

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.

Warring Chinese tongs in San Francisco have again agreed to a truce.

Amundsen lauds his four companions for their loyalty during his dash to the South Pole.

Four warships will be kept permanently on Puget Sound, and known as the Pacific Reserve fleet.

The Japanese tramp steamer Unkai Maru No. 2 sailed from Portland with 200,000 sacks of flour for Japan.

The 9-year-old daughter of Governor Hooper, of Tennessee, made a speech for woman suffrage in the state house.

It is estimated that at least 300,000 cotton and wool mill operatives in New England will receive an increase of 5 per cent or more in wages by April first.

Another heavy snow storm swooped down on the Central states. A steamer was crushed in the ice of Lake Michigan near Chicago, her crew of 33 escaping by crossing the ice cakes to land.

The Canadian government has ordered the town of Frank, with a population of about 3,000, to move away from the base of Turtle Mountain, on account of the constant danger from earth and snow slides.

Four boys stole a handcar at Baker, Ore., and started down the line of the Sumpter Valley road for a ride. The superintendent of the line, on a gasoline speeder, caught them just in time to avert a collision with a logging train.

Oregon City has been much disturbed by the removal at night of the big iron covers of sewer manholes, and it has been discovered that the powerful magnets of the electric motors on the freight engines on the electric road, which were used only at night, were picking them up and carrying them away.

Americans in Mexico City are planning to defend themselves when the city is attacked by the approaching rebels.

Active work has begun on the Portland-Hood River wagon road.

Fire in the coal bunkers of the liner Minnesota while lying at her wharf in Seattle gave the crew a hard fight for two hours.

The separate properties of the Standard Oil company are said to have increased in value \$250,000,000, since the dissolution of the trust.

Consignments of arms and ammunition are being sent to the Mexican rebels by way of Juarez, and no one seems to have authority to stop them.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 90c; club, 87c; red Russian, 86c; valley, 87c; forty-fold, 87c; 88c.

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, \$12.50; clover, \$9; oat and vetch, \$11.11.50; other grain hay, \$9.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$33.33.50 per ton.

Potatoes—Buying prices: Burbanks, \$1.25@1.75 per hundred.

Vegetables—Asparagus, 8@9c per pound; cabbage, 12@24c; hothouse lettuce, 50@75c per box; peppers, 12c per pound; pumpkins, 14@2c; rhubarb, \$2.75@3 per box; sprouts, 5c; squash, 14@2c; 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; Spitzenbergs, \$1.75@3; Baldwin, \$1.50@2; Ben Davis, \$1@1.75; Red Cheek Pippin, \$2@2.50; Gano, \$1@1.75.

Hops—1911 crop, 38@39c; olds, nominal; 1912 contracts, 26@27c.

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

Butter—Oregon creamery, solid pack, 33c; prints, extra.

Eggs—Oregon, current receipts, 20 1/2@21c per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 8 1/2@9c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 13@14c per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 16c; turkeys, live, 16c; dressed, 20@21c; springs, 15@15 1/2c; ducks, 16c; geese, 8@10c.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.10@6.35; good, \$5.90@6.10; choice cows, \$5.30@5.50; good, \$4.75@5; choice spayed heifers, \$5.50@5.65; good to choice heifers, \$5.35@5.50; choice bulls, \$4.50@4.75; good, \$4@4.25; choice calves, \$3.80@4.65; good, \$3@3.80.

Hogs—Choice light hogs, \$5@5.75; smooth heavy, hogs, \$5.75@6; rough heavy, \$5.50@5.75.

Sheep—Choice yearlings, \$5@5.75; choice twos and threes, \$4.15@4.50; choice killing ewes, \$4.25@4.65; culls, \$2.50@3.25; choice fed wool lambs, 5.75@6.25; 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.

PLEAD NOT GUILTY.

Alleged Dynamite Conspirators Are
Defiant and Confident.

Indianapolis, Ind. — "Not guilty" was the plea of 48 men arraigned in Federal court here on indictments charging complicity in the alleged conspiracy unlawfully to transport dynamite from state to state. Judge Anderson overruled all demurrers of the defense, but granted 30 days for the filing of exception to his ruling.

Consolidation of the cases asked by United States District Attorney Miller was ordered, subject to petition for separate trials if the defense so desires. The court instructed that the defendants appear when presentation of the matter is made. The trial was set for October 1.

When Judge Anderson announced he would overrule the demurrers to the 34 indictments, he turned to the defendants, for whom seats had been ranged in tiers, and said:

"Gentlemen, do you know the nature of the charges against you?"

"We do," came in a heavy chorus.

Then, one by one, the indicted men, present or ex-labor officials from many sections of the country, and headed by Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, arose as their names were called by the clerk and responded:

"Not guilty."

Attacks from many angles were made on the indictments, which charge the defendants with aiding and abetting Orville E. McManigal and John and James M. McNamara in the transportation of dynamite on passenger trains, with being principals with McManigal and the McNamaras with the illegal acts, and with having conspired to violate the statutes prohibiting such transportation.

COAST IS MISSING.

Map Changed Since Durville Visited
Antarctic in 1838.

Hobart, Tasmania—The ship Aurora, which sailed from this port on December 2 last with an Australian Antarctic expedition under the leadership of Dr. Douglas Mawson, has returned to Hobart. The Aurora is commanded by Captain J. K. Davis. He landed two separate parties at two points in the Antarctic regions, one under Dr. Mawson, January 18, and the other under Dr. Wilde, a veteran of the Shackleton and Scott marches, February 19.

The Aurora found no trace of the Clarie coast, from which it was concluded that it was an ice barrier that had broken up since Durville's discovery in 1838. The Aurora left the Antarctic in February and intended to return in the spring.

Some of the best known British explorers are with the parties landed by the Aurora, which muster 25 men in all. The most advanced feature of the equipment is a monoplane in charge of Lieutenant Watkins, who has taken part in several aviation meets. Speaking of the value of the aeroplane in exploration, Dr. Mawson, prior to the departure of the expedition, said:

"An aeroplane can fly over an ice crevasse or a ridge as easily as over anything else, whereas a party on foot might have to search a long time to find a pass, and an aeroplane can do a journey of 150 miles in three hours."

ROBBERS HOLD UP TRAIN.

Texas Sheriff and posse Ride Light
Engine to Meet Desperados.

El Paso—Southern Pacific passenger train No. 9, westbound, due at El Paso at 6:30 a. m., was held up by robbers Wednesday morning at 2:15.

The scene of the holdup is two miles east of Sanderson, Tex., and the robbers detached the engine, mail and baggage cars and took them toward Sanderson. The sheriff and a posse, on a light engine, left Sanderson to meet the robbers.

Southern Pacific officials express the belief that the train holdup was committed by Mexican malcontents.

Muscles Are Grafted.

Baltimore—Performing an operation made possible only by recent discoveries in surgery, Dr. William S. Baer transplanted the muscles of Miss Ruth Coffey, of Lenoir, N. C., in an effort to stay the ravages upon her system caused by infantile paralysis. To connect the disjointed and paralyzed muscles, it was necessary to lance the joints of the patient and untangle a mass of useless fiber, cut off useless ends and transplant broken ends, thereby connecting them to the useful and healthy cords.

Rattlesnakes to Be Raised.

Lenox, Mass.—One hundred rattlesnakes from the Schaghticoke hills in Connecticut are to be brought here by a syndicate of Connecticut farmers to start a 12-acre rattlesnake farm, land for which has been purchased. Rattlesnake oil is worth \$5 a pint, and there is also a good return in the skins.

The farmers expect to have at least 5,000 rattlers within the next few months.

Corn Grows in Appendix.

Lawrence, Ind.—Three grains of corn that had begun to sprout were found in the appendix of James B. Powell, a wealthy farmer, when he was operated upon for acute appendicitis. The appendix was 11 inches long. Powell had a habit, he said, of eating a few grains of corn every time he fed his stock.

ARE WE FACING GERMAN CRISIS?

Renewal of Colombian Claims Seems to Have Backing.

Germany Would Buy Colombian Ports
on Atlantic, Defying Monroe
Doctrine of U. S.

Philadelphia—The staff correspondent of the Philadelphia Press at Washington says:

Is the United States to be faced with the possibility of war with Germany for the control of the Panama canal? Information which is causing the administration the gravest concern has brought out the fact that recent negotiations between the Kaiser's government and the government of Colombia have resulted in an agreement which contemplates the transfer to Germany of certain harbors on the Atlantic coast of Colombia within striking distance of the northern entrance to the canal.

Mr. Taft and his advisers have already taken steps to meet what they realize will, as soon as the facts are known, be regarded by the whole American people as defiance of the Monroe doctrine by both Colombia and Germany.

This startling information has become known since Secretary of State Knox sailed two weeks ago on his tour of Central and South America, and has been fully confirmed in well informed naval circles. It throws light upon the recent emphatic renewal of pressure brought to bear upon our government by Colombia for a prompt settlement of its claim for indemnity, now understood to amount to practically \$100,000,000. According to this information, Colombia, with the mailed fist of Germany behind her, is now backing up her demands with the threat that if our government does not meet her views, or at least agree to arbitrate, Colombia will dispose of these harbors, either by lease or by outright sale to Germany, thus assuring the latter power not only a base of supplies for a fleet, but a foothold on American soil such as has long been coveted and planned for by the Kaiser.

It is this understanding with Germany, it is declared, that accounts for the "personal" letter of the late Colombian minister at Washington, Senor General Nel Ospina, to the State department, asserting that Secretary Knox would not be a welcome visitor to his country during the secretary's present tour. In inner circles in Washington, no doubt exists that there was a complete understanding between the government at Bogota and its representative here. If anything were lacking to confirm that view, it is furnished by the fact that the intimation that a visit from the secretary of state would be inopportune was renewed by the charge d'affaires of the Colombian legation almost immediately after the recall of Senor Ospina, a recall which, it may be asserted on the highest authority, was not demanded by this government, which from the first has professed to make light of the Ospina incident.

GIRL AVIATOR IS KILLED.

19-Year-Old Miss Falls to Death Trying
for Pilot's License.

Paris—Suzanne Bernard, a 19-year-old girl, who was qualifying at Etampes in the third test for an air pilot's license, fell with her biplane a distance of 60 yards and was horribly crushed. She died 10 minutes afterwards.

The young woman had "gone through the first two tests in a most successful manner. She showed such intrepidity in these tests that her companions urged her to be more prudent, and always make the turns to the left. She disregarded this advice, and in addition to steering carelessly made a turn to the right.

Fire Claims Five Lives.

Winnipeg, Man.—The International Harvester company's immense brick warehouse, filled with valuable machinery, has been destroyed by fire. It was close to the Canadian Pacific Railway station and the Royal Alexandra hotel, which were threatened by the flames. The north wall of the harvester building blew out, killing five men, three of them firemen. Several other persons were injured when a wall fell. The city power plant was damaged and half the city is in darkness.

Smelters Will Continue.

Chihuahua, Mexico—Certain independent mine owners of Mexico have been informed that the mines and smelters of the American Smelting & Refining company will continue to operate, despite the revolution. Some of the independents have closed and others wish to because of shortage of supplies, and they desired that the big corporation should do likewise. An official of the latter company telegraphed that they would continue.

Suffragette Sent to Jail.

London—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, leader of the militant suffragettes, and Mrs. Mabel Tuke, joint honorary secretary of the Women's Social and Political union, who on March 6 were remanded for one week for trial on a charge of conspiracy and inciting to commit malicious damage to property, have started a "hunger strike" at the Holloway jail, where they are now serving two months for rioting.

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