

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.

English Tories are bitter over their defeat and threaten reckless filibustering in parliament.

The leading hotels of San Francisco will allow women to smoke in any part of the building, the same as men.

A boy at Salem, Ore., died of lockjaw but not the slightest evidence of infection could be found upon his body.

Magnetic brakes, operated by wireless, have been made entirely successful on the Canadian Pacific railway.

An aviator at Memphis, Tenn., reached an altitude of 9,364 feet, his aeroplane being coated with ice when he alighted.

Queen Liliuokalani of Honolulu now asks the territorial legislature for a lump sum of \$200,000 in full settlement of all claims against the United States.

A man from Okanogan, Wash., is in Pennsylvania to gather up 1,000 cats, to be shipped West to rid the farms and gardens of Okanogan county of rats and gophers.

Prisoners in the Lima, Ohio, jail assaulted their guards and four escaped. The 15-year-old son of the sheriff bluffed the other six with an empty rifle and held them at bay until help came.

General Hodges, commanding the Department of the Great Lakes, says it would undoubtedly be easy for a foreign power to invade the Pacific Coast, but he is certain Japan does not want war with any one at present.

A Spokane boy aged 17 died from the effects of raw alcohol given him by a trainman.

Roosevelt advised the students of Harvard to go into politics "for their own good."

A Kansas man applied for a divorce because his wife smoked cigarettes, but it was refused.

The Supreme court of the United States has decided that a conspiracy under the Sherman anti-trust law may be a "continuing offense."

An Atlantic Coast liner with 300 passengers and a hold full of cotton took fire and was destroyed. The passengers and crew were saved.

Representatives of the Mexican rebels have presented proofs at Washington that their wounded and prisoners were butchered by the government troops.

A mechanic attached to the government forces at Fort Stevens, Ore., has invented a safety appliance to prevent large guns from being fired prematurely.

Canadians desire a permanent peace treaty with the United States. Within the last two years, nine disputes between Canada and the United States have been disposed of by negotiations and agreements.

Floods in Northern Italy are becoming serious and many villages are isolated.

Aldrich and Lodge intimate that they are willing to revise the tariff piecemeal.

Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, may succeed Ballinger as secretary of the interior.

Roosevelt announces he is in favor of a radical program of reform, to be enacted by conservatives.

Mexican rebels were routed in a stubborn fight in which they lost 70 men, while the government loss was 14, including two officers.

Dr. George Edgar Vincent, of the University of Chicago, has been elected president of the University of Minnesota, at a salary of \$10,000 a year.

The Aero club of New York has challenged the Royal Aero club of England to an all-round contest for the aeroplane championship of the world.

Six men were drowned by the capsizing of a launch on the Snohomish river, Washington. The boat was being rocked by three drunken loggers on top of the cabin.

By an imperial order the ban against Jews in Moscow, Russia, has been removed.

The deficit in the Postal department has dwindled \$11,000,000 during the past year.

A Missouri man has established his claim to a \$10,000 estate by a peculiarity in his voice.

It is announced that the Klamath cut-off of the Southern Pacific will be finished by June, 1911.

Four members of one family near Sivertown, Ore., died of black snailpox, and three others are seriously ill.

Moorehead, Minn., reports a temperature of 16 below zero, and a cold wave grips the Mississippi valley and the East.

Many settlers in Western states have been granted leave of absence from their homesteads, owing to failure of crops.

The Federal court at Greensboro, N. C., has decided that the "white slave" law is unconstitutional, as it interferes with state rights.

WAR SCARE ONLY TRICK.

Shipbuilders and Steel Trust Want Big Orders.

Washington.—Back of the war scare caused by Secretary Dickinson's confidential answer to the request of Congressman McLaughlin of California is the activity of the shipbuilding interests and the steel trust as an active factor in the agitation. A year ago correspondents of Pacific Coast papers were importuned by representatives of Pacific Coast shipbuilding concerns to urge the need of a fleet of submarines and the enactment of a law to provide that during the next ten years 50 submarines be built on the Pacific Coast. This frank admission that the Western shipbuilding interests were largely responsible for the agitation which at that time was carried on to alarm the West coast people, was made to me when I sought to ascertain why so suddenly patriots had discovered the supposedly defenseless position of the West coast.

A meeting of some of the Pacific Coast senators and representatives had been called and a dinner had been given, one of the results of which had been the appointment of a committee of members from Washington and California to present to the president a memorial embodying plans for submarines.

These facts were given me by a representative of a Seattle ship yard, working with whom, as he admitted, was the vice president of a San Francisco ship yard.

About that time Secretary Meyer delivered an address at Philadelphia in which he advocated the building of battleships for one reason—that it gave business to the steel industry.

Apparently Congressman Tawney is right in charging more or less conspiracy to scare the country into bolstering up the program of military enthusiasts. These evidences point to activities by a ship yard to lobby and the advocates of a large standing army.

Secretary Dickinson hints at the need of a standing army of 450,000 men, instead of the present effective force of 115,000.

The international importance of the acts of these war propagandists is shown by editorials in Japanese newspapers, telegraphed to the state department here, citing the proposals to fortify the Panama canal, increase the standing army and create a powerful Pacific fleet, as evidences to the Japanese that this country desires war with them.

Strangely, the war scare comes at the very time when the peace society is in session here, as if the scare had been planned to offset the pleas for disarmament.

MEXICAN TROOPS LOSE.

Government Forces Nearly Annihilated by Insurrectos at La Junta.

El Paso, Tex.—President Diaz' Mexican army has suffered a loss of 950 men in dead and wounded in a battle at La Junta, according to the latest news from the scene of hostilities. The federal troops engaged in the fight numbered 1000 men. When they raised the white flag there were only 50 able bodied men in the force that surrendered to the victorious revolutionists. La Junta is a small town on the Mexico, Northwestern and Orient railroad. News of the battle and its result was sent out by railway employees. The telegraph wires were cut later.

There has been fighting near Ojinaga, south of Marfa, Texas. Many horses belonging to Mexican troops escaped into Texas and it is believed that the federalists were annihilated. Reinforcements should have arrived there last night or today if they were not defeated, marching westward from the Orient railroad station at Falmor. They left Chihuahua last Sunday for Falmor.

Troops sent out from Jimenez, the railroad junction point for the road leading into Parral, have not been heard from. They were attempting to join Navarro's forces marching from Chihuahua.

Today orders were issued throughout the state of Chihuahua by the Jefe of villages and towns instructing all men having arms to come in and register them and give an account of why they are in their possession.

Burglars, Trapped, Killed Police.

London.—Burglars who killed two policemen last night in a pistol duel with five officers were tunneling to a vault containing \$100,000, according to information given out at Scotland Yard. The robbers had started the tunnel from a house in Cutler street to the vaults of the Henry Harris jewelry shop at Houndsditch and the boring was nearly completed. A policeman discovered the tunnel and summoned help. In the fight that followed two policemen were killed and the robbers escaped.

Sealskins No Higher.

Victoria, B. C.—The seal skin sale held at Lamson's in London, at which the total catch, over 3,000 skins, of the Victoria pelagic fleet, the United States government take of 12,000 from the Pribilof rookeries and catches of locally owned schooners in the south Atlantic and Antarctic, about 16,000 or 17,000 pelts in all, were offered, showed no advance in prices over last year, according to advices received here.

Tremendous Earthquake Recorded.

Cleveland, O.—An earthquake similar to that which wrought such havoc in the island of Java many years ago, was recorded on the seismograph at St. Ignace college. The records of the two quakes are being compared.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary of the Navy Meyer this afternoon assigned the obsolete cruisers Boston and Concord to the Oregon and Washington naval militia, respectively.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

THRESHERMEN TO PORTLAND.

Good Roads One of Important Topics of Convention.

La Grande.—The selection of Portland as the next meeting place, hearing a message from Judge Webster pertaining to a good roads provision to be brought before the legislature, and framing a law which will be placed before the legislature regulating the transportation of traction engines, constituted the principal features of the State Threshermen's convention. A bill is being drafted for introduction to the next legislature by the central board State Good roads association, containing four salient features, was read and explained by Judge Webster. The threshermen gave unqualified support to it later. It embodies the appointment of three men to name a highway commissioner for the state who shall direct expenditure of money appropriated by counties and state to the amount of \$20,000 from each county and \$5,000 from the state for each county. It includes a bill providing for bonding state and counties to that effect; it provides for maintenance, state prison labor on roads and for the working of prisoners in incorporated cities and county roads.

The plan was explained in detail, and adopted. The Iowa traction engine law, said to be a model of its kind, will be copied in the bill to be presented by the Oregon threshermen. It provides for the blowing of whistles at stated times, stopping the engine when passing teams, and above all, repeals all present laws and substitutes this one. The chief point in the new bill is that after December 1, 1911, bridges shall be built so securely that no bridges will have to be planked while engines are crossing. This gives the county courts over a year to perfect their bridges. Until that date, bridges must be planked as now.

The Portland meeting will be held on Friday and Saturday preceding the Rose Festival.

LARGE PURCHASE OF HOPS.

Grants Pass Cleaned Up—Klabin Takes Over 1,800 Bales.

Portland.—All the hops in the Grants Pass section of Oregon were purchased by the buyers. All the lots were taken by one firm with the exception of a lot of 224 bales that went to another party.

The big bales were taken by Klabin, Wolf & Netter and the single lot by McNeff Bros. The purchases by the Klabin firm consisted of the Flanagan & Cornell lot of 376 bales, C. E. Weston, 91 bales, Horace Moses, 90 bales and several small lots that aggregated 28 bales. Besides these purchases Klabin, Wolf & Netter purchased 81 bales from Antonio Cone at Aurora and 84 bales from Crisell Bros. at the same place.

McNeff Bros. purchased the DeArmond lot of 22 bales at Grants Pass. Klabin took 126 bales from William Weston at Forest Grove and 550 bales in the Yakima district besides perhaps 500 bales from other local dealers.

The purchases made by Klabin are therefore the greatest for one day in the local hop market by a single firm. The deals indicate that brewers are getting rather short of supplies and are preparing for the next year's brew. All told, it is now estimated that there are 5,200 bales of hops remaining in the hands of Oregon growers of the 1910 crop, 6,727 of the 1909 crop, 426 of the 1908, 1,192 of 1907 and 1,844 of 1906, a grand total of all growth in growers' hands here of 15,389 bales.

The price paid by Klabin, as well as McNeff, was not made public, but it is understood to be better than 13 cents—perhaps 13½ cents.

Claim Brings \$20,000.

Grants Pass.—Considerable interest is being manifested in the mining districts of this county. A big deal was closed this week in which a Los Angeles capitalist purchased a placer claim for \$20,000 from R. A. Dean and H. A. Corliss. Considerable machinery will be installed this winter for operation purposes.

In the Waldo district, New York capitalists have entered the field and have succeeded in taking over the Deep Gravel and the Simmons-Cameron mines. The new concern is incorporated under the name of the Waldo Consolidated company, with a capital stock of \$2,000,000, half of which was spent in purchasing mining interests and improvements. O. A. Turner, of Broadway N. Y., is at the head of the organization.

Hear Good Roads Lecture.

La Grande.—Threshermen in convention here listened to a good roads lecture by Lionel Webster, the Portland attorney. The line of legislation which the good roads people will present was explained in detail, and it is believed the threshermen will support the line of amendments which the state roads people want. The legislative committee of the threshermen went on record as opposed to the proposed bridge plank law.

Grants Pass School to Be Modern.

Grants Pass.—The board of school directors of this city have decided to equip the new high school building with the best of furniture. The contract has been let to an Eastern firm for 200 pupils' and ten teachers' desks. The assembly room will be provided with 100 solid oak extension-arm lecture chairs.

HUGE TIMBER SALE MADE.

148,000,000 Feet of Pine and Yellow Fir Transferred.

Medford.—A tract of timber, over 46,000,000 feet in all, was sold by the United States government to the Pelican Bay Lumber company of San Francisco for \$365,340. This transfer is the largest timber sale that has ever been made by the government, with the possible exception of one in Western Montana. The timber stands in the Crater National forest, 60 miles from Medford, and consists principally of yellow pine and fir.

Jackson county's share of the 25 per cent of sales in the Crater Lake forest, 80 per cent of which lies in Jackson county, is over \$73,000. Klamath county received \$18,250 as its share. Money obtained through sales of government timber on this reserve go to the road and school fund of the county. The Pelican Bay Lumber company will begin cutting the timber immediately and will float it from Crater Lake to Klamath Falls, where it will erect a sawmill.

Forestry officials at Medford have advertised for sale over 290,000,000 feet of yellow pine and fir that was burned over by the forest fires last summer. Of this 150,000,000 feet is dead timber standing on Elk Creek, 120,000,000 on South fork of Rogue river and 20,000,000 feet in the Clover creek district. Yellow pine in these "dead" tracts is valued at \$2.75 a thousand, and fir at \$2 a thousand. In all of these tracts there is considerable timber that is unscathed, especially in the Rogue river district, where only 45 per cent of the timber offered is dead.

Marshfield's Show Big Success.

Marshfield.—The poultry show which was held in this city closed after a successful attendance. It was the first big poultry exhibit ever held in the county and many fine birds of almost every popular breed were shown. Ribbons were awarded by the Coos County Poultry and Pet Stock association, under the auspices of which the show was held, and prizes were also given by the merchants.

Farm Value Jumps \$40,000.

Tillamook.—The Elmore ranch, which belonged to the late Samuel Elmore for a number of years, was sold to Fred R. Beats, a real estate agent, three years ago for \$16,600, was sold this week to John Hathaway for \$56,000. The farm contains 193 acres. The dairy herd and farming equipment are included in the purchase.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat.—Track prices: Bluestem, 84c; club, 82c; red Russian, 80c; valley, 82c; forty fold, 83c.

Barley.—Feed, \$22 per ton; brewing, \$24.

Millstuffs.—Bran, \$24@25 per ton; middlings, \$29@31; shorts, \$25.50@26; rolled barley, \$24.50@25.50.

Hay.—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$20@22 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$23@24; alfalfa, \$14@15; grain hay, \$14.50@15.50; clover, \$13@14.

Corn.—Whole, \$29; cracked, \$30 ton. Oats.—No. 1 white, \$27.50@28.50; poultry, \$28; white, 16@17c; geese, 14c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, 22c; 23c; squabs, \$2 per dozen.

Eggs.—Oregon ranch, candled, 45c per dozen; Eastern, Aprils, 32c; Eastern fresh, 38c.

Butter.—City creamery, solid pack, 37c per pound; butter fat, 35c@37c; Eastern, 31c@34c.

Pork.—Fancy, 10c@11c per pound. Veal.—Fancy, 85c to 125c pounds, 12c@13c per pound.

Apples.—King, 40c@75c per box; Baldwin, 75c@81c; Waxen, 75c@81c; Baldwin, 75c@81c; Northern Spy, 75c@81c; Snow, \$1.25@1.50; Spitzenberg, \$1.25@2; Winter Bananas, \$1.75@3.50.

Green Fruits.—Pears, \$1.25@2 per box; grapes, \$1@1.35; cranberries, \$10.50@11 per barrel.

Vegetables.—Beans, 10c@11c per pound; cabbage, 16c@17c per hundred; cauliflower, \$2@2.25 per crate; celery, California, \$3@3.25 per crate; pumpkins, 1c@1½c per pound; sprouts, 7c@8c; squash, 16c@17c; 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 hundred. Onions.—Oregon, jobbing price, \$1.40 @1.50 per hundred.

Cattle.—Prime steers, \$5.75@6; good to choice, \$5.25@5.75; fair to good, \$4.75@5.25; common, \$4@4.50; choice to prime cows, \$4.75@5; good to choice, beef cows, \$4.25@4.75; fair to good, \$3.75@4.25; common to fair, \$2@3.50; good to choice heifers, \$4.75@5; fair to good, \$4.50@4.75; common to fair, \$4@4.25; choice to good fat bulls, \$4@4.25; fair to good, \$3.50@4; common, \$2.50@3.50; good choice light calves, \$7@7.50; fair to good, \$6.50@7; good to choice heavy calves, \$5.25@6; fair to good, \$4.75@5.25; common, \$3.75@4.75; good to choice stags, \$4.50@5; fair to good, \$4@4.50.

Hogs.—Choice, \$7.75@8; good to choice, \$7.50@7.75.

Sheep.—Yearling wethers, grain fed, \$4.75@5; old, grain fed, \$4.25@4.50; choice ewes, grain fed, \$3.75@4; good to choice, grain fed, \$3.25@3.75; feeders, \$2.25@3; choice lambs, grain fed, \$5.75@6; good to choice, grain fed, \$5.75@6; poor lambs, \$4.95@5.

Hay fed sheep and lambs 50c lower than grain fed.

FIRST BLIZZARD OF SEASON.

Terrific Storm Sweeps Atlantic Coast—Life Savers Busy.

Boston, Dec. 17.—A northwest blizzard last night and today brought disaster to shipping along the Massachusetts coast and tonight four schooners were known to have been wrecked, another was in tow, disabled, one barge had foundered, and other barges were reported adrift and missing.

The revenue cutter Gresham, which took aboard the crews of two sinking schooners and assisted other vessels, spent the entire day and most of the night undoing the havoc of the storm. Up to tonight no definite report of loss of life had reached this city.

The vessels which suffered from the storm included:

Schooner Thomas B. Garland, of Portsmouth, a total wreck on Great Point bar, Nantucket. The crew were rescued early today by the Coskata lifesaving crew.

Schooner Abbie G. Cole, of Machias, Me., stranded and waterlogged in Stone Horse shoal, off Monomoy point.

The crew were rescued by the Gresham this morning, when Monomoy point lifesavers found the seas too heavy to launch their lifeboats.

The two-masted schooner H. E. Ayer, taken in tow by the Gresham off Old Harbor.

British schooner "S. A. Fownes," ashore off Monomoy Point. The Gresham took on board the crew late today.

Lumber-laden schooner Stephen G. Loud, abandoned 33 miles southeast of Boston light. The crew were rescued this morning by the steamer A. W. Perry and brought here.

At Portsmouth, N. H., the three-masted schooner Annie F. Conlon arrived today in a disabled condition, 21 days out from Philadelphia.

The barge Maywood, one of a tow of three behind the tug Margaret, foundered last night off Cape Cod, and the other barges of the tow, the Scranton and Binghamton, are missing. One of the barges in tow of the tug Cumberland is also reported missing.

JAPAN HAS TROUBLES.

Will Strengthen Navy, Despite Her Heavy Indebtedness.

Tokio.—The budget for 1911-12, as finally completed, was announced today as follows:

Receipts, ordinary, 492,138,000 yen; extraordinary, 487,969,37; expenditures, ordinary, 407,113,274; extraordinary, 133,821,699. A yen is equivalent to about 50 cents in American money.

Marquis Katsura, premier and minister of finance, takes a hopeful view of the fiscal situation. During the year past the government has had a particularly heavy burden to carry. The navy has called for an increased expenditure in order to avoid the criticism of neglect in the face of the advance made by other powers. The annexation of Korea and disastrous floods have added materially to the extraordinary expenditures.

Marquis Katsura lays down these two rules as effective in directing the policy of the government:

First—To maintain the balance of revenue and expenditure in the general estimates and not to look to loans as financial resources.

Second—To maintain the program of annual redemption of the public debt by an amount of 50,000,000 yen or more.

He says the government has committed itself to these principles. In the next six years 82,000,000 yen will be spent in supplementing and improving the navy.

Meteor Grazes Logger.

Astoria, Or.—While John McCulley, an employee of the Sorenson Logging company's camp near Svenson, was fastening the rigging on a log a blazing rock shot down as from the heavens and struck the log 10 feet away from him. Examination of the object showed that it was a meteor the size of a billiard ball. The glow on the exterior had gone when McCulley examined it, but when he broke it open he found the center red hot. The meteor came with terrific force and made a dent in the log.

Famous Humorist Passes.

Yonkers, N. Y.—Melville Delancy Yonker, better known as "Eli Perkins," author and lecturer, died at his home here at the age of 71. He had been ill several years. Mr. Yonker was well known in political life. He once served in the Treasury department at Washington, D. C., and was on the staff of General A. L. Cretin in the Civil war, reaching the rank of major. He resigned from the army and became a cotton planter.

Man Is Impaled Like Fish.

Los Angeles, Cal.—When a streetcar struck his wagon on Broadway, J. H. Craig, an express driver, was thrown out and impaled upon a bale hook which hung beside his seat. The pronged tool caught him in the back of the neck, and piercing the under side of his jaw, protruded from his mouth like a fish hook. The surgeons at the receiving hospital pronounced him seriously injured.

Christmas Goods Burned.

Tacoma, Wash.—Fire of unknown origin totally destroyed McCormack Bros. big department store here, causing a loss which will amount to upwards of \$100,000, with insurance one-third that amount. The McCormack Bros. store was one of the largest in the city, having a frontage of 150 feet on Pacific avenue and running half a block deep.

TWELVE KILLED IN EXPLOSION

New York Central Power House Completely Wrecked.

Trolley Car Hurlled on Top of Another By Blast—Children in Hospital Narrowly Escape.

New York, Dec. 19.—Twelve persons were killed, two of them women, and 30 were injured in a double explosion of gas and dynamite in the new electric power house of the New York Central railroad, shortly after 8 o'clock this morning.

The force of the explosion shattered hundreds of windows in the big hotel and apartment houses in the neighborhood of the railroad terminal, causing an alarm among the guests. The dynamite blast picked up a northbound trolley car, lifted it in the air and sent it crashing down upon an automobile, which was passing along the other side of the street. Four of the passengers were killed, and every one in the car was injured.

The railroad service was only temporarily interrupted. The new substation power house, where the explosion occurred, is at Fifth street and Lexington avenue, which is half a dozen blocks north of the Grand Central station.

The explosion partly wrecked the engine house near by and prevented the firemen from getting their apparatus into the street. Monsignors La Pette and Hayes and Fathers O'Connor, McQuade, Sinnott and Byrnes, of St. Patrick's Cathedral, hurried to the scene and administered the last rites of the church to the more seriously injured.

At the postoffice substation at Fifth and Madison avenues, the explosion slightly injured several clerks and threw the mail all over the floor. In the New York Nursery and Child Hospital ceilings were partly shaken down, and the windows broken, fortunately none of the 300 children there was badly injured.

The power house, which is built of stone and brick, and is six stories high, took fire after the explosion, and the interior was practically burned out. Just what caused the double explosion may probably never be known. Fortunately for the thousands of commuters on the New York Central lines, the force of the dynamite blast was directed in an opposite direction from the railroad tracks, otherwise the local incoming trains might have been wrecked.

Officials of the railroad learned that there were many workmen in the building at the time of the explosion, and that but few of those had been accounted for. In the Bible Teachers' Training School, on Lexington avenue, directly opposite the power house, 125 men and women who were on their way to breakfast, were thrown to the floor by the blast. Many of the men and women were injured, and several of them were taken to hospitals. All the windows in the building were blown in and the ceilings fell.

The damage to the power house and other buildings has not been estimated, but it was stated that it will likely exceed \$500,000.

The employees of the railroad have been unable thus far definitely to assign the cause of the explosion, but it is believed a large quantity of dynamite stored in magazines close to the substation was responsible for the greater part of the damage.

Wireless Stops Train.

Ottawa, Canada.—Drawing a train of twelve cars and rushing over the rails at a speed of forty-five miles an hour, a stretch of track near the city of Toronto, a powerful engine on the Ontario Pacific railway service was brought to a quick standstill, with the throttle wide open, and the engine standing in his cab, a mere spectator, like those present with him to view the wonder.

The brakes had been applied on the big locomotive and train of cars by a wireless wave of electricity. It seemed as if a giant had seized the equipment and held it with ease.

Experiments with a wireless train-control system have been quietly conducted by the Canadian Pacific Railway company since last May, and this demonstration was the culmination of a long series of successful tests.

Tube 1000 Miles Long.

Chicago.—The Record-Herald tomorrow will announce the completion of an engineering project for the construction of a tunnel between here and New York and other Eastern cities. According to the plans, the tunnel will be of sufficient dimensions to carry telephone and telegraph wires and a pneumatic tube for the transmission of packages. "Terminals here and in New York have been constructed," says the report, "and in a short time men will be placed along the proposed route to begin the actual work of excavation."

Chinese Royalty Balks.

Peking.—The throne has seemed to refuse to create a constitutional cabinet in compliance with a memorial recently presented by the national assembly and also declining to accept the resignations of the grand councilors. The imperial edicts also adopted a resolution praying for the immediate creation of a cabinet, and it was believed the throne had decided to meet and the whole subject will be discussed.

Hebrews Are to Convene.

New York.—Theodore Roosevelt, Mayor Gaynor, Oscar S. Strauss, Judge Josiah Cohen of Pittsburgh, and David Phillips of Cincinnati will address the twenty-second conference of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to be held here on January 16 to 19 inclusive.

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