

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.

Flood damage grows in Mississippi and Ohio river valleys.

San Francisco makes big plans to welcome Secretary Knox on his return from his Central American tour.

Alleged bribe-takers in the legislature of New Mexico say they were scared into signing resignations.

Kaiser Wilhelm met with a most enthusiastic welcome on the occasion of his visit to the king of Italy at Venice.

An English scientist would turn coal into gas without taking it from the mines, using the gas for fuel and power.

Mexican rebels were defeated after a big battle, in which the losses of the rebels are reported to have been over 1,000 men.

Governor Hunt, of Arizona, spent a night in prison like an ordinary convict, to get a better idea of what prison life means.

Robbers blew the safe of a Minneapolis theater and stole a collection of elk teeth valued at \$3,000 belonging to the manager.

Twelve hundred operatives in cotton mills of Lowell, Mass., have again struck, being dissatisfied with the terms of settlement recently agreed upon.

The death of John Mollin, an ex-Confederate soldier, at Macon, Ga., has brought to light documents showing that he had a good claim to the throne of Spain.

A report from Hartville, Plumas county, California, says that large volumes of smoke have been issuing from Cinder Cone, 35 miles north of that town. Cinder Cone is a volcano that has been dormant for a century.

High water in the Eastern states have caused losses aggregating \$1,000,000.

Mrs. Pankhurst, in jail for window smashing in London, was refused bail by the presiding judge.

Four French brigands killed the driver of a high-powered auto, took the machine and drove to the bank at Chantilly, where they murdered two watchmen, seized \$8,000 in currency from the panic-stricken employes, rushed back to the machine and made good their escape.

The long-expected tong war has broken out in California, five Chinamen being murdered in one night.

Confidential letters of sugar trust officials have been admitted as evidence in the sugar trust investigation.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem 92c; club, 88@89c; red Russian, 87@88c; valley, 88@89c; forty-fold, 89c.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$20 per ton; shorts, \$21.50; middlings, \$30.

Corn—New, whole, \$34; cracked, \$5 per ton.

Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$11@16; No. 1 valley, \$13@14; alfalfa, \$12.50@13; clover, \$9; oat and vetch, \$11@11.50; other grain hay, \$9.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$34 per ton.

Cranberries—\$10@11.50 per barrel.

Potatoes—Buying prices: Burbanks, \$1.50@1.75 per hundred.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75@90c per dozen; asparagus, \$1.50@1.75 per crate; cabbage, 12@21c per pound; cauliflower, \$2.25 per crate; celery, \$5.50@6 per crate; garlic, 8@10c per pound; hot-house lettuce, 50@75c per box; peppers, 12c per pound; rhubarb, California, \$1.50@1.75 per box; spinach, \$1.15@1.25 per box; sprouts, 8c; turnips, \$1@1.10 per sack; beets, \$1.50; rutabagas, \$1@1.10; carrots \$1.

Onions—Association price \$2.25 per sack.

Apples—Yellow Newtowns \$2@2.50; Spitzenbergs \$1.75@3; Baldwin \$1.50@2; Ben Davis \$1@1.75; Red Cheek Pippins \$2@2.50; Gano \$1@1.75; California Newtowns, \$1.75@2 per box.

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

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 21c per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 8 1/2@9c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 12@12c per pound.

Poultry—Hens—17c; springs, 16c; ducks, 20c; geese, 12c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, 23@24c.

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

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 14@16c per pound; valley, 16@17c; mohair, choice, 32c.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.50@6.60; good, \$6.25@6.40; medium, \$4@6.25; choice cows, \$4.50@5.60; good, \$5.25@5.50; medium, \$5@5.25; choice calves, \$8.50@8.75; good heavy calves, \$6@6.50; bulls, \$4.25@5; stags, \$4.75@6.

Hogs—Light, \$6.90@7.20; heavy, \$6@6.75.

Sheep—Yearlings, \$5.50@6; wethers, \$5@5.45; ewes, \$4.50@4.75; lambs, \$5.75@6.25.

GET MINIMUM WAGE BILL.

British Miners Will Fight Till Price Is Fixed.

London—A fateful day in the history of British trade struggles came to a close with the passage through parliament by a large majority of the bill establishing in legislation the principle of a minimum wage scale in the country's most important industry—coal mining. The minimum wage bill passed its third reading in the house of commons by a vote of 213 to 45 amid a scene of great excitement. The house of lords were assembled at 2:50 o'clock to receive the bill and on motion of Lord Herschel it passed its first reading.

Premier Asquith on leaving the house of commons was cheered loudly by all the members.

After a strike lasting nearly a month and involving the whole country in distress, the miners thus have secured recognition of the principle which they set out to obtain. But they still are dissatisfied because the bill does not specify the amount of the minimum wage and there is no prospect of an immediate settlement of the strike.

The miners' leaders declare their determination to keep up the strike until they have secured guarantees of a minimum wage scale of 5 shillings (\$1.25) for men, or until the district boards as provided by the bill arrange acceptable terms.

CHICAGO PACKERS FREED OF TRUST LAW INDICTMENTS

Chicago—Chicago packers ended a ten years' legal battle with the government when a jury in United States District Judge Carpenter's court found them not guilty of violating the criminal section of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Whether further investigations into the beef-packing industry will be made, District Attorney Wilkerson refused to say.

He was overwhelmed by the verdict. He had been confident of convictions.

The verdict came after the jury had been out 19 hours. At no time during the deliberations were the packers in danger. Only three ballots were taken. The first was 8 to 4 for acquittal, the second 11 to 1, and the third was unanimous.

Failure of the government to prove its case beyond reasonable doubt was responsible for the verdict, several jurors said. They did not review the exhibits in the case. The mass of figures and reports mystified them. To have attempted to untangle them would have been useless, it was agreed.

SUFFRAGETTES TO JAIL.

Participants in Window-Smashing Campaign Sentenced.

London—One hundred and twenty-six suffragettes were placed on trial at a special sitting of the County of London sessions, in connection with the window-smashing raids in London March 1 and March 4, and were sentenced to terms ranging from four to six months' imprisonment. In some cases where the women undertook not to repeat the offense, they were bound over to come up for judgment if called upon.

Mrs. Pankhurst, Mr. and Mrs. Pethick, joint editors of "Votes for Women," and Mrs. Mabel Tuke, again were remanded when they appeared at the Bow Street Police Court to answer to the charge of conspiracy and inciting to commit malicious damage to property.

A prisoner who is serving a term in Holloway jail after conviction for window-smashing, testified that bags of stones and hammers had been served out to herself and others from the suffragist headquarters with orders to break windows.

Slueths Take to Autos.

Paris—The French cabinet at a special meeting decided to strengthen and centralize the French detective department, and to organize a division of secret service men to operate in automobiles, so as to cope with the new type of criminal called the "auto bandit." A general alarm was sent out from the prefecture of police to all the police authorities throughout Europe, in connection with the murders committed in the Chantilly bank robbery by a gang that has terrorized the highways of France.

Poison Trial is Begun.

Berlin—The trial has begun here of five men accused of being responsible for death by wood alcohol poisoning of 89 persons which occurred last Christmas among the inmates of the municipal night shelter for the homeless. The indictment alleges violation of the pure food law by the preparation and selling of harmful substitutes. Technicalities do not permit of more serious charges, so the culprits will undoubtedly get off lightly.

Herr Traeger is Dead.

Berlin—Christian Gottfried Albert Traeger, member of the Reichstag from Oldenburg, and "Father of the House," is dead, aged 82. Herr Traeger, who belonged to the radical party, had been a member of the Reichstag since 1874. He was a lawyer. He was a prolific poet and collaborated in the translation into German of the poems of Robert Burns. He also wrote several plays.

TEXTILE STRIKE IS DECLARED OFF

300,000 Mill Workers In All Lines Benefitted.

New Bedford Employes Only Hold Out for Larger Raise—Consumers Will Bear Burden.

Boston—The great Lawrence strike, which brought in its train increased wages for 275,000 textile workers in New England, was officially declared off at all the mills in Lawrence, having accomplished its purpose, in the opinion of the leaders.

It is generally believed that advances in wages or reduction in hours of paper mill employes, bagging and burlap workers, machinists and operatives in other industries, all are traceable to the movement which owed its origin in Lawrence. The number of persons thus to benefit is more than 300,000.

Advances in the price of woolen and cotton goods which have been made or which are in prospect probably will place upon the ultimate consumer much of the burden of the additional cost to the textile manufacturers. This will aggregate between ten and twelve million dollars in the next year, it is estimated.

Mill agents, in announcing advance in prices, have said frankly that the upward trend is the result of wage advances.

New Bedford, where the manufacturers of the finer grades of cotton goods have refused to accede to the demands of their employes for an additional five per cent, has displaced Lawrence as the center of interest in the textile situation.

Unless the mill owners give the increase demanded within a few days, it is feared that a strike of from 25,000 to 30,000 operatives will ensue.

While an increase of five per cent has been offered, the New Bedford operatives are insistent that they receive 10 per cent.

Secretary Devolt of the Manufacturers' association, has promised that the mill owners would decide early in the week, whether this should be granted.

The suggestion has been made that an immediate increase of 7 1/2 per cent be given with a promise of an additional 2 1/2 per cent on a given date. This may be the basis of a compromise.

ONLY HEALTHY CAN MARRY.

Chicago Cathedral to Turn Away Ailing Twains.

Chicago—Dean Walter T. Sumner of the Episcopal Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, preached a sermon Sunday upon the "Sacrament of Marriage," in which he made the following announcement:

"After consultation with Right Rev. C. P. Anderson, bishop of Chicago, and with his approval, Dean Sumner and his co-workers of the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, have agreed upon an advanced policy with regard to the administration of marriage in the cathedral.

"Beginning with Easter, no person will be married in the cathedral unless they present a certificate of health from a reputable physician to the effect that they are normal physically and mentally and have neither an incurable nor a communicable disease.

"This step is taken only after months of study of the situation and deliberation as to its advisability. It is believed that this stand will meet with the immediate sympathy of the clergy in the church at large, all of whom have long felt the undesirability of being party to the marriage of persons who, because of their physical condition, should never be allowed to enter into the marriage state and propagate their species."

Strike's Back Broken.

Aberdeen, Wash.—That the back of the I. W. W. movement in the big mill strike here has been practically broken was evidenced by the fact that despite the hundreds of strikers who surrounded the Aberdeen Lumber & Shingle company's plant, the mill, with a full crew, is kept in operation. It is understood here that the harbor mills will resume regular operations immediately and that all employes will be Americans with families, receiving the minimum scale of \$2.25 a day.

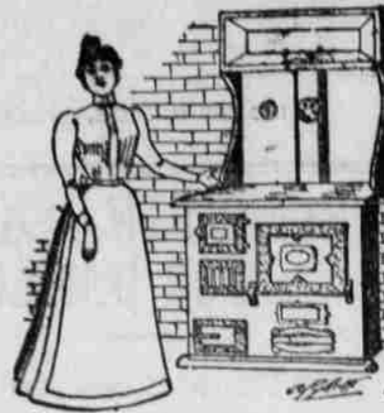
Troops Told to Unpack.

Leavenworth, Kan.—An order was received at headquarters at Fort Leavenworth that the Seventh Infantry, which has been held in readiness to move at a moment's notice, may unpack. Every organization in the post has been in readiness for active service for almost two months. The order is construed to mean that the trouble in Mexico has subsided and that no additional troops will be needed on the border, for the present, at least.

Amundsen Will Lecture.

Washington, D. C.—Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole, will visit the United States next June. His first North American lecture on the successful Antarctic expedition will be made before the National Geographical society in Washington. President Henry Garrett received a cablegram from Captain Amundsen, accepting the society's invitation.

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