

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.

Senatorial inquiry into the Titanic disaster is about ended.

Federal suit to dissolve the harvest trust has been filed at St. Paul, Minn.

Secretary Knox is en route to the Pacific coast, via Atlanta and New Orleans.

The Mississippi river is again rising and has reached the danger point at St. Louis.

American residents in Western Mexico are leaving as rapidly as they can find means of travel.

Yuan Shi Kai, in a message to the senate of the new Chinese republic, urges progress and modernization.

The spring cleanup is now on in Alaska, the earliest ever known. Gold shipments will begin in June.

The Interstate Commerce commission has ruled that "tap lines" or "feeders" are not common carriers.

The Chicago Daily Socialist has suspended publication after a five years' fight against the "capitalist system."

Senator Works says that under the laws of New York, Christ would be punished for practicing healing there.

An explosion in a coal mine in Japan has entombed 283 miners, and there is small chance that any are alive.

Thirty of the rifles shipped to American residents in Mexico City were seized by the Mexican authorities while being distributed, but were later returned, without explanation.

Jules Vedrines, France's most famous aviator, fell while trying to make a new record flight and suffered a compound fracture of the skull. There is little chance for his recovery.

A parade of work horses will be a feature of the Portland Rose Festival in June.

It is shown that Moorish women were ringleaders in the torture and massacre of the French legation at Fez.

Six thousand Mexican rebels under General Orozco are fully equipped and ready for battle.

Estimates of flood losses in 11 parishes in Northwest Louisiana set the damage at \$11,000,000.

C. D. Hillman was recognized from an old photograph in the Rogues' Gallery when he reached the penitentiary at McNeill's island.

A Portland streetcar conductor had his little finger torn off by catching in the harness of a team which his car was passing in close quarters.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, \$1.08; red Russian, \$1.01; valley, \$1.03; forty-fold, \$1.03.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$24 per ton; shorts, \$26; middlings, \$31.

Corn—Whole, \$39; cracked, \$40 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, \$16@17 per ton; alfalfa, \$12.50@13; clover, \$8.50; oats and vetch, \$10.50@11; grain hay, \$9.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$39@40 per ton.

Fresh Fruits—Strawberries, \$2@3 per crate; cranberries, \$10@11.50 per barrel; apples, \$1.25@3 per box.

Potatoes—Jobbing prices: Burbanks, old, \$1.50@1.65 per hundred; new California, 5c per pound; sweet potatoes, \$3.25 per crate.

Onions—Bermuda, \$3@3.50 per crate.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75@90c per dozen; asparagus, California, \$1.75 per crate; beans, 7c per pound; cabbage, 4c; cauliflower, \$2.75 per crate; celery, \$5@6; cucumbers, \$2@2.50 per dozen; eggplant, 25c per pound; head lettuce, \$2 per crate; hothouse lettuce, 75c@81c per box; peas, 10c per pound; peppers, 25c; radishes, 30c per dozen; rhubarb, 2c per pound; spinach, \$1.15 @1.25 per box; tomatoes, \$3.50 per box; garlic, 8@10c per pound; turnips, \$1@1.10 per sack; beets, \$1.50; rutabagas, \$1@1.10; carrots, \$1.

Butter—Oregon creamery butter, solid pack, 26c per pound.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, candled, 21c per dozen; case count, 20c.

Pork—Fancy, 10c@11c per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 16c per pound; springs, 15c; broilers, 25@30c; ducks, 20c; geese, 11c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, 25c.

Hops—1911 crop, 39@39c; olds, nominal; 1912 contracts, 24@26c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 10@17c per pound; valley, 18@19c; mohair, choice, 35@36c.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.50@7.20; good, \$6.25@6.40; medium, \$4@6.25; choice cows, \$5.50@6.25; good, \$5@5.50; medium, \$4.50@5; choice calves, \$5.80@8.85; good heavy calves, \$6@8.50; bulls, \$3.50@5.50; stags, \$4.75@6.35.

Hogs—Light, \$8@8.40; heavy, \$6.50@7.50.

Sheep—Yearlings, \$4.60@5.50; wethers, \$5@5.50; ewes, \$4@5; lambs, \$4.50@6; spring lambs, \$6@7.50.

COFFIN SHIP REACHES DOCK.

198 Bodies of Titanic Victims Saved; 116 Buried at Sea.

Halifax, N. S.—With 198 bodies on board, victims of the great Titanic disaster, the Mackay-Bennett, the "coffin ship," has returned here from its gruesome trip. The bodies of two women are included among those recovered.

The body of Colonel John Jacob Astor was identified by the jewelry he wore and cards found in his pockets, say members of the Mackay-Bennett's crew.

One hundred and sixteen other bodies were found, but their condition precluded the possibility of bringing them here, and they were buried at sea.

As the vessel docked all church bells in the city tolled and flags were lowered to half-mast. A hundred blue-jackets with bands of mourning on their sleeves patrolled the harbor, keeping all small craft from the dock. Bluejackets from the cruiser Niobe policed the pier, barring all persons except those bearing passes.

As the Mackay-Bennett approached, piles of bodies which littered the deck were plainly visible. Some were wrapped in burlap, others were uncovered, with the arms and heads exposed to full view. Bundles of clothing, wrapped in burlap, occupied other parts of the deck.

The uncovered bodies were removed first. These were taken on stretchers to waiting wagons and hurried to the "Titanic morgue."

Amidships of the Mackay-Bennett a huge tarpaulin was lifted, and an enormous group of dead was disclosed. They lay in cramped positions, their features horribly distorted, their faces marked by stains of the sea. Horrible grimaces marked other faces, showing the fear with which they went to their deaths.

There was no crowd of curiosity seekers about the dock, the city continuing its business quietly, the people passing the dock with faces averted.

As the uncovered bodies were removed, each was placed in a rough pine box and put in a wagon. The corpses were taken from the ship at the rate of one a minute.

Captain Roberts, of Colonel John Jacob Astor's yacht, conferred with Captain Lardner, of the Mackay-Bennett. Later Roberts declared that he was satisfied that Astor's body was aboard. He said that possibly the body believed to be Widener's was that of the millionaire's valet. He pointed out that valets frequently wear their master's clothing without removing the name tags. Widener's body was identified by tags.

The head of the body supposed to be that of Widener was crushed, and it is impossible to positively identify it by the features.

The bodies of Colonel John Jacob Astor and Isidor Straus were placed in coffins as soon as recovered. The Mackay-Bennett's crew say that none of the bodies found bore bullet marks, but that all were in a horrible condition. Many were frozen, discolored and battered, absolutely unrecognizable. Those buried at sea were in the worst possible condition.

A coffin was pulled from a pile and opened on the deck. Captain Roberts gazed at the body for a moment, then turned away, saying: "That is Colonel Astor."

REBELS ARE DEFEATED.

Mexican Garrison. Aided by Police, Drive Off Insurrectos.

Tepic, Mexico—With 220 dead and more than this number wounded, many of whom were unable to crawl from the battlefield, 2000 rebels, under command of Manuel Guerrero, have been completely routed by the garrison of this city, aided by the police of the local commandery.

The battle occurred on Wednesday, April 24, the rebels appearing on the hills surrounding Tepic on the day previous and demanding the surrender of the garrison, which was under command of Colonel Martin Espinosa.

Colonel Espinosa responded to the messenger of the rebel chief by means of a cannon ball, which killed three rebels and wounded two.

Town Finds Name Odious.

Sioux City, Ia.—According to dispatches from Ismay, Mont., the bustling young town on the Puget Sound extension of the St. Paul railway, the residents are contemplating steps to change the name of the town since the Titanic disaster and the resultant criticism leveled at J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the ill-fated ship. A majority of the residents favor adopting the name of some man who acted a hero's part on the doomed vessel, and are divided between Astor, Butt, Smith and Straus.

Tacoma Gets Oil Tanks.

Tacoma—The Indian Refining company, said to be controlled by the Rothschilds, has bought seven and one-half lots at Center and M streets and the city commission has been asked to grant a permit for building of six oil tanks immediately. The permission was given, subject to the approval of the fire chief. Between \$60,000 and \$75,000 will be spent there at this time in establishing the concern.

Yaquis Raiding in Sonora.

Tucson, Ariz.—Reports received here tell of depredations committed at Toledo, Sonora, last Sunday by the Yaqui Indians. Three Mexican teamsters and one rancher were killed in a raid on a hacienda. Quiet was reported south of Culiacan, as far as Tepic, to which point wire communication was restored.

TOWNS WRECKED; THIRTY KILLED

Tornado Tears Through Oklahoma and Texas.

Farming Districts Suffer Most—15 Dead at One Place—Wires Down, Damage Immense.

Oklahoma City—Thirty-one persons are reported to have been killed by a tornado that swept Southwestern Oklahoma and the southeastern corner of the Texas panhandle late Sunday.

A dozen towns were struck and farming communities suffered.

Communication facilities are paralyzed and it is impossible to confirm the reports of life or estimate the property damaged.

The greatest loss of life reported is at Lugert, where it is said 15 persons were killed. A special train sent from Altus with physicians and nurses picked up 10 injured persons and started back for Altus.

Two of the injured ones died on the train.

It is reported that a Kansas City, Mexico & Orient train had been blown from the track and 20 persons killed, but it developed that only two cars had been derailed and no one was hurt.

The tornado started just across the Texas border and first killed several persons at Kirkland, Tex., demolishing 30 buildings, and blew a Rock Island work train off the track.

Tearing on northward the storm struck Eldorado, killing four; Calumet, killing three; and Lugert, Rocky, where half the town is in ruins; Yukon, Warren, Martha, Blair and Lone Wolf.

At each of these places many persons were hurt. Several of those towns are cut off from communication. What is believed to be the tail of the storm destroyed several buildings at Mulhall, 50 miles north of Oklahoma City, but so far as known there were no casualties there.

PRESIDENT AND SPEAKER IN LEAD FOR NOMINATIONS

New York—The New York Herald publishes the following estimate of the relative strength of the presidential candidates, as the result of an impartial review of the situation:

Republicans.	
Taft.....	415
Roosevelt.....	207
La Follette.....	36
Cummings.....	10
Uncertain.....	5
Needed to nominate.....	540
Yet to choose.....	406

Democrats.	
Clark.....	149
Wilson.....	118
Marshall.....	39
Underwood.....	24
Durke.....	10
Uncertain.....	101
Needed to nominate.....	708

Continuing, the Herald says the president is virtually assured of the nomination at Chicago at this writing, adding:

"Speaker Clark is gaining steadily and Governor Wilson is losing some of the big lead he had two and three weeks ago. Other Democratic aspirants for the nomination are far in the rear."

HIGHBINDERS KILL THREE.

Fourth Chinaman Wounded in Battle at Salinas, Cal.

Salinas, Cal.—Five highbinders broke into a room here where four Chinese were playing cards, shot three of them dead, wounded the fourth seriously and escaped. Murdered and murderers are alike unidentified. The wounded man will make no statement.

From the fact that none of the combatants is known here, it is supposed that all of them were tong warriors planning a raid on marked men, but that the second party, having learned the errand of the first, tracked them to the room where they were hiding, and shot them down.

The police believe both parties come either from San Francisco or Watsonville.

Steamer Harvard Afire.

Los Angeles—The steamer Harvard, of the Pacific Navigation company, had a narrow escape from destruction by fire while lying at her dock at East San Pedro. There were no passengers aboard and no one was injured. The total damage was approximately \$3000. The fire started in the galley from a defective oil pipe and it required an hour's work by the fire tug Warrior to extinguish the blaze. The entire galley and six staterooms on the main deck were destroyed.

Mexicans Cause Wreck.

Mexico City—The wreck of the Mexico City-Guadalajara train last week near Irapuato was credited to the striking American railway men by newspaper reports in Guadalajara. It is now reported that Consul McGill has filed a protest at this accusation with the governor of the state. Further investigation of the wreck seems to point to an explosion of an oil tank due to carelessness or ignorance on the part of Mexican employees.

Fire Sweeps Damascus.

Constantinople—The great bazaar quarters in Damascus have been destroyed by fire. Several persons were killed and many injured and the damage is estimated at \$10,000,000. The fire begun at midnight Friday night and lasted until late Saturday night.

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