

# 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 government cotton inquiry will go deeper than originally expected.

Two Eastern postoffice thieves got ten years and \$6,000 fine for stealing stamps.

It is claimed Australian beef can be sold in the United States cheaper than the home product.

A Kansas woman lost her life trying to rescue the pictures of her parents from her burning home.

A big freight steamer, loaded ready to sail for Boston, was destroyed by fire at her dock in Rotterdam.

While playing in a farmer's yard near Colfax, Wash., a 5-year-old child was run over by a hog and its leg broken.

President Fallieres, of France, exchanged calls with Roosevelt and the audience in a French theater rose to greet him.

Attorneys, principals and clerks engaged in a general fight in a Sacramento court room. Deputy sheriffs separated them.

Four cases of appendicitis in five years, and three of them within the last six months, is the record of a Colfax, Wash., family.

A daring thief has looted the cathedral of Moscow, Russia, of precious stones from the pictures of the saints and the image of the virgin, to the value of \$500,000.

An expedition will leave Copenhagen this summer to retrace Cook's route through the Arctic and recover instruments and supplies which Cook claims to have left at certain points.

Six convicts in the Leavenworth, Kan., pen escaped by overpowering the crew of a switch engine and forcing them to run the engine through the gates and out into the country.

A Chicago doctor has been awarded \$100,000, payment in full of a contract to furnish all medical treatment for a woman during her life. She lived about five years after the contract was made, during which time the physician faithfully lived up to his agreement.

W. J. Bryan called on President Taft.

Bryan approves of the Postal Savings bank bill.

Wet snow is crushing trees and telephone and telegraph wires in Ohio.

The newly elected Socialist administration has taken office in Milwaukee.

The Colorado Conservation commission has turned down the Pinchot policies and declared for state control of water.

The present condition and future prospects of the Harriman lines were never better, according to the traffic manager.

At a gambling house raid in Seattle over 100 men were arrested, \$300 confiscated and a carload of furniture and gambling devices captured.

Circuit court in Portland adjourned Tuesday "because of recent deaths in families of litigants," but everybody went to the opening ball game.

Over 12,000 enthusiasts saw the opening game of baseball at Portland between the home team and Oakland, the latter being shut out 2 to 0.

At the Drexel-Gould wedding in New York the police were obliged to eject women from the church to prevent them from tearing down the decorations for souvenirs.

An ordinance has been introduced in the city council of Boulder, Colo., making it unlawful for women to wear skirts that sweep the sidewalks or trail in the dust of the street.

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 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 Schoenville, Pa., and serious trouble is imminent.

With banners aloft, fiery afutter, 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.

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

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.

## WOULD ABOLISH SLUMS.

New Socialist Mayor of Milwaukee in for Clean-up.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 23.—This was a busy day for the Socialists, who have just taken the reins of city government. Mayor Seidel came out strongly for abolition of the slums, and declared that he would support any movement for carrying out of plans of the central council of philanthropists for the tearing down of tuberculosis infested tenements and houses, and a general purification of the city, morally and physically.

Mayor Seidel declared that he would not issue permits for Saturday night dances in places in which dancehalls are connected with saloons, and that he would try to arrange for free Saturday night dances with municipally provided music in school houses.

Mr. Seidel announced that he would pay a visit to Chicago and confer with Dr. Evans, health commissioner of that city, to secure advice on the engaging of a good man for health commissioner.

Outside of this program for the carrying out of platform pledges, Victor Berger announced that the central committee was so progressing in its work of organizing the state that there would be 100,000 votes polled by that ticket this coming fall.

Mayor Seidel said he would inspect a number of institutions, hospitals, places of charity and other buildings involved in the jurisdiction of the health commissioner, when in Chicago. He will also continue inquiring for a commissioner of public works qualified to fill the new \$6,000 position as chief of the board, when the one-man plan goes into effect. The mayor said he is looking around for other experts.

## OHIO COAL MINE DISASTER KILLS 18 MEN.

Stuebenville, O., April 23.—The lives of 18 miners were snuffed out in a tremendous explosion in the Young-higheny & Ohio Coal company's mine at Amsterdam last night. Seven men bruised and burned were rescued from the mine and their escape from death is regarded as miraculous.

The interior of the mine was wrecked and all ventilation shut off. The cause has not yet been determined.

## 30 STUDENTS ARE BURNED.

Mobs Set Fire to Technical School—Gunboats are Refuge.

Hankow, April 23.—The situation in Hunan province is reported as critical. Women and children are fleeing for their lives from Changsha, the capital. A number of villages near the city have been burned by native mobs. The country is placarded with threats to kill all foreigners.

This news was brought by missionary refugees, who arrived here today from Changsha and nearby stations. Many of them had traveled 30 miles on foot and reached the Yangtze Kiang river in rags. Their houses had been burned and they lost all of their personal effects.

The missionaries said that gunboats in the river have their guns trained upon Changsha and nearby points and have afforded a refuge for many of the foreigners. Three thousand Chinese imperial soldiers are occupying the strategic points of the capital, and detachments are being hurried to the outlying districts, where rioting is reported.

Many Chinese have been killed. In one instance a technical school was set on fire and 30 students were burned to death, their escape being prevented.

When vessels approached Changsha to rescue the imperiled ones the Chinese mob saturated junks with kerosene oil from looted stations of the Standard Oil company and, setting them afire, allowed them to float down stream in an attempt to destroy the oncoming steamers.

Six Chicagoans, three of them women, are believed to be imperiled, perhaps slain in Hunan province. Everywhere there is carnage and the future holds out dark prospects. Missionaries fear that at any moment they will be slaughtered right and left.

## Bodies Dug From Debris.

Birmingham, Ala., April 23.—Recovery of bodies from the mines at Mulga today was very slow. When 28 had been brought to the surface, the rescuers encountered a bad cave-in and it was found necessary to remove tons of earth and rock. Some of the rock had to be blasted away. The rescuers secured four bodies under the debris, but it took hours to extricate the mangled forms from the mass. Experts who have examined the mine are positive not one of the entombed men lives. Forty-two men were in the mine.

## University Has Scandal.

Washington, April 23.—As a result of sensational testimony before the house committee on the District of Columbia regarding the conduct of affairs of George Washington university, of this city, there may be a congressional investigation.

Dr. Phillips, former dean of the medical school of the university, today charged that the Coreoran endowment fund of \$200,000, which was a sacred trust, had been flagrantly misused.

## Blizzard Hits Michigan.

Calumet, Mich., April 23.—A heavy blizzard, with a 50-mile wind from the north, struck Keeweenaw yesterday and reached its climax shortly before midnight. The storm swept from Duluth to the Soo. Three inches of snow has fallen and the temperature is now about 20 degrees, a drop of 20 since morning.

# INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

## MOSIER DISTRICT DRAWS.

Picturesqueness of County One of Its Features—72 Miles From Portland.

The Mosier fruit district is rapidly drawing to itself the attention of fruit land investors. The Mosier country lies on a number of hills and ridges, radiating somewhat like the fingers of the hand. From these various ridges many beautiful views are obtained, often including Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams, and glimpses of the Columbia river. The picturesqueness of the country is one of its features, and many will find there pleasing country homes within 72 miles of Portland. In fact, many Portland people have already settled there, and others have holdings of real estate in that district which they are developing.

The orchardists at Mosier follow their sister district of Hood River. The trees are set out after the cleared ground has been well prepared. From 55 to 63 trees to the acre, for an apple orchard, is the prevailing rule.

Many plant peach "fillers" between the rows of apple trees, to be taken out when they begin to crowd. Intense cultivation is the secret, and the price of these successfully grown orchards, a dust mulch conserving the moisture and the absence of weeds allowing the trees to get the full strength of the soil. Cultivation usually ceases by the middle of August. Many put in a cover crop, of vetch or rye, which, when plowed under adds fertility and humus to the soil.

The favorite varieties of apples at Mosier are the Spitzenberg and Yellow Newtown, as the soil and climate are especially adapted to their perfect growth and maturity. Peaches, pears and prunes also do well.

## "SEND US MEN" IS CRY.

Every Line of Industry Affected by Shortage of Labor in Baker.

Baker City.—The greatest call for laborers ever sent out from Eastern Oregon can now be heard in all parts of Baker county, and there is no prospect of the demand being supplied. All lines of industry are cramped by the shortage and it is probable some campaign will be inaugurated by the large concerns to secure men. One employer states that he is in need of hundreds of men and is unable to secure them at any price. The Warren Construction company is preparing to import men to do the paving work on a large area for which they have contracted. Sufficient labor could not be obtained here to carry on the preliminary work.

The Sumpter valley is suffering for more laborers in carrying on the work on the extension from Austin to Prairie City. A force of nearly a thousand men was employed last fall, but now only a few hundred can be secured.

The Oxbow people are making very slow progress on the big tunnels at Copperfield owing to the scarcity of labor. They were forced to suspend work because of the high water and hundreds of the laborers left and men cannot be secured to fill their places.

The mines are also calling for men and throughout the country the ranchers are crying "send us men." Unusual wages are being offered and unless the farmers secure help they will have trouble in getting in their spring crops and caring for their harvest.

## New Rail Project for Linn.

Albany—Articles of incorporation for the Scio-Lacomb and Jordan Valley Railroad company have been filed in the Linn county clerk's office by A. G. Prill, E. C. Peery and Charles Wesley. The capital stock of the company will be \$50,000. The object of the company is to build and maintain railroad, telegraph and telephone lines from Munkers to Scio and from a junction on this line to Lacomb. Scio will be the headquarters of the company.

## 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.

## Hawley Reassures Dairymen.

Washington—Representative Hawley in the agricultural committee's hearing on the oleomargarine bill, expressed the belief that dairymen need not fear that the tax on oleo would be removed, though a hard fight is on to repeal it. Powerful interests seek to remove the tax.

## Develop Logged Off Land.

Hood River—A number of Portland capitalists have taken an option on about 1,000 acres of logged off land of the Stanley-Smith Lumber company on the West side of the valley. It is the intention of this group of men to sell off and develop the extensive tract.

## Odd Fellows to Build.

Klamath Falls—The local lodge of Odd Fellows is preparing to erect a lodge hall to cost \$50,000. Most of the preliminary work has been done and it is expected to have the contract for the building awarded in May.

## Births Exceed Deaths in Linn.

Albany—The health report for March, which has just been filed in the county clerk's office, shows 14 deaths and 32 births.

## \$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.

## 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 had 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."

## Snipes Ranch Is Sold.

The Dalles—The George R. Snipes ranch of 478 acres was sold this week to George W. Elliott, of Seattle, at a consideration of about \$75,000, though the exact sum has not been made public. This ranch is on Sandy road southwest of town, and just beyond "Vineyard," the Fleck property which was sold this winter. Surveyors are already platting the property into small tracts of ten acres more or less, and will place it on sale.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices—Bluestem, 93 @95c; club, 88@90c; red Russian, 86 @87c; valley, 95c.

Barley—Feed and brewing, 23.50@24.50 per ton.

Corn—Whole, 33c; 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, Florin, \$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, 3 1/2@4c.

Vegetables—Asparagus, 3@5c; cabbage, 1 1/2@1 3/4c per pound; head lettuce, 60@75c per dozen; hot-house lettuce, 50c@1 box; green onions, 15c dozen; radishes, 30c per dozen; rhubarb, 3c pound; spinach, \$1 per box; sprouts, 9c per pound; turnips, \$1 per sack; rutabagas, \$1@1.25; carrots, 50c @1; beets, \$1@1.25; parsnips, 50c @75c.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.75 per hundred.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 39c; fancy outside creamery, 32@33c per pound; store, 29c. 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, 12 1/2c; turkeys, live, 20@21c; dressed, 25c; squabs, 33c 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, \$8@8.25; fair to good wethers, \$6.50@7; good lambs, \$8@9.

Hogs—Top, \$11.10@11.25; fair to good \$10@11.

Hops—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.

Cascara bark—4 1/2@5c per pound.

## HARRIMAN LINES PROSPEROUS

Train Service is Improved and Equipment Added.

Chicago, April 20.—"There never was a time when the Harriman lines were in better condition physically or when they had better prospects," said J. C. Stubbs, vice president and traffic director of the Harriman system today. "They are ordering new equipment, increasing the train service and facilities everywhere and give promise of continuing the improvements."

Mr. Stubbs has just returned to Chicago from a five weeks' inspection tour over the entire system in the United States and in Mexico.

"Double-tracking on the Union Pacific is being pushed as rapidly as possible, and as soon as the work can be accomplished the entire line from Omaha to Ogden will have two tracks. Roundly speaking, 500 miles of the 1,000 have been finished, and the entire line from Omaha to San Francisco is now protected by block signals. It is probable that the San Pedro line will be open for traffic much earlier than June 1."

## COLORADO COUNCIL TO REGULATE SKIRTS

Boulder, Colo., April 20.—An ordinance to prohibit the wearing of long dresses on the streets of Boulder was introduced in the city council last night. It provides that "it shall be unlawful for any person whose wearing apparel or skirt shall be of such length as to trail upon the ground and become a dust sweeper or otherwise obnoxious to the public health and refined taste, to appear upon any sidewalk in this city."

The document is entitled "An ordinance to promote public health and concerning displays upon the sidewalks," which was interpreted by one alderman to mean that "if the council intended to define the length of skirts one way it must also define it the other way." The ordinance was urged by the Women's club.

## OLD BUDGET INTRODUCED.

Lloyd-George Comments Upon Decrease in Whisky Consumption.

London, April 20.—David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, re-introduced last year's budget in the house of commons today. He declared that he realized that the present deficit of \$131,240,000 would be more than wiped out when all arrears had been collected and that there would be an actual surplus of \$14,800,000.

If the budget had been passed as usual last year, he said, there would have been a surplus of \$21,000,000. The chancellor commented upon the remarkable decrease of 32 per cent in the consumption of whiskey, a decrease that he attributed mainly to the extra duty imposed. The loss in the revenue from spirits, as compared with the estimated figures, was \$14,000,000.

## PINCHOT POLICIES HIT.

Colorado Commission Wants State to Control Power Sites.

Denver, April 20.—The Colorado Conservation commission today adopted a resolution declaring for exhaustive state control of waterpower sites. The resolution, which turned down the Pinchot policies as outlined by James R. Garfield, in his address last night, reads as follows: "Resolved, That as the waters of this state are the property of the state, the powers developed by such water should remain forever under control of the state, and that all legislation tending to abridge or restrict such control be discouraged."

## Famous Sealer Missing.

Victoria, B. C., April 20.—Captain Charles Spring, son of Captain William Spring, the founder of the British Columbia pelagic sealing, has been missing since January 1 under circumstances almost conclusively indicating that he has been lost with his steam launch, on which he had embarked on a cruise around Vancouver island in search of new oyster beds. He was known to have spent New Year's Eve at Pender island, but since then no tidings either of the launch or its owner have reached his family.

## Jail Beats Taxpayers.

Rafton, Ill., April 20.—Because J. J. Keon, a Socialist leader, refuses to pay a poll tax of \$1.50, he began this afternoon to serve six months in jail. The city hall has been converted into a jail by screening the windows with chicken wire and Keon declares he will serve his full time rather than pay the tax or work it out at 75 cents a day. He holds such a tax is unconstitutional. Keon's meals will be taken from the city's leading hotel.

## Taft Asked for Pardon.

Washington, April 20.—Representative Culloch, of Indiana, presented to President Taft today a petition for the pardon of John R. Walsh, the Chicago banker. The petition was signed by 22,000 residents of the Second Indiana congressional district, into which the railroads built by Mr. Walsh extend. The president directed that the petition be referred to the department of justice to follow the usual course.

## Storms Menace Fruit Crops.

Winchester, Va., April 20.—Snow and hail fell at intervals this morning over the fruit belt of Northern Virginia. The thermometer has taken a decided tumble, falling 45 degrees since yesterday noon, approaching the freezing point.

# ATLANTIC LINER GOES ON ROUSE

## Natives on Coast Have Time Picking Up Cargo

Thousands of Tons of Valuable Goods Jettisoned in Effort to Save Ship from Going to Pieces

Hughtown, Scilly Islands, April 20.—Inhabitants of the Rocky Scilly Islands were famous wreckers of ships at various times, but they will remember this as the greatest of their history.

The Atlantic transport liner Minnehaha, wrecked Monday, disgorged of her 17,000 tons of valuable cargo casting it upon the waters all day to be gathered up by those who were to take the trouble.

Farming and fishing were abandoned, and even school was discontinued while most of the population of nearby islands, men, women and children, devoted themselves to obtaining treasures from the waves.

The salvagers decided to try to haul the Minnehaha by cutting her in half, in the same way the White Star steamship Sueric, which went ashore near the Lizard in 1907, was saved.

Every effort to lighten the ship now imperative. Today the water beat up too high and strong for tugs to go alongside. Cargo goods were thrown overboard from forward hold as fast as the stevedores could handle them.

Huge cases, containing automobiles and pianos, followed one another to the side, striking the water with great splash. Sewing machines, clocks went with them, while furniture floated everywhere.

Many bales of cigarettes on the face of the water, and tons of American novels floated to the shore of Bryhe, where they were like seaweed.

Tinings of the jettisoning of cargo spread early and a flotilla of life craft and luggers scurried to the surface. As fast as the cargo hit the water, enterprising boatmen pulled up smaller cases, while they took larger ones in tow.

The machinery was taken from wreck and stored.

Two hundred and twenty-four of cattle swam ashore, while ten drowned.

The seamen here think it will be possible to save the Minnehaha, look for the first strong wind to blow her to pieces.

## ROOSEVELT IN PARIS.

French Papers Give Warm Welcome to the Colonel.

Paris, April 21.—Colonel Roosevelt arrived here at 7:33 o'clock this morning. The Paris morning newspapers unite in warm expressions of welcome to the ex-president. The Matin published a message of eulogy from M. Poincaré, the foreign minister, who says Roosevelt ever was foremost in cause of peace.

"We French have more cause to member this than any one," says foreign minister, "for Mr. Roosevelt is surely a faithful friend to France. He has manifested friendship under all circumstances, with perfect interestness. He has acted as statesman who understands that two great republics owe each other support, since they obey the same principles to carry out the same and have the same ideals. I, as friend we are going to receive friend sincere, just and tenacious, honor him."

Theodore Roosevelt appears as only a man without fear, who only his own conscience and making his sacrifices to the inspiration thereof, notwithstanding the consequences which might follow his actions.

## Germans Aid Riff Tribesmen.

Gibraltar, April 21.—What Spanish government calls a "war" but which really amounts to a blockade of the Riff coast has been lashed in an effort to stop the flow of arms for the natives. Several fish fighting craft, varying from ships to torpedo boats, are engaged in the service. It is well known that the Riffs have never ceased guerrilla warfare against Spain since late it has been noticed that the natives are better armed. Germans suspected of supplying the weapons.

## Apostles' Creed Dropped.

New Haven, Conn., April 21.—New confession of faith which the Apostles' Creed and required formal expression as to the divinity of Christ has been adopted by the church and will be presented for adoption at the Center church, Congregational, this city, an institution which strictly held to Puritan orthodoxy more than 250 years. New members will only have to pledge themselves a belief in a higher life and purpose.

## Aviator Breaks Record.

Charleville, France, April 21.—French aviator, Roger Sommer, established a remarkable feat today. He established a new world's record in aeroplanes. He made a flight of less than five minutes across country four passengers.