# EPITOME OF THE DISPATCHES

Happenings Both at Home and Abroad.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Interesting Collection of Items From Many Places Culled From the Press Reports of the Current Week.

German exports to America are said to be decreasing.

In Wisconsin it is estimated that 500,000,000 pine trees have been destroyed by fires.

Spanish forces are preparing to leave Cuba. Marching orders have been given at several points.

An authentic report received at San Francisco, says the seal herds of the northern waters are being rapidly ex-

It is reliably reported that the ultimatum of the powers to Turkey regarding the island of Crete, has been presented to the sultan.

Advices from Van, Turkey, say fighting occurred at Alashgord between Turks and a number of Armenians from Russia. About 50 Armenians were killed.

A Quebec special says that Skagway or Dyea are to be placed under British administration, and that Canada will be allowed access to the Yukon by way of Lynn canal under the treaty now being perfected at Quebec.

It is estimated that the total hop crop of Washington this season will be between 27,700 and 30,000 bales. A considerable portion of the crop has been already contracted for on a basis of 10 and 11 cents per pound.

The story of the loss of the fishing schooner Bella has reached Seattle. The captain of the vessel was washed overboard and drowned. A member of the crew was also washed overboard, but rescued. The wreck has been beached by the Farallon.

Fire, supposed to have originated from lorest fires, burned half of Cumberland, Wis., causing a property loss estimated at \$225,000. About 25 families are homeless. Five children are reported burned to death. A large saw mill is among the buildings burned, throwing many out of employment. Rain saved the entire city from being burned.

The steamship Gaelic has arrived in San Francisco from Hong Kong and Yokohama via Honolulu, bringing the congressional commission from the lat- | company, under its special charter, has the commission Senator Cullom said: this is a vested right which the state "We have done as much as was possi- must pay for if it takes it away. ble in the time at our disposal, and we have covered the ground thoroughly. When we meet in Washington we will go to work at once on a report.

Senor Agoncillo, the Philippine representative who has gone to Washington to ask that the insurgents be heard by the peace commissioners at Paris, has made public a translation of the Philippine constitution, which Aguinaldo was to have proclaimed at Malo Los. By this constitution Aguinaldo formally renounces the title of dictator, and assumes that of president of the revolutionary government of the Phil-

The aged Queen Louise of Denmark died at Copenhagen.

American and Spanish commissioners met and breakfasted together in Paris Thursday.

In Colorado, forest and prairie fires have done tremendous damage in Routt county, along the Roaring Fork river, and down in the San Juan region.

In addition to the troops already ordered to go to Cuba not later than October 20, there will follow four more divisions, three of infantry and one of cavalry.

Secretary Alger has returned to Washington, after his inspection of the army camps. He says the troops did not take care of themselves, which accounts for their present condition.

A man has been arrested at Orsova charged with complicity in a plot to assassinate the king of Roumania. The police, received timely warning and the attempt was frustrated. A phial of poison, a dagger and several other weapons were found in the man's pos-

Striking union coalminers and imported negroes engaged in a pitched battle in the main street of Pana, Ill. Several hundred shots were fired. No one was wounded in the ranks of the union men. The negroes, it is believed, had several wounded men, and one died after reaching the stockades.

A dispatch to the New York Herald from Panama, Colombia, says: , It may be stated with entire confidence that Colombia has not defied Italy by declining to pay the Cerruti claim. The dispute with Italy is regarded as settled so far as the award of President Cleveland in the case is concerned. Sixty pounds sterling has already been paid to Ernesto Cerruti for personal damages, and the payment of the liabilities of Cerruti & Co. has been guar-

#### LATER NEWS.

A London special from Bombay says a ferry-boat capsized while crossing the Andus river, and 100 passengers were

The Hawaiian Star says the new government of Hawaii is to be territorial in form, with one representative in

Dr. David J. Hill, of Rochester, N. Y., has been appointed first assistant secretary of state to succeed John B. Moore, resigned.

The Paris Figaro states that Count D'Aubigne, French charge d'affaires at Munich, will replace M. Cambon as minister at Washington. Cambon will go to Madrid.

Thirty thousand people were present to witness the launching of the battleship Illinois at Newport News, Va. Many prominent persons were present from the national capital.

The American authorities in Manila have invited all the schoolteachers to resume the instruction of their classes. The schools have been closed since the surrender of Manila to the Americans.

Upon separate ballots being taken in the Oregon legislature Tuesday in Salem, H. W. Corbett received 36 votes, Judge Bennett, 24, and M. C. George, 10. Forty-six votes are required on joint ballot to elect.

A. P. Swineford, ex-governor of Alaska, while in Chicago declared the prospectors who have returned goldless from that region were unsuccessful because of lack of foresight in failing to prepare for life in a new country.

In consequence of serious disorders due to the presence of the insurgents in the vicinity of Manzanillo, General Lawton has dispatched thither the steamer Reina de Los Angeles with one battalion of four companies from the Third immunes under Colonel Day.

Evacuation is well nigh completed and the Stars and Stripes will soon wave over the entire island of Porto Rico. The Spanish and American commissioners have worked in perfect harmony. The Spanish made no attempt to delay the carrying out of the terms of the protocol, but on the contrary were anxious to return to Spain.

Isaac Schlesinger, his wife and two children were held prisoners 14 hours at their home in West Taylor street, Chicago, by a crowd of 200 boys. During most of this time the family were compelled to go without food, as their larder was empty. They were in constant fear that an attack would be made upon them.

In the case brought by Governor Pingree, of Michigan, to compel the Michigan Central railway to sell mileage tickets at a flat 2 cents, the Wayne county district court holds that the ter place. In speaking of the work of a right to fix its own tolls, and that must pay for if it takes it away.

A report from General Otis to the department states that the total number of deaths among the troops at the Philippines in three months was 87.

The state department has issued a circular instructing the United States consulates to half-mast their flags in memory of the late Ambassador Bayard.

A warrant is out for the arrest of United States Senator Quay. Himself and son and other prominent Pennsylvanians are charged with having used state moneys from the People's bank to speculate in stocks.

Thirty miles from Murfreesboro, Tenn., four prominent men were assassinated by John Hollingsworth and several of his friends, who fired upon them from ambush. Hollingsworth was later captured and shot by a posse.

General Fitzhugh Lee's corps will go to Cuba this month. The general health of his command is excellent. The camp at Jacksonville, Fla., is well watered and in splendid sanitary condition. Cuba, the general thinks, will be divided into military departments.

The steamer Fastnet has arrived at Vancouver, B. C., from Skagway with half a million in dust, and with news that a million more was on the wharf when the Fastnet left. There will be but one more boat from Dawson, the Columbia, which will bring down a

large amount of treasure. Captain Dreyfus, whether guilty or innocent, has certainly caused a veritable evelone of passion to be let loose, and Paris was in a turmoil all Sunday. Crowds, scuffle, uproar and arests was the programme of the day. About a score of people are said to have been seriously wounded in the various free

Secretary Long, upon advices received at the state department, which show the existence of threatening conditions in China, has ordered Dewey to send two warships immediately from Manila to a point as near the Chinese capital as possible for a warship to approach. The yessels selected are the Baltimore

and Petrel. Bertha Beilstein killed her mother in Pittsburg, Pa., and later put several bullets into her own body, from the effects of which she cannot recover. The only explanation the girl has given for her terrible deed were these words: "I was tired of life. It held no pleasure for me. I wanted to die and did not want mother to live and fret over my death. For that reason I killed her."

Being Rushed by the Americans at Paris.

HAVE ALREADY MADE DEMANDS

Report of Recention of the Philippines Stupefles Madrid-Will Resist to the Verge of Hostilities.

Paris, Oct. 5 .- Major-General Merritt reached Paris today. The American peace commission held a session this morning preparatory to a second meeting with the Spanish commissioners this afternoon.

Today's session lasted until 4 o'clock, at which hour the commissioners adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock next Friday afternoon, such interval being desired and neccessary to allow separate matters before the joint commission. The interval will be thus filled with work by each commission, the ultimate results being so facilitated. The secretary of the Spanish commission will arrive tonight, and the interval will also be employed by the secretaries jointly in maturing plans for the work of procedure. While the American commissioners were at luncheon today, General Merritt called at their hotel. but did not wait to see the commission. He will call again tomorrow to see members of the commission.

The Spanish and American commissioners will be received tomorrow by President Faure. The hour fixed for the reception of the Americans is 3:45 in the afternoon. General Merritt will accompany the Americans to this function, which will be held at the Palace de Elysee.

The opinion is now held that the work of the commissioners may be fininshed within a month from the present time. While it is the general impression that today's meeting was again devoted to preliminary work, and that the adjournment to Friday was taken only to enable the secretaries to draw up a schedule of work, the representative of the press learns that the session was highly important, and that the Americans have made a demand of such character that the Spaniards find it necessary to ask for an adjournment in order to enable them to consult with the government at Madrid.

It is believed that the question concerns the Philippines, and it is known that the Americans are highly pleased at having so soon reached what they consider a very important phase of the negotiations, and consider the two sessions thus far held as very satisfactory to America.

The fact that a member of the commission expressed the belief that work would be completed within a month indicates a happy frame of mind.

In the Spanish camp great hopes are built on what they believe General Merritt will advise, namely, that the Philippines are incapable of self-government, and that the whole situation does not warrant America in taking the responsibility for the entire Philippines. The Spanish commissioners are quite ready to give whatever America asks in the way of coaling stations, but will resist more, to the verge of a renewal of hostilities.

## Madrid Worried.

Madrid, Oct. 5 .- The reported intention of the United States government to retain the whole of the Philippines has preated almost a state of stupefaction here, and it is semi-officially announced that the Spanish government has resolved to vigorously combat any action which, it is claimed, the terms of the peace protocol preclude. General Rios, governor of the Visayas islands, reports to the government another defeat of the insurgents. The Spanish volunteers, he says, also repulsed an insurgent attack on the town of Basan, and killed 31 of the attacking force.

TO CORNER WAR IMPLEMENTS.

Reported Scheme to Form a Combine of Warship and Gun Factories.

Cleveland, O., Oct. 5 .- An evening paper says one of the most gigantic projects for a combination of capital is being examined in this city. It is nothing less than an attempt to unite the warship building interest and armor plate and gun-making interests of the world into one great syndicate. Men of international reputation in the financial and manufacturing world are in the deal. The projectors claim they can raise a capital of \$200,000,000.

Among the Clevelanders who are in

the deal is said to be Colonel Myron T. Herrick, president of the Society of Savings, and Robert Wallace, president of the Cleveland Ship Building Company. Dr. Gatling, the famous invetor of guns, has been here in conference with other men in the deal, Armstrong, the inventor of the gun which bears his name, has also been here. Andrew Carnegie is one of the chief men in the negotiation. Robert Wallace is now in the West with several foreigners. Before he returns he will stop at San Francisco, and the proprietors of the Union Iron Works will be approached as to whether they will come into the deal.

## THOUSANDS ARE SICK.

Critical Condition of the Army in Porto Rico.

Ponce, Porto Rico, Oct. 5 .- It is the well-grounded and almost unanimous opinton of the medical staff of the American army in Porto Rico that the condition of the volunteer forces here necessitates their immediate removal north. Sickness is increasing, and has been increasing during the past three weeks at an alarming rate. Today the sick report shows over 2,700 in hospitals or in quarters, out of a total command of 10,000 men; that is, over 25 per cent of the troops are on the sick list. This, however, does not mean that there is an effective strength of 7,500 men. The soldiers discharged from the hospitals as fit for duty are in nine cases out of ten incapable of service, and if ordered on duty are almost invariably back in the hospitals within a few days.

The medical officers have found that the convalescents do not, and seemingly cannot, recover their strength in this climate, and for this reason they consideration by each commission of are being sent north as rapidly as possible, several hundred leaving every

# FATAL FOREST FIRES.

Several Lives Were Lost in Wisconsin Woods. Cumberland, Wis., Oct. 5 .- The

bodies of a man and a boy were found today in the woods between Amena and Poskin Lake, burned beyond recognition. Several persons are still missing. Peter Ecklund, who was seriously burned by forest fires, was brought to this city today in a critical condition, and it is thought he cannot live. A 4-year-old daughter of Rudolph Miller, and the 7-year-old son of Nels Swanson were found in the woods, 11/2 miles northeast of Almena, so badly burned

that they cannot recover. Mrs. Frank Heinrichmeier, at Poskin Lake, died this morning, as a result of fright and exhaution in fighting fires. Relief rooms were opened today, and relief is being extended to starving families. The fire is still roaring on one side of this city, but the greatest danger is believed to be over. Near the town of Johnston, Polk county, eight miles distant, heavy loss of farm property is reported today, and fires are still raging.

#### AMERICAN PORK.

Thousands of Tons Have Entered Germany Without a Certificate.

Berlin, Oct. 5 .- A most important revelation regarding American pork was made by the German government announcement in the semi-official press today, that it has received information showing that American pork had entered Germany without certificate. The United States embassy confirms the report that the discovery had been made that thousands of tons of American nork have been imported through a number of custom houses for years past without certificates. The embassy has requested the foreign office to instruct the custom house to insist in every case upon a certificate.

No American firm is implicated in these transactions, which explain the alleged discoveries of trichinae in American pork. German dealers in American pork offered in July last a reward of 1,000 marks for a case of human trichinosis due to American pork, and three months have passed without anybody claiming the money.

## NEARING THE CRISIS.

Foreign Ministers at Peking Hold at Emergency Meeting.

London, Oct. 5 .- A special dispatch from Shanghai says that telegrams from Peking have been detained two days. The last telegram received, according to this dispatch, announced that the foreign ministers had held an emergency meeting. The German warship at Kiau Chou, it also stated, had started hurriedly for Taku the day before.

Marquis Ito, who, it is understood, is visiting China, for the purpose of arranging an offensive and defensive alliance betwen China and Japan, has left Tien-Tsin for Shanghai, owing to the impossibility of prosecuting negotiations during the crisis.

The foreign ministers, it is stated, forbade any foreign residents going to Peking. It is expected that Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister, shall surrender Kang Yu Wei.

Yamantsu, leader of the rebellion, in the Sze Chuen province, has issued a proclamation ordering the extermination of all foreigners.

London, Oct. 5 .- The Peking correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, telegraphing Saturday by way of Shanghai, says: "A mob is menacing foreigners. The wife of the Italian minister was attacked yesterday, while on her way to church, and several Americans

'The foreign ministers have sent a collective note to the government, asking for the suppression of these outrages, and the punishment of the cul-

coming from the railroad were wound-

ed by stones.

Wheels Moving Again. Lawrence, Mass., Oct. 5 .- The Washington mills started up in all departments this morning, after a partial shutdown of several weeks. 4,500 hands are now employed.

## DOWN TO BUSINESS.

Sixty Bills and 25 Resolutions Introduced in Senate, and 36 Bills and 35 Resolutions in House.

Both houses of the Oregon legislature adjourned early Friday afternoon until Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock; and most of the members left town

over Sunday. Everything about the state printer's office is running at high pressure to get the bills already introduced in shape. In the senate 60 bills have been in-

troduced, and have gone to the printer. Some 25 resolutions have also been handled there. In the house the number of bills introduced is 36, and resolutions, including joint and concurrent, 35.

#### Proceedings in Detail.

The senate opened at 10 A. M. Friday with prayer by Rev. Hornschuch. A communication from the secretary of state was received, forwarding the correspondence on the matter of constitutional amendments between his office and that of the attorney-general, with the adverse opinion of the latter officer. It was referred to the judiciary com-

The committee on agriculture was permitted to leave the senate until Monday in order to visit Corvallis.

Resolutions were introduced as fol-

By Michell, that the sergeant-at-arms furnish the senators with three daily papers, he making the selection. By Reed, for a joint committee to inspect the building and business of the Oregon Soldiers' Home at Roseburg; adopted and ordered printed. Bills were introduced as follows:

By Michell, to establish a rule of pleading in case of arson; read first and second time by title and referred to the committee on judiciary. By Morrow, amending the statute creating the sixth judicial district. By Wade, giving the preference in employment to old soldiers and veterans. By Reed, amending the statute to protect salmon and other food fishes of the state; read a second time by title and referred to the committee on fisheries.

The senate then took a recess until

#### In the House.

In the house the committee on agriculture was excused until Monday, so that the members might visit the agricultural college at Corvallis and investigate the recent fire in accordance with the governor's message.

Bills were introduced as follows: By Topping, changing the location of the county seat of Coos county from Empire City to Coquille City. Freeland, to regulate the scale of salaries for county officers who are now on fees, and also establishing trial fees. By Gray, giving preference to honorably discharged Union soldiers in work on public works. By Palmer, making the legal rate of interest 6 per cent, except on contracts, where it can be made 8 per cent by stipulation between the persons interested, but regulating the right of private parties to examine the public records and make such notes as are wished. By Thompson, regulating the salaries of Washington county officers as follows: County clerk, \$1,800; recorder, \$1,000; sheriff, \$1,800.

The house then adjourned until 2

At the afternoon session bills were introduced as follows:

By Ross, to abolish estates in entirety. By Hill, prohibiting the sale of railroad tickets by other than regular agents of roads. By Freeland, fixing the terms of court in the sixth judicial district. By Marsh, to establish the

boundary lines of Washington county. A number of bills introduced at the commencement of the session came up for a second reading and went to the proper committees.

The veto messages of the governor came up in the house today on a special order. One in regard to sheriff's fees, etc., in the case of embezzlement by an official of Douglas county, was referred to the Douglass county delegation for a report.

Ex-Representative U'Ren had introduced in the house an amendment to the constitution of the state, section 1, article 4, to agree with the populistic platform providing for the initiative and referendum; indefinitely postponed.

A report of the committee on resolutions recommended that the resolution providing for an investigation of the state military board be not adopted, owing to the chaotic state in which the military board is now in owing to the

The house adjourned until Monday.

Freeland of Morrow, introduced bill to make a change in the salaries of sheriff and county clerk in Morrow county, reducing each from \$2,400 to \$2,000 a year.

Representative Ross of Multnomah, introduced the briefest bill of this or any other session, it is believed. It is a bill for an act abolishing tenancy by entireties, and reads as follows:

"That tenancy by entireties is here-

by abolished." This is to do away with the common law rule that personal estates shall go in entirety to the husband or wife in case of the death of the other, instead of descending to heirs. The disposal

of real estate is already arranged for by

#### FAST WORK DONE.

Considerable Boutine Business Transacted-Astoria Charter Amended.

Much routine business was transacted in the two hours the legislature was in session Monday afternoon.

The senate received four new bills, one of which was finally passed under suspension of the rules—an amendment to the Astoria charter to enlarge the powers of the common council. Twenty-eight bills were advanced through the second reading, and half a dozen resolutions were concurred in.

The Astoria charter amendment also went through the house, as did a bill to give Tillamook county two terms of court each year instead of one, and a bill to authorize Coos county to sell certain property that had been purchased for a courthouse site, but had been found unsuitable. A dozen new bills were introduced in the house, eight others passed second reading, and

five resolutions were handled. By the agreement of the senate to the resolution authorizing an investigation of the insane asylum and the concurrence of the house in a resolution to investigate the Soldiers' Home at Roseburg, the fourth investigation of the session was set on toot, the others being of the penitentiary and of the secretary of state's office, which are already in

progress. One of the resolutions introduced by Ross of Multnomah, and passed, is for arranging appropriate exercises for a joint meeting of the two houses February 14, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the admission of Oregon as a state and the 50th anniversary of extending United States laws over Oregon, the governor being requested to appoint a committee for a semi-centennial ce'ebration in Portland, June 15.

The last member to appear at roll-call this session is Representative Donnelly, of Grant, who had been absent in Tennessee and only arrived Monday.

When the general agents of insurance companies have an opportunity to read the bill introduced by Fordney of Wallowa, in the house, they will, it is understood, take immediate steps to defeat it. The bill provides for the retention and investment of the legal reserve on all policies to be written in the future in the state A failure to comply with the provisions of the bill will entail a forfeiture of the license of the offending company.

# The Senate.

Bills were introduced in the senate Monday as follows:

By Kelly-To repeal the act regulating the sale of adulterated food and medicines.

By Adams-Providing for the taxation of dogs and kindred subjects. By Mulkey-To incorporate the town

of Monmouth. By Fulton-To amend the statutes relating to the incorporation of the city of Astoria; passed.

## The House.

In the house Monday afternoon, bills

were introduced as follows: By Flagg-To incorporate the city of Salem. It provides for bonding outstanding warrant indebtedness and aims

to secure better sanitary conditions. By Stanley-To reimburse the Omaha fair commissioners in the sum of \$18,-

By Curtis-Amending the general laws in relation to the administrative department so that the term of the governor shall commence the second Monday in January after his election.

By Sherwin-Amending the charter of Ashland; passed. By Maxwell-Amending the miscellaneous laws in regard to the time of

holding elections in the fifth judicial By Stillman-Compelling persons or corporations operating sleeping cars to keep upper berths closed when not occupied, and imposing \$500 fine for vio-

lations By Hobkirk-A bill which is intended to remedy certain alleged irregularities in the manner in which the records of Multnomah county are kept, and throwing the same open to the general public.

Wade of Union, introduced in the senate a bill for an act giving preference in appointment and employment to honorably discharged Union soldiers and sailors, in every department of the state, and in counties and cities and on public works. It is provided that age, loss of limb, or other physical impairment which does not in fact incapacitate, shall not be deemed to disqualify them, provided they possess the business capacity to discharge the duties of the position involved. It is also specified that no such soldier or sailor now holding any such position, unless for a definite term, shall be removed, except for cause shown after due hearing. The measure is not made to apply to confidential positions. Failure on the part of appointing officers to observe the letter and spirit of the law is made a misdemeanor.

The Baker City charter bill was the first measure to pass both houses. Its chief purpose is to relieve the present city officials of office. They were elected more than four years ago, and then the city charter was amended, and by inadvertence it failed to provide for any election. So the mayor and councilmen have had to continue to hold office, greatly to the envy of politicians elsewhere. The new charter remedies the difficulty.