

DOINGS OF THE WEEK

Current Events of Interest Gathered From the World at Large.

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

The political situation in England is extremely tense.

Roosevelt will be as closely guarded as any king during his visit in Rome.

Secretary Ballinger will bring suit against Collier's Weekly for attacks upon him.

At least six bankers will be indicted as a result of the Pittsburgh graft scandal and investigations.

A guide who helped Cunningham locate illegally on Alaska coal claims, being chagrined at the small fee paid him, has told all he knew about the matter.

Eight cases of smallpox have developed in the town of Charleston, Wash., near the Puget Sound navy yard, and all schools, saloons and billiard halls have been closed.

Decollette dresses will be barred from the Eucharist congress in Montreal next September, which will be attended by Cardinal Vanutelli, papal delegate from Rome.

Donald Graves, 14 years old, was shot through the right eye at his home at Long Beach, Cal., by Jesse Franzen, aged 11 years, and died two hours later. The two lads were playing Indian with a .22-calibre rifle.

A plan is being formulated by the heirs to the millions of Russell Sage, to make a systematic war on loan sharks by establishing loan agencies where people in stringent circumstances can borrow at reasonable rates of interest.

Maintaining utmost secrecy until the hour of attack, government secret service agents made raids simultaneously on bucket shops in New York, Philadelphia, Jersey City, Baltimore, Cincinnati and St. Louis. In all 16 arrests were made. Five millionaires are said to have been caught in the dragnet, extending from the Missouri river to the Atlantic.

Admiral Fournier of France predicts war between the United States and Japan.

A Seattle woman is believed to have poisoned nearly 50 valuable dogs in that city.

Pinchot refuses to say whether or not he was summoned to meet Roosevelt in Europe.

Nat Goodwin, the noted actor, has purchased a ranch of 869 acres near San Jacinto, Cal., for \$54,000.

President Taft says the policy of returning men to congress for successive terms makes the East more powerful in that body.

The French government is conducting extensive experiments in aviation and is considering the appropriation of at least \$4,000,000 for aeronautics.

More than 3,000 white and negro men, women and children, employed in the American Tobacco company's stemmeries in Louisville, Ky., have struck for higher wages.

Three hundred thousand coal miners in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas have quit work, pending settlement of a new wage scale.

The department of agriculture has forbidden the feeding, or "floating," of oysters in brackish water, previous to sending them to market, believing it a fruitful source of typhoid infection.

The Young Egyptian company has published a protest against Colonel Roosevelt's speech at Cairo, declaring that his remarks were offensive to the whole nation and were made only with the object of pleasing his official hosts.

The fiercest tornado in years, accompanied by heavy snow, has caused immense damage and loss of life in Southern Austria. A passenger train was blown off the rails near Auggie, and rolled down an embankment, killing four persons and injuring 18.

Demanding the privilege of participating in the next state election and all others to follow, representatives of the Votes for Women club of California have made a formal request upon the local registrar of voters that their names be enrolled upon the great register.

Snow storms and blizzards are sweeping the entire Rocky mountain region.

Senator Alda, of New York, is convicted of bribe-taking and resigns his seat in congress.

Coal miners of the East demand an immediate increase in wages or a strike will follow.

The Supreme court of California has decided that oral betting is not illegal under the Walker-Otis anti-betting law.

The English house of lords will not give up their privilege of the veto power and a fight is on with the Irish party and the Laborites.

A United States attorney at Tacoma declares he is certain that smuggling of Chinese is practiced continually by trans-Pacific steamship lines.

MILLIONS TO FIGHT SHARKS.

Plan is to Charge Only Legal Rates on Furniture Security.

New York, April 4.—Mrs. Russell Sage has inaugurated a state-wide plan to thwart the loan sharks who fatten upon the necessities of the poor. She has returned from her trip across the continent to put into immediate effect measures to save the unfortunate from the exactions of the usurer.

The Sage millions will capitalize a chain of model loan establishments which will advance money to the poor on their household goods at the legal rate of interest.

The plan has been prepared by the Sage Foundation, in cooperation with Orion H. Cheney, state superintendent of banks, and awaits only Mrs. Sage's final approval.

Mr. Cheney, who has been waging a bitter war upon the loan sharks, said today:

"When the Sage Foundation enters this field not only will it accomplish a most worthy mission, but at the same time it can be made financially profitable. The concerns which take unfair advantage of the unfortunates who are financially embarrassed will be either driven out of the business or forced to conduct their business on the same fair basis as the Sage Foundation."

Mr. Cheney said he believed the poor who have to resort to the securing of loans on their furniture should be cared for in preference to the class that secures advances on salary.

AVIATOR SWOOPS TO DEATH ON ROCKS.

San Sebastian, Spain, April 4.—Another French aviator has met death while making a flight in an aeroplane. Hubert Leblon, who, prior to his taking up aeroplaning was a noted automobilist, was killed while making an exhibition flight here yesterday.

He was circling the royal palace of Miramar at a height of 140 feet when his motor broke. He attempted to glide back to the shed, but the machine turned and swooped with terrific force against the rocks. The aviator was crushed.

Mme. Leblon witnessed the accident and when the body was recovered from the sea, she rushed shrieking towards the ambulance to which it was being carried. She threw herself upon the lifeless form, kissing it repeatedly and refusing to be led away. As the weather was stormy, Leblon's flight was unexpected and only a few people assembled to see the start. After the start, however, an enormous crowd quickly gathered and followed the body to the police hospital. There was an examination, but the doctors were only able to confirm that death must have been instantaneous.

ITALIANS CHEER ROOSEVELT.

Seen in Theater at Naples—Receives Grand Ovation.

Naples, April 4.—Ex-President Roosevelt was given a tremendous reception at the Theater San Carlos, where he attended a performance to-night. The Americans in the boxes started the cheering, which was taken up by a great body of students seated in the third gallery. Colonel Roosevelt rose and bowed his acknowledgments, which only served to increase the tumultuous applause.

During an intermission students to the number of 200 marched to the rear of Colonel Roosevelt's box, where they were presented to the ex-president by Professor Boggiano, of the University of Naples, who, in a graceful speech, recalled the colonel's parting injunction to President Taft, that the greatest problem for the United States was the maintenance of a moral well-being and strength of the people. Professor Boggiano said that this was also the greatest problem for all countries.

Colonel Roosevelt, replying, appealed to the students to aspire to the highest ideals, but warned them that their aspirations must be coupled with practical methods.

"Life is a struggle," he said. "You must not keep in the clouds. Your ideals must be such as can be realized."

Pet Dog Funeral Elaborate.

Chicago, April 4.—Beth, a blooded cocker spaniel which has won many blue ribbons at bench shows, is dead, but if there is any post mortem satisfaction for a departed canine in an elaborate funeral, Beth must have it. Wrapped in an embroidered opera coat, her casket lined with the trophies of her show victories, Beth was buried beneath a fine old mission willow yesterday, sorrowing friends witnessing the ceremony. Beth was the pet of Miss Suzette Newton, the young daughter of Mrs. California Newton.

Switchmen Ask Increase.

Cincinnati, April 4.—Committees representing 900 switchmen employed in the Cincinnati division visited officials of the roads today to present demands for changed working conditions and higher pay, based upon the Chicago rate. The men affected are the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis; the Chesapeake & Ohio; the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton; the Cincinnati Southern and the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern.

Students Have Hat Bonfire.

Delaware, O., April 4.—Cheering for the ancients, who never had bald heads, or ought never to have had them, the boy students of Ohio Wesleyan university, last night made a bonfire of their hats. Dancing around the bonfire, they swore never again to imperil the hair of their heads by wearing hats.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

WORK ON BIG RESERVOIR.

Finance Co. to Have Irrigation Project Completed in Two Years.

Laidlaw—Work on the new survey for the irrigation canals, ditches and reservoir of the Oregon, Washington & Idaho Finance company, the concern which has taken over the holdings and contracts of the Columbia Southern Irrigating company, has begun, and will be prosecuted as fast as possible. The survey for the reservoir site will first be taken up. Sixteen hundred acres of land in the Wimer flat will be used for the reservoir site to conserve the flood waters of Tumalo creek. It is proposed to build a dam 70 feet high and 450 feet long. By this means it is estimated that sufficient water can be secured and stored in the reservoir from the flood waters of the Tumalo and the natural flow of the stream to irrigate between 40,000 and 45,000 acres.

It is the purpose to construct a new feed canal to the reservoir, and most of the canals and ditches will have to be reconstructed and put on proper grades. It is expected to have enough of the work on the dam and reservoir completed in time to turn in some of the flood water the coming winter. Two years' time is estimated to be needed to complete the whole project. The company has put up a bond with the state to guarantee that it will make a thorough topographical survey for the reservoir and new canals and ditches. The estimated cost of the dam alone is \$275,000, and the total cost of the project is placed at \$462,000. The company has 120 miles of canals and ditches already constructed that they took over from the Columbia Southern people, and these will be added to under the new project.

Stock Losses Said to be Nominal.

Prineville—Central Oregon, the stock growing section of the state, is enjoying much better weather than is customary at this season. Cattle and horses have been turned on the ranges and many bands of sheep have been taken to the "desert" where the new grass is best.

From the canvass of the stockmen it is found that a small percentage of loss is the result of the rather severe winter, and although the prices of hay and grain were boosted to an unusual figure, the supply in most cases was sufficient to meet the demand.

Plowing and breaking is in full swing on the newer farms. There has been no frost to speak of since February. Fruit trees are coming out and shrubbery of almost every kind has taken on its summer suit of green.

Rhododendron Show to Draw Well.

Eugene—There may be an excursion of Portland people to the annual rhododendron festival at Florence on May 20 of this year. Manager Freeman, of the Eugene Commercial club, while in the metropolis last week, spoke to a number of newspaper men of that city in regard to attending the festival, and received a tentative promise. He interviewed others in regard to chartering a steamer to visit the Lane county seaport on that date, making the entire trip by water, and the plan may be carried through. Those who come by way of Eugene will be taken from here to Florence in automobiles. The festival promises to be carried on this year in a more elaborate manner than ever before.

Ship 25,000 Cedar Poles to Utah.

Cottage Grove—Shipments of cedar poles for the Postal Telegraph & Cable company, a contract for 25,000 of which is being filled by John Wicks are being made at the rate of about 14 carloads per week. Mr. Wicks has sub-contracted for a considerable number of the poles, and the work is being rushed as rapidly as possible. The weather of the past winter has been unfavorable for operations in the woods.

Exhibit Oregon Products in East.

An exhibit carrying products of Oregon's farms, fields and forests will be sent through the United States next fall by the Great Northern Railway company, for the purpose of illustrating to the people what Oregon has to offer to homeseekers. This announcement was made by M. J. Costello, assistant traffic manager of the road, with headquarters at Seattle. Assistant general freight and passenger agent H. A. Jackson will have personal supervision of the collection and arrangement of the exhibits. The work will be commenced in a few weeks.

May Own Water & Light Plant.

Bandon—The city council will enter into a new agreement with the Bandon Water & Light company for furnishing the city water. The agreement specifies that a certain amount shall be paid each month, and at the end of five years the city can buy the plant at a price of which the earnings of the previous year would be 8 per cent. This will give the city a chance to own a municipal plant at a later date if desired.

Build Sawmill.

Falls City—Albert Teal is building a sawmill two miles south of this place for the purpose of manufacturing ties and heavy timber. The mill site is surrounded by a body of heavy timber.

New Office Building.

Falls City—Mrs. Eleanor Butler has a force of carpenters at work putting up an office building to replace the structure recently destroyed by fire.

BIG FARM SOLD IN MORROW.

North Dakota Bankers Pay \$150,000 for 19,000 Acres Near Lone.

Lone—The county court of Morrow county has confirmed the sale of the principal lands of the J. A. Woolery estate. This estate consists of 19,000 acres of land and the price paid is about \$150,000. The successful bidder was a syndicate of North Dakota bankers headed by Clinton D. Lord. They will at once colonize these lands with Eastern wheat raisers. About 5,000 acres of this land is now sown to wheat which, with the present prospects for a crop, should yield the purchasers 75,000 to 100,000 bushels of wheat this year.

The most remarkable fact concerning this sale is that there was not one cent of commission paid to anyone on this big deal. Mrs. Woolery Knapenberg, who is an attorney, having practiced law in Buffalo, N. Y., handled the sale with practically no cost to the estate. This is the first of the extensive wheat farms to be sold in this county, and as there are several others it is thought that they will follow the lead taken, by the Woolery estate.

OREGON HEN HAS RECORD.

Plymouth Rock at Albany Lays 256 Eggs in Twelve Months.

Albany—While most breeders of fancy poultry make a specialty of show birds, the efforts of Messrs. Hart and Dannels of this city along egg producing lines is worthy of note. These men have been breeding barred Plymouth rocks for seven years with the object of seeing how great an egg laying strain they could develop by applying the same rules of breeding to poultry that are used by breeders of fine livestock. How well they have succeeded may be judged by the fine appearance of their birds.

It is also worthy of note that these results were obtained by ordinary care of the birds without the use of egg forcing foods; the hens being simply bred to trot. The records were obtained by using trap nests. Although egg production is the main object, these enterprising breeders have not lost sight of correct markings of the feathers and the size of birds. It is doubtful if anyone in the Northwest can show a more uniformly handsome flock.

\$30 Per Ton for Hay.

Laidlaw—Ranchers in the Laidlaw district are getting a good price for their hay these days. Most of the hay raised in this district is marketed at Bend, where the stage companies are buying hay at \$30 per ton delivered. Ranchers state that an increased acreage of hay will be raised the coming year. With using more intelligent methods of irrigation and fertilizing the land with land plaster, a largely increased yield per acre is anticipated.

\$50,000 Paid for Orchard.

Medford—Fifty thousand dollars was paid by S. Stine, of Walla Walla, Washington, to Walch Brothers, for 480 acres of land in the Antelope valley, about eight miles from Medford. Mr. Stine will plant the entire tract in orchard. One hundred and fifty acres are now being set out, and the remainder will be planted in the fall to apples and pears, with peach fillers.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices — Bluestem, \$1.01@1.03; club, 97¢@98¢; red Russian, 96¢; valley, \$1.

Barley—Feed and brewing, \$27@27.50 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$34; cracked, \$35 ton. Hay—Track prices—Timothy: Willamette valley, \$20@21; alfalfa, \$17.50@18.50; grain hay, \$17@19.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$29@30 ton.

Fresh fruits—Apples, \$1.25@1.30 box; pears, \$1.50@1.75 per box; cranberries, \$8@9 per barrel.

Potatoes—Carload buying prices: Oregon 50¢@60¢ per hundred; sweet potatoes, 3¢@3½¢ per pound.

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

Vegetables—Turnips \$1@1.25 per sack; rutabagas, \$1@1.25; carrots, 85¢@1; beets, \$1@1.25; parsnips, 75¢@1.

Butter—City creamery extras, 36¢; fancy outside creamery, 34¢@36¢ per pound; store, 20¢. Butter fat prices average 1½¢ per pound under regular butter prices.

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

Pork—Fancy, 13¢@13½¢ per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 11¢@12¢ per pound.

Lamb—Fancy, 15¢@18¢ per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 20¢@21¢; broilers, 27¢@28¢; ducks, 22¢@23¢; geese, 27¢@28¢; turkeys, live, 22¢@25¢; dressed, 25¢@29¢; squabs, \$5 per dozen.

Cattle — Best steers, \$6.25@6.75; fair to good steers, \$5.50@6; strictly good cows, \$5.50@6; fair to good cows, \$5@5.25; light calves, \$6@7; heavy calves, \$4@5; bulls, \$4@5.25; stags, \$4.50@5.50.

Sheep—Best wethers, \$7.50@8; fair to good wethers, \$6.50@7; good lambs, \$8@12.

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

Hops — 1909 crop, 16¢@18¢; olds, nominal; 1910 contracts, 15¢@16¢.

Wool — Eastern Oregon, 16¢@20¢ pound; valley, 22¢@24¢; mohair, choice, 25¢@25½¢.

Cascara bark—4½¢@5¢ per pound.

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

GLASS TRUST PROBED.

Imperial Company Is Said to Control 33 Factories in Eleven States.

Pittsburg, April 2.—It was learned tonight that after three months' investigation, Federal officers are ready to present to a special grand jury here next Monday evidence that the Imperial Window Glass company is a trust in violation of the Sherman act.

The corporation formed under the laws of West Virginia, is said to control 33 large window glass factories in 11 different states.

The company has offices in Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Many prominent glass manufacturers from these states are said to have been served with subpoenas to appear before the grand jury as witnesses.

United States District Attorney Jordan said tonight:

"The investigation of the Imperial Window Glass company has been under way for 90 days, and agents of the department of justice have visited every one of the 33 plants operated under the charter of the company."

"The company was incorporated in West Virginia early this year, and its alleged control of the window glass business is to be investigated with intent to show that it is a monopoly in restraint of trade."

"The Imperial Window Glass company is a holding organization, the manufacturers pooling their output and selling through the company exclusively. Prices have been compared with those of the American Window Glass company and there is but slight difference."

JAPANESE SPIES MAY NOT BE PUNISHED.

Washington, April 2.—The War department has turned over to the local Philippine government the prosecution of the two Japanese alleged to have been engaged in securing plans for the fortifications of Corregidor, Manila harbor, through the bribery of Joseph G. Saxe, an American soldier.

This has been done in the hope that the local attorneys in Manila, may be able to find some section that will serve to bring about punishment of the offenders, whom the United States code does not touch.

It is quite evident, however, that the charge of bribery will not hold, as the Supreme court has ruled that the bribe must be offered to an official. Of course, Private Saxe can and probably will be tried by military court martial, but it does not seem probable that there will be any way of punishing the Japanese if found guilty.

POWER SITES ARE WITHDRAWN

Washington and Idaho Lands Withheld by Ballinger.

Washington, April 2.—In aid of proposed legislation affecting the disposal of waterpower sites on the public domain, Secretary Ballinger today temporarily withdrew from all forms of disposition 5,823 acres along the Lemhi River, Idaho, and 4,175 acres along the Columbia river in Washington.

Approximately 42,750 acres of land in Montana was designated for settlement under the enlarged homestead act. This land, it was said, was not susceptible of successful irrigation at a reasonable cost from any known source of water supply. This makes a total of 28,888,240 acres in Montana designed for settlement under the act.

The coal lands withdrawn from the public domain, it was announced, include large areas within unopened Indian and military reservations. As such withdrawals are without effect, Mr. Ballinger has cancelled them to clear the record. These lands were already withheld from entry because they were within Indian or military reserves, and their inclusion within coal land withdrawals was a duplicate of their reservation. The total area involved in the correction of the records was 811,354 acres, located in reservations in New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, North Dakota, Washington and Montana.

Prices Blamed on Tariff.

Washington, April 2.—Increases in the price of olive oil and macaroni are laid at the door of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law by Wallace Pierce of Boston. Pierce said the duty on paper was responsible for an increase of half a cent a pound in the price of macaroni, because the macaroni was wrapped in paper.

In a similar way, olive oil was higher on account of the duty on tins. He testified that there had been a general upward tendency in the price of groceries in the last ten years.

Storm in Texas Serious.

San Antonio, Texas, April 2.—An almost incessant rain for the last three days has put the streams in this section of Texas on such a rampage as has not been recorded in 20 years.

At Friotown, southwest of here, the Frio river drove a dozen families from their homes.

In Uvalde county, 1,200 goats perished from the cold and rain.

At Fort Davis and Maifa, two inches of snow has fallen and fruit is killed.

Curtiss Firm Insolvent.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 2.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed here today against the Herring-Curtiss company of Hammondsport, N. Y., manufacturers of flying machines. Three creditors allege insolvency.

Glenn H. Curtiss, the aviator, is vice-president and general manager of the company.

WILL NOT SEE POPE

Restrictions Imposed In Invitation Declined by Roosevelt.

Great Roman Pontiff Expresses Wish to Avoid Repetition of Fairbanks Incident—Rome Stirred.

Pope to Roosevelt.

The holy father will be delighted to grant an audience to Mr. Roosevelt on April 5 and hopes that nothing will arise to prevent it, such as the much regretted incident which made the reception of Mr. Fairbanks impossible.

Roosevelt to Pope.

It would be a real pleasure to me to be presented to the holy father, for whom I entertain high respect, both personally and as the head of a great church. . . . I decline to make any stipulations or submit to any conditions which in any way would limit my freedom of conduct.

Rome, April 5.—The audience which it was believed that ex-President Roosevelt would have with the pope today will not take place, owing to conditions which the vatican has imposed, and which Mr. Roosevelt refused to accept.

Although the definite negotiations relative to the audience ended before Mr. Roosevelt left Egypt, the announcement was withheld until after Mr. Roosevelt reached Rome tonight at the solicitation of his American Catholic friends here, who believed that in the meantime the vatican might change its attitude.

One of the ex-president's American friends who had been with him in Egypt, came to Rome yesterday without any authorization from Mr. Roosevelt, and interceded with Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary, in an endeavor to avoid the situation, which, as it now stands, has caused a real sensation in Rome, although it was not entirely unexpected. His efforts were unavailing.

When at Gondokoro in February last, Mr. Roosevelt wrote to Ambassador Leishman, saying that he would be glad of the honor of an audience with King Victor Emmanuel and the pope. The audience with the king was promptly arranged.

Before an arrangement could be reached relative to an audience with the pope, several telegrams were passed and the negotiations were ended by Mr. Roosevelt's refusing in any way to be limited as to his conduct. An audience with the pope under the circumstances is now impossible.

STORM DOES \$200,000 DAMAGE.

Utah Trains Must Again Use Portland Route to the East.

Salt Lake, Utah, April 5.—Two hundred thousand dollars will not cover the loss caused by the terrific wind storm that swept Salt Lake City and North Central Utah last night. Farm property suffered big losses, fences and trees being blown down, and in some instances houses overturned.

Railroad property suffered heavily, and in one case 15 men narrowly escaped with their lives.

Both the Western Pacific and the Southern Pacific are out of commission again.

The damage to the Southern Pacific will be repaired by Wednesday, but the outlook for the Western Pacific is dark. The expensive pipeline of the Utah Copper company, which cost \$40,000, was extensively washed away. The storm loss at Salt Lake Beach, 20 miles west of here, will amount to \$10,000. The pavilion and other valuable resort concessions were wrecked and railway tracks entering the resort were washed away.

Omaha Fire Costs \$500,000.

Omaha, Neb., April 5.—At a late hour tonight fire broke out in the Central grain elevator, owned by the Nye-Schneider-Fowler company, located at Twenty-eighth and Oak streets, and fanned by a high wind, quickly spread to the adjoining flour mill of the Maney Milling company. The elevator and the mill were destroyed, entailing a loss of \$500,000. Nearly 100 box cars, about half of which were loaded with grain, standing on nearby tracks, were destroyed. A large amount of other property narrowly escaped.

Mad Mullah is Raging.

Aden, Arabia, April 5.—The ferocious campaign of the Mad Mullah against the sultanates under British protection continues unchecked. Eight hundred of the tribesmen friendly to the sultanates have been slaughtered, vast areas laid waste and towns razed. It is believed here that this will lead to another expedition against the "Mad Mullah," who has caused the British government much anxiety for many years.

Rough Riders to Be Hosts.

New York, April 5.—Rough Riders will be the host that plans to welcome Colonel Roosevelt on his return to American shores. It is hoped to have a large detail of the original regiment go down the harbor on a chartered vessel. Five distant states propose to send delegations to the welcome. They are North Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho and California.