

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 U. S. Supreme court upholds the national employers' liability law.

Investigation of Bell Telephone affairs seems likely to disclose a big monopoly.

An official will be sent to investigate charges against Governor Frear, of Honolulu.

The late Chief Justice Harlan left an estate of \$18,000, of which \$7,200 was life insurance.

President Taft is not averse to Hitchcock's proposal of government ownership of telegraph lines.

Chico, Cal., felt a slight earthquake, which is believed to have been more severe in the mountains.

Representative Borland, of Missouri, would build a national road, 60 feet wide, from New York to San Francisco and Olympia.

The will of Richard T. Crane, Chicago millionaire, provides a fund of \$1,000,000 for the assistance of deserted wives and children.

The Rock Island railroad has sold \$20,000,000 worth of bonds, the cash to be used for improvement of terminals and the system generally.

San Francisco plans the highest-power wireless telegraph station in the world, as a permanent memorial of the Panama-Pacific exposition.

A bomb was thrown at Premier Yuan Shi Kai, of China, killing two soldiers and the horses attached to the carriage, but not injuring the premier.

High water in the Willamette river has closed the Oregon City pulp and paper mills, throwing over 1,500 employes out of work for a few days at least.

Madame Schuman-Heink, world-renowned singer, is suing her American husband for divorce, and her children by her first marriage are much elated, believing she will now be able to use her wealth to complete their musical training.

Intense cold still envelops the Middle West, the mercury is falling and no relief is in sight.

The Port of Portland has decided to publish maps and plans of the entire Columbia river basin.

John Day valley, Oregon, has more than two feet of snow, with a temperature of 14 degrees below zero.

The National Dressmakers' association voted to return to the natural waist line in women's garments.

W. Morgan Shuster, recently removed treasurer general of Persia, has left that country and is en route to Europe.

Taft and Roosevelt are practically the only candidates now left in the race for the Republican presidential nomination.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 85c; club, 81c; red Russian, 80c; valley, 82c; forty-fold, 82c.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$23 per ton; shorts, \$25; middlings, \$30; rolled barley, \$37@38.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$30.50 ton.

Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$17@18; No. 1 valley, \$15@16; alfalfa, \$13@14; clover, \$12; grain hay, \$14.

Barley—Feed, \$36@37 ton.

Corn—New, whole, \$33 per ton; cracked, \$34; old, whole, \$36; cracked, \$37.

Cranberries, \$10@11.50 per barrel. Potatoes—Buying prices: Burbanks, 90c@1.15 per hundred; sweet potatoes, \$3 per crate.

Vegetables—Artichokes, \$1.25 per dozen; cabbage, 1 1/2@1 1/4 per pound; cauliflower, \$1.90@2 per crate; celery, \$5.25 per crate; garlic, 8@10c per pound; lettuce, \$2.50@2.75 per crate; peppers, 8@10c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1 1/2c per pound; squash, 1 1/2@1 1/4c; sprouts, 7@8c; turnips, \$1.25 per sack; rutabagas, \$1.25; carrots, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.25; beets, \$1.50.

Onions—Association price, \$1.75 per sack.

Butter—Oregon creamery butter, solid pack, 38c; prints, extra; butter fat, 1c less than solid pack prices.

Poultry—Hens, 12c; springs, 12c; ducks, young, 18c; geese, 11 1/2@12c; turkeys, live, 17c; dressed, choice, 20@22c.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, candled, 5c per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 8 1/2@9c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 13 1/2@14c per pound.

Choice steers, \$6@6.25; good, \$5.75@6; choice cows, \$5@5.35; good, \$4.40@4.60; choice spayed heifers, \$5.35@5.50; good to choice heifers, \$5@5.25; choice bulls, \$4.25@4.50; good, \$4.25@5; choice calves, \$7.50@8; good, \$6.75@7.

Hogs—Choice light hogs, \$6.80@7; good to choice hogs, \$6.40@6.60; smooth heavy hogs, \$5.75@6.

Sheep—Choice yearling wethers, \$4.50@4.85; choice killing ewes, \$3.85@4.25; choice lambs, \$5.50@5.75; good to choice, \$4.50@5; culls, \$3.75@4.

60-CENT BUTTER IN SIGHT.

Elgin Butter Board Forcing Up Prices at Chicago.

Chicago—Sixty-cent butter! Chicagoans faced such a possible record-breaking situation Wednesday, when the retail price of Elgin creamery butter—the staple of the market—reached 47 cents in many stores—the highest price in the city's history, dealers declared—and promised to go much higher within the next few days. The wholesale price, 42 1/2 cents a pound, fixed by the Elgin Butter board, broke all wholesale records for 24 years, and commission men declared that advances in the price which would place it high above the present point, seemed inevitable.

This addition to the high cost of living is blamed by some interested men to the scarcity of butter, while other persons ascribe it to an alleged trust which is already under investigation by Federal authorities, or to a corner by Easter houses.

The Elgin butter barons raised the price in one day 4 cents. The advance was communicated to the Chicago wholesale market immediately and had no sooner been shifted to the retail trade than it was tried on the consumer—the only one who cannot shift the burden.

Chicago retailers are charging an average of about 45 cents a pound for fresh butter, and are ready to increase the price as quickly as the butter board gives the word.

Retailers are agreed that the price would not stop short of 50 cents and one dealer ventured to say that 60 cents a pound would not hold it.

An injunction to restrain members of the Chicago Butter & Egg board from continuing to fix the prices of food will be sought in the Federal court, as a result of their acquiescing in the 40-cent a pound quotation issued by the Elgin Butter board.

CHINESE HAIL PREMIER.

Congratulations On Escape Pour in On Yuan Shi Kai.

Pekin—Congratulations from all quarters, including the legations, have been pouring in on Premier Yuan Shi Kai throughout the day.

The attack on the premier apparently has removed doubts in the views of the Manchus as to his loyalty. Foreign legations declare that Yuan's death would throw North China into a state of lawlessness, demanding immediate intervention by the powers.

The belief is general that Yuan is necessary to the transition from the old to the new order. Otherwise a change would make a shambles of Peking. The bomb thrower, who is a native of Kwei Chow, it is said, will be executed immediately.

It is believed the three Republican cruisers that arrived at Chefoo were conveying troops from Shanghai, which are remaining outside for the present. Three hundred revolutionists who recently seized Tangchowfu, in Shantung, were transported to the landing place by a Japanese steamer.

Grave disorders are reported in Honan, particularly at Chengchow, where the French minister is considering the advisability of calling in the railway employes. There is renewed unrest at Tientsin and serious disorders are prevalent in other places.

Bishop Bassford, of the Methodist Episcopal mission at Shanghai, and other prominent American missionaries, have sent a cablegram to the administration at Washington expressing the views that a republic is inevitable and is practicable.

Harriman Records Safe.

New York—Anxiety of the officials of the Union and Southern Pacific railways was relieved when a steeple-jack scaled the walls of the burned Equitable building and found the record books of the two railway companies intact in the vault on the third floor, although that part of the building was a mass of wreckage. The books include the names and addresses of stockholders, and had they not been found, a tedious canvass through this and foreign countries would have been necessary.

Swedish Women to Vote.

Stockholm, Sweden—Women henceforth are to take a full and equal share with men in the political life of Sweden. The speech from the throne at the opening of the Riksdag contained the announcement that a bill was to be introduced enfranchising women and making them eligible at elections to the Riksdag on the same conditions as men. Every Swede more than 24 years of age and not under any legal disability has the right to vote.

Salmon Pack \$29,869,000.

Seattle—The Pacific Coast salmon pack for 1911 was valued at \$29,869,000, according to a statement prepared by the Puget Sound Cannery Packers' association. Twenty-one new salmon canneries will be constructed and operated in Alaska during the coming season. The silver salmon pack on Puget sound in 1911 was the largest ever made of this species.

Fowls Cause Gold Rush.

Minnesota, Manitoba—As the result of the finding of nuggets of gold in numerous fowls killed upon the Elliott farm, four miles from here, stores and shops have been closed here while their keepers hastened to the place to stake out claims. More than 50 claims already have been marked out and scores of persons are hastening to the spot.

BREWERS WILL RAISE OWN HOPS

Acquire Many Acres in Oregon and California.

Planting Now Under Way—Aim to Avert Repetition of High Prices of 1911 Crop.

Salem, Or.—Large Eastern brewers, feeling the necessity of securing a foothold in Pacific Coast hopyards, have pooled interests to gain control of heavy acreage in Oregon and California for their own benefit. This announcement was made in a statement given out here by Theodore Eder, general superintendent for E. Clemens Horst company, who is now in this city. It is planned by the brewers to plant 1,300 acres of hops this year.

Half a million dollars has been appropriated for the purpose and from 200 to 250 acres will be set to hops in Oregon fields. Appraisals have been completed.

"Owing to the high price of hops of the 1911 crop," said Mr. Eder, "about 25 large Eastern brewers, forming the nucleus of the United States Brewers' association, approached E. C. Horst, president of the E. Clemens Horst company, with the idea of taking over a considerable number of shares in their extensive hopgrowing interests on the Pacific Coast, with the special proviso that the money put up by the brewers be at once used to plant at least 1,300 acres of new hops in the spring of 1912.

"The American appraisal company, of Milwaukee, was selected to value the old properties, which consist of over 2,500 acres of hops located in practically every hopgrowing district in Oregon and California.

"All of the \$500,000 subscribed by the brewers is being used to put in new yards this spring. The acreage to be planted is about as follows:

"Seven hundred acres at Del Paso, 200 acres at Wheatland, 150 acres at Tehama, 100 acres at Consumme, making a total of 1,150 acres in California.

In addition, some 200 to 250 acres of virgin soil is to be planted in our Oregon yards, where the Krebs brothers and H. D. Landon now have three large donkey engines and over 200 men at work clearing land for that purpose.

"The 1,150 acres to be planted in California will all be irrigated and will easily yield a ton an acre this coming year, because the ground has been fertilized and two-thirds of it is being planted with nursery roots. The 200 or more acres at Independence should yield fairly well, being all on virgin soil, leveled for irrigation.

"Hop planting is already under way in California, over 350 acres having been set out and the entire 1,350 acres will be planted before March 1, so that maximum results will be realized in 1912. The E. Clemens Horst company will harvest over 3,000 bales of hops in Oregon and California in 1912.

RADICALS FORCE CRISIS.

Spanish Government Again Threatened With Disruption.

Madrid—The Spanish cabinet, of which Jose Canalejas was premier, has resigned. The cabinet resigned as the result of a divergence of views with King Alfonso as to the advisability of commuting the death sentence of one of the rioters who murdered a judge and who wounded several court officers in the town of Culera, province of Calencia, last September.

The strike at that time involved a plot to assassinate General Weyler, and the king was compelled to suspend the constitutional guarantees. The radicals seized upon the affair as a weapon to attack the government in the same way that they utilized the refusal to reprieve Ferrer to bring about the downfall of the Maur cabinet.

Textile Mills to Close.

Lawrence, Mass.—Although there was no repetition of the violent outbreaks that marked the beginning of the strike of textile operatives who object to a decrease in their wages incident to the curtailment by two hours of the working time under the new 54-hour law, mill agents and owners are considering the idea of a general shutdown until conditions have become more nearly normal. Such a shutdown would affect upwards of 25,000 persons. The Everett mills have closed indefinitely.

Prison Reform Espoused.

Globe, Arizona—As soon as he begins his term of office, about February 1, Governor Hunt will join the ranks of state executives who have been making unusual adventures into the realm of prison reform. At a banquet given by promoters of the Men's Forward Movement of the Presbyterian church, the governor said he would appoint as warden of the penitentiary a man who would give the convicts "Christian treatment."

Aeroplane Outflies Wind.

Pau, France—Jules Vedrine, the French aviator, beat the world's speed record by covering 142 kilometers, 150 meters (about 88 1/3 miles) in one hour, in his monoplane at the Aerodrome here.

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