

# CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

## Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

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

President Taft says he will stand by reciprocity, even at the cost of votes.

Diaz promise to resign as soon as peace is restored is having little effect on the people.

A San Francisco laborer has a family of nine children, the oldest being less than nine years.

Armed sluggers are active in the Chicago machinists' strike, and police are unable to stop the disturbances.

It is decided that a strike of railway mail clerks would be punishable the same as any case of obstructing the mails.

It is predicted that the Hill railroads will be extended south from Oregon to Los Angeles, and thence east to Denver.

Alaska coal miners and others who need coal are planning to work the vast deposits there in defiance of the United States government.

Mexican rebels become mutinous over delays in the fighting and attack Juarez, many bullets falling in American territory and five American spectators being killed by stray shots.

A rancher near Eugene, Or., unearthed an ancient Indian bowl made of blue flint and used by the Indians for grinding corn and roots. It is well carved and weighs about 50 pounds.

The Steel trust has purchased the Risdon iron works of San Francisco.

Carnegie has given Cornell university \$60,300 for a new chemistry building.

A scheme has been presented to the British parliament for state insurance for working men and women.

Seismographs at Santa Clara, Cal., recorded an earthquake in the Pacific ocean of one and one-half hour's duration.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 92c; club, 86c; red Russian, 85c; valley 87c; 40-fold, 87c.  
Barley—Choice feed, \$28 per ton.  
Millstuffs—Bran, \$24.50/24.50 per ton; middlings, \$31; shorts, \$25.50/26; whole barley, \$29.50/30.50.  
Corn—Whole, \$29; cracked, \$30 per ton.  
Oats—No. 1 white, \$29/29.50 per ton.  
Hay—Timothy, Eastern Oregon, No. 1, \$21.50/22.50; light mixed, \$19/20; heavy, mixed, \$17.50/18.50; alfalfa, \$14/15; clover, \$12.50/13.50; grain hay, \$13.50/14.50.  
Fresh Fruit—Strawberries, Florin, \$2.25/2.50 per crate; Los Angeles, \$1.75/1.85; apples, fancy, \$2.25/2.50; choice, \$1.50/1.50; commons, 75c/81 per box.  
Vegetables—Asparagus, 90c/1.75 per crate; cabbage, new, \$2 per hundred; cauliflower, \$1.50/1.75 per dozen; celery, California, 75c/90c per dozen; cucumbers, \$1.50/2.25; eggplant, 15c per pound; garlic, 10c/12; lettuce, 50c; hot-house lettuce, \$1.50/2 per pound; peas, 7c/8c per pound; peppers, 30c/35c; radishes, 15c dozen; rhubarb, 25c/30c per pound; sprouts, 9c; tomatoes, \$2.25/2.50; carrots, \$1.25/1.50 per sack; parsnips, \$1.25/1.50; turnips, \$1.25/1.50; beets, \$1.50.  
Potatoes—Oregon, jobbing price, \$2.50 per hundred; new, 7c/7 1/2c per pound.  
Onions—Jobbing prices: Oregon, \$3.50 per hundred; Australian, \$3.50; Texas, \$2.25 per crate; California, \$2.  
Poultry—Hens, 16c; broilers, 30c; turkeys 20c; ducks, 22c/27c; geese, nominal; dressed turkeys, choice, 25c.  
Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 20c/21c per dozen; case count, 19c.  
Butter—City creamery extra, 1 and 2 pound prints, in boxes, 24c per pound; less than boxes, cartons and delivery extra.  
Pork—Fancy, 10c/10 1/2c per pound.  
Veal—Fancy, 85 to 125 pound, 10c/11c per pound.  
Hops—1919 crop, last sale at 20c/1909 crop, 15c; 1911 contracts, 20c.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon, nominal, 12 6/14c per pound; valley, 12c/15c; mohair, choice, 37c.  
Cattle—Prime grain-fed steers, \$6.75/7; hay-fed steers, \$6.50/6.80; choice, \$6.25/6.55; good, \$5.75/6; fair, \$5.50/5.75; common, \$4.75/5.25; prime cows, \$5.50/6; good, \$5.25/5.75; fair, \$4.75/5.25; poor, \$4.50/4.75; choice heifers, \$5.50/5.75; choice bulls, \$4.75/5.25; good, \$4.50/4.75; choice light calves, \$7.75/8; good, \$7.50/7.75; fair, \$7.25/7.50; choice heavy calves, \$5.50/5.75; good, \$5.25/5.50; choice steers, \$5.25/5.75; good, \$4.50/5.  
Hogs—Good to choice light, \$6.75/7; choice heavy, \$6.25/6.50; good, \$5.75/6; common, \$5.25/5.50; stock, \$7.50/8.75.  
Sheep—Grain-fed wethers, heavy, \$4.50/5; choice yearling wethers, grain-fed, \$5.50/5.50; old wethers, \$4.50/4.50; good shorn wethers, \$4.25/4.50; choice ewes, grain-fed, \$4.25/4.75; fair ewes, \$3.75/4; good shorn ewes, \$3.75/4; choice wool lambs, grain-fed, \$5.50/5.75; good, \$5.25/5.50; good, \$5.25/5.25; fair, \$4.75/5.25; culls, \$2.50/3.50.

### DIAZ PROMISES TO RESIGN.

But insists That Revolution Must Be Ended First.

Events Exciting.  
Following is a resume of exciting developments in the Mexican situation, given in their proper sequence: Madero announces that in deference to United States, he will give up plan to attack Juarez, take his troops from the neighborhood of the international boundary and start south with cry, "On to Mexico City."  
Rebels apparently change plans and prepare to make midnight attack on Juarez.  
When rebel guns are trained on Juarez and attack is about to begin, the news of Diaz' announcement reaches insurrecto leaders and both attack on Juarez and expedition to south are halted. Peace is thought near at hand.

Mexico City, May 9.—General Porfirio Diaz tonight issued a manifesto to the people of Mexico declaring his intention of resigning the presidency as soon as peace is restored. In this manner the president has virtually acceded to the demands of Francisco I. Madero that he make announcement of such intention.

As to when peace is actually restored, General Diaz reserves the right to be the judge. In the words of the manifesto, it will be "when, according to the dictates of my conscience, I am sure that my resignation will not be followed by anarchy."

The president said his determination not to relinquish the presidency at this time was not due to vanity or love of power, because, as he pointed out, power at this time had no attraction, accompanied as it is by tremendous responsibilities and worry. He said he was prompted solely by a desire to conserve the best interests of his country.

The president made it clear he does not propose to abandon the presidency while his country is at war and that he would not do so at any time under compulsion. President Diaz' manifesto will be made public tomorrow morning, but it will not be sent officially to Judge Carbajal for formal transmission to Dr. Vasquez Gomez.

The promise of the president is made to the people of Mexico and its receipt by the revolutionist will be incidental. That it will be sent to them immediately, however, by private individuals and regarded as entirely satisfactory by them is taken for granted.

### REVOLT IS IMPENDING.

Plan on Foot to Depose President of Venezuela.

New York, May 9.—Plans are being formulated in New York to launch an insurrection in Venezuela to depose President Juan Vicente Gomez, by Alejandro Rivas Vasquez, a member of the Venezuelan congress from the state of Apure and a former cabinet officer during the administration of Cipriano Castro.

In a long interview, discussing the plan, Dr. Vasquez is reported as saying that President Gomez has established a dictatorship in Venezuela more harrassing to the people than that of his predecessor.

"I have every assurance," Dr. Vasquez is quoted as saying, "that I will be given support by patriotic Venezuelans abroad and by my own compatriots in Venezuela. I have already organized agencies for our cause, but of course the principal field of operations will be in New York."

### Dates May Be Changed.

Washington—A change of the date of the inauguration of the president is assured of ratification by the 62d congress, and it is not improbable similar action will be taken to change the date of holding national elections. The proposal changes the date of the inauguration from March 4 to the last Thursday in April. The date of holding national elections would be changed from the first Tuesday in November to the first Tuesday in April preceding the expiration of the terms of the president and congressmen.

### 22 Rebels Slain in Battle.

Puebla, Mex.—Twenty-two rebels were killed and 12 wounded Monday at San Nicholas de Los Ranchos, when a party of 70 revolutionists was attacked by a detachment of rurales. The federal loss was five killed and three wounded, according to reports. Although many rebels are raiding haciendas not far from here and attacking the smaller towns, almost always abandoning them after taking fresh supplies and what money is available.

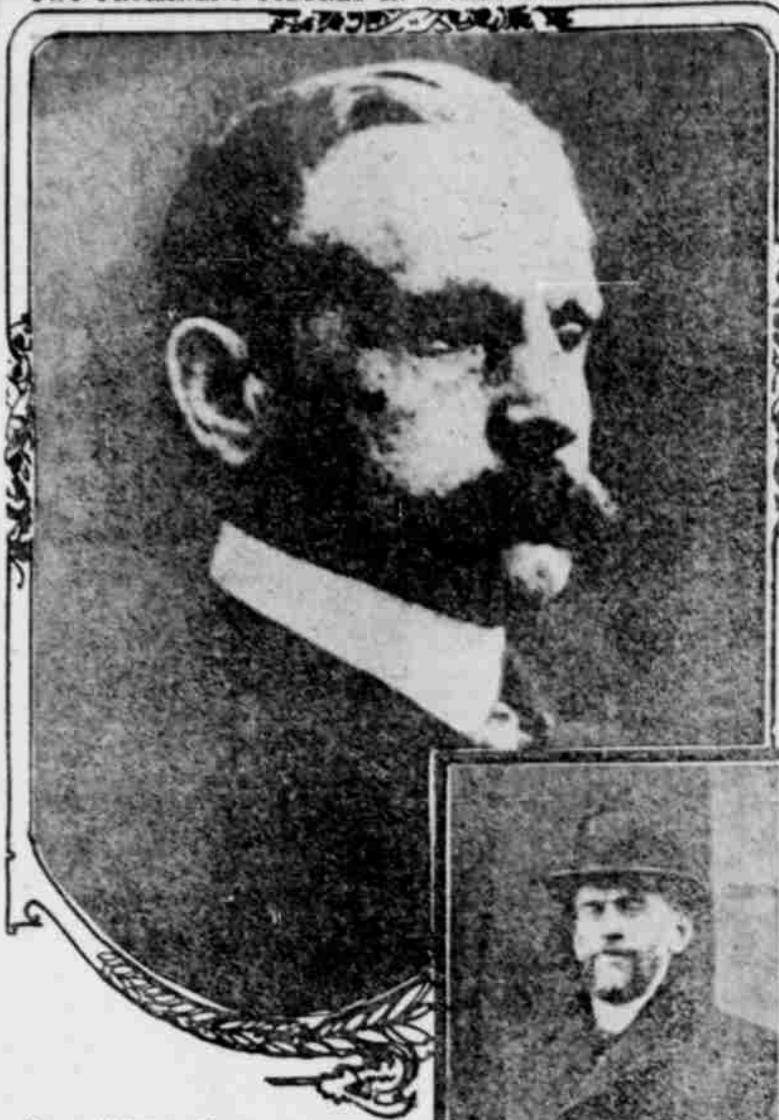
### People Flee From Fires.

Winnipeg, Man.—Forest fires are threatening settlements along Big River, north of Saskatchewan. A special train has brought all persons living in the danger zone to safety. At Clearwater Bay, 15 miles from Kenora, Ont., on the Lake of the Woods, bush fires have been raging for the last two days. There is no settlement there. Fire rangers report the country dry and small fires along the railway right of way at many points may spread to dangerous proportions.

### Train Runs Through Fire.

Walker, Minn.—Dangerous forest fires are raging north of here on the Minnesota & International railroad. At Spur, the St. Paul train was forced to run through the flames which are being swept northwest by a strong wind. Settlers are well protected, as hundreds of men are out back-firing. Thousands of dollars' worth of property is being destroyed.

### TWO PROMINENT FIGURES IN WORLD'S PEACE MOVEMENT.



Baron D'Estournelles de Constant.

## UNITED STATES IS NOT GREEDY

### Taft Denies Ambition to Extend Domain.

Allusion is to Mexico—Says We Know What War Means—Want None of It.

Baltimore, May 4.—President Taft in his speech at the opening of the Third National Peace conference here today, said the United States would keep hands off and not seek to extend its domain or to acquire foreign territory. He made no mention of Mexico, but to those who heard him it was evident that he referred to the southern republic.

"One of the difficulties the United States finds is the natural suspicion that the countries engaged have of the motives the United States has in tendering its good offices," continued the president. "Asseveration of good faith helps but little where suspicion is the rule, and yet I like to avail myself of an opportunity in such presence as this to assert that there is not in the whole length and breadth of the United States among its people any desire for territorial aggrandizement and that its people as a whole will not permit its government, if it would, to take any steps in respect to foreign peoples, looking to a forcible extension of our political power."

"We have had wars and we know what they are. We know what responsibilities they entail, the burdens and losses and horrors, and we would have none of them. We have a magnificent domain of our own in which we are attempting to work out and show to the world success in popular government, and we need no more territory in which to show this. But we have attained great prosperity and great power. We have become a powerful member of the community of nations in which we live and there is, therefore, thrust upon us necessarily a care and responsibility for the peace of the world in our neighborhood, and a burden of helping those nations that cannot help themselves, if we may do that peacefully and effectively."

The president spoke to several thousand persons in the Lyric theater. Cardinal Gibbons, Secretary of War Dickinson, Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, Count Leo Tolstol, Andrew Car-

### Woman Mayor "Meets" Alone.

Hunnewell, Kan.—Hunnewell's new mayor, Mrs. Ella Wilson, has clashed with the city council. On Mrs. Wilson's motion the council voted last week to meet in a local hotel. The five councilmen went to the hotel to hold their meeting, but Mrs. Wilson "met" in a feed store. She had the clerk's journal and other papers, but as she alone was not a quorum, neither session transacted any business. Meanwhile two women who were to have been appointed city clerk and marshal, still lack their commissions.

### Indianapolis Waxes Indignant.

Indianapolis.—The Merchants' association of Indianapolis passed resolutions "unequivocally demanding that a most thorough investigation be made into the recent charges which connect Indianapolis with the many dynamite outrages which have taken place throughout the country in the last two years." The association also offers its support to city and state officials in all legitimate efforts to discover and punish the guilty parties.



Count Leo Tolstol.

negie and more than a dozen leaders in the movement for world peace sat on the platform with the president.

### LABOR WAR RAGES.

Chicago Workers Forced to Flee for Lives—Strike Spreads.

Chicago, May 4.—Professional slugs and hired "gun men" ran riot in the city today, while government and state officials, architects, building contractors and international labor union officials worked in an effort to restore harmony in the industrial field.

Late tonight all negotiations between the freight handlers and the railroads were declared off and a strike will probably be called tomorrow. This will involve the territory in an area from the Canadian border to New Orleans and the Pennsylvania line to Western Iowa. It will also bring in the teamsters in all affected cities.

A new element of discord was injected into the troubled building trades situation when the Otis Elevator company hired elevator constructors to take the place of the machinists who have been doing the work for two years. Sluggers working for the machinists who were ousted by the company raided a number of buildings and attacked the elevator constructors, with the result that one man is in the Alexander Brothers' hospital and a number of others are seriously injured.

In the plumbers' and steamfitters' war, international association steamfitters were driven at the points of revolvers from two school buildings where they were employed.

### Mazatlan Standing Siege.

Nogales, Mexico.—What is believed to be an authentic report has reached this city from Mazatlan, the big port on the western coast of the state of Sinaloa, saying it is completely surrounded by rebels. The Mexican gunboat began shelling the rebel position from the harbor, but yielded to the united protests of foreign consuls and ceased firing, and later put to sea. Trains are not running to Mazatlan from the north, the rebels having burned a bridge 18 miles out. Trains south to Culiacan are also stopped.

### Big Families to Parade.

Paris.—Contrary to general belief there are some large families in this country, and they are being asked to parade in force some Sunday in Paris. Fathers, mothers and progeny are to muster on the Place des Invalides. They will then march with bands and banners to the chamber of deputies which they will not, however, invade with their children, pass by, tramping on to the Place de la Concorde, where they will disperse.

### Frenchwoman is Spy?

Cologne, Germany.—Mme. Thirion, an attractive Parisian resident here, was arrested charged with being a spy and obtaining the secret mobilization plans of the German army from an army officer. The prisoner offers the romantic defense that she had asked for the plans in order to test the honor of the officer, who was a suitor for her hand.

# INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

### MUST NOT TAINT STREAMS.

State Board of Health Has Posters Distributed in National Forests.

Thousands of posters warning campers against polluting of streams are being distributed throughout the national forests of Oregon by forest rangers, at the instance of the state board of health. They read:

"Danger—Forest rangers, hunters, campers and tourists contract typhoid fever every year from polluted streams.

"Section 2240, Oregon laws, says: 'If any person shall put any excrement, or any putrid, noxious, decaying, deleterious substance in any spring, brook or branch of running water, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor,' etc. This law must be enforced. Oregon State Board of Health."

"In addition to rigid law enforcement we ask co-operation of campers and all others who enter national forests," said Dr. Calvin S. White, state health officer. "The running streams of Oregon that should properly be pure as the snow in the mountains whence they flow, have been made sewers by the carelessness and ignorance of those who enter the forests. Now that the danger, not only to campers, but to all others, is known, there should be, and I think will be, such care taken as will contribute to the general safety and public health."

The state board of health has written to the government authorities at Washington, asking in whom authority is vested to prevent pollution of streams in Crater Lake national forest. This is rendezvous for hundreds of campers during summer months.

### CENSUS DATA FOR OREGON.

Great and Small Gains in Population Are Features.

Washington.—Notable increases in population are shown in the revised report of the census of Oregon cities and towns just completed by the census bureau, and 10 increases are also recorded. Outside of Portland the growth of Salem is the greatest, the capital city now housing 14,094 people compared to 4,258, its population when the census was taken in 1900.

Fully as interesting are the slight increases in population in a decade shown by many cities. Athena, in Umatilla county, gained only 83 since 1900; Baker 79; Bay City, Tillamook county, 78; Beaver Hill, Coos county, 30; Copperfield, Baker county, 20; Dundee, Yamhill county, 72; Gervais, Marion county, 16; Mount Angel, 8; Ione, Morrow county, 16; Pendleton, Umatilla county, 54; Verona, Columbia county, 7; Waterloo, Linn county, 24, and Yamhill, Yamhill county, 71.

Among the cities for which loss of population is recorded are Adams, Antelope, Arlington, Butteville, Granite, Harney, Harrisburg, Heppner, John Day, and Long Creek. The population dwindling of Butteville is the worst, the count in 1900 being 547 and only 49 ten years later.

### BIRDS FLOCK TO KLAMATH.

Lake County Fast Becoming Famous Breeding Place.

Klamath Falls.—That Klamath county is becoming famous as a breeding place and that the establishing of the Lower Klamath Lake bird reserve by Colonel Roosevelt when president of the United States was a good move for the future bird industry of the entire county is attested by Deputy Game Warden Lewis, who is in charge of this reserve, which lies partly in Northern California and partly in Southern Oregon.

Mr. Lewis has just returned from a trip of several days spent in the Lower lake region, where he was looking after the birds of that reserve for the federal government. He states that from all appearances more of the feathered tribe of all kinds will nest on what are known as Bird Islands this year than has been the case for years. Among these will be millions of geese and ducks of every kind, while cranes, cormorants, pelicans and other kinds of non-game birds are nesting there in great numbers.

### More Convicts for Roads.

Salem.—Attorneys for Lowenberg, Going & Co. are negotiating with Governor West for a renewal of the contract for labor at the penitentiary, which the governor has declared forfeited because the stove foundry people are in default on their payments. The governor says he will insist upon a release of a large number of the convicts the state is obliged to furnish Lowenberg, Going & Co., under the present contract, so they may be used in building public roads.

### Artesian Well Down 750 Feet.

Freewater.—The artesian well of the commercial orchards of J. H. Hall is being rushed by both day and night shifts. The bore is now down 750 feet and Contractor Durant states that it will probably be necessary to go fully 1,000 feet, 300 feet deeper than any other well drilled in the Walla Walla valley. The formation is about the same as in the rest of the country, but in the other wells bedrock was reached at a depth of about 500 feet.

### Freewater Potatoes \$2.75 a Sack.

Freewater.—Potatoes are scarce in this vicinity. All winter they have been selling at \$1.75 a sack, until this week they jumped to \$2.75.

### RAINBOW MINE PURCHASED.

Big Eastern Company Pays \$750,000 for Property.

Baker.—By the terms of a transaction announced here one of the biggest mining deals in recent years in Oregon goes on record. The United States Smelting company has purchased the Rainbow mine, in the Mormon Basin district, from the Commercial mining company, for a consideration of \$750,000. The initial payment was \$200,000. The closing of this deal is the greatest boost the Eastern Oregon mines have ever received. The coming of the United States company means the greatest activity in the mining industry the state has ever seen.

The Rainbow property was discovered about nine years ago and was developed from a prospect mainly through the efforts of W. E. King, of Hood River. The other principal mines in the district are the Humboldt and Cleveland, but there are also many properties in the immediate neighborhood that are in greater or less stages of development. The transaction means more than anything else to the mining industry of Eastern Oregon. A. P. Anderson and H. E. Lee, the engineers of the United States Smelting & Refining company, are now in charge. They have begun their arrangements for men and added equipment and state that they will begin operations on a large scale as soon as possible.

### CHANCE GIVEN CONVICTS.

Governor West Plans Employment in State Institutions.

Salem.—Another new prison policy is announced by Governor West. Convicts are being sent gradually to the various state institutions to act as employees. In this capacity they will be unguarded and will have virtually the same privileges that are extended to the other employees. They will probably be paid 25 cents a day as spending money or to be placed to their credit against the time of their release.

"If 100 men at the prison can be placed at some employment which will be of value to the state, a great saving can be made," said the governor. "Estimating the labor of these men as valued at \$2 a day, it would mean a saving of nearly \$200,000 annually."

"I am now working on plans whereby I hope to accomplish just this thing and place at least 100 men at work. A new contract with the Lowenberg & Going company will make such a move possible and I believe it can be accomplished."

"In the meantime as many men as I can possibly find room for will be placed at the institutions and have decent labor to perform. I am satisfied under the conditions they will need no guard and will be on a quicker road to reform than under the former system."

### Rain Helps Hoppgrowers.

Forest Grove.—Hoppgrowers in this section are hailing the occasional showers with delight. While the rain has interfered with the work in the yards the growers believe that the showers came at an opportune time to give the growing plants the moisture necessary for growth. Throughout this section much work has been in progress in the yards, in the way of "suckering" and training the vines. Hoppgrowers in the Gaston and Banks neighborhoods look exceptionally well.

### Coos to Cruise All Timber.

Marahfield.—The commissioners of Coos county have appointed Dennis McCarthy head cruiser for the county. Assistants will be named later. The purpose is to cruise all of the timber in the county with a view to making a more equitable assessment. Mr. McCarthy was employed for the past year in this work, but there is a large amount of timber in the county and half a dozen men with McCarthy as general director will be put to work.

### Rain Helps Wheat Crop.

Pendleton.—More timely showers fell on Umatilla county wheat fields this week, adding many thousands of dollars to the value of the developing crop. Farmers say the weather which has prevailed has been ideal for the wheat and worth as much as the showers. Heavier rains have fallen on the mountain ranges, where it was needed even more than on the wheat.

### Hood River Berries Aided.

Hood River.—The warm spring rain has been a great boon to the berry farmers. The warm showers will hasten the maturity of the crop. H. P. Coburn, a rancher who lives about two miles from the city, said that he probably would have to begin the first picking of his two and one-half acre by May 10. He and his neighbors count on a big yield.

### Athena's Dry Spell Broken.

Athena.—The long dry spell has been broken by heavy showers and the ground is wet down several inches. The rain came at a very opportune time for the wheat needed water badly, although the ground had plenty of moisture to keep the grain growing.

### Drilling for Water.

Vale.—Ranchers in the Cow valley neighborhood are sinking a number of wells with heavy drilling outfits. In most cases plenty of good water has been tapped.