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overland lines for Honolulu, Japan, China
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We have always on hand a full line of
Caskets, Coffins, and robes at low prices. Our
PICTURE FRAMING
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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.

Japanese are making progress in the
assault on Port Arthur.
Russia has accepted the invitation of
America to negotiate for an arbitration
treaty.
Russia and Britain both want an
American officer of high rank on the
North sea commission.
Ten American fishing craft have been
seized by Canadian officers and fined
for fishing in Canadian waters.
The trouble caused by Paraguay firing
upon an Argentine cruiser has been
settled by the former apologizing.
Secretary of War Taft, in his annual
report, urges that the tariff rates
charged the Philippines be reduced.
Paul Morton, now secretary of the
navy, may succeed Secretary Shaw, of
the treasury department, if the latter
does not remain in the cabinet.
General Kuropatkin has an automobile
in which to travel from one part
to another of his empire. He wants 20
more in which to carry ammunition.
Russian marines at Odessa engaged in
a mutiny and soldiers called out to
quell the disturbance killed 25 and
wounded 100 others before peace was
restored.
The czar has decorated Alexieff with
the order of St. George, third degree.
The American Federation of Labor has
re-elected Samuel Gompers as president.
Japanese diplomats contend that
Great Britain is supplying coal too
freely to Russia.
The Russians at Mukden have de-
feated the Japanese in strategy and a
winter campaign now seems improbable.
The Russian supreme court finds the
seizure of the British ship Cheltenham,
taken off in July by the Vladivostok
squadron, was legal.
It is stated that if Secretary Hitch-
cock resigns, William Richards, com-
missioner of the general land office,
will be offered the position of secretary
of the interior.
Fire in the Queens county court
house, New York, caused damage esti-
mated at \$100,000, and for a time
threatened the jail in which more than
100 persons were confined.
The rail and steel mills of the Illi-
nois Steel company, of Chicago, have
closed down for an indefinite period,
owing to a lack of business. Three
thousand men are thrown out of employ-
ment.
Russians are finding the water prob-
lem at Mukden a serious one.
The government's 95th foot board has
been the selection of exhibits at St. Louis.
The war has cut off Poland's market
in Russia and thousands of people are
idle as a result.
A son-in-law of Marquis Ito declares
that the apparent delay of Oyama is for
strategic reasons.
The Prussian army budget for the
coming year is \$16,000,000, an increase
of \$1,250,000.
Commissioner Richards, of the Gen-
eral land office, is coming to Portland
to testify in the land fraud case.
General Chaffee recommends that the
Vancouver, Wash., military reservation
be enlarged, and estimate the cost of
land at \$30,000.
Charles J. Bonaparte, a leading law-
yer of Maryland, is mentioned as a pos-
sible selection for a place in Roosevelt's
new cabinet as secretary of the interior.
The location of the Vladivostok har-
bor defense mines is uncertain and as
a result a torpedo boat has been sunk
and a German steamer badly damaged.
The need of officers for the navy is
very pressing.
Robbers blew up the safe of a La
Plata, Md., bank and secured \$3,000
cash.
Five submarine torpedo boats built
for Japan in America have arrived at
Yokohama.
Anarchy prevails in Macedonia and
Christians are slain daily.
Cuban health officers challenge
American marine corps to prove that
yellow fever has appeared in that
country.
By the explosion of a boiler in the
suburbs of Vicksburg, Miss., two men
were killed and a number injured, two
seriously.
The vessels of the Baltic fleet have
arrived at Port Said. Every precau-
tion has been taken to insure a safe
passage through the canal.
The permanent location of the Wy-
oming state capital was not settled at
the last election. Cheyenne led in the
contest, but did not receive the neces-
sary two-thirds. It will, however, re-
main at Cheyenne until the matter is
settled, which will not probably be for
many years.
Snow is reported throughout the
United Kingdom and there is great
misery in London.
Minister Barrett reports that all is
again quiet in Panama.

DEWEY MAY BE SENT.
United States Government Has Not
Been Officially Informed.
Washington, Nov. 30.—Gratified by
the spirit which has animated the con-
tracting parties in agreeing to intrust
to a commission the ascertainment of
the questions of fact connected with
the North sea incident, the United
States government will cordially co-
operate in the naming of the commis-
sion by the designation of one of its
high naval officers as a member of that
body. The outcome is especially pleas-
ing to the administration, following
as it does so closely on President
Roosevelt's invitation to the powers of
the world for a second Hague confer-
ence.
The popular impression has been all
along that Admiral George Dewey, the
ranking officer in the American navy,
would be asked to be the American rep-
resentative on the commission, al-
though other names have also been
mentioned in connection with the ap-
pointment. A decision will be reached
promptly after the formal invitation
has been received from the Russian
and British governments as to who
shall be designated.
This formal invitation has not yet
been received, the two governments in
the negotiations which have been in
progress between them acting entirely
on the presumption that the United
States would cheerfully give its assis-
tance and detail a naval officer.

JAPANESE OVER THE HUN.
Rivers Will Soon Bear the Weight
of Transport Wagons.
Tokio, Nov. 30.—News received from
the region of the Shikoku indicates that
the Japanese have been across the Hun
river. Further reports are to the
effect that the Russian outposts on the
right bank of the Shikoku were within
300 yards of the Japanese picket line.
Frequent exchange of gun fire occurred
and minor attacks were quite every day.
While the rivers will soon be frozen
sufficiently to bear the weight of the
heavy transport wagons. The follow-
ing report has been received from Field
Marshal Oyama:
"On the night of the 25th to the
morning of the 26th bodies of the
enemy's infantry attacked us in the
vicinity of Sigulava, Fageid and Shaot-
kan. All these attacks were repulsed.
In the afternoon of the 26th the
enemy's artillery east of Tasha hotly
cannonaded us, but we suffered no in-
jury.
"The greater part of the village of
Chasman has been burned by the
Russians."
BIBONIC PLAGUE IN CHILE.
Consul Winans Charged with Giving
Improper Bills of Health.
Lima, Peru, Nov. 30.—It is reported
that Senor Mayor, the Chilean
minister to the United States, will re-
quest the State department at Wash-
ington to cancel the authorization of
Charles S. Winans, American consul at
Lima, to take charge ad interim of
the Peruvian consulate at that place.
The request, it is said, will be founded on
a charge that Mr. Winans, has given im-
proper bills of health to steamers leav-
ing Lima.
While the prevalence of bibonic
plague in Chile, it is said that there are
cases in which the Chilean government daily
appeals in order that steamers may not
omit to take on board at which there
are no sanitary regulations. This al-
leged action is considered a great peril
to the Peruvian coast, Panama and the
entire country bordering on the South
Pacific ocean.

Sultan Greatly Alarmed.
Salonica, European Turkey, Nov. 30.
—The Bulgarian revolutionary move-
ment has recently assumed such alarm-
ing proportions that the sultan is send-
ing Naxar Pasha to Salonica as special
envoy with instructions to take all
measures necessary to suppress the Bul-
garian movements by the quickest pos-
sible methods. Ten battalions from
Albania are expected here soon and the
Redifs will be probably mobilized in
order to afford effective military pro-
tection in every village of Macedonia.

French Embassy Building Delayed.
Paris, Nov. 30.—Work on the new
French embassy building at Washing-
ton will probably again be delayed.
Foreign Minister Delcasse asked for an
initial appropriation. Minister of Fi-
nance Rouvier objected on the ground
of economy, but finally conceded \$20,-
000. The committee of the budget on
foreign affairs, however, eventually
struck this out, saying the amount
would not permit of much progress,
and that it was better to wait until the
finances permitted of a more ample ap-
propriation.
Students Ceasing Their Rioting.
Budapest, Nov. 30.—As a result of
the order of the director of the univer-
sity forbidding students to participate in
political demonstrations, which yester-
day culminated in a riot in which sev-
eral students were injured, it was le-
gated that there would be further trouble
today, but the big meeting of the op-
posing parties was held and dispersed
quietly after speeches had been made
by Francis Kosuth, Count Apponyi
and others.
Russia Will Copy America.
St. Petersburg, Nov. 30.—A project
for applying the American scheme of
free land for settlers in Siberia in order
to attract colonization from the con-
gested districts in European Russia is
attracting much favorable comment.
The plan as proposed follows closely
the American homestead system.

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

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PREPARE TO DISMANTLE FAIR.

St. Louis Officials Will Begin Work
Wednesday at Midnight.
St. Louis, Nov. 29.—Promptly at
midnight next Wednesday, a force of
75 men employed by the General
Service company of the Louisiana Pur-
chase exposition, will shut 200 freight
cars, loaded with empty packing cases,
into the several exhibit palaces, and
the work of dismantling the World's
fair will begin.

Piled at different parts of the ex-
position grounds are 1,500 carloads of
empty packing cases, while outside the
grounds are others, aggregating 100
carloads more. These will be dis-
tributed as rapidly as possible, and the
packing of exhibits will be rushed.

At daylight, December 2, another
large force of men will begin to tear up
the walks that conceal the tracks about
the exposition grounds. They will
also tear up the switches in the rear of
the Stadium and lay tracks connecting
the line with each of the exhibit build-
ings.

A bond has been filed with the United
States government, through the
Treasury department, by the World's
Fair terminal railway company, mak-
ing it a common carrier, which will
facilitate the removal of the exhibits,
as freight cars can be dispatched direct
from the exposition grounds to their
destinations.

With the exception of Germany, in
which case special permission was re-
quired, not a single exhibit has been
withdrawn nor will be allowed to be
withdrawn until the new month has
begun. Only a few of the German ex-
hibits have been taken away from the
World's fair grounds, and they were
shipped directly to the imperial palace
at Potsdam.

P. E. Phemmer, of Seattle, has been
appointed general superintendent of the
general service company, and declares
that all exhibits will be out of the ex-
position grounds by March 1.

WATER NOT SURE.
Washington, Nov. 29.—Just as the
officials of the reclamation service were
preparing to make contracts for the
construction of the Malheur irrigation
project in Malheur county, Oregon,
after having completed negotiations
with farmers whose lands will be re-
claimed under the proposed canal, an
unexpected obstacle arises which
threatens to force the abandonment of
this attractive reclamation scheme, the
most promising now open to govern-
ment adoption in Oregon.

The grant made to the Willamette
Valley and Cascade Mountain Mill-
lery road company traverses the area, pro-
posed to be irrigated along Malheur
river, and embodies about one-sixth of
the total irrigable area. The govern-
ment, after persistent efforts, procured
signed agreements from all farmers
owning lands in the irrigation area, by
which they pledge themselves to pay
their proportionate share of the cost of
building this great project, namely,
\$30 an acre.

It had been assumed that the Mil-
lery Road people would be willing to
enter into a like agreement, inasmuch
as the construction of this irrigation
project would greatly enhance the value
of their lands and make them readi-
ly salable. At present the road com-
pany's lands are vacant, unimproved
and practically valueless. It turns out
that the assumption of the department
was incorrect. The owners of Millery
road land, now residing in Paris, do
not look with favor upon the govern-
ment's proposition, and are unwilling
to contribute anything towards build-
ing storage reservoirs and canals.

The officials of the reclamation ser-
vice, who had banked so much on this
project, and had expected to see it
pressed to early completion, are very
much disappointed at the turn affairs
have taken. They are inclined to be-
lieve that the Millery Road people
who are opposing the government's
plan are not doing it in a spirit of an-
timony, but because they do not under-
stand what the government proposes
to do.

Russian Ships at Suex.
Suex, Nov. 29.—The Russian battle-
ships Sissoi Veliky, flagship of Rear
Admiral Volsky, and the Navarin,
arrived here today from Port Said.
The flagship exchanged salutes with
the British cruiser Heracles, while the
band of the Navarin played the British
anthem, followed by the Marseillaise
and Khedivial hymn. The rest of the
division followed at short intervals and
the whole of the division is now an-
chored in the Suex roads. The transit of
the canal was without incident.

Dredgemen Leave for Panama.
Chicago, Nov. 29.—Two dredgemen,
the first engaged for work on the Isth-
mian canal, have left Chicago for Pan-
ama. They were William Bates, dredge
engineer, and Philip Bates, his brother,
crane-man. They were engaged through
the office of the International Brother-
hood of Steam Shovel and Dredgemen,
the members of which organization will
be hired for the work. The engineers
will receive \$180 and the crane-men \$165
a month on the canal.

Firing on Fort.
Tokio, Nov. 29.—The general attack
on Port Arthur is progressing, but the
results are unknown. Generals Naka-
mura and Saito, leading specially
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Wednesday at Midnight.
St. Louis, Nov. 29.—Promptly at
midnight next Wednesday, a force of
75 men employed by the General
Service company of the Louisiana Pur-
chase exposition, will shut 200 freight
cars, loaded with empty packing cases,
into the several exhibit palaces, and
the work of dismantling the World's
fair will begin.

Piled at different parts of the ex-
position grounds are 1,500 carloads of
empty packing cases, while outside the
grounds are others, aggregating 100
carloads more. These will be dis-
tributed as rapidly as possible, and the
packing of exhibits will be rushed.

At daylight, December 2, another
large force of men will begin to tear up
the walks that conceal the tracks about
the exposition grounds. They will
also tear up the switches in the rear of
the Stadium and lay tracks connecting
the line with each of the exhibit build-
ings.

A bond has been filed with the United
States government, through the
Treasury department, by the World's
Fair terminal railway company, mak-
ing it a common carrier, which will
facilitate the removal of the exhibits,
as freight cars can be dispatched direct
from the exposition grounds to their
destinations.

With the exception of Germany, in
which case special permission was re-
quired, not a single exhibit has been
withdrawn nor will be allowed to be
withdrawn until the new month has
begun. Only a few of the German ex-
hibits have been taken away from the
World's fair grounds, and they were
shipped directly to the imperial palace
at Potsdam.

P. E. Phemmer, of Seattle, has been
appointed general superintendent of the
general service company, and declares
that all exhibits will be out of the ex-
position grounds by March 1.

WATER NOT SURE.
Washington, Nov. 29.—Just as the
officials of the reclamation service were
preparing to make contracts for the
construction of the Malheur irrigation
project in Malheur county, Oregon,
after having completed negotiations
with farmers whose lands will be re-
claimed under the proposed canal, an
unexpected obstacle arises which
threatens to force the abandonment of
this attractive reclamation scheme, the
most promising now open to govern-
ment adoption in Oregon.

The grant made to the Willamette
Valley and Cascade Mountain Mill-
lery road company traverses the area, pro-
posed to be irrigated along Malheur
river, and embodies about one-sixth of
the total irrigable area. The govern-
ment, after persistent efforts, procured
signed agreements from all farmers
owning lands in the irrigation area, by
which they pledge themselves to pay
their proportionate share of the cost of
building this great project, namely,
\$30 an acre.

It had been assumed that the Mil-
lery Road people would be willing to
enter into a like agreement, inasmuch
as the construction of this irrigation
project would greatly enhance the value
of their lands and make them readi-
ly salable. At present the road com-
pany's lands are vacant, unimproved
and practically valueless. It turns out
that the assumption of the department
was incorrect. The owners of Millery
road land, now residing in Paris, do
not look with favor upon the govern-
ment's proposition, and are unwilling
to contribute anything towards build-
ing storage reservoirs and canals.

The officials of the reclamation ser-
vice, who had banked so much on this
project, and had expected to see it
pressed to early completion, are very
much disappointed at the turn affairs
have taken. They are inclined to be-
lieve that the Millery Road people
who are opposing the government's
plan are not doing it in a spirit of an-
timony, but because they do not under-
stand what the government proposes
to do.

Russian Ships at Suex.
Suex, Nov. 29.—The Russian battle-
ships Sissoi Veliky, flagship of Rear
Admiral Volsky, and the Navarin,
arrived here today from Port Said.
The flagship exchanged salutes with
the British cruiser Heracles, while the
band of the Navarin played the British
anthem, followed by the Marseillaise
and Khedivial hymn. The rest of the
division followed at short intervals and
the whole of the division is now an-
chored in the Suex roads. The transit of
the canal was without incident.

Dredgemen Leave for Panama.
Chicago, Nov. 29.—Two dredgemen,
the first engaged for work on the Isth-
mian canal, have left Chicago for Pan-
ama. They were William Bates, dredge
engineer, and Philip Bates, his brother,
crane-man. They were engaged through
the office of the International Brother-
hood of Steam Shovel and Dredgemen,
the members of which organization will
be hired for the work. The engineers
will receive \$180 and the crane-men \$165
a month on the canal.

Firing on Fort.
Tokio, Nov. 29.—The general attack
on Port Arthur is progressing, but the
results are unknown. Generals Naka-
mura and Saito, leading specially
trained bodies of swordsmen, charged
into the Russian forts and engaged the
Russians in a hand-to-hand and bloody
encounter. The result of the charge
has not been learned.