

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 Borah-Jones three year, home-stead bill has passed the senate.

More indictments of Los Angeles labor leaders are expected soon.

Idaho mining men are preparing to fight the reduction of the tariff on metals.

King George and Queen Mary have returned to England from their coronation trip to India.

Universal war is being made on the "tipping" system, and a Chicago judge has branded it as "illegal and un-American."

Fire practically destroyed St. Catherine's Home, in San Francisco. Thirty invalids were removed by attendant Sisters.

A Chinese student in the University of Washington will play "Hiawatha" in an amateur theatrical performance to be given at the college.

San Francisco show houses are after Ishi, the primitive Indian captured in the forests some time ago. He is in the care of the University of California.

General Orozco has been appointed governor of Chihuahua province, Mexico, and it is believed the plan is for him to establish a sort of dictatorship in Northern Mexico for the complete extermination of the rebels.

Steeplejacks scaled the walls of the burned Hotel Helena, at Helena, Montana, and recovered diamonds valued at \$6,000, a \$500 chunk of melted gold coin, and also the ashes of a roll of currency, from an upper room.

The Oregon Drydock company has raised its rates for all classes of vessels.

Express companies are to be prosecuted for making thousands of overcharges.

Objections by Senator Heyburn have blocked progress on the peace treaties.

Prosecutor declares the marks of Conner's teeth are on caps used in dynamite explosion.

Edwin Hawley, noted railroad magnate, died in New York.

The Oregon-Washington Railroad company has reduced class freight rates to all points on the O. R. & N.

Woolgrowers are assured of an early and active market for wool according to reports from Eastern markets.

Captain Sverdrup is en route from New York to Seattle to take charge of an Arctic expedition which will establish a floating headquarters for the Alaska Whaling company.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 88¢; club, 86¢; red Russian, 85¢; valley, 86¢; forty-fold, 86¢; alfalfa, 13¢; clover, 12¢; grain, 12¢; 13¢.

Cranberries, \$10@11.50 per barrel; Potatoes—Buying prices: Burbanks, 90¢@1.20 per hundred.

Vegetables—Artichokes, \$1.25 per dozen; cabbage, \$1@1.25 per pound; celery, \$5@5.50 per crate; garlic, 80¢ per pound; house lettuce, 50¢@1 per box; pumpkins, 1¢@2¢ per pound; spinach, \$1@1.25 per box; sprouts, 8¢; squash, 1¢@2¢ per pound; turnips, \$1@1.10 per sack; rutabagas, \$1@1.10; carrots, \$1@1.10; parsnips, \$1@1.10; beets, \$1.25.

Onions—Association price, \$2.25 per sack.

Apples—Fancy Rome Beauty, \$2.50 per box; choice Rome Beauty, \$2; fancy Yellow Newtown, \$2.50; fancy Spitzenbergs, \$2.75; Delaware Red, \$1.75; Winesap, \$2; Northern Spy, \$1.50; Baldwin, \$1.50@2; Ben Davis, \$1.25; Red Cheek Pippin, extra fancy, \$2.50.

Butter—Oregon creamery butter, solid pack, 33¢; prints, extra; butter fat, average buying price, 34¢ Portland.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, candled, 30¢@31¢ per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 74¢@85¢ per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 13¢@13½¢ per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 14¢; springs, 13¢; ducks, young, 22¢; geese, 12¢; turkeys, live, 18¢; dressed, 20¢@22¢.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$5.75@5.95; good, \$5.50@5.75; choice cows, \$4.75@5; good, \$4.25@4.50; choice sprayed heifers, \$5.35@5.50; good to choice heifers, \$5@5.25; choice bulls, \$4.25@4.50; good, \$4@4.25; choice calves, \$7.50@8; good, \$6.75@7.

Hogs—Choice light hogs, \$6.25@6.75; smooth heavy hogs, \$5.75@6; rough heavy, \$5.50@5.75.

Sheep—Choice yearling wethers, \$4.75@4.85; choice killing ewes, \$4.45@4.55; choice lambs, \$4.75@5; good, \$4.50@4.75; culls, \$3.75@4.

WATCH MEXICO CLOSELY.

Government Keeps in Touch With Enemy Move Across Border.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft and his cabinet have turned a scrutinizing eye toward Mexico. Officials before the president seriously questioned the loyalty of General Pascual Orozco to the Mexican federal government and intimated that the present conditions in the state of Chihuahua, bordering on Texas, might develop into a movement of secession, establishing an independent republic in the North.

The president and his official family discussed precautionary measures, and the War department then sent additional orders to army posts throughout the country to be ready for a possible mobilization.

The department of justice has instructed its agents to exercise all possible vigilance in enforcing neutrality, while the State department has asked for quick reports from consular agents of any danger in the interior to Americans or their interests.

After the cabinet meeting, the president professed not to be alarmed by the situation. It was admitted in official circles that the separation of Chihuahua from the rest of Mexico would create a situation different, in many respects, from those that existed during the last rebellion.

GRAIN CANNOT BE MOVED.

Thousands of Carloads of Wheat Are
Tied Up in Canada.

Duluth, Minn.—The congestion of traffic on the Canadian railroads, which resulted in sweeping reduction of freight rates to permit Canadian grain to come to the American head of the lake for elevating and storage, is more serious than at any time since its inception, according to news received here from Port Arthur, Ont.

The news tells of 3,500 cars already billed to Port William over the Canadian Northern which cannot be moved. There is no place to store grain when it arrives at Port William. Thirty million bushels are frozen on the ground or in Western elevators.

In addition, there are 1,000 cars of grain on tracks between Winnipeg and Port Arthur, making 4,500 cars on the Canadian Northern alone.

The Canadian Pacific has reduced the number of empty cars that are delivered daily to elevators at the Canadian head of the lakes, on the theory that it is useless to load cars when they cannot be hauled to destinations.

SWIFTS ARE ATTACKED.

Prosecution Centers All Efforts On
One Packing Company.

Chicago—The government centered its attack on Swift & Co. in the packers' trial here. John M. Chaplin, chief of the plant accounting department of that corporation, was subjected to a searching examination by District Attorney Wilkerson and required to explain to the jury many details of the complex system used by the packers.

Chaplin identified numerous letters changing the by-products allowances, which were sent by other employees.

One letter signed by Chaplin and dated November 15, 1907, gave instructions to discontinue making allowances for hides in figuring the test cost of beef.

District Attorney Wilkerson pointed out that from the organization of the National Packing company, March 8, 1903, the test cost of beef, as figured by Swift & Co., steadily rose while the allowances for by-products decreased.

Cabinet Minister Prisoner.

Torreon, Mex.—Abram Gonzales, minister of the interior, who went to Camargo to quell the uprising at that point, was made prisoner by the mutineers, escorted back to the railroad at Santa Rosalia and sent to Chihuahua on a handcar, according to news received here. The rebels refused to listen to his overtures. He reported his failure to the central government.

Seventy dead and wounded Salgadistas were left on the field at Chilpan after an encounter with the forces of General Ambrosio Figueroa. The losses of the federals were not given.

Lands May Be Available.

Spokane, Wash.—A plan by which 7,000,000 acres of logged-off lands in Washington, Idaho and Montana may be obtained by the government and then opened up for homestead entry is being worked out by the executive committee of the International and Empire Federation of Commercial Clubs. The plan, as outlined, proposes the exchange by the Interior department of forest reserve lands for logged-off lands, on the basis of three acres of cut-over lands for one acre of forest reserve.

Aviator Scars Crowds.

New York—The first successful flight of a hydro-aeroplane in this section was seen here Wednesday, when Frank T. Neffin ascended from the Hudson river at Twenty-third street and for 16 minutes flew up and down the river at a height of 500 feet. The aviator made no public announcement of his plan, and when he alighted in the river amid floating cakes of ice, many on shore thought he had fallen into the stream.

Tinplate Men Combine.

Pittsburg—Representing a capitalization of \$100,000,000, the Independent Tin Plate Manufacturers of the United States were granted a charter in Common Pleas court under the name of the Association of Sheet and Tin Plate Manufacturers. Headquarters will be located here.

MEXICO TAKES RADICAL STEPS

Revolutionary Agitators Will Be Severely Punished.

Policy of Diaz is Adopted in Dealing
With Enemies of Government
—Troops Watch Border.

Mexico City—Without blare of trumpets and without official proclamation the Federal government proposes to employ the drastic methods of Diaz in restoring peace. Immediate application of the new policy will be the nation's only appraisal of it.

This is the substance of a statement by a cabinet minister. Swift punishment is to be the portion of all agitators who can be reached, whether of gun or pencil. A few newspaper writers will be deported, it is said, under that provision of the constitution which provides for the expulsion of undesirable. Public parades and street orations are to be prohibited, in cases where the purpose is in any manner connected with the political affairs.

This prescription is in accordance with the government's diagnosis of the revolutionary disease that has broken out in so many parts of the country.

Official figures place the loss in death, both north and south, since January 25, as follows:

Federals, 34, rebels, from 222 to 272, and noncombatants, 10.

Unofficial reports, apparently well founded, add to these figures 15 Federal dead and 45 rebel dead.

One rebellion is recognized, that of Emilio Zapata, covering all of the states of Morelos and portions of the states of Hidalgo, Guerrero and Mexico and the Federal district itself. In Guerrero conditions are not greatly better than in Morelos. There the district leader of the revolt is Jesus H. Salgado, who, like Zapata, is a former officer in Madero's revolutionary army. He has been persistent in declaring that he is fighting for the cause of Emilio Vasquez Gomez, but there is little doubt that he and Zapata are working together.

In the state of Tabasco, there remains a trace of the revolt of a few weeks ago, but that had nothing of a national character. It was specifically against the government. The portion of Oaxaca on the Tehuantepec isthmus has yet a few rebels, but they are not operating against the Federal government. Reform of local conditions is their cry. The list of uprisings was increased last week by one in Michoacan. Alleged abuses on an hacienda account for that. The instigators are chiefly field hands.

The puzzle was furnished by the garrisons at Juarez and Chihuahua. The rebels in the South pretend a knowledge that the mutinous troops are working under the same general plan with themselves, but government officials profess to believe there is no connection between the uprisings in the North.

ICE GORGE BREAKS.

Three Persons Swept to Death in
Niagara River.

Niagara Falls—The great ice bridge that has choked the river channel, between the cataract and the upper steel arch bridge below the falls for the past three weeks broke from its shoring at noon Sunday and went toward the river, taking with it, to their death a man and woman, said to be Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Stanton, of Toronto, Canada, and Burrell Hancock, 17 years old, of Cleveland, O.

Four other persons were on the ice at the time, but managed to get ashore in safety.

The bridge was considered safe. For weeks the great fields of ice had been coming down the river, piling up against the barrier until it was from 60 to 80 feet thick and under the influence of zero weather the great mass had become anchored firmly to the shore. The jam was about 1,000 feet wide and in some places a quarter of a mile in breadth.

Liner Alleghany Sinks.

New York—The Hamburg-American liner Alleghany, which left here Saturday for Central America and the West Indies, sank 75 miles east-northeast of Cape Henry, off the Virginia coast, after a collision with the British steamer Pomoran, according to wireless dispatches received here shortly after the disaster. The Pomoran took all the passengers and crew of the Alleghany on board and, conveyed by the revenue cutter Onondaga, is making slowly for port, the message said. No lives were lost so far as known.

How Elected By Hobos.

Cincinnati—James Edna How, of St. Louis, the "millionaire hobo," was chosen national chairman of the Unskilled Migratory and Casual Workers' association of the United States. Alexander Tyler, of Cincinnati, was elected secretary, and Cora D. Harvey, of St. Louis, was named treasurer. The convention came to an end with an address by Professor Frank Bohn, formerly of the University of Chicago, on "Socialism."

Germany to Add to Force.

Berlin—Fifteen thousand bluejackets are to be added to the German navy by the new naval bill about to be introduced in the Reichstag.

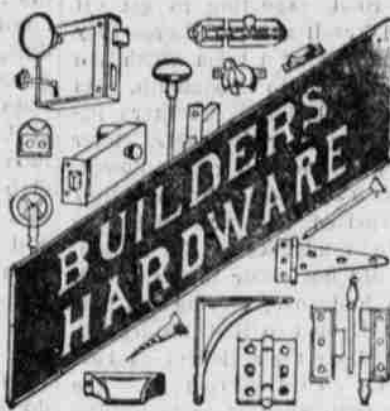
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