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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Import-
ant Happenings of the Past Week,
Presented in Condensed Form, Most
likely to Prove Interesting.

The czar has signed an order recalling
Viceroy Alexieff.

The Japanese lines on the Yalu river now
extend for 30 miles.

Bank robbers at Iola, Wis., secured
\$1,200, but overlooked \$9,000 in their
haste.

The Panama canal property has been
formally turned over to the United States.

An American doctor and eight nurses
have arrived in Japan to assist in Red
Cross work.

Alaska Indian children will be
brought to the Chemawa, Oregon,
school or education.

Kouropatkin has forbid his generals
to engage in any battles and even op-
poses small skirmishes.

Rumors of fighting on the Yalu, in
which the Japanese lost heavily con-
tinue to come from Port Arthur.

George A. Hammond, consulting en-
gineer, has been ordered to Eastern
Oregon to assist in the examination of
the Malheur irrigation proposition.

The Indian agent at Colville, Wash.,
and the bonded superintendent at Nez
Perces, Idaho, reservation have been
let out on account of indiscret actions.

Neidermeier, Marx and Vandine, the
Chicago carbarn bandits, have paid the
penalty of their crimes.

Russia may not send her Baltic fleet
to the Far East, as it would leave her
European ports unguarded.

Twenty Russians engaged in planting
mines in the entrance to Port Arthur
were killed by an accidental explosion.

A Port Arthur report says an entire
Japanese column was destroyed on the
Yalu river. No confirmation is obtain-
able.

It is reported that two Japanese, dis-
guised as beggars, attempted to assassi-
nate General Kouropatkin while he
was in Niu Chwang recently.

Russian troops en route to the Far
East have been denied liquor as there
is a determinatio on the part of offi-
cers that the army shall conduct itself
well.

The Hansbrough bill recently passed
by the senate repealing the timber and
stone act, and authorizing the sale of
government timber to the highest bid-
der, has been practically killed in the
house public lands committee.

Many floating mines have been seen
off the Shan Tung promontory in the
path followed by vessels bound to and
from Shanghai and Che Foo and Tien
Tsin. This is extremely dangerous to
shipping and probably will cause an
increase in marine insurance.

The senate has passed the pension
and the river and harbor bills.

The cost of the war to Russia, up to
April 5, is placed at \$46,250,000.

St. Petersburg is in receipt of a
report that Niu Chwang is being bom-
bardeed.

Colorado militiamen clubbed the sec-
retary of the Miners' Federation for de-
fying their chief.

The house has passed a bill provid-
ing a temporary government for the
Panama canal zone.

Secretary Hitchcock has issued an
order prohibiting sheep on the Baker
City forest reserve.

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ed by the senate so as to authorize the
survey of Coos and Tillamook bays.

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SHADOWED BY JAPANESE.

Spies in France are Trying to Learn
Plans of Russians.

St. Petersburg, April 26.—The Ruski
Slavo prints a letter from an official in
the French secret service which reports
the presence of numerous Japanese
spies in France, well provided with
money. They shadow Russians and
watch the shipyards. Especially do
they endeavor to ascertain the exact
date of the departure of the Baltic fleet
and the points en route at which it will
coal.

The Novosti states that the Russians
should feel gratified at the strategical
achievement of the naval squadron,
which imposed caution upon the Jap-
anese operations and gave Russia time
to throw a prepondering military force
into Manchuria. The most favorable
time, the Novosti continues, for Jap-
anese military operations has passed.

A letter written by Colonel Apagoff,
an officer of marines on the Petropavlov-
sk, who was drowned, describes the
routine upon the battleship. We rise,
he wrote, at 6 o'clock, learn the news
of the night and drink tea. At 8
o'clock we attend colors and then read
the papers in hope of obtaining infor-
mation of the intentions of the enemy.
Afterwards we go to a meeting at head-
quarters and discuss questions of de-
fense. Lunch comes at 1 o'clock. Af-
terwards we visit the city or transact
our own affairs. Dinner at 6 o'clock,
when rumors of all kinds circulate.

If reports of the appearance of the
enemy are persistent, the letter states,
the torpedo boats are sent out, and
upon these craft falls the hardest ser-
vice of the war. When Grand Duke
Cyril arrived at Port Arthur, he was
given command of a torpedo boat.
The ships in the harbor, it is stated,
were connected with the others and
with the shore by telephone.

NOT TO WATER IT.

Nation Finds Crook County Field Taken
by Private Concerns.

Washington, April 26.—The secre-
tary of the interior has received a peti-
tion from 300 members of the Farm-
ers' co-operative irrigation association
of Oregon asking that a thorough inves-
tigation be made by the reclamation
service to determine the irrigation pos-
sibilities of Crook county. The peti-
tion has the indorsement of Senator
Mitchell.

It happens that representatives of
the reclamation service have made ex-
tensive investigations in Crook county,
and reached the conclusion that there
is no present opportunity for the
government to enter this field. There are
several attractive irrigation projects
along the Deschutes river, but all of
these are now covered by segregations
made by the state of Oregon under the
Carey act, and the government does not
desire to interfere with the plans of
private companies.

The only other water available for
irrigation in Crook county is the
Crooked river, and the summer flow
of this stream is now fully utilized.
As it would be expensive to divert
water of the Deschutes across the
Crook river valley onto the distant
arable lands, the government has de-
cided it can do nothing in Crook county
unless private enterprises under the
Carey act are abandoned.

SPECIAL STAMP FOR '05 FAIR.

Postal Department is Expected to Au-
thorize the Issue Soon.

Washington, April 26.—At the sug-
gestion of Senator Mitchell, the post-
office department has taken up the mat-
ter of preparing a special issue of
postage stamps to commemorate the Lewis
and Clark centennial. The department
can issue such stamps without special
authority of congress, and in view of
the department's attitude on the ce-
remonies of other expositions, it is expect-
ed that the postmaster general will
soon authorize a special Lewis and
Clark issue.

Senator Mitchell has also requested
the department to supply the Portland
postoffice with a special cancelling
stamp bearing some such words as
"Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposi-
tion, 1905, Portland, Oregon," or
"World's Fair, Portland, Oregon," 1905."

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advisement. Senator Mitchell believes
that the postmaster general will soon
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PAPERS ARE SIGNED

TITLE TO PANAMA CANAL NOW
RESTS WITH UNITED STATES.

Agreement Transfers Property Without
Reservation—Stockholders Will Now
Ratify the Act of President and Di-
rector of Company—Title is Perfect—
U. S. First to Hear News.

Paris, April 25.—The Associated
Press is authorized to announce that
the contract by which the Panama
canal passes to the United States is
signed and sealed. The title to the
canal is now vested in the United
States. The document by which this
transaction is consummated bears the
signatures of President Bo and Director
Richman, of the Panama canal com-
pany, who signed for the company as
its responsible officers. The transfer is
complete and without reservation, and
the United States secures a perfect
title.

This result has been quietly accom-
plished, and unexpectedly, as the public
has been given to understand that the
contract would not be executed until
after the meeting of the stockholders of
the Panama canal company tomorrow,
at which the question of ratification
would be presented. As a matter of
fact, however, when the meeting takes
place President Bo will announce that
the sale has been completed, and, in-
stead of asking for authority to execute
a contract, it will only remain to ratify
the contract of sale which the officers
of the company have formally com-
pleted. Only a few of the highest offi-
cials of the company are now aware of
the secret, which will not be known
except by this announcement in the
United States up to the time of the
meeting.

It is confidently believed that the
completion of the sale before this meet-
ing will increase the vote for ratifica-
tion.

RUSSIA ISSUES PAPER MONEY.

Finance Minister Says It Is Not Forced,
and No Loan is Desired.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—Russia has
made a new issue of \$15,000,000 in
paper currency against free gold in the
State bank. At the ministry of finance
it was explained that it was an ordi-
nary issue, and in no sense was forced.
Under the law paper is issuable to double
the amount of gold up to \$150,000,-
000 gold, in excess of which paper is
issued must be covered roublie for roublie.
In the State bank there are, in round
figures, \$400,000,000 in gold, which
would permit of an issue of \$550,000,-
000 in paper, but the paper issue at
present only amounts to \$350,000,000.

All sorts of figures of the cost of the
war are printed abroad. The corre-
spondent of the Associated Press is au-
thoritatively informed that the daily
expenses are averaging \$750,000, and it
is estimated that a year's expenditure
for the war will total \$250,000,000.
To meet this there existed a free bal-
ance of \$50,000,000 by reductions in
the ordinary budgets, leaving ostensibly
\$135,000,000. But a portion of the latter
is made up by the increased earnings
of the railroads owned by the govern-
ment. It being in reality a question
of bookkeeping, how the balance
is to be raised has not yet been deter-
mined.

ALL RETIRE AT SEVENTY YEARS.

House Committee Decides on Reform in
the Civil Service.

Washington, April 25.—The house
committee on reform in the civil service
authorized Chairman Gillett to intro-
duce a bill providing that on June 30,
1907, every office in the classified ser-
vice of the United States held by a per-
son who is then over 70 years old, shall
become vacant, and that thereafter such
offices shall become vacant when the
incumbent becomes 70 years old.

The committee directed Mr. Gillett
to report all pending bills granting
pensions to civil employees of the
government to the house, with the recom-
mendation that they lie on the table;
also that the draft a bill reclassifying
the clerical service of the government,
with a view to providing for more fre-
quent promotions in the smaller sal-
aried positions.

Alaskan Fishing Season Extended.

Washington, April 25.—The secre-
tary of commerce signed an order today
rescinding the regulation which limits
the duration of the salmon fishing sea-
son in Southeastern Alaska. Under
the former regulation, cannerymen were
prohibited from taking salmon until
July 1, but the order issued today
removes this restriction entirely and
no date is fixed. The repeal of the old
regulation was demanded by the can-
nerymen's association, and was also
recommended by the Jordan com-
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Will Be Under Martial Law.

Niu Chwang, April 25.—Viceroy
Alexieff has issued an important order
declaring the Yin Kow railroad station
and the native village adjoining it to be
within the region under martial law.
The station is the Niu Chwang, and it is a terminus of the Pekin-Shan
Kai Kwan railroad and telegraph system.
The order also establishes a censor-
ship over all telegrams, the scrutiny of
papers and inspection of baggage. It
will go into effect tomorrow.

Protects Water Supply of Portland.

Washington, April 25.—Protection
to the water supply of the city of Port-
land was provided by the house today
when it passed a bill prohibiting trespass-
ing on the Bull Run forest reserve.
The maximum penalty for trespassing
was reduced to \$500.

Kouropatkin Waits for More Troops.

Paris, April 23.—The St. Petersburg
correspondent of the Echo de Paris at St. Petersburg
says that in the course of the audience
between the emperor and Vice Admiral
Makarov, he majesty conferred upon
the admiral full power to act at Port
Arthur in accordance with the necessities
of the moment. The rumor that
\$10,000,000 in cash went down with
this message, grave happenings are pro-
ceeding on the peninsula; in fact, I am
told that another battle is being fier-
ely contested in the neighborhood of
Port Arthur.

FIND EXCLUSION TOO SEVERE.

Senate Committee Objects to Hitt Bill
Regarding Chinese.

Washington, April 23.—The general
deficiency bill reported by the senate
committee on appropriations carries
\$11,342,146, an increase as it passed
the house of \$940,525. It contains as
an amendment the Hitt Chinese exclu-
sion bill, which was accepted by the
house before the bill was passed. The
Hitt bill was introduced in the senate by
Penrose and referred to the committee
on foreign relations. In this com-
mittee the discovery, it is said, has
been made that the bill will affect the
introduction of Chinese coolie labor into
the Panama canal zone, and to a
considerable extent affect the immigration
to this country of Coreans and Filipinos
and the deportation from the United
States, Hawaii, Porto Rico and any
territory, "subject to the jurisdiction
of the United States of any person
held to come within the definition of
the words 'Chinese persons,'" and ob-
jection has been made to the far reaching
effects of the bill.

When the senate committee on for-