# **NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK**

# Events Told in Brief.

Chinese rebels have abandoned their

Representative Hawley says the Democratic steam roller is the best

planning to visit the United States in statement calling on Mr. McAdoo to

been informed of a suffragette plot against the king. Secretary McAdoo charges the banks

of the country with conspiring to reduce the price of government bonds.

closed recently by the miners' strike. | ment, placed on the stand before the Fire destroyed the 'umber in the yards of the Palmer Lumber Co., at

La Grande, Or., causing a loss of about \$400,000. General Felix Diaz, noted Mexican leader, is en route to Japan, supposedly to thank that country for its friendss and assistance

An Atlantic Coast freight steamer ran ashore on the New Jersey coast in the dead of night, but immediately summoned aid by wireless.

A member of the lower house of the Virginia legislature has been found

A Great Northern fast mail train the engineer and fireman and badly injuring the express messenger.

President Wilson and Mexican Amof the latter will be requested.

It is thought possible that mediation in Mexico may be the next move of the United States.

Portland newsboys have voluntarily agreed not to listen to I. W. speakers on the streets. The charter granted to Dr. Sun Yat

Sen for a network of railways in China has been cancelled.

"Merchant of Venice" as being an unfair portrayal of Jewish character. While visiting in Los Angeles, Sec-

retary Daniels was presented with the Pacific Ocean in miniature upon a silver platter.

Turks have begun three separate invasions of Bulgaria.

Ex-Senator Bourne is believed to be

The administration currency bill met a storm of opposition in the con-ference of the house currency and banking committee.

State militia, well supplied with ammunition, have been ordered to the miners in Michigan.

another officer over his head.

Governor Tener, of Pennsylvania, signed the bill requiring all applicants for marriage licenses to state in their applications that they are not afflicted with transmissible diseases.

Chinese government troops have and are forcing the rebels back. the scene of battle that they are sought to have it adjudicated. obliged to sleep in the streets.

# PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat-Track prices: New club. 79@80c; new bluestem, 82@83c; new forty fold, 80; new red, 77c. Oats-No. 1 white, \$29 per new, \$25@25.50.

Corn - Whole, \$32.50; cracked, \$33,50 per ton.

Millstuffs-Bran, \$24.50 per shorts, \$26.50; middlings, \$31. Barley - Feed, \$24@24.50 brewing, nominal; new feed, \$23@ 23.50: rolled, \$26,50@27.50

Hay-Eastern Oregon, timothy, old, \$18 ton; new, \$22; alfalfa, new,

Onions-Walla Walla, \$1.50 sack Vegetables-Beans, 4@6c pound cabbage, 11@2c; cauliflower, \$2 crate; corn, 30c dozen; cucumbers, 25@75c box; eggplant, 81@10c pound; head lettuce, 35@40c dozen; peas, 5@7c pound; peppers, 8@10c. Potatoes—New, 75c@\$1.25 per hun-

Green Fruit-Apples, new, \$1.25@ 2.25 box; apricots, 75c@\$1.50 box; cantaloupes, \$1.25@2.50 per crate; peaches, 30c@\$1 per box; watermelons, \$2@2.25 per cwt.; plums, 75c@ \$1.25 box; raspberries, \$1 crate.

Poultry-Hens, 14@141c per pound; springs, 19@20c; turkeys, live, 18 @20c; dressed, choice, 24@25c; ducks, 10@12c; geese, young, 12c. Eggs-Oregon ranch, case count, 22 @23c dozen; candled, 6@8c.

Butter - Oregon creamery, cubes, 20c pound; butter fat, delivered, 30c. Pork-Fancy, 12@121c pound.

Veal-Fancy, 15@15 c pound. Hops-1912 crop, 14@17c pound; 1913 contracts, 20c. Wool - Eastern Oregon, 11@16c

pound; valley, 18@19c; mohair, 1913

Portland. Cattle-Choice steers, \$7.75@8,60: good, \$7,25@7.75; medium, \$7@7.25; choice cows, \$7@7.60; good, \$6.25@ 6.50; medium, \$6@6.25; choice calves, \$8@9; good heavy calves, \$6.50@ 7.50; bulls, \$4@6.

Hogs - Light, \$9.50@10; heavy, \$8,50@9. Sheep - Wethers, \$3.25@4; ewes, \$2,50@3.85; lambs, \$5@5.50.

DEMANDS FULL STATEMENT

Secretary McAdoo Is Pressed for Facts by Congress.

Washington, D. C .- Demand for an investigation of Secretary McAdoo's Resume of World's Important charge that New York bankers had ernment bonds was demanded in the house by Representative Henry.

In the senate there was a demand by Senator Weeks that Mr. McAdoo he based his charges.

Mr. Henry is one of the so-called 'insurgent' Democrats on the house King George and Queen Mary are currency committee. He made a appear before the house committee London police are reported to have and give all the facts in the case.

"The secretary of the treasury should be summoned before the committee on banking and currency instantly and reveal the facts to the American people as their agent," said Henry's statement, "and the head of Pumping was resumed in several of every great bank in New York should the large Lake Superior copper mines be sent for at the earliest possible mocommittee and grilled most thoroughly in order that the American people may know the exact facts about this controversy. The secretary can and doubtless will demonstrate exactly how these men manipulate the market, put up and down prices of United States bonds and control the financial destinies of the American people."

HEAT RECORD AGAIN BROKEN

#### Mercury Climbs to 110 in Central West-Chicago Has 99.

Chicago -The hottest weather of guilty of accepting a bribe in connection with the recent election for U. S. day. On top of the Federal building district, the temperature was 99 deleft the rails from some unknown grees, but in other sections it was three or four degrees hotter. The heat wave, however, was relieved by brisk winds, and there was not the toll of death and prostrations which bassador Wilson hold radically differ- days in the early part of the summer. ent views on the Mexican situation Only a few prostrations were reported. and it is not unlikely the resignation The forecast was for continued warm weather.

It was the hottest day on record in Galesburg, Ill., the thermometer a teamster, is not expected to live, and several others are seriously ill, as a result of the heat. The thermometer registered 122 degrees in the sun

in the afternoon. meter registering 99 degrees at 5 Los Angeles schools have barred the o'clock. In many factories workmen

were forced to quit work. when the government weather bureau thermometer registered 101 degrees. port's weather bureau registered 101. Grants Pass. Other points in Iowa reported similar high temperatures.

the principal power behind the oppo- Peoria, Ill., station of the government The road will be completed to Kerby,

### Commerce Commission Rules Out pierced by a half-mile tunnel. Delays in Prosecution.

Washington, D. C .- Shippers who scene of the big strike of copper file informal complaints with the In-A major in the regular army pay their claims on the commission's 64 North Sixth street. corps has applied to the courts for an formal docket, and those who abandon injunction to prevent the promotion of such claims will not be allowed, until the result of the analysis of the hosivive the complaint.

The commission laid down this rule in dismissing the claim of the Dillon row. Coal & Transfer company, of Dillon, on coal shipments. In September. successfully repulsed rebel attacks, 1907, the coal company abandoned its advertising. claim, after the commission's refusal Shanghai is so full of refugees from to consider it informally, and recently

# Little Dealers Are Helped.

Chicago-Except for the help of the Northwestern Lumbermen's association, small retail lumber yards everywhere would have been put out of business by the mail order houses, according to the statement of W. G. Hollis, secretary of the association, in the Federal suit against the so-called lumber trust.

"The help given the little fellows has been all that kept the control of the lumber business out of the hands of a few big houses," he said. "The activities of the association have helped in keeping the consumer from being placed at a disadvantage.

# Standard Policy Wanted.

Burlington, Vt.-An argument for the adoption by all states of a standard insurance policy was made at the of the National Association of Insurance commissioners by President F. H. Hardison, insurance commissioner of Massachusetts. Such a policy, he said, "would be devoid of uncertain or ambiguous language and would compel competition along the lines of measurable benefit." More than 30 states are represented by their insurance commissisoners.

# Steel Earnings Growing.

of the United States Steel corporation suffered a stroke Saturday, dying Sunfor the three months ended June 30, day. He leaves a large family. Branjust issued, was altogether sat- ick is still unable to take nourishment isfactory, in that earnings, amounting or speak, but can move one hand, to \$41,219,813, and net income of showing that the paralysis is not comin net income of \$6,155,685, while the the sun's rays. surplus is increased by \$6,280,636. Grain bags - Selling price, 101c Compared with 1912, total earnings are increased by \$16,117,548.

# Confiscated Eggs Good.

seized some time ago by Federal augrower of Wisconsin, purchased thorities as unfit for food, which have through Roberts & Simms, the 40-acre been the subject of litigation, were tract belonging to the William Ehrick that have broken all precipitation rechealth. Members of the board ate foodstuffs made from the eggs and gave the product a clean bill of health.

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The new laws that had been formulate, will also be strongly at her falled by the United States governor of \$0,000 tons.

General News of the Industrial and Educational Development and Progress of Rural Communities, Public Institutions, Etc.

#### Hot Weather and Tariff Take Back Farmer's Hybrid Wheat Chokes Out Seat for Salmon.

Washington, D. C .- Herman Wise salmon from Mr. Wise, and, like the

luncheon at the University club for-got, for the time being, that Secreplatform earning extra dollars; they forgot, for a time, that President Wilson is running his patronage dispenser on low gear; they forgot tariff em-barrassments, and even forgot the hot fish and ate fish.

### Grants Pass and Crescent City to Be Linked by Railroad.

Grants Pass - Actual construction work has begun on the new California. were caused by the hot spell of ten Oregon & Eastern railway, with terminals for the present at Grants Pass, in Josephine county, Oregon, and Cresfornia, on the coast, 20 teams and men

being on the grade.

The Public Utilities commission of the Interstate Construction company It was the hottest day of the year at first unit of the road will be munici- grain. Dubuque, Ia., the government ther- pally owned, the construction company agreeing to take city bonds to the extent of \$200,000 in payment of construction. A contract has also been Hot weather records for several made with the California people comyears were broken at Des Moines, posing the construction company above cultural college, will in the future from entering the ports of the Ameri-Burlington reported a temperature of constructed and owned portion of the large of

The mercury climbed to 101 at the and with local lumber mills for ties. the principal power behind the opposition to the proposed reduction in
parcel post rates.

Peoria, II., station of the government
bureau. It was the hottest in the history of the Peoria station.

The road will be completed to Kerby,
in the heart of the Illinois valley, 30
feeding and management, barn, silo
miles from Grants Pass, within 15

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and milk house construction, and recmagnificent instrument on a sheet of CLAIMS MUST BE PRESSED tunneling through Hayes Hill, 18 use of the yearly record book for each

'Pure Wool" Mostly Cotton.

"Seventy-five per cent cotton," was ing factors in selection. after five years have elapsed, to re- ery in question submitted as evidence in Circuit court.

"Ten dollars fine." said Judge Mor-

under the state law against fraudulent This makes the fifth conviction in

such cases recently. Two were se-cured under the new city ordinance.

Clatsop Cruising Progresses. Astoria-The Nease Timber company has reported the cruise on 130 sections of timber land in Clatsop county, making 220 sections that have een reported thus far. The copmany has about 100 more sections cruised and 40 men are now engaged in the new cruise is comparing with the amount placed on the former assess-

estimate was 189,000,000 feet.

College Contracts Let. Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis-The domestic science wing of the proposed new home economics building at Oregon Agricultural college will be completed in February, opening session here of the convention at a cost of \$55,365, and the main building and one wing of the new tracts just awarded by the regents of lem, for construction, and to T. M. Barr, of the same city, for heating.

# Sunstroke Is Fatal.

# \$20,000 Orchard Sold.

ley this year was completed here when mates of the Insane asylum. Trenton, N J.-The frozen eggs Mikko Udelious, a wealthy wheat

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

conspired to depress the price of gov- OREGON FISH WINS FRIENDS FIND CURE FOR HATED PEST

# "Jim Hill" Mustard.

Pendleton-Earl Tulloch, one of the make public the information on which can retain the postmastership at As- biggest farmers of Umatilla county, toria as long as the Democrats retain declares he has found a positive cure control of the government if he will for the "Jim Hill" mustard, which occasionally ship a fresh salmon to his has proved such a pest to the farmers friend, Will R. King, with instruc- of the Inland Empire during the past tions to serve it to the party leaders ten years, in a hybrid wheat which he in Washington. Several days ago Mr. planted in a large tract that last year King received a big 50-pound king was filled with mustard.

Early in the season the mustard had crafty politician he is, he called in all disappeared almost entirely, the wheat the Democratic national committee- having choked it out. One of Mr. men then in Washington, together Tulloch's neighbors, who planted with other prominent Democrats in some of the same wheat, has had a official life, and gave them a taste of similar experience. The wheat Tulthe fish of which Oregon is justly loch planted was a hybrid seed he secured from the Washington State Ag-Fresh salmon is something rarely ricultural college at Pullman, which enjoyed by the people of the East, and has a complete pedigree of the wheat. invariably when salmon from the Col- In addition to smothering the mustard umbia are shipped in ice to Washing- the wheat is showing well as a proton, and served as they are served at ducer. Tulloch is getting from 21 to whose invention had saved the counhome, they caused a distinct sensation. 24 sacks of No. 1 grain to the acre try, was eighty-four years old, but he Mr. King's big salmon made such a from it, which is equivalent to from had carried the weight of his years hit that those attending his salmon 47 to 54 bushels to the acre. The

tary Bryan was out on the lecture CAR PROBLEM IS TACKLED oped into pneumonia. Just as the dis-

#### State Railroad Commission Seeks to Avoid Shortage This Year.

Salem-Announcing that the season weather. Everybody present talked for moving crops is near at hand, the State Railroad commission has issued a circular to shippers and railroads inn, the coolest spot in the downtown COAST LINE WORK STARTED urging them to co-operate with each rules for handling cars so as to avert a car shortage.

The farmers and other shippers have suffered severely for years because of a shortage of cars, and the commission is doing everything possible to ment at the instrument and saw spark from the East and the West. Europe prevent a recurrence of the conditions that caused the shortage. It is becent City, in Del Norte county, Cali- lieved that if the shippers and transportation companies will co-operate and observe the rules of the commission there will be sufficient cars this moving picture that talked! A man reaching 104 degrees. John A. Miley, the city council has contracted with fall to transport all products in sea- in military uniform looked at him sonable time. Commissioner Miller from the picture and a clear voice for the completion of the road to will go to Eastern Oregon this week with a German accent said in English: Wilderville, ten miles from Grants to make an investigation of crop con-Pass, within 90 days, and work is to ditions with a view to preventing a be continuous and uninterrupted. The car shortage during the moving of

Federal Aid for Dairymen. been selected for this important work then vanished. A large order has been placed with with headquarters at Corvallis. His Hannibal Prudent gazed curiously the steel mills for 90-pound steel rails assistance means a visit to the dairy at the glass of the apparatus, trying farms when desired, suggestions on to believe that he had experienced miles from Grants Pass, which will be cow will be shown, whereby the profitprofitable cow detected and elminated brought, from the herd.

Portland-"Pure wool socks," said need of better cows. A profitable house physician was counting his sists all attack. Don't doubt me be will receive him at once in the green terstate Commerce commission in the the sign in the window of Nathan herd, he says, can be had within four pulse. The scientist still held Wer- fore I have finished. I will create room." future will be called upon to prosecute Bialkin, dealer in men's fruishings, at or five years by using a pure bred sire denstein's message crumpled up in his around me a circle that will defend

Agriculture in Schools. The people of Oregon are making a schools that must not longer be denied. The case against Bialkin was brought A number of the best city superinten-Mont., against the Oregon Short Line last December by the law and ethics dents in the state are in the field sim railroad and other lines for reparation committee of the Portland Ad club ply begging for practical school gardeners. "The people and times are ripe for public school agriculture, and it is too bad that we cannot get a trained teacher in our town," said the superintendent of a large school to the writer of the Oregon Agricultural College Press Bulletin. The Agricultural college is unable to train teachers fast enough to supply the demands of for a moment. "Read this." As the the schools of the state.

# Welfare School to Open.

Ashland-A two days' session of general welfare school, to be held un- is in the safe in my library. Here is work. As an illustration of how the der the auspices of the extension department of Oregon Agricultural col- the Z-ray alone hinders them from lege and the Oregon Hygiene society, ment rolls, on 21 sections, picked at will be open in this city August 11. are mistaken." He gasped for air. "I random, the new cruise shows 420,- Arrangements for the meeting have will defy them again. Astra, write 947,000 feet of timber, while the old been made by M. O. Evans, Jr., of Portland. The slogan of this movement is "carrying the college to the people." A dozen specialists will be present and there will be lectures and discussions on pertinent topics, with for half a century. other practical demonstrations.

# Plank Highway Opposed.

Roseburg-That hereafter all road construction in Douglas county should men's gymnasium, costing \$76,430, be of a permanent nature was the subwill be ready for use early in the stance of a resolution at a well-attendspring, according to the terms of con- ed meeting of the Douglas County Good Roads association here Saturday the college to Snook & Traver, of Sa- night. The meeting was called to discuss improvement of the road through the canyon midway between Roseburg and Myrtle Point on the cross-country stage line. Engineers inspected the Quinaby-Within a mile of where road several months ago and the Coun-Adolph Barnick received a sunstroke ty court made an informal announce-New York- The quarterly statement recently, Jacob Neubrich, a farmer, ment that the road would be planked.

# Bill Deprives State of \$10,000.

Salem-By a provision of the bill creating a board of control, the state will be deprived of a revenue of about \$31,920,611, were well in excess of the plete. The heat although not so in- \$10,000 for the Feeble-Minded instimost favorable estimates. The quarter tense as in former years, following so tute and \$4000 a year for the Insane shows a gain in total earnings over the closely upon cool weather, is given as asylum. It is learned that the bill repreceding period of \$6,024,256, and the cause for the disastrous effects of peals the section of the code providing that counties shall pay to the state \$40 a year for every person committed to the Feeble-Minded institute and the Hood River-The largest cash sale section giving county courts power to of orchard real estate made in the val- assess relatives or guardians of in-

Baker-Because of the heavy rains



CHAPTER I.

Astra's Inheritance. A gloomy foreboding of approaching

disaster hung over the capital. Hannibal Prudent, ex-President of the United Republics, was dangerously ill. The people walked quietly and With a steady hand she transcribed talked in subdued tones, as though they feared to disturb him.

lightly and had worked unceasingly. On a flying trip to Labrador he had contracted a severe cold which develease was nearing the crisis a curious thing happened, something that had not happened in the half-century isolator between America and the other continents.

A wireless message had come from

Europe. other and calling their attention to the by the ringing of the 4,500-mile bell on enced a great disaster. New emigra- who is worthy of calling you wife; milk-glass plate.

"Professor Prudent?"

"Yes, sir. Hannibal Prudent." The figure bowed reverently. "I am

Count Von Werdenstein. As you see, I have bored through your isolating Federal Aid for Dairymen.

The United States Division of This is the beginning. The next time Dairying, in co-operation with the Ex- I talk to you there will be nothing to tension division of the Oregon Agri- keep the fleet of consolidated Europe named whereby they may buy within maintain a dairy field man who will cas. I am giving you this warning bethree years' time the municipally- assist the farm dairy men of Oregon cause I admire you-you were my

vitality that could combat physical suffering could not bear the menacing able cow may be selected and the un- news that the little instrument had

veyed such crushing news. Impatient- me." ly, as one who knows his time is short. he asked to be left alone with his his pocket, and stepping back from daughter. As the door closed behind the president, the continued: demand for agriculturists in the public the doctor he cried out in agony: "All my hopes and all my life work are threatened. I had hoped that here where I had established it peace would abide—peace that has spread comfort, ident. The executive stretched his contentment and happiness over our continent; peace that created and conserved fortunes greater than any ever before known to man; peace that from any side. permitted developments so high that even the boldest would not have dared to dream them fifty years ago.

"All this will go." His voice failed startled girl read Werdenstein's messages he cried bitterly: "They want vengeance." He felt his own pulse, ing sun shone through the windows. watching the large chronometer on the wall opposite his bed. "My will the key. The Europeans think that entering our beloved country, but they

what I have to say." His breath came gaspingly; his clear eyes grew dull; a whirlwind seemed to possess the great brain that had been able to create peace in America

Astra watched him with apprehension; she did not speak, as she realized that it would be a waste of time, and the short time left her adopted father was precious indeed. The old man rested a moment, then seeing Astra was ready, he said:

When the isolation has been broken through or destroyed (both are possible, if one knows how), then new isolations must be created, one ray after another. We can gain a year that way, and that year must be used to prepare for war. War! That horror will destroy the work of a peacewe will win, and peace will come forever. Plane are ready for a new craft that will be invincible. Navigation of the air will solve the problem." His had taken every word down in short-

"Don't grieve when I am dead. I died in peace. All my life I have been morning. a true apostle of that gospel-but drew himself up with his last new world. strength; an inarticulate sound came his shaking hand to write one word:

ther. Tears filled her eves as she

called the doctor. But Hannibal Prudent had reared her, and after the first burst of grief she remembered her duty. Taking the message from Europe and her notes, she hurried to her father's library. her notes on the typewriter, but when she came to the word written by Han-Hannibal Prudent, the scientist nibal Prudent, "Cirynith," the tears

> She could not understand the meaning of the command: "Hurry to the and that rest awaits me after a long island of Cirynith." Was there an and full life, I set down such facts as

heard of it. library the sad news spread through plant; it is you who will be responthe city. The stylographed extras be sible for the coming prosperity of the gan to appear at the automatic news country. God gave you a broad mind which had passed since he had put an stand. The short paragraph telling that has developed to its fullest ca-

Germany alarmed everybody. More than fifty years before, in the year 1919, the now prosperous and The great man had been awakened peaceful United States had experithe small electro-stylograph that stood tion laws and the new tariff had preby his bedside. To his astonishment cipitated an international conflict that to you, as you two are ordained the indicator that automatically reg- had involved not only the leading Eu- mates, comrades. ropean monarchies but Japan and following spark on its small, square, was mobilizing on one side; the orientrable forever, and when the day tals on the other; all the nations He put forth a shaking hand and ad- against one. The question was wheth- try will need a brave, competent man justed the receiving horn. The elec- er it was best to bow before the will tric sparks then formed a picture—a of the united enemy, or to lose independence. Congress seemed unable to structed. Trust in him, my dear decide.

The time given the United States for consideration was rapidly passing. The President was in despair. He gave orders to the fleet and land forces, but in his heart he cried, "What is the use?"

The night before the day of final an swer he stood before the window, be a land of love and peace. looking hopelessly into the starless darkness. Suddenly a man's head appeared at

the window. The next moment the intruder jumped into the room. Before the surprised executive could cry out the intruder exclaimed:

"For three days I have tried to gain

an audience with you, but in vain. Since I know that tomorrow will be too late I have forced by way to you." "What brings you here?" the President asked "My desire to save my country, to repulse the enemy. I can defend the cific instructions." months, the winter to be consumed in ords of feed and milk weights. The paper by the stylus he fainted. The entire continent against any invasion. Don't think me mad-I am not: I have invented the greatest power. To be With shaking lips he announced that

solves one of nature's problems is not wished to see her. When he opened his eyes his daugh- an inventor but a discoverer. My dis- Folding up the documents, Astra Professor Barr calls attention to the ter Astra stood at the bedside and the covery is an invisible power that re- locked them in the safe, then said, "I and making the actual record the guid- old fingers-the message that con- me and will ask you to try to touch for a moment, then she said aloud, He took a small instrument from

"When I motion toward you try touch me.' He manipulated springs on the in-

strument, then signaled to the Presarm toward him. An invisible force bent first his hand, then his arm back. He could not touch the man After several experiments the as-

the importance of the discovery. The intruder removed the force from there, on immense opal glass plates about him and told of his plans to sparks of electricity printed the latest save the country. They talked until news and illustrated the happenings long after the first rays of the morn- of the moment with moving pictures.

When the midnight visitor had fin-

tounded President was convinced of



ful country. But we are forced to it; The Great Man Had Been Awakened By the Ringing of the 4,500-mile

ished his confidences the President's if he could be of any assistance. She voice had grown so weak that Astra face was brighter than it had been for told him that she was awaiting the arcould hardly understand him, but she many days. The careworn expression rival of a friend, and just before seven was gone. He escorted his visitor to the gate, putting his hand familiarly and the pair went off together. Since on his shoulder as he bade him good

The midnight visitor was Hannibal hurry! Hurry to the island of-" He Prudent, the greatest scientist of the Mail.

The President spent the morning from his lips; he beckoned to Astra preparing dispatches for the represenfor the pencil and paper and forced tatives of the European and oriental nations. He gave them twenty-four "Cirynith," ran the zigzag lines of hours to order their vessels from fell from his fingers. Calm stole over if they had not obeyed the order in the face of the man who had lived for that time the United States would not

to the powers would stand, and the United States would see that they

Three days later Hannibal Prudent created a current of the impenetrable Z ray that isolated the whole American continent from the rest of the

world. Fifty years had passed; fifty years of independent peace. The Central and South American republics had joined the great United States and a confederacy was formed that secured their independence and the freedom of commerce.

Those fifty years of peace had created wealth, happiness and a scientific progress such as had never been

Now the man whose genius had made this possible lay dead, and his last words urged preparation for war. Astra sat before her father's desk; before her lay a document that demanded careful study—the will of her

adopted father. She did not look at the long list of bonds and stocks; she did not care for the vast wealth that from now on would belong to her alone. The paper she was reading contained farreaching instructions, prophetic insight into the future. The last page was a farewell letter:

"My dear Astra, knowing that I am nearing the limit of human existence. island of that name? She had never will enable you to make the best use of the knowledge that I, the old tree, While Astra was in her father's wish perpetuated in the blossoming about the wireless message from pacity under my care and I am proud of you, dear girl; you are chosen to do great things for your country and humanity.

> "There is only one man on earth you will find this man, or he will come

> "When I go to my rest I feel that I will leave turbulent times behind me. My Z ray will not remain impenecomes that it is destroyed, the coun to drive away the dreadnaughts. He will come, as he has been fully indaughter.

"This country was not developed to be blasted by war; the adventures of warfare and strife are not for it. Our Creator selected this country to promote freedom, equality and science. Thundering cannons shall never more sound on our shore; our land shall "I have labored hard to spread this

your inheritance, dear Astra. "Before I die I will tell you where to find the one man competent to assist you and will further instruct you in your duty. "God bless you, my daughter, you

gospel. After I am gone the task is

have ever been my joy and pride."

Astra put down the paper, and, staring out into the beautiful garden, murmured to herself: "Hurry to the Island of Cirynith! Cirynith? I have never heard of the place, and he left no spe-The entrance of John, a faithful old

exact, I have discovered it. A man who a reporter for the Hourly Stylograph

servant, woke her from her reveries.

The servant left. Astra hesitated

with quiet determination: "Father, I will accept the inheritance. I will wait for him to come and help me: I will take the burdens on my shoulders and faithfully carry

#### out your teachings. God help me to! CHAPTER II.

Nominee of the Continentals. Morning found the great capital in the splendor of deep mourning. The elevated sidewalks, the roof gardens, the terraces were crowded by people dressed in black. The newspaper roof terraces were especially crowded: On the main tower of the new capitol building (a colossal creation of pure American architecture) the Bell Orchestra comprising four hundred

the souls with thoughts of Heaven, that drove away evil thoughts with its exquisite harmony and foretold the happiness awaiting beyond. Resonant horns spread the melody farther and farther, until it soothed the mourning people in neighboring towns. The fourteen-hour San Francisco

players, played the march of "Com-

ing Peace," a march that thrilled the

hearts with its melody, that elevated

limited had just slid into the central denot of the Tube Lines; the broad glass doors were flung open and the passengers hurried out. (TO BE CONTINUED.)

Like the "Gray Hawk."

The London police are making dillgent search for a tall, handsome Norfolk girl named Mabel Bush, who mysteriously disappeared from Liverpool street station a few days ago. The girl, who is eighteen years old, arrived at the London terminus from her home at Diss at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon. She was seen by a porter named Hammond, who, noticing that she was a country girl and obviously unused to London, inquired o'clock she was joined by a woman, that time Miss Bush has not been seen, and her friends are fearful that some harm has befallen her.-London

Huge Electric Furnaces. It is expected that the electrical furnaces of the American Iron and Steel

company, at Lebanon, Pa., will be in full operation in the course of a year. the shaking old hand, then the pencil American waters, advising them that The furnaces will be of from 20 to 25 tons capacity, and be the largest plant pant of the kind in the country. There will also be standard blooming and billet mills, with an annual capacity