

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 prince of Wales is on a visit to Paris.

The levee at Hickman, Ky., gave way and the town is under water.

Eastern coal miners now on strike say they believe settlement will be reached by April 30.

A big run of smelt have entered the Sandy river at Troutdale, Or., the first time in seven years.

Many English miners are returning to work, but a vote on the question showed them to be about evenly divided.

Painters, decorators, carpenters, granite workers and clerks have joined the striking textile workers in various parts of New England.

General Fred D. Grant is seriously ill with the same throat trouble which caused the long illness and final death of his father, General U. S. Grant.

Police of Aberdeen, Wash., jailed 61 I. W. W. strikers and agitators, and all red flags displayed were immediately seized and destroyed by citizens.

No will can be found of the late John Arbuckle, the millionaire coffee king, and it is believed the estate of about \$20,000,000 will be divided according to law.

Friends of Clarence S. Darrow, under indictment for jury bribing in the McNamara trials in Los Angeles, have been asked to assist in defraying the expenses of his defense.

The British coal strike situation continues to improve.

Citizens of Mill Valley, Cal., are up in arms against the wandering at large of a pet alligator belonging to a prominent physician of that city, but the doctor says he can't find a muzzle of any kind that will fit an alligator, and insists that the creature is perfectly harmless anyhow.

Eleanor Sears, a Boston heiress, will play in a men's polo game.

Senator Lorimer was vindicated by a special investigating committee of eight senators.

Two ocean-going vessels will be built at St. Helens, Or., by the McCormick interests.

Striking mill workers and I. W. W. members continue rioting at Aberdeen, and city officials and police are powerless.

Sir Edward Gray, in the house of commons, says England is not acquisitive and that the Monroe doctrine is not worrying her in the least.

After a conference in Cleveland, it appears almost certain that a big strike of bituminous coal miners will take place throughout the East.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 94 @95c; club, 90@91c; red Russian, 89 @90c; valley, 90@91c; forty-fold, 91c.

Millstuffs — Bran, \$21 per ton; shorts, \$23; middlings, \$30.

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

Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$14@15 per ton; No. 1 valley, \$12@14; alfalfa, \$12@13; clover, \$8 @9; oat and vetch, \$10@11.50; grain hay, \$9.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$33@34.50 per ton.

Cranberries—\$10@11.50 per barrel.

Potatoes — Buying prices: Burbanks, \$1.50@1.65 per hundred.

Vegetables — Artichokes, 75@90c per dozen; asparagus, white, \$1.25 @1.50 per crate; green, \$2.25 per crate; cabbage, 3c per pound; cauliflower, \$2.25 per crate; celery, \$5.50 @6 per crate; garlic, 8@10c per pound; head lettuce, \$2@2.25 per crate; hothouse lettuce, 75c@1 per box; peas, 11@12c per pound; peppers, 25c per pound; radishes, 30c per dozen; rhubarb, \$1.25 per box; spinach, \$1.15@1.25 per box; turnips, \$1@1.10 per sack; beets, \$1.50; rutabagas, \$1@1.10; carrots, \$1.

Onions—Association price, \$3.25@3.50 per sack.

Apples — Yellow Newtown, \$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 butter, solid pack, 33c; prints, extra.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 21c.

Pork—Fancy, 8c@9c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 12@12c per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 16@16c; springs, 16@16c; ducks, 20c; geese, 12c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, 25c.

Hops—1911 crop, 38@39c; olds, nominal; 1912 contracts, 25@26c.

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

Cattle — Choice steers, \$6.50@6.75; good, \$6.25@6.40; medium, \$4@6.25; choice cows, \$5.50@5.80; good, 5@5.50; medium, 4.50@5; choice calves, 8.50@8.75; good heavy calves, 6@6.50; bulls, 4.25@5; stags, 4.75@6.

Hogs — Light, 7@8.05; heavy, 6@6.75.

Sheep — Yearlings, 5.50@6; wethers, 4.85@5.45; ewes, 4.50@4.85; lambs, 5.10@5.45.

ULTIMATUM SENT TO MEXICO

Madero Must Guarantee Delivery of Arms to Americans.

Washington, D. C.—Following a cabinet meeting Tuesday night, an ultimatum was sent President Madero, of Mexico, commanding him to give adequate protection to the railway between Vera Cruz and Mexico City, so that arms and ammunition can be delivered to Americans at the capital. If Madero should be unable to comply with these demands, he was given to understand that the gravest consequences would ensue.

Interpreted by army officers, the ultimatum means that the United States will keep the line open for him. It was admitted that four transports, the Kilpatrick, Meade, Sumner and McClellan, are now fully loaded at Hampton Roads, ready to take 4,500 troops south at a moment's notice.

Orders were sent the entire Atlantic fleet, instructing every ship to be at her home port April 15, ready for any emergency.

Word was received that American citizens, fearing for their lives, are ready to take refuge in the British embassy in Mexico City. This, officials say, places this country in the disgraceful position of having its citizens protected by a foreign flag on American soil.

SOCIALISTS ARE ROUTED.

Milwaukee Elects Non-Partisans By Big Majority.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Dr. G. A. Badling, non-partisan candidate for mayor, defeated Mayor Seidel, the Socialist, by a vote of 43,117 to 30,200.

Of the 33 Aldermen elected 26 were non-partisan and seven were Socialists.

With four Socialist holdover aldermen, the new city council will be composed of 26 non-partisan aldermen and 11 Socialists.

The election is believed to have eliminated every national political party from participation in future municipal elections in the state of Wisconsin. For, as a result of the non-partisan victory in the city of Milwaukee, the state legislature, at a special session soon to be convened, is expected to pass a distinctly non-partisan city election statute.

The Socialists defeated such a measure at the last session of the legislature, but the present rout was said virtually to have killed the Socialist strength in the state general assembly.

BIG PAPER MILL ASSURED.

Crown-Columbia Company to Erect Largest of Kind in World.

Oregon City, Or.—What will be the largest paper mill of its kind in the world is to be built by the Crown-Columbia Pulp & Paper company, so it was announced here.

Machinery has been ordered to be delivered within two months, and when installed will produce print paper 188 inches wide, nearly 30 inches wider than can be produced by the Willamette Pulp & Paper company.

It has not been decided whether the new machinery will be installed in the Oregon City mills or the Camas, Wash., mills, but the machinery has been ordered and the company will soon be producing the quality of paper used by newspapers on the largest machinery of its kind made.

MAY PROLONG COAL STRIKE

Sentiment for Recognition Growing Among Anthracite Miners.

Philadelphia—Sentiment among the workers in the anthracite region seems to be crystallizing in favor of prolonging the layoff until the operators grant recognition to the union.

At a meeting held in Nanticoke, near Wilkesbarre, 1,000 miners, mostly Poles, declared they would not accept a 10 per cent increase unless it was accompanied by union recognition.

Both operators and miners, however, seem content to await the result of the conference to be held here soon, and none of the large companies made any attempt to work their breakers.

Whole Dog Made Useful.

Oroville, Cal.—John Rich, poundmaster, has mapped out a plan for making much money. First, he gets 50 cents a dog from the city, next he intends to skin the animals and sell the hides for leather. The meat he will crush and the oil extracted he will sell. He declares that this has been found a genuine cure for consumption and that there is a big demand for it. The flesh is to be used to feed his chickens and the bones will be crushed for fertilizer. Thus every bit of the mongrel has a value.

Canada to Build Vessels.

Montreal—The government organ in Quebec announces that Canada will order two super-dreadnaughts while the question of the complete character of the Dominion navy is being discussed by the Canadian minister of Marine and the British admiralty. This is regarded in political circles here as an effort to test opinion in Quebec which has been against Canada's contributing to the British navy or building one of her own.

Only Officers Escape.

Punta Arenas, Chile — A Chilean gunboat which was sent to the assistance of the British steamer Foxley, wrecked on March 18 off the Chilean coast, arrived here and reported the Foxley a total loss. Four officers of the Foxley were rescued at the time of the wreck, the rest of the crew being left to their fate. The gunboat found no trace of them.

MEXICO BUYING WAR MUNITIONS

Allowed to Ship Supplies From United States.

As Revolutionists Have Not Been Recognized as Belligerents, Neutrality is Not Violated.

Washington, D. C.—President Madero, of Mexico, has decided upon a vigorous campaign against the rebels, and the American government has consented to permit the shipment from the United States of arms and ammunition for his soldiers. These important developments in the complicated Mexican situation were learned here Monday.

It is the intention of President Madero to replenish his diminished army with fresh recruits, throwing them around the strongholds of the rebels. The problem of arming them has been simplified by a decision of the United States authorizing, by special permission in each case, the Mexican government to buy munitions of war in the United States and ship them across the border.

Under this policy three consignments of arms and ammunition already have gone into Mexico. The joint resolution of congress under which President Taft's recent proclamation forbidding the exportation of munitions of war was issued authorized the president to make exceptions at his discretion. The attitude of President Taft, as explained by officials here, is to permit the Mexican government to buy whatever it pleases in this country. This is no violation of neutrality, it is added, as the belligerency of the revolutionists has not been recognized.

Extreme precautions will be taken to prevent war supplies consigned to the Mexican government from falling into the hands of the rebels, to whom is denied the privilege of receiving such materials under the president's proclamation.

If the Madero plans carry, the rebel force now operating in Chihuahua soon might find itself on the defensive, being taken in the rear by a northern army and attacked in front by the considerable regular army now at Torreon, composed of parts of the three columns originally dispatched under as many leaders to attack Orozco's forces in the neighborhood of Chihuahua.

Meanwhile the American army and navy remain idle, so far as Mexico is concerned.

LIGHT-KEEPER DOOMED.

Death or Insanity May Be Fate of Imprisoned Woman.

Ottawa, Ont.—Rescue parties have been unable to break over the ice barriers and take Mrs. Wilfrid Bourque from Bird Rock Beach tower.

Three weeks ago her husband, the lighthouse keeper, was drowned. His body was recovered and taken to Grouse Isle, but the top of the lighthouse can only be reached by means of a hoist to which a basket is attached, into which one passenger at a time can go.

A ship could not get near enough to work this hoist. It is feared when the rescuers finally reach the lighthouse they will find the widow dead or insane. No boat can reach the isolated, barren, icebound rock for days and perhaps weeks. Her husband was out at the edge of the rock shooting a sea gull when slipped over the cliff and was drowned.

The widow could see the recovery of his body, but could not communicate with the rescuers. Bird Rock, on which she is a prisoner, is one of the Magdalen group.

Whole Battalion Mutinies.

El Paso—The recent defeat of the federal force by rebels at Corralitos and the chain of reverses which followed were due, it is said, to mutiny of the Twentieth battalion. The mutiny developed at the beginning of the battle, the men protesting against the lack of food and the hard marches and presenting other grievances. The remainder of the command of General Salas were compelled to fight their former comrades, while only a remnant of the force was available for the attack on the rebel position.

Shoe Workers May Unite.

Boston — Representatives of the shoe workers' unions of the country assembled here March 30 to take action on a proposition to amalgamate all shoe trade unions. Several hundred thousand shoe workers were represented.

Agitation for a merger has been going on for months in Lynn. It is favored by the manufacturers, it is said, because they believe it would tend to prevent strikes.

Wine Cheater is Fined.

Paris—A wine grower in the South has just been condemned to a heavy penalty for putting water into his vintage. The sentence is one month's imprisonment, a fine of \$400, the payment of 155,000 francs in dues, and the confiscation of the wine. The Wine Growers' confederation which had intervened in the case, obtains \$100 and the insertion of the judgment in several newspapers.

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