

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.

Unionists have made great gains in British elections.

The election campaign in England is marked by a radical change of policy by the Tories.

Disastrous storms have swept the Philippines, killing many natives and doing great property damage.

General Wesley Merritt, commander of the land forces in the Philippines during the Spanish war, is dead.

It is said President Taft is making every effort to bring about peace between the different Republican factions.

A clairvoyant medium in San Francisco has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment for swindling a patron out of \$150.

Robert E. Davis, aged 23, known as the "boy broker" of New York, has disappeared with several hundred thousand dollars belonging to investors.

Kyrie Bellew, a noted actor, will fit up a large steamer with a complete theater and make a world tour, covering three years, carrying two theatrical companies.

The Chicago garment workers' strike has finally reached the point of arbitration, and a settlement has been reached with one of the largest clothing manufacturing concerns.

A Spokane anti-suffragist will give cooking lessons to young men.

The Navy department opened bids for two new dreadnaughts, one to cost \$5,760,000.

President Diaz was again inaugurated as president of Mexico. This is his eighth term.

It is reported that the Mexican rebels have control of 200 miles of country and many important towns.

The New York express drivers' strike has been settled, the men winning all but the closed shop principle.

A private yacht drawing 17 feet of water navigated the Panama canal from the Atlantic side as far as the big Gatun dam.

Two girl strikebreakers in the garment workers strike in Chicago were brutally beaten by two men and one's purse was taken.

Chicago garment workers have no faith in Mayor Busse's efforts to effect a settlement, and are preparing for an indefinite strike.

Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the president, made her debut in Washington society at a brilliant reception in her honor at the White House.

The Pullman company has offered a 20 per cent reduction in the price of berths, but the Interstate Commerce commission says that is not sufficient reduction.

A big rush is expected among Spokane women when the registration books open.

Madero's brother says the Mexican revolt is gaining and that President Diaz is badly scared.

A bank at Bath, Me., has failed on account of competition, after 42 years of successful career.

The German leather industry is endangered by the high price of the American hide supply.

Austria refuses to discontinue discrimination against American oil and its products and a diplomatic conflict is on.

Louis Brandeis, of Boston, asserts that American railroads could save \$1,000,000 a day by scientific management.

The proposed river and harbor bill to be placed before the coming session of congress carries appropriations aggregating \$30,000,000.

Rate experts testifying on behalf of shippers before the Interstate Commerce commission declare the proposed rate increases were unjust and unfairly distributed.

The report of the Washington state board of control on the insane asylum shows that the cost of living has increased out of all proportion to the increase in wages.

Mexican rebels at Chihuahua have been reinforced and a big battle is expected.

The commission form of government has failed to cut down municipal expenses in Tacoma.

The physical valuation of railroads is believed to be a long step towards regulation of rates.

In a suburb of Berlin 2,500,000 gallons of benzene exploded. No one was killed, but the property loss is \$350,000.

A theatrical magnate of Baltimore has given \$100,000 to build a hospital and industrial home for crippled children.

The government has begun a second desperate fight against the sugar trust, consisting of nearly 30 separate concerns.

OREGON HAS 672,765.

State Entitled to Another Representative—Idaho Has 325,598.

Washington—Oregon has a population of 672,765, as shown by the 13th census. The population ten years ago was 413,536. The increase the past ten years, therefore, has been 62.7 per cent. The population in 1880 was 313,767. The increase in 20 years has been 114 per cent. The census bureau's figures indicate that Oregon will be entitled to another representative in congress two years hence, even if the ratio of representation is increased, in accordance with custom.

The announcement of the population of Idaho, also made public, indicates that that state also will gain one representative.

The figures show that there are in Multnomah county, outside of Portland, 19,047 persons. The population of the county is given as 226,261, the population of Portland having been announced previously as 207,214. The whole county shows an increase of 123,094. The county has more than doubled its population in the past ten years. It had a population of only 4,150 in 1860, the first year in which there is a record of the county's people.

The figures of the bureau show that Idaho, which is credited with a total population of 325,598, as compared with 161,272 in 1900, a gain of 101.9 per cent, has a greater increase in the past ten years than any other state in the Union thus far announced, except Oklahoma.

LOVE NOT JAP MOTIVE.

Great Britain's Belief in Friendship Shattered.

London—When Japan recently gave orders for a new dreadnaught to be built in England, the proponents of the English-Japanese alliance were loud in referring to this act as having been inspired solely by an desire of Great Britain's Far Eastern ally to prove by friendship the pact was not obtained with the flavor of business bargaining, but simply intended gracefully to draw more tightly the "ties of alliance."

All this sentiment has been rudely shattered by Fred T. Jane, naval expert and student of international fighting ships.

"The report that Japan, while leaving five of her own shipyards empty, has ordered a dreadnaught to be built in England to show her admiration for the Anglo-Japanese alliance, is somewhat weak in the matter of assigned cause," Mr. Jane asserts.

"The actual facts appear to be that although Japanese yards are now fully capable of turning out moderate-sized vessels and very good destroyers, the building of monstrous battleships is rather beyond the capacity of their existing plants. This probably explains the tremendous delays in recent Japanese construction. It is far cheaper and expeditious to have a ship built outright in England than to import large quantities of material to be put together in Japan.

ARBITRATION REACHED.

Chicago Garment Workers Reach Agreement With Big Firm.

Chicago—Through the influence of the City Council committee, which realized that a continuation of the garment workers' strike meant a big financial burden on the city, an arbitration has been reached between the firm of Hart, Schaffner & Marx, and its 10,000 employees, who have been on strike for nearly two months.

With nearly 100,000 persons affected by the strike, it was rapidly becoming a serious problem to the city authorities. This mass of people, mostly foreigners, were destitute, and with the advance of cold weather the situation would have become a desperate one.

The Council committee conferred all day behind closed doors with representatives of the clothing makers, but details of the conference are withheld until the terms are voted upon by the employees. It is known, however, that in the compromise the strikers have won substantial gains.

Fatal Portent Fulfilled.

New York—For the reason that both his brother and his sister had died just as each was approaching the age of 17, John Smyth, a young resident of the Upper East Side, had frequently expressed a fear that he would never live to celebrate his own 17th birthday. He was nearing what he considered this crucial age, when Saturday he fell eight stories through the elevator shaft of a new building at Broadway and Ninety-second street, and died as the last rites of the church were being administered to him.

Japanese Mimic War Big.

Victoria, B. C.—Extensive Japanese army and navy maneuvers were closed shortly before the Chicago Maru left Japan. Fifty warships took part in a mimic battle off Tokio bay, the results not being made public. The emperor attended the army maneuvers, the feature of which was mountain work. The Japanese army has been augmented until now it totals 1,360 companies of all arms, excluding the balloon corps.

Two-Dollar Counterfeits Out.

Washington—Christmas shoppers in Chicago and other Middle Western cities will do well to examine closely any two dollar bills they may receive in change. A new counterfeit two-dollar silver certificate has been discovered in circulation. The note is not a good one on close examination, but would easily deceive any one not accustomed to paper money.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

TAX AMENDMENT CARRIES.

Official Figures Reverse First Reports of Result.

Compilation of the official vote on the various initiative and referendum measures, as canvassed by the county election boards, reverses the result heretofore announced on the county taxation amendment that appeared under the ballot numbers 326 yes and 327 no. Instead of having been defeated, the complete figures show that the measure has carried by a majority of 1,655.

The amendment carried is the most radical and sweeping of the three tax amendments submitted. Two that were proposed by the legislative assembly in response to a movement fostered by the state grange were defeated. These amendments removed the restrictions in the constitution on exempting certain classes of property or on levying a less rate of taxation on one class of property than on another.

The county tax as it is commonly known, was submitted through the initiative by the labor organizations of the state. It takes from the legislature all power to pass laws regulating taxation or exemptions and gives that power solely to the people, although the legislature may submit such laws for approval or rejection at the polls. Each county is permitted to regulate taxation within its borders as it sees fit. The levying of poll tax is prohibited.

The bill is regarded as having been designed as an entering wedge for "single tax" measures. Under its provisions a county whose voters were so disposed might adopt that system, even though the measure could not muster strength in the state at large to be made a state law. The following are the measures that have been adopted and majority on each:

An act authorizing the location, construction and maintenance of a branch insane asylum in Eastern Oregon, 7,587.

A bill providing for the support and maintenance of the Monmouth normal school, 10,361.

A constitutional amendment empowering the people of each county to regulate taxation and exemptions within the county regardless of constitutional restrictions or state statutes, and abolish poll tax, 1,655.

Home rule liquor bill, 4,547.

Employers' liability law, 22,112.

A bill prohibiting the taking of fish from the Rogue river except by hook and line, 16,203.

Good roads amendment, 18,028.

Presidential primary law, 1,679.

Three-fourths jury amendment, 5,238.

The greatest number of votes cast on any measure was on the prohibition law, which received a total of more than 106,000. The bill is defeated by 20,915. Approximately 11,000 votes fewer than those cast for candidates for governor were polled on this bill.

Statewide prohibition as provided for by constitutional amendment was defeated by 17,846 in a total of more than 104,000 votes recorded on the amendment.

The highest majority polled for or against any measure was on the bill providing that Baker county should pay \$1,000 yearly to the judge of the Eighth judicial district in addition to the annual salary of \$3,000 received by him from the state. In a total of about 84,000 votes there is a majority against the bill of 58,368.

On woman's suffrage 94,659 votes were registered and the amendment was defeated by 22,259.

GIANT PARSNIP IS GROWN.

Rich Chemawa Soil Yields Vegetable Weighing 20 3-4 Pounds.

Chemawa—Twenty and three-quarters pounds is the weight of a giant parsnip which was taken from the gardens of the Chemawa Indian school. This great vegetable is one of many almost as large taken from a half-acre of especially productive soil. From this one little spot have been taken already 300 bushels of parsnips, enough to give the Indian students of the school all the parsnips they will need this winter.

John Wesley, school gardener, says this parsnip is the largest ever taken out in this section. He attributes the large size to the rich soil which is found in the Chemawa gardens. Only a few days ago Mr. Wesley found a carrot weighing 10 1/2 pounds.

Chemawa Orchards Give Fine Fruit

Chemawa—Under the direction of John Wesley, chief of the department of gardening at the Chemawa Indian school, the orchards of the school are being thoroughly remade. There are in the orchards about 30 acres of Ben Davis apple trees. Mr. Wesley has taken these trees, noted for their grafting possibilities, and grafted on the tops the finest varieties of apples—Baldwins, Red Cheek Pippins and Spitzenbergs.

Cigar Factory at Dalles.

Dallas—J. J. Campbell will open a cigar factory here about December first. The new business will occupy the building next door to Campbell's real estate office. The building will be completely remodeled and a modern front put in. Mr. Campbell, who is a recent arrival in Oregon from Idaho, is a cigar manufacturer of many years' experience.

NEW LAWS SOUGHT.

Farmers' Union Would Regulate Warehouse Shipments.

The Dalles—Resolutions recommending the enactment of a law by the state legislature requiring warehouses to ship grain in the order that orders for shipping are given them, as a fair deal to all growers, was adopted by the State Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union, in session here.

Upon the recommendation of the legislative committee, the union also decided to send committees to sessions of the state legislature whenever matters of importance to agriculturists were under consideration.

The enactment of a grain inspection law was urged and this will be one of the important matters in which the legislative committees will interest themselves. In general, the resolutions adopted by the present convention are those adopted by the North Carolina Farmers' Union, at its session in September.

The state board of the union has decided to hold its next meeting at Pendleton the second Friday in January, at which time a campaign to increase the membership of the union and to promote its interests will be started in the jurisdiction, which includes Oregon and all of the state of Idaho south of Idaho county.

Railway Headed to Coast.

Medford—It became known recently that George Kyle, until recently with the Hill railroads, is surveying a railroad line from Jacksonville, Ore., over the mountains west into the Applegate Valley. Although Kyle is seemingly in the employ of W. S. Barnum, president of the Rogue River Valley railroad, the belief has arisen that Hill is after an outlet to the coast for the Oregon Trunk, his new line through Eastern Oregon.

Mine Brings \$750,000.

Baker City—The Gold Coin mine, one of the richest placer properties in Eastern Oregon, located about 20 miles south of Baker City, has been sold to a syndicate of Eastern capitalists organized by Thomas Nevins & Sons, 37 Wall Street, New York, for \$750,000. This property adjoins Mormon Basin on the north, where are located a number of rich quartz mines.

Teach Advance Geography.

University of Oregon, Eugene—The university has added a new department to its curriculum, that of Geography. Courses are given in Economic Geography, physiography, history of geographic influences, physiography of the United States, and field geography. The work is under Professor F. G. Barker.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 81 @82c; club, 80c; red Russian, 78c; valley, 80c; forty-fold, 80c.

Barley—Feed, \$21@21.50 per ton; brewing, \$23.

Milstuffs—Bran, \$25 per ton; middlings, \$33; shorts, \$27; rolled barley, \$24@25.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$20@22 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$23@24; alfalfa, \$14.50@15.50; grain hay, \$14.50@15.50; clover, \$15.

Corn—Whole, \$30; cracked, \$31 per ton.

Oats—White, \$28@28.50 ton.

Poultry—Hens, 14@14 1/2c; springs, 13 1/2@14c; ducks, white, 16@17c; geese, 12c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; dressed, 20c; squabs, \$2 per dozen.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 42 1/2c; Eastern, Aprils, 30@33c; Eastern, fresh, 37 1/2c.

Butter—Official quotation: City creamery, soft pack, 37c per pound; butter fat, 35@37c; Eastern, 31@34c.

Pork—Fancy, 10 1/2@11c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 8 1/2 to 12 1/2 pounds, 12 1/2 @13c per pound.

Apples—King, 40@75c box; Wolf river, 75c@81c; Waxen, 85c@1.25; Baldwin, 75c@1.25; Northern Spy, 75c@1.25; Snow, 1.25@1.50; Spitzenbergs, 1.25@2; Winter Banana, 1.75@3.50.

Green Fruits—Pears, \$1.25@2 per box; grapes, \$1.35; cranberries, \$8@9.50 per barrel; quinces, \$1@1.25 per box; huckleberries, 6@8c per pound.

Vegetables—Beans, 10@11c pound; cabbage, \$1@1.25 per hundred; celery, California, \$3@3.25 per crate; pumpkins, 16@1 1/2c per pound; sprouts, 7@8c; squash, 1@1 1/2c; tomatoes, \$1.25 per box; carrots, \$1@1.25 per hundred; parsnips, \$1@1.25; turnips, \$1; beets, \$1.25@1.50.

Potatoes—Oregon, \$1.25 per hundred.

Onions—Oregon, jobbing price, \$1.40 @1.50 per hundred.

Hops—1910 crop, 11@13c; 1909 crop, 7@8c.

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

Cattle—Beef steers, good to choice, \$5.25@5.65; fair to medium, \$4.50@5; choice spayed heifers, \$4.75@5; good to choice beef cows, \$4.50@5; medium to good beef cows, \$3.50@4; common beef cows, \$2@3.50; bulls, \$4 @4.25; stags, good to choice, \$4@4.50; calves, light, \$7@7.50; heavy, \$4@5.25.

Hogs—Top, \$8@8.25; fair to medium, \$7.50@7.75.

Sheep—Best valley wethers, \$3.25 @3.50; fair to good wethers, \$3@3.25; best yearling wethers, \$4.25@4.50; best valley, ewes, \$3.50@4; lambs, choice mountain, \$5.75@6; choice valley, \$4.75@6.

PEACE OVERTURES MADE.

Mexican Government Approaches Rebels With White Flag.

Chihuahua, Mex., Dec. 3.—The peace commission appointed by President Diaz left here tonight to confer with the revolutionists at San Isidro. The revolutionists promised to facilitate the passage of the commission's special train, which floated a white flag. This is the first time in 30 years that the Mexican government has made such overtures.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 3.—The insurrectionary troubles in Mexico took on an entirely new and unexpected aspect here tonight when it became known that the government had made overtures for peace. The peace commission has been appointed by Diaz, according to a special dispatch from Chihuahua, and is composed of Chihuahua men, but the personnel is not given.

The explanation of this move is that foreign interests have brought strong pressure to bear on the government to end the turmoil by placating the insurgents.

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 3.—It is reliably reported today that the rebels have successfully smuggled 5,000 rounds of ammunition over the international line into the state of Sonora.

Mexican guards discovered the camp of the smugglers in the Sierra Madre mountains on the East San Bernardino ranch, in the San Simon valley, two nights ago. The campers opened fire and a brush with the guards ensued. The smugglers succeeded in getting away with the ammunition.

CONSTITUTION NEAR FINISH.

Arizona Convention Adopts Strict Corporation Measure.

Phoenix, Ariz.—Rapid progress is being made toward completing Arizona's constitution, and unless unforeseen developments occur, the convention will be ready to adjourn Tuesday. The afternoon session was largely consumed by the third reading and final passage of measures for the regulation of corporations. The first measure adopted was that for the government of municipalities, giving cities of 3,500 population or greater the power to frame their own charters.

The article for the regulation of foreign and domestic corporations passed by a vote of 34 to 4 in almost the identical form tentatively adopted, and that creating the corporation commission and prescribing its duties was also adopted without amendment.

MEAT PRICES ARE REDUCED.

Quotations Drop in Both Wholesale and Retail Markets.

New York—Meat prices continue to drop in the New York market, both wholesale and retail. The prices quoted now are the lowest in more than five months and dealers express the opinion that the decline is likely to continue for some time yet.

Wholesale prices for No. 1 beef in the New York market compared with those that ruled 10 days ago and seven weeks ago, tell the following tale:

Present, Nov. 21. Oct. 13
Ribs and loins..... 11 1/2 12 1/2 14 1/2
Rounds..... 9 1/2 10 10 1/2
Chucks..... 8 1/2 9 9 1/2

Retail prices quoted in the Washington market as compared with those of last week are: Beef, porterhouse, 25c, last week 28c; lamb chops, 22c, last week 25c; pork loins, 18c, last week 20c.

SHANGHAI RIOTS SERIOUS.

Troops Called to Quell Disturbances and Protect Foreigners.

Victoria, B. C.—Serious rioting followed the outbreak of bubonic plague at Shanghai. Stories were spread that the health officers took sufferers to the hospital to secure their eyes and hearts for foreign medicine, and the health officers were assaulted. Rioting followed, and the Shanghai volunteer corps was called out to protect foreigners and property.

The recent outbreak against foreigners in Kwangtung was fomented by anti-dynastic rebels. Insurgents from Hunan aided, and it was not until 5,000 troops were sent that the uprising was suppressed. Churches and property were destroyed at Leinchow and Sanchang, but no foreigners lost their lives.

Japs Predict Struggle.

Victoria, B. C.—Japanese newspapers comment at length on the expedition of arrangements for a Chinese constitution and opening of a parliament in 1913. The constitution will be declared in July, 1911, and a general election will take place the following May. The Japanese newspapers attribute the shortening of the time to apprehensions engendered by the Russo-Japanese alliance and the annexation of Korea. Japanese newspapers predict a struggle to the death between Manchu and Chinese.

Aviator Hits Tree.

New Orleans—Augustus Post, the aviator, fell 60 feet in his Curtiss biplane at the City Park race track here and was painfully bruised. In making a turn, he swooped too near the ground, the tail of his machine catching in a tree and sending the aeroplane headlong to the earth. Post was taken to a hotel. The machine was badly wrecked. Later Post was reported to be almost recovered from his injuries.

Russian Dies, Aged 108.

New York—Joseph Zeitlin, a Russian, who died in Brooklyn Saturday, was 106 years old. He spent most of his life in Moscow and said he saw Napoleon when he invaded Russia in 1812. He smoked and drank and said it did not hurt him.

MARY BAKER EDDY IS DEAD.

Founder of Christian Science Church of America.

Pneumonia Given as Cause of Death. Followers Weep at Reading of Farewell Letter.

Boston, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Mary B. Glover Eddy, discoverer and founder of Christian science, is dead. Announcement of the passing of the erudite leader, which occurred late yesterday night at her home at Chest Hill, was made at the morning session of the mother church in this city today.

"Natural causes" explained death, according to Dr. George West, a district medical examiner who was summoned a few hours after Mrs. Eddy died. Later Dr. West added that the more immediate cause was pneumonia.

The news of Mrs. Eddy's death made known simultaneously by J. Clifford P. Smith, first reader of mother church, at the close of



MARY BAKER EDDY

morning service, and by Alfred Lowell, of the Christian Science publication committee, in a statement to the press.

According to Mr. Farlow, Mrs. Eddy passed away at 10:45 o'clock Saturday night.

"She had been indisposed for nine days," said Mr. Farlow's statement, "but had been up and dressed as late as Thursday transacting some business with one of the officers of the church. She took her daily term drive until two days before death. Saturday night she fell asleep and those around her could first hardly realize that she had died. Her thought was clear until the end and she left no final message."

MEXICANS RESUME FIGHT.

Peace Commission Closely Followed By Government Troops.

El Paso, Tex.—A telegram from Marfa, Tex., states that apprehension and excitement prevails at both El Paso and Candelaria, 90 miles south the Texas side of the river, over the revolutionary disorders reported from the Mexican side. Nothing definite has yet been learned of the report that the fight at Ojinaga Saturday night. It has been heard at intervals, but as far as can be learned there has been loss of life.

Members of the peace commission returned to Chihuahua and reported that their work was greatly embarrassed by the fact that soldiers followed their heels. At Guerrero, just as they were beginning to talk with the rebels, a peon arrived with word that the soldiers were on the way, where on the meeting promptly came to an end.

"Boy Broker" Disappears.

Boston—After a meteoric career several years in high finance, Robert E. Davis, the boy stock broker, is missing from Boston. Simultaneously with his vanishing a month ago, \$300,000 estimated at from \$300,000 to \$500,000 have disappeared. The police have a warrant for his arrest on a charge of larceny of \$10,000 worth of stocks from a woman. Davis is one of the youngest and at one time the most successful man of affairs in State street. Scores of financial advisers and brokers are losers.

Howard Asks Vindication.

Lexington, Ky.—Another man was convicted in connection with the assassination of Governor Goebel, seeking vindication at the polls. Howard has announced his candidacy for state senator on the Republican ticket in the 17th Kentucky senate district. Like Caleb Powers, who was elected to congress from the 11th district at the recent election, Howard was pardoned for his alleged connection with the assassination of Goebel.

Uprising Is Ridiculed.

Seattle—A cable dispatch from banks reporting an Indian uprising, ridiculed by men familiar with the Mount McKinley country. To wit, the white men in the district, much outnumbered the Indians and better armed. The Indians have ways been friendly, and do not number more than 100 in the whole district alleged to be in peril.

The cable story was that the Indians in the Kantiasha district in arms and that six white men reported killed.

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