

# 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.

The thermometer reached 90 degrees at San Francisco and three persons were prostrated in one day.

It is alleged that only a beginning is made in the legislative scandal in Illinois and the big sensations are yet to come.

The body of Alma Kellner, aged 8 years, who disappeared at St. Louis last December, was found buried in the bottom of an unused cistern.

About 75 Woodmen gathered in Tacoma on Memorial Day and built a house for the widow of one of their members. They nearly finished the house in one day.

A Wisconsin man who has served two years in prison for being implicated in the robbery of a bank and murder of one of the directors, is now found to be innocent.

A fire sale in a big department store in Chicago ended in a riot, several women being knocked down and injured, the windows of the store smashed and the interior wrecked.

Edwin Gould Jr., grandson of the late Jay Gould, ran away from school, lived on 15-cent meals, spent a night on a board at the station house and was finally returned to his home by the police.

Rabies among coyotes in Central Idaho is causing great alarm. The animals come into the towns and attack dogs and live stock, as well as people, and seem to have no fear. Several persons have been bitten.

Arguments have been concluded in the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

Trouble is brewing over German invasion of the financial field in Persia. British politicians are much worked up over proposed changes in the coronation oath.

The bond issue to build the Lake Washington canal at Seattle has been declared invalid.

A great grand-daughter of the great Kentucky hunter, Daniel Boone, died at Tualatin, Oregon.

A jealous dog in San Francisco nearly killed his mistress when he saw her petting a sick chicken.

A Newport, Ore., man committed suicide by allowing the tide to carry him out to sea on a small raft.

Chinese are protesting against the acceptance of foreign railway loans by communications written in their own blood.

About 250 persons in Fort Collins, Wyoming, were made sick by ptomaine poisoning from eating ice cream at a banquet.

Business men in Georgia offer to pay the president's traveling expenses on his Southern trip, over which congress is wrangling.

State Senator D. W. Holtzlaw, of Illinois, has confessed that Senator Broderick paid him \$2,500 to vote for Lorimer for U. S. senator.

Two young women have gone into camp near Middletown, Cal., and begun peeling tan bark. They do nearly as much work as the men and say it is better than idleness.

James A. Patton lost about \$1,200,000 in one day speculating in wheat.

Census figures show the average salary of ministers to be about \$663 per year.

A Colorado cowboy carried his wounded partner 37 miles on horseback to receive medical attention.

Thieves have stolen the Minnesota coat of arms from the noted Hill statue in the exposition grounds at Seattle.

A French submarine was accidentally sunk by colliding with a warship and her entire crew of 27 men were drowned.

Deposed Alaska officials claim their removal was due to the Guggenheim interests, because of activity in prosecuting grafters.

Roosevelt says he would like to see football rules change so as to eliminate some of the dangers, but does not favor abandoning the game.

Miss Mathilde Townsend, considered the most beautiful heiress in Washington, turned down several foreign counts and married a plain American.

The "jet" of light on Halley's comet, discovered by Harvard observers, has entirely disappeared. The comet will be visible in the West until about June 10.

Governor Hughes of New York, signed the bill to enable the state to accept the gifts of land and money offered by Mrs. E. H. Harriman, and others, for a park embracing the Hudson River Palisades, and providing for \$1,500,000 bond issue by the state for improving the land.

Glenn H. Curtiss will try to fly from Albany to New York with but one stop. A collision between a bark and a large steamer in the English channel cost 22 lives.

A strike of all union teamsters in Portland seems certain on June 1.

Trouble with the wild tribes of Liberia is at an end, the leading chiefs having sworn allegiance to that government.

One hundred and twenty-five cases of champagne which were a part of the estate of Henry K. Shaw are missing and cannot be located.

A delegation of ministers failed to persuade the San Francisco authorities to refuse a permit for the Jeffries-Johnson fight on July 4.

## SEE BY TELEGRAPH, NEXT.

### French Scientist Perfects Apparatus to Take Photographs by Wire

Paris, May 30.—Television, the science of seeing hundreds of miles by the means of a telegraph wire, is a step nearer realization.

Edouard Belin, a young French scientist, has perfected and soon will test publicly an apparatus which actually, it is said, will take a picture telegraphically. Thus the image of a person or article before an objective lens in New York would appear practically instantaneously on a negative in San Francisco at the other end of the line.

About two years ago, it will be remembered, a German professor named Korn interested the scientific world by exhibiting photographs telegraphically. Pictures obtained were imperfect, however, and showed practically no details.

M. Belin, following Professor Korn's lead, has perfected telephotographic apparatus in which the senate committee on posts and telegraphs is much interested.

### 1,002 FAMILIES EXILED.

#### Russian Hebrews Receive Notification to Quit Kiev.

Kiev, May 30.—One thousand and two Jewish families have now received notification that they must leave the city in accordance with the determination of the Russian government to drive back into the pale all Hebrews who are unable to establish their legal right to remain outside its confines. This number includes 50 families to whom notices of expulsion were sent today.

An additional 193 families living in the suburbs outside the city proper are subject to deportation before June 1 unless in the meantime they produce proofs of their right of residence in their present sites.

It is impossible to get statistics showing the number of those already expelled. Even the Jewish Relief committee is unable to state the exact figures, but the committee estimates that between 200 and 300 Jewish families have left the city.

### WAR PLANS ARE HURRIED.

#### Conflict Appears Inevitable Between Ecuador and Peru.

Washington, May 30.—Official dispatches received at the State department both from Lima, Peru, and Quito, Ecuador, indicate that warlike preparations between Peru and Ecuador are being rapidly pushed forward, and that a conflict seems inevitable.

In view of the fact that both Peru and Ecuador had accepted without reserve Secretary Knox's proposition for the United States, Brazil and Argentina to mediate between these two countries in the matter of their boundary dispute, the State department officials are at a loss to understand their present attitude.

It was the understanding of the officials that in opening the mediation proposition they had of necessity accepted the conditions proposed by the offer, the principal one being the immediate withdrawal of their armies from the common frontier.

### Rare Fossils Sought for Museum

New York, May 30.—Two expeditions from the American Museum of Natural History will leave New York next week for Montana and Wyoming, in search of dinosaurs with three horns on each nose, and horses with four toes to the foot. The museum scientists hope to find specimens of both varieties, the party which is to search for fossils of the Cretaceous period going to Montana. The expedition is in charge of Professor Barnum Brown, and he will have three or four helpers. A similar expedition will go to Wyoming for researches in the evolution of the horse. Two or three fossil specimens of the eocene age are needed to complete the museum's chain showing the development of the horse from the creature no bigger than a dog to the swift and graceful Synsphy, whose skeleton is one of the treasures of the institution.

### Young Women Peel Bark.

Middletown, Cal., May 30.—Gertie Novins and Crystal Parriot, two young women of Lake county, have taken a contract to peel tanbark and have pitched camp on the side of Mount St. Helena, where they are hard at work. The young women peel as much bark in a day as a great many men do. They wear men's clothing, camp alone in the mountains, at least two miles from any other habitation, and are leading a "travelling life," with a pack that would make Roosevelt gasp for breath.

### Teddy is Buxton's Guest.

London, May 30.—Mr. Roosevelt, notwithstanding his visit to Lieutenant Colonel Arthur Lee's country place, Chequers, in Buckinghamshire, where he went from Cambridge yesterday. Colonel and Mrs. Lee had as guests also Mrs. Roosevelt, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Lord and Lady Roberts, Lord Kitchener, Arthur J. Balfour, Sir Cecil and Lady Spring-Rice and the Right Hon. Alfred Lyttelton.

### Surgeons Sew Up Gash in Heart.

Portland, May 30.—Holding a living, pulsating human heart in the palm of his hand, a surgeon at St. Vincent's hospital deftly stitched together the walls of a gash in its tip, waiting tensely for every remission of the organ's systole and diastole movements to take each tiny step in the process. And the operator did it as a matter of course, a thing in the day's work, interesting, of course, but hardly worthy of extraordinary comment.

### Canada to Breed Pheasants.

Vancouver, B. C., May 30.—This summer 1,000 pheasants will be bred by the provincial government in the Coast district for distribution here. Heretofore the breeding has been done only by local enterprise, but now the government has established breeding headquarters at Chilliwack. The birds to be raised this year are all Mongolian pheasants of the best breed.

# INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

## LINES IN OREGON \$4,784,222.

### Northern Pacific Engineers Make Estimate on Cost of Railroad.

Clyde B. Aitchison, Oregon state railroad commissioner, has received from the office of the chief engineer of the Northern Pacific company estimates on the cost of reproduction of railway lines in Oregon based on conditions in April, 1909. The estimates were exclusive of the one-third interest in the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway and the 40 per cent interest in the Northern Pacific Terminal company.

The total mileage of the Northern Pacific lines in Oregon is given at 97.27 miles. Of main line there is 38.67 miles; branches, 44.92 miles, and in yards and spurs 13.68 miles.

The estimate of expenditure on the line from Goble to Portland, 46.7 miles, is \$3,006,892.12. The biggest item is for right of way and station grounds, the figure being given at \$756,059.25. The cost of grading is given at \$733,768.

An estimate of \$995,439.78 is given as the cost of the work on the Washington & Oregon line to Pendleton, a distance of 33.74 miles. The cost of grading for this section is stated to be \$242,781, and of right of way and station grounds, \$154,608.33. From Selmets to Athena, 10.63 miles, the estimated cost of work is \$357,745.26. The cost of equipment for the line in Oregon is estimated at \$324,146.05.

### Hill Admires Blooded Horses.

Merrill—Louis W. Hill and party paid Merrill a visit while on their tour of inspection of the interior section contiguous to the route of the Hill road. The party was entertained at luncheon in the handsome ranch home of N. S. Merrill, the pioneer farmer of this part of the country, whose place is just outside the town limits. The ladies of the town served the lunch and all the business men and townspeople were there to greet the distinguished guests, who were accompanied from Klamath Falls by two dozen prominent citizens of that place.

The party filled seven autos. Mr. Hill made a brief address, saying he had not been entertained in this part of the state in which he met the Merrill people, and predicted that the lands in this valley would be doubled in value within two years.

The annual horse rode had just been completed in this part of the country before Mr. Hill's arrival, and after the luncheon was over the party assembled on the lawn, where the fine horses and mules of the Merrill ranch were passed before them for inspection. Then the autos were boarded and a run of ten miles down to Tule lake was made, where a visit was paid to the "Poplar Farm" owned by J. Frank Adams, the most noted horseman of this section, and his fine horses and brood mares afforded a sight for the railroad man to understand where so many of Oregon's extra good horses are bred.

### Cannery Ready for Work.

Eugene.—The Eugene Fruitgrowers' association has a large force of men employed getting the plant ready for the opening of the canning season. A large amount of money has been expended on the cannery building since it was purchased from the Allen company early in the spring. The packing department has been moved to the basement of the building, where a good floor has been built and every convenience installed for the employes. The big room on the ground floor formerly used as a packing room will be used for other purposes.

### Farmers Fence Much Land.

Klamath Falls—Within 30 days there will not be a farm, with one exception, between this city and Midland that will be unfenced. It is a matter of but a year or so when it was possible to drive from Klamath Falls to Midland without following any of the roads. Few realize the great change that has taken place in this part of the Klamath basin, but some idea may be gained from the improvements that have been made in fences alone.

### Crops Please Gervais.

Gervais—Crop conditions are all that can be asked for in this section except cherries and stone fruits. The cherry crop, it is feared, will be short. This result is apparent only recently. There is a splendid crop of strawberries now in the fields. Loganberry bushes will be loaded to full capacity. Wild blackberries and the evergreen variety will be average and of large size. Hops are coming on well and prophecy a crop of fully 95 per cent. The grain crop will be mostly spring wheat and oats, with a large acreage.

### Work 33 Days on One Log.

Tillamook—The crew of Hadley Russell shingle mill, which is owned by C. W. Gilmore, worked from April 9 to May 18, cutting 141,000 shingles out of one log 11 feet 10 inches in diameter and 60 feet long. In order to cut up the log it was necessary to blow it into eight pieces with dynamite, the saw used being only eight feet in length. In cutting the log not over half a cord of timber was wasted. In felling the tree an arm 60 feet long and four feet in diameter was broken to splinters, not a bit of it being saved.

### To Build Stone Roads.

Toledo—Road building machinery has been installed by the county court, preparations at the quarry are being rushed rapidly and the work of crushing and placing the rock on the Toledo-Siletta wagon road will be begun at once. When this modern road is completed other roads will be built and soon Lincoln county will be noted for her good roads, one of the essentials in any county.

### Klamath to Celebrate July 4-5.

Klamath Falls—Preparations are already being made for a celebration in this city on July 4 and 5. It is the intention of the business men of the city to make the jollification a record breaker. The Socialist encampment will be in session here during this time.

## TREAT ROAD WITH ROCK.

### County to Cooperate With Sawmill Co. in Needed Work.

Klamath Falls—Klamath county and the Meadow Lake sawmill company are to build a macadam road from Klamath Falls to the top of the mountain on the old Fort Klamath road. The work is to be done on a co-operative plan, and ultimately the city may join in the combination.

The proposition made to the county is that if the county will furnish the rock crusher and one man to care for the machine, the Meadow Lake Mill company will haul the rock, place it on the road, roll it down and do all the balance of the work in connection with the building of a good road without other cost to the county.

The Meadow Lake people are making this offer for the reason that the county has given them the privilege of running a traction engine over this road to haul the product of the mill to market in this city. The road leading out of town toward Fort Klamath from the city limits to the top of the hill is one of the worst pieces of road in the county during the winter season. In the flat about a mile outside the city this road gets hub deep in winter and it is almost impossible to get through it with any kind of a rig during that time of the year.

### Sane Celebration at La Grande.

La Grande—The Continental Congress of 1776 will be reproduced in this city, and all speakers will be garbed in continental dress, the Liberty bell will be here in likeness, and the Declaration of Independence will be read under inspiring circumstances on July 4, following decisions reached by the Chautauque committee.

There will be a strenuous effort to have a sane celebration during the Fourth. No firecrackers, fireworks or confetti will be allowed on the grounds.

### Refuses \$500 an Acre.

La Grande—T. R. McCall, who with his son has been visiting here from Denver, has offered F. A. Day the round sum of \$500 per acre for the Day tract of 40 acres, and promptly refused. Land owners are coming to realize that their land holdings have more value than is commonly attributed, and an offer like this is not to be sneered at. However, Day likes his location so well that he will not sell even at such figures. Mr. McCall realizes that Grand Ronde valley orchards are worth good prices.

### High School Ready by Autumn.

Newberg—Work on the high school has begun by the contractor, E. G. Anderson. The work must be finished in six months. The building will cost \$30,000. The building is to be 130x77 feet and 45 feet in height, the roof to be flat and constructed of tar and gravel. The material is to be of Newberg red face brick, trimmed with white pressed brick. The basement is to be fitted with a modern gymnasium and swimming tank.

### Model Farm Water Plant.

Baker City—J. H. Balsley, a farmer living west of the city, who has one of the most modern homes in Powder valley, has just completed a water system that is first class in every respect. The water is piped about 6,000 feet from a mountain spring, which not only guarantees a flow of pure mountain water, but furnishes ample fire protection, as the pressure is 100 pounds.

### Creamery Ready for Business.

La Grande—The new creamery is ready for business. The machinery has all been tested and the plant is in readiness for the season's run. The machinery is of the latest and most efficient type.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 86¢/87¢; club, 82¢/83¢; red Russian, 80¢/81¢; valley, 85¢.

Barley—Feed and brewing, \$21.50/22.50 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$33; cracked, \$34 ton.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$20/21 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$22/25; alfalfa, \$16.50/17.50; grain hay, \$17/18.

Butter—City creamery, extras 29¢ per pound; fancy outside creamery, 28¢/29¢; store, 20¢. Butter fat prices average 1½¢ per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 23¢/24¢.

Pork—Fancy, 12¢/12½¢ per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 10½¢/11¢ per pound.

Lamb—Fancy, 8¢/10¢ per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 18¢/19¢ per pound; broilers, 27¢/30¢; ducks, 18¢/22¢; geese, 12½¢; turkeys, live, 20¢/22¢; dressed, 25¢; squabs, \$3 per dozen.

Fresh Fruits—Strawberries, \$1.75/2.75 per crate; apples, \$1.50/3.00 per box; gooseberries, \$6 per pound.

Potatoes—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 40¢/50¢ per hundred; new California, 2½¢/3¢ per pound; sweet potatoes, 4¢.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 60¢/75¢ per dozen; asparagus, \$1.25/2 per box; cabbage, 2½¢/2¼¢ per pound; celery, \$3.50/4 per crate; head lettuce, 50¢/60¢ per dozen; hothouse lettuce, 50¢/60¢ per box; green onions, 15¢ per dozen; radishes 15¢/20¢ dozen; rutabaga, 2½¢/3½¢ per pound; spinach, \$2/10¢ per pound; rutabagas, \$1.25/1.50 per box; carrots, 85¢/91¢; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, 75¢/81¢.

Onions—Oregon, \$3 per hundred; Bermuda, \$1.50/1.75 per crate; red, \$1.75 per sack.

Hops—1909 crop, 12¢/15¢, according to quality; old, nominal; 1910 contracts, nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 14¢/17¢ per pound; valley, 16¢/18¢; mohair, choice, \$2/3.30 per pound.

Cattle—Beef steers, hay fed, good to choice, \$5.75/6.50; fair to medium, \$5.50/6.50; cows and heifers, good to choice, \$5.50/6.50; fair to medium, \$4.25/4.75; bulls, \$3.50/4.25; stags, 4.50/5.00; calves, light, \$6/7; heavy, \$4.50/5.50.

Hogs—Top, \$10.25/10.55; fair to medium, \$9.25/9.55.

Sheep—Best wethers, \$4.45/4.25; fair to good wethers, \$3.50/4.25; best ewes, \$3.25/3.50; lamb choice \$4.75; fair, \$4.25.

## SUGAR WEIGHERS CONFESS.

### Three Checkers Enter Pleas of Guilty—Leaders Still Fight.

New York, May 28.—The long series of surprises in the sugar-and weighing conspiracy trial culminated today in the sudden closing of the prosecution's case and the entering of pleas of guilty by three of the men on trial.

These three were fellow employes of the four checkers convicted last winter of complicity in the frauds on the Williamsburg docks of the American Sugar Refining company. All of them worked under Oliver Spitzer, the dock superintendent, also convicted and sentenced to two years in the Atlanta prison, whose confession and pardon and appearance as a government witness were the first big sensation of the present trial.

Counsel for the three men who decided to give up the fight—Harry W. Walker, assistant dock superintendent, and Jean F. Voelker and James Halligan, Jr., checkers—today withdrew their pleas of not guilty as soon as the government, after introducing some new testimony, announced that it had closed its case. Sentence will be passed on them later.

After a conference of counsel, court was adjourned until Tuesday next, Judge Martin denying formal motions for the dismissal of the indictment against the remaining three defendants.

With three minor defendants eliminated, there remain on trial the chief of the group, Charles R. Helke, secretary of the American Sugar Refining company, and his former subordinates, Ernest W. Gerbracht, superintendent of the Williamsburg refinery, and James F. Bernadegol, the refinery cashier.

## \$1,500,000 BLAZE HITS MINNEAPOLIS

### Minneapolis, May 28.—Six big buildings in the factory district south of South Minneapolis are on fire and the flames are spreading. A general alarm has been sounded and St. Paul has been asked for help. At 2:15 this morning the loss was already \$1,500,000.

Practically every building in the block bounded by Washington avenue and Third street and Sixth and Seventh avenues south is burning. Among the buildings on fire are the Sixth Avenue hotel, the oldest hotel in the city; the J. I. Case Implement company, two threshing machine warehouses and the Pittsburg Plate Glass company. One man was seriously burned and may die.

The fire started in the Sixth Avenue hotel. The wind carried the flames to the implement companies' buildings and into the St. Paul railroad yards.

ESTRADA'S ARMY IS ROUTED.

End of Revolution in Nicaragua Seen in Easy Won Battle.

### Bluefields, Nicaragua, May 28.—The government forces under cover of a fire of the gunboat San Jacinto, today routed the insurgents and captured Bluefields Bluff. This loss to the Estrada forces probably ends the revolution.

This morning at 3 o'clock the Madrid gunboat San Jacinto began bombarding the bluff, the troops landing under cover of her guns. There was only slight fighting, however, until 6 o'clock, when the Madrid forces succeeded in taking the position of the enemy and the bluff.

The Estrada troops were under command of General Zeledon. The force of Madrid in the engagement is estimated at 500, and that of Estrada at 200.

The Estrada gunboats Blanca and Ometepe escaped up the Escondido river.

### The government generals, Lara and Chavarria, have not yet attacked Rama, which is in the hands of the revolutionists.

General Estrada takes his defeat at Bluefields calmly. He says he intends to make further resistance. No damage has yet been done to American property here.

### Two Killed on Way to Fight.

Salida, Kan., May 28.—A desire to see the Jeffries-Johnson prizefight cost the lives of John Banks and Clarence Blooming, each 17 years old, and caused Clarence Dishman and Alva Netherton, each 18 years old, to sustain serious injuries here tonight. While beating their way toward San Francisco on a Missouri Pacific freight train, the boys were caught in a wreck. "We are going to beat our way to the Coast and see the big fight on July 4," was the message the boys left for their parents when they left.

### Body Taken From Grave.

New York, May 28.—Announcement was made at the coroner's office today that an autopsy was performed at Kincaid cemetery last evening on the body of Charles C. Dickinson, ex-president of the Carnegie Trust company, whose death in St. Luke's hospital on Tuesday was certified by attending physician to have been accidental and was attributed to the inhalation of deleterious gases. The autopsy is said to have been asked for by insurance companies in which Dickinson held policies reported to amount to \$75,000.

### Conscription for English Army.

London, May 28.—Intense resentment has been caused in Liberal circles by the revelation that a movement is on foot to exploit a mood of the nation, resulting from the death of King Edward, in the interests of conscription. The proposal is that the national memorial to Edward VII shall take the form of a voluntary demand by the people for universal military service. It is argued by promoters that universal military service is not conscription.

### San Bernardino Boycotted.

San Bernardino, Cal., May 28.—A boycott was declared today by the San Bernardino county building trades council on all merchants and business men of this city, Redlands and Riverdale, who employ Japanese or other Asiatic labor. The council represents several hundred workmen.

# CURTISS MAKES RECORD FLIGHT

## Albany to New York, 137 Miles, With One Stop.

### Actual Time in Flight 2 Hours 32 Minutes—Wins \$10,000—Train Could Not Keep Up.

New York, May 31.—Glenn H. Curtiss flew from Albany to New York City in an aeroplane, Sunday, May 29, winning the \$10,000 prize offered by the New York World.

He covered the distance of 137 miles in 2 hours and 32 minutes, and came to earth as quietly and as lightly as a pigeon. His average speed for the distance—64.06 miles per hour—surpasses any other record made by an aeroplane in long-distance flight. In its entirety, his flight perhaps eclipses any flight man has made in heavier-than-air machines.

The start was made from Albany at 7:03 o'clock under weather conditions as nearly perfect as the most fastidious aviator could demand. One hour



GLENN H. CURTISS

and 23 minutes later Curtiss made his first stop near Poughkeepsie, where there was an hour's intermission. Resuming his flight at 9:26, he sped southward, and landed within the boundary of Manhattan Island at 10:35.

Faulhan's flight from London to Manchester, 86 miles, exceeded the Curtiss feat for distance, but not in speed or in danger. The Frenchman's average was 44.3 miles an hour and below him lay English meadow land. Curtiss followed the winding course of the historic Hudson, with jutting headlands, wooded slopes and treacherous passages. He swung high over the great bridge at Poughkeepsie, dipped at times within 50 feet of the river's broad surface, and jockeyed like a falcon at the turns.

Only once did his craft show signs of rebellion. This was off Storm King, near West Point, when, at a height of nearly 1,000 feet a treacherous gust struck his planes. The machine dropped 40 feet and tilted perilously, but Curtiss kept his head and by adroit manipulation restored the equilibrium of the machine.

With his eyes and brain cleared of the cobwebs of sleep, he went with his mechanic and a handful of spectators to Van Kessel's Island, in the Hudson, three miles south of Albany, where he was to start. Waiting at the river brink was a special train chartered by the New York Times for Mrs. Curtiss and her party. From the train they could not see the actual start, but those on the island witnessed a remarkable scene.

With the signal that Curtiss was off, the special train of five cars and a locomotive gathered impetus and sought to follow. But so quickly had he flown that for 21 miles the locomotive, running nearly a mile a minute, was unable to catch up.

### Grain Fields Fire Swept.

Chico, Cal., May 31.—News has been received here of the first serious grain fire of the season, in Butte county. It occurred 10 miles south of Chico, on the farm of E. Davis and adjoining places, and burned over 800 acres of ripe grain, worth about \$40,000. Some of the grain was insured. Scores of farmers fought the flames for six hours before its progress was stopped. Many men were overcome by the intense heat and smoke and had to be carried from the fire, which traveled almost as fast as a man could run.

### Dr. Cook After Records?

New York, May 31.—The mystery of the whereabouts of Dr. Cook, the American who says tomorrow, was solved last night. He is in Scotland, preparing for a trip to Etah, whence he plans to bring back his records of his discovery and his instruments which are cached there. He also intends to bring back the two Eskimos who accompanied him on his dash to the Pole. Dr. Cook's objective point when he shall have recovered his records and instruments, says the newspaper, will be Copenhagen.

### Rice is Higher in China.

Amoy, China, May 31.—The price of rice has risen 50 per cent and the poor are unable to buy food. As a consequence of this a demonstration took place at Changchow.

Owing to the practical failure of the rice crop in certain of the interior provinces this year, an almost prohibitive price already prevails for the cereal. A further advance means famine conditions among the teeming masses, whose principal article of food is rice.

### Bear Lassoed From Auto.