

## 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.

London suffragists continue to riot and smash windows.

Manchu troops and loyal police guard Peking from mutineers.

A parcels post system is included in the postoffice appropriation bill.

General Orozco is preparing to move on the City of Mexico with an army of 5,000 men.

After traveling for ten years as a clown in a circus, Raleigh T. Wilson, of Lincoln, Neb., has resigned to take up the ministry.

The Inland Pet Stock and Poultry association has established a central depot in Spokane from which poultry and eggs will be delivered direct to consumers.

Mexican federal soldiers dashed across the border at Brownsville, Texas, and arrested two revolutionists, escaping with their prisoners into Mexican territory.

The temperature at Billings, Mont., fell 13 degrees in one hour, reaching 26 below zero. Five hours later it was 14 above. Much suffering and loss to stock is expected.

A \$50,000,000 merger has been organized at Klamath, Oregon, to control the Klamath Land company, the Hot Springs company, the Pioneer Press Publishing company, the White Pelican Mineral Springs company, the Klamath Investment company, the S. O. Johnson company and the White Pelican Hotel company.

A prominent doctor of Maryland claims he has entirely cured himself of tuberculosis by injections of rattlesnake poison, brought in tablet form from South America.

Children from Lawrence, Mass., testified before the house committee that they were forced to pay 5 cents a week for drinking water in the textile mills, and that the water was totally unfit to drink.

Taft pleads for a common sense tariff policy.

Yuan Shi Kai's imperial troops begin rioting in Peking.

Thirty-six grammar school clubs of Portland have formed a baseball league.

Many Seattle brokers fear indictments in the Columbia Orchard swindling case.

Attorney-General Wickersham protests when the Bar association draws the color line on his assistant.

From a business standpoint the month of February, 1912, was the best February in the history of Portland.

#### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 88½@89c; club, 86@87c; red Russian, 85c; valley, 86@87c; 40-fold, 86@87c.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$20@22 per ton; shorts, \$22@24; middlings, \$30.

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

Hay—No 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$15 @16; No. 1 valley, \$13@14; alfalfa, \$13; clover, \$9; grain \$10@11.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$22@22.50.

Potatoes—Buying prices: Burbanks, \$1.15@1.50 per hundred.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 90c per dozen; asparagus, 10@11c per pound; garlic, 8@10c pound; hothouse lettuce, 5@7.5c per box; peppers, 12½c pound; pumpkins, 1½@2c pound; rhubarb, \$2.75@3 per box; sprouts, 8c; squash, 1½@2c 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, \$2.50 per sack.

Apples—Yellow Newtown, \$2@2.50; Spitzenburgs, \$1.75@3; Baldwin, \$1.50@2; Ben Davis, \$1@1.75; Red Cheek Pippins, \$2@2.50; Gano, \$1@1.75.

Hops—1911 crop, 38@38½c; olds, nominal; 1912 contracts, 25@26c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 14@16c per pound; valley, 16@17c; mohair, 1911 clip, 30@31c.

Butter—Oregon creamery butter, solid pack, 33½c; prints extra.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, candled, 21c per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 8½c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 13@14c per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 15@16c; springs, 14@15c; ducks, 16@17c; geese, 8@10c; turkeys, live, 16c; dressed, 20@21c.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$6@6.65; good, \$5.75@6; choice cows, \$5@5.60; good, \$4.75@5; 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, \$3@3.60; good, \$6.75@7.

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

Sheep—Choice yearlings, \$4.50@4.75; choice twos and threes, \$3.90@4.25; choice killing ewes, \$4.10@4.60; culls, \$2.50@3.25; choice grain-fed lambs, \$5.50@5.60; choice spring lambs, \$4.75@5; good to choice lambs, \$4.50@4.75; fair to good lambs, \$4.25@4.50; cull lambs, \$3.75@4.

## REBELS IN FULL CONTROL.

Mexican Forces Gathering for March to Capital.

Chihuahua—Rebels are in control of the entire state of Chihuahua. Colonel Pancho Villa and his forces are still in the state but so outnumbered as to be ineffective.

The column under General Salazar and Campa moved to the city from Sauz and with Orozco's men are in camp at the edge of the city. All saloons are closed by order of Orozco. An immense crowd welcomed the column from Juarez.

Under Orozco's immediate command are 600 former government troops. The rebel generals declared that the numerous volunteers who were offering themselves will soon swell the rebel army to 5,000 men, who will be taken south to secure control of Durango, Torreon and all other towns between here and the City of Mexico.

The misunderstanding by which General Salazar delayed entering Chihuahua apparently has been cleared up. On the surface at least, all distrust of Orozco has disappeared.

A report from Parral says that Jose de al Luz Soto, with a small detachment of Federals has joined Villa.

#### Diaz Outlines His Position.

Paris—"What I promised my compatriots was that I would return should war break out against a foreign enemy, and not that I would return to take part in the struggle of the parties. I have no intention of intervening in the strife of the parties, especially while they have not recovered their reason."

This declaration was telegraphed by General Porfirio Diaz in connection with a report that he had written a letter to a friend in New York saying he was ready to return to Mexico if the country needed him.

#### POLICE RAID SUFFRAGETTES

Arrest Editors and Capture Offices of Suffragette Publication.

London—In pursuance of the determination of the government fully to test the efficiency of the existing laws to deal with the latest tactics of the militant suffragettes, before resorting to special legislation to make the funds of the suffragette societies liable for damages done by their members, the police raided the offices of the Women's Social and Political union.

They arrested Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Pethick Lawrence, joint editors of "Votes for Women." The police also arrested later in the night Miss Christabel Pankhurst. They took possession of the offices.

The leaders of the union are charged with being responsible for the latest window smashing campaign.

Presumably they will be tried under the conspiracy laws. Members of the union said the new departure of inflicting hard labor sentences upon those convicted of taking part in the recent demonstration and in arresting the leaders would produce a bigger crop of volunteers for militant work.

The weakness of the suffragette cause, however, is seen in the fact that the great majority of women denounce the militant actions, which they assert are being carried too far. There is ample evidence that the recent window smashing has alienated public sympathy.

While the militant suffragettes were vainly trying to break through the cordon of police about Parliament Square, 200 medical students organized a raid on the suffragette premises, to pay them back in their own coin.

Marching to the building occupied by the Women's Press in Charing Cross road, where there was a big display of suffragette literature, they bombarded it with stones, smashing all the windows, to an accompaniment of cheers from delighted spectators.

#### Packers' Defense Near.

Chicago—The government rested its case in the trial of the ten meat packers charged with criminal violation of the Sherman law. The trial was shortened materially when both sides agreed to have read to the jury stipulated corporate statements, describing the organization and financial condition of the four companies controlled by the defendants. The first statement was that of Armour & Co. It showed that the company was incorporated in 1900 with a capital stock of \$20,000,000 and has a surplus of \$70,000,000.

#### Finder of Money Loses.

Kansas City—A. W. Foster cannot have the money he picked up on the floor of a Kansas City safe deposit company. The court of appeals declared the money should remain with the deposit company. Foster upon finding \$180 on the vault floor turned it over to the officers of the company. No owner for the money was found and he brought suit to recover it. A jury awarded him the find and the deposit company appealed.

#### Chinese Looters Spare Foreigners

Pekin—Chang Ting Fu, an important city on the railroad about 160 miles southwest of Peking, has been added to the list of places which have been looted and burned. No details have reached here, but it is thought there need be no fear for foreigners there, because the mutineers everywhere are observing the same rule of not touching strangers.

## REBELS MARCH TO CHIHUAHUA

### Scene of Mexican Conflict Shifts From Juarez.

Orozco Said to Have Deserted With Entire Command—Americans Retire Across Border.

Washington, D. C.—A telegram received by private persons here from El Paso drew a grave picture of conditions on the Mexican border. The telegram said that fighting between Federals and rebels began at Chihuahua City at 11 o'clock Sunday, and that many Americans were in danger. Americans in Northern Mexico are rushing across the border at El Paso and other points, fearing massacre by Mexicans, despite denials by administration officials that President Taft intends to intervene in Mexico.

Feverish activity prevailed Sunday in the War department, which usually is deserted on that day. This activity, around which a veil of secrecy was thrown, is believed to mean that more troops will soon be moved to the border.

El Paso—A telegram saying that fighting for the possession of Chihuahua City, capital of the Mexican state of that name, had begun, was followed by the hasty departure of the rebel garrison at Juarez to join their comrades in the fight.

Two telegrams bearing on the fight were received by General Ynez Salazar, the Juarez commander, from Braulio Hernandez, one of the rebel leaders in the district about Chihuahua. Neither message was as detailed as its recipient could have wished, but both were sufficient to dispel languor which has characterized the work of the Juarez forces, and the detachment of from 800 to 1,000 men was speedily placed on board three sections of a freight train.

#### FOOD SAMPLES STARTLE.

Sand, Salt, Alum and Glucose Among Adulterants Used.

New Haven, Conn.—Even the food chemists at the Connecticut Agricultural station are surprised by the result of a series of tests they have just completed, which show that of 722 samples of food, drink and drugs analyzed, 232, or nearly one-third, were adulterated below standard or misbranded. The wooden nutmeg was not in evidence, but other things were, for example:

Of 290 samples of milk, 7 were skimmed, 87 watered, and 3 both skimmed and watered.

Of 46 samples of summer drinks, 10 contained benzoic acid, 2 coal tar dyes, 20 saccharine, and 8 artificial colorings.

Only 4 out of 27 "cider vinegar" samples were genuine. The rest were made of distilled vinegar, boiled cider, apple waste and dried apples.

Sand was found in chocolate.

Root beer was commonly sweetened with glucose.

Every sample of table relish except two had alum in it.

#### TONGS PLANNING FOR WAR.

Outbreak is Expected at Any Moment in San Francisco.

San Francisco—The temporary treaty of peace in Chinatown, which leading Chinese prayed would be made permanent, has been broken and the war cloud again hangs low. Representative Chinese conferred with the leaders of the five tong groups involved in the controversy and pleaded in vain that the existing difficulties be forgotten and that peace be restored.

The peace envoys met with no success and asked the Six Companies to intervene. However, prominent Chinese concede that the prospect of restoring the peace hatchet is dim and war is expected at any time. Every member of the police squad in Chinatown is alert, for it is known several gunmen have come to the local Oriental quarter and are in hiding.

#### City May Stop Merger.

Seattle—A court order was issued here temporarily restraining the Independent and Sunset Telephone companies from effecting consolidation of their systems. The order was issued on complaint of the city, which claims an equity of \$200,000 in the poles, wires and conduits of the Independent company, which equity will be placed in jeopardy if the merger is completed. Three deputy sheriffs who sought to serve copies of the order on the telephone officials were unable to find them.

#### Strikers to Resume Tasks.

Lawrence, Mass.—Striking operatives of the Arlington and Pacific mills, affiliated with the Central Labor union, have returned to work and accepted the 5 per cent minimum wage increase offered. The action is accepted generally as an indication that the Central Labor union will recommend the acceptance of the concession offered in all the mills. The Industrial Workers of the World strike committee declined the offer.

#### Americans Advised to Leave.

Washington, D. C.—The gravity of the situation in Mexico has caused President Taft to issue a proclamation virtually warning American citizens to refrain from entering the country and advising those now resident there to leave when conditions threaten.

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