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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

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Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

Burglars shot a patrolman at Pueblo when about to be caught.

French strikers insist on the dismissal of Simyan, and may win their point.

Castro has left Germany for Bordeaux, where he will embark for Venezuela.

Boston is to have a crusade against rats similar to the one conducted at San Francisco.

A plot to kill the ameer of Afghanistan was unearthed and 1,200 arrests have been made.

A millionaire iron man, a banker and four others are to be indicted at Pittsburg for bribery.

Francis J. Heney has protested against the appointment of Fulton as Federal judge in Oregon.

Governor George Curry, of New Mexico, has resigned. He was appointed by Roosevelt in 1907.

The Pennsylvania senate has passed a resolution offering a reward of $1,000 for the caputre of the kidnapers of the Whitla boy. A bill has also been introduced making kidnaping punishable by death.

The empress of Russia is a nervous wreck.

Cuban reciprocity may cause a tariff war with other nations.

Ex-Vice President Fairbanks has retired from politics completely.

District Attorney Jerome, of New York, is again raiding gambling houses.

The great increase in Germany's navy has caused a panic in Great Britain.

A St. Louis physician has left an estate of over $1,000,000 to a 3-months old girl.

The German steamer Ella was held up by Nicaragua and searched for spies and arms.

The government will seek no more land fraud indictments unless the evidence is strong.

The California senate sent for a sick member to break the deadlock on the direct primary question.

The United States Steel corporation will close some of its large plants April 1 unless business improves.

The French government may relieve Minister Simyan, who has charge of posts and telegraph, in order to appease the strikers.

Russia is ready to intervene in Persia if necessary.

A Washington physician says overeating causes a desire for smoking and drinking.

A Brockton, Mass., man has come to his right senses at Los Angeles after wandering three years.

The universal suffrage measure has advanced to second reading in the British house of commons.

The condition of Mme. Helena Modjeska, the famous actress, is such that her death may occur at any time.

The king of Christmas island, in the Pacific ocean near Singapore, has abdicated because his wife objects to being queen.

An absconding Oklahoma bank cashier has sent back nearly all the money taken and promises to return the balance soon.

The British parliament may authorize eight instead of four battleships of the Dreadnaught type on account of activities on the part of Germany in increasing her navy.

After a searching investigation a board of inquiry has recommended the suspension of the pilot who had charge of the transport Logan when it went aground at the entrance to Honolulu harbor.

The Chinese boycott against Japanese goods has been revived

Servia may yield to the terms of a joint note from the powers.

The Cuban revolutionists have surrendered to government troops.

The crisis between China and Russia over Manchurian territory is said to be over.

News agents on trains in Mexico have been forbidden to sell liquor in future.

The Nicaraguan president defies the United States to intervene in Central America and threatens to fight marines to a finish.

The Home Telephone companies of the Pacific Northwest, including the long distance connections, have been sold to a syndicate of Portland and Seattle capitalists.

Robbers dynauited two bank buildings at Bald Knob, Ark., and put to flight a band of citizens who had been attracted by the explosions. A sheriff's posse is in pursuit.

The fight on the tariff bill in congress will be a free-for-all, both parties splitting.

CALL FOR CONGRESS.

Trans-Mississippi Commercial Body to Meet in Denver.

Denver, March 23.—Secretary Arthur F. Francis, of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress, today issued the official call for the 20th annual session of that association, to be held in Denver August 16 to 21 inclusive, of this year. Added interest attaches to this meeting from the fact that President Taft will be present and take part in the proceedings. A large attendance of representatives of the Latin-American countries is also expected, in the interest of closer international relations between this country and the republics of South and Central America and Mexico.

One thing will be barred, according to the executive committee, and this is a discussion of questions of a political nature.

Besides these questions of closer relations with the southern republics, with especial reference to the early completion of the Panama canal and the consequent stimulating commercial development in the trans-Mississippi states, the following questions will come under discussion:

National defense, with special reference to the needs of the Pacific coast and Hawaii; an adequate merchant marine and the need of government aid in its upbuilding and maintenance; conservation of natural resources. This promises to be one of the leading questions to come before the congress. Irrigation and the reclamation of semi-arid lands will also be taken up, as will waterway improvements, drainage of submerged lands, scientific dry farming, Alaska, separate statehood for New Mexico and Arizona, parcels post, postal savings banks, insurance, trade relations with Mexico, Central and South America, Gulf ports and the railroads, Panama canal, Hawaii, immigration, good roads, sugar beet and cane industry, Barataria and Lafourche, national finance, consular service.

STRIKE IS OVER.

Paris Postal Employes Sue for Peace and Are Met Half Way.

Paris, March 23.—The great strike of the employes of the postoffice department, which virtually has isolated Paris and cut off France from communication with the outside world for the past week, collapsed today. The strike committee decided to call off the employes and made the first move to effect a settlement, virtually suing for peace. The government will meet the committee half way.

Representatives of the linemen called today upon M. Barthou, minister of public works, ostensibly for the purpose of protesting against the charges that they had cut the wires, but during the course of the interview they communicated to the minister the terms on which the allied associations collectively would resume work.

These were: First, the resignation of M. Simyan, under secretary of posts and telegraphs; second, that no employes should be dismissed on account of the strike. They desired also the assurance that the delegates of the association hereafter should be permitted to lay their grievances directly before the minister of public works.

M. Barthou received the deputation in a conciliatory spirit. He said the government could not discuss the resignation of an official except with parliament, but he gave the delegation the satisfaction it demanded on other points.

Premier Clemenceau met the deputation later and confirmed M. Barthou's statement with regard to the attitude ofthe government.

At the conclusion of these private interviews with the ministers, the strike committee met and decided upon the resumption of work tomorrow. This decision was announced at a mass meeting at which 5,000 strikers were present.

Peace Pact Assured.

City of Mexico, March 23.—It is now believed a certainty that a conference of the five presidents of Central American republics will be held soon. Word has reached here that Presidents Cabrera, of Guatemala; Davilla, of Honduras, and Zelaya, of Nicaragua, have agreed to the proposed meeting. It is thought that President Figueroa, of Salvador, and the president of Costa Rica will consent to the invitation sent out by M. Echeverria, president of the Central American branch of the bureau of American republics.

Balkan Trouble Ends.

Belgrade, March 23.—Peace is regarded as assured. It was semi-officially stated tonight that the powers would invite Servia tomorrow to declare the question of the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina settled and to disarm and discharge its reservists. Furthermore, it was said, the Servian government would accede to this request, thus opening the way for direct negotiations between Austria and Servia for a commercial agreement.

Governor Cosgrove Improves.

Paso Robles Hot Springs, Cal., March 23.—That Governor Cosgrove is improving so rapidly he will be able to leave for Washington by May 1 to assume the reins of government in that state, is the opinion of Dr. F. W. Sawyer, managing director, who says the reports he has to give out are highly encouraging.

13 Warships Ready in 1912.

Berlin, March 23.—In view of the assertions made in the British house of commons that Germany, in the spring of 1912, would have 17 warships, all of them of the big-gun type, the Navy department authorizes the statement that in the autumn of 1912 Germany will have 13 such vessels.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

WHEAT LAND RENT HIGH.

$10 an Acre for Summer Fallow Crop Obtained at Athena, Oregon.

Pendleton—Word has been received that Mrs. Isabella Taylor has rented her wheat farm near the town of Athena in the northeastern part of the county for a cash rental of $10 per acre per summer fallow crop. The lease on these terms is to cover a term of six years. This is one of the best wheat raising sections of the county and even of the Northwest, and while this price seems to presume a great deal in favor of the continued productivity of the land, the records of the past years prove that it is a good investment even at this seemingly over boosted price. The investors of this section seem to have faith in the recent prediction of James J. Hill that we are not increasing our production of wheat as fast as the population is growing and that prices must continue to advance. It is from near this section that there was a reported advance sale of wheat at a dollar a bushel, which is a record price for the Northwest.

BENSON APPROVES BILLS.

Signs All Except the Duck Measure, Which He Files.

Salem—Governor Benson has approved and signed all the bills passed at the special session of the legislature, except the duck bill, which he has filed in the office of the secretary of state without signature.

The reason for his failure to sign this bill is not given by the governor, but it is thought possible the measure came too near the taboo line of new legislation and the executive did not care to give the measure his specific approval.

Speaker McArthur states that he has carefully gone over every bill, and President Bowerman did the same, and that there is no possibility of mistakes this time.

The work of revising the journals of the two houses is being done by Chief Clerks Barry, of the senate, and Neuner, of the house, and their assistants.

New Paper Mill Starts.

Oregon City—The Hawley Pulp & Paper company paper mills have started. The pulp mill has been in operation for several weeks and the sulphite mill is also running. The company has installed one of the largest paper machines on the coast, the machinery having been ordered some time ago by the manager, W. P. Hawley. The company's sawmill at Milwaukie has been in operation for the past five weeks. With all of these mills in running order, 200 to 300 men will be employed. R. E. Bryan is secertary of the new company.

System Voted Too Costly.

University of Oregon, Eugene—The amendment proposing the innovation of the graduate manager system at the university was voted down in a meeting of the associated students. The amendment was the subject of an interested discussion in which it was decided that the financial circumstances of the student body, at present, would not permit the expense of hiring a graduate manager. By an amendment which was passed, all interstate debaters and the intercollegiate and interstate orators will in the future receive small "Os" as emblems.

Wants Guns From the Oregon.

Salem—The Salem board of trade will make an effort to secure for the capitol grounds two of the six-inch guns from the dismantled battleship Oregon. The guns are about 30 feet long and properly mounted would be an imposing addition to the beautiful lawn in front of the state house. It is thought the guns may be obtained from the War department for the state for the cost of transportation.

Lane at Seattle Fair.

Eugene—The county court of Lane county refused to make an appropriation for a county exhibit at the Seattle exposition and the Eugene Commercial club will install a splendid display of the county's products in the Oregon building. E. M. Warren has been engaged to collect the exhibit. He had charge of the county exhibit at the Portland exposition in 1905, also the county exhibit at the state fair at Salem for several years past.

Busy Year for Grant.

Prairie City—"Business conditions in Grant county are better than I have ever seen them," states R. T. McHaley, one of the prominent stockmen of the country. "The stock industry is flourishing, the best of prices prevailing for cattle, sheep and horses. Stock has wintered well and the range promises early grass in more abundance than usual."

Curricula Board Reappointed.

Salem—Governor Benson has reappointed the board of higher curricula. The only change was the substitution of A. G. Beals, of Tillamook, for A. W. Prescott, of Salem, who has accepted the position as private secretary to United States Senator Bourne.

LaGrande Retains Sugar Factory.

La Grande—The Amalgamated Sugar factory, with a pay roll of $160,000 yearly, will remain in La Grande. This decision of David Eccles was announced countermanding a previous order that the factory be moved to Utah.

FARMERS BUY SACKS.

Eastern Oregon Growers Take Nearly Million for Wheat Crop.

Pendleton—As a sequel to the granting of a large sack contract on the part of the Inland Grain Growers' association last week is the acceptance of a like contract by the Farmers' Educational Co-operative union here. The firm to secure the contract for the sacks to be accepted by the farmers' union was the Kerr, Gifford & Co., of Portland, and the contracted price is reported between 6 and 6¼ cents, or a little lower than the price accepted by the Inland Grain Growers' association.

The contract with the farmers' union calls for the purchase of between 300,000 and 1,200,000 sacks. The offer of Kerr, Gifford & Co. stands for a short time only, since it does not bind individual members of the union, but each member decides on the number of sacks he desires and pays 10 per cent down at the time the order is given.

The Inland Grain Growers' association gave a contract to Balfour, Guthrie & Co., to accept between 200,000 and 500,000 sacks at a price understood to be between 6 and 6⅛ cents. It is known to be higher than the price paid by the farmers' union.

Will Can Asparagus.

Eugene—George A. Dorris, who has raised asparagus for the markets of Portland, Seattle and Eugene for the past three years and now has 25 acres of it on his farm near Eugene, has begun the erection of a cannery on his place for the purpose of canning the vegetable. He will also handle the product of a 50-acre patch now being set out by F. E. Dunn and A. C. Woodcock on a tract of land which they recently purchased for that purpose. Mr. Dorris has experimented with asparagus raising for a number of years and has made a success of it.

Spring Work at Monroe.

Monroe—The sunshine of the past few days dried up the ground to such an extent that spring work is being rushed in all directions. Roads are dry and in especially good shape for this time of the season. Gardens are being put in and unless climatic conditions are severe in the next few weeks, garden truck will be very plentiful. Fruit trees are just beginning to show signs of awakening.

Umatilla Lets Bridge Contract.

Pendleton—A contract for the erection of six new bridges has been let by the County court to the Columbia Bridge company, of Walla Walla. These structures are to replace wooden ones washed away during the freshet following the January cold spell and will cost the county $12,000.

Roseburg Gets Wireless Station.

Roseburg—Roseburg people have donated ground for a station, and Manager McCord, of the Wireless company, states that a plant will be in operation within three weeks. A two-kilowatt station will be erected.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem milling, $1.20@1.25; club, $1.08@1.10; red Russian, $1.06@1.08; bluestem, shipping, $1.15@1.17; valley, $1.10.

Oats—No. 1 white, $40 per ton.

Barley—Feed, $31 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, $13@15 per ton; Eastern Oregon, $16@18; clover, $12@13; alfalfa, $14.50@15; grain hay, $13@14; cheat, $13.50@14.50; vetch, $13.50@14.50.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 34c; fancy outside creamery, 32@34c; California, 32@33½c; store, 18@20c. Butter fat prices average 1½ cents under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 20@21c.

Poultry—Hens, 15½@16½c; broilers, 24@25c; fryers, 18@20c; roosters, old, 10@11c; young, 14@15c; ducks, 20@22½c; geese, 10c; turkeys, 18@19c; squabs, $2.50@3 per dozen.

Veal—Extras, 10@11c; ordinary, 7@8c; heavy, 5c.

Pork—Fancy, 9½@10c; large, 8@8½c.

Apples—65c@$2.50 per box.

Potatoes—$1.40@1.50 per hundred; sweets, 2¼@2½c pound.

Vegetables—Turnips, $1 sack; carrots, 90c sack; parsnips, $1.50 sack; beets, $1.75 sack; horseradish, 10c per pound; artichokes, 75@90c per dozen; asparagus, 9@15c per pound; beans, 25c; cabbage, 3¼@3½c per pound; cauliflower, $2.50; celery, $4.75 per crate; lettuce, head, 85c per dozen; onions, 40@50c per dozen; parsley, 35c per dozen; radishes, 35c per dozen; rhubarb, $2.25 per box; spinach, $1@1.25.

Onions—Oregon, $1.75 per hundred.

Hops—1909 contracts, 10@10¼c per pound; 1908 crop, 7@7¼c; 1907 crop, 3@4c; 1906 crop, 1½@2c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon contracts, 16@18c per pound; valley, 16@17c; mohair, choice 23c per pound.

Cattle—Top steers, $5.25@5.50; fair to good, $4.75@5; common to medium, $3.25@4.50; cows, top, $4.25; fair to good, $3.50@4; common to medium, $2.50@3.50; calves, top, $5@5.50; heavy, $3.50@4; bulls and stags, fat, $3@3.50; common, 2@2.75.

Hogs—Best, $7.25; fair to good, $6.75@7; stockers, $5.50@6.50; China fats, $6.75.

Sheep—Top wethers, $5.75@6; fair to good, $4.75@5.25; ewes, ½c less on all grades; lambs top $6.50@6.75; fair to good, $6@6.50

SIEGE CONDITIONS PREVAIL.

Strike Ties Up French Capital and Food Becoming Scarce.

Paris, March 19.—Mi-Careme, the middle of Lent, usually celebrated with grotesque processions throughout France, and with particular gayety in Paris, found the capital today in a state of virtual siege.

Because of the postal strike no mail deliveries were made, banks held up payments on checks because of their inability to receive advices from their correspondents, stamps were not on sale, telegrams were refused acceptance, and the prices of provisions were soaring, while eggs, milk, butter and other country produce were painfully scarce.

Over a million letters are stacked in the postoffice awaiting sorting and dispatch, as the postal employes in the other branches besides the telegraph service have gone on a sympathetic strike. The last American mails have not yet been removed from their sacks, and practically no letters have left the country.

Three thousand telegrams are piled on the dispatching hooks, awaiting transmission, as the military telegraphers pressed into service, are unfamiliar with the postal instruments, and cannot use them. The government has threatened to call upon the army to furnish men to deliver the mail, but as yet has not taken this step. Business is at a standstill, and conditions are grave in all lines that depend upon the postal activity for their daily continuance.

PENNY LUNCH AT SCHOOLS.

Poor Boys and Girls to Be Fed at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, March 19.—An innovation in the form of penny lunches to the public school children attracted much interest today. It was started by the Civic Federation, and the large Ann street school in the poorer quarter of the city was the first to benefit. Eventually all are to be included, and served every school day in the year.

Large airy dining rooms are provided, and there was a great rush today at the opening, hundreds gathering at the tables. Each one was given all the soup, fruit and buns he or she could eat for one cent. Each lunch costs the association about four cents. The charitable public helps in maintenance.

Other departures, such as half an hour of story-telling at lunch time, are to be made. This is in line with the agitation going on the country over because children of poor parents are sent by the thousands to school without having had proper food.

PLANT BLOWS UP.

Explosion in Coeur d'Alene Powder Works Kills Inventor.

Spokane, Wash, March 19.—The Coeur d'Alene Powder mills, near Wallace, Idaho, were almost totally destroyed yesterday evening by sparks falling in the mixer. The loss will aggregate thousands. The secret of making the powder died with J. Skalberg, the maker, whose death occurred in the explosion, and may end the manufacture of powder in the Coeur d'Alenes. His powder exploded without smoke or poisonous gases and was very valuable to mining. Pete Pico and Alvin Nelson were also killed. J. K. Ogilvy, an engineer, was badly hurt. Windows were broken for miles around, and trees were torn to shreds.

Lead Miners Object to Cut

Denver, March 19.—Following information that the new tariff bill provides for a reduction in the rate on lead contents of ores from 1½ to 1 cent per pound, comes the announcement of the determination of Western mining men to fight this reduction, which they declare will have the effect of closing nearly all the low grade producing mines in the United States. To this end Secretary J. F. Callbreath, of the American Mining congress, today issued a call for a meeting of operators to be held in Salt Lake City next Monday.

West Will Fight.

Washington, March 19.—Congressmen from the Pacific Northwest will unite in a fight for the restoration of the duty on rough lumber to $2 per thousand. After the tariff bill was introduced all members from Oregon, Washington and Idaho were interviewed, and all announced their purpose to oppose the lumber schedule as fixed by the ways and means committee, and to join with members from other lumber producing states to get the old duty.

Kerens New Ambassador.

Chicago, March 19.—The following isa special cable to the Daily News from Vienna: The new American ambassador to Austria will be Richard Kerens, of St. Louis. The State department has asked the Austrian government if he is persona gratia, and an affirmative reply has been sent.

Big Union Depot Burns.

Louisville, Ky., March 19.—The Louisville union depot, valued at $400,000, was destroyed by fire tonight. Half an hour after the building collapsed, the Commercial club had decided that the city must have an elaborate new station at once.

Germany Backs Up Austria.

Paris, March 19.—According to latest information, Austro-Hungary, with the support of Germany, has fully resolved to send an expedition into Servia unless that country changes its present attitude.

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