

CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

Minneapolis census returns show considerable padding.

Explosion of a gasoline tank caused a \$35,000 fire at Salem, Or.

The patent office at Washington is swamped with inventions of appliances for aerial navigation.

A resident of Southwest China declares the empire is ripe for rebellion, and only a spark is needed to start it.

The New Elms hotel at Excelsior Springs, Mo., built a year ago at a cost of \$150,000, was entirely destroyed by fire.

The printing pressmen of Denver are on strike and all allied printing trades unions have pledged them their full support.

Ex-Secretary of the Interior Garfield is charged with having shielded the Union Pacific Railway company in its coal land frauds in Wyoming.

Five men suspected of the Los Angeles Times dynamite outrage were arrested at Acapulco, Mexico, upon their arrival there in a gasoline launch.

The entire police reserve of New York City, numbering about 9,000 men, were ordered held in readiness to answer riot calls on account of the express drivers' strike.

Sarah Bernhardt arrived in New York City for a long theatrical engagement in this country. She was greeted by a delegation of suffragettes with hugs and kisses and her path was strewn with flowers.

A special grand jury has begun an investigation of the Los Angeles Times dynamite outrage.

A freshman at Cornell college died from injuries supposed to have been received in a football game.

Bryan will enter the political campaign at his own expense, his first speech being made at Lincoln, Neb.

Seven convicts escaped from the Georgia state prison during a fire which destroyed the main building.

Three students were expelled from the Salem, Ore., high school for hazing. They cut the hair of several freshmen.

By order of President Taft, Hart H. North has been removed from his position as commissioner of immigration at San Francisco.

More than three inches of snow fell in Northern Michigan, and a light fall is reported from Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska.

A strike of express wagon drivers and their helpers is on in New York City, and rioting has begun, following the use of strikebreakers.

President Taft has accepted the position of honorary president of the Boy Scouts of America, who now number 150,000, and are scattered over 46 states.

Leonard Olson, a prominent Socialist and I. W. W. speaker of Tacoma, will probably lose his citizenship for denouncing the constitution and the government.

The census bureau announces that heart disease is second on the list of diseases which cause death among the male working population of the country. Tuberculosis leads.

Forty packers in a Washington orchard put up 2,139 boxes of apples in one day.

It is reported that a great lake has been discovered in the Northwestern wilds of Canada.

Roosevelt declares that the business men's fear of him is caused by false reports of Wall Street.

Belva Lockwood celebrated her 80th birthday and says she does not feel any older than she did at 28.

The price of cotton jumped \$3 per bale on the strength of census estimates of the visible supply.

Bacon reached the highest price in 10 years at Chicago, though corn is cheap and hogs are standing in the pens.

A Federal grand jury in California has indicted William Longfellow for setting fires in the Klamath reserve the past summer.

The entire student body of the Colorado state university, numbering 500, went on strike because 17 of their number were suspended for hazing.

A revenue cutter reports that the natives of the Aleutian islands, off the Alaskan coast, are being exterminated by consumption, measles and pneumonia.

A red hot rivet falling onto a temporary flooring started a fire in one of Portland's new steel frame skyscrapers.

Losses from recent forest fires in Montana and Idaho are estimated at \$15,000,000. The burned areas will be sold.

A storm and tidal wave swept an island in the Mediterranean, causing great property damage and the loss of several lives.

EXPRESSMEN'S STRIKE GROWS

Over 5,000 Drivers in New York City Fight Strikebreakers.

New York, Oct. 31.—The Metropolitan district is still in the grip of the express strike. Nine companies are now affected; more than 5,000 men are out and rioting continues. A special order was issued at police headquarters tonight, holding practically the entire New York police force of more than 9,000 men in reserve for an emergency.

In Jersey City alone the police are still trying to cope with the situation, unaided except by private detectives, but tonight Governor Fort instructed the Third regiment N. G. N. J., to prepare for active duty at a moment's notice.

Tomorrow determined efforts will be made by the companies to distribute the vast amount of express matter that has accumulated and upon the result of the day will depend whether the militia is called out.

The nine companies, whose drivers and helpers are demanding increased pay and shorter hours are: The American, United States, Wells-Fargo, Adams, National, Westcott and Long Island Express companies; the Boston Dispatch express and the Manhattan Delivery company.

There were no fatalities during the day's rioting, but more than 50 strikebreakers, strikers and policemen were hurt, several seriously, in street clashes in New York and Jersey City. Wagons manned by strikebreakers were stormed, notwithstanding that a detective with a rifle sat beside each driver.

Shots were repeatedly fired over the heads of the besieging strikers, but no sooner was one crowd dispersed than another collected. Packages were scattered over the streets and in some cases destroyed.

An appalling lot of perishable goods is collecting, and unless companies are soon better able to meet the situation they will lose thousands of dollars.

In front of J. Pierpont Morgan's home in Madison avenue the strikers made a demonstration late today and the police were forced to charge the mob and fire volleys in the air with their revolvers.

The fight centered on two American Express company wagons, manned by strikebreakers. There were many broken heads.

Another serious clash started at Forty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, waged down the avenue to Forty-second street, swept across Broadway, thence south to the Hotel Albany, where the strikers and sympathizers made a final stand.

An American Express company wagon, said to have collected \$50,000 in specie, was the object of attack. Police finally drove off the besiegers.

Primarily, the organization of "helpers" struck for a wage increase of \$5 a month. But a second demand, unprecedented in labor annals, is that there shall be no discrimination against non-union men.

10,000 ACRES AND \$1,000,000.

Mrs. E. H. Harriman Donates Vast Tract to New York.

Newburgh, N. Y.—In accordance with the plan outlined by her husband, the late E. H. Harriman, Mrs. Mary W. Harriman has presented to the state of New York 10,000 acres of land, a part of the Arden estate, to be incorporated in the Interstate Palisades park.

At the same time a gift of \$1,000,000 was made by Mrs. Harriman for the development of the park and the preserve was further increased by the transfer to the park commission of 700 acres which had been intended for the new state prison on Bear mountain, but which by act of the last legislature was ceded to the park.

The gift was made to George W. Perkins, president of the Palisades Park commission, by Averill W. Harriman, son of the late financier. As he handed the deeds and \$1,000,000 check to Mr. Perkins, young Harriman said it was his mother's hope and his that "through all the years to come, the health and happiness of future generations will be advanced by these gifts."

Mexican Kidnaps Girl.

Lincoln, Neb.—Grace Rolph, 17 years old, daughter of a well known Pender, Neb., family, who have been spending the summer on a ranch near Checoy, Mex., was kidnapped Thursday by a Mexican peon named Segunda, according to advices received here. A son of Mr. Harris, who is manager of the ranch, has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of Segunda. The United States ambassador at Mexico City has been advised and an effort will be made to interest the State department officials at Washington.

Chinese Pay Discount.

Pekin.—An official edict was issued here authorizing the proposed loan of \$50,000,000 from the American group of financiers. The bond issue to cover the loan will be taken by the syndicate at 95. The bonds will mature at a period of from 40 to 45 years from issuance. They will bear 5 per cent interest. Of the loans, \$5,000,000, and possibly \$10,000,000, will be devoted to industrial improvements in Manchuria.

Barrel Hides Assassin.

Victoria, B. C.—Milo Kuknetz, who assassinated the commander of the Russian garrison at Harbin, Manchuria, made a sensational escape from prison at Harbin on October 11. She was smuggled out of the jail, concealed in a barrel, by confederates.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

DAM TO COST \$150,000.

Thirty-five Miles of Canal in Lake County Practically Finished.

Lakeview.—During the year the Oregon Valley Land company has expended \$300,000 on irrigation works in the Goose Lake valley during the last year. Aside from the flume work practically the whole 35 miles of canal from the Drews creek dam to Thomas creek is completed. The Hanson Construction company has a few hundred yards of canal to complete and several other small sections are still unfinished, but all told there remains probably less than a quarter of a mile of canal to finish. As to the flume considerable of the piling is in place, and in Drews canyon the lumber is on the ground for a considerable distance and a force of men is engaged building it. It is 12 feet wide and 6 feet in depth in the clear.

In excavating for the flume a vast amount of heavy rock work was encountered and in one place it was necessary to drive a tunnel through solid rock for a distance of 400 feet. All the way up Drews creek canyon one is impressed with the magnitude of the work, but it is not until the dam is reached that one fully realizes the vast work that is being done. The estimated cost of the dam is \$150,000.

In the first place a trench is sunk down to solid rock. Then a cut is made into the rock which in some instances reached to a depth of 12 feet and in no place is less than four. The cut is then filled in with concrete and on top of it is built a solid wall of concrete and masonry some 30 feet in width at its base, and to a height of 25 feet. This wall is reinforced in front by loose rock and sand and in the rear by a hand-built rock wall as well as loose rock fill, the base of which is about 125 feet.

ZONE IS RICH IN COPPER

New Developments in Eastern Oregon Mining Indicated.

Sumpter.—That mining activity in Eastern Oregon is being actively revived was declared by Emil Melzer in his address before the mining congress here.

"The extension of the Sumpter Valley railroad beyond Austin," he said, "has made the Greenhorn district more accessible, with many good prospects, which in time will not fail to make their mark. In the north end of the Eagle mountains, now accessible by railroad from La Grande to Joseph, prospecting has become more active and the district deserves more attention. In the southern part of Baker county near the Baker-Malheur line, lies Mormon Basin, an old placer camp, with the Rainbow mine, which has made an excellent showing and which will not fail to make its mark in the gold production of the state. The Humboldt mine, within a short distance of the Rainbow, is still in the earlier stages of development and has fine possibilities."

It was strongly brought out in several of the papers read by mining engineers that Eastern Oregon has promising copper deposits. Mr. Melzer pointed out that 25 miles east of Baker City a zone traversed the country which is filled with copiferous iron pyrites, and the deposits were large enough to permit work on a large scale.

WASCO PRODUCTS ON SHOW.

Railroads Will Make Displays in Chicago and Southern States.

The Dalles.—The Dalles Business Men's association, through its secretary, Judd S. Fish, has been engaged all summer in supplying the Great Northern Railroad company with products of Wasco county which are to be exhibited in a car that will tour the Southern states this winter.

Fine specimens of crabapples, apricots, peaches, pears, almonds, beans, tomatoes, eggplant, rhubarb, blackberries, prunes and cereals have been supplied and the association is now securing grapes and apples.

The association has also furnished a fine display of various Wasco county products for the car of Oregon exhibits which the O. R. & N. company is making up to send to the Chicago land show, which is to open in November 1. The secretary finished shipping cereals, apples and grapes this week, as the car leaves for its journey in a few days.

The farmers and orchardists are also preparing apple exhibits to be sent to Spokane for display at the National Apple show November 14 to 19.

Orchard Pays Big Profit.

Nysa.—M. J. Jenkins, who has a fruit ranch two miles from Nysa, shipped 21 cars of prunes from 65 acres, netting him between \$11,000 and \$12,000. He secured the highest market price paid in Chicago and Cincinnati. From the apple trees and alfalfa in the same orchard he sold a \$5,000 crop this year. The Nysa Produce company expects to ship 25,000 to 30,000 boxes of apples this fall. The company now has many packers.

Grange Organized at Waldport.

Waldport.—Waldport grange has been organized by State Deputy Cyrus H. Walker, with a good charter list. This makes four granges for Lincoln county in a month's time, and likely more will follow.

LAND BOARD AGREES.

Central Oregon Irrigation Co. Escapes Tax—To Make Contracts.

Salem.—With the filing of articles of incorporation for the Central Oregon Irrigation company, to succeed and take over the work of the Deschutes Power & Irrigation company, and with the state land board acquiescing in the recent decree of the Federal court, confirming the sale, further steps were taken in Salem toward reorganization of the old company.

The state land board split on the question of acquiescing in the order of the Federal court, State Engineer John H. Lewis wishing to hold up such acquiescence until it is possible to make some new contracts and receive further assurances from the company.

One plan which the state engineer has in mind is a tax of 50 cents an acre to come from the settlers to place in the state treasury for the reclamation funds. He contended that the state has advanced considerable money for the workings of this project and he wishes to receive assurance that the state will get some of it back.

Roscoe Howard and Jesse Stearns, who were here representing the new company, said that in all probability they would be willing at some future convenient time to make this concession of 50 cents an acre by raising the price of the lands, but that they desire time to think it over. The state engineer wished to make this a consideration for acquiescing in the Federal court order, but the board finally allowed the order over the protest of the state engineer.

Attorney General Crawford said that it must be understood in acquiescing that the board merely considered itself as ceasing to do business with the old company and starting to do business with the new.

Articles of incorporation for the new company show a capitalization of \$1,500,000.

Hitchcock Grants Favor.

Salem.—Representative Hawley has received personal assurance from Postmaster General Hitchcock that a rural free delivery service will be established out of Tillamook.

The Postoffice department has been holding up rural extensions all over the country, but the Postmaster general says he is allowing the Tillamook extension to slip through as the result of the personal appeal made by Mr. Hawley to the department.

Packing Oregon Apples.

Ontario.—Adolph Gramse is packing apples from his orchard and has already shipped two carloads to Chicago. V. V. Hickox, manager of the McEl-downey ranch southeast of town, is getting ready some beautiful specimens of Malheur county fruit for the Eastern market. Mr. Gramse expects to ship about six cars in all, or about 4,000 boxes.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat.—Track prices: Bluestem, 86c; club, 81c@82c; red Russian, 80c; valley, 85c; 40-fold, 84c.

Barley.—Feed, 21¢ per ton; brewing, 22¢.

Millstuffs.—Bran, 25¢ per ton; middlings, 33¢; shorts, 27¢; rolled barley, 24.50¢@25.50¢.

Hay.—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$19.20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21.22; alfalfa, new, \$15.16; grain hay, \$14.

Corn.—Whole, 33¢; cracked, 32¢ ton. Oats.—White, 27.50¢ per ton.

Apples.—King, 75¢@1.25 per box; Gravenstein, 75¢@1.25; Wolf River, \$1.12.50; Waxen, 85¢@1.25; Baldwin, \$1.50; Northern Spy, \$1.25@1.75; Snow, \$1.75@2; Spitzenberg, \$1.25@2; Winter Bananas, \$1.75@3.50.

Green Fruits.—Pears, 1.25¢@2 per box; grapes, \$1.13.50; 17¢ per basket; cranberries, 85¢ per barrel; quinces, 75¢@1 per box; huckleberries, 6 1/2¢@8 1/2¢ per pound.

Vegetables.—Beans, 30¢ per pound; cabbage, 10¢@1 1/4¢; cauliflower, 35¢@1 per dozen; celery, 50¢@80¢; peppers, 6¢ per pound; pumpkins, 1 1/4¢; sprouts, 7¢@8¢; squash, 1 1/4¢; tomatoes, 35¢@50¢ per box; carrots, \$1.12.50 per bushel; parsnips, \$1.12.50; turnips, \$1.

Potatoes.—Oregon, \$1.25@1.35 per hundred.

Onions.—Oregon, buying price, \$1.10 per hundred.

Poultry.—Hens, 16 1/4¢@17¢; springs, 15¢; ducks, white, 16¢@18¢; geese, 11¢; turkeys, live, 20¢; dressed, 24¢@25¢; squabs 2¢ per dozen.

Butter.—City creamery solid pack 36¢ per pound; prints 37¢@37 1/2¢; outside creamery 35¢@36¢; butter fat 36¢; country store 24¢@25¢.

Pork.—Fancy 13¢ per pound.

Eggs.—Oregon ranch 37¢@37 1/2¢.

Veal.—Fancy 85¢ to 125¢ pounds 13¢ per pound.

Hops.—1910 crop 11¢@15¢; 1909 nominal; olds, nominal.

Wool.—Eastern Oregon, 13¢@17¢ per pound; valley, 17¢@19¢; mohair, choice, 32¢@33¢.

Cattle.—Beef steers, good to choice, \$5.50¢@5.65¢; fair to medium, \$4.50¢@5.50¢; spayed heifers, \$4.50¢@4.75¢; good to choice beef cows, \$4.25¢@4.70¢; medium to good beef cows, \$3.50¢@4.50¢; common beef cows, \$2.50¢@3.50¢; bulls, \$3.50¢@4.50¢; stags, good to choice, \$4.50¢; calves, light, \$6.75¢@7¢; heavy, \$3.75¢@5.50¢.

Hogs.—Top, \$9.50¢@9.60¢; fair to medium, \$9.25¢@9.50¢.

Sheep, best valley wethers, \$3.25¢@3.50¢; fair to good wethers, \$3.00¢@3.25¢; best Mt. Adams wethers, \$4.00¢@4.25¢; best valley ewes, \$3.50¢@3.75¢; choice Mt. Adams lambs, \$5.50¢@5.75¢; choice valley, \$4.75¢@5.50¢.

PORTLAND CENSUS CUT.

Indications Are That 14,000 Names Will Be Eliminated.

Washington.—From the best information obtainable here it is probable that the census of the population of the city of Portland has been reduced by 14,000 names as a result of the checking investigation just closed in Portland. It is believed that the population to be officially announced will be about 207,000.

The greatest reductions were made from the schedules turned in for the inhabitants of the foreign quarters, Chinese and Japanese districts having been found to have been heavily padded. It is probable that a cut will be made on the inhabitants of those nationalities to the extent of 2,500.

One general scheme appears to have been worked on the Coast in placing Chinese and Japs on the rolls who should have been omitted. It was to visit the places of business of the Japanese and Chinese merchants who handle laborers on the padrone system. Lists of laborers who had been sent to the interior of the state and who never maintained a residence in any one of the cities would be obtained and "located" among the various rooming houses and dwellings of the quarters.

In that manner, it is also charged, long lists of names of Italian laborers employed on the railroads now building into various parts of the states of Washington and Oregon were obtained and counted in the cities, under the reasoning that they were entitled to be counted somewhere.

CHINESE LOAN IS FLOATED.

American Bankers Complete Agreement to Furnish \$50,000,000.

New York.—An American loan of \$50,000,000 to the Chinese government has been completed.

The group of bankers interested in this loan consists of J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the National City bank and the First National bank. The agreement as to the amount of the loan, rate of interest and terms, it is stated, was signed in Berlin by Daniel Menocal, of the International Banking Corporation, on behalf of Willard D. Straight, ex-United States consul general at Mukden, now agent of the syndicate in China, but who has been in this country for several months. The bonds will be Chinese government bonds and will bear interest at 5 per cent, and it is expected they will be offered here and in European countries at par.

Y. M. C. A. INCREASE BIG.

Report Shows Endowment Fund Is \$1,174,165.

Toronto.—The triennial report of the Young Men's Christian association of North America, made public at the international convention here, placed the endowment fund to January 1, 1910, at \$1,174,165. It referred to the gifts of Mrs. Russell Sage and the late Mrs. W. F. Dodge, of a headquarters building to cost \$1,500,000.

The report said the associations of North America have a membership of 496,000, a gain of 13 per cent since the last convention in Washington. Six hundred and ninety-four associations now occupy their own buildings, representing a total value of \$51,000,000, an increase since 1907 of \$7,000,000.

Anarchists Start Riot.

Paris.—A meeting called here by M. Pelletan and other members of the chamber of deputies to pay honor to the memory of Francisco Ferrer, the Spanish Republican leader who was executed at Barcelona last year, broke up in a riot. M. Pelletan had put a motion asking that Spain free herself from the yoke of the church and revise her methods of criminal procedure, when a group of anarchists stormed the platform and attacked and forced from it M. Pelletan and the other speakers.

Ovation Replaces Rally.

Meridian, Conn.—A Republican rally scheduled here for last Saturday night at which E. J. Hill, representative, was to have been the chief speaker, was cancelled by the Republican town committee because of a reception to be given that night to Jack Barry of the Philadelphia Athletics on his return to his home in this city. The Republican town committee in an open letter stated that the rally could be held at any time.

South is Near Freezing.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 29.—Low temperatures and frost are reported from a large section of the South and Southwest today. Freezing weather is reported from many points. Minden, in Northern Louisiana, reports a temperature of 29 degrees, and frost was in evidence over a section extending from Northern Texas to Central Georgia. A light snow fell at Nashville.

Uruguay Situation Grave.

London.—A dispatch to the Times from Montevideo by way of Buenos Ayres says: The situation in Uruguay is very grave. The opponents of Jose Batlle y Ordóñez' candidacy for the presidency are massing and a revolution is feared, but the outbreak has been delayed by the lack of horses.

Press Free in Portugal.

Lisbon.—The separation of the church and the state was announced in a decree issued by the provisional government here. Another decree declares for the freedom of the press.

AMERICA II WINS BALLOON RACE

Lost Aeronauts Landed in West Wilds of Canada.

Traveled 1,350 Miles, Making World's Record for Sustained Flight and Distance.

New York, Oct. 27.—Alan R. ley and Augustus Post, the men of the balloon America II, for search had been prosecuted in the nadian wilds, are safe and have landed a new world's record sustained flight. They traveled approximately 1,350 miles, and came to in Chicoutimi county, Quebec, Wednesday, October 19, but were heard from until today, when grams sent from St. Ambrose, reached New York.

The balloonists started from Louis with nine other contestants the international contests on Monday, October 17. All the other balloons have been reported.

Two messages from Hawley were received in New York today. One was to William H. brother of the aeronaut; the other Samuel F. Perkins, pilot of the Dusseldorf II, which until tonight been considered the winner, message to Mr. Hawley read: "Landed in wilderness west of miles north of Chicoutimi, Quebec, Alan."

The Perkins message read: "Landed Paribonka river, Lake Chilogan, 19th. All well. Turning. Hawley and Post."

With receipt of the news, there ed a search which had come to guarded by many as almost hopeless in which the government of this try and Canada were indirectly participating.

WORK TRAIN KILLS FIVE ON UNITED RAIL

Portland, Oct. 27.—Plunging the steep grade on the west side of Tualatin hill, a construction car Burlington extension of the Railway, at 6 o'clock yesterday, collided with a flat car, five Greek workmen, injuring two and merely hurting slightly only woman among the 35 persons the car and her two children. The injured will die. A. L. the conductor on the work train C. C. Pruitt, the brakeman, was injured. Ryan may be hurt.

\$2,000,000 FIRE AT VICTORIA

Whole Block Destroyed, Warehouse Threatened, Phones All Out.

Victoria, B. C.—Oct. 27.—Dr. a high wind, fire tonight threatened entire business section of the Several prominent buildings heart of the city have already destroyed and many others, feared, will go.

The Five Sisters block, one largest office buildings in the standing on the corner of Government streets, was completely wiped out. The telephone service has been given up, the poles which out of the central office, away road from the burning section, been burned down. Several the harbor are burning, the sparks which blew over into the igniting them.

The entire force of the local and the garrison from Esquimalt are brought to the city and the liers are assisting the firemen in ing the flames and the police keeping the crowds in order.

At 1:30 a. m. all hope of saving Times building had been abandoned. The greater portion of the block ed by Government, Fort and streets and Tronace alley had wiped out. The loss, it is estimated, will approach \$2,000,000.

Tidal Wave Brings Death

Tampa, Fla.—Further details week's hurricane ravages in of the Everglades and "Ten Islands" section of Southern indicate that many square miles inundated by a tidal wave of dous force. The captain of the glades schooner Eureka said tide at one period of the storm feet in one hour. This inrush causes swept inhabited points depositing in inaccessible houses, household goods and food piles. Cabins were carried out.

Nuncio is Optimistic.

Rome.—Monsignor Tonti, the nuncio at Lisbon, who recently ed to Rome, had a long confed with Cardinal Merry del Val, the secretary. He discussed the Vatican concerning events in Portugal. Monsignor Tonti expressed that after public feeling enged by the revolution had subsided, factory arrangements might be with the new government.

Dynamite Wrecks Home.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—An attempt made to blow up the house of man Albert Thomas in the Hartville, near here. Dynamite placed at the rear door shattered porch, windows and furniture. Alderman Thomas, his wife and were uninjured.

