

## 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.

Germany is again borrowing money in New York.

Seattle brokers offered 10 cents for a \$100 Columbia Orchard bond.

The president has nominated Chancellor Pitney, of New Jersey, for the Supreme bench.

Government agents claim to have dug up resolutions passed by the Ironworkers' union that explosions cease during their convention.

Aviator Harry N. Atwood is building an improved hydro-aeroplane with which he believes he can cross the Atlantic with but one stop for fuel.

Charles P. Taft, brother of the president, will be subpoenaed to appear before the committee investigating alleged political activities of Paymaster Ray.

The Superior court of Washington has decided that a stenographer is not a mechanic, and therefore does not come under the operation of the eight-hour law.

Judge Gilbert, of the United States Court of Appeals, holds it is not illegal for corporations to advance money and bargain with entrants for their prospective homesteads.

Secretary Knox will not visit Colombia on his Central American trip, owing to feeling in that country against America over dealings in connection with the Panama canal site.

While a passenger train was climbing a steep grade in Maryland, a masked bandit jumped aboard a sleeping car and robbed all the occupants, escaping with \$600 in money and jewelry.

Retail lumber dealers blame the "mail order" houses for "lumber-trust" talk.

A \$6,000,000 company has been organized in Seattle to work a big mining concession in Peru.

The new Japanese ambassador says his country will co-operate in all moves regarding China.

Rockefeller interests have lost their first move to secure control of the Waters-Pierce interests.

Three persons were killed in the wreck of a fast train in Pennsylvania.

Specific charges of knowledge and supervision of dynamiting is made against officers of the Ironworkers' union.

An Alaska grand jury has returned indictments against 17 business men for maintaining a wharfage monopoly at Skagway.

Pinned under a wrecked locomotive on a Maine road, a trainman who was slowly burning to death was chloroformed by a country doctor.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 90c; club, 86c; red Russian, 85c; valley, 86c; 40-fold, 86c.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$22.50 per ton; shorts, \$24; middlings, \$30; rolled barley, \$38@39.

Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$17@18; No. 1 valley, \$14@15; alfalfa, \$13; clover, \$11; grain, \$12@13.

Corn—New, whole, \$34; cracked, \$35 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$32@33 per ton.

Cranberries—\$10@11.50 per barrel.

Potatoes—Buying prices: Burbanks, \$1@1.25 per hundred; sweet potatoes, \$3 per crate.

Onions—Association price, \$2.25 per sack.

Vegetables—Artichokes, \$1.25 per dozen; cabbage, 1 1/2@1 1/4c per pound; garlic, 8@10c pound; hothouse lettuce, 50c@\$1 per box; pumpkins, 1 1/2@2c per pound; spinach, \$1@1.25 per box; sprouts, 1 1/2@2c pound; turnips, \$1@1.10 per sack; rutabagas, \$1@1.10; carrots, \$1@1.10; parsnips, \$1.10; beets, \$1.25.

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, \$1.60; Baldwin, \$1.50@2; Ben Davis, \$1.25; Red Cheek Pippins, extra fancy, \$2.50.

Butter—Oregon creamery butter, solid pack, 36c; prints, extra.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, candled, 16@20c per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 8@8 1/2c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 13@13 1/2c per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 14c; springs, 13@13 1/2c; ducks, young, 17c; geese, 11 1/2@12c; turkeys, live, 18c; dressed, 20c.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$6@6.60; good, \$5.50@6; choice cows, \$4.50@5.50; good, \$4.25@4.50; choice spayed 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, \$6.50@6.75; smooth heavy hogs, \$5.75@6; rough heavy, \$5.50@5.75.

Sheep—Choice yearlings, \$4.50@4.75; choice killing ewes, \$4@4.35; choice lambs, \$4.75@5; good to choice lambs, \$4.50@4.75; culls, \$3.75@4.

### AVIATOR LOST ON ICE.

Meets Disaster On Lake Erie and Escapes By Chance.

Erie, Pa.—Earl Sandt, a youthful aviator, the first birdman to fly over the Great Lakes from the United States to Canada, came to grief ten miles out on Lake Erie from Northeast, Pa., when attempting a return flight to the American shore.

While high in the air and 20 miles west of his course, the engine of his biplane stopped. For a while he glided, but suddenly the machine overturned and he was buried unconscious in the wreckage on the ice. How long he remained in this condition Sandt does not know. When he recovered he was saturated with blood from many cuts.

Aided by a pocket compass, Sandt walked ten miles to the American shore, landing at Northeast at 10 o'clock at night. He was found staggering along the shore by boys who were skating and was carried to a hotel. Word then was telephoned to this city.

Sandt is not injured seriously. He was brought here from Northeast at midnight in a special car. Thousands of persons, a brass band and loud blasts from shop whistles greeted him.

### MEXICAN FEDERALS WIN.

Rout 2000 Rebels in Fierce Battle With Heavy Loss.

Mexico City—According to a report received here, 900 Federalists attacked 2,000 rebels near Cuernavaca, routing the revolutionists. The Federalists have regained control of Cruz de Piedra, Santa Carla and Huistitlac. The rebels were commanded by a brother of Emilio Zapata. It is unofficially reported that 80 men were killed in the engagement.

The town of Aladama, Chihuahua, surrendered to the Vasquistas, without resistance. Forty conspirators were captured.

According to dispatches, General Robles, in command of the Federal forces, led an attack on Zapatistas entrenched in and around Santa Maria. He used artillery freely and drove the rebels from their positions. No estimate of casualties is given. A report says that the rebels also were defeated in a fierce fight near San Pedro, north of Torreon.

El Paso, Texas—In spite of his reported loyalty to President Francisco I. Madero, of Mexico, Vasquistas at Casas Grande has issued a manifesto naming General Pascual Orozco, commander-in-chief of the revolutionists. No recent word has been received here from Orozco, who at present is in Chihuahua.

Reports from Juarez say that a dozen arrests have been made there of persons charged with inciting mutiny.

Another report says that hundreds of rebels are now operating near Juarez and an attack upon the city is feared.

### Y. M. C. A. Indorses Pool.

Walla Walla—That the college students may not have to frequent pool halls in order to play the game, the Y. M. C. A. of Whitman has taken up a movement to have billiard and pool tables put in the Billings Hall dormitory for the use of the boys. This movement is finding a hearty response and it is believed there will be no opposition. Local men are donating money for the purpose.

George Cole, student manager, who last year was expelled from the Methodist conference for dancing and upholding card playing, but who was later reinstated, is at the head of the movement for the billiard and pool tables. He is a senior, chairman of the managerial board, one of the best athletes in school and one of the most popular men of the institution.

### Chinese Brigands Beheaded.

Tientsin—The town of Macheng, some distance in the interior, is besieged by brigands. Strong armed bodies are able to get in and out, but except when accompanied by escorts running into the thousands, the citizens dare not venture outside the walls and are compelled to be continually on the alert to prevent the brigands from breaking in. In the various attempts that have been made to stamp out the outlawry, the authorities have lately captured and beheaded nearly 1,000 of the outlaws.

### Freight to Be Checked.

San Francisco—Attorneys representing 35 railroads have agreed before the State Railroad commission to meet the demand of shippers for the issuance of "clean bills of lading." Heretofore the railroads have refused to be accountable for shortages in freight where the carrier's agents had not checked personally the goods to be shipped. Shipping interests insisted that all freight should be so checked, and this demand has been acceded to.

Investigate High Cost of Living.

New York—Magistrate Murphy announces that he will inquire into the high cost of necessities. District Attorney Whitman probably will prosecute criminally a number of speculators in butter, eggs, vegetables and meats. The proceedings were first centered on butter and eggs. It is believed there will be 150 defendants in criminal actions as a result of the probe.

### Morse on Way to Recovery.

Atlanta, Ga.—Charles W. Morse, the former banker, recently pardoned for wrecking a New York bank, after serving two years of a 15-year sentence, will recover sufficiently to again enter Wall street activities, according to Dr. A. L. Fowler, Morse's personal physician.

## GOMEZ DIRECTS MEXICAN REBS

### Former Leader Accepts Provisional Presidency.

Torreon in State of Siege—Looters Camp Near By Awaiting Fall of City—City Suffers.

San Antonio, Tex.—Emiliano Vasquez Gomez has issued a manifesto accepting the provisional presidency of Mexico.

He subscribes to the plan of Tacubaya, which he says was written while he was an exile in a foreign land.

Gomez says he will remain in San Antonio and take no part in the warfare in Mexico. He urges his followers to respect all the rights of foreigners.

He reiterates that he has taken no part in the present affairs of Mexico, except to write to the press and a few friends in America.

He declares the Madero government should be overthrown because it has not carried out the plan of San Luis Potosi, upon which the last revolution was based.

Mexico City—Notwithstanding their threat to attack the city before the end of the week, the rebels are yet regarding Torreon from a distance. Communication from that town by telegraph was restored and latest dispatches indicate no improvement in the revolutionary situation.

Private advices written four days ago are that the city is beginning to feel the effects of a siege. With railroads disabled, it is impossible to renew food supplies. Most of the Americans and many of the other foreigners have left.

It is not the rebel force the people of Torreon fear so much as the horde of individuals likely to take advantage of the rebels' assault.

One man, in a letter, said that already there were camped about the place hundreds of Indians awaiting the day when they could join in the looting. The men had brought with them burros on which to carry off the plunder.

Rebels from various parts of the republic tell of rebel raids and small uprisings at distant points.

A body of rebels overpowered the small garrison of Apizaca, in the state of Tlaxcala, relieved the soldiers of their guns and ammunition and left without doing any looting. Other towns in the same state are reported to be menaced by the same band.

### CHECK PROPOSED.

Wickersham Would Make Impeachment of Judges Easier.

St. Louis—Attorney General Wickersham, in an address here before the City club, on the subject, "National Stability," declared an independent judiciary, which could not be deterred from doing its duty by any amount of clamor, to be more essential than any other part of the government, but urged the simplifying of the process of impeachment. He said:

"Where judges become so blinded by prejudice or class feeling that they cannot fairly and impartially administer the law, they should be impeached. But the process of impeachment of judges is a cumbersome one. It ought to be simplified so that charges against judges may be tried by some appropriate and workable machinery as well as other grave and important issues are tried.

"There has been a growing discontent with legislative bodies all over the land," Mr. Wickersham declared. "State legislatures and municipal councils," he added, "have been found in many instances to be corrupt and inefficient. I am in entire sympathy with the reasons which have led to the enactment of laws providing for the nomination of candidates for office by direct popular election."

### Dogs Convey Delegate

Nome—Charles Herron, with the proxies of the 50 delegates from the Nome judicial district, has started by dog team on his 2,000-mile journey to attend the territorial Republican convention at Cordova, March 30. He is instructed to cast the votes for a Taft delegation to Chicago. At Fairbanks Mr. Herron, if he chooses, may take a horse stage to Chitina, on the Copper River railroad, and complete his journey by team, but he purposes to travel the whole distance behind swift dogs.

### More Use Sleeping Cars.

Chicago—The Pullman company reports that travel holds up remarkably well. Sleeping car department earnings have been breaking even in spite of last year's reductions in berth rates, which indicates a larger volume of first class travel than a year ago. The Pullman company has scarcely felt the effect of the reduced berth rates. The comparisons with a year ago will be more favorable this month and succeeding months.

### British Aviator Killed.

London—Graham Gilmour, one of the best known among British aviators, was instantly killed by a fall with his aeroplane from a height of 380 feet. He was testing a new monoplane in which he was making a flight from the aerodrome at Brooklands and was traveling at the rate of 60 miles an hour when his machine suddenly buckled and dropped to the ground.

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