

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.

Premier Asquith dreads to involve the king in the Irish controversy.

Eleven sections of fine fruit land in Eastern Oregon will soon be opened to entry.

Attacks of the ship subsidy lobby are resented warmly by members of the house committee.

The incident between Roosevelt and the Vatican at Rome may cause the removal of the papal secretary, Merry de Val.

Dr. Hollis B. Frissell, of the Rockefeller Sanitary Commission, says hookworm infection is spread largely by Southern people going barefooted.

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SMUGGLERS MOVING NORTH.

Men Who Bring Chinese and Opium Are Hard Pressed.

Los Angeles, April 11.—Driven from Los Angeles by the activity of Federal sleuths, aided by the local authorities, the band of opium and Chinese smugglers that has been operating along the Pacific coast and the Mexican border has transferred its scene of operations to the Northern ports in Washington and Oregon. According to Deputy United States Marshal Durlin, who has had a large part in the two years' warfare on this particular breed of lawbreakers, the headquarters of the band has been transferred to Seattle, with branches at Portland, Tacoma and Spokane. At the latter place arrangements are made for disposing of the contraband Chinese and opium that is successfully brought in by Pacific liners and across the Canadian border.

"Chick" Wallace, the leader of the band, is now in the northern cities arranging for the disposition of the smuggled Orientals and drug. He is the brains of the band, and is the prominent one of the original gang that has escaped arrest by the Federal authorities. Three of his confederates, including Larmon Gonzales, next to Wallace the cleverest of all, are in jail in this city, held as Federal prisoners. Gonzales was captured last week in San Diego, after a six weeks' campaign directed against him.

"I have had a warrant for the arrest of this man for nearly two months," said Durlin, after the capture. "He is one of the craftiest men I have had to deal with for a long time. As soon as we aimed our shafts at him in particular, he apparently went into seclusion somewhere in Mexico. According to my information he was interested mainly in landing contraband Chinamen at the Mexican ports and looking after their safe transportation across the line at Nogales and El Paso."

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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

CRATER LAKE ROAD ASSURED. THINNING NEAR AT HAND.

Hood River Will Need 2,000 to 4,000 Hands Soon.

Uncle Sam Approves Plans, and May Give Substantial Aid.

The Crater Lake road will be built. Government approval of the project has been secured by Will G. Steel, a recognition appropriation of \$5,000 made, Engineer B. F. Heidle sent by the government to Medford, and the promise given that 50 per cent of the work will have been accomplished by July 1 of this year. The Medford Commercial club's subscription of \$25,000 for the construction of the road is well under way and there will be no further delays. Mr. Steel has just returned from Washington. He represented the Medford Commercial club and intervened on its behalf with Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and other government officials.

"The government's approval of the Crater Lake road in effect nullifies the decree handed down by the Supreme court last month," said Mr. Steel. "I found about the halls of the capitol a feeling of resentment that even so august a body as the Supreme court should deem the Crater Lake national park a local affair, any more than a Yellowstone national park should be so considered."

"Secretary Ballinger asked me how much money we would be wanting from the government for the Crater Lake project. I told him we would need eventually about \$2,000,000, including making of trails and various other improvements. He assured me of his belief that we would get that much, at the same time stating frankly that it had not been for the indomitable energy and persistence of the Medford commercial interests nothing further would ever have been done, following the Supreme court's unfavorable decree."

"I received an official communication stating that the United States fish commission would place 50,000 rainbow fry in the Crater lake, to add to the stock of fish already there."

Crater lake road, completed, will be 87 miles long. Engineer Heidle will give his time not only to making a survey of all roads now planned, but in making a survey of all roads and trails to be constructed at any future time.

Electric Lines for Lane.

Will Connect Eugene, Springfield, Siuslaw and McKinzie Valley.

Eugene—Chief Engineer Fornert, of the Lane County Asset company, of this city, which announces that it will build a system of electric railways in this vicinity, including a line between Eugene and Springfield, one to the Siuslaw and perhaps to Coos bay, also up the McKinzie valley, has begun the work of surveying for the line between the two cities. The line will extend east on West Fifteenth street through the suburb of Fairmount to the city limits, then turn north to the river, which will be spanned with a first class double track steel bridge. The road will then make a circle to the north and east and enter Springfield by way of its northern limits, passing through a thickly settled farming community.

F. B. Kidder and John Baird, railroad men of experience, who resigned positions with the Minneapolis Rapid Transit company, of Minneapolis, Minn., to promote this system of roads, are directing operations and they claim to have the best of backing. Engineer Fornert also resigned as chief engineer of the same company to accept this position. They promise that work on the bridge will begin this summer and that the line will be in operation between the two cities early next year.

Masons Dedicate Temple April 20.

Roseburg—The Masonic temple will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies April 20. The dedication ceremonies will be conducted by the officers of the grand lodge of Oregon. Owing to the large membership of the order in the state, it has made it necessary for the local lodge to limit invitations. Between 500 and 600 Masons and their wives and members of the various Eastern Star lodges are expected to be present. Invitations will be extended to every lodge of Masons and Eastern Star in the county, as well as to the lodges of Grants Pass and Eugene.

Build Model Road in Lane.

Eugene—The work of building the model road between Eugene and Springfield has begun. John McElroy, the expert road builder from Portland, has a force of men at work at the west approach of the wagon bridge across the river from Springfield. After that is finished the crew will work toward Eugene and it is expected that the work will be completed early in the summer. Special attention will be given to the construction of the road along the places where the river overflows in the winter time.

May Be Starting on Oregon Eastern.

Ontario—Healan Bros. have a contract on the Brogan reservation on lower Willow creek, and indications confirm the persistent report that they are to work on the Oregon Eastern is the fact that Harriman surveyors are rushing cross section work from Vale west. Healan's outfit was taken to Vale by a special immediately on its arrival here. The heavy outfit resembles railroad graders instead of ditch builders, and 150 teams are included.

R. R. Surveyors Toward Coast.

Eugene—People living near the summit of the Cascade mountains report that a party of Hill railroad surveyors have crossed the summit of the mountains by way of the McKenzie pass, working toward Eugene. It is believed that they are making the preliminary survey for a railroad to be built by Hill, connecting the Willamette valley and Coos bay with the Oregon Trunk via Eugene.

Big Vessel Will Be Built.

Marshfield—The Simpson Lumber company, of North Bend, has announced that it will build a big new vessel for carrying lumber from the Simpson mills. She will be one of the best lumber carriers in the coastwise trade, and will have a capacity of 1,000,000 ft.

SENTIMENTAL TRIP CUT SHORT

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Showed With Flags and Flowers.

Genoa, Italy, April 9.—Though "delighted" to an unusual degree, but in mind and spirit much perturbed, because of ovations along his carriage jaunt to this city, ex-President Theodore Roosevelt and wife were compelled to call a halt today to their sentimental tour.

At every village or crossroads they were met by men, women and children, the former with flags and the latter with bouquets.

As an instance of the demonstrations accorded them, 600 persons, many of them Americans, acclaimed Colonel Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt with vivas and hurrahs after they left Rapallo, where they had luncheon today. This was the climax of their embarrassments and Colonel Roosevelt gave orders to be driven direct to Genoa.

The people and press of Genoa have manifested the most intense interest in the movements of Colonel Roosevelt. His second honeymoon journey stirred their romantic natures to a high pitch, and when the news spread today of his coming, a big crowd hurried to the modest Hotel Britannia, where he had engaged quarters, called on him and greeted him with the greatest Roosevelt's carriage as it rattled up the stony street to the accompaniment of the driver's wildly cracking whip.

Both Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt were smiling when they descended from the carriage at the hotel entrance. They said they had enjoyed the trip hugely and were sorry only that the failure to observe their incognito by the people had compelled them to cut it short. Colonel Roosevelt said he had a "bully time" Thursday, when he and Mrs. Roosevelt drove along the sunny slopes of the Ligurian Alps from Spezia to Rapallo.

Half an hour after the arrival of Colonel Roosevelt, the prefect and the mayor of Genoa called on him and greeted him in the name of the city. Colonel Roosevelt relates an amusing incident of the trip. When he and Mrs. Roosevelt reached the top of the pass at Sestri Levante, where they stopped last night, the enterprising proprietor of a tavern—a rival to the one in which they had engaged rooms—sent out couriers in advance bearing American and Italian flags and triumphantly escorted Colonel Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt to his own hotel.

Wilson is Scored.

Professor Hopkins Says Farmers are Wearing Out Land.

Chicago, April 9.—Characterizing the teachings of Secretary James Wilson as "damnable, abominable and disgraceful," Professor Cyril G. Hopkins, of the University of Illinois, delivered a stinging criticism of the department of agriculture here today in an address at the City club. Here are some quotations from Secretary Wilson cited by Professor Hopkins as "abominably false":

"Practically all soils contain sufficient plant food for yields; this supply will be indefinitely maintained."

"So far as the present outlook is concerned, the nation possesses ample resources in its soil for any conceivable increase in population for several centuries."

"The soil is the one indestructible, immutable asset that the nation possesses. It is the one resource that cannot be exhausted; that cannot be used up."

"From the modern conception of the nature and purposes of the soil, it is evident that it cannot wear out, that so far as the mineral food is concerned, it will continue automatically to supply adequate quantities of plant foods for crops."

"As a national asset, the soil is safe as a means of feeding mankind for unadvised ages to come."

After he had cited these quotations, Professor Hopkins said:

"Can you blame farmers for continuing to wear out their lands when these are the teachings promulgated from the highest authority in the United States? And these false teachings are all the more damnable because the common soil type on the abandoned farms in Maryland, only a few miles from Washington, contain only 169 pounds of phosphorus in the plowed soil of an acre, while the richest black prairie soil of Illinois, with a value of \$200 an acre contains more than 2,000 pounds of phosphorus in the stratum."

Theater Scene of Panic.

New York, April 9.—Panic broke out among 1,000 spectators at the Alhambra theater, in Harlem, tonight, when a gasoline tank of a motorcycle ridden by a young woman on the stage exploded in sheets of flames curtained the cage around the track. Instantly the spectators rushed shrieking to the doors. The firemen on duty ordered the asbestos curtain down and with the fire shut off from view the audience grew more reasonable and the police in the house were able to control the pressure at the exits.

Miss Gould to Get Home.

New York, April 9.—According to friends of the family a house on upper Fifth avenue will be the gift of George J. Gould to his daughter, Marjorie, when she is married to Anthony J. Drexel, Jr., April 19.

This palatial property, which is between Eighty-second and Eighty-third streets, was purchased by Mr. Gould today, at a price said to have been between \$350,000 and \$400,000. With the furnishings, which it is said Mr. Gould intends to install, the gift will represent an outlay of \$500,000.

Girls Dance: Fire Fatal.

New York, April 9.—Miss Susan Lustgarten was fatally burned tonight at a dance given by the students of Adelphi college, Brooklyn. The accident occurred during a fancy dance, known as the "ghost dance," in which a purple light was provided by burning alcohol in a large metal dish. Sixty girls, dressed in flowing robes, danced about the flames. Miss Lustgarten was replenishing the alcohol when the explosion occurred.

Submarine Lowers Mark.

Cherbourg, April 9.—The Ventose, a submarine, today established a record by navigating at the depth of 113 feet for 24 minutes.

JUDGE WILLIAMS PASSES TO REST

Grand Old Man of Oregon Has Crossed Dark River.

End Came as He Had Often Wished, in Harness and in Full Possession of Faculties.

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS.

Of no distemper, of no blast he died, But fell like autumn fruit that mellowed long, E'en wondered at because it fell not sooner, Age seemed to wind him up for four score years, Yet slowly ran he on seven winters more, Till, like a clock, worn out with beating time, The wheels of weary life at last stood still.

Portland, April 5.—With the same serenity that had marked the latter years of his long and useful life, Judge George H. Williams early yesterday morning passed to the Great Beyond. Sunday night Oregon's grand old man had retired at the usual hour, after a quiet day spent in good health

and spirits. At the rising hour the empty tenement of clay was found reclining as he had gone to sleep, the face as placid as that of a slumbering child. There was no evidence of a struggle as the spirit left the body, no indication that there had been the slightest degree of suffering. Judge Williams had died in the manner he had often wished—by "simply slipping away."

For a week Judge Williams had been unusually cheery, and for five months he had been freer from physical suffering than for several years. For a long time prior to last fall he had been inconvenienced by an internal disability more or less chronic, yet it was of such a nature that his active interest and participation in business affairs was not impaired, and not even his most intimate friends realized the pain he had suffered.

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any state, on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude."

The foregoing is the Fifteenth Amendment to the constitution of the United States, adopted by congress in 1870 and later ratified by the states. The text of the amendment was prepared by the Oregon statesman, George H. Williams, and was presented and adopted with only a minor change in wording.

Judge Williams was one of the last, if not the last, member of the "war senate," and had been a warm personal friend of Lincoln and also of Grant.

Sent to the senate from Oregon in 1864, he soon became a power in the administration forces. He was the originator of the "reconstruction act," which he later, as attorney general in Grant's cabinet, enforced.

Peruvian Consul Quits Post.

Guayaquil, April 7.—The Peruvian consul left here tonight for Callao. The American consul has taken charge of Peruvian interests. The government has established a censorship of all dispatches. In the face of popular excitement and rioting it was officially announced today that Ecuador and Peru would endeavor to settle their boundary dispute directly at Washington. Ecuador's special envoy is Clemente Ponce, and he will proceed to the American capital. The military forces of Ecuador are under arms.

No Law to Punish Jay Spies.

Manila, April 7.—Much indignation has been aroused by the release of the two Japanese who were arrested here a few days ago on the charge of being spies. They were given their liberty on cable instructions from Washington. Owing to the fact that there is no provision in the Philippine military code governing the trial of spies of a nation not at war with the United States, the alleged spies were turned over to the civil authorities. An investigation of the civil laws likewise showed that the statutes were inadequate.

Sermons Don't Please.

Baltimore, April 7.—The Rev. William E. Hauff, pastor of Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran church, of Gardenville, an eastern suburb of this city, persisted in reading his sermons until some of his congregation told him he was no longer needed. The preacher declares that the church door was locked by some of his flock, who then barricaded the door with boards nailed from the inside. He has put the matter into the hands of a lawyer.

Planning a Future.

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"I want him to be able to run his own automobile."—Washington Star.

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A DISRESPECTFUL ANIMAL.

Miss Caroline and Miss Matilda Borgia lived in an old-fashioned house with a lean-to on the roof of which ran nearly to the ground. Returning from church one day, they noticed on approaching their dwelling that the chugboogers ahead of them paused in passing, and gazed upward with interest and mirth. A moment later they saw why. Their neighbor's billy-goat had escaped, mounted the lean-to to the ridge-pole of the kitchen roof, and with one end of a flaring circus poster streaming banner-like from his jaws, stood outlined boldly against the sky, a chamois on a mountain peak, calmly contemplating the Sabbath procession.

Miss Matilda laughed. Miss Caroline did not.

"The abominable beast!" she gasped, deeply scandalized. "I never saw anything so—so disrespectful!"

The goat is indeed a disrespectful animal. He is no respecter either of property or person, as many an individual held in honor by mankind has ruefully discovered. Admiral Evans has related with pride, as a worthy achievement, his triumph in his earlier days over a refractory goat on shipboard, which refused to yield the milk required for a sick man.

After it had baffled everybody whose proper task it was to secure the milk, the captain sent for Evans, and directed him to go and get it.

Evans respectfully intimated that he had not supposed "milking goats to be part of the duty of a navigating officer;" but the captain thereupon asked it as a favor, and he undertook the task.

With a little warm water, much persuasion, some firmness, and a recollection of the ways of certain "darkies" with misbehaving cows, he succeeded, and was unmercifully chafed by his comrades on his success. Indeed, he was far from happy in it until he had taught his method to a marine, and was assured that he would not have to keep on milking for the rest of the voyage.

He was more fortunate than another distinguished man, Horace Greeley, who was a conspicuous failure as a milker of goats, although he was bred to the farm and Evans to the sea. When, in accordance with Mrs. Greeley's theories of diet, goat's milk was desired for their little son, they attempted to keep a goat in their New York premises, and Mr. Greeley undertook to milk it. His ignominious tussles with the creature became a source of delighted mirth to his neighbors.

Complete overthrow of the great editor in his back yard, while the goat remained victoriously chewing the latest edition of the Tribune, which had fallen from Mr. Greeley's pocket in the contest. He relates that he called down to him, gleefully:

"Well, Mr. Greeley, nanny, there, hasn't much respect for editors!"

Sitting on his hat, and with one foot in an overturned barrel, Mr. Greeley, in his high, squeaky voice, called back: "Nothing to matter! The man is 'nanny' and the opinions everything. You see she appreciates the Tribune!"

MEXICO'S RICHEST MAN.

His Gentle Uterus Upon a Thousand Hills.

General Luis Terrazas is Mexico's wealthiest man. General Terrazas is 73 years old, the same age as President Diaz. The lives of both men have been full of stirring adventure. It was in reward for daring military service that General Terrazas obtained from the government large gifts of land which placed him upon the road to the great fortune which he now possesses.

It is conservatively estimated that General Terrazas is worth not less than \$200,000,000. His property holdings are chiefly in the state of Chihuahua, but he also has large investments in other parts of the republic.

General Terrazas is the greatest land and live stock baron in the world, it is said. He owns fifteen ranches in the state of Chihuahua. The ranches embrace an aggregate area of more than five million acres. For many years special attention has been given to raising horses upon these ranches. More than five million head of horses are grazing upon the Terrazas land.

The mule supply for most of Mexico comes from the Terrazas ranches. These animals now number more than one million head and are scattered over the different properties. General Terrazas' cattle holdings number more than one million head. Several hundred thousand head of goats and sheep graze upon this land. It is said that the choicest grass lands in northern Mexico are embraced in the Terrazas estate. Streams of running water pass through them, and the grass grows luxuriantly the greater part of the year.

Some idea of the vastness of these landed possessions may be had when it is known that more than ten thousand men are kept constantly looking after the live stock. The services of one thousand men are required to "ride the fences." It is the duty of these fence riders to see that the wire is kept intact, so that the live stock cannot escape from the pastures. Many thousand miles of wire were used in constructing the boundary fences. More than a score of towns, some of them of considerable size, are upon the ranches.—Kansas City Star.

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