

# RESUME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS

News Items Gathered From All Parts of the World.

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Comprehensive Manner for Busy Readers—National, Political, Historical and Commercial.

Rear-Admiral Crowninshield, retired, is dead.

France and Germany have agreed on a plan for the pacification of Morocco.

Hearst is gaining in the recount of New York mayoralty ballots of the 1905 election.

A typhoon at Hankow, China, cost more than 1,000 lives and wrecked 500 junks.

A Columbus, Ohio, boy invented a machine with which he has made several successful flights.

San Francisco supervisors are checking up the city treasurer's accounts. He is alleged to be short \$37,500.

Johnson's managers predict his nomination for democratic presidential candidate on the second or third ballot.

A tornado which swept Alfalfa county, Okla., killed 14 people and injured many others, besides doing much damage to property.

The Belgian consular agent at Rabat, Morocco, has been maltreated by natives and his home government is likely to take energetic action.

J. C. Stubbs says our Oriental trade is threatened if the ruling of the interstate commerce commission regarding freight rates on western roads holds.

Mrs. Carrie Nation has been arrested at Pittsburg.

Chester, Pa., is having trouble with street car men.

Two cruisers and five torpedo boats have left San Francisco for Portland.

A company of militia is to be organized at Honolulu, the first for the islands.

Senator Bailey, of Texas, will go to the democratic national convention as a delegate.

Two Utah mining companies are fighting over a silver mine said to be worth \$1,450,000.

Senator Foraker is favoring Roosevelt for another term, as he dislikes him less than Taft.

A man has just been arrested in Michigan for a murder committed in Colorado 15 years ago.

An ex-member of the United States secret service is in trouble at Flagstaff, Arizona, for trying to extort money.

The troops of the pretender to the Moroccan throne have looted all the government buildings and houses of the sultan.

While preparations were in progress for the funeral of a Kansas City man, the supposed corpse sat up and asked for a drink.

Mrs. Harry Thaw has withdrawn her suit for divorce. It is thought this is a move to gain control of any property he may have.

Mrs. Alfred Vanderbilt has secured a divorce.

President Fallieres, of France, is visiting King Edward.

A Seattle woman sent her daughter for a doctor and then committed suicide.

W. T. Hamilton, the last living of General Custer's scouts, has just died at Butte, Mont.

The Presbyterian general assembly will seek a closer union of the Presbyterian churches.

Thaw has been declared still insane, but he will try to avoid returning to the Matteawan asylum.

Senator Slayden, of Texas, is opposed to the Seattle fair and says the country is tiring of expositions.

There is a desperate effort in congress to pass a currency bill by holding up the public building bill.

Fully a quarter of a million men employed in English shipbuilding yards have accepted a cut in wages.

More than 100 government meat inspectors held a conference in Chicago on the enforcement of the new meat inspection law.

The Oklahoma legislature has passed a law which provides for a penitentiary term for any employer who refuses work to a man because he is a member of a union. Pinkerton detectives are also barred from the state.

Peter Daly, the actor, is dead.

Good progress is being made on the Seattle fair buildings.

The Northern Baptist convention for 1909 will meet in Portland.

A statue of the late Senator Hanna has just been unveiled at Cleveland, Ohio.

Eastern railroads will resist the Interstate Commerce Commission's rates for accounting.

Thousands of people are swarming to the Puget Sound cities to see the Atlantic battleship fleet.

A Hoboken, N. J., justice of the peace says he married Anna Gould and Prince de Sagan before they left for Europe.

The airship White Wing, built by Baldwin, is making successful flights in New York. Baldwin was the inventor of the airship at the Lewis and Clark fair.

A Chicago woman brought back to life after being pronounced dead is sorry she was revived. She says her soul traversed a beautiful country in spirit land.

## PROOF AGAINST SHELL.

Monitor Florida Stands Fire of Navy's Heaviest Guns.

Thimble Shoal, in Lower Chesapeake Bay, May 29.—Disregarding the danger and apparently anxious to experience open war at sea, Commander John C. Quimby, Lieutenant Fausstic and 30 men on the monitor Florida remained on board her today while 12-inch shells were hurled at the great hulk from the great guns of the monitor Arkansas, anchored 300 yards off, with her broadside battery in full play on the target ship.

When it was first planned to make the extraordinary test of the power of the guns in warfare, it was not dreamed of keeping any of the men aboard, but the plans for the test were changed suddenly today. Commander Quimby and his men eagerly volunteered to stay aboard their ship while she was submitted to the hammering of the big projectiles. The imminent danger did not lessen their determination in the least.

When the time came for the test, the Florida immediately steamed into her position. The Arkansas and her tender then anchored fore and aft off Thimble Shoal, 300 yards from the Florida with her broadside bearing upon the target ship. The Arkansas is in charge of Commander Harry M. Denbigh, who with a detail of officers, took up his position on the bridge.

The first shot was fired at a screen target raised above the main turret of the Florida and pierced the exact center without a moment's hesitation, giving the men aboard the ship to understand they need not think any of the projectiles would go wild.

Then, according to the program, the Arkansas began firing heavily upon the Florida and the shells began hammering against the plates of the Florida, which stood under the bombardment without even showing signs of being crippled. As far as could be discerned from the use of the glasses the effect was not noticeable, but the experts on the Arkansas reported that the shells were having terrific effect upon the Florida.

During this bombardment the men aboard the Florida gave no signs of being displeased with their dare-devil experience, and gave no signal of distress.

After the main bombardment the Arkansas' guns were directed against the big experimental mast which had been erected aft upon the Florida. It was 125 feet high and on it were two turrets, in which dummies had been placed to show the effect on men in the fighting line during an actual engagement. Dummies also had been placed in the main turret of the Florida to show the effect of the impact of heavy shells upon them.

The big guns made quick impression upon the mast target, and if men had been in the place of the dummies they would not have lasted more than two shots.

The "battle" will result in much valuable information which will be used by the experts of the navy in the planning of future men-of-war. It has the double effect of showing the power of American guns when directed against armor plate as it is actually presented in a fight at sea, and the strength of the armor in withstanding the impact of the 12-inch projectiles in warfare.

## NEW SCHEME UNEARTHED.

Oriental Die While Being Expressed Into This Country.

Washington, May 29.—Twelve Chinese lives was the price paid by daring smugglers to experiment with a new scheme for evasion of the immigration laws. The government has just discovered that a dozen Orientals who attempted to gain entrance to this country by having themselves crated and shipped by express from El Paso to New York were dead upon arrival.

Acting Commissioner of Immigration Larned admitted today that a gigantic smuggling plot had been unearthed on the Texas border and that Chinese Inspector Babcock, one of the keenest sleuths in the service, is now in New York on the trail of the arch-plotters. Quong Don Yen received the corpses of his countrymen from the express company and will be arrested if trace of him can be found by the detective.

A telegram from Quong Don Yen to his friends at El Paso revealed the plot. Official Interpreter Ping Ming overheard his countrymen at El Paso reading a message which informed them that the twelve men in the crates were sent upon arrival. Ming informed Inspectors George Harris and F. W. Berkshire of the plot and they reported it to the bureau here.

It is believed that the smugglers crated the men on the Mexican side of the line, hauled them across the river to El Paso, Texas, where they consigned them by express to New York.

## Will Fight Tuberculosis.

St. Louis, May 29.—To prevent the spread of tuberculosis in this city, records showing that 72 per cent of the mortality is caused by the disease, the health department has submitted an ordinance to the assembly naming tuberculosis among the contagious, malignant and infectious diseases. The ordinance prohibits any books from the public library being loaned to a tubercular person, requires all policemen to report consumptive cases, and requires the isolation of a consumptive in a hospital under proper conditions.

## Unveil Memorial Monument.

Tokio, May 29.—General Baron Nogi was designated Wednesday to be the chief official in the ceremonies incident to the unveiling of the Russian memorial monument erected by the Japanese people at Port Arthur, in memory of the famous siege of that city, and the gallant fighting done in its defense when those in the stronghold held out so bravely and with such determination against the attack which eventually proved successful.

## Snow Storm in Montana.

Bozeman, Mont., May 29.—A heavy snowstorm Tuesday night impaired wire service and did great damage to trees. The precipitation during this month is the heaviest of any May in 28 years.

# NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

## INVESTIGATE EXPRESS RATES.

State Railroad Commission Has Fancy Figures to Start With.

Salem, Or., May 29.—An investigation has been started by the railroad commission regarding express rates enforced by the Wells, Fargo and the Pacific express companies in Oregon. Some startling revelations have been brought to light that will likely demand the attention of the commission in the near future.

Comparisons have been made showing the relative charges on lines in Oregon and the charges in other states for similar distances and for the same class of goods. From Portland to Siskiyou, a distance of 385 miles, the Wells-Fargo express company charges a merchandise rate of \$2.75 for 100 pounds, while for the same distance in Missouri a rate has been established by the Missouri railroad commission, which is 57¢ in freight, of \$2 for 100 pounds. The merchandise rate in Texas for a similar distance is \$2.05.

The rates charged by the Pacific express company are even more exorbitant according to the figures given out by the railroad commission. The Pacific express company operates out of Portland east over the O. R. & N. For 140 miles over the O. R. & N., from Portland to Huntington, the general merchandise rate for 100 pounds is \$4. For 358 miles, or the same distance for which the Wells-Fargo charges \$2.75 in Western Oregon, the Pacific express company in Eastern Oregon charges \$3.75.

Compared with similar distances in Missouri and Texas, the rates of the Pacific express company are extreme. For 440 miles in Missouri the general merchandise express rate is \$2.10 and in Texas it is \$2.30. In both the states the rates have been fixed by railroad commissions and have been accepted by the express companies and are now in force. The rates given are for the same classes of goods in every instance.

## OREGON WOOL GOOD.

Secretary Smythe Praises Compulsory Dipping Law.

Portland.—Secretary Dan P. Smythe of the Oregon Woolgrowers association, passed through Portland recently on his way to Salem, where he represents the third district of Oregon at the annual meeting of the state sheep commission. Mr. Smythe says the wool clip this year is as large as usual, and that the wool is of exceptionally fine quality.

At this session of the sheep commission the eastern Oregon men intend to take some radical action to prevent further encroachments of Washington sheepmen in the Wemaha forest reserve. Mr. Smythe, who is extensively engaged in sheepraising himself, is emphatic in praise of the compulsory dipping law passed at the last session of the legislature. He says Oregon sheep are now practically free from disease of every kind, and the wool is of a much higher grade than in former years.

The administration at Washington has favored the woolgrowers in the Evergreen State, to the detriment of Oregon stockmen. Just what action will be taken Mr. Smythe was not prepared to say, but he thinks the commission will make recommendations that the forestry department at the national capital will not dare to overlook.

## Complete Elgin-Joseph Line.

In the Portland mail from the East the General Manager J. P. O'Brien, of the O. R. & N. company, has received the long-expected instructions from New York to proceed with construction of the Elgin-Joseph branch. About \$200,000, the amount necessary to complete the line, has been provided. From 300 to 400 men will be put on at once. For the last two months the authorization from Mr. Harriman for this work has been expected daily. As soon as the effects of last year's money stringency began to wane Mr. O'Brien made application for the necessary funds to complete the road to Joseph.

## Drain More Klamath Land.

Klamath Falls.—Twelve hundred acres of swamp land north of Klamath Falls, near Nayler, will be reclaimed by the owners, Fred Mellase and John Hagelstein. Land adjoining has raised some of the finest vegetables ever grown in Klamath county, and this land when drained will be put up into small truck patches. The surveyed line of the Oregon Eastern running north from Klamath Falls to Nayler, will cross this area of swamp land and the dike will be used in draining it.

## Nevada's Governor an Oregonian.

Ontario.—Den S. Dickerson, who is now Governor of Nevada, vice John Sparks, deceased, is a Malheur County boy, aged 34 years. His parents reside on a farm five miles west of Vale. He left this section seven years ago for Nevada and joined the Miners Union in White Pine County, and when the union asked recognition on the state ticket he was named as lieutenant-governor. He served in the Philippine war, enlisting in Portland.

## Auto to Carry Tourists.

Klamath Falls.—Captain J. M. McIntyre, of the McIntyre Transportation company, has purchased an 11 passenger automobile, and will put it on the line between Dorris and this city. A crew of men is now working on the road between Dorris and Keno, getting it in shape for automobile service, and it is expected that the run can be made in two hours from end of rail to this city.

## Scouring Mills to Reopen.

Pendleton.—It was announced a few days ago that the wheels of the Pendleton scouring mills would be started turning about June 1. The uncertain condition of the wool market is responsible for the late start, but it will not shorten the season's run. Several thousand pounds of wool are now on hand and more is arriving daily.

## CHEAP FUEL IN SIGHT.

If Choppers Can't Sell to Trust They Will to Consumers.

Pendleton.—After futile efforts to sell their wood to Pendleton and Walla Walla woodyards, ten woodchoppers of Kamela have pooled their output and have placed an agent in this city and will sell direct to the consumer. They have 5,000 cords in the pool and will fill this territory with cheap wood, they declare. The woodyards have large supplies on hand, owing to the fact that the mild weather of the past winter restricted the sale, and have refused to buy the Kamela pool, which is now being marketed here. Already several cars have been ordered from the pool and it promises to demoralize the wood market in the inland empire.

## Keep Salmon Out of Alfalfa.

Pendleton.—Thousands of salmon from six to eight inches in length are now running out into the canal of the Irrigon irrigation project and many of them are being stranded on the bars, where they are perishing. Deputy Game and Fish Warden O. F. Turner will take immediate steps to have proper fish screens placed at the dam to prevent this destruction of the young fish. The dam of the Irrigon project is in the Umatilla River two miles east of the town of Umatilla. Thousands of fine salmon fry are now to be found in the river and every effort will be made to prevent them from running into the irrigation canals. Other canals on the river are properly protected with screens and ladders.

## Wells-Fargo to Build.

Eugene.—The Wells-Fargo Express Company has begun the erection of a one brick building on the Southern Pacific depot grounds in which to handle its business in this city. The architecture of the new building will be in keeping with that of the new passenger depot, now in course of construction and to be completed before July 1. The Wells-Fargo building will be of brick and stone and will cost \$4,000 to \$5,000. It is probable the downtown office of the company will be done away with when the new building is finished as the location is convenient to the business section of the city.

## Rare Species of Duck.

Klamath Falls.—Hunters on the Klamath river near Teters Landing report the finding of a pair of red ducks nesting among the reeds. The birds are small and supposed to be cinnamon teal, a species of duck rarely seen in this section. The pelicans have returned in great numbers this spring. The rapid growth of the city and the settlement of the hills between Lake Ewama and the Upper Klamath lake seemed for several years past to have driven the pelicans to other fields. However, they are here in great numbers this year.

## Double the Enrollment.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—Judging from the applications that are pouring into the Registrar's office, the freshman class of next September will be the largest in the history of the university. More than 300 applications have already been received from graduates of the different high schools and academies throughout the state, and it is safe to predict that there will be at least 100 more, as many freshmen do not apply for standing until college opens in the fall.

## Stocked With Fish.

Baker City.—Thomas H. Parker, of the state fish commission, received at North Powder the other day 31,000 trout, which have been placed in the lakes at the head of North Powder river and in other streams near by.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 80c per bushel; red Russian, 87c; bluestem, 92c; Valley, 82c.  
Barley—Feed, \$2.50 per ton; rolled, \$2.75 per ton; brewing, \$3.00 per ton.  
Oats—No. 1 white, \$2.75 per ton; gray, \$2.7.  
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$17 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, \$15; Eastern Oregon, \$15.50; mixed, \$16; clover, \$14; alfalfa, \$12; alfalfa meal, \$20.  
Dressed Meats—Hogs, fancy, 8c per pound; ordinary, 7c; large, 6c; veal, extra, 7c; ordinary, 6c; heavy, 5c; mutton, fancy, 8c per lb.  
Butter—Extras, 25c per pound; fancy, 24c; choice, 23c; store, 16c.  
Eggs—Candled, 19c per dozen; uncandled, 18c per dozen.  
Poultry—Mixed chickens, 12c per pound; fancy hens, 13c per lb.; roosters, 8c; fryers, 22c per lb.; broilers, 20c per lb.; ducks, old, 16c per lb.; spring, 23c per lb.; geese, 8c per lb.; turkeys, alive, 16c per lb.; for hens, 14c per lb.; for gobblers, dressed, 17c per lb.  
Apples—Select, \$2.50 per box; fancy, \$2; choice, \$1.50; ordinary, \$1.25.  
Potatoes—Old Oregon, choice, 7c per hundred; sweet, 5c per hundred.  
Strawberries—Oregon, 10c per 17lb per pound.  
Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.50 per 75; beets, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.25; cabbage, \$1.75 per cwt.; beans, wax, 16c per cwt.; head lettuce, 12c per dozen; celery, 8c per dozen; asparagus, \$1.50 per box; egg plant, 20c per pound; parsley, 25c per dozen; peas, 5c per lb.; radishes, 15c per dozen; rhubarb, 3c per pound; spinach, 3c per pound; cauliflower, \$2.50 per crate.  
Hops—1907, prime and choice, 15c per pound; olds, 2c per lb.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 17c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 16c per lb.  
Mohair—Choice, 18c per pound; Casaca Bark—3c per pound.

## PUBLISH CONTRIBUTIONS.

Taft and Bryan Favor Passage of Such a Law by Congress.

Washington, May 26.—The first big sensation of the presidential campaign came today when William Jennings Bryan sent a telegram to William Howard Taft suggesting that they join in urging congress to pass a bill making compulsory the publication of campaign contributions.

This move by Bryan is looked upon as one of great wisdom by the democratic leaders, who say it shows his sincere determination to conduct his campaign without the aid of great corporate influence.

Bryan's message reads as follows: "Hon. William Howard Taft, secretary of war, Washington.—I beg to suggest that as the leading candidates of our respective parties, we join in asking congress to pass the bill requiring the publication of campaign contributions prior to elections. If you think best we can ask other candidates to unite with us in the request."  
"W. J. BRYAN."

Secretary Taft replied to William J. Bryan's telegram, suggesting that the senate in asking congress to pass a bill providing for the publication of campaign contributions, as follows:

"William J. Bryan: Your telegram received. On April 30, last, I sent the following letter to Senator Burrows, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections: "I sincerely believe that it would greatly tend toward the absence of corruption from politics if all the expenditures for the nominations and elections of all candidates and all contributions received and expenditures made by political committees could be made public, both in respect to state and national politics. For that reason, I strongly favor the passage of the bill now pending."

## OKLAHOMA FLOODS RECEDING.

Property Loss Estimated \$10,000,000.

Eight Lives Lost.

Guthrie, Okla., May 27.—The sun is shining in Oklahoma today, and the flood waters are fast receding. No additional loss of life is reported, and the homeless are beginning gradually to return to their homes. The death toll remains at eight.  
With miles of tracks washed out and bridges damaged or destroyed, the railroads are still demoralized; train service on many lines must remain suspended for several days yet, while on others only a partial service is possible. The damage to crops and railroads can, of course, be only roughly estimated, but a conservative figure places the aggregate at close to \$10,000,000. It marks the costliest disaster ever sustained either in Oklahoma or the Indian Territory or by the new State of Oklahoma.

At Muskogee the Arkansas river continued to rise up to last night, but this morning began gradually to lower. At that point 2,500 consumers are still without gas as a result of the principal main breaking.  
In West Guthrie, where more than 200 houses were submerged, the water drained off fast today, and conditions began to assume a normal aspect.

Around Shawnee, Sapulpa, Tulsa, Jenks and other points hundreds of railroad laborers are at work repairing tracks and bridges. At Stigler the Canadian river has made a complete change of course, and railroad bridges that formerly spanned that stream are rendered useless.

## HORRORS INCREASE.

Recent Storm in Texas Cost at Least 100 Lives.

Dallas, Tex., May 27.—As the hours pass the horrors of the flood in this section increase. It is believed the complete list of dead, when compiled, will show at least 100 lives to have been lost. It is estimated that 10,000 people are homeless, having been driven from their homes by the raging waters.  
The property loss is estimated to be at least \$25,000,000 over the entire stricken district.

The Trinity river has surpassed all records. Last night it was believed the crest of the flood had been reached here, but more rain in the north have sent the waters down with increased fury and today the floods were greater than yesterday and continually increasing.  
Business is suspended, and Mayor Hay has organized a relief and rescue corps, the members of which have been doing most heroic work.

## Big Clock Started.

New York, May 27.—When Mayer Wittgen, of Jersey City, pressed a tiny button he set in motion the mechanism of the largest clock in the world. As the giant minute hand began to move the boats on the river and the factories on land joined in a chorus of whistles. The dial of the clock is visible for miles along the Hudson river. It is 38 feet in diameter, with an area of 1,134 square feet. The minute hand is 20 feet long and weighs a third of a ton, and the weight of the entire clock is close to six tons.

## Striking Carmen Return.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 26.—While their brothers on strike were voting today to remain out, 309 striking carmen applied for their old positions and were reinstated. The traffic is now rapidly approaching a normal state, and officials say the usual number of cars will be in operation shortly. The strikers, however, say they are confident of winning. They have further plans for the campaign.

## Fearst Wins His Fight.

New York, May 27.—William R. Hearst won an important victory today in his long fight for a recount of the ballots cast in the mayoralty election in 1905, when George B. McClellan was declared elected, and at last the boxes are to be opened.

# DYNAMITE USED BY RUEF'S GANG

Blow Up Houses Owned by Ex-Supervisor Gallagher.

Supposed to be Move to Intimidate Star Witness Against Gratters. Ex-President of Board of Supervisors Had Just Closed \$25,000 Real Estate Deal.

Oakland, Cal., May 28.—Three large dwelling houses, built by James L. Gallagher, ex-president of the board of supervisors and the prosecution's star witness in the bribery-graft case, at Perkins and Belmont streets, this city, were wrecked by dynamite tonight shortly before midnight. The houses were not yet occupied.

A heavy charge of dynamite, placed in the kitchen of the largest of the three houses, threw the building off its foundations and almost completely wrecked it. The houses were situated nearby, while many windows in the neighborhood were broken by the shock.

John Rollins, a watchman employed by the contractor building the houses for Gallagher, was sitting in a small shack near the houses at the time, and was thrown to the ground. He said to Captain of Detectives Peterson that he was through the three buildings shortly before the explosion occurred. It is said that Gallagher was negotiating a deal today for the sale of the houses for \$25,000. Several weeks ago Gallagher's home in Oakland was blown up and badly wrecked at night while he and his wife and several friends were in the house and narrowly escaped serious injury.

## FORT WORTH FEARS WORST.

Trinity River Rises Again and Conditions Are Serious.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 28.—With the waters of the Trinity river still near the summit of the banks another great volume of water began pouring from the west fork of that stream toward this city late last night. Early today the river is rising at a rate of six inches an hour, and with such conditions as already prevail, the outcome when the crest of this second rush of waters reaches this city cannot be foretold. That considerable additional property loss and suffering will result is considered certain.

A serious situation has developed here in regard to the city water supply. The mains are filled with black, muddy water, unfit for drinking even after being boiled. The city authorities declare it may be a week before they can restore the normal water supply. Meanwhile, those who can afford it are buying water from private artesian wells, and those who cannot are drinking the water that comes out of the mains.

Thirteen men, women and children were caught in the overflow in the Denton river. Their condition became so precarious that they were forced to hold the children upon their shoulders to keep them from drowning. They stood in water almost up to their necks for ten hours until rescued.

## NORTH CAROLINA DRY.

Prohibition Sweeps State From End to End at Elections.

Raleigh, N. C., May 28.—North Carolina was carried for state-wide prohibition Tuesday by a majority estimated at 40,000 to 42,000 on reports received up to midnight.  
The prohibition ticket carried 78 out of the 98 counties by overwhelming majorities. The prohibition ticket has carried 20 counties by majorities approximating 5,000. This calculation is partly based upon estimates and the prohibition leaders say that it is possible for the prohibition majority to reach 50,000. The election passed off very quietly, no disturbances of any importance being reported.

The total vote cast in the state was about 175,000.  
Every large town in the state except Wilmington and Durham went prohibition.  
Under the regulations of the prohibition bill submitted to the people there will be no manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors in the state after January, 1909.

## Refugees Swept Away.

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 24.—A special from Collier, Okla., near the Texas line, says that 14 persons who had taken refuge on an island formed between the new and old channels of Red river, were drowned late today, when the flood waters covered the place where they had taken refuge. Although weighted down with a train of ballast, the "Katy" railroad bridge went out at 9 o'clock last night. The river is over three miles wide and is cutting a new channel around the town.

## Royalty Can't Pay Bills.

Lisbon, May 28.—The royal household of Portugal is being besieged by creditors and the newspapers of Lisbon are filled with libel suits, brought by royalty. The courts already have awarded a butcher \$210 and costs, the amount of an unpaid meat bill against Dowager Queen Maria Pia and the Duke of Oporto. The situation arises out of the fact that the royal family has not received a single penny from the state since King Carlos and his son were assassinated four months ago.

## More Plague Appears.

Willemstad, Curacao, May 28.—The report that the Port of La Guayra would be reopened in the immediate future is considered here to be premature, as it is unofficially stated that another case of bubonic plague has occurred there since the issuance of President Castro's decree.