

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Chicago will own the city's car lines within three months.

Carnegie will soon distribute \$12,500,000 among 50 colleges in 17 states.

Minturn, a small Colorado mining town, has been practically wiped out by fire.

Bids have just been opened by the Navy department for the construction of three cruisers.

Indiana's anti-cigarette law is in force and a cigarette cannot be purchased in the state.

Further violence on the part of the strikers has ended peace conferences on the Chicago teamsters' strike.

The revivalists who have just left Portland and gone to Seattle say the latter city is the purer of the two.

Russia accuses British ships of spying on the movements of the Baltic fleet and reporting to the Japanese.

Omaha retailers have had the price of beef raised on them. They are now paying \$15 to \$20 more per carcass than they were two weeks ago.

A number of Chicago beef trust witnesses have fled to Canada and their wives have been summoned before the grand jury to tell what they know.

The Russian army is retreating to Kirin.

Another earthquake in India has wrecked two towns.

The Russian fleet has changed its course and gone eastward to coal.

Bloody disturbances are expected throughout Russia on May day.

Paul Jones' body has been found in Paris and will be brought home for burial.

The czar has announced his intention of revising the land laws in order to quiet the peasants.

The Winnebago Indians, in Nebraska, have protested to Washington, claiming to have been robbed of their lands by agents.

The Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company will spend \$500,000 on new lines in Utah, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming in 1905.

An unknown malady is killing many people at Tonopah, the new mining camp of Nevada. Hundreds are fleeing from the district to escape the disease.

A commission has been appointed to decide the dispute on international rivers. The waterways in question are the Rio Grande and Colorado on the south and the Milk river on the north.

Cader Powell has assumed office as marshal at Nome, Alaska, pending investigation.

Japan has been called upon to punish Formosans who murdered eight American sailors.

Four beef trust officials have been indicted by the Federal grand jury at Chicago for spiriting a witness away.

Both parties in the Chicago strike refuse to confer and the employers have adopted a plan by which they hope to win.

President Roosevelt has left Oklahoma for Colorado. He may be induced to come on to Portland and attend the fair.

It is said the interned Russian ships are preparing for a dash from Shanghai and China will be unable to prevent it, as she has no war vessels near.

The two hostile fleets in Asiatic waters have not yet come together, but they are fast approaching each other and a battle is expected at any time.

General Dragomiroff urges the czar to continue the war, saying that in four years Japan's resources will be exhausted and she will then be at the mercy of Russia.

The Japanese are sending large forces against Vladivostok.

Representative Jones, of Washington, expresses the opinion that Santo Domingo is not capable of governing herself and internal strife will continue until some government takes charge.

Edwin H. Morgan, of Aurora, N. Y., has been appointed United States minister to Corea.

Admiral Sigsbee, commanding the Carribean squadron, reports all quiet in Santo Domingo.

Two miners were killed and a number seriously injured in a strike riot at Hibbing, Minnesota.

The houses of two nonunion miners at Blossburg, Alabama, were blown up by dynamite and a child killed.

The Chicago teamsters' strike continues without any material change. Riots are of frequent occurrence.

Dutch warships have reported to their government the commencement of a naval battle between the Japanese and Russian squadrons near the Anambas islands, east of the Malay peninsula.

SHONTS IS TO BE CHIEF.

Secretary Taft Says He Will Work With Panama Commission.

New York, April 18.—Secretary of War Taft, who is here to attend the annual meeting of the directors of the Panama railroad company in this city tomorrow, had this to say tonight on the affairs of the railroad company:

"The meeting will result in a complete reorganization of the company. The government is now in control of the stock. It is absolutely essential for the United States to control the affairs of the company in the work of constructing the canal. We desire the affairs of the road conducted in harmony with the commission which will have charge of the general construction work."

"With this end in view, the directors of the Panama railroad company at the meeting will elect Theodore P. Shonts, the new chairman of the Panama canal commission, president of the Panama railroad company."

"With Mr. Shonts at the head of the company it is certain that its affairs will be conducted most satisfactorily. His experience as a practical railroad man will enable him to operate the railroad just as the Panama canal commission may desire while the work of the construction is in progress. The entire official board of the company will be comprised of either members of the commission or men who are interested in the work of constructing the canal."

"By official board I mean the officers and directors of the company."

"We expect to have this road in readiness at the time the work of the canal construction begins and managed in a manner so as to facilitate this great work."

RUMORS WITHOUT REAL NEWS.

Correspondents Guess at Many Things Beyond Their Vision.

London, April 18.—There is as yet no news of a great naval battle in the Far East, or of the whereabouts of the rival fleets. The Hongkong correspondent of the Daily Mail sends a rumor of a small engagement, but there is no confirmation of this report.

Details regarding the Russian ships in Kanrah bay, Cochinchina, are too meagre to be instructive. According to the Daily Mail's Singapore correspondent, the North German Lloyd steamer Prinz Heinrich saw several battleships and six cruisers in the bay, but the dispatches to other newspapers are not so precise. The Daily Telegraph's Singapore correspondent, like the Associated Press, merely reports "eighteen vessels," and adds that the captain of the Prinz Heinrich states that possibly more warships were inside the harbor, but that they were invisible from the offing.

The presence of the Russian squadron off the Annam coast is raising keen interest here, in view of the possibility of their infringing Chinese neutrality and of the likelihood of Rojstevsky having had to split his squadron. The Morning Post's correspondent at Shanghai telegraphs that China has instructed the governor of the southern provinces to maintain strict neutrality in view of the possibility of Russian ships sheltering there.

WHEELS BLOCKED IN ITALY.

Railway Strike May Extend to Other Forms of Industry.

Rome, April 18.—Every railway line throughout Italy is tied up this morning as a result of the strike among the employes, who are dissatisfied with wages and hours of labor. The strike is expected to spread to all of the large industries in the several cities, and before it is ended bloodshed is likely to result.

The strike started in Naples, and a few minutes afterward the heads of labor unions wired to every subordinate organization telling them to notify their members to stop work at midnight. The order was literally obeyed and not a wheel is turning this morning, although the officials of the roads allege they will have them in operation before the end of the day.

All the station clerks and office employes have been ordered to report to the station masters to aid in moving trains.

Opened by the President.

New York, April 18.—With President Roosevelt as the chief guest and leading educators from all sections of the United States among the speakers, the next general session of the National Educational association, which will be held in Asbury Park, and Ocean Grove, N. J., next July, promises to be the most notable in the association's history. The meetings will begin Monday, July 3, and continue five days. An elaborate program has been completed. President Roosevelt will deliver the principal address of the meeting.

Tunnel Secure from Strikers.

Chicago, April 18.—Labor leaders will hold a conference tomorrow with Mayor Edward F. Dunne, who said tonight that he had hopes of an early settlement of the teamsters' strike against Montgomery, Ward & Co. The coal teamsters today decided to refuse to haul coal to the Montgomery Ward building. It is learned tonight that the Chicago Tunnel company is rushing work on a connection with Montgomery Ward & Co.'s basement.

Grand Trunk Station Burned.

Durand, Mich., April 18.—Fire tonight destroyed the Grand Trunk union station here, in which are located the general offices of the road division west of Port Huron. The building was new and was valued at \$125,000.

TO HEAR ALL SIDES

Senate Committee Will Consider Railroad Rates.

NEW BILL IS TO BE PREPARED

Two Months Will Be Devoted to Hearing Testimony of Experts on Question.

Washington, April 15.—Railroad rate legislation and kindred topics will again be brought prominently to the attention of the public with the meetings here, beginning Monday, of the senate committee on interstate commerce, which will assemble for the purpose of ventilating the subject in a manner more thorough than any heretofore on record. The meeting will be held in the committee's rooms at the capitol and will be public. Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, will preside. The Republican members are Cullom, Illinois; Aldrich, Rhode Island; Kean, New Jersey; Dolliver, Iowa; Foraker, Ohio; Clapp, Minnesota; and Millard, Nebraska. The Democrats are Tillman, South Carolina; McLaurin, Mississippi; Carmack, Tennessee; Foster, Louisiana; and Newlands, Nevada.

As a basis of consideration, the Esch-Townsend bill, passed by the house at the last session, will be expected to serve. The committee had the measure before it many days before the adjournment of the last congress and was urged to put it on its passage. Arguments were advanced, however, protesting against hasty action because of the alleged radical character of this measure, and the importance of the interests involved. Chairman Elkins and Senator Foraker were among those who advocated delay, and the committee, near the close of the session, after much time had been devoted to hearings, reported to the senate a resolution authorizing it to continue the hearings during the recess. This authority was granted and Monday's meeting will be the initial meeting under that authority.

BUTCHERS DENOUNCE PACKERS

New York Trade Up in Arms About Advance in Beef.

New York, April 15.—Prices of all kinds of meat have begun to rise in New York because of a reported increase cost to dealers of about 2 cents a pound. This advance in dressed beef by the packers means a corresponding increase of from 4 to 6 cents per pound at retail on the average grade of sirloin steaks, porterhouse steaks and prime ribs of roast beef.

Retail dealers say they received notice of the first advance ten days ago, but postponed an advance to their customers. However, on receiving notice of a further raise next week it was found necessary to make a change in retail prices.

Meetings of the Retail Butchers' and Meat Dealers' Protective association will be held in all boroughs to take action. The Brooklyn branch of the association already has met and discussed the situation. Several retailers bitterly denounced the packers, who were alleged to be taking concerted action. It was declared that while the advance of wholesale prices was attributed to falling off in supplies of cattle at the Chicago stock yards, no such falling off had taken place, and that the raising of prices was entirely unjustified.

Preparing for Long Siege.

Tokio, April 15.—It is reported here that the Russians are continually reinforcing the garrison at Vladivostok and that the work of strengthening the fortress is constantly progressing. It is said that the plans of the Russians contemplate a garrison numbering 100,000 men, with 500 guns. Many additional batteries, redoubts, barriers, and pits are in course of construction and enormous stores of ammunition are being accumulated. The Russians, it is said, have equipped their fortress to withstand a siege.

Standard Asks the Impossible.

Topeka, Kan., April 15.—The Standard Oil company has filed in the Supreme court a motion "to make more definite and certain" the petition in the suit filed by Attorney General Coleman to oust the Standard company from the state. It will be absolutely impossible to comply with a motion of this kind, the attorney general says, but the Standard says it is necessary to obtain this information in order to properly defend itself.

Ten Million Dollars for Good Roads.

Albany, N. Y., April 15.—The proposed constitutional amendment authorizing a state issue of \$10,000,000 for building good roads under the state aid law passed the assembly today. Having passed the legislature last year, the proposition will now be submitted to the popular vote at the November election.

TALKED TOO MUCH.

Severe Rebuke Given to Special Land Agent Leach.

Washington, April 17.—Arnold F. Leach, special agent of the general land office, who is quoted in dispatches from Tacoma as declaring he has unearthed tremendous land frauds in Washington, beside which the Oregon frauds pale into insignificance, has been called severely to account by Land Commissioner Richards.

According to Leach's interview, he has Sherlock Holmes done to a frazzle. He made it appear that he had gathered evidence which would send to the penitentiary many leading citizens and officials of Washington, who, he alleged, had been defrauding the government of hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of timber.

In a letter addressed to Leach, Mr. Richards says he has examined his official reports to the department and finds nothing in them which substantiates his interview; Leach has omitted to notify the department of his sensational discoveries. If he has such evidence as he claims, Mr. Richards wants to see it. Furthermore, Leach is notified that special agents are sent out to gather information for the general land office, not for the newspapers; that their reports are regarded as confidential at all times, and if any part of them is to be made public that information will be given to the press in Washington, not by officers in the field.

Leach is a subordinate special agent in Washington. He is not working under the direction of Secretary Hitchcock, but of Mr. Richards, nor is he in charge of land investigations in Washington state. It is not believed any further steps will be taken in Leach's case unless it be to again reprimand him when his reply is received.

ROMANOFFS IN THEIR COFFINS.

Cartoon in Prominent Russian Paper Sends Price to Premium.

St. Petersburg, April 17.—Quite a sensation was caused this morning by the appearance in the Neva, the most widely circulated illustrated weekly in Russia, of a half-tone picture representing the imperial family, including the empress, holding the heir to the throne, the background of the picture showing, in shadowy outlines, the emperor, Grand Duke Sergius, Grand Duke Alexis, the dowager empress, the heir to the throne and practically all the members of the Romanoff family lying dead in their coffins. The work is done so skillfully that the shadows in the drapery behind the imperial family are discernible with great difficulty. The publishers disclaim any previous knowledge of the shadowy figures. The culprits, who were students employed on the paper, have not yet been located. Copies of this edition of the Neva are selling at a big premium.

The Slova has received its first warning for the publication of articles entitled "The Bureaucracy," and "The War and Reform," in which the paper severely arraigned the bureaucracy, the general staff and the war office for incompetency.

SAVED FOR CELILO CANAL.

Sand and Gravel Pit at The Dalles Withdrawn from Entry.

Washington, April 17.—At the request of Major Langfitt, the secretary of the interior today withdrew from entry lots 1, 2 and 3, in section 2, township 21, range 13, adjoining the Seuffer property at The Dalles. This tract contains a large sand and gravel pit, and being all vacant government land, it was deemed advisable to secure it for the use of contractors on The Dalles-Celilo canal before it fell into the hands of speculators. Major Langfitt said it was not known definitely how much sand and gravel was on these lots, but evidently enough to help along with the canal work.

The fact that the government owns this land will tend to materially reduce the cost of the canal. It is likely the contractors will be allowed to use this sand and gravel without cost.

Whole Fleet Coming Home.

San Francisco, April 17.—The flagship Chicago and the United States cruiser Bennington have arrived at Santa Barbara, with Rear Admiral Goodrich in command, and will remain in port until April 28. The Pacific squadron, consisting of eight ships, is expected to leave on April 28 for Monterey, where it will be anchored until May 5. The squadron then leaves for San Francisco, where it will remain until June 5, when it sails for Portland, to be present during the early stages of the fair.

New Destroyers for Japan.

Washington, April 17.—Information has reached Washington through Europe that the Japanese navy has within the last four days commissioned 10 new torpedo boat destroyers built in Japanese shipyards. It is believed that within six weeks 25 additional destroyers, building under rush orders, will be put in commission. Three hundred and eighty-one mines planted by the Japanese in front of Port Arthur have been taken up and placed elsewhere.

Cherries Ten Dollars a Pound.

Sacramento, Cal., April 17.—The first box of ripe cherries shipped out of the state by the Earl Fruit company on April 7 was sold in Philadelphia today for \$100, being \$10 a pound. Manager George B. Katzenstein says this is the highest price ever realized from the sale of the first box of California cherries, which is the result of the fierce rivalry among Philadelphia dealers.

SOON LET CONTRACT

Plans for The Dalles-Celilo Canal Are Almost Complete.

WILL BEGIN WORK AT UPPER END

Enough Money Now on Hand to Build Upper Lock and Entrance to the Canal.

Washington, April 13.—Within two weeks, it is expected, Major Langfitt will be instructed to advertise for bids for the construction of the first lock of The Dalles-Celilo canal, thus launching a project that has been under consideration in one shape or another for a generation. The chief of engineers has received Major Langfitt's plan for beginning construction, but, owing to the fact that several details are not quite clear, the papers are to be returned for explanation. When they get back to Washington it is thought the plans will be approved and authority granted to invite proposals.

Major Langfitt's plans, which have been carefully worked out in great detail and with apparent care, contemplate beginning construction on the upper end of the canal and working down stream. This is done to enable contractors to make use of the canal as it is completed, section by section.

Major Langfitt has prepared plans for approaches to the canal at its upper end, for the guard gates for the first lock near Celilo, and for a considerable stretch of canal. It is impossible to tell how much work can be done with the money appropriated in the rivers and harbors law, but it is anticipated there are funds enough to complete the Celilo lock and canal entrance, and to do considerable blasting and straight canal work. Near the first lock it will be necessary to build an immense embankment as the north wall of the canal. This part of the canal, and in fact all other parts not cut through solid rock, will be lined with cement. All embankments will be solid of construction and will be faced with immense rocks to prevent washing in seasons of high water.

ONLY ONE FARE.

Reduced Rate to Portland Fair from All Eastern Points.

Chicago, April 13.—The action of the Trunk Line association meeting held at New York yesterday was supplemented in this city today by the Central Passenger association meeting, which decided to concur with the former association in granting a one-way rate plus \$1 from all points east to Chicago for those desiring to attend the Lewis and Clark fair at Portland.

The Trunk Line association at its meeting yesterday receded from its former demand for a rate of 80 per cent of the round-trip fare, and agreed to make a one-way rate plus \$1 from all points in its territory on the Atlantic seaboard west to Pittsburg and Buffalo. This was to be done, provided the Central Passenger association would take the same rate from the two latter cities through to Chicago, where the rates could be joined with the same concessions made by the transcontinental lines, giving a one-way round-trip rate from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The action of the Central Passenger association ratified this agreement today, which makes the one-way rate from coast to coast certain.

This action assures a large attendance at the Lewis and Clark exposition from all of the territory lying east of Chicago, extending to the Atlantic coast, between the Canadian boundary and the Ohio river. The Central Passenger association territory takes in all the cities of the east, and the rate of one fare will induce thousands of well-to-do persons to make Portland the objective point in their summer and fall vacations.

Illinois Will Show Lincoln's Home.

Springfield, Ill., April 13.—The commission which is to have charge of the state exhibit at the Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland, Or., this summer, elected Cyrus Thompson chairman and Reuben H. Tiffany, of Freeport, as secretary. The commission will hold a meeting at Springfield next Tuesday. Unless objections are raised the commission will make the state building a copy of the Lincoln home. It was practically decided to exhibit all available Lincoln mementos in the building during the fair.

Peasants Seizing the Land.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—The peasants at Orgeleff, near Odessa, recently seized the land of some of the big estates and proceeded to divide it. Troops have been dispatched to the scene. Near Byelostok the peasants demanded that the landlords cease to use agricultural machinery, and as their attitude became threatening, Cossacks were required to disperse them. An additional force of Cossacks has been dispatched to keep order.

British Steamer Captured.

Tokio, April 13.—The British steamer Henry Bolekow was seized by the Japanese guardships off the island of Hokkaido, April 7. The character of her cargo has not been divulged and her destination is not stated in the official announcement. It is presumed, however, that the vessel was bound for Vladivostok.

ADVANCE IN ALL BIG MARKETS.

Packers Raise Price and Lay Blame on Cattle Growers.

Chicago, April 14.—Prices of beef have advanced in every important market of the United States. The consumer is paying the advanced price, which to him represents several cents per pound over what he paid up to ten days ago.

Swift & Co., Armour and Nelson Morris state that no beef has been supplied to the retail markets of Chicago or to any other market in the country during the last month and a half except at a loss. This, it is declared, has been partially due to the fact that breeders of stock and the handlers of range cattle have been holding back on supply until the grass of the range becomes nourishing. Swift & Co., speaking for the packing interests, this afternoon, issued the following statement:

"During the last six weeks the producers of beef cattle have been receiving about \$1 advance over past prices for choice cattle. This simply means that the advance to the consumer in prices would be about \$2 on the one-half of choice cattle that can be used for food purposes. The range cattle producer is the master of the situation."

ATTEMPT TO WRECK WARSHIP.

Caution Saves Connecticut from Being Ruined in Drydock.

New York, April 14.—During the process of placing the new battleship Connecticut in drydock at the navy yard here today, what might have proved a serious accident was avoided by the officer in charge sending down a diver to make thorough examination of the hull before the water should be pumped out and the vessel lowered into the keel blocks.

The diver discovered a heavy timber stuck fast to the hull on the port side of the keel, where it had adhered to the rough plating while the vessel was on the ways and had not been released in launching. A failure to discover the timber, it is said, would have resulted in the buckling or crimping of the keel and lower frames when the vessel settled on the blocks.

Several days previous to the launching of the Connecticut last fall divers were sent down to examine the ways and found a large spike placed where it would have pierced the hull, had it not been found. Later, an official investigation disclosed holes bored in one of the plates.

LOW GRADES FOR SANTA FE

Will Spend Ten Millions on New Road Through Mountains.

Chicago, April 13.—The Record-Herald says: Official announcement is made that the Santa Fe has decided to build a \$10,000,000 cut-off to the Pacific coast with a view to getting rid of the mountain grades which now are encountered in the trans-continental travel. Orders have been given for the purchase of all the material necessary, and work will begin in 30 days. The work will be pushed to completion rapidly, and the new transcontinental low-grade line will be ready for opening within a year or 15 months.

The Western end of the cut-off will be at Belen, N. M., 27 miles south of Albuquerque, on the El Paso line, and the Eastern will be at Texico, 250 miles away on the Pecos valley lines of the Santa Fe. The new road will cross the Sierra Nevada mountains at Aho Pass, at an elevation of 6,491 feet, but at a maximum grade east-bound of 1 1/4 per cent and west-bound of 6-10ths of 1 per cent. The line will cross the Santa Fe Central near Willard and the El Paso & Northwestern at Llano, N. M.

Ready to Fight Once More.

Paris, April 14.—Captain Rode telegraphs to the Matin that he has been the guest of Kaulbars, commander of the second Manchurian army at the Russian front. The captain's observations showed that the Russian army had been reinforced and is prepared to renew the battle. The troops maneuver daily in battle formation. The Japanese advance guard, the dispatch adds, is barely 10 miles away, and frequent cavalry skirmishes take place. The prisoners captured have sabre cuts on their heads, showing hand-to-hand skirmishes.

Flood Damages Arizona Railroad.

Phoenix, Ariz., April 14.—For two or three days it has been raining heavily in Arizona. Early this morning 300 feet of the pile structure built to repair the Phoenix & Eastern railway bridge over Salt river at Tempe was washed away. Salt river is still high tonight and some fear is expressed for the Maricopa & Phoenix railway bridge at Tempe. Reports from the Roosevelt dam site is that the river is higher than at any time this year and is fully as high as the Arizona canal dam as at any previous time.

Invite Taft to Australia.

Manila, April 14.—Governor General Northcote, of the commonwealth of Australia, will, it is understood, invite Secretary of War Taft and party to visit Australia during the party's forthcoming visit to the Philippines. The commonwealth of Australia will defray the entire expense, it is said. The American chamber of commerce of Manila is preparing to entertain Mr. Taft and party on an extensive scale during their stay in Manila.

Submarines at Vladivostok.

Tokio, April 14.—It is reported here that the Russians at Vladivostok are conducting experiments with six submarine vessels, and that these vessels are all of foreign manufacture, and include French, British and American types.