

## Mosier Bulletin

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### EVENTS OF THE DAY

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

President Rafael Reyes, of Colombia, has resigned.

Crete has raised the Greek flag and declared independence of Turkey.

The United States Steel corporation has increased the dividends on its common stock.

French Socialists have protested against the proposed visit of the czar to France.

Colonel Leopold Marek, of Cincinnati, has been arrested at Baltimore for striking a negro waiter who did not serve the senator just to suit him.

A coal train on the Denver & Rio Grande ran away in Utah, but the crew escaped unhurt.

The Wright airplane has a device to prevent accidents in case the machine should fall in water.

Senator Stone, of Missouri, has been arrested at Baltimore for striking a negro waiter who did not serve the senator just to suit him.

Tourist travel to the Yellowstone park is so heavy that all hotels are full and the Oregon Short Line has stopped traffic to that place temporarily.

Hubert Latham came within two miles of crossing the English channel in his aeroplane when an accident occurred to the machinery and he fell into the sea. He was rescued.

Canada is seriously considering the advisability of building a navy.

A general strike is on at Barcelona, Spain, against the war in Morocco.

Hawaiian sugar planters propose to import Russian laborers to displace the Japs.

The battleship Michigan, the speediest of her class, will go into commission in August.

The chances seem good that Thaw will be declared sane and released from the asylum.

European pressure may yet cause China to refuse Americans a share in the railway loan.

The assistant cashier of a Tipton, Ind., bank, robbed it of \$60,000, and left for parts unknown.

Hubert Latham damaged his airship during a trial flight before attempting to cross the English channel.

The British cabinet has announced that four more battleships of the Dreadnaught type will be built.

The ex-shah of Persia has been offered an annual pension of \$25,000 on condition that he leave the country.

Japan has adopted a vigorous policy against Korean insurgents.

The death roll of the recent Gulf storm has been increased to 41.

A train struck an automobile at Menominee, Mich., killing an entire family of three.

One man saved his life in the recent Galveston storm by using his cork legs to keep him afloat.

Spain is on the verge of a revolution because of English and clerical influence over the king.

A Seattle woman has secured a divorce because her husband has been too tired to work for 12 years.

Lightning struck a residence at American Forks, Utah, four times. One woman was killed and four others persons hurt.

During a balloon race at Newton, Ill., two of the big gas bags collapsed, 2,000 feet in the air. One man's leg was badly crushed.

Raphael Manco, who served in the Crimean war, later served with "Chinene" General Gordon and then saw service in the Civil war, is dead. He had lived at Los Angeles for the past 25 years.

Premier Briand has formed a new French cabinet.

Roosevelt is being proposed for mayor of New York.

A cloudburst in Colorado killed two persons and did much damage to property.

Premier Asquith says Britain should be warned against tariff by American and German experiences.

In an automobile race at Grand Rapids, Mich., 50 miles was made in 51 minutes and 22 seconds.

The serious condition of King Peter of Serbia is arousing anxiety. His death would cause no surprise.

A big forest fire is raging in the mountains near San Bernardino, Cal.

A Los Angeles judge in denying a divorce in which the plaintiff's mother was involved said no house was big enough for a married couple and a mother-in-law.

The final count of dead in the Texas storm shows a loss of 25 lives. Communication has been established with all points and the property damage will be over \$1,000,000.

A Vancouver, B. C., police magistrate fined himself \$5 and costs for exceeding the speed limit with his automobile.

Bolivia and Peru have agreed to arbitrate the boundary dispute instead of fighting.

The Six Companies have forbid making San Francisco's Chinatown a show place for tourists.

Spanish troops have protested against going to Morocco. There have also been several riots among the people.

### MAKES NEW RECORD.

Orville Wright Remains in Air for More Than an Hour.

Washington, July 28.—The world's aeroplane record for two men, both as to time and distance, was broken last evening in a beautiful flight of 1 hour, 12 minutes and 40 seconds—upward of 50 miles, and at a speed averaging 40 miles an hour, by Orville Wright at Fort Myer, with Lieutenant Frank P. Lahm, of the army signal corps, as a passenger.

The former record was made last year by his brother, Wilbur, at Le Mans, France, with Professor Painov, of the French institute, as passenger. That flight was 1 hour, 9 minutes and 30 seconds. Wilbur was an eager spectator of yesterday's flight.

The cheering that heralded the setting of a new mark in the conquest of the air was led by President Taft, who was an intensely interested spectator throughout the flight. This success was all important to the Wrights, in that it completed the first of two crucial tests of their machine imposed upon them by the United States government—the so-called "endurance test," which required them to remain one hour continuously in the air with one passenger. Orville did nearly 13 minutes better than that, and could have kept on indefinitely—three hours and a half, the limit imposed by the gasoline capacity of the supply tank.

### GRAFT WAS HUGE.

Chicago Police Collected Nearly \$3,000,000 a Year for Protection.

Chicago, July 28.—Astounding revelations follow the partial investigation of vice conditions in Chicago, made in connection with the present crusade against police graft. Many vicious industries were seen to be centered in several districts of the city in such proportions that the task of investigating conditions in the territory over which Inspector McCann had jurisdiction is gigantic and will unfold to the grand jury's gaze a spectacle many times as loathsome as that presented by the levee district of the river.

Conservatively estimated, the annual amounts in graft alleged to be paid for police protection by resorts of many kinds in the city, including disorderly houses, hotels, flats, rooming houses, gambling houses, dance halls, and saloons, made a total of \$2,932,760, nearly 5,000 places contributing to the sum, if such funds exist.

The largest part of this enormous revenue is said to be paid by resort keepers and others in what is known as the Twenty-second Levee district.

In addition to these amounts received from habitués of Twenty-second street levee, the First ward ball nets its organizers \$30,000 a year on the average. Resort keepers and others are forced to contribute to the wholesale purchase of tickets and wine.

### WILL DISTRIBUTE RICHES.

Reports Say Rockefeller Will Bestow Millions Upon Poor People.

New York, July 28.—That John D. Rockefeller, the oil king, is preparing to distribute a good part of his numerous millions in charity is predicted by those who profess to have acquaintance with the Rockefeller plans. It is said Rockefeller has already transferred many millions to his son, John D. Jr., so that the younger Rockefeller may have the honor and fame of being the dispenser of princely gifts.

According to the accepted version of the rumored plan, the money will be given directly to the poor through certain Rockefeller channels. Charitable institutions and colleges will not benefit to any extent by the projected philanthropy.

Like all other Rockefeller activities, the distribution of wealth to the poor will be handled by a company duly incorporated. Just what method of charity will be followed has not been ascertained, but it is said the money will be given outright to the needy and that little will be handled as loans. Whatever loans may be made will be without interest. Rockefeller refused to discuss the rumor in any part, but the activity of his agents has lent a certain color of truth to the report.

### Texas to Entertain Taft.

San Antonio, Tex., July 28.—A wild cat hunt and a jackrabbit chase are among the diversions planned for President Taft when he visits the Texas capital near San Antonio in November. Joseph H. Green, superintendent of the large estate, told of the preparations being made for the entertainment. That the president may not be deprived of his favorite pastime, golf links are being hurried to completion. The erection of a pagoda and bathhouse on the golf are among other improvements being made for President Taft.

### Czar and Family in Germany.

Eckernforde, Schleswig-Holstein, July 28.—The Russian imperial yacht, Standart, with Emperor Nicholas, Empress Alexandra and their children on board, and a naval escort anchored in this harbor early today. The emperor and empress landed and went to Prince Henry's country place at Himmelsmark. Extraordinary precautions have been taken to guard the Russian sovereigns from attack. German torpedo boats are picketed around the Russian squadron to prevent the approach of any unofficial craft.

### Famine Adds to Troubles.

Barcelona, July 28.—Barcelona is now under martial law. Serious rioting has occurred following the declaration of a general strike in protest against the military operations in Morocco and the dispatch to that country of large bodies of troops. Several persons have been killed and many wounded. The food supply has been cut off, resulting in great hardships and suffering, especially among the poor. The prices are almost prohibitive.

### Mexican Riots Kill Six.

Mexico City, July 28.—It is reported that six persons are dead and 35 wounded as a result of the riots in Guadalupe, capital of the state of Jalisco, and the second largest city in the Mexican republic. Samuel E. Magill, the American consul at Guadalupe, has presented formal claim for injuries sustained by American citizens.

## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

### PRUNES SOLD GREEN.

Salem Growers to Ship 30 Cars to Eastern Market.

Salem—A new era in the prune business of the Willamette valley was ushered in, when the independent prune pool, representing about 2,000,000 pounds of fruit, practically decided to accept a proposition from the Earl Fruit company, of San Francisco, for about 30 car loads of green prunes, to be picked and shipped to the Eastern markets at once. The price offered is 40 cents per crate of 24 pounds, the prunes to be accepted and paid for at this rate before leaving Salem. The growers are told they will also get all that the prunes bring in the market over and above this figure. Each car will hold 12 tons.

The Eastern Washington and Idaho crop has been sold green for several years. Last year the output of that section was 1,600 tons. This year there is a light crop, amounting to only about 350 tons, and the dealers in green fruits are seeking to make up the deficiency by buying Oregon's Italian prunes, which are admitted to be better than either the California or Washington products. Last year the growers of Washington and Idaho realized 30 cents per crate of 24 pounds, or about 80 cents per bushel, for their green prunes, which the Salem growers consider more profitable than selling the dried fruit.

Leading growers state that 30 cars can be picked from the orchards of the members of the pool at this time and not decrease the output of dried fruit to any extent, as the prunes that remain will attain a much larger growth than if none were removed.

### POWELL INVITED TO SALEM.

Fruitgrowers Want Demonstration on Pre-Cooling of Fruits.

Salem—S. G. H. Powell, of the United States department of agriculture, will be the guest of the Salem board of trade and the Salem Fruit union, and will be taken out through the fruit country in an automobile.

The department has been engaged this year in pre-cooling and shipping demonstrations at Puyallup and other Western points, and an effort will be made to have Mr. Powell sent to Salem next year to take up this line of work. Just at this time, when the shipment of small fruits to the Eastern markets is being undertaken, it is believed the aid and experience of the government experts would be of great value to the fruit industry in the Willamette valley.

### Activity in Gold Mines.

Grants Pass—There will be much activity among Southern Oregon mines this fall. Many mining men looking over the field in order to obtain good options on some of the best paying property. In conjunction with this movement on the part of buyers, some of the owners are introducing the diamond drill. One of these machines arrived this week to be used upon the property of the National Copper company, located 17 miles from this city. It is understood that the Buckeye group of mining claims will also have a machine of the same kind here within a few days to make tests on their properties which are in the same neighborhood.

### Bridge John Day at Clarno.

The Dalles—At a recent joint meeting of the county courts of Wasco and Wheeler counties it was agreed to build a bridge across the John Day river at Clarno ferry, the expense to be borne equally by both counties. The county court of Wasco was authorized to enter into a contract for the bridge. Acting on this authority County Judge Lake and Commissioner Rooper awarded the contract to the C. G. Sheely Contracting company, of Denver, for \$7,780. The bridge is to be constructed of steel.

### Deschutes Canal Breaks.

Bend—A break has occurred in the big canal of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company, and before the headgate could be closed, 200 feet of flume was carried away. The damage to the irrigation company will amount to \$3,000. A force of men was sent out at once to repair the break, but it is feared water will be shut off for at least ten days, and as the farmers are much in need of water these warm days the loss will be extensive.

### Regular Mail Service Now.

Prineville—After three years' constant effort by patrons of the discontinued Crook postoffice, which was located in the Bear Creek country, 55 miles south of Prineville, regular mail supply was begun Monday, July 19. A series of four postoffices have been established by the postoffice department for the accommodation of the residents of the district affected, some 400 in number.

### Harvesting Starts at Weston.

Weston—The wheat harvest has just begun in this vicinity. Many machines are now at work, and the wheat will be in the sack, as ideal harvest weather prevails. Fall wheat is yielding about 40 bushels per acre, and the few samples brought in test 60 pounds to the bushel. Smut is unusually prevalent, because of the damp, cloudy weather early in the year.

Coos Bay Wants Artillery Company.

Marshfield—The members of the Young Men's Commercial club are becoming active in boosting Coos bay. One of the steps taken is to push the organization of an artillery company here. A committee headed by Dr. E. M. Mings will confer with the National Guard officers. Many young men have already signified their willingness to become members.

### Brief Shortest Filed.

Salem—L. H. McMahon, attorney for J. K. Sears, plaintiff in the action to prevent the use of \$10,000 state money in the Crater lake highway, has filed his brief in the Supreme court. The brief is one of the shortest ever placed on record in the Appellate court of Oregon.

### SECURES LAKE TRADE.

Klamath Merchants Boost for Good Roads Over Mountains.

Klamath Falls—Ranchers from the Silver Lake section, in Northern Lake county, are coming to Klamath Falls for their supplies. Already several of them have made the trip of approximately 175 miles and have returned home with their wagons loaded with provisions purchased from the merchants of this city. The one drawback to getting all of the trade of Northern Lake county is the poor condition of the roads. At this season of the year it is possible to travel over most any kind of a trail, but with the first light storms the roads become practically impassable. Northern Lake county is anxious to do its trading in this city and the merchants of that section are willing to have their freight shipped via Klamath instead of Shaniko, the way it has been coming. The distance is about the same, but the freight rate is lower. It is very likely that steps will be taken by Klamath county to improve the roads to this isolated section, so that the vast territory in the north part of both Klamath and Lake counties will be enabled to get all their supplies from Klamath Falls.

This city is so situated that the arrival of the railroad has made it the natural distributing center for all Southern Oregon. The only drawback is the road question. Klamath county is now prepared to build good roads at a reasonable cost, but the county is too large to construct highways in every section in a short time. The opening up of the Lake county traffic to Klamath Falls also makes an opening for Portland wholesalers, who will have to hustle in order to meet the competition of Sacramento and San Francisco.

### Big Tract Subdivided.

Grants Pass—Subdividing of large tracts of orchard and farming land still continues along this part of Rogue river valley. Along the Applegate river, near Murphy postoffice, 500 acres of land, with 260 acres under irrigation, and sufficient water rights and ditches to irrigate 150 more, besides abundance of water in the river that may be appropriated for the remainder of the premises will be subdivided into ten-acre lots and planted into fruit. There will be an earnest effort on the part of the owners to sell only to men with families, who desire to have homes in a pleasant climate, and to be close to the railroad in order to market fruit.

### Working for New County.

Cottage Grove—At the regular meeting of the promotion department of the Cottage Grove Commercial club, President H. O. Thompson was chosen as delegate to represent this section at the National Irrigation congress which convenes in Spokane August 9 to 14 inclusive. The procuring of signatures to the petitions for Nesmith county in 1910 is going rapidly forward. The movement is meeting with success throughout all sections. The citizens of Cottage Grove have raised a large fund to carry on the county campaign.

### Normal Property Leased.

Salem—At a meeting of the executive committee of the board of normal school regents the action of Secretary C. L. Starr in disposing of certain property of the schools, was confirmed. Part of the buildings at Monmouth were leased to the school district and all of the property at Drain was leased to district No. 22, Douglas county. At Ashland and Weston caretakers were employed to look after the buildings and part of the equipment sold.

### State Veterinarians Named.

Salem—Governor Benson has appointed the following members of the Oregon state veterinary medical board to serve for four years: Dr. Alexander Reid, Morrow county, reappointed; Dr. F. T. Motz, Baker county, to succeed Dr. D. C. McNab, Umatilla county.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—New crop: Bluestem, \$1.02; club, 95c; Russian, 95c; valley, 97c; Turkey red, \$1; 40-fold, \$1. Hay—New crop, Timothy, Willamette valley, \$12.00; 16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$17.00; mixed, \$15.50; alfalfa, \$13; clover, \$11.00. Grain bags—5¢ each. Fruits—Cherries, 5¢@11¢ per pound; peaches, 9¢@1.10 per box; apricots, \$1.25@1.50; loganberries, \$1.00@1.50 per crate; raspberries, \$1.50; black caps, \$2.25; blackberries \$2; wild blackberries, 10¢ per pound. Potatoes—New, \$1.25 @ 1.50 per hundred. Vegetables—Beans, 6¢ per pound; cabbage, 1 1/4¢@1 1/2¢; celery, 9¢@1.10 per dozen; cucumbers, 25¢@50¢; lettuce, head, 25¢@35¢; onions, 12¢@15¢; peas, 7¢@8¢ per pound; radishes, 15¢ per dozen. Butter—City creamery, extras, 30¢ per pound; fancy outside creamery, 27¢@30¢; store, 20¢. Butter fat regular butter press, 15¢ per pound. Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 27¢ 28¢ per dozen. Poultry—Hens, 15¢; springs, 15¢; 16¢; roosters, 9¢@10¢; ducks, young, 13¢@14¢; geese, young, 11¢; turkeys, 18¢; squabs, \$2.25@2.50 per dozen. Pork—Fancy, 11¢@12¢ per pound; ordinary, 7¢@8¢; heavy, 7¢. Hops—1909 contracts, 18¢@19¢; 1908 crop, 12¢@13¢; 1907 crop, 8¢@9¢; 1906 crop, 5¢. Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16¢@23¢ per pound; valley, 23¢@25¢; mohair, choice, 24¢@25¢. Cattle—Steers, top, \$4.50; fair to good, \$4.40; common, \$3.75@4.25; cows, top, \$3.50; fair to good, \$3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; calves, top, \$5.50; heavy, \$3.50@5.50; bulls and stags, \$2.75@3.25; common, \$2.00@2.50. Hogs—Best, \$8.75@9.10; fair to good, \$7.75@8.25; stockers, \$6.00@6.75; China fats, \$6.75@7. Sheep—Top wethers, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, 1/2¢ less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; spring lambs, \$5.25@5.35.

### NORTHWEST APPLES BEST.

Bring Higher Price Than Those From Any Other State.

Consul General Robert P. Skinner, writing from Hamburg, Germany, details facts relating to the apple industry of this country as reflected in the prices received there, and shows that Oregon and Washington apples bring more than those from any other states, the scale being in comparison with the California product as follows:

State Per 1-bushel case Oregon, Washington . . . \$2.61@3.57 California . . . 1.60@2.61

As to the possibilities of the extension of the apple trade with Germany, the report shows that in 1908 Germany imported 164,421 tons of apples, of which the United States supplied only 10,502 tons; in 1907 Germany imported 181,457 tons, the United States sending 9,229 tons.

Germany enforces rigidly inspection for the San Jose scale, and this pest has been found on a number of shipments from the Pacific coast. Mr. Skinner says, however, that as a rule American apples reach Germany in good condition. He urges that care be exercised by all apple shippers to free their orchards from scale and all other pests, and then exercise constant supervision of their employees to insure that the fruit will be packed so as to make it pleasing to the eye as well as protect it against bruising while being transported.

Hamburg is the great apple receiving port. There, writes the consul, honest and impartial rules of sale are observed and the seller always receives what is his due, the market regulations and government inspection having been developed in manner to make it certain the always there shall be no crooked work or unjust rejection of shipments.

German fruit buyers have for years been sending their representatives to America to look over orchards and packing houses, and keep informed on the conditions of the industry in all important localities where considerable quantities of fruit are produced. These agents often go without making known their identity, and thus obtain information which might otherwise be harder to secure.

The report of Consul General Skinner agrees with previous reports which have been sent to the government from abroad—that Pacific coast apples now lead this country in all European markets. It likewise emphasizes the necessity of maintaining the present high standard, in order that the high prices now obtained may be maintained and the apple industry reap the large profit which has been made in the past years.

### CROP A RECORD BREAKER.

Prospects in Pacific Northwest Never Better Than Now.

According to information received during the past week the Pacific Northwest will produce almost four times as many cars of potatoes as a year ago.

This increase is startling, even though the comparison with the production of a year ago is not exactly a correct showing, for the 1908 crop was just about half of what was produced the previous season.

During the present season the acreage of potatoes in the Pacific Northwest, but more especially in Oregon, shows the greatest increase for one year ever noted here. While a large per cent of this increase was in the Willamette valley, most of the additional acreage was planted in Eastern Oregon.

Eastern Washington and Idaho likewise have a very heavy potato acreage increase and the production there will be much greater than during any previous year. Western Washington had a greater acreage of potatoes than a year ago, but the difference in favor of this season is not great so far as the additional planting is concerned.

Potato crop prospects could scarcely be improved over what they are in Oregon, Washington and Idaho this season, and the same is stated to be the case in California. In Eastern Oregon, where some of the poorest showings were made in grain production this season, the crop of potatoes never looked better.

In the Willamette valley, potatoes will show better quality this year than ever before and the sizes will be just that which gained for this section the reputation of growing the very best potatoes in the entire United States.

In seasons previous to the present one, the potato acreage and production of Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho had little, if anything, to do with prices at Portland or San Francisco, but this season each of these sections will be a strong factor in the market and unless all signs fail prices will reach a lower figure than for some seasons.

Potato prices have been so high along the Pacific coast in recent years that the trade can scarcely come to think that lower prices will again be in effect. With such a heavy increase in acreage and a production so much greater per acre than normal, the supplies will be fully equal to any demand would justify, and that being the case, present out of line values will go out of effect.

### Thieves Use Wireless.

Los Angeles, July 27.—When the police arrested four boys, whose ages ranged from 14 to 17 years, in a deserted shack, they discovered this gang had been operating the most modern "burglars' club" ever found in the city. The boys, Arthur Smith, 17 years old, appeared to be the ruling spirit of the gang, and he also was the operator of the chief wireless station. Four other stations were operated, and the gang was kept informed of one another's movements by wireless.

### Train Falls Into River.

Kansas City, Mo., July 26.—At least two persons are known to be dead, one trainman is missing and between 50 and 30 are injured as a result of a wreck of Wabash passenger train No. 4, 30 miles east of here tonight. The train fell into the Missouri river, where the track had been weakened by a landslide. The engine, baggage car, mail car, smoker and a dead-head sleeper, plunged into the water and were completely submerged.

## NEW RAILROAD WAR

Harriman to Have Active Opposition Along Deschutes.

### RIVAL CONTRACTORS ON GROUND

Porter Brothers, Builders of North Bank, Start Construction to Central Oregon.

The Dalles, Or., July 24.—Railroad grading equipment, consigned to Porter Bros., contractors, was unloaded here today, and preparations have been made to begin in the morning transferring the material to Sherar's bridge, on the Deschutes river.

Work on a railroad through the Deschutes canyon into Central Oregon will begin immediately, and this road will not be Harriman's, according to the contractors.

This is regarded here as the first move in a Titanic struggle between Harriman and Hill for control of the Deschutes grade into Interior Oregon.

Johnson Porter, member of the firm of Porter Bros., contractors, is in the city and superintended the unloading of the grading equipment. Mr. Porter will not admit that his company is working for Mr. Hill, but insists he is not in the employ of Mr. Harriman.

Mr. Porter is the contractor militant who built the North Bank for Mr. Hill in the face of Harriman's active and sometimes forcible opposition. In this city the supposition is that Porter Bros. are the construction agents of Mr. Hill.

### CHICAGO GRAFT EXPOSED.

Indicted Detective Collected \$9,000 a Month for Protection.

Chicago, July 24.—Stories of graft, astounding in extent and detail and revealing conditions beyond belief, were told to the grand jury today and were followed by the immediate indictment of Detective Sergeant Jeremiah Griffin, of the Desplaines street police station, known as Inspector Edward McCann's "man Friday."

He is charged with demanding and accepting bribes from dive keepers, gamblers, cocaine sellers and disreputable women of the West Side levee.

There are 25 counts in the true bill voted against the sergeant, each setting forth a separate offense. Upward of \$9,000 a month was collected by him from dwellers of the underworld, according to the indictment, and more than \$150,000 in all is said to have been delivered to the Desplaines street police executives.

The more startling phase of the investigation lies in the fact that the trail has been rapidly followed to the city hall, and it is now said that Mayor Busse's confidence in some of his most trusted advisers has been sadly betrayed.

Similar conditions are said to exist in half a dozen other police precincts.

### JAPAN GROWS RESTIVE.

Wants Equal Tariff Rates With Other Nations.

Washington, July 24.—Japan undoubtedly is becoming restive under the conditions imposed in her treaty with the United States. This recently was made evident when she proposed to this government that negotiations for a new treaty be begun at once, notwithstanding the fact that the present treaty does not expire for two years. Our trade interests in Japan, however, are not suffering and for this and other reasons this government did not see its way clear to discuss the questions involved before the expiration of our treaty in 1911.

Under the most favored nation clause of the treaty, Japan extends to the United States all the conventional rates which it has granted to Great Britain, Germany and France. On the other hand, none of the reduced rates authorized in section 3 of the Dingley act, which were granted by the United States to certain foreign countries, are extended to Japan.

### Uniform Laws Proposed.

Bellingham, July 24.—A special from New Westminster says: Professor David Starr Jordan and Professor Edward E. Prince, respectively American and Canadian members of the joint fisheries commission, are now engaged in examining Fraser fisheries. Professor Jordan said in an interview that when the regulations of the commission are submitted they will provide for a uniform closed season in Canada and the United States waters. The extent of the closed season he would not state.

### Ship Brings Gold Cargo.

Seattle, July 24.—The steamer St. Croix arrived from Nome today with \$500,000 in gold dust and bars. On the way down the St. Croix stopped at Cordova and the passengers were taken up the Copper river on a special train 40 miles, to the camp where a \$3,000,000 cantilever bridge is under construction across the river. The structure is 1,550 feet long and will be completed in a year and a half. The bridge crosses the river between two large glaciers, the Miles and Childs, the latter having an immense river frontage.

### Briand Is French Premier.

Paris, July 24.—M. Aristide Briand, a Socialist deputy, minister of justice and worship, was appointed premier today. M. Briand announced that he would make few, if any, changes in the cabinet as organized by Premier Clemenceau who resigned two days ago, after being defeated in a heated argument with M. Delcasse in the chamber of deputies. Former Premier Clemenceau announced today that he would start next Saturday for Austria.