Corporate activity has largely changed the character of individual investments. Industry has overstepped the boundaries of any one state, and commercial interests are no longer confined to mere local limits. This conference will be the first attempt in this country to work out some uniform principles. It is not expected to settle any of the problems in the two days' discussion, but it will be a beginning, and may result in the appointment of a permanent committee to work out some basis for future action."

Inspection of Philippine Craft.

Washington, April 17.—The inferior condition of many of the craft sailing in Philippine waters has led to arrangements for an examination in any city of the United States having postal free delivery of candidates for appointment as inspector of boilers in the office of the captain of the port of Manila. The examination will be held May 21 by the civil service commission, at the request of the Philippine civil service board. Back of the plans for establishing this office lies an official desire to avoid any serious accidents, for which the Philippine government might be held responsible.

Is Rightfully Theirs.

Washington, April 17.—The millions and tens of millions of dollars which the government has received from the West through the sale of its public lands, give that half of the continent the right to expect liberal assistance from Uncle Sam in the reclamation of its remaining arid lands which only require the building of storage reservoirs to make fertile and populous.

Transport for Manila.

San Francisco, April 17.—Two transports sailed for Manila today—the Logan and the Thyra. The Logan took a battalion of the Ninth cavalry, a battalion of the Tenth cavalry, companies I and M, First infantry, and the First battalion of the Eleventh infantry. The Thyra was to have taken the horses of the Ninth cavalry, but it was found at the last minute that glanders had broken out among the horses of the Ninth at the Presidio, and horses of the Sixth cavalry, which were brought back by the disabled Arab, were substituted.

SCANDAL AT MANILA

Captain Read, Formerly Depot Commissary, Arrested.

OTHER OFFICERS ARE ALSO IMPLICATED

Manager of a Firm of Government Contractors Is in Jail—How Uncle Sam's Money Was Squandered.

MANILA, April 17.—The trial of Commissary Sergeant John Meaton, charged with complicity in the commissary frauds, is finished. No verdict is announced and Meaton's conviction is uncertain. Other trials of those implicated with follow.

Captain J. C. Reed, formerly depot commissary at Manila, has been arrested. It is alleged that entries upon the books of Evans & Company, government contractors, indicate that the commissary officers received the following sums: Major George B. Davis, upwards of \$1000; Captain J. C. Read, \$1000; Captain Frank H. Lawton, \$750; B. L. Tremaine, Colonel Woodruff's chief clerk, \$700. It also appears that Evans & Company furnished the handsome residence of Colonel Woodruff.

Harold M. Pitt, manager of Evans & Company, who is now under arrest, is notoriously lavish in entertaining commissary officers, while the depot commissary, a frequenter of the tenderloin district, occasionally spent days at Pitt's house in bacchanalian rendezvous and prominent officers frequently visited it, drinking champagne and playing poker. Women of doubtful reputation are known to have often been there. It is alleged that Pitt had the inside track in securing government contracts and it is also asserted that he was the prime mover in the scheme to re-establish cockpits in Manila, Mrs. Lara being subsidized in securing a cockpit.

It is asserted that the commissary department made unauthorized purchases of quantities of champagne. Pitt sold some. In addition to what the transports brought, the commissary imported 200 gallons in February and a like amount in March. The commissary and the commissary sergeant kept private carriages and indulged in other extravaganzas.

THE WINTER CAMPAIGN.

Kitchener Will Soon Resume Active Operations.

LONDON, April 17.—The British newspapers and magazines commenting upon the alternating periods of hope and apprehension which characterize the latest stages of the South African campaign, compare these with the latter stages of the American war of independence as though to emphasize these fluctuations. While the letters of responsible correspondents in Pretoria depict the situation in a rather despairing mood, the Pretoria representative of the Daily Mail sends today a dispatch of the most hopeful character.

"The next six weeks," says he, "will see a resumption of active campaigning. Lord Kitchener will renew his sweeping movements. He has an army of 250,000 efficient troops, including 60,000 mounted men with a good supply of horses, 40,000 having been secured in Cape Colony alone. The army is in good spirits and Lord Kitchener is satisfied with the progress of events, slow though it seems."

The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener dated Pretoria, April 15:

"Colonel Henry Rawlinson's column rushed the South laager, northwest of Kerkdorp at daylight. Six Boers were killed, 10 wounded and 23 taken prisoner. He captured a 12-pounder, one pom-pom complete and two ammunition wagons with ammunition. Our casualties were three wounded. Colonel Plumer captured a field cornet and seven men with 10 wagons and rifles. During Colonel Pilcher's operations in the Orange River colony, seven Boers were killed."

It is said that a private telegram has been received here to the effect that General French, with 500 British troops, has been captured by the Boers, while his force was enveloped in a mist on the hills. No confirmation of the report can be obtained. The war office here knows nothing about the rumored capture and entirely discredits the report.

Unguarded Valuables.

Phoenix, Ariz., April 17.—The death here of Mrs. Robin Iche reveals the fact that unconcealed and unguarded in her house was great wealth in jewels and precious stones. The husband of the woman is in jail awaiting trial for insanity, and the sheriff has taken charge of the jewelry, the estimated value of which is not less than \$50,000. Mrs. Iche has a sister in Birmingham, England, the wife of a great coal operator.

Postoffice Robbed.

Salem, Or., April 17.—Chief of Police Gibson received a telephone message from Turner this afternoon, saying that the postoffice at that place was robbed at noon today, while the postmaster was at dinner. The burglars secured \$300 in cash and stamps. At last reports there was no clew to the guilty parties. This bold piece of work, taken in connection with the robberies at McCoy and Lincoln last Wednesday and Thursday, leads to the conclusion that this section of the valley is being worked by a gang of professional crooks.