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## EVENTS OF THE DAY

### Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

### PREPARED FOR THE BUSY READER

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

Dr. Cook and his wife are in Santiago, Chile.

Six were killed and eight seriously injured by a train collision in Georgia. Census supervisors will favor men in preference to women for census enumerators.

Trouble with the miners union threatens to close all mines at Butte, Montana.

Northern Idaho reports 18 inches of snow, the heaviest of the season, and high winds.

Commander Peary was decorated for his achievements and cursed by his opponents the same day.

The Corsan editor, Inchan Angan, who assassinated Marquis Ito, has been sentenced to death.

A tube on the torpedo boat destroyer Hopkins exploded at San Diego, killing one man and badly injuring seven.

After spending \$15,000 in training a promising young singer, Samuel Keat has been sued for \$100,000 for breach of promise by the girl he educated.

Marcel Rodet, sole survivor of the 157 persons on board the General Chanzy, says the steamer was blown to pieces by a terrific explosion just as a big wave carried him off.

A noted observer at Flagstaff, Arizona, declares he has witnessed the construction of an extensive canal on the planet Mars, which irrigates a strip of land 1,000 miles in length and 20 miles wide.

A British steamer went ashore in the Straits of Magellan, and 51 persons were lost.

Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Shaw says if a central bank were established the Standard Oil company would control it.

Mrs. Sage denies report of promiscuous charity gifts in the South, but admits giving away large sums during her recent trip.

The naval tug Nina, with a crew of 32 men, is missing on the Atlantic coast, and many naval vessels are searching for her.

A Minnesota telegraph operator, with one foot cut off and both legs broken, crawled half a mile and prevented a collision.

The French Antarctic expedition under Charcot reached 70 degrees south latitude and mapped many hundred miles of new country.

Officials of the French trans-Atlantic steamship company have no tidings of anyone being saved from the lost steamer General Chanzy except the one passenger picked up by fishermen.

In a speech in Dublin, Redmond demanded that the house of lords veto the English budget, and his attitude may unite the Irish and Radicals under one banner, resulting in the complete overthrow of the house of lords.

A French liner was wrecked in the Mediterranean and 156 lives lost.

Nicaraguan rebels are preparing to move on Managua, and the fall of the city is considered certain.

Bandits looted the postoffice, general store and hotel in Divids, Mont., and escaped to the mountains.

Society women in Washington, D. C., are getting considerably worried over the high cost of living.

The czarina of Russia is said to be near death from nervous troubles brought on by fear of assassination.

An Iowa man runs a deer farm, and has a herd of about 100 deer, from which he sells venison, hides and antlers.

J. P. Morgan is announced as the president of the Pan-American bank, the greatest banking institution in the world.

Stones hurled from the volcano Poas, on the island of Costa Rica, have killed many villagers who lived near the mountain.

One of the greatest railroad builders of the present time says cement and concrete will eventually supersede brick for nearly all building purposes.

It is feared that the eruption of the volcano Poas, on the island of Costa Rica, may cause earthquakes in the Panama canal zone, and possibly injure the canal.

King Gustav, of Sweden, is recovering from a severe operation.

It is reported that the Canadian Northern railroad, backed by J. P. Morgan, has acquired the holdings of coal lands on Vancouver Island owned by the Dunsmuir family, at a price of \$11,000,000.

Eastern bankers refuse to finance J. P. Morgan's proposed telephone merger.

Mrs. Russell Sage has given \$150,000 to various charitable institutions in Texas.

## HERMANN JURY DISAGREES

### One Man Blocks Conviction—Eleven Believe ex-Commissioner Guilty, But Cannot Convince the Twelfth

Portland, Feb. 14.—One juror, and one alone, has saved Blinger Hermann from conviction on the charge of conspiracy to defraud his country out of its public lands.

That one juror withstood the pleas of his fellow takersmen from Friday forenoon at 11 o'clock until this morning at 9. His position proved beyond the power of argument to shake, and the twelve men came before Judge Wolverton this morning with the report that they could not reach a verdict. Judge Wolverton discharged the jury from further duty, and the first trial of Blinger Hermann was closed, after five weeks of testimony and argument.

When further instruction was asked of the judge Saturday, fear began to be felt of a hung jury. The hours that passed without a verdict Sunday brought conviction that the jury would be unable to agree.

This morning the conclusion was confirmed by the appearance of the jury in the courtroom, when its foreman announced that an agreement was impossible, and asked that the 12 men be discharged from further attendance upon the court.

Judge Wolverton was loth to have the case terminated without a verdict. But the positive assurance of the men that agreement could not be reached, left no alternative. In view of the long time spent in deliberation, and the positive assertion of the jurors that they could not agree, the judge found it useless to confine the men longer, and discharged them from the case.

Disagreement had been feared, but few who had been speculating on the issue had thought the margin would be so narrow as one. Mr. Heney and his assistants were absolutely confident of a conviction. Mr. Hermann, on the other side, expressed his faith in acquittal, and did not seem to worry over the delay in reaching an agreement.

When the report of disagreement was made, the aged defendant showed more signs of concern than at earlier stages of the case, and when it was rumored through the corridors that only one man stood out, friends of Mr. Hermann realized the danger to which he had been subjected, and gave voice to their concern.

George Selkirk is the one man who hung the jury.

## WEST WARNS WALL STREET.

### Taft's Lincoln Day Speech Meets With Approval

Chicago, Feb. 15.—That the country has been reassured by President Taft in his Lincoln-day speech in New York that the administration has no intention of turning the business world topsy-turvy, and that the law-abiding corporations have nothing to fear, are keynotes sounded today in the editorial comment of the country on the speech.

Western editors admonish Wall street that it is time to put its bogeys away and get down to business on a basis of belief that legitimate business is safe under the Taft administration. The sentiment seems to be that the president fell short of convincing the people that the tariff law is to be trusted for results and that in spite of the New York speech, will go on as before.

The Democratic press expresses the view that Mr. Taft is solicitous of the integrity of his party and that there is no less cause for worry now than there was before. He is credited with a sincere desire to avert anything that would upset the business equilibrium, while at the same time adhering steadfastly to his declared policy of making the corporations subservient to the public welfare, and not paramount.

With the exception of a few bankers, who do not relish the idea of the establishment of a postal savings bank system, and some manufacturers who are opposed to the new law relating to the regulation of corporations, the men of affairs in Chicago generally endorse the president's speech and policies.

## States Unite on Claims.

### Madison, Wis., Feb. 15.—Governor Davidson has decided to try to line up the executives of several states in a combined effort to have the Federal government settle long standing claims for money due for public lands. Combined effort would secure a settlement, it is believed, where individual efforts would be fruitless. Wisconsin's claim is for \$500,000, and the letter to Governor Hay, of Washington, and F. W. Benson, of Oregon, calls attention to the claims of those states for \$90,000 and \$80,000 respectively.

## Alleged 'Still' on Farm.

### Anotin, Wash., Feb. 15.—William E. Norris, a well known farmer of Anatin, was arrested yesterday for alleged operation of an illicit distillery on his farm near Anatin. He appeared before United States Commissioner Shaugnessy, and gave a cash bond for \$2,000. Norris had the alleged still under the windmill of his farm. The machinery is expensive and complete. Norris will appear at the April term of the U. S. court.

## Worst Feared for Tug.

### Boston, Feb. 15.—No news of the missing naval tug Nina, which left Norfolk for the Charleston navy yard February 6, came today to relieve the anxiety as to her fate. The belief is growing that she went to the bottom with her crew.

## HAPPENINGS FROM AROUND OREGON

### DRAIN 5,000 ACRES. WOOL GROWERS OBJECT.

### Coquille Land Owners Cooperate to Reclaim Marshes.

Coquille—Five thousand acres of rich Coquille valley land is being reclaimed by drainage systems through the co-operative efforts of farmers owning the land. This work has now been under way for over 12 months, though the actual work has been going on for a far less period of time. At the present four reclamation projects are under way.

The first and oldest is the Beaver Slough drainage project. The first move in this plan for the reclamation of the bottom land of the Coquille valley was begun, by petition, over five years ago. However, the first petition was killed by the opposition of cold-footed property owners in the proposed district. After a district was formed which cut off the greater portion of these dissenters and the petition carried and the project was launched.

The Beaver Slough drainage district includes 1740 acres of bottom land, which will be drained, and the cost of the complete project will be about \$17,000. The complete project will include over eight miles of drainage canals, the main canal being 50 feet wide and the lateral canals over 25 feet in width. In connection with the main canals lateral ditches will be dug through the land, and these will be extended through their private holdings by the individuals so far as they see fit.

At the point where the main canals flow into the river tide gates will be installed which will allow the water to drain from the land freely, but will prevent the tides from overflowing over the lowlands, as has formerly been the case. These lateral canals are about 30 feet in width and extend from the main canal to the foothills east.

The second of the projects is the Fat Elk drainage district, which is located on the south side of the river and which extends two or three miles above the city. It will entail the dredging for about miles of canals and several miles of lateral ditches. This project embraces 2,273 acres of bottom land and will make of the section of the river directly across from this city a veritable paradise in the way of dairy land. About four miles of canals are complete and it is thought that without further delay the work will not occupy more than two months longer. The main canal follows the channel of what is supposed to have been the old river and will be fitted with the usual tide gates. Including the last assessment, this project has cost \$28,423, and the end is not yet.

The third, the Harlocker project, is practically a private plan of increasing the value and productiveness of a progressive farmer's land. It was started by L. Harlocker, of this city, for the purpose of draining his farm about five miles below town. He was joined by several neighbors, who have agreed to stand a portion of the expense.

This project embraces 651 acres of land and has cost \$2,000. The cost of digging lateral ditches from the main canal through the land will perhaps aggregate \$1,000 more, the entire system cost about \$3,000. There will be about one mile of lateral ditches when the project is complete. The main ditch is between 26 and 30 feet in width.

### Commission Orders Rates Reduced.

Salem—Having found that rates on apples and green fruits in less than carload lots as charged jointly by the Corvallis & Eastern railroad and Southern Pacific company between Gates and Portland were unreasonable and unjust, the railroad commission made an order universally reducing the rates 2 1/2 cents on a 100 pounds. The rates on the same commodities between Gates and Salem were likewise ordered reduced, the order to take effect within 20 days. The former rate on apples between Gates and Salem was reduced from 35 cents to 32 1/2 cents a 100 pounds. The rate on green fruits in less than car load lots from Gates to Portland was reduced from 43 to 40 1/2 cents a 100 pounds and between Gates and Salem from 42 to 39 1/2 cents a 100 pounds.

### The Investigation was made on complaint of A. H. Hudson of Gates.

### Title Company to Improve.

Salem—The Salem Title & Mercantile company is preparing for an unusually busy season. The company will run its factory both summer and winter and will enlarge on the present quarters so as to more than double the previous output. Five thousand dollars will be spent on the plant, making it the best in the state, and capable of handling any business.

### Charges are Made Against K. H. O'Brien of Wallowa Reserve.

Baker City—Trouble between the sheepmen of this section and the forestry officials has reached an acute stage and there is every probability that the grievance of the Baker-Union Counties Woolgrowers' association will be appealed to the officials at Washington. A meeting was held in this city between K. H. O'Brien, of the Wallowa reserve, and District Forester Chapman, and the woolgrowers of this section. The growers allege that last year the officials agreed to allow on the Wallowa reserve 125,000 sheep from Wallowa county and 150,000 from Baker and Union counties, but only 65,000 sheep were admitted from Walla Walla and 69,000 from Baker and Union counties. The sheepmen now ask that the original limit be established again and the larger number of sheep admitted.

Serious charges are made against K. H. O'Brien, of the Wallowa reserve, the sheepmen believing and intimating that Mr. O'Brien's business interests, his relationship commercially, socially and financially are of such a nature that he is unduly influenced in matters pertaining to the range. The sheepmen demanded of Mr. Chapman that they have a hearing on these allegations and that he give a decision. All complaints were reduced to writing and Mr. Chapman took the case under advisement. It is generally believed that the meeting is merely the foundation for an appeal by the sheepmen to Washington.

### Stockmen Will Organize.

Lakeview—A meeting has been called for February 25, by the stockmen of Lake county, to talk over the proposed formation of a stockmen's association. This meeting will be held at the court house in Lakeview. One of the speakers will be Forest Supervisor Guy M. Ingram, of the Fremont national forest. While Lake county has been one of the best stock counties in the West, there has been little effort on the part of stockmen to get together.

### Franchise to Lakeview Company.

Lakeview—The Lakeview & Pine Creek Electric company has been granted a franchise by the common council here, to run for 33 years. This is the second company that has been granted a franchise by the council since November 1. The former company built many miles of line and set a considerable number of poles for further extensions.

### Big Profit on Farm.

Tillamook—The 158-acre farm known as the old Mills place on the Wilson river was sold last week by Joseph Durrer to Ben Jacobs for \$22,000. Mr. Durrer bought this ranch three years ago for \$8,000. Mr. Jacobs has been a renter of the ranch for the past three years, and knows what it will produce. This speaks well for Tillamook county real estate.

### Will Plow by Steam.

Stanfield—M. A. Mills has ordered a 70-horse power traction engine, which he will use in farming his large ranch.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices—Bluestem, \$1.15; club, \$1.07; red Russian, \$1.04 @1.06; valley, \$1.05; 40-fold, \$1.10. Barley—Feed and brewing, \$2.28 @2.50 ton.

Corn—Whole, \$35; cracked, \$36 ton. Oats—No. 1 white, \$31 @31.50 ton. Hay—Track prices—Timothy: Willamette valley, \$19 @20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21 @22; alfalfa, \$17 @18; California alfalfa, \$16 @17; clover, \$16; grain hay, \$17 @18.

Fresh Fruits—Apples, \$1.25 @3 box; pears, \$1.50 @1.75; cranberries, \$8 @9 per barrel.

Potatoes—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 70 @80c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2 1/2 @2 3/4c per pound.

Vegetables—Artichokes, \$1.25 per dozen; cabbage, \$2 per hundred; cauliflower, \$1.75 per dozen; celery, \$4 per crate; sprouts, 9c per pound; squash, 2c; tomatoes, \$3.25 @3.50 per crate; turnips, \$1.25 per sack; rutabagas, \$1 @1.25; carrots, \$1; beets, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.50 per sack. Butter—City creamery extras, 37 @39c; fancy outside creamery, 35 @37c per pound; store, 20 @22 1/2c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound, under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 28 @29c per dozen. Pork—Fancy, 11 @12c per pound. Poultry—Hens, 17 1/2 @18c; springs, 17 1/2 @18c; ducks, 20 @23c; geese, 13 @14c; turkeys, live, 23 @24c; dressed, 27 @30c; squabs, \$3 per dozen.

Cattle—Best steers, \$5.50; fair to good steers, \$4.50 @5; strictly good cows, \$4.50; fair to good cows, \$3.75 @4; light calves, \$5 @5.50; heavy calves, \$4 @5; bulls, \$3.50 @3.75; stage, \$3 @4.

Hogs—Top, \$9 @9.25; fair to good hogs, \$8.50 @8.75. Sheep—Best wethers, \$5.50; fair to good wethers, \$4.50 @5.50. Hides—1909 crop, prime and choice, 20 @21 1/2c; 1908s, 17 1/2c; 1907s, 11 1/2c per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16 @23c per pound; mohair, choice, 25c. Cascara bark—4 1/2 @5 pound. Hides—Dry hides, 18 @18 1/2c per pound; dry kip, 18 @18 1/2c; dry calf skin, 19 @21c; salted hides, 10 @10 1/2c; salted calfskin, 15c pound; green, 1c less.

## CALHOUN DEFENDS WOMEN.

### Thinks Maids and Mothers Need as Much Consideration as Birds.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 11.—William J. Calhoun, United States Minister to China, appeared before the Supreme court of Illinois today, in appeal to have that body overrule a decision bearing upon the ten hour day for women.

Judge Tuthill last July held the law limiting the working day to ten hours unconstitutional on the ground that it infringes on women's right to contract for the hire of her labor.

Minister Calhoun was one of the large number of Chicago men and women opposing the decision who appeared before the Supreme court. The minister to China told the court that he would confine his address to a single phase of the case—its humanitarian or commonsense side.

"I am not a radical or a socialist, or an anarchist," he said, "and I don't even belong to the so-called 'uplift movement,' of which we have heard so much recently. But I do take sufficient notice of some of the abuses which exist in this highly and artificially developed civilization of ours, and which call aloud for correction.

"In the doctrine of the freedom of contract there is more of fiction than morality. When men and women are dependent upon their daily wages; when they are face to face with poverty all the time; when the loss of a day's work and a day's wage means not enough money to pay rent, or not enough to buy food, it is not fair, it is not common sense, to say that they enjoy any freedom of contract for the sale of their labor.

"Many women in their struggles for food and shelter, yes, and for life itself, are willing—even eager—to work long hours every day in the week and every week in the year, year in and year out, until their bodies break under the strain. But the wishes of such women should not be allowed to militate against the welfare of woman kind and mankind in general. When a woman, be she maid or mother, has worked in a factory ten long hours, she has trilled the limit the laws of this country should allow.

"But should the selfish desire of a few men to sell goods, to grind out more orders, be allowed to stifle the needful demand of maidenhood and motherhood?"

State Attorney Wayman, of Chicago, who also asked the Supreme court to set aside the ruling of Judge Tuthill, declared that the legislature should have power to protect human beings, as it has the power to protect animals.

"The legislature, we are told, has no right to protect women from the necessity of being forced to work 24 hours a day," he said. "Yet it can protect quail and grouse and prairie chickens. It is an absurd legal proposition."

Attorney Haynie, representing the Illinois Manufacturers' association, argued for upholding the decision of Judge Tuthill.

## MRS. SAGE SCATTERS MONEY.

### Distributes Thousands Among Charitable Institutions of Texas.

Galveston, Feb. 11.—About ten or 12 eleemosynary institutions and charitable societies are the beneficiaries of the Russell Sage millions in amounts ranging from \$100 to \$25,000 by reason of a visit from Mrs. Russell Sage to Texas. She denied herself to all newspaper interviews. Major Slocum, said to be her nephew, with his wife, is accompanying Mrs. Sage.

The reported contributions to charitable causes amount to something between \$140,000 and \$150,000, but the list is not complete as there are several donations ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 not given out.

A charitable ward in a large hospital in El Paso is to receive \$25,000. An orphan asylum in Uvalde county gets \$20,000, and a sanitarium fund for tuberculosis patients near Brackettville will be swelled \$25,000; Del Rio home for homeless children receives \$15,000, and \$10,000 goes for a sanitarium at Boerne and Pecos, and \$15,000 for a hospital for consumptives.

## Queen Lit Gives Up.

### Chicago, Feb. 11.—Ex-Queen Liliuokalani, of Hawaii, arrived in Chicago today from Washington, where she made her last and futile plea to have congress compensate her for the crown lands which were taken from her by the United States government at the time of the island revolution in 1893. Discouraged in her mission and broken down in health, the former ruler, who has reached the age of three score and ten, is going back to the land of her former splendor, where the people still call her Queen.

## Each Leaves Big Estate.

### San Francisco, Feb. 11.—Through a petition for letters of administration filed in the Superior court here today it was learned that three members of the same family had died within a period of ten days, each leaving an estate valued at \$10,000. The wife and mother, Mrs. Theresa Kane, died first, and she was followed to the grave three days later by the husband and father, Patrick Kane, while James Kane, the 63-year old son, was the last.

## Big \$9,000,000 Melon Cut.

### Philadelphia, Feb. 11.—The shareholders of the United Gas & Improvement company, at a special meeting here today voted to cut a \$9,000,000 melon. They agreed to a 10 per cent dividend, payable in stock.

Cotton mills now under construction or about to be constructed in the South represent an outlay of about \$20,000,000.

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