

CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

General Resume of Important Event Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

Old line senators plan to block revision of the tariff.

The truce in Mexico will be extended to all disputed territory and is not limited in duration.

Civil service employes of Seattle have formed an organization for mutual protection and support.

"Caesar's Head," which forms the top of a high mountain in North Carolina, was overturned by an earthquake.

A woman wearing a gold anklet has appeared on the streets of Seattle, but she refused to be interviewed regarding it.

The British house of commons refused to give the house of lords an opportunity to veto the Irish home rule bill.

Western miners are raising funds for the defense of the men arrested for dynamiting the Los Angeles Times.

Twenty-two Americans are entombed by an explosion in a West Virginia mine and there is little hope for their rescue.

Out of 70 alligator eggs received from Florida by a Portland dealer in birds and animals, 56 have been successfully hatched.

Henry E. Huntington, of Los Angeles, has purchased the Gutenberg bible, the first book ever printed from movable type, for \$50,000.

Gross earnings of all United States railroads so far reported for the first half of April, 1911, show an increase over the same period last year.

Detectives declare there is no doubt that the three men arrested in the East will be identified as the ones who bought giant powder from the works near San Francisco just before the destruction of the Los Angeles Times office.

An investigation has been ordered of the Alaskan coal land deal.

Reports of poor wheat prospects in foreign countries is sending up the price.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 89¢@90¢; club, 85¢@86¢; red Russian, 84¢; valley, 85¢; 40-fold, 85¢@86¢.

Barley—Choice feed, \$27.50@28 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$23.50@24 per ton; middlings, \$31; shorts, \$25.50; rolled barley, \$29@30.

Corn—Whole, \$28; cracked, \$29 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$29@29.50 ton. Hay—Timothy, Eastern Oregon, No. 1, \$21; mixed, \$16@18; alfalfa, \$13 @15; clover, \$11.50@12.50; grain hay, \$13@15.

Apples—Fancy, \$2@2.50; choice, \$1@1.50; common, 75¢@81 per box.

Vegetables—Asparagus, \$1.50@2.50 per crate; garlic, 10¢@12¢; lettuce, 50¢ per dozen; hothouse lettuce, \$1.25 @1.50 per box; rhubarb, \$1@1.25 per box; sprouts, 9¢; carrots, 85¢@91¢ per hundred; parsnips, 85¢@81¢; turnips, 85¢@81¢; beets, 90¢@81¢.

Potatoes—Oregon, jobbing price, \$2.25 per hundred.

Onions—Jobbing prices: Oregon, \$3.50 per hundred; Australian, \$4.

Poultry—Hens, 20¢; broilers, 30¢; turkeys, 22¢; ducks, 20¢; geese, 12¢; dressed turkeys, choice, 25¢.

Eggs—Oregon, ranch, candled, 20¢ per dozen; case count, 19¢.

Veal—Fancy, 85 to 125 pounds, 11 @12¢ per pound.

Butter—City creamery extra, 1 and 2-pound prints, in boxes, 25¢ per pound; less than box lots, cartons and delivery extra.

Pork—Fancy, 10¢@10½¢ per pound. Spring lambs—10¢@11¢ per pound.

Hops—1910 crop, 19¢@20¢; 1909 crop, 13¢@14¢; contracts, 17¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, nominal, 10 @14¢ per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 14¢@15¢; mohair, choice, 35¢ per pound delivered at Portland.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$6.75@7; choice, \$6.25@6.50; good to choice, \$5.75@6; fair to good, \$5.50@5.75; common, \$4.75@5; prime cows, \$5.50 @6; good to choice, \$5@5.25; fair to good, \$4.75@5; poor, \$4@4.50; choice heifers, \$5.50@5.75; choice bulls, \$4.75@5; good to choice, \$4.50 @4.75; choice light calves, \$8.50@8.75; good to choice, \$8@8.50; fair to medium, \$7.50@8; choice heavy calves, \$5.50@6; fair to medium, \$4.75@5; choice stags, \$5.25@5.50; good to choice, \$4.50@5; fair to medium, \$4@4.50.

Hogs—Choice, \$7@7.25; good to choice, \$6.50@6.75; choice heavy, \$6.75@7; good to choice heavy, \$6@6.50; common, \$5@5.5; stock hogs, \$7.50@7.75.

Sheep—Grain-fed wethers, heavy, \$4.50@5; choice young, grain-fed, \$5 @5.25; old wethers, \$4@4.50; good to choice shorn wethers, \$4.25@4.50; choice ewes, grain-fed, \$4.50@4.75; fair to medium ewes, \$3.75@4; good to choice shorn ewes, \$3.75@4; choice lambs, grain-fed, \$5.25@5.50; choice shorn lambs, grain-fed, \$5.25@5.40; good to choice shorn lambs, grain-fed, \$5@5.25; fair to good lambs, grain-fed, \$4.75@5.25; culls, \$2.50@3.50.

REVOLT NEARLY OVER.

Mexican Insurrectos Agree to Armistice With Government.

El Paso, Tex., April 25.—Members of the peace commission last night declared that the revolution in Mexico is as good as ended. General Madero agreed to an armistice, providing the government would arrest all military operations, and a favorable reply from the City of Mexico is regarded as a foregone conclusion.

Amid the cooing of the peace dove General Navarero, from the forest of his gray whiskers, smiled a benevolent smile, and in advance of official orders released the three American prisoners, Blatt, Converse and Brown, from the Juarez jail, where they have been confined for eight weeks for participating in the revolution.

The peace mission met with General Madero in a small house just across the river from the smelter and General Madero repeated to them his statement, earlier given to the Associated Press, that he does not insist upon the resignation of President Diaz as essential to negotiations for peace. Thus the keystone of the arch of opposition to end the revolution dropped from its place.

General Madero said that all he will insist upon, in addition to the reforms already instituted, is that the people of Mexico shall have a square deal, as provided in the constitution.

Members of the commission returned to El Paso highly elated. The details of their interview with the rebel commander were not given out, but it is known that many facts hitherto unknown to General Madero were poured into his attentive ears. He has, it is said, been in almost complete ignorance of what was going on in the outside world for more than a month.

While every indication points to peace tonight, there is, of course, room for some unforeseen slip to occur. There is no obstacle in sight at present, however.

Tomorrow it is expected a modus operandi will be discussed and possibly adopted.

FILIPINOS GIVE INVITATION.

They Offer to Show Congress Fitness for Independence.

Washington—Speaker Champ Clark and other Democrats of the house of representatives who have taken interest in the Philippines were invited by Commissioner Manuel L. Queson to visit the islands as guests of the Filipinos. The invitations were extended by direction of the Philippine assembly. A cablegram received by Mr. Queson from Sergio Osmeña, speaker of the assembly, was as follows: "If Speaker Clark and other congressmen will only show them that our hospitality goes hand in hand with our high aspirations for freedom, but will give the American people an opportunity to learn the fitness of the Filipino for independence. In giving the Filipinos their independence the American people will be complying with the sacred duties they have assumed before the world and the Philippines. Such action will prompt the eternal gratitude of the Filipinos toward America, in whose justice we still have confidence. Invite them."

WILL ECLIPSE ALL RECORDS.

Portland Festival Committee Prepares for Immense Crowds.

Portland, Or.—Portland is preparing to entertain fully 250,000 visitors during the Rose Festival, June 5 to 10. This year has surpassed all others in the number of inquiries regarding rates and accommodations for the festival, as well as concerning the program of events for the week. A thorough canvass is being made of the hotels and lodging houses and the announcement is made that Portland will be amply able to house and entertain this enormous number of strangers for the celebration. Several large parties of Eastern pleasure seekers have already made arrangements to come here and spend the entire week. Some of these excursionists come from as far as New England.

Mental Workers Exempt.

Olympia, Wash.—Only those who perform manual labor come under the provisions of the eight-hour law in so far as it applies to the state of Washington and all its legal sub-taxing districts, holds Assistant Attorney General Lyle, in reply to a query propounded by State Labor Commissioner Hubbard. It does not apply to clerks, stenographers, or office help, or to guards, watchmen, nurses, attendants or foremen at the state institutions, but is for those whose occupations demand physical rather than mental exertion.

Oregon System Adopted.

St. Paul—Governor Eberhard has signed the Keefe bill, providing for the nomination of United States senators by the direct vote of the people. The measure provides that each candidate to the legislature shall take a pledge to support the senatorial candidate receiving the popular endorsement, or sign another pledge declaring his unwillingness to do so. In 1912 a senator is to be elected to succeed Knute Nelson.

Train Falls into Gorge.

Cape Town, South Africa—Twenty persons were killed when a passenger train on the Kowara railroad plunged into a rocky gorge 250 feet deep, owing to the collapse of the Blaauwkrantz bridge, 13 miles from Grahamstown. Their bodies were torn to pieces and inextricably mixed with the debris of the cars, which were ground to splinters.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

AMENT DAM IS RUSHED.

Lower Rogue River Valley May Get Water This Season.

Grants Pass—Work is rushed on the Ament dam preparatory to furnishing water for this season in the lower part of Rogue river valley. Eleven hundred barrels of cement have been ordered and a large concrete mixer will be delivered at the works this week. This machine has a capacity of 30 cubic yards a day.

A professional diver has been employed to search the river bed for the big pump that went down stream in the flood last winter and was lodged in a deep hole just below the dam site. The fishway put in recently by the state is said to be a hindrance to building a cofferdam in the progress of the work under way.

There was at first some doubt about delivery of water this year to the farmers but it is now believed that all obstacles have been overcome and that the work will be completed sufficiently to pump water to the Highland ditches on each side of Rogue river. This will mean that the districts of Fruitdale on the south and the territory lying in the valley northeast of town will be supplied.

OREGON LEADS IN MOHAIR.

Industry Started in 1867 Now One of Most Important.

Portland—"The Angora Goat and Mohair Industry of the Pacific Northwest" is the title of a book recently issued by Alva L. McDonald, secretary of the Northwest Angora Goat association. It contains the full report of the convention of the association which was held in Portland in connection with that of the woolgrowers in January last, and much valuable information relative to the industry, including a historical sketch of its growth. The first Angora goats brought to Oregon were imported by A. Cantral from California about 1867, according to this publication. Oregon is now first it is stated in the number of Angora goats and the production of mohair in the United States. The value of the annual clip approximates \$50,000. The value of the yearly increase is approximated at \$400,000. Oregon mohair commands the highest market price.

WILL HAVE MONSTER PARADE.

Portland Rose Festival Pageant Will Break All Records.

Portland—The novel street spectacle called the "Shower of Roses" which is to be a part of the next Portland Rose Festival in the week of June 5-10, will cover more than 50 city blocks or nearly three miles in the central business district of the city. While the train of six cars is moving through the main thoroughfares, the 100 young women and girls in white will keep up a continuous bombardment of roses, showering them upon spectators along the way. Specially adapted cars will be used in this train so that the thrilling spectacle can better be observed from the street. Heretofore closed cars have been used and the fair rose throwers have labored under a handicap and part of the beauty of the spectacle has been lost.

Olcott Assumes His Duties.

Salem—Ben W. Olcott was sworn in Monday morning as secretary of state to succeed Frank W. Benson and shortly afterward took charge of the office. At noon the first full board meeting of the new administration was held, when Governor West, State Treasurer Kay and Secretary Olcott met to consider minor details of the plan Governor West has been fathering in using the labor at the state institutions.

"I will devote my time to learning the details of the office and not to hiring or discharging employes," said Secretary Olcott. "Whether changes will come in the future is for future to say as at present I am endeavoring to learn the business of the office."

Klamath Owners Instructed.

Klamath Falls—Director F. H. Newell, of the United States reclamation service, has sent a circular letter to land owners of the Upper Klamath subproject setting forth what they will have to do to get that part of the great Klamath project completed and estimating the probable cost. He declares that owners of the land must sign an ironclad contract to pay all costs, regardless of what they may be. The letter is in response to inquiries.

Fraternal Orders Will Participate.

Portland—Every fraternal organization and secret society in the city is planning to have representation in the big demonstration which is to be held on one of the evenings of the forthcoming Rose Festival, June 5-10, in this city. Scores of these bodies which have uniform rank and trained drill teams will be found in the line of march.

Albany College Gets \$5,000 Gift.

Albany—News of another good donation to the endowment fund of Albany College has reached here. The donor was Ellen S. James, of New York, and the gift \$5,000.

FOREST FACTS GIVEN.

State Official Distributes Literature Urging Precautions.

Salem—As an additional inducement to the people of the state in taking steps toward the prevention of forest fires, State Forester Elliott has prepared some facts concerning Oregon forests which will be distributed in connection with the digest of the new forestry law. He says:

"Oregon has one-fifth of the standing timber of the United States, or about 500,000,000,000 feet.

"This timber is worth on the stump not less than \$600,000,000, and if manufactured will bring in over \$6,000,000,000 of outside money. It will either be manufactured or destroyed by fire.

"Oregon's forests already distribute more wealth in the state than apples, fish, wool and wheat combined. Cutting has hardly begun. Of the revenue received from our lumber 80 per cent goes for labor and supplies.

"Last year approximately 1,750,000,000 feet of timber was killed by fire, representing a value of not less than \$2,000,000 in stumpage alone. Over 1,000,000,000 feet of the timber killed was on private lands outside National forests.

"Six human lives were lost in this state last summer through forest fires, the homes of many settlers burned and livestock on the range destroyed.

"Timber owners are spending each year for fire protection about \$130,000, the Federal government spends for patrol \$150,000, and under this law the state has at its command for the protection of its forests \$60,000 for the next two years.

"Oregon's timbered area is approximately 25,000,000 acres. Of this amount one-half is patrolled by the Federal government, the rest must be looked after by the state and the private owner."

BEAVER SLOUGH DRAINED.

Six Thousand Acres Along the Coquille Redeemed at \$11 Average.

Marshfield—A big advancement of the agricultural interests of Coos bay has been achieved in the completion of two drainage districts in the Coquille valley near Coquille, the county seat. One is the Beaver slough drainage district and the other is the Fat Elk district. In the two districts 6,000 acres of land, formerly waste, has been converted into some of the richest land in the county. In one case the cost of drainage was \$13.40 an acre and in the other \$8.50 an acre. The land, for years regarded as no good whatever, is now worth \$100 an acre, and will yield enormously anything in the way of grass, hay, oats, potatoes, cabbages and other vegetables. The land was covered with thick willows and marsh grass and covered most of the year with water. The brush is being cleared away and by a system of drainage ditches the water has been removed so that the land can be tilled. With land held for about \$100 an acre, in order to clear it and get it ready for the plow the cost would be from \$30 to \$40 an acre, and thus to make a home on the land would cost about \$150 an acre, but in some crops the land will almost pay for itself in one year. It is expected the drainage work will result in settlement of much of this land.

New Madras Warehouse.

Madras—Work has commenced on the new wool warehouse in the Oregon Trunk yards at this place by the Kerrick Construction company, which is to have the building completed by May 10. The building will be 60x150 feet inside, with an eight-foot covered porch on each side full length. Work is also being done on the new brick hotel, by the Bentley Construction company, of Portland. The excavating is finished and brick, sand and cement are being put on the ground. It is expected to complete the hotel by August at the latest.

Redmond Fruit Not Injured.

Redmond—The recent cold nights in this section have not hurt the fruit to any extent, say the orchardists. On April 10 this section was visited by a snow storm of about half an hour's duration, but no ill effects were noticed in the orchards. A large acreage of fruits has been set out this year. Market gardeners in the Redmond district have had their garden truck on the market for the past two weeks, and flowers are in bloom.

Farmers' Union Will Meet.

Helix—Helix and Holdman locals of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America will hold a joint meeting here May 6. The affair will last the greater part of the day and one of the features will be a noon-time feast. Prominent members of the union from all parts of the county are expected.

Grain is in Fine Condition.

Weston—Growing grain is reported to be in first class condition by Weston farmers. Fall wheat has attained a height of eight inches or more and is stooling nicely. The fields this season are unusually free from weeds.

Milton Fruit Outlook Good.

Milton—This section will have a good crop of peaches, cherries, pears and apples, despite the cold weather of last week. It develops that few orchards were damaged to the extent they at first feared.

ALASKAN STEAL WAS GREAT.

Coal, Harbors and Transportation in Grip of Combine.

Washington—It looks now like the Morgan-Guggenheim Alaska syndicate has achieved an amazing coup in view of the executive order signed October 28 last, in which President Taft eliminated 12,800 acres from the Chugach national forest, on the southern coast of Alaska, and restored them to entry.

These lands had been withdrawn by President Roosevelt, and lie along the waterfront of Controller bay harbor, 20 miles from the Bering coal fields wherein lie the celebrated Cunningham coal claims. Already the Morgan-Guggenheim interests were in control of nearly all other harbors along the southern coast—the terminals of the Copper river and Northwestern railway at Cordova bay and at Resurrection bay, where the Alaska Central, formerly the Alaska Central, had the harbor facilities at Skagway, which road it controls. Only one harbor remained as the hope of the people that some independent railway interest might gain entrance into Alaska, and that was Controller bay, a few miles to the east from Cordova bay.

R. S. Ryan, president of the Controller Railway & Navigation company, was the lobbyist who apparently "put it over" for the Morgan-Guggenheim interests. He spent about two years lobbying for the elimination of the lands of the Chugach forest, which bordered upon Controller bay and which could not be located under any public land law unless eliminated from the national forest. Working with Ryan, apparently, was former Secretary Ballinger.

When the matter first came up, the forest service prepared to eliminate 320 acres under orders so to do. These finally landed in the hands of Ballinger, who alone was consulted by the president in further negotiations for elimination of the lands in question. The order was signed in October and although for 12,800 acres, no one seems to have known of it excepting those most deeply interested as workers for control by the syndicate, for when information of the elimination of the lands, and their location, probably with soldiers' additional scrip, by friends of the syndicate, flashed forth, the whole political structure was shaken to its foundations.

BLACK HANDS THROW BOMB.

Oakland Bakery Escapes Destruction By Miscalculation.

Oakland, Cal.—With a detonation that aroused the entire neighborhood, a bomb was exploded upon the front porch of the Reno lodging house at 568 Fifth street, shortly after 2 o'clock Saturday morning. Thirty lodgers were sound asleep at the time of the explosion, but owing to the manner in which the bomb was placed, no one was injured, the force of the explosion expanding outwardly.

MISSING LINK DISCOVERED.

Animal Filling Gap Between Bird and Quadruped Imported.

New York—What is perhaps the long-sought missing link between quadrupeds and birds has just been brought here from Colombia.

Similar in general aspect to the remarkable ornithorhynchus of Australia, which has a bill like a duck, although distinctively a quadruped, the creature is covered with a growth almost feather-like and brilliantly colored in red and green, shading to white on the under parts.

It is four-footed, looks something like a cross between a beaver and a badger, and emits a plaintive note when annoyed. It is about 20 inches long and half as high.

Peace Overtures Rejected.

El Paso, Tex.—All negotiations between the insurgents and the Mexican government were officially called off Saturday. Oscar Bruni and Esquivel Obergon, two congressmen from Mexico City, who have been attempting to get Madero to accept some peace proposal, received a telegram just after they had sent a messenger under a flag of truce with a final appeal to the rebel leader. The message was from Mexico City, although they refused to say who sent it.

\$20,000 in Watches Taken.

Chicago—A trunk filled with gold watches, valued at \$20,000, consigned to a manufacturer here from a Cincinnati house was stolen from an express wagon in the downtown streets. While the driver was in an office building delivering packages, the robber boarded the wagon and drove away. An hour later the wagon was found several blocks away and later the trunk was found nearly six miles away.

Fez Stormed by Rebels.

Madrid.—The government has received a telegram saying a native has arrived at Tetuan who declares the Morocco rebels have stormed Fez and massacred the garrison.

GREAT DYNAMITE PLOT ALLEGED

Headquarters of Big Conspiracy in Indianapolis.

Police Seize Books of Ironworkers' Union—Plant of Dynamite Found—Confession.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 24.—Investigations which are expected to result in several more arrests and furnish evidence that Indianapolis has for the past two years been the headquarters of a nation-wide conspiracy that has resulted in 80 destructive explosions of dynamite, including the wrecking of the Los Angeles Times, and causing a property loss of \$2,000,000, are being conducted by the police, Detective W. J. Burns and the National Erectors' association.

As a sequel to the sensational arrest of John J. McNamara, secretary-treasurer of the International association of bridge and structural ironworkers, in this city, and in Detroit of James B. McNamara, his brother, and Ortie E. McManigal, Detective Burns tonight sent a message to the police from Tiffin, Ohio, to the effect that a "plant" comprising between 300 and 400 pounds of dynamite had been found at the home of James McManigal, father of one of the three men arrested charged with complicity in the blowing up of the Los Angeles newspaper plant, causing the loss of 21 lives.

Accompanied by an attorney for the National Erectors' association and the Tiffin chief of police, Burns found the explosive in a shed at the McManigal homestead.

More arrests in the dynamiting investigation are expected. Detectives are known to have several men under surveillance and the reported confession of one of the men arrested in Detroit to Chicago detectives, is said to have mentioned several who are being watched and will soon be arrested.

In addition, Prosecutor Baker announced tonight that the Marion county grand jury would be called in session tomorrow to investigate dynamiting outrages committed here several months ago and to try and fix the responsibility for the placing of high explosives in the American Central Life building in this city.

He notified Superintendent of Police Hyland to appear before the grand jury and bring the books and records taken from the office of the Ironworkers' union. An effort was made by labor leaders to obtain these books from the police, but Superintendent Hyland refused to give them up.

From Captain Stephen Wood, chief of the Chicago detective bureau, came the word that one of the men arrested in Detroit had confessed.

According to Captain Wood, the confession describes in detail the dynamiting of buildings, railroad trains and factories where conflicts between union and non-union labor existed.

Wood said the confession was placed in the possession of attorneys representing the National Erectors' association, and has been sent to Los Angeles to be used in the trial of the cases against the men under arrest.

Later the dynamite found at Tiffin had been placed in the guard of two policemen.

TRAIN IS QUARANTINED.

Smallpox Case on Board Stops Journey of All Passengers.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 24.—When a train with Chicago connections arrived in Allentown, Pa., late last night, it was found that one of the passengers, who had been in Portland, Colo., superintending the erection of a cement plant, had smallpox and had been suffering for seven days.

He was placed in quarantine, all the cars of the train were disinfected and the state health authorities started out to round up all the passengers and vaccinate them.

Woman Solves Difficult Problem.

Wellesley, Mass.—Miss Clara E. Smith, Ph. D., instructor in mathematics at Wellesley college, has been notified that she has been elected as a fellow to the American association for the Advancement of Science. Miss Smith's election came partly because of her solution of a problem in mathematical science, a problem which has perplexed mathematicians for nearly a century. After several years of hard work she discovered that Abel's theorems could be used to do Bessel's problems quicker and simpler.

Hillman is Released.

Seattle—Clarence Dayton Hillman, multi-millionaire townsite promoter, was released from the county jail having served a 20-day sentence imposed by United States District Judge Donworth for attempting to influence prospective jurors. Hillman is under sentence to serve two and one-half years in the Federal penitentiary on McNeill island for using the mail to defraud, but is at liberty under \$215,000 bonds pending action of the court.

Fifteen Drown in Typhoon.

Manila—The steamer Charles Polzart, operating between Manila and Corregidor, foundered in a typhoon Sunday. It is estimated that 15 persons were drowned. Fishermen rescued a number of the crew and passengers. One American is missing.