

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.

Seven murderers were electrocuted in Sing Sing prison within an hour's time.

China is preparing to establish a fleet of commercial ships for foreign trade.

Two trunks containing \$22,000 worth of opium were seized by officers at Los Angeles.

Girl plunges 800 feet off Mount Rainier to death, breaking every bone in her body.

China has offered the post of adviser to the government to William Rockhill, an American.

Three hundred ironworkers in San Francisco, went on strike, demanding \$1 per day increase in wages.

Two chained convicts leaped from a Northern Pacific train at Whitehall, Mont., and made good their escape.

Thirty-six soldiers and 20 passengers were slaughtered by Zapatistas when a train was attacked from ambush.

President Taft will likely appoint Colonel William V. Judson, a United States army engineer, as governor of Panama.

The youngest mother recorded in medical history is an 11-year-old girl near Davenport, Iowa, who gave birth to an 8 1/2 pound child.

A mother bear stole into the Taft children's camp at Yellowstone Park at night and took her cub that had been captured by the party.

The Equitable Life Insurance company of New York will build a 36-story home on the site of the building, which was destroyed by fire last winter.

An explosion of black damp and coal dust in a mine at Gerth, Germany, caused the death of 103 miners and 27 escaped with injuries.

Mrs. May Arkwright Hutton, a prominent suffragist of Washington, will be a candidate for state representative on the Democratic ticket.

Spokane has let contracts for the erection of a new \$300,000 city hall, and Eastern bond buyers have refused to purchase the bonds issued to pay for the work.

The Continental Building & Loan association of San Francisco, has been closed up by the state commissioner, who declares the institution insolvent.

The St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway company has given a mortgage on its property for \$200,000,000, running 40 years and bearing 6 per cent interest.

The national palace of Hayti at San Domingo, was blown up and set on fire by a terrific explosion, killing the president of the republic and many attendants and employes of the capitol.

HOUSE OVERRIDES VETO

Democrats Have Bid of 21 Republicans in Vote Measure.

Washington, D. C.—By the narrow margin of five votes the House passed the wool tariff revision bill over President Taft's veto. The vote, 174 to 80, was made possible only by the defection of 21 republicans, who voted with the democrats.

The announcement of democratic success created a wild scene in the house and amid great confusion the republican leaders protested that Speaker Clark must count as voting ten members who answered "present" to their names, a ruling which would have defeated the democratic program by overcoming the five vote margin and making possible the recording of the necessary two-thirds vote. This the speaker declined to do.

Less than an hour after the wool bill had been re-passed in the house, the conferees on the sugar tariff bill met and disagreed. They decided to report to both the houses that it had been found impossible to reach a compromise between the Underwood and Lodge-Bristow bills.

This action is expected to mark the end of sugar tariff consideration in the present session and the excise tax bill, which was framed to make up revenues that would have been lost by the reduction of the sugar tariff, probably will remain in conference when Congress adjourns.

While democratic and progressive senate leaders believe the wool bill cannot be passed in that body over the President's veto, they will continue to demand action on the cotton tariff measure.

The vote on the wool bill came as a surprise to the republican leaders of the house. When they discovered that defection from their ranks was to be expected it was too late to prevent it. As a result the following republicans went over to the democratic camp and made victory possible for the majority: Akin, New York; Anderson, Davis, Lindbergh, Miller, Stearnson and Stevens, Minnesota; Anthony, Rees and Young, Kansas; Cooper and Morse, Wisconsin; Hansen and Woods, Iowa; Helgeson, North Dakota; Kent, California; Lafayette, Oregon; La Follette and Warburton, Washington; Norris and Sloan, Nebraska.

Not in the memory of the oldest members of the house has a tariff measure ever been passed over the president's veto by the lowest branch of Congress.

MEXICAN TROOPS ARE ROUTED

Rebels Capture Ixtapam, Killing 300, Many Women and Children.

Mexico City—Government troops have been defeated in a series of encounters with Zapatistas in the Tenancingo district of the State of Mexico, a few miles south of Toluca, the state capital, and rebels are in possession of all villages in that district, according to advices received here.

THOUSAND DEAD IN EARTHQUAKE

Five to Six Times as Many Injured in Turkey.

Fire Adds to Awful Havoc—Lighthouse Topples Over—Cities' Plight is Grave.

Constantinople—Reports here indicate that the great earthquake which was felt through a large part of Turkey was accompanied by much heavier loss of life than at first announced. The newspapers estimate the number of victims at a thousand killed, while the injured are said to number from 5000 to 6000.

The details of the earthquake, which are coming in slowly, owing to the interruption of the wires, indicates that the seismic disturbances was widespread. Thousands are homeless and outbreaks of fire have occurred in many towns and villages.

The entire district between Constantinople and Adrianople felt the shock severely. Fugitives from Myriophito report 300 killed and 600 injured. The town was burning when they left.

Ganos-Hore has been wiped out, 80 persons being killed and 30 injured. The wrecked buildings took fire and most of them were burned. Shar-Koi was destroyed and two nearby villages were engulfed. Adrianople suffered little damage, but Tehorlu was partly destroyed by the earthquake and fire.

The majority of the houses in Gallipoli are in ruins and the people are camping in the fields. Tehanak-Kalassi is in an equally bad plight, but the loss of life in these towns is small, although the injured are many.

Warships anchored in the Dardanelles felt the shock severely. It was first attributed to Italian torpedo-boats. The captain of the American steamer Virginia reports that the lighthouse at Ganos-Hore, in the Sea of Marmora, has disappeared and that the villages in the surrounding country are in flames. He was unable to anchor and give assistance because of the violent movement of the sea.

SECRETARY KNOX IS MADE SPECIAL ENVOY TO JAPAN

Washington, D. C.—For the first time in the history of the United States, the Secretary of State has been designated as a special ambassador to a foreign power.

President Taft assigned Secretary of State Knox as special ambassador to Japan to attend the funeral of the late Emperor Meiji on September 17, with the statement that the mission was given to the premier of the cabinet as evidence of the American friendship for Japan. When the Japanese ambassador to Washington heard of the mission he asserted it would be taken by the Japanese as an act of the greatest courtesy and one calculated to make even warmer and more cordial the existing relations between the two governments.

WOMEN TO GUARD WOMEN

Berlin.—A novel experiment in penology is about to be made by the Prussian authorities, who have decided to open in Berlin a women's prison exclusively managed by women. Not only the guards and wardens, but superintendents and directors of the various prison labor departments will be of the same sex as the prisoners.

There will be 36 women inspectors and several teachers will also be appointed to instruct the inmates in useful and remunerative occupations. It is a theory of the authorities that a women's prison exclusively under women's management would not only avoid many administrative difficulties arising under the old system, but would bring about a more intelligent and systematic treatment of the prisoners. The institution will be opened in October.

Auto Sets Woods Afire.

Lakeport.—A brisk forest fire near Bartlett Springs had its origin in an unusual accident near artlett. R. S. Dallas, of San Francisco, was returning by automobile with his family to his home. An overheated brake shoe set fire to the gasoline tank, which was hung between the rear wheels. The tank exploded, scattering liquid fire in the dry brush at either side of the road, and the flames traveled through the brush to the timber.

Mount Katmai Is Smoking

Seward, Alaska.—Passengers on the mail steamship Dora, which arrived on her monthly trip from the westward, say Mount Katmai, which was in violent eruption in June, is emitting great volumes of dense smoke. The Dora brought word that the fishing season on Bristol bay is closed. All canneries there reported capacity full. The armored cruiser Maryland returned from Cordova last night to wait for the party of navy men who have gone to inspect the Matanuska coal field.

Taft Signs Farm Bill

Washington, D. C.—The agricultural appropriation bill, more than a month overdue in taking effect, was signed by President Taft, and released for field work a small army of employes held up during the delay on the measure. Secretary Wilson ordered immediate resumption of farm demonstration work in many states. On the Pacific Coast, belated experimental work to develop potato resources will be taken up.

Miss Gould Host to 600

Highton, N. Y.—Helen Gould had 600 negroes as her guests on her playgrounds here. Most of them came from New York churches. All the trolley cars were in use for the celebration of the opening of a new trolley line and the party had to walk six miles from the railroad station and back again.

PEACE IN MEXICO DOUBTFUL.

Believed General Orozco Will Resist Overtures.

Mexico City.—Official Mexico appears to regard with much pessimism the outlook for peace. Attempts probably will be made to reopen negotiations with General Orozco, but it is generally believed the rebel leader in the North will resist overtures by the government. He was reported in a special telegram to El Diario as having refused to meet General Huerta at a point south of Juarez and there surrender, adding that he would lead his forces into the capital itself within a month.

An echo to the charge by the Mexican government that Senator Fall was responsible for the failure of Minister Hernandez to bring about an agreement between the government and Orozco was contained in a special dispatch from El Paso. In that it was charged that an American in El Paso had negotiated with the rebels, not for the purpose of preventing Orozco from entering the United States territory, but to keep the war going. It was charged that he represented a group of American bankers whose interests, it was alleged, would be favored by the continuance of hostilities.

In this paper it was asserted that the American Government had served notice on Mexico that peace must be restored at an early date. No confirmation of this assertion could be secured.

FRUIT BILL IS PASSED.

Provision Aims to Protect Growers From Importation of Pests.

Washington, D. C.—The Simmons fruit quarantine bill, of great value to every fruitgrower and horticulturist on the Pacific Coast, has passed the House. The bill has been demanded by Coast fruitgrowers for a long time. It provides a rigid Federal quarantine in the United States against fruit, seeds, bulbs and nursery stock from other countries which may be infected with insect pests of any kind.

The bill primarily was drawn to protect fruitgrowers against the Mediterranean fly and the Malolios orange worm, the latter coming across the Mexican border and having created havoc in Southern California. Heretofore the California state horticulturists had to fight these pests unassisted.

The bill appropriates \$25,000 for the first year, and becomes effective October 1. After the first year the agricultural appropriation bill will carry an annual appropriation to enforce the quarantine. Representatives from the Coast have urged this bill before the agricultural committee several times, and it is due to their efforts that the measure was favorably reported and has passed the House.

This bill will soon pass the Senate, where it is unopposed.

MACVEAGH ORDERS PROBE

Largely Increased Customs Revenues Expected as Result

Washington, D. C.—Plans for a sweeping investigation of the methods of appraising importations into the United States, which is expected to increase the revenues of the government by millions of dollars annually, have been completed by Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh, and a committee has been appointed to make the inquiry.

Revelations of the sugar and other frauds convinced Secretary MacVeagh there was something radically wrong with the appraising system. He believes an incalculable sum is being lost every year by careless and antiquated methods. The committee is charged to recommend revisions and improvements to stop all loopholes.

LINERS IN COLLISION.

Frankfort and Barmen Returning to Port With 1200 Immigrants.

Amsterdam, Netherlands.—The North German Lloyd steamship Frankfort, bound for Canada from Bremen with 1200 emigrants on board, collided with the German steamer Barmen, from Rotterdam for Bremen, while off the Hook of Holland lightship, and is now proceeding to the hook under tow.

Wireless dispatches received at Scheveningen from the Frankfort say all her passengers are on board and the vessel is in no danger. The timely arrival of two steamers calmed the passengers after the collision and the disabled vessel was taken in tow.

Geographers to Travel

New York.—Fifty representatives of geographical societies and universities of 16 European countries have enrolled for a tour of the United States as guests of the American Geographical Society. The tour is to begin with a celebration here of the opening of a new building of the American Geographical Society, marking the 60th anniversary of the organization. Professor William Morris Davis, of Harvard, is to conduct the excursion, which will cover approximately 10,000 miles and take two months' time.

Legends of Gold Lures

New York.—The legend of \$30,000,000 gold hidden on Cocos Island in the Pacific Ocean is the lure which brought Frederick Smooden from Calgary, Canada, to this city, whence he has sailed for Central America. Smooden said his knowledge of the treasure's whereabouts was handed down by Captain Trevan, a sea dog of many generations back, whose plan to search for the gold was frustrated by a fatal illness.

Yiddish Paper to Start

San Francisco.—A newspaper printed in the Yiddish language and devoted entirely to the interests of the Jewish race, is to be established here under the editorial guidance of Dr. Charles Wortsman, a widely-known Jewish scholar.

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PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: New: Club, 76 @77c; bluestem, 18 @80c; fortyfold, 78c; Valley, 78 @79c; old wheat, nominal.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$28; middlings, \$32; rolled barley, \$29.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$15; Valley timothy, \$12 @13; alfalfa, \$11 @12; clover, \$10; oats and vetch, \$10 @11; grain hay, \$10 @11.

Oats—New, \$26 per ton.

Fresh Fruits—Apples, new, 90c @ \$2.25 per box; peaches, 25 @85c per box; plums, 75c @ \$1.10 per box; pears, \$1.30 @1.50 per box; apricots, \$1.25 per box; grapes, \$1 @2 per crate; blackberries, 75c @ \$1.25 per crate.

Melons—Cantaloupes, 75c @ \$1.50 per crate; watermelons, \$1 @1.15 per hundred.

Potatoes—Jobbing prices, Burbanks, new, 60 @90c per hundred.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 65 @75c per dozen; beans, 2c; cabbage, 1 @1 1/2c per pound; cauliflower, \$1 @1.25 per dozen; celery, 75 @85c per dozen; corn, 15 @25c per dozen; cucumbers, 50c per box; eggplant, 7 @10c per pound; head lettuce, 20 @25c per dozen; peas, 8 @9c per pound; peppers, 8 @10c per pound; radishes, 15 @20c per dozen.

Sack Vegetables—Carrots, \$1.50 per sack; turnips, \$1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.50 per sack.

Eggs—Case count, 23c; candled, 25c; extras, 27c per dozen.

Butter—Oregon creamery butter, cubes, 31c per pound; prints, 32 1/2c per pound.

Pork—Fancy, 10 1/2 @11c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 14 1/2 @15c per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 13 @13 1/2c; broilers, 15 @15 1/2c; ducks, young, 12c; geese, 10 @11c; turkeys, live, 18 @20c; dressed, 24 @25c.

Hops—1912 contracts, 18 @20c; 1911 crop, nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 14 @18c per pound according to shrinkage; Valley, 2 1/2 @2 1/2c per pound.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.75 @7.00; good, \$6 @6.50; medium, \$5.75 @6; choice cows, \$5.75 @6; good, \$5.50 @5.75; medium, \$5 @5.50; choice calves, \$7 @8.50; good heavy calves, \$6 @6.50; bulls, \$3.50 @5; stags, \$4.75 @6.

Hogs—Light, \$5 @9; heavy, \$6.25 @7.50.

Sheep—Yearlings, \$3 @4.50; wethers, \$3 @4.60; ewes, \$3 @3.75; lambs, \$4 @5.25.