

## 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.

A Pittsburg councilman fainted when asked if he had sold his vote.

Ex-President Roosevelt was warmly welcomed at Cairo by the khedive of Egypt.

Samuel Gompers is doubtful of Rockefeller's plan to dispose of his great wealth.

The senate has amended the corporation tax law so as to limit the publicity of reports.

Rivers of molten lava are flowing down the sides of Mount Etna, and several villages are in great danger.

Marion Clark, discoverer of the Mariposa grove of big trees in California, is dead. He will be buried in the big tree grove.

Women suffragists are active in France and candidates will be out for the office of deputies in every district in Paris next month.

W. H. Buckley, attorney, of Albany, N. Y., admits he was able to obtain advance information on court decisions in insurance cases.

During ante-election troubles in St. Louis a mob tried to lynch the city clerk, but were stood off successfully by a daughter of the chief of police.

A Black Hand member instantly killed by a sheriff's posse while removing money from a hiding place where his victim had been ordered to leave it.

A definite agreement has been reached on the Canada-United States tariff.

As the beef packers' investigation proceeds, the prices of beef continue to rise.

The American Federation of Labor has filed charges against the steel corporation.

Pinchot has sailed for Europe, and it is believed he intends to meet Roosevelt in Naples.

Barney Oldfield, driving a Knox auto, made 20 miles in 18 minutes at Daytona, Florida.

Louis R. Glavis has confessed that he worked deception on Cunningham in the Alaska coal cases.

Witnesses before the Pittsburg grand jury testified that councilmen were bought as low as \$50.

Governor Hughes is considered to be the modern Moses of New York state, and Taft wants him to run for a third term.

The president of the Paper makers' union was escorted out of the town of Rumford Falls, Maine, by citizens, who intimated that he was not wanted there.

The trial of F. August Heinze, for misappropriation of funds of the Mercantile National bank, of New York, is set for April 2. There are 47 separate counts against him.

A boy at Hoguam, Wash., had his arm broken while playing "snap-the-whip."

Colonel Roosevelt was glad to meet many American tourists at Luxor, Egypt.

Cook's only white companion in the alleged dash to the Pole says Cook is a martyr.

Indictments have been returned against six nightriders at Hopkinsville, Ky.

Twenty persons were injured by a passenger train in North Dakota jumping the track.

It has been discovered that foreign insurance companies out-grafted the Americans in the New York legislature.

James A. Patten, king of wheat speculators, can no longer stand the crowd of newspaper men and curiosity seekers.

Ten members of the Maybray gang of fake fight swindlers have been sentenced to \$10,000 fine each and two years in the penitentiary.

Five persons narrowly escaped death in quicksand on the beach near Gearhart, Or., when their automobile left the road and overturned.

Before the end of the Pinchot-Balinger row is reached, F. H. Newell probably will cease to be director of the United States reclamation service.

Forty past and present councilmen of Pittsburg are falling over each other in a rush to confess their participation in bribery deals, hoping thereby to escape punishment.

Taft says seven months of the new tariff law have proved its worth.

All questions in dispute between the 27,000 firemen on Western railroads and the railroad managers will be amicably settled according to an arrangement reached in Chicago through the aid of United States Commissioner of Labor Neill.

A big slide blocked the Southern Pacific near Redding, Cal.

Conferences are under way between the Philadelphia streetcar companies and the striking employees.

## ROOSEVELT VISITS TOMBS.

Wonders at Glories of Old Egypt—Will be Guest of Kaiser.

Berlin, March 26.—Emperor William's invitation to Theodore Roosevelt to be his guest at the royal castle promises effectually to frustrate the ex-president's expressed desire to be received in Europe as a plain private citizen. The invitation is at variance with all court precedents.

Heretofore no foreign private citizen has ever enjoyed hospitality at the royal castle, and the only person not of princely rank who has been thus honored is Count Zepelin, whom the Kaiser has called the greatest man of the century.

During his stay in the palace, May 12 to 15, Mr. Roosevelt will have the suite occupied by King Edward on his recent visit, and will be the center of attraction in a brilliant circle comprising the Emperor's closest official advisers.

Cairo, Egypt, March 25.—Up with the sun today, after a restful night at the Mena House, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and his party early prepared for a visit to the metropolis of Sakkara, where are the wonderful tombs of various kings, of Thy and of the Apis bulls.

Last night the sphinx was viewed by moonlight, and Colonel Roosevelt said today the weird sight had been thoroughly enjoyed by himself and his family. It was the most interesting thing he had seen during his trip to Africa.

Tonight Colonel Roosevelt and his family returned to Cairo, dined with the American consul general, Mr. Idings, and later attended a banquet tendered him by Sir Eldon Gorst, the British agent and consul general in Egypt.

Major F. K. Watson, pasha, aide-camp to the khedive, who met Colonel Roosevelt a year ago at Port Said, was an early caller at the Mena house today. He paid the respects of the khedive to the American hunter and tendered him the use of the khedive's special camel corps for the eight-mile ride across the desert of Sakkara. Such a tender always is a special mark of favor and Colonel Roosevelt accepted it with pleasure. The colonel and Kermit each rode one of the animals over the dreary waste to the Necropolis, but Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel chose a more comfortable conveyance.

## EXPLOSIVES ARE SAVED.

Blacksmith Rushes into Burning Powder Magazine.

Pittsburg, March 26.—Reports of serious forest fires are coming in from many sections of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Three miles below Parkersburg, W. Va., the forests are ablaze and farmers are working frantically to stop the flames.

At Bridgeville, near here, the flames of a stubborn brush fire threatened two powder magazines, in which were stored 400 pounds of powder and a large quantity of dynamite. Men had fought the flames fruitlessly until it seemed nothing could save the magazines and houses near by. Harry Skiles, a blacksmith, finally rushed to one of the magazines, smashed in a door, and with the aid of the fire fighters carried the explosives out of the danger zone.

An area three miles long and two miles wide has been devastated in Kennedy and Stowe townships of second growth timber and the loss thus far is estimated at \$50,000. Oil derricks, tanks of crude oil and about 300,000 feet of timber have been destroyed.

## Villagers Homeless by Fire.

Charleston, W. Va., March 26.—With almost every house in the prosperous village of Mount Hope destroyed by fire today, at least 2,000 homeless persons are tonight sleeping on the commons. Conditions which followed the conflagration are much worse than early reports indicated. Upon the arrival at Mount Hope tonight of the special train bearing the National Guard, tents were distributed and an effort is being made to house as many as possible. Many of the families lost all their household effects.

## Big Tree Finder is Dead.

San Francisco, March 26.—Marion Clark, the discoverer of the Mariposa grove of big trees and for 20 years guardian of Yosemite valley, died tonight at the home of his daughter, Dr. Elvira Lee, in Oakland. He was 85 years old. The aged guardian of Yosemite will sleep in his beloved valley in a tomb which he hewed out himself in a giant granite rock, within a stone's throw of Yosemite Falls, where he will be buried.

## Pension Bill Passes House.

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## INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

### 40 MILES DRAINAGE CANALS.

Klamath County Project Will Reclaim 19,000 Acres on Wood River.

Klamath Falls — Work has been resumed on the canal along Wood river, for the reclamation of 19,000 acres of the weed land. The land has a frontage of seven miles on the river. It will be necessary to cut about 40 miles of canals to properly drain and reclaim the tract. About seven miles were made last year, and it is expected to complete about ten miles this year. This will form a dyke along the river and around the north end of the land that will keep the water from overflowing the land, and then cross canals are to be run through the property for drainage purposes.

The Wood river valley is acknowledged one of the best dairy sections in Oregon, and with this big tract drained and put into timothy and red top and settled with dairy farmers, it will easily produce a greater revenue than that derived from all other resources in the county at the present time.

The canal is being cut in a fairly straight line and cuts off all the points and curves of the river, and thus leaves a strip of land of varying width along the west side of the river. As this land is somewhat higher and perfectly dry, there are many choice tracts of an acre or more along the seven miles of water front, suitable for building purposes. This strip is to be platted and sold for summer homes. It is stated that there is enough of this land to accommodate about 150 cottages.

### Rush Work on Coos Bay Road.

That the Harriman interests will rush construction of its proposed road across the state of Oregon from Coos Bay to Vale, by way of Burns, is the latest report in railroad circles on the coast. It is impossible to get confirmation, but the news emanates from excellent sources, leaving little room for doubt of its authenticity.

According to these reports completion of the Coos Bay-Drain branch will be rushed with all possible haste while at the same time large forces will be put to work between Vale and Burns, thus hurrying along the work from both ends of the line. Construction of a line from Burns to Crescent City, near Odell, would complete the line across the state, as it would give connection with the Natron cut-off from Springfield and Eugene.

It is said that to the activity of the Hill interests in Western Oregon may be attributed the progressiveness of the Harriman people, as they will be compelled to fortify themselves against the Hill invasion of Western Oregon by means of the Oregon Electric and the United Railways.

Work on the Coos Bay-Drain line was suspended about three years ago, after an expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars, for no apparent reason except that it was thought safe to let the work rest for awhile, there being no imminent cause for fear of serious competition at that time. But now that the Hill people are rapidly pushing their way through the Willamette valley by means of extensions of the Oregon Electric, the danger of losing a rich field is apparently dawning upon the Harriman people.

### Block to Cost \$15,000.

Eugene—Work on a two-story brick block to be erected by W. T. Campbell and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Idaho F. Campbell, will be begun at once. The structure will be ready for occupancy by June 1. It was the original intention of the Campbell heirs to cover the entire lot with a huge block, but the final decision was to erect a building with a frontage of 54 feet on Olive street and extending 100 feet back. It will cost about \$15,000.

### Water Pipe Coming.

Central Point—C. B. Bade, of the Jacobson-Bade company, which has the contract for installing Central Point's water system, has received advices from the East that the pipe had been loaded and started West. Mr. Bade expects the pipe to begin to arrive in from three to five weeks from the time it was shipped. This should bring some of the pipe by April 15. Work will commence immediately upon receipt of the pipe.

### Build Telephone Line.

Medford—The Home Telephone company is engaged setting poles for the line between Jacksonville and Medford. The line will follow the right of way of the Rogue River Valley railway between the two towns. Poles and cross arms have been strung along the proposed route.

### Good Roads Meeting For Hood.

Hood River—The Grange bodies of Hood River are planning a good roads campaign in the valley. The officers of Pine Grove grange have invited Judge Webster, of Portland, and Judge Derby, of Hood River county, to address the citizens on the subject.

### Coburg to Have Lights.

Eugene—The little city of Coburg is soon to have electric street lights, the council having decided to put them in. A small electric light plant has been in operation there for some time, but only residences and business houses have heretofore been lighted.

### Brick House at Bend.

Bend—The first brick house in Bend is to be built by A. C. Lucas this spring. The brick used will be from the yards of the brick company here. The building will be two stories high and contain seven or eight rooms.

### SPEND \$35,000 ON CANALS.

Irrigation Company Plans to Finish \$10,000 Project.

Bend — The Arnold Irrigation company is spending \$35,000 on improvements to the distributive water system. The largest undertaking of the plans will be the building of a new flume. The flume will be 12 feet wide and three feet deep, and a mile and a quarter long. The body of it will be of two-inch lumber, and the supporting timbers and foundation will be constructed in most substantial manner.

The intake will be enlarged and permanent gates installed. Approximately three miles of old canal will be widened. It is planned to build from six to eight miles of new canal on the east lateral, which runs eastward into the Arnold section; and also some three or four miles of new work on the north lateral, which will water land lying directly east of and southeast of town.

The Arnold system will water approximately 10,000 acres lying east and southeast of town. It is a mutual company, the stock of which is owned by farmers and Bend business men. A large portion of the land lying under this system was originally taken up as homesteads and desert land entries, and the holdings ranged from 160 to 500 acres to each man. Lately these larger tracts have been divided and are being sold to newcomers, who plan to develop their holdings extensively as soon as the system is finished and water delivered to their lands.

### Ten Acres Bring \$19,000.

Hood River—An indication that the \$2,000 mark for Hood River orchard land is not far away was shown recently when ten acres were sold for \$19,000. The highest price for Hood River orchard property was paid by Felix von Hake Vonnegut, a resident of Indianapolis, Ind., who will come here to reside. The orchard, which is eight years old, is situated on the East side of the valley and consists of a solid block of Newton and Spitzenberg trees. The tract sold to Mr. Vonnegut has the distinction of being the first piece of orchard at Hood River to sell for \$1,000 an acre, which was in 1906. Later it was sold to Mr. Hills for the highest price at that time, \$1,700 an acre. Again changing hands it still maintains the high mark for orchard realty here at \$1,900 per acre.

### Holds Banner for Alfalfa Seed.

Vale—Vale is the banner alfalfa seed point in Malheur county, shipping nine of the 14 cars of alfalfa seed sent out from Malheur county in 1909. The country in the Vale vicinity is unexcelled for the production of the finest quality of alfalfa seed. An average car holds about 30,000 pounds of alfalfa seed, which at 15 cents per pound, the price paid for most of the seed, makes a carload worth about \$4,500, or approximately \$40,500 for the nine cars.

### Brick Plant at Lakeview.

Lakeview—A. T. Zeek, who has been engaged in the manufacture of brick about three miles south of town for some time, has purchased five acres of land from Roy Woodworth, on Indian creek. He will abandon the old works and set up a new plant on the new site. The clay which will be used is said to be better suited for brick making, and Mr. Zeek expects to turn out a much better brick than he has been able to before.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, \$1.07@1.08; club, \$1@1.01; red Russian, 98¢; valley, \$1.02.

Barley—Feed and brewing, \$25 ton.

Corn—Whole, \$34; cracked, \$35.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$20@21 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$23@24; alfalfa, \$17.50@18.50; grain hay, \$17@19.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$30.50@31.

Fresh fruits—Apples, \$1.25@3 per box; pears, \$1.50@1.75; cranberries, \$8@9 per barrel.

Potatoes—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 50¢@60¢ per hundred; sweet potatoes, 8¢ per pound.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.50@1.75 per hundred.

Vegetables.—Turnips, nominal; rutabagas, \$1@1.25; carrots, \$1; beets, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.

Butter—City creamery extras, 36¢; fancy outside creamery, 34@36¢; store, 20¢. Butter fat prices average 1¢ under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 22@23¢ per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 13@13½¢ per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 12@13¢.

Poultry—Hens, 19@19½¢; broilers, 25@27¢; ducks, 18@20¢; geese, 12@13¢; turkeys, live, 22@25¢; dressed, 25@29¢; squabs, \$8 per dozen.

Cattle—Best steers, \$6.25@6.60; fair to good steers, \$5.50@6; strictly good cows, \$5@5.50; fair to good cows, \$4.75; light calves, \$6@7; heavy calves, \$4@5; bulls, \$3.60@4.25; stags, \$4@5.

Hogs—Top, \$11@11.25; fair to good, \$9.50@10.

Sheep—Best wethers, \$7@7.50; fair to good, \$5.50@6.50; good ewes, \$6; lambs, \$8@9.

Hops—1909 crop, 15@18¢ per pound; according to quality; old, nominal; 1910 contracts, 16¢ nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon—16@20¢ per pound; valley, 22@24¢; mohair, choice, 23@25¢.

Cascara bark, 44@5¢.

Hides—Dry hides, 16@17¢ per pound; dry kip, 16@17¢; dry calfskin, 14@15¢; salted hides, 7@8¢; salted calfskins, 14¢; green, 1¢ less.

## COUNCILMEN AT \$50 EACH.

Regular Price for Pittsburg Grafters in Small Deals.

Pittsburg, March 23.—Nine more former members of the council, before the district attorney today, confessed their guilt in accepting money for their votes while members of the municipal bodies and before Judge R. S. Fraser received the immunity bath of a suspended sentence.

When the grand jury adjourned for the day just before 5 o'clock, it had returned no indictments, although it had listened for hours to developments in the bribery scandal even more sensational than those brought out yesterday. Men admitted selling their honor for \$50 up.

John F. Klein was before the grand jury the greater part of the day and continued his narrative of councilmanic graft. Klein recounted some of his experiences in handing out the money to the councilmen.

"There was one fellow," he said, "who was a daisy—a regular Shylock for the dough. In the South Seventh street business I handed him \$81. He looked at me for a full minute and then yelled like a stuck pig for the extra 10 cents. You know \$81.10 was the standard price in that deal. Well, he got the 10 cents all right."

## WITH BEEF PROBE, MEAT PRICE RISES.

Chicago, March 23.—Simultaneously with the grand jury's indictment against the so-called beef trust, cattle on the hoof at the stockyards advanced 15 cents per hundred pounds and some of the dressed meats have given a surprising exhibition of high jumping.

The sharpest advance was for mutton cuts, to the price of which was added 1 to 3½ cents a pound. This increase brings mutton racks to 18½ cents a pound, legs and joints to 16 cents and cuts for stewing to 10½ cents.

The wholesale prices of beef, mutton and pork have increased 20 per cent within the last two weeks and the advance is to travel on to retail prices in the near future.

An average of 2 cents a pound more will be paid by patrons of the butcher shop on all meats and in at least one instance, sliced ham, the advance will be 5 cents. Mutton is now higher than for the last 20 years, selling at 30 cents for chops.

## TAFT POINTS WAY TO PEACE.

Questions of National Honor Should Be Arbitrated, He Says.

New York, March 23.—The president of the United States spoke in the cause of world peace tonight before such a brilliant assemblage at the Hotel Astor that he described it as "superlative." He was the honor guest at a banquet of the Peace and Arbitration league and the principal speaker.

In the main, international peace was the keynote of every address, but no speaker advocated the immediate disarmament of nations. It was agreed armies and navies were necessary until a more Utopian universe shall have come about. On this point President Taft said:

"Because we are in favor of universal peace, and in favor of arbitration to secure it, we are not in favor of one country giving up that which we now use for the purpose of securing peace, or the withdrawal of our armament, or our army or our navy."

Tremendous applause greeted his declaration, and he continued: "I don't want to seem inconsistent in speaking so emphatically here in favor of peace by arbitration and in using every effort I can bring to bear on congress to have two more battleships this year. I am hopeful that we may continue with that policy until the Panama canal is constructed, so that then our naval force shall be doubled by the connection between the two coasts. Then we can stop and think whether we wish to go further."

"Perhaps by that time there will be adopted a means of reducing the armament, and when it comes I am sure we will not be the power to interfere with the general movement."

## Pins are Weapons at Capital.

Washington, March 23.—Washington women can jab holdups and masher with long hatpins all they want, according to Major Sylvester, superintendent of police. "We have in Washington 16,000 more women than men," said Major Sylvester in discussing the agitation against long hatpins. "Such a predominance of the gentler sex can have but one result. Numbers of women are obliged to go about the streets at night without escorts and women, assailed by marauders, have used hatpins with telling effect."

## Canada-U. S. Tariff Fixed.

New York, March 23.—The United States and Canada have arrived at a definite agreement on the tariff question, according to an apparently authentic report tonight, the Tribune says tomorrow. This information was obtained from a man close to President Taft, it is understood, but no official confirmation could be secured. It was divulged and given out in detail within a few days.

## Death List Reaches 47.

Marshalltown, Iowa, March 23.—The list of the dead in the wreck of the Rock Island "Twin City Express" has grown to 47, several passengers having died as the result of injuries. Those who died during the night were J. S. Goodenough, engineer of the second engine, and Mrs. Lizzie Anderson, of Cedar Rapids.

## COLORADO MINERS DEFY MINE LAWS.

### Investigation by Inspector closes Bad Conditions.

Coroner's Jury on Primero Disaster is Scored—Colorado Fuel & Iron Company on Rack.

Denver, March 24.—Characteristics of the system employed by the Colorado Fuel & Iron company in the operation of its mines in Southern Colorado, "open defiance of the law," State Labor Commissioner E. V. Brake, in report on the Primero coal mine disaster in which 76 miners lost their lives January 31, calls upon Governor Bruce to appoint a commission to make a rigid investigation of conditions at Las Animas and Huerrfano counties where the Colorado Fuel & Iron properties are located.

Mr. Brake finds the following conditions existed in the Primero mine previous to the explosion:

Insufficient sprinkling as prescribed by law; local gas explosions from lack of sufficient timber, from the camp of poor construction; check weighmen for the benefit of miners.

In the opening of his report Mr. Brake declares that the Colorado Fuel & Iron company employs inexperienced, non-English speaking miners, because they are "not familiar with wage conditions in this country and can be secured at a lower wage than English-speaking miners."

Mr. Brake also scores the coroner's jury which investigated the Primero disaster, declaring that the jury was "composed of employes of the company and returned a verdict without careful examination, exonerating the company from blame."

He states that he finds children employed in mines and washers of the company in violation of the state law.

## MAILBAG WINS LONG FIGHT.

Uncle Sam Says Railroads Must Install New Device.

Chicago, March 24.—No more "bagging" for the long-abused mailbags. After more than a quarter of a century of experimenting the Postoffice department has adopted an automatic device for the delivery of mail pouches to rapidly moving trains. Within a short time notices will be served upon all the roads transporting mails that by a certain date they will be required either to stop their trains when delivering pouches or to install the automatic device designed and manufactured by F. H. Burr, of Atlantic, Ia.

The Burr device won easily over nearly 100 other devices recently tested on the Rock Island road. Its record of performance through an entire year of service is said to have been perfect. More than 4,000 deliveries were made at a speed up to 70 miles an hour.

## SIX ARE LOST WITH SHIP.

Schooner Arthur B. Founders Off Fraser River.

Vancouver, B. C., March 24.—The 62-ton gasoline schooner Arthur B., bound from Tacoma for Nanaimo, B. C., with a cargo of gypsum, foundered off the Fraser river tonight last night during a storm and Captain McCranahan and a crew of five men perished.

The Arthur B. was built at Port Townsend in 1897 and was owned by Tacoma. A stiff westerly wind prevailed in the gulf last night and off the sand heads a big sea was running. At 8 o'clock last night the Arthur B. called in at Steveson and left shortly after. The lightkeeper, in charge of the lights on the Fraser river, saw the vessel at 9:30 o'clock laboring heavily and while he was watching she foundered before his eyes and was down. The Arthur B. was used in the cement and plaster carrying trade between Puget sound and British Columbia ports.

## Osborn Expects Cook Today.

New York, March 24.—Captain E. S. Osborn, secretary of the Arctic club of America, and one of Cook's staunch supporters, said tonight that Dr. Axtell was one of Dr. Cook's closest friends and the letter received by Dr. Osborn undoubtedly Cook will be in New York tomorrow. He said the letter referred to was in reply to one Dr. Axtell had sent to Mrs. Cook. Captain Osborn was unable, however, to give any definite information on which the doctor would arrive.

## Morse League Diligent.

New York, March 24.—At the headquarters of the Morse League tonight in New York it was said today that on or before April 15 the league will open branch offices in Newark, Jersey City, Philadelphia, Boston, Buffalo, Syracuse, Detroit, Cincinnati, Dayton and Washington. The object of the league is to obtain by May 1, 100,000 signatures to a petition for executive clemency for Charles W. Morse, the seaman, now serving a 15-year sentence.

## Hero of Monitor is Dead.

New York, March 24.—Rear Admiral John Entwistle, U. S. N., retired, died today at his home at Paterson, N. J., aged 73 years. Admiral Entwistle was in the boiler room of the Monitor during the famous engagement with the Merrimac in the Civil war.