

NEWS OF NORTHWEST

WASHINGTON, IDAHO, MONTANA AND OREGON NEWS ITEMS.

A Few Interesting Items Gathered From Our Exchanges of the Surrounding Country—Numerous Accidents and Personal Events Take Place—Fall Trade Is Good.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

Ed Bloom, who committed suicide in the penitentiary at Walla Walla, was well known in Spokane.

While at work with a hay press on the farm of Mr. Ramey, three miles east of Tekoa, Leland Wheedon, a 13-year-old boy, had his right foot caught in the machine and crushed to a pulp.

Two men were killed and three severely injured by the premature explosion of dynamite at a railway construction work camp near Kennewick.

An advance of \$1 is noted in the price list issued Monday by the Spokane lumber combine over the previous lists.

Grain bags are selling at higher prices than for many years. The best wheat sacks bring 11 cents, while oat sacks sell for 10-12 cents. A large number of farmers are preparing to handle their wheat in bulk this season, thus dispensing with the expense of buying and handling sacks.

While Mrs. Getty, her daughter and a woman friend were sitting in the Getty home on the ranch 10 miles from Ferry, a drunken saloon keeper attempted to force his way into the house. Mrs. Getty warned him and when he tried to crawl through a window, killed him with a rifle bullet.

More than \$1,000 worth of stolen goods cover a long table at the Tacoma police station.

The farmers around Palouse are in a quandary as to what variety of wheat to seed on summer fallowed land this fall.

Settlement of the death claim of George H. Curtice, a victim of the Camden wreck on the Great Northern several days ago, has established a precedent in the state of Washington for death cases by that company. Mrs. Stella M. Curtice, living in Spokane, widow of the deceased, will receive \$15,000. Similar claims settled by the Great Northern have not exceeded \$6,500.

Scarcity of hay in Kittitas valley and high price of grain sacks force farmers to cut wheat which would run 40 to 50 bushels to the acre for hay, which is now bringing \$13 per ton.

The Northern Pacific Railway company has filed with the railroad commission formal objection to the order of the commission relating to joint wheat rates together with a brief in favor of modification of the order.

Three miles north of Garfield the engineer of a passenger train discovered a burning bridge, put on the brakes and stopped the train in time to avert an accident. As it happened, the tank car, baggage and mail and smoking coaches were precipitated over the bank and burned. No one was injured.

IDAHO NOTES.

Word was received at St. Maries that Peter Basoa, better known as Indian Pete, stabbed and perhaps fatally wounded a tribesman known as Long Timothy, who is under the shadow of the law for horse stealing.

Stanley Newman was severely bitten by a rabid dog at Lewiston while he and Dudley Gilman were trying to capture the roving animal. Newman ended his life with a bullet.

For more than an hour at Lewiston Saturday the thermometer registered 107 degrees, the hottest day of the year.

When completed the Culebras branch of the Northern Pacific will be one of the most remarkable pieces of construction work in the entire system. In the first 19 miles out the road climbs higher than on any other 19 miles on the main system. Between Culebras and the top of the hill the road will pass through six tunnels, travel twice the air line distance, and attain an altitude of more than half a mile above the level of the sea. One of these six tunnels will be but a few feet less than 1,000 feet long, and besides containing a horseshoe curve will be the backbone of a switchback seven miles long. The cuts along the uphill grade will be among the heaviest on the entire Northern Pacific system.

At Burke, Delia, aged 6 years, daughter of Frank Cavaness, who fell into a wash boiler of boiling water, died from her scalds.

Wallace is literally surrounded by forest fires, and daily for the last week quantities of valuable timber throughout the district have gone up in smoke. It is impossible to estimate the damage.

Mr. Corbin's Spokane & International railroad is now in Sandpoint.

The Coeur d'Alene chamber of commerce has promised Swedish Lutherans a bonus of \$25,000 and 10 acres for the location of a \$100,000 college.

John O. Peters, a prominent merchant of Council, has been arrested on a charge of arson in the first degree.

The Umatilla county court has appropriated \$1,000 to the district fair association to provide a county exhibit at the fair September 24 to 29. This makes a total of \$2,500 available.

OREGON NOTES.

That the expected unprecedented

hop crop of Oregon will fail to materialize is the belief of conservative hopmen. That it will fall below early estimates, it is declared, is a certainty, and that it may be even smaller than that of last year is not wholly unexpected.

After being out about 29 minutes, the jury in the case of Cal D. Barnard, charged by the government with perjury, returned a verdict of guilty. In the federal court at Portland, but recommended the defendant to the clemency of the court.

The city of Freewater voted against the charter to authorize the sale of intoxicating liquors within the corporate limits and to empower the city council to license saloons, by a decisive vote of 52 to 11, recently.

MONTANA NEWS.

The racing at the Montana state fair this year will be better than it has been in the past, both in the number of even entries in the stake events and the quality of the horses.

The Great Falls wool market has closed business for the year.

Lovers of the fistic art will hail with delight the announcement that Mike (Twin) Sullivan, of Boston, and Jack Dougherty, the speedy mitt slinger from Milwaukee, have been signed to box in Butte Labor Day.

Arrangements for the county fair, which will be held September 25, 27 and 28 in Anaconda are fast being completed.

The plan for having Miles City and Lewistown act together in giving their street carnivals during the coming fall meets with favor in both cities.

Gov. Toole has granted a full pardon to Thomas Tighe, convicted in Broadwater county April 4, 1903, of manslaughter, and sentenced to a term of six years in the penitentiary. He had a year to serve.

A German count, traveling incognito under the name of Albert Becker, spent last Saturday in Butte.

A shocking accident occurred recently at Spring Hill, 15 miles north of Bozeman. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker was playing near a large washing machine full of boiling water when she in some way succeeded in pulling out the plug which held the water, and before any one could rescue her she was so badly scalded that she died in a few hours.

The first of the construction work in enlarging the Boston & Montana smelter in Great Falls has been started.

An unusually hot spell prevailed in Montana nearly all last week. Sunday the government thermometer at Miles City registered 106, and the one at Havre 102 degrees, these places being the hottest in the state.

The body of Dave Grennell, the railroad man who died at White Fish, was taken to Plains for interment. He was a freight conductor on the Great Northern, and was clearing up a wreck when he sustained injuries which caused his death.

Mrs. William J. Evans, living five miles east of Anaconda, is dead.

The twentieth annual session of the Montana conference of the Methodist Episcopal church is being held at Billings this week.

At St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada, recently, Mr. Maillet, who died, was one of Montana's first white settlers. He came to what now is known as the Butter Root valley in 1855.

The picnic of the Modern Woodmen of America in Missoula last Sunday was one of the greatest affairs of its kind in the history of the state.

OPERATION FOR SULTAN.

He Missed Weekly Prayers for the First Time.

Constantinople.—The sultan, who has been ill for three weeks, was unable to attend the selamluk.

This is unprecedented, the sultan never having failed to perform the Friday prayers during the 30 years of his reign.

Professor Bergmann, the famous German surgeon, has been summoned to attend him and it is presumed that a slight operation is necessary.

Navy Short of Men.

Lack of officers in the navy is emphasized just now, when applications are in for leave of absence for a short time during the hot months. Most of these requests have been refused, as there are not enough officers to go round. Some of the ships are without their full quota and there is a demand for officers to fill the details ashore and in the various bureaus.

In Bad Hands.

An incredible state of affairs reigns at Warsaw and at Lodz, in Russia. The inhabitants are at the mercy of bandits and terrorists. Murders and robberies, reports of which are not published, occur daily. The authorities apparently are powerless. At Lodz today six terrorists attacked a German factory owner and his clerk, who, returning from the bank, shot and killed both, and decamped with \$700.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

San Francisco is humming and the rebuilding of the city goes on at a rapid rate.

The steamship companies have acceded to the demands of the stevedores' union, which demands 50 cents an hour for a day of nine hours and 75 cents for overtime.

Mad Mullah's Bloody Raid.

The correspondent at Aden of the London Daily Mail reports that the mad mullah has raided the Somali border, killing more than 1,000 of the Rare Haron tribe, dwelling in the Oga region, and capturing 10,000 camels.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

SHORT TELEGRAPH ITEMS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE GLOBE.

A Review of Happenings in Both Eastern and Western Hemispheres During the Past Week—National, Historical, Political and Personal Events.

At Maysville, I. T., recently, Dr. Patterson shot and instantly killed Dr. Herrod.

The case of the railways against the ticket scalpers of Omaha and Lincoln, Neb., has been decided by Judge Garland of the federal court and the injunction asked for against the brokers was granted.

A severe earthquake lasting two seconds occurred at San Remo recently. The population was panic stricken. Slighter shocks occurred at Bordighera and Golferodiz.

The Finnish senate has ordered the withdrawal of the red guard from the country and a petition to the emperor is being prepared in favor of the re-establishment of the old Finnish army of eight battalions for the purpose of restoring the authority of the new Finnish government among the masses.

Brodie L. Duke of Durham, N. C., of the American Tobacco company, has been granted a decree of divorce from Alice Webb Duke, whom he married in December, 1904.

R. O. Blair, wanted by the Denver police for participation in a big diamond robbery in New York City some time ago, has been arrested in Seattle by detectives, who found their man at the race track.

William J. Bryan, accompanied by his wife and daughter, Colonel Wetmore and Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap, are in Paris.

John A. Cooke, former clerk of the circuit court in Chicago, who was found guilty of irregularities in handling the funds of the office, has been sentenced to an indeterminate term not to exceed five years, in the penitentiary.

The navy department has just been informed by the naval academy of the first violation of the so-called anti-leaving law of April 9, 1906. This report gives the names of four or five midshipmen who are considered worthy of dismissal.

The president has ordered Secretary Bonaparte to send to Oyster Bay a full report on the alleged furnishing of bad meat and breadstuffs to navy yards by contractors.

Colvin B. Brown of San Francisco is in New York to open an eastern bureau of the California promotion committee in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel.

The fourth class at the naval academy will consist of only 200 members, making it the smallest class at the academy since 1903.

Judge Lawrence has refused to issue an order requiring Mayor Tom Johnson of Cleveland to replace the corporation street car tracks he recently tore up to make room for a competitive line.

W. H. Whiteman, former judge of the supreme court of Arizona, is dead.

A new labor union to be known as the United Teamsters of America has been formally launched as the rival of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

A lyncher has been sent to prison for 15 years in North Carolina. First conviction of the kind in the history of the state.

Strike at Leland Stanford university has been settled on open shop basis and reconstruction work has been resumed.

Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railway has decided to dispense with telegraphers and handle trains by use of automatic block signals and telephones.

The university professors of St. Petersburg and other higher educational establishments have adopted a resolution in favor of the unrestricted admission of Jews.

Santa Monica, Cal.—Acting on the theory that the young woman found murdered in Temescal canyon was brought down to the beach, officers and detectives are carrying their investigation into the vicinity of Calabasas, a few miles above.

The Claus Spreckles mansion at San Francisco is to be restored at an expenditure of \$800,000.

Secretary Taft, accompanied by Brigadier General Bell, chief of staff, will make a tour of inspection in the middle west early in the fall.

Representative and Mrs. Longworth have arrived from Europe. They are at Sagamore Hill and will remain the guests of President Roosevelt for several days, when they will proceed to Cincinnati by way of Washington.

At Rio de Janeiro is being held an educational convention. Its object is to reform the system of education throughout the republic. Speakers today cited the system prevailing in the United States as a model.

Theater Men Defy Law.

Louisville, Ky.—In defiance of orders of the board of public safety to keep the house closed Sunday, the managers of the Avenue theater opened under disadvantages. Police were stationed at the doors to keep the actresses from entering. Some of the actors and several persons had entered before the police arrived and the other actors were piloted into the theater by way of the roof.

CAUSES ANOTHER SUICIDE.

Chicago's Bank Failure Proving a Bad One.

Chicago.—Frank Kowalski, paying teller of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank, which failed Monday, and for some time assistant receiving teller in addition to his other duties, shot and killed himself at his home. Criticism by neighbors and lifelong friends who accused him of a share in the downfall of the bank, is believed to have driven Kowalski to his death.

Kowalski has complained bitterly of the suspicions of his friends, and declared that unless his character was speedily cleared he would take his own life.

Kowalski's relatives are firm in the belief that he was innocent of any wrong doing in the management of the bank.

Kowalski was 30 years old and had worked for the bank for 13 years.

While the coroner was holding an inquest over the body of Kowalski a crowd of angry foreign men and women gathered about the house and created a demonstration. A Polish man and woman entered the house and hurled at the family, shook their fists at the body and cursed the memory of the young man.

The crowd tore the wreath of crape from the door and crushed it in the gutter. The excitement grew to a riot, when the police subdued it with clubs.

More Than One Thief.

All theories that Paul O. Stensland was the sole forger of the \$1,000,000 worth of crooked notes in the looted Milwaukee Avenue State bank have been smashed.

At least three other men in addition to the crooked president are thought to have been engaged in the production of bogus signatures.

The big forger, it is said, is Cashier Hering. The authorities now believe his hand planned the signatures to over \$500,000 worth of crooked paper.

The first thing to make the inquisitors certain was the discovery of a bogus \$10,000 note with the name of M. A. Labay attached to it.

When confronted with the signature and charged with its execution, Hering became embarrassed.

IMPOSTER IN RUSSIAN CAMP.

Fake Officer of Reds Gets Military Secrets.

There have been many frequent cases in the central Russian provinces of the revolutionary agitators wearing the uniform of an aide de camp of the emperor going through the country announcing to the ignorant peasantry that the emperor has decreed the distribution of all land, but that the nobles and landlords were preventing the news from reaching the peasants, and instructing them to take what the emperor has given.

A still bolder fraud has been exposed at Kharkov which illustrates the deceptions to which the revolutionists are resorting in order to penetrate the military secrets of the government, and to open up channels for their propaganda in the army. Some time ago a man appeared at the headquarters of the commander of the Kharkov garrison, representing himself as Lieutenant Pojotsky, aide de camp of General Sukhomlinoff, commander of the military district of Kiev, in which Kharkov lies. He presented what appeared to be an official document, authorizing him to transmit orders regarding the disposition of troops.

The idea of questioning the man's authority never seemed to have entered the mind of the commander of the garrison, who received him with the greatest attention, and turned over for his inspection all military documents in his possession.

For several weeks "Lieutenant Pojotsky" was entertained by the officers, was a prominent figure at the military reviews, and personally accompanied several "punitive" expeditions into the country. When he left it was with full military honors.

Later, in the course of correspondence of General Sukhomlinoff, it was discovered the man was an imposter. In consequence of this the commander of the garrison has received a scathing reprimand, and general orders have been issued from the war department warning garrison commanders through out the empire to beware of similar tricks of the revolutionists.

In addition to the military information which the revolutionary "Lieutenant" secured, M. Kharitonienka, a rich land owner, mourns the loss of \$8,000, which he willingly loaned to the dashing young "aide de camp" of General Sukhomlinoff.

Tore Big Bridge Down.

Duluth.—The steamer Troy collided with a span of the Interstate bridge and precipitated it into the channel on both sides of the center pier. Navigation to and from the upper harbor, which was most active, and a portion of the head of the lakes are blocked. It is impossible for even a tug to pass. Traffic between Duluth and Superior is cut off.

The Great Northern owns the bridge, which is one of the longest draw spans in the world. Forty steamers are bottled in the upper harbor.

Uncle Sam's Boys Killed.

First Lieutenant John F. James and two privates of the Eighth infantry, with Contract Surgeon Calvin Snyder and Internal Revenue Collector Williams of Illinois, were killed in a hand to hand fight with a force of Puljanas at Julita, island of Leyte. The detachment, which numbered 10 men, was greatly outnumbered, but made a gallant fight. The Puljanas captured three pistols, four Krag-Jorgensen rifles and 300 rounds of ammunition.

SHOT AT GRAND DUKE

NICHOLAS NICHOLAIEVITCH TARGET FOR SOLDIERS.

The Poor Marksmanship on Part of Crack Soldiers of Emperor Marked His Escape—Royal Family Startled—Have Changed Their Plans—Troopers Exhibiting in Sham Battle.

Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholasievitch, marked for deliberate assassination, escaped bullets from one of the crack corps of the army Saturday only because the marksmanship was poor.

The attempt was made during the army maneuvers. The grand duke, who is president of the council of national defense, clearly heard the bullets buzz by his head.

The affair has startled the imperial family and the plans of the czar have been changed.

Though several arrests have been made, responsibility for the shots fired at Grand Duke Nicholas has not definitely brought home to any particular culprit. It was only after a long investigation that it was determined that the ball cartridges were fired by the first battalion of sharpshooters, one of the elite corps of the Russian army. Suspicion was directed toward the "one year volunteer" recruits who, in consideration of their educational qualifications and social position, escaped with only one year instead of four years' service. Many of these men are ex-students of universities and are the principal spreaders of the revolutionary propaganda among the troops.

The officers of the regiments involved are extremely reticent concerning the affair, but from a member of the grand duke's escort the Associated Press learned that the incident occurred during a movement of the Ismailovsky guard, and the guard sharpshooters against a position held by the Semenovskiy regiment. Grand Duke Nicholas was sitting his charger and observing the maneuver from the top of an entrenchment.

The troops were advancing by short rushes in open order across a wide, level field, firing blank volleys by squads as they came. A few yards behind the grand duke was his suite, including General Zarubaeff, second in command of the guard corps, adjutants and orderlies and several civilians, including Countess Nirod.

Suddenly, when the first echelon of the attacking force, consisting of sharpshooters, was from 450 to 500 yards distant, a bullet sang high overhead, followed by another and still another. The cry was raised, "They are firing ball," and the group was thrown into great confusion. After frantic signaling, "Cease firing" was sounded, but the shots continued for some time. Grand Duke Nicholas remarked when he rejoined his suite: "It would be more realistic if the troops always fired ball during the maneuvers, but this is unpardonable negligence."

Czar Is Uneasy.

The bold attempt on the grand duke's life caused an immediate change in the plans of the emperor, who had arranged to go to Krasnoye-Selo and spend a week with the soldiers of his imperial guards.

The impatience of the conspirators and assassins led them to open fire at such a distance as to frustrate their object. Before the maneuvers began all the ball cartridges were taken from the troops and the officers had taken the precaution to make a complete examination of the cartridge pouches of the soldiers before the movement of the troops began.

Preparing for Big Crowds.

There is more work going on now at the grounds of the Spokane Interstate fair than ever before at this time of year, since the year that the fair was moved to its present location in the eastern limits of the city. The handsome grandstand has been enlarged and nearly doubled in capacity and men are at work building the new exposition building, which will be used by the 150,000 club of Spokane for its home industry display, and for the entertainment and vaudeville features which will be given each evening.

R. W. Fisk, a contractor of Helena, Mont., is in Spokane to study the manner of construction of the new grandstand. He has a contract for building a \$15,000 grandstand for the Montana state fair at Helena. The architect followed closely the plan of the Spokane building and now the management of the Montana fair has sent Mr. Fisk to Spokane to learn more in detail the manner of construction. Mr. Fisk says it is one of the finest grandstands he has seen.

Alfonso to Visit Scotland.

King Alfonso and Queen Victoria arrived in Cowes for a visit to Lord Leith of Fyvie (Alexander Forbes-Leith), in Scotland, where King Alfonso will indulge in some shooting. Lady Leith was Miss Marie January of St. Louis.

All Kentucky Went "Dry."

The wave of moral reform that has recently passed over Kentucky culminated in the enforcement of nearly all of the existing Sunday closing laws and as a result nearly every part of the state was actually "dry" as a desert.

MINING NEWS.

According to a statement made today by Stanley A. Easton, manager of the Bunker Hill & Sullivan mine and mill at Kellogg, Idaho, the company's plant for working over its immense tailings dump of a million tons will be ready for operation November 1. The plant will have a capacity of 1,000 tons of tailings a day. The tailings, it has been calculated, will run between \$2.50 and \$4.50 a ton, gross.

Pay ore is being taken from the Cracker Jack mine near Buffalo Hump.

The long tunnel in the Barnes-King mine at Kendall, Mont., will be completed, and the ore bodies in the north end of the property, located a year ago by means of the diamond drill, will be available. The tunnel extends 5,000 feet and is the largest engineering undertaking yet carried out in the camp. The Kendall mine will also be taking out ore from the new bodies, reached through workings from the new shaft, within a short time, and both mines will begin taking out higher grade ore at about the same time.

Shipments of ore from Rossland, B. C., last week were somewhat lower than for the week previous, as the larger mines are paying attention chiefly to development work and the additions to their working facilities.

Today was payday for the large mining and smelting concerns in the Boundary, B. C. district, the amount of cash to be distributed by them and a few days later by the railway companies, who haul the ores and mining supplies and smelters' products, being about the same as last month, namely, about \$200,000.

John Sullivan committed suicide at Eureka by touching off a stick of giant powder and standing over it until the explosion occurred.

The Cascade Mining company, which has been running a hydraulic plant near Liberty, in the Swack district, near Ellensburg, Wash., has ceased operations. For several years the company has actively pushed operations with the largest and best equipped hydraulic outfit in the northwest. Gold was found, but not in sufficient quantity to make the proposition a paying one.

Resumption of silver coinage means a big boom in silver mine product and allied metals.

Development will be resumed soon on the property of the Capitol Mining company near Wallace, Idaho.

The three compartment shaft, which is to be the main working shaft of the Granby mine near Phoenix, B. C., is being rapidly pushed forward.

A survey is to be made of the upper tunnel of the Tamarack & Chesapeake mine, near Wallace, Idaho, and the tunnel is being cleared for this purpose.

The East Hecla Group Mining company has just been organized to develop 24 claims adjoining the Hecla and Gertie mines near Burke, Idaho. Some work has been done.

About \$700 worth of placer gold was brought into Wallace by the Hauck brothers, who are operating placer claims on Placer Gulch, near Wallace, Idaho. The largest quartz nugget weighed 350.

The East Butte Extension Mining company has just acquired some more mineral land in the immediate vicinity of the properties operated by the company near Butte, Mont. It now owns about 90 acres of land in all.

The old Ruby mine, near Conconully, Wash., is to be again operated by the Plant & Callahan Mining company, which has been incorporated with a capital of \$6,000,000. Several claims adjacent to the mine have been acquired by the company.

The installation of the new smelting works of the British Columbia Copper company, at Boundary, B. C., is expected to be completed inside of two months. The smelting plant will have a capacity of from 1000 to 1500 tons a day.

SPORTING NEWS.

Battling Nelson has been matched with Joe Gans for a finish fight at Goldfields early in September.

Kid Hermann of Chicago was given the decision over Benny Yanger in a glove contest at Indianapolis at the end of the tenth round before 3,500 persons at the baseball park.

Frank Payne of Tacoma Saturday captured the Pacific northwest international tennis championship by defeating the former champion, W. A. McBurney of Spokane, in the challenge match.

Worcester, Mass.—Fighting for the place from the beginning of the mile and a half straight away race for the international honors in the four-oared race on Lake Quinsigamond today, Dan Murphy's quartet, representing the Portland Rowing club of Portland, Oregon, pulled against four of the fastest crews on the continent, landing in second place, close behind the Nonpareils of New York, and two lengths ahead of the Ravenswood crew of Long Island City, four lengths ahead of the Winnipeg men and seven lengths ahead of the Metropolitans. It was the most interesting race of the day at the 34th annual regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, and was witnessed by thousands of persons, who cheered the plucky Pacific coasters on their skill and brawn in strange waters, 4,000 miles from home.

Jimmy—Wouldn't the boss let you off to go to your grandmother's funeral?

Johnny—Nope; said he wouldn't even give me a day to go on my own. —New York Sun.