

CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

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

An earth slide buried a work train and 25 men near St. Alphonse, Quebec, and nearly all were killed.

W. J. Bryan has returned to New York from South America, where he has been studying sociological conditions.

The condition of Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) is slightly improved, but still serious. Heart trouble is the cause.

A stenographer who wrote letters for Roosevelt in Naples says he expects to be the next president of the United States.

The books of the United States Steel corporation were thrown open to the public and show that the largest stockholders are Hollanders.

American workmen have been shut out of the works of the Pressed Steel Car company at Schoenvelt, Pa., and serious trouble is imminent.

With banners aloft, fiery orators, and occupying a procession of taxicabs nearly a mile long, the suffragists in convention in Washington, D. C., moved on Capitol Hill and presented to congress 400,000 individual demands for votes for women.

Not a dynamite cracker nor a cap pistol nor a "snake in the grass" will be sold in Washington, D. C., the coming Fourth. Instead, there will be band concerts, athletic contests, boat races and all kinds of outdoor sports, while the citizens' committee sets off the fireworks.

A workman at the new Mt. Tabor reservoir in Portland attempted to replace a driving chain on a concrete mixer which had jumped off the sprocket wheel, when his clothing caught in the cog and his arm was drawn in and crushed. A fellow workman cut the mangled flesh loose with his jack-knife while others supported the suffering victim, who was then rushed to a hospital on the opposite side of town, nearly five miles.

Three men robbed a California train and then escaped in a launch on Suisun bay.

An Oklahoma farmer was swindled out of \$2,000 on a fake horse race at San Francisco.

President Taft is confident that the \$30,000,000 irrigation bill will pass both houses.

It is reported from many cities that moving picture shows are seriously interfering with the season business.

A fierce wind storm in Southern states cost 17 lives and property damage amounting to many hundred thousands.

President Taft, speaking at a banquet in Washington, said one term as president of the United States is enough.

The Supreme court of Louisiana has been called upon to define "what is a negro," and the decision is being waited for with great interest by many states.

A woman in Snyder, Texas, started the fire with coal oil, and she and her infant daughter and 14-year old sister were burned to death by the explosion which followed.

Passengers and crew of the steamer Santa Clara, wrecked off the California coast, were all saved, and the steamer herself has been pulled off the rocks and is being towed into port.

The wife of a prominent coffee merchant at Los Angeles has finally been recognized as the "mysterious girl at the ringside" who has attended many prizefights in that city, disguised in men's clothing.

A 685-pound woman has been jailed in San Francisco for exhibiting herself as a freak.

A Kansas tornado swept a creek dry for nearly a mile, tore up telephone poles and carried a cow and calf 200 yards.

A mission at Chungshu, China, was destroyed by rioters because Chinese officials had cornered the rice supply for export.

A forger was arrested in San Francisco for trying to pass a worthless check signed with the name of John D. Rockefeller.

A 13-year old girl in Pittsburg committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid because she was not getting along well in school.

It is believed that various large railroads have been robbed by swindlers of several million dollars. Thorough investigation is being made.

President Taft spoke before the National Woman Suffrage convention in Washington, and was hissed when he gave his opinion on woman suffrage.

Lawyer Seth F. Crews, of Chicago, was given \$5,000 by the Circuit court for advising Sarah Peterson that it would be legal for her to marry John R. Smith, a wealthy mine owner, on his deathbed. Miss Peterson married Mr. Smith and he died almost immediately afterward. When his estate was probated she fell heir to \$350,000.

A Burlington passenger train in Montana collided with a freight, killing one brakeman and injuring several persons badly. The freight conductor had both legs broken.

A Chicago girl of 10 years has given birth to a fine girl baby and both are doing well.

A Washington farmer was floored of \$10,000 on a sure thing race game in San Francisco.

Chicago women strongly resent the alleged slur in the census rules that "housewifery" is not an occupation.

THREE MASKED MEN ROB CALIFORNIA TRAIN.

Benicia, Cal., April 18.—After looting the mail and baggage cars of overland train No. 1, between this place and Goodyear, at 12:30 o'clock this morning, three masked men, who escaped on the engine of the train to Suisun bay are being pursued by a sheriff's posse, through bayous in a steam launch.

The robbers had planned the hold-up carefully and had a boat secreted in the marshes when they abandoned the engine at Cygnus.

The train was stopped by a lantern signal and allowed to stop at the approach to Goodyear. As the engine came to a stop, two men leaped aboard, one from each side, and covered the engineer with revolvers. An instant later the third appeared and covered the fireman.

One of the men stood guard over the engineer and fireman while the other two entered the express car. No estimate of the amount taken can be had, but it is believed that the robbers netted several hundred dollars. There were two coaches in the train, and the robbers locked each one as they passed through, leaving the passengers captive while they rifled the other cars.

After completing the work they returned to the engine, where their companion still stood guard over the trainmen, and ordered the engineer to uncouple the engine. He was then ordered, with the fireman, to "beat it," and as the men ran back toward the rear of the train, one of the robbers pulled the throttle wide open and the engine shot at top speed through Goodyear.

A posse was quickly organized at Goodyear and Benicia and a short time later the abandoned engine was found a few miles farther ahead at Suisun bay. A rancher living nearby had seen three men and it was learned a short time later that the men had escaped in a launch.

WARSHIPS WARN JAPAN.

British Journal Sees Hidden Meaning in Voyage of Squadron.

London, April 18.—While one section of European opinion urges Mr. Roosevelt to discuss with William and Edward an international understanding for the limitation of armaments, another cynically suggests that, if they will bring the matter up for his consideration, more may be accomplished. The implication is, as one prominent journal sees the situation, that Mr. Roosevelt has done as much as either of the monarchs to stimulate the appetite for fleets.

Interest in this matter is heightened by Washington dispatches today that foreshadow another around-the-world cruise by American battleships, these vessels heading east from Hampton Roads instead of south.

"If the cruise is taken," comments one Washington observer, "any tyro will be able to see the connection between it and the readjustments of the Washington-Tokyo treaty and that famous final clause of article II.

"There is going to be tension between the United States and Japan when the latter presses for the privileges of naturalization and suffrage, not to mention easier immigration conditions, and Uncle Sam recalls the pacifying influence of his war dogs two years ago."

Hope is expressed that at the New York dinner to Lord Kitchener, who is thought to have "made a hit with the Americans by telling the Australians to found a military school like West Point," the guest will emphasize the value of a "lasting entente between our fleet and theirs."

Kitchener at Academy.
West Point, N. Y., April 18.—At his own request the visit of Field Marshal Lord Kitchener here today was unmarked by ceremony. After a luncheon at the residence of Colonel Hugh L. Scott, the superintendent, he passed the afternoon viewing the academy and studying its methods. Lord Kitchener came here accompanied by W. Butler Duncan, Jr., of New York, and was met by Superintendent Scott at the railroad station. The visitor watched the usual inspection and review of the cadet corps.

Land Fraud Sleuth Slain.

Broken Bow, Neb., April 18.—Word was received here this evening of the finding yesterday near the town of Mullen of the dead body of O. F. Hamilton, the man who assisted secret service men in unearthing land frauds in Northwestern Nebraska.

Hamilton, it is claimed, was murdered. He has been missing two months. Hamilton's body was found by the confession of Frank Cleavinger, who charges H. G. McIntyre, a railroad brakeman, with having killed Hamilton.

"Siamese" Twins from Philippines.

San Francisco, April 18.—Two Samar twins, joined together by the merest ligament, and who promise to be rivals for the fame gained by the Siamese twins, are in San Francisco today. The two children, both boys, arrived here yesterday from the Philippines, in charge of R. L. Louis, who will exhibit them throughout the United States. The infants seem to get along peaceably, although they occasionally have a spat.

Operators Will Arbitrate.

Washington, April 18.—The situation which has threatened a strike of telegraphers on the Southern railway has been compromised. Chairman Martin A. Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce commission, said today all disputed points except the question of wages and representation have been settled. These will be arbitrated under the Erdman act.

Eight Nightriders Fined.

Cincinnati, April 18.—Eight of the alleged nightriders of Grant county, Kentucky, on trial in the United States District court at Covington, Ky., were found guilty by a jury today. Three others were acquitted. Fines ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 were assessed by Judge Cochran, who released the men on their own recognizance, pending an appeal.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

RAILROADS RACE ACROSS STATE

Hill and Harriman Interests Rushing to Coos Bay Country.

Burns.—That the Harriman and Hill interests will run a harder race across the state in building from east to west than that now on in heading south through the Deschutes river canyon is becoming apparent. The contest, it is believed, will be the most exciting ever pulled off in the history of western railroad construction.

That the Hill interests will push through to completion with all possible haste a line from Boise, Idaho, to Coos Bay, or some point in the Willamette Valley having connection with Portland by means of the Oregon Electric, is now practically settled in the minds of men speculating on the state's future railroad operations, and it is known that since the Hill interests began to display interest in the same section of the state, the Harriman people, too, have become very active. Surveying parties have been busy for some time stretching lines with a view of finding the most feasible route from east to west across the state, and it is said that no small portion of the proposed road has already been staked out.

According to information so far given out by men closely in touch with railroad construction people, it appears evident that the Harriman line will be built from Vale westward by way of Burns, which route, it is understood, will also be followed by the Hill people. The recent transfer of the large holdings of the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Military Road company to a syndicate of Minnesota capitalists who will throw it open to settlers without delay, is expected to be followed by an announcement from James J. Hill to the effect that the holdings will be given transportation facilities as soon as a line can be built, the survey of which, it is believed, will practically parallel the line of the old wagon road its entire distance.

BANKS OF RIVER CAN CAVE.

War Department Refuses to Heed Prayer of Dwellers in Lane.

Washington.—The war department has definitely refused to assist in preventing the washing away of the banks of the Willamette between Eugene and Harrisburg. Citizens, through Senator Chamberlain, asked the department to do this on the ground that the government built the dikes that caused the higher water which has caused great destruction upon adjoining lands at each freshet time.

Chief of Engineers Marshall referred the matter to Major McIndoe, at Portland, who upon examination reports: "Caving in was in progress before the dikes were built and in our opinion the dikes are not responsible primarily for such caving in. The project to prevent it would be enormously expensive and not justified by the needs of navigation on the river. Work done for that purpose would be solely for the protection of private property and is therefore not recommended."

Plan Model Dairy for Klamath.

Klamath Falls.—Klamath county is to have one of the finest dairy ranches in Oregon, according to the plans of John Ellis and W. L. Albright. It is to be located in the big Albright-Ellis ranch, about seven miles from Fort Klamath. When the ranch is in readiness to receive the herd, Mr. Ellis will go to the middle west, where he will select the stock that is to compose it. He has decided on the purchase of Guernsey and Holsteins, believing that these will best meet the conditions of climate and the demands of the markets.

Fire Destroys Much Timber.

Salem.—Printed proceedings of the February meeting of the state board of forestry are now ready for distribution. They give reports of damage done to the forests in the state by fire during the summer of 1909. In this connection the report of the secretary shows that there were 413 fires, burning over an area of 11,037 acres, and that a total of 191,213,500 feet, board measure, of merchantable timber was destroyed. If this timber had been manufactured into lumber it would have represented an approximate value of \$2,485,776.

Land Office at Vale.

Vale.—Bruce R. Keator, an agent of the government, is in Vale for the purpose of recommending a suitable location for the land office, which will be opened here in accordance with the recent act of congress creating a new land district, in which he sets forth that not the intention of the government to erect a building, but to lease a portion of a building, which will accommodate the offices and equipment for the new office.

Complaints of Shipment.

Salem.—H. Grebe, of Portland, has filed a complaint with the railroad commission, in which he sets forth that a large consignment of seed peas shipped from Pullman, Wash., to Condon, Or., March 21, has never reached its destination. Mr. Grebe also complains of excessive freight charges on the O. R. & N. from Portland to Condon, and delays in delivery have caused him much damage.

Yearling Sheep Bring \$5.

Hoppe.—R. F. Ricknell shipped 25 carloads of sheep from this city and 20 carloads from Echo the first of last week. The sheep are yearlings, and were purchased from Morrow County shepherds at prices ranging from \$4.50 to \$5 per head. There were about 14,000 sheep in the shipment.

Poultry Plant Near Medford.

Medford.—C. H. Hoxie has purchased from Guy Lawrence 122 acres south-west of Medford for \$15,000. The land is partially agricultural and partially small timber. Mr. Hoxie purposes going into the chicken business on a large scale.

Launch Ready at Hermiston.

Hermiston.—The launch belonging to the Columbia Land company is now in running order, and prospective settlers will be taken out on the government dam every afternoon. The people of Hermiston claim that the motor car by going as mass to Stanfield.

\$110,000 TO BUILD DAM.

Will Store Enough Water to Irrigate 20,000 Acres in Umatilla.

Pendleton.—The projected dam across the Umatilla river at Coe for the purpose of conserving flood waters of winter to be used in reclaiming 20,000 acres contained in the Furnish-Coe project west of Pendleton is to be constructed this summer. The contract has been signed and bonds given for commencement of work within 30 days and completion by October 1. The Eschbach-Bruce company of Seattle has been awarded the contract.

Although the dam was projected several months ago, and though concrete cores had been constructed from bedrock to the surface of the ground, no work has been done for several months and many were of the opinion that the project had been abandoned. The original plans of the Furnish-Coe project were for reclaiming land principally by winter, spring and early fall irrigation. Three dry seasons in succession convinced the promoters that it would be well to provide for emergencies and the dam plan was adopted. The dam will be 50 feet high, 1,170 feet long, 270 feet wide at base, and 20 feet wide at top, and will cost \$110,000. It will form a reservoir covering 240 acres and containing a supply sufficient to irrigate the entire project for 60 days.

Owing to the large number of other reclamation projects, it will be necessary to arrange for normal flow of the river at all seasons of the year. The spillway will also be capable of handling the largest floods and will have a capacity of 50,000 second feet, or twice as much water as has ever passed down the river.

ALL RAIL LINE TO NEWPORT.

Ties Ordered by Corvallis & Eastern to Skirt Yaquina Bay With Road.

Corvallis.—Beach travelers going to Newport, on the Oregon coast, this summer will in all probability not have to put up with the annoyance of transferring from train to ferry at Yaquina, as has been the necessity in the past. The Corvallis & Eastern Railroad company has decided to extend its road from Yaquina, its present terminus, to Newport; the track to skirt the beach of the present shagged bay. The new states that the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad company has entered into a contract with the Yaquina Bay Lumber company, at Toledo, for 7,500 railroad ties, which number will be sufficient to cover the stretch between Yaquina and Newport, a distance of about three and a half miles.

Rolling Stock for Short Line.

Salt Lake City.—In addition to 40 passenger coaches arriving here for the Oregon Short Line and the large number of cars already ordered, the road is preparing to place an order for 85,000 worth of rolling stock. The increased order is believed to be due to the road's anticipation of a season of prosperity. The prediction that there will not be enough rolling stock in the country to accommodate passenger and freight traffic also may have had something to do with the action of the road's officials.

Whiteaker Well Shows Oil.

Dallas.—Drilling has been resumed at the Whiteaker oil well. The machinery is again running on full time. The drill is hammering away in a stratum of hard rock, with a strong showing of oil and a constantly increasing flow of natural gas. For the last two weeks drilling operations have been practically suspended to put down several hundred feet of 8-inch casing. Rapid progress will now be made.

Motor Carries Mail.

Brownsville.—Mail service on the motor between this city and Albany has been inaugurated, and henceforth Brownsville will receive four train mails each day, except Sunday, when there will be but two.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat.—Track prices.—Bluestem, 93 @95c; club, 88@90c; red Russian, 82 1/2 @87c; valley, 95c.
Barley.—Feed and brewing, 23.50@24 per ton.
Corn.—Whole, 33 1/2; cracked, 35c ton.
Hay.—Track prices.—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$20@21 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$23@24; alfalfa, \$16.50@17.50; grain hay, \$17@18.

Oats.—No. 1 white, \$27@28.50 ton.
Fresh Fruits.—Strawberries, Florida, \$2.50@3 per crate; apples, \$1@2.50 box; cranberries, \$8@9 barrel.
Potatoes.—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 40@50c per hundred; new California, 6c per pound; sweet potatoes, \$1@1c.

Vegetables.—Asparagus, 3@5c; cabbage, 14@15c per pound; head lettuce, 6@7c per dozen; hot-house lettuce, 50c@60c box; green onions, 15c dozen; radishes, 30c per dozen; rhubarb, 3c pound; spinach, 3c per box; sprouts, 9c per pound; turnips, 1c per lb; rutabagas, \$1@1.25; carrots, 85c @1c; beets, \$1@1.25; parsnips, 50@75c.

Onions.—Oregon, \$1.75 per hundred.
Butter.—City creamery, extras, 39c; fancy outside creamery, 32@33c per pound; store, 28c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices.

Pork.—Fancy, 13@13 1/2c per pound.
Veal.—Fancy, 10@11c per pound.
Lamb.—Fancy, 12c per pound.
Poultry.—Hens, 20c; broilers, 27@28c; ducks, 22@23c; geese, 25c; turkeys, live, 20@21c; dressed, 25c; squabs, 43c per dozen.

Cattle.—Best steers, \$6.75@7; fair to good steers, \$6@6.50; strictly good cows, \$5.75@6; fair to good cows, \$5 @5.50; light calves, \$6@7; heavy calves, \$4@5; bulls, \$4@5.25; stags, \$4.50@5.50.

Sheep.—Best wethers, \$6@6.25; fair to good wethers, \$5.50@6; good lambs, \$6@6.50.
Hogs.—Top, \$11.10@11.25; fair to good \$10@11.

Hope.—1909 crop, 13@16c, according to quality; olds, nominal; 1910 contracts, 15@16c.

Wool.—Eastern Oregon, 14@17c per pound; valley, 18@21c; mohair, choice, 30@32c; Portland.

Casaca bark—4 1/2@5c per pound.

RECEIVES KINGLY HONORS.

Emperor Francis Joseph Greets Roosevelt in Splendor.

Vienna, April 16.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was received at the Austrian capital today in a manner almost like that accorded a reigning sovereign.

The punctilious Austrian court, the most ceremonious of Europe, had arranged the programme and left nothing undone that could emphasize the unprecedented honor being paid the visiting American.

As a special mark of his personal esteem, the aged emperor-king, Francis Joseph, received Colonel Roosevelt in his private apartments at the imposing Hofburg palace, instead of in the regular audience chamber.

The monarch, who was attired in an imperial uniform, was extremely gracious to the American and kept him in conversation for 35 minutes.

What interested subjects they found to discuss were not made public, as they were alone, and Colonel Roosevelt naturally has declined to reveal the slightest detail of the conversation.

Emperor Francis Joseph intends personally to return Mr. Roosevelt's call on him. Such an honor as a return visit from the emperor is only extended to reigning sovereigns.

For Colonel Roosevelt the call on the emperor was only the main feature of a busy day, which began immediately after he reached his hotel this morning with a breakfast with Henry White, chief American ambassador to France, who had met him in Vienna since he began his diplomatic career here 27 years ago under President Taft's father, who was then American minister.

The day included an official visit last hour to Count von Aehrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, a call of courtesy on Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir apparent to the throne, at Belvedere palace, a visit to the tombs of the Hapsburgs, where, under the guidance of a Capuchin monk, with a lighted taper in his hand, he laid wreaths on the tombs of Empress Elizabeth and Crown Prince Rudolph; a tour of inspection of the Spanish riding school, founded by Charles VIII, and of the Imperial Hussar barracks; a reception by the American journalists and a dinner given in his honor at the foreign office tonight by Count von Aehrenthal.

Yet, after the long day, when Colonel Roosevelt returned to his hotel tonight, he mounted the stairs two at a time.

Colonel Roosevelt used the imperial court carriage placed at his disposal by Emperor Francis Joseph until his official calls had ended. Then he discarded it for an automobile.

He enjoyed the exhibition at the riding school, where the celebrated Lipizzan breed of horses, a mixture of Spanish and Arab blood, performed the daintiest of evolutions, dancing a quadrille and finally coming onto the platform where Colonel Roosevelt sat and circling his chair so close that their hoofs almost touched his feet. But, as Colonel Roosevelt remarked afterwards: "These are only society horses."

A clattering charge of the Magyar Hussars, who constitute the emperor's body guard, across the parade grounds of the barracks, on the contrary, stirred him to real enthusiasm and after the evolutions he made a detailed inspection of the stables, horse hospitals, etc., volleying questions at the officers who accompanied him.

Huge Timber Deal is Made.

New Westminster, B. C., April 16.—The Canadian Western Lumber company, composed of Eastern Canadian and American lumbermen, has purchased for \$20,000,000 all the property of the Fraser River Lumber company. This property is mostly timber land on Vancouver island, and includes the tract purchased recently from the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company for \$4,000,000. The new company possesses the largest area of merchantable timber under one ownership in the world.

Slide Buries Score Men.

St. Alphonse, Quebec, April 16.—An immense landslide, started by a blast of dynamite, today carried a score of men down the side of a steep hill and buried the construction camp of the Hahn Bay railway under tons of earth and rock. Not a workman in the camp escaped, and almost every one of the gang working on the hill was injured. Up to a late hour a rescue party had taken out eight dead, including Ladislav Gagne, of St. Joseph, Quebec, chief engineer in charge of the works. Seven are missing.

Hard Wind Hits Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., April 16.—The heavy storm, with an average of five inches of rainfall that swept through Mississippi and Arkansas last night, was followed tonight by a tempest that broke over the states with added fury. Rain fell in torrents, accompanied in many places by hail. Accompanying this second storm was a wind which at times took on proportions of a tornado. Reports from Como, Marigold and Johnston, Miss., indicate that many small houses were leveled, and at the latter place a negro woman was killed.

Mark Twain Holds Own.

Redding, Conn., April 16.—Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) who arrived at his country home here last night, fatigued from his long journey from Bermuda and very ill, passed a comfortable night and it was said this morning his general condition was encouraging. It was declared by his attending physicians that Mr. Clemens had passed a comfortable day, with no appreciable change, and was holding his own fairly well.

End of Car Strike Seen.

Philadelphia, April 16.—That the streetcar strike, which caused more or less disorder in this city for nine weeks, will end tomorrow, was the assertion made this afternoon by C. O. Frost, the strike leader, and by others associated with him. The strikers will hold a mass meeting tomorrow afternoon, when a peace proposal will be laid before them for approval.

CHINESE RIOTERS BURN PROPERTY

Governor of Province Dead and Officials in Flight.

Consulates and Missions Destroyed and Missionaries Flee in Boats—Eight Refugees Drown.

MISSIONARIES ARE MISSING.

London, April 19.—The Times' correspondent in his dispatch on the Changshu riots, says the American missionaries are missing. Their fate is unknown.

Changshu, China, April 19.—All of the foreign-owned buildings in Changshu have been destroyed by fire, except the British consulate. All the buildings rented by foreigners have been looted.

All foreigners have left the city. So far as known, no foreign resident lost his life.

The governor of Hunan province, Wu Tehung Siu, and his son, were killed, and several other government officials fled. Even yet a section of the city is in flames. Six thousand foreign drilled soldiers are stationed here and a few of these protected the governor's house for a time, but soon all joined the rioters.

The riots began April 18, when the famine sufferers destroyed the rice depots. A captain of police was wounded trying to restore order. Thousands crowded around him and his assistants, and he was obliged to flee to the yamen. The rioters followed and besieged the place all night.

The following day the disturbance became anti-foreign. The Chinese Indian mission and the Norwegian and Catholic missions were burned. The other missions were destroyed April 15. The missionaries attached to the American Episcopal Missionary alliance, the United Evangelical church and the Wesleyan and Yale scientists, numbering 41 in all, took refuge in boats. They left all their effects.

The destruction of all foreign property, including the Japanese consulate and the British warehouses, followed. The fate of the Standard Oil company's newly-erected tanks is unknown.

DESERT AS A RESORT.

Camping in California Oases as Enjoyable as the Sea Shore.

A desert sounds like a strange place in which to camp for pleasure, but Charles Francis Saunders and his wife spent several enjoyable weeks on one part of our great western desert Mr. Saunders says:

"To the newcomer on the desert usually the first cause of surprise is the variety of its scenery. One habitually thinks of it as a flat, verdureless, monotonous expanse. In reality our western deserts present within comparatively small areas the greatest diversity of topography—mountain chains and foothills, valleys and arroyos (dry, of course, except for a few hours after some heavy storm in the mountains), sandy flats and rolling plains, bowlder-strewn dotted with greasewood or on the shade outside of a tent. Inside of the tent is usually unendurable during the middle of the day, the temperature there rising higher than in the full sunshine."

Mr. Saunders' German guide, "Dutch Jake," has become so fond of the desert that, in taking leave of his "tonderloof" friends at the end of their camping trip, he says:

"New York? Humph"—he says in New York? "Yes, I have been in New York, but I made you fool of mine. No, no, Mister, I takes my bunch of burrows, unt some beans and bacon in de saddle bags unt always yare in de canteen, unt I shay in de desert. It's healthy here unt dere sin't nobody unt robes you, unt I knows places were a man can find yet lots of mineral. Me for der desert, Mister; fools shays in New York."—Recreation Magazine.

Wallace Mansion Burns.

San Francisco, April 19.—Fire today destroyed the old Judge Wallace mansion on Van Ness avenue, which, after the earthquake and fire of 1906, was converted into Tait's Pompanian gardens, one of the most fashionable cafes in the West.

Count de Salazar, Spanish consul at San Francisco, whose offices were in the building, suffered the loss of nearly all his consular papers and family heirlooms. His wife's dresses, valued at \$5,000, were burned. The building was valued at \$15,000.

Trust Alleged Holdup.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 19.—Attorney General Major today filed with Special Commissioner Judge Theodore Brace the state's brief in the proceedings to oust the International Harvester company from Missouri. In his brief Major says: "It is well within the power of this company, in the absence of any natural or business cause to increase the price on binders and mowers to any extent it sees fit, and the public is powerless to do other than raise its hands that its pockets may be looted."

Lightning Hits Balloon.

Bitterfeld, Prussian Saxony, April 19.—The balloon Delitzsch, which ascended here last night, fell to the earth with great force near the village of Reichenbach, about 20 miles northwest of Eisenach, in a thunder storm. The crew of four men were killed. The balloon passed over Eisenach at midnight and soon drifted into