

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.

Chicago observers report four comets hovering near the sun.

A hurricane at Medford, Or., destroyed fruit and did much damage to buildings.

Total gross earnings of railroads show an increase over the corresponding week of last year.

Henry Dalton, assessor of Oakland, Cal., was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for bribe-taking.

A fast passenger launch plying on Tillamook bay was destroyed by an explosion and fire about her engine.

Monday, July 23, was the hottest day recorded in Portland for four years, the temperature making 99.3.

Ex-President Castro, of Venezuela, is searching for a friendly spot on which to land in his native country again.

Premier Asquith was hoisted persistently for three-quarters of an hour in the British house of commons.

Striking miners at Glendon, Pennsylvania, started a riot, in which five officers and many miners were injured.

An Atlantic liner sailing for New York left 700 passengers at Naples, Italy, on account of the cholera scare in New York.

Two yachts were wrecked and one is missing on Lake Michigan as the result of a sudden gale while the boats were racing.

Many forest fires are burning in various parts of the Northwest, and doing much damage to timber and crops in adjoining fields.

Men and teams for harvesting in Central Washington are exceedingly scarce.

Owing to drouth, there is a shortage of 1,000,000 pounds in the honey crop in Ontario.

A girl 11 years old spoke Esperanto fluently at the convention of Esperantists in Portland.

The house of lords passed the veto bill with but brief debate and practically no opposition.

Schwarzchild & Sulzberger will erect a \$600,000 packing plant on the peninsula near Portland.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 93c; club, 81c; Russian, 80c; valley, 81c; 40-fold, 81c.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$24.50@25 per ton; middlings, \$31; shorts, \$25.50@26; rolled barley, \$29@30.

Corn—Whole, \$31.50; cracked, \$32.50 per ton.

Barley—Choice feed, \$25.50@26; Oats—No. 1 white, \$26@27 ton.

Hay—Timothy, new, \$16@19; alfalfa, new, \$11; clover, new, \$8.50@9; grain hay, new, \$10.

Poultry—Hens, 14@15c; springs, 19@20c; ducks, young, 14c; geese, nominal; turkeys, 20c; dressed, choice, 25c.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, candled, 26c.

Butter—City creamery, extra, 1 and 2-pound prints, in boxes, 26c; less than box lots, cartons and delivery extra.

Pork—Fancy, 9@10c. Veal—Fancy, 11@12c.

Fresh fruits—Cherries, 3@13c per pound; apricots, \$1.25 per crate; cantaloupes, \$3.25@4 per crate; peaches, 75c@1.10 per crate; watermelons, 2@2 1/2c per pound; plums, \$1.50 per crate; prunes, \$1.50@1.75 per box; new apples, \$1.75@2; raspberries, \$1.50@1.75; loganberries, \$1.65@1.75.

Vegetables—Beans, 5@10c; cabbages, \$1.50@2 per hundredweight; corn, 30@40c per dozen; cucumbers, 1@1.25 per box; eggplant, 15c per pound; garlic, 10@12c; lettuce, 30@35c per dozen; hot-house lettuce, \$1.25@1.75 box; peas, 4@5c pound; peppers, 12@15c pound; radishes, 12c per dozen; rhubarb, 2@3c pound; tomatoes, \$1.75 per box; new carrots, \$2 per sack; turnips, \$2; beets, \$2.

Potatoes—New Oregon, 1 1/2@2c per pound; new California, 2c.

Onions—Red, \$1.75; white, \$2 per hundred.

Hops—1911 contracts, 25c per pound; 1910 crop, 26@27c; 1909 crop, 19@20c; olds, 8@10c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 9@16c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15@17c; mohair, choice, 36@37c.

Cattle—Prime hay-fed steers, \$6@6.25; choice, \$5.75@6; fair, \$5.25@5.50; common, \$5@5.25; prime cows, \$5@5.25; good, \$4.75@5; fair, \$4.50@4.75; poor, \$4.25@4.50; choice heifers, \$5@5.50; choice bulls, \$4.25@4.75; choice light calves, \$7@7.50; good, \$6.75@7; choice heavy calves, \$6@6.50; good to choice stags, \$4.75@5.

Hogs—Choice, \$7@7.50; good, \$6.70@7; choice heavy, \$6.35@6.50; common, \$5@5.5; stock hogs, \$6.75@7.50.

Sheep—Choice spring lambs, \$5@6; choice yearlings \$3.75@4; good, \$3.50@3.75; fair, \$3@3.50; choice ewes, \$2.75@3; good, \$2.50@2.75; fair, \$2.25@2.50; good to choice heavy wethers, \$3.50@3.75; old, \$3@3.50; mixed lots \$4@5.

PEERS SURRENDER VETO.

Hope of Future Restoration of Power is But Slight.

London—The constitutional revolution appears to be an accomplished fact. Great Britain in the future will be governed practically by the house of commons, with the hereditary upper house possessing only a veto with a time limit of two years.

The peers find their one gleam of hope in the prediction that the next conservative government will overturn Asquith's revolution and restore old conditions, but the radicals are confident that in such matters the hands of the clock never turn back.

The future career of the veto bill was apparent to all politicians and its eventual acceptance by the house of lords not doubted. Premier Asquith dispelled all clouds by communicating informally to Mr. Balfour, leader of the opposition in the house of commons, the substance of an announcement which he will make in that house. His letter, which Mr. Balfour communicated to the meeting of the lords, follows:

"Dear Mr. Balfour: I think it is courteous and right, before any public decisions are announced, to let you know how we regard the present situation. When the parliament bill in the form it has now assumed returns to the house of commons, we shall be compelled to ask that house to disagree with the lords' amendments. In the circumstance, should the necessity arise, the government will advise the king to exercise his prerogative to secure the passing into law of the bill in substantially the same form in which it left the house of commons, and His Majesty has been pleased to suggest that he will consider it his duty to accept and act on that advice. Yours sincerely, H. H. ASQUITH."

EXPLOITATION TO BE VAST.

Southern Pacific Engages Chicago Coliseum Annex.

Chicago—The entire West will be advertised during the United States Land and Irrigation congress to be held at Chicago November 18 to December 9.

The Southern Pacific company and other Harriman lines have engaged the whole of the Coliseum annex for purposes of exhibition, and every town, county or state tapped by these lines will be given the opportunity to show what advantages it may have to offer to the prospective homeseeker.

To further this purpose, the space will be divided into lecture halls with moving picture facilities, and the towns and other centers that care to participate in the exhibits will be invited to send moving picture films and lecturers to show the public the opportunities for homes offered in the various districts. Photographs taken along the lines of the Southern Pacific depicting the most interesting phases of home, farm and industrial life will also be shown.

The Land and Irrigation congress has planned to occupy the entire Coliseum at Chicago, but as the space allotted to the several exhibits was thought not sufficient for that planned by the Southern Pacific for its Western patrons, that company concluded to secure the annex for the Western exhibits.

PANAMA MAIL LINE FIXED.

Hitchcock Orders Service to Begin on Opening of Canal.

Washington, D. C.—Postmaster General Hitchcock has ordered the establishment of a fast ocean mail service between the principal ports on the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and Panama and Colon. The order calls for a service which shall begin in the autumn of 1914, so as to be in operation when the canal is opened. The contract calls for 3-knot steamers to furnish a weekly service between New York, New Orleans and Colon, and between Seattle and San Francisco and Panama.

The entering into the contract will open a new era to the commerce of the country, and in opening to the world the Panama canal, an ocean mail service between ports on both coasts of the United States, with points in Central and South America will be established.

Britons Seek Polo Cup.

London—Great Britain is going to make another try to regain the polo cup and will challenge America for a match in 1912. The Duke of Westminster has offered to take over the recovery fund and ponies, and the Hurlingham committee has decided to accept the offer. The action of the Duke relieves the committee of the necessity of appealing for subscriptions for the fund that would be required. To carry the team and its mounts across would necessitate an outlay of from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Big Arson Trust Found.

Chicago—That there exists a gigantic country-wide arson trust, with headquarters in Kansas City and representatives in nearly all of the large cities, the members of which make a business of setting fire to buildings to enable the owners to collect large sums of insurance, was the sensational charge made here by State Fire Marshal C. J. Doyle in an address delivered before the Association of Commerce.

Subway Extension Goes.

New York—The city has awarded the whole \$225,000,000 subway extension to the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company. The proposed new routes will embrace the boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx, and give rapid transit to many sections which have had to depend on the slower trolley.

SCENES IN ITALIAN DISTRICTS WHENCE CHOLERA CASES ARE SENT TO UNITED STATES.



ABOVE, MILKING COW IN STREET OF NAPLES; BELOW, STREET SCENE IN GENZANO.

Italian filth is responsible for the cases of cholera recently developed at New York, and which have caused the most stringent precautionary measures to be taken. The cholera cases were brought to New York from Naples and developed from contagion brought from that city. Neapolitans are notoriously filthy, and it is in the dirt of their city that cholera is bred for export. Other cities around Naples are equally filthy, and even in the north, where greater cleanliness prevails there are many dirty streets in the smaller towns, and sanitary regulations are closely observed only in the great cities. These photographs show how life goes on in dirty Naples and in the smaller suburbs of Rome.

CHOLERA CLAIMS VICTIM.

Italian Sailors Spread Infection in Boarding House.

Boston—Asiatic cholera has reached Boston and caused one death, according to a statement given out by Chairman Duran, of the Boston Board of Health.

The cholera victim was Mrs. Tamassino Mastrodencio, who died at the detention hospital on Gallipoli Island, Thursday. Mrs. Mastrodencio took into her home as lodgers a few weeks ago two sailors who were members of the crew of a steamer supposed to have sailed from an Italian port. The sailors subsequently were taken ill and disappeared. Efforts are being made to find them.

The children of Mrs. Mastrodencio are under observation at the quarantine station, and the board has begun examining the many persons who may have come in contact with the woman. Her house, in the congested Italian district, will be thoroughly fumigated and all precautions taken to protect the 25 families, including half a hundred children, who live in the building.

The delay in determining definitely that the woman died from cholera was due to difficulty in recovering the germs of the disease from the cultures, the diagnosis being made possible only yesterday by the receipt from Washington of a supply of anti-cholera serum with which tests were made. Mrs. Mastrodencio slept with a girl before the discovery of her disease. The girl is detained and will be closely watched.

A thorough examination of all the tenants of the building where Mrs. Mastrodencio lived will be made by Dr. John Long and Dr. Allan McLaughlin, of Washington, who came here two days ago, when the presence of cholera was suspected. In addition, four inspectors of the Health Department here have been watching in the North End districts for four days for any appearance of the disease among the relatives of the Mastrodencio family.

Mexicans Pan Strike.

Juarez, Mexico—According to Juarez railroad officials, a big strike is planned to cover the entire National Railways lines of Mexico, and the present arrangement is that it will be inaugurated on August 5.

The strike will be instituted by the brakemen and firemen, but will be quickly followed by an anti-American protest, as it is asserted the engineers and conductors on the system, who are principally Americans, are being paid more than the standard for such services in the United States.

Liberals Menace Juarez.

Juarez, Mex.—That there is a force of Liberals camped a few miles south of this city who threaten to attack Juarez is asserted by city officials of Juarez. There are approximately 125 in the party, all heavily armed, and it is known that another band is in the hills, south of La Paso smelter. Nothing has been heard from the 30 rangers sent out from this city to Guadalupe.

WOMAN OF 111 FOUND.

Real Daughter of Revolution Lives in Squalid Cabin.

Atlanta, Ga.—Mrs. Mary Trawick Procter, 111 years old, a real daughter of the American Revolution, has just been discovered in a humble old cabin in Barlow county, Georgia. Her only companions are her daughter, Miss Mary Procter, 90 years old, and two great grandchildren, descendants of another daughter.

Mrs. Procter was born in Wake county, N. C., April 30, 1809. When 19 years old, she was married to Hiram Procter, a veteran of the Revolution and the War of 1812. She has lived under the administrations of 25 Presidents, including John Adams and William H. Taft.

On a bedding of straw, constituting a mattress so thin that the rough plank slats can be seen, this daughter of the revolution lies, her form emaciated, skin wrinkled, and almost a skeleton. Her aged daughter ministers to the wants and necessities of the household, and tills the soil in a small cotton and garden patch nearby. The meager profits derived from this labor she adds to the \$12 a month which Mrs. Procter receives for the services of her husband rendered in the War of 1812. A movement has been started in Atlanta to raise funds sufficient to provide for the two old women the rest of their lives.

Middle West is Soaked.

Topeka, Kan.—Topeka and this section of the state received the heaviest rain recorded here in two years, the rainfall measuring 2.33 inches. Many other points in the state report from an inch to two and one-half inches. Today's rain will be of immense benefit to all crops and pastures.

Minneapolis—The proverbial "million-dollar rain," soaked Minnesota and the Dakotas today. From points in every state in the wheat belt came reports of rain.

Prince in Doctor's Care.

Fribourg, Switzerland—Queen Victoria of Spain, and Prince Jaime, arrived here and drove to the laryngological clinic, where the Prince was placed in the care of the physicians for treatment for an affection of the throat and nose. Prince Jaime will be required to undergo long treatment but nothing yet has been decided in regard to the operation, which is not considered dangerous.

Germany Hottest Since 1904.

Berlin—Germany is suffering from the most oppressive heat wave since 1904. Some of the registering instruments recorded 104 degrees. Multitudes have gone to the suburban lakes, but have experienced little relief. Temperatures along the sea coast are equally high. Many heat prostrations are reported from Stettin, Hamburg, Cologne and elsewhere.

BATTLESHIP MAINE EXPOSED.

Bottom of Craft is Bent Upward—Hull Deep in Mud.

Havana, July 19.—The process of removing the water surrounding the wreck of the Maine was virtually completed this afternoon, when the water in the cofferdam was lowered, leaving the wreck surrounded by islets of mud and slime. The depth at no place is greater than four feet.

The engineers are now confronted with the serious problem of removing the mud in which the remains of the battleship are embedded from a minimum of 37 feet to a depth that can only be conjectured.

Although the water is now only two feet lower than in previous pumping operations, revelations regarding the shattered bulk have been vastly enlarged by the outspreading of the distorted frames and plating, especially in the forward section where the explosion was most felt.

The structure of the bow as far aft as frame 18 is now exposed, permitting an analysis of the plates, beams, ribs, etc., and it has been shown conclusively that they originally belonged to the structure of the double bottom, which is now elevated to a height of about 40 feet above the normal position, apparently giving confirmatory evidence of a tremendous exterior explosion.

To this view, however, the engineers decline to commit themselves, merely admitting the identification of parts of the bottom of the ship.

GOLD SECRETS TOLD.

Mining Men in Big Convention at Grays Pass.

Grays Pass, Or., July 19.—This city is filled today with mining delegates and representative mining men from Northern California and Southern Oregon counties. The largest body of mining men that has gathered for one purpose in years is now here to disseminate mining knowledge and stimulate interest through a course of lectures that are inviting and instructive.

The big meeting was called to order by O. S. Blanchard, who gave an address of welcome. It was responded to by President Young, of the miners' association, who presided over the afternoon exercises. The principal lecture work fell upon W. S. Bacon, of Kerby; Dr. J. F. Keady, of Medford; George C. Bennett, of Hornbrook, and L. D. Mahone, of Portland. The exercises will continue tonight in the opera house.

Hundreds of persons today passed through the exhibit room and saw what is probably the largest collection of minerals ever put on display in Oregon.

Gold and copper mining men say that the wealth of Southern Oregon and Northern California is here shown for the first time, as it should have been shown years ago.

CHOLERA HARD TO DETECT.

Disease Does Not Develop for Days, Making Fight Difficult.

New York, July 19.—How difficult it is to exclude cholera was brought out in testimony heard today at the investigation of Dr. Doty's administration. Emil Lederer, in charge of the steerage department of the Hamburg-American line, testified that the first case of cholera on board the Mosk did not develop until 22 days after the passengers had first been quarantined in Italy.

All the immigrants at Genoa, Palermo and Naples, where cholera is now epidemic, had been held five days in quarantine before they were embarked and there was no sign of cholera among them when the ship sailed. Dr. Doty said tonight that the situation in this port was encouraging and fears of a cholera invasion are being allayed.

Island Revolt is Halted.

New York, July 19.—Uncle Sam's first official "discourager of revolutions" landed here today to report a successful mission in Porto Rico. He is Joseph R. Darling, special agent of the department of justice, and he has just told of having held for trial General Carlos F. Morales, ex-president of the Santo Domingo republic, and General Maurice Jimenez, ex-vice president. They are charged with violating the neutrality laws in attempting to organize a military expedition against their country.

Bells Workers' Signal.

San Diego, Cal., July 19.—Senor Jose De Garcia Cruz, for 50 years bellringer at San Juan Capistrano mission, at midnight rang the bells in the mission welcome arch at the Santa Fe station here, thus officially opening the ground-breaking celebration of the Panama-California exposition. John Barrett, director of the Pan-American union, arrived in this city at noon today in his capacity as the personal representative of President Taft.

Public Drinking Cup Unlawful.

Lansing, Mich.—Dr. Robert L. Dixon, secretary of the state board of health, has notified all railroads, steamship lines and other companies in Michigan which have for their purpose the conveyance of the public, that they must discontinue the use of public drinking cups in their conveyances or places of business.

New Comet Being Traced.

Chicago—Nightly observations of the latest "celestial tramp," known as Kiess' comet, are being taken at the Yerkes observatory by Professor Edwin B. Frost and Professor Sherburne Burnham. The new comet was picked up by the observatory at Williams Bay, July 8.

RECIPROcity IS READY TO SIGN

Becomes Law When Approved by Taft and Canada.

Vote on Measure 53 to 27—Insurgents Fight to Last—Triumph for President.

Washington, D. C.—The reciprocity trade agreement between the United States and Canada and in the reciprocity bill, that provided for a two sessions of congress, passed the Senate Saturday without amendment by a vote of 75 to 27. A majority of Republicans voted against it. Of 53 votes for it were Democrats and 23 Republicans and three Democrats. This action settled the whole Canadian reciprocity question so far as Congress is concerned and gave executive approval and the Canadian Parliament's ratification. The act takes the force of law from the signing of the President's agreement until next Wednesday, when the House is again in session. The reciprocity bill having originated in the House, must be returned there for agreement and for the signature of Speaker Clark, while the House sits.

The Canadian Parliament has not yet acted on the agreement and a Canadian exception of the provisions of the bill as passed by Congress is not because effective until the President signs a proclamation. Canada has ratified the pact, with exception of this procedure in a paper and pulp section of the bill which it is announced will be immediately effective when the President signs the law.

SHIP GIVEN UP.

Bark Espada Now 150 Days Out of Grays Harbor.

Aberdeen, Wash.—The bark Espada, 150 days out of Grays Harbor, Adelaide, South Australia, is held to be lost with all hands.

The Espada cleared from Aberdeen over the bar. That is the last of her and as the normal passage time on this run is 75 days, many believe there is no hope for her.

The Espada was commanded by Captain Inghart Jacobson, of Tacoma and was manned by ten men. One of the passengers on the trip, which thought to have been fatal by on board, was Mrs. Jacobson, who was formerly Miss Olga Anders of 2124 South M street, Tacoma.

The bark loaded at the Slade with a full cargo of lumber for Australia port. Unless she struck storm it is the belief of local men that she ran aground, and would be almost impossible to ship to sink in midocean when with lumber.

Reinsurance on the Espada goes up in the last few days it is now doubted. Efforts have begun to trace the missing vessel.

PITCHER SOLD FOR \$22,500.

Pittsburg Buys O'Toole From Paul for Biggest Price.

Minneapolis.—Barney Dreyfus president of the Pittsburg Club (the National League, today) paid \$22,500 for the highest ever paid for a ballplayer in history of organized baseball. The bidder dropped out of running with the exception of Dreyfus and Mike Cantillon, who acting in the role of agent, Charles Comiskey, of the Chicago Americans.

O'Toole announced himself as being to go to Pittsburg, but he would like to have Kelly go with him. Dreyfus is said to have offered \$5000 for Kelly, but Kelly is desirous of realizing at least \$10,000 for him.

Previous to the purchase of O'Toole the highest price ever paid for a baseball player was \$12,000 which the Philadelphia Club of American League gave for pitcher "Lefty" Russell. He was purchased from Baltimore last year.

Upper Berths Not Taken.

Chicago.—There have been many empty upper berths in many sleeping cars, even after law went into effect, reduced rate on them, that the proposed now under consideration to put them still further on the combined plan. This plan, which has been submitted for approval of the man Company, will give a berth both the upper and lower berth 50 cents added to the price of lower alone.

Five thousand sleeping cars operated in the United States Canada.

Texas Seems to Be Dry.

Dallas, Tex.—With what is noted to be three-fourths of the cast in today's liquor election, the Prohibitionists are ed by the narrow margin of 540, according to the returns of the Up to midnight 339,775 votes been accounted for. Returns all the larger towns are in the rural districts are against saloons it seems a safe bet at this time that the state has "dried."

Astoria Gets Torpedo Fleet of... Washington.—Senators Chas. Linn and Bourne have failed to... the Navy Department for a... a battleship to Astoria for the... tennial celebration. The department advised them, however, that... reds fleet would be sent to... participate in the opening... and remain throughout the... as previously planned.