

WEEK'S NEWS FROM NEIGHBORING CITIES

BRIEF OUTLINE OF CURRENT EVENTS ON THE PACIFIC SLOPE

Condensed Resume of the Week's Happenings
Covering Events of Interest From Nearby Places—Will Allow Rapid Scanning

Crippled Freighter Safe
SAN FRANCISCO, March 3.—With her tall shaft broken and her propeller gone, the freighter Lewis Luckenbach was towed into Acapulco by a United States cruiser.

\$5 Limit on Gowns
STOCKTON, March 3.—To set a record for economy, high school girls will this year limit the cost of material for graduation gowns to \$5. Last year girls were allowed \$6.

San Francisco Bars Free Meals
SAN FRANCISCO, March 3.—The municipal dining rooms have been closed because of lack of funds. More than 2000 stood in line in a drenching rain at the last breakfast.

Falls 200 Feet to Death
SAN FRANCISCO, March 3.—George Anderson, a stevedock, while at work painting one of the domes surmounting a flagstaff on the Standard Oil building, fell 200 feet to the pavement and was instantly killed.

14 in Oregon Gubernatorial Race
PORTLAND, Ore., March 3.—Fourteen candidates have signified their intentions of running for the various party nominations for governor of Oregon in the coming May primary. Several others are considering the question of possible entry to the race.

Saw Snakes in Sky
SAN PEDRO, March 3.—Captain McDonald of the schooner William Olson, in telling of a freak storm in the South Seas February 20, said the wind dropped to a dead calm and a short time after the sky flared as if with a thousand lights resembling snakes moving about in the sky.

Altitude Record is Smashed
SAN DIEGO, March 3.—Theodore G. MacAulay, instructor at the Curtiss aviation school, smashed the American altitude record held by the late Lieut. Henry P. Post by ascending to a height of 12,139 feet. It took MacAulay fifty-three minutes to climb to the record height, and nine minutes to descend. The figures are official.

City Issues Permit for Depot
LOS ANGELES, March 3.—Marking the beginning of construction work for the new Southern Pacific station which will replace the ramshackle Arcade building, the chief inspector of buildings issued the permit for the erection of the station.

The building alone will cost \$250,000. In addition to the money for the station building, a sum that will exceed \$300,000 will be spent for the rearrangement of tracks.

Three-Day Celebration for Hermosa
HERMOSA BEACH, March 3.—Members of the chamber of commerce and board of trade are planning a mammoth three-day opening of the municipal pier and the completion of the pavilion and bandstand erected on the approach of the wharf. A program will be held, the city will close its business houses for three days, confetti battles will rage along the beach, and every chamber of commerce in Southern California will be invited to attend.

Carries Severed Arm
HOLLISTER, Cal., March 3.—Carrying a severed arm under his uninjured arm, George Miller, a ranch employe, walked into Hollister after a twenty-hour journey in quest of medical attention, during which he was forced to swim a torrential stream. When he arrived here Miller joked with bystanders and then started to walk to a hospital.

Before he arrived there he was met by an ambulance and a physician. Miller was injured while operating a circle saw near Emmet.

ROGER BACON WILL HAVE A MONUMENT

OXFORD, March 2.—Next June will be the seven hundredth anniversary of the birth of Roger Bacon, the English scholar, who may be said to have been the first man of science, in the modern sense of the word.

On the 17th of that month a statue will be unveiled in this city in memory of the great scholar. Lord Curzon is to be president of the commemorative committee, and a Roger Bacon society is to be the outcome of the day's proceedings.

Among other things, he was the pioneer of experimental science, and in 1270 he had foreseen the possibility of many of the machines and appliances now in daily use. One of the most famous passages from Bacon's works, which won attention even in his day, was discovered in a pamphlet entitled "De Secretis Naturae." This was afterward translated into English.

FREIGHTER DISABLED TWO BATTLESHIP GUNS

NEW ORLEANS, March 3.—The battleship Ohio was rammed by the British freight steamer Asterstone. Two of the Ohio's six-inch guns were put out of commission. The British ship was unharmed.

FIRST AMERICAN CAR TO WIN "GRAND PRIZE"

SANTA MONICA, March 2.—One of the greatest triumphs ever won by an American driver in a Yankee-built car Saturday lifted Edwin Pullen and his Mercer into new fame as the world's road race champions. Turning the Santa Monica course at a terrific pace for 403 miles, the smiling, quiet little driver captured the international grand prize with forty minutes to spare.

In winning, he did this also: Established a new speed record for the race, raising the figures from 74:45 to 77.3.

Turned the first thirty-five laps at an average speed of 79.2 miles per hour, exceeding Teddy Tetzlaff's world's record figures of 78.72 for the same distance.

Brought an American car in as winner for the first time in the history of the race.

The time of the first four cars was as follows:
Mercer, Pullen, 5:13:45 (average, 77.3 miles per hour).

Marmon, Ball, 5:53:23 (average, 68.4 miles per hour).

Alco, Taylor, 6:08:29 (average, 65.6 miles per hour).

Mercedes, De Palma, 6:09:08 (average, 65.5 miles per hour).

SULZER OPENS FIGHT FOR GOVERNORSHIP

ALBANY, N. Y., March 3.—Legal proceedings have been instituted in the supreme court by William Sulzer, ousted as governor of New York state, to regain his seat. A writ of mandamus has been asked to compel payment of Sulzer's salary as governor. This writ, it is believed, will be refused and the case rushed to the United States supreme court.

PARASITE WANTED TO EAT MEALY BUGS

SACRAMENTO, March 3.—H. L. Viereck, as agent of the California horticultural commission, will search Europe, Asia and Africa for parasites that will counteract the blighting effect of the mealy bug, the black, purple, red and yellow scales upon California fruits. Viereck, who has been attached to the department of agriculture at its Philadelphia station, was secured from the government by State Horticultural Commissioner A. J. Cook. Viereck's first work will be around the shores of the Mediterranean, where the greatest hope of finding beneficial parasites lies.

NEW GOOD ROAD PLAN MAPPED OUT

CONGRESS HAS MATTER UNDER THOROUGH DISCUSSION

Senate May Soon Pass This Important Bill, Which Was Passed by the House With Considerable Expedition

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Congress has the roads question under thorough discussion. From the committee on roads of the house of representatives there emerged a measure in which was embodied a consensus of opinion of the committee as a whole. The bill was passed with considerable expedition by the house, for it had been drafted quite skillfully in order to obtain a great amount of support from the thickly populated states. Two courses of action are left to the states in availing themselves of road appropriations from the central source. A state can employ its quota of the \$25,000,000, the distribution of which is based upon population and rural free delivery routes, in the construction and maintenance of whatever roads may be determined upon by its highway department in co-operation with the secretary of agriculture. The national government would bear one-half of the cost, but no construction shall commence "until the portion of the cost thereof which is to be provided otherwise than by the United States has been made available." The other plan which a state may adopt is the original Shackleford roads-mental plan for rural free delivery routes, with the highways divided into classes A, B and C—\$60, \$30 and \$15 per year per mile.

While the measure commanded much discussion in the house, it is a certainty that it will receive even greater attention in the senate, which has a tendency to pass upon all measures of a substantial expenditure character more carefully than is usually the case in the popular branch of the government. The opposing sides in the discussion, generally speaking, split on the proposition of small amounts, widely distributed over a big mileage, or a concentration of money on the most used roads.

In a recent address, Governor O'Neill of Alabama (a state wherein roads progress is just getting under way) supported the contention in these words: "In any permanent system of highway construction the experience of the most successful states admonishes us that we must by state aid construct roads that start somewhere and end somewhere. I believe when these main or trunk lines are undertaken and completed the later branches will immediately follow."

Since the A. A. National Good Roads board, through the holding of two federal aid conventions in Washington and in other ways has been an important factor in accelerating national government participation in highways progress, its members generally are greatly concerned in the subject, which is of supreme interest throughout the country.

HIRE SERVANTS BY WIRELESS IS LATEST

LONDON, March 2.—Demand for household servants in Australasia is so great, the Dominion royal commission reported, that in some cases before a ship carrying women immigrants is in sight of land a large proportion of the passengers have been engaged by wireless.

"The serious want of servants, it is asserted, affects the health of housewives, and even acts as a check upon the growth of population."

AUTOS MUST REGISTER UNDER THE NEW LAW

DECISION OF SUPREME COURT UPHOLDING REGISTRATION ACT FOR VEHICLES MAKES IMMEDIATE ACTION NECESSARY

52,000 Mark Already Passed and Requests Are Still Pouring In For Blanks—Money to Be Devoted to Upkeep of State Road System—Uniform Automobile Laws Throughout United States Urged

LOS ANGELES, March 3.—As the result of the California supreme court upholding the new automobile law, it will become known soon just how many automobiles there are in this state. With the enforcement of the registration by the police of the various sections, every car in California will be accounted for in the official lists.

Already the new registration rush is on. Thursday alone brought 800 applications for automobile, chauffeur and motorcycle licenses at the motor vehicle division of the state engineer's office at Sacramento. So heavy has become the mail that a night force has been put to work.

According to word received from Sacramento, more than 250 telegrams had been received asking for registration blanks and instructions regarding registrations. State Treasurer Roberts has issued an order for applicants to write direct to W. R. Ormsby, superintendent of the motor vehicle department at Sacramento, and save time.

52,000 Cars Registered
The registration of automobiles is now over the 52,000 mark, while 60,000 operators have received licenses. More than 16,000 motorcycles have been licensed, and over 9,000 chauffeurs have complied with the law.

The police have been waiting for the supreme court's action before beginning a campaign against the delinquent motorists. But there will be no delay further than next Thursday. At that time will begin a strict round-up of the cars to see which are carrying the proper licenses.

The county officials are preparing to enforce observance of the act. The state officials are to request action as soon as possible, so that there may be a full compliance with the law by all those affected.

The upholding of the law insures a large fund for road improvement and maintenance. It has been pointed out that under the former laws there was no provision for taking care of the state's \$18,000,000 highway system.

Ask Uniform Laws
The agitation for uniform automobile laws throughout the United States is rapidly spreading. The motor car is the object now of legislation in nearly all the states. The fees differ greatly.

The maximum is that exacted in Alabama, where \$100 is required. In most states the cost of a chauffeur's license is very reasonable, being about \$2, although in a few \$5 is exacted, but even

TAKE STEPS TO STOP RIVERS' OVERFLOW

LOS ANGELES, March 3.—Initial steps to protect the San Gabriel and Los Angeles river valleys from future damage from storm waters were taken Saturday at a conference between the county supervisors, representatives of the railroad companies and taxpayers from various parts of the river districts.

District Attorney John D. Fredericks suggested that a corps of engineers be appointed to formulate a comprehensive plan for the protection of the river districts. He suggested that the Los Angeles and San Gabriel rivers be straightened and other improvements be made according to the findings of the engineers.

Chairman Pridham of the supervisors announced that the supervisors would take immediate steps to protect the river districts from any further damages from floods. He declared that the railroads should agree to rebuild all wrecked bridges with far greater spans and of steel and reinforced concrete, to prevent clogging and damming the rivers with debris.

Several taxpayers suggested that gum and willow trees be planted along the rivers' banks to protect them from being washed away.

Captain Fredericks' idea was to form the county into an immense assessment district to finance the work of keeping the rivers within their bounds.

S. F. FIGHTS SEAMAN'S MEASURE AT CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, March 3.—That the La Follette seaman's bill will mean the absolute surrender of commerce in the Pacific to Japanese was the declaration of Captain Robert Dollar, spokesman for the San Francisco chamber of commerce and Pacific Coast Ship Owners' association, before the house merchants marine and fisheries committee.

With three other owners from San Francisco, Dollar protested against the clauses in the measure which require more skilled men aboard a ship and forbid employment of crews not speaking the same language as their officers.

TITANIC WIDOW SUES FOR \$30,000 DAMAGES

NICE, March 2.—Mme. Navratil, the Nice milliner, whose husband was lost on the ill-fated Titanic as he was fleeing to America with their two children, who were rescued, has entered suit against the White Star line for \$30,000 damages for the loss of her husband.

It will be remembered that, following the sinking of the Titanic, the two children were cared for by a New York society woman until they were identified by Mme. Navratil from photographs of them published in French newspapers. She went to America and brought the children back with her.

CONDITIONS FINE IN ORANGE GROVES

POMONA, March 3.—Preparations are being made for resumption of work at the orange packing houses here, and with the betterment of the market condition and the drying up of the ground so that picking may be commenced, fruit will be steadily shipped as soon as the railroads are in working order. The condition of the crop in Pomona valley is reported excellent, the rain having done no damage to the fruit, which is well sized, of good color and firm. The cool weather following the storm is just what is needed for the orange crop, and growers are looking forward to satisfactory returns the rest of the season.

BEACH CITY CONFERS ON L. A. ANNEXATION

SANTA MONICA, March 3.—The city council last week considered the proposition of annexing this city to Los Angeles and securing Owens river water. The report of Quinton and Code, the Los Angeles engineers, on the available water supply of Santa Monica brought up the annexation question.

Mayor Dudley does not favor annexation for the purpose of getting Owens river water, but prefers and recommends a bond issue of \$200,000 for installing mains for a fire protection system. In his opinion, local companies will be able to furnish an adequate supply of water for many years to come.

Mayor Dudley also recommends that a bond election be called to raise the necessary fund with which to equip the city with proper storm drains. The recent rain damaged the city to the amount of \$5000, as there were no drains through which the water could be carried away.

LONDON SITE SOUGHT FOR LINCOLN STATUE

LONDON, March 2.—The American colony in London is congratulating itself on the satisfactory outcome of the deputation with regard to a site for a replica of the famous Chicago statue of Abraham Lincoln, to be presented to the British people by the people of America.

Simultaneously satisfactory progress has been made with the movement for the endowment of an American ward in one of the London hospitals. At present there is not a single bed "completely endowed as an American bed" in any institution.

ENDEAVOR TO STOP FLOOD DAMAGE

HARBOR COMMISSION TO ACT WITH SUPERVISORS

Immediate Action is Necessary, Says Secretary of Commission—Many Interests Concerned in the Flood Problem

LOS ANGELES, March 3.—As directed by the harbor commission, Clarence Matson, secretary of the commission, sent the board of supervisors the following letter on the control of the San Gabriel and Los Angeles rivers:

"The interest of the city of Los Angeles, through its board of harbor commissioners, in the problem is because of the silting of Los Angeles harbor by reason of floods in these rivers. The federal government likewise has the same interest, and the city of Long Beach is similarly interested in protecting its harbor.

"From a standpoint of cost, it might be cheaper for the city of Los Angeles and the government to remove the silt brought into the harbor by floods, as is done in most other harbors, rather than to undertake to prevent silting, unless, by united effort of all concerned, the cost can be made comparatively small to each interest.

"As I view it, the following are the different interests concerned in the flood problem:

"The United States forest service, under whose jurisdiction a large portion of the watershed of both the San Gabriel and Los Angeles rivers comes.

"The irrigation farmers, who are concerned with the storage of water for irrigation, and in whose interests the floods might be spread over the wash lands where the waters leave the mountains, that the underground water level may be kept as high as possible.

"The ranchers along the rivers, who are concerned with confining the floods by straightening and dyking the river beds.

"The county highway department, concerned in protecting public roads and bridges.

"The railroad companies, concerned in protecting their bridges and rights of way.

"Private corporations, such as the Consolidated Lumber company and the Long Beach Salt works.

"If the floods are to be diverted to Alamitos bay, the owners of the land through which the diversion would be made would also need to be consulted.

"If the waters of the two rivers are not diverted to Alamitos bay, it will be necessary to make some provision to prevent silting of the harbors. The United States engineer will have to be consulted in whatever disposition is made of the waters.

"I would suggest that representatives of all the interests concerned be brought together to agree on a common project which will employ conservation, confining and diversion of the flood waters."

INCREASE DENIED IN OIL FREIGHT RATE

SAN FRANCISCO, March 3.—The railroad commission has rendered a decision denying the application of F. W. Gomp as agent for the Pacific freight traffic bureau in which the commission was asked to authorize an increase in rates of crude oil and certain by-products thereof.

The increase asked for would have affected shipments of refinery tops and petroleum engine distillate moving between Mojave and Los Angeles and between Monarch, Visalia, Hanford and Fresno.

CONDENSATION OF CURRENT EVENTS

GLEANED FROM NUMEROUS SECTIONS OF BOTH HEMISPHERES

Dispatches Picturing Developments From the Outside World Stripped of Unnecessary Details and Presented in Brief

Largest British Ship Launched

BELFAST, March 2.—The White Star liner Britannic, the largest British ship afloat, was successfully launched.

Twelve Perish in Explosion

BERLIN, March 2.—In an explosion which destroyed an aniline acid factory, twelve men were killed and eight others injured. Over 400 employees were in the building at the time of the explosion.

First Snow in Thirteen Years

ATLANTA, Ga., March 3.—Snow is falling over Georgia, with a temperature ranging from 26 to 30 degrees above. At Columbus two inches of snow covers the ground. This is the first snow in thirteen years.

Bars Change in Parcel Post

WASHINGTON, March 3.—By a vote of 24 to 33 the senate defeated the amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill taking from the postmaster-general the power to make further changes in the rates, weights and zones for the parcel post.

Find Antidote for Mercury

CHICAGO, March 3.—An antidote for bichloride of mercury poisoning is said to have been discovered by Dr. Thomas A. Carter and used successfully in the case of James L. Halley, Jr., at Elkhart, Ind. Dr. Carter is keeping his discovery a secret.

150 Warships Coming to Coast

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Plans have been completed to have 150 of the world's greatest warships assemble at Hampton Roads next year for the naval pageant through the Panama canal to the San Francisco exposition. The ships will visit Los Angeles and San Diego.

Orders Two New Battleships

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The house naval affairs committee ordered two battleships for the fiscal year of 1914 and 1915, to cost \$15,000,000. There will be six destroyers, \$1,500,000 each; one sea-going submarine, \$1,000,000; three coast defense submarines, \$630,000 each, and four harbor defense submarines, \$376,000 each.

Becker Granted New Chance

ALBANY, N. Y., March 3.—Former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, sentenced to be electrocuted for the murder of Gambler Rosenthal, was granted a new trial by the state court of appeals. Four gunmen—Harry Horowitz, alias "Gyp the Blood"; Louis Rosenberg, alias "Lefty Louis"; Frank Girofici, alias "Dago" Frank; and Frank Mueller, alias "Whitey Lewis"—must die.

Seventeen Carried in Biplane

ST. PETERSBURG, March 2.—Seventeen persons flew in one aeroplane at the same time here when Aeroplane Sikorsky carried out in his new "omni-bus" biplane a flight of eighteen minutes' duration with sixteen passengers. Total weight carried was over one ton. The aeroplane is propelled by two motors of 100-horsepower each. The wing span is over 120 feet and the length 63 feet.

Bread "Ghost" Active

HUTCHINSON, Kas., March 3.—The bread "ghost" is at it again. Twenty-nine loaves of warm bread were delivered in a sack yard at a home in Third avenue east. In other yards in Third, Fourth and Fifth avenues early risers found all the way from one to eight loaves of bread, some of it warm, and all of it appearing very fresh.

Where it comes from no one has been able to find out. For the last seven weeks persons in different parts of the city have been finding bread in their yards early in the morning. A watch set to try to find out where it comes from does not know anything, for the "spook" goes to some spot where the watch doesn't happen to be kept that night. Probably a thousand loaves have been delivered in this way. None of the bakers can find it out, and because of it being warm it is hardly probable that it is brought from some other city. It is a puzzle, but one in which the entire city is interested.

ALIEN LAWS BROKEN, DECLARES INSPECTOR

WASHINGTON, March 3.—That Japanese in large numbers are entering the United States unlawfully was the declaration of Representatives Raker and Hayes of California and Johnson of Washington before the house immigration committee. The Japanese question cropped up during consideration of the Hindu exclusion bill, despite efforts of the state department to sidetrack the issue.

Roger O'Donnell, a special inspector, testifying regarding the unlawful entry of Chinese, was asked by Hayes:

"Are Japanese doing the same thing, coming in unlawfully?"

"I think they are just as active as the Chinese and Hindus," said O'Donnell.

U. S. NOT LIABLE FOR STATE DEBTS, RULING

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Constructing a clause in the constitution which bars the states from placing taxation burdens on the United States government, the supreme court declared that the states' municipalities have not the right to tax the bonds issued by the territories of the United States.