

DOINGS OF THE WEEK

Current Events of Interest Gathered From the World at Large.

General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

Nearly every banker in Pittsburgh will feel the graft probe.

A seven-year-old boy in Denver, shot and killed his four-year-old brother.

Representative McCredie delivered quite an eulogy on Speaker Cannon.

A Chicago insurance man and society leader is under arrest for robbing a blind man.

Over 300 persons were killed in a panic at the burning of a dance hall in Hungary.

Associate Justice Brewer, of the United States Supreme court died suddenly of apoplexy.

The reported death of King Menelik, of Abyssinia, is denied, but a regency has been established.

Alexander J. Moody, a rich Chicagoan who died a month ago, is believed to have been poisoned.

Representative Martin asks investigation of attorney general's alleged aid to sugar trust in acquiring land of the friars in the Philippines.

A two-year-old child at Vancouver, B. C., fell asleep with his head across a swing rope with which he had been playing, and was strangled to death.

Roosevelt denounced recent assassination of Egyptian premier, causing quite a sensation and some apprehension is felt for his safety while in Egypt.

Two accidents marred the opening of the international aviation meet at Cannes, France. Both aeroplanes were smashed and one operator badly bruised.

Sixty-five members of the class of Yale '78, among them the president of the United States, dined in private at the University club in New York. There were no set speeches and reporters were barred.

John Redmond is coming to the front as a leader of the English Radicals.

Roosevelt shook hands with over 400 Americans during a reception in Cairo, Egypt.

The eruption of Mount Etna is subsiding and all danger is believed to be past.

A St. Louis woman finds contract marriage a failure and wants a divorce.

Insurgents suggest a substitution of a "pure parliamentarian" for Speaker Cannon and will continue their fight for his removal.

Officials of the state of Washington would like to exchange school lands in forest reserves for lands of equal value adjoining the reserves.

A Wisconsin man set fire to a widow's house, claiming that the insurance money would do her more good. He got three years.

Four children in Hartford, Conn., were rescued by the police just as their maniac father was about to massacre them with an axe. The family had just been evicted by their landlord.

Several Tacoma women had expressed a willingness to adopt a certain promising baby which was being cared for in a foundling home, but all backed out when it was discovered that the child was colored.

Through the efforts of their grandsons, Cody Boala, a reconciliation has been effected between Colonel W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) and Mrs. Cody. Colonel and Mrs. Cody became estranged three or four years ago and since that time they have lived apart.

Their supplies stolen by Cree Indians in the wilds of the Rocky Mountains, and with every one of their 44 horses dead of starvation, 22 men belonging to a Canadian Northern Railway survey party, headed by Engineer C. F. Hanington, arrived in Vancouver, B. C., after having fought their way to civilization through midwinter snowdrifts.

A Pittsburgh councilman fainted when asked if he had sold his vote.

Ex-President Roosevelt was warmly welcomed at Cairo by the khedive of Egypt.

Samuel Gompers is doubtful of Rockefeller's plan to dispose of his great wealth.

The senate has amended the corporation tax law so as to limit the publicity of reports.

Rivers of molten lava are flowing down the sides of Mount Etna, and several villages are in great danger.

Marion Clark, discoverer of the Mariposa grove of big trees in California, is dead. He will be buried in the big tree grove.

Women suffragists are active in France and candidates will be out for the office of deputies in every district in Paris next month.

A definite agreement has been reached on the Canada-United States tariff.

As the beef packers' investigation proceeds, the prices of beef continue to rise.

W. H. Buckley, attorney, of Albany, N. Y., admits he was able to obtain advance information on court decisions in insurance cases.

During ante-election troubles in St. Louis a mob tried to lynch the city clerk, but were stood off successfully by a daughter of the chief of police.

The American Federation of Labor has filed charges against the steel corporation.

Pinchot has sailed for Europe, and it is believed he intends to meet Roosevelt in Naples.

WANTS MORE BATTLESHIPS.

Representative Hobson Says Pacific Coast is Defenseless.

Washington, March 28.—"Our national defenselessness," was the theme around which Representative Hobson, Democrat, Alabama, voiced a prophecy of disaster in the house late this afternoon. A startling array of facts as to our unpreparedness for war as collected by the general staff of the army was the basis for the appeal of the hero of the Spanish-American war for immediate action by congress. He declared it was imperative that a larger navy be authorized at once if the United States would stave off possible invasion by a foreign enemy in the future.

"Any European nation of the first power," said Hobson, "that has an adequate army and merchant marine—I will take Germany merely as an illustration—could put 200,000 men aboard ships in a single expedition. One-half could land on the coast of Long Island and the other half on the coast of New Jersey and inside of a few weeks they could seize Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York without resistance."

Hobson said he would probably offer an amendment to the naval bill calling for six battleships.

"We need that many a year," he said, "to maintain the equilibrium existing among the nations."

Referring to conditions on the Pacific coast, Hobson said:

"It is unfortunate that I cannot refer to existing conditions on the Pacific coast without these peace dreamers crying out 'war and jingoism,' but you can all verify for yourselves, you who have no knowledge of existing conditions, that the city of San Francisco cannot regulate her own schools as she desires. The legislators of California, Oregon and Washington cannot today legislate upon segregation of the yellow people.

"Those legislators were told to drop that dangerous question. I will tell you why. We are defenseless on the Pacific coast."

The Japanese navy is rated at 490,000 tons, and ours at 695,000 tons. All of our 695,000 tons substantially is in the Atlantic ocean and has to stay there.

"Do you think I am talking war? I am trying to arrange this equilibrium in the Pacific ocean under which we could come to mutual concessions and solve the problem."

"I am trying to take the only way to prevent war."

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

WORK ON BIG RESERVOIR.

Finance Co. to Have Irrigation Project Completed in Two Years.

Laidlaw—Work on the new survey for the irrigation canals, ditches and reservoir of the Oregon, Washington & Idaho Finance company, the concern which has taken over the holdings and contracts of the Columbia Southern Irrigation company, has begun, and will be prosecuted as fast as possible.

The survey for the reservoir site will first be taken up. Sixteen hundred acres of land in the Wimer flat will be used for the reservoir site to conserve the flood waters of Tualum creek. It is proposed to build a dam 70 feet high and 450 feet long. By this means it is estimated that sufficient water can be secured and stored in the reservoir from the flood waters of the Tualum and the natural flow of the stream to irrigate between 40,000 and 45,000 acres.

It is the purpose to construct a new feed canal to the reservoir, and most of the canals and ditches will have to be reconstructed and put on proper grades. It is expected to have enough of the work on the dam and reservoir completed in time to turn in some of the flood water this coming winter. Two years' time is estimated to be needed to complete the whole project. The company has put up a bond with the state to guarantee that it will make a thorough topographical survey for the reservoir and new canals and ditches. The estimated cost of the dam alone is \$275,000, and the total cost of the project is placed at \$462,000. The company has 120 miles of canals and ditches already constructed that they took over from the Columbia Southern people, and these will be added to under the new project.

Kill Cougars in Union County.

Union—Five cougars were killed last week by L. H. Stover, S. F. Godsey, J. W. Thompson, and Bert Wright, while hunting in the mountains east of here. Mr. Godsey has the best bear dogs in the country and he has always been willing to loan them to hunting parties going after big game. The dogs are entitled to part of the credit for the capture of the cougars.

The terror of elk and deer in the mountains is the cougar. One of these powerful animals will kill as many elk and deer in a season as will a dozen hunters. In view of this fact an effort has been made for many years to clear the forests of the huge cats. A bounty of \$10 is paid by the state for each cougar killed, but the law demands the left front paw as evidence. The removal of a paw disfigures the skin to such an extent that it loses its commercial value, which at present is about \$15. Thus it will be seen that the hunters usually give up the bounty in order to save the skin in perfect condition.

It is held to be worth \$25 to kill a cougar, hence the number of men who hunt them either for the skin or the bounty is limited.

An effort will be made to have the bounty law amended to allow proof of the killing of the cougar without the need of disfiguring the skin beyond the point where its value to commerce will be affected.

Building Active in Bend.

Bend—Among the buildings put up this winter are the blacksmith shop by George Brosterhouse; F. C. Rowley's bowling alley and two-story addition to the Grant building; a new 16x140 feet to the Aune feed barn; the two-story dwelling put up by the Central Oregon Realty company; the cottage of Barney Lewis; the Wendy and Bunten garage 40x60 feet, and the addition to Wendy barn, 20x40 feet.

The chief building now under construction is an extension of the Pilot Butte inn, 28x66 feet and two stories high. It will add 20 guest rooms to the present capacity of the inn.

Floyd Dement has begun the construction of a two-story frame building 30x140 feet on his lot just bought at corner of Bond and Minnesota streets. The stone foundation is already well down. The first floor will be occupied by Mr. Dement's general hardware store. The H. H. Davies building on Wall street just north of Caldwell's store will be ready to occupy by the end of this month. It is 50x50 feet and is divided into three store rooms.

A number of dwellings will be put up as soon as satisfactory sites can be procured and building arrangements made. Among these builders are A. M. Drake, Frank Robertson, C. S. Hudson, L. B. Baird, H. J. Overturf, A. C. Lucas, Dr. I. L. Scofield, G. P. Putnam and J. M. Lawrence.

Coquette to Have Another Block.

Coquette—Excavating for the foundation of the second brick building in this city has begun. W. C. Laird, the furniture dealer, will erect the structure. It is to occupy the lot where the first brick building built in Coquette stood for so many years.

The building will be of brick with steel, white pressed brick and plate glass front, and will be two stories high and will cover a ground floor space 50 x 100 feet. The second floor will be arranged with office rooms and a hall 50x60 feet.

Prepare Ditches for Irrigation.

Klamath Falls—The United States reclamation service is advertising for men to work on the Klamath canal. It is the intention of the service to put a crew of men on 20 four-horse teams at work on improving the Adams ditch so as to be able to deliver water to that district and also to the Bohemia district this spring. This work in the Southern part of the project will occupy about two months. No plans have been made public.

Crater Lake Fund \$21,000.

Medford—J. M. Root, president of the Crater Lake highway commission, reports that \$21,000 has been collected. The petition for the collection of \$100,000 for the building of this road between Medford and Crater Lake has been circulating for a week and has met with success. When \$25,000 has been signed for in this city the other towns in the valley will be visited.

ROOSEVELT VISITS TOMBS.

Wonders at Glories of Old Egypt—Will be Guest of Kaiser.

Berlin, March 28.—Emperor William's invitation to Theodore Roosevelt to be his guest at the royal castle promises effectually to frustrate the ex-president's expressed desire to be received in Europe as a plain private citizen. The invitation is at variance with all court precedents.

Heretofore no foreign private citizen has ever enjoyed hospitality at the royal castle, and the only person not of princely rank who has been thus honored is Count Zeppelin, whom the Kaiser has called the greatest man of the century.

During his stay in the palace, May 12 to 15, Mr. Roosevelt will have the suite occupied by King Edward on his recent visit, and will be the center of attraction in a brilliant circle comprising the Emperor's closest official advisers.

Cairo, Egypt, March 25.—Up with the sun today, after a restful night at the Mena House, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and his party early prepared for a visit to the metropolis of Sakara, where are the wonderful tombs of various kings, of Thy and of the Apis bulls.

Last night the sphinx was viewed by moonlight, and Colonel Roosevelt said today the weird sight had been thoroughly enjoyed by himself and his family. It was the most interesting thing he had seen during his trip to Africa.

Tonight Colonel Roosevelt and his family returned to Cairo, dined with the American consul general, Mr. Idings, and later attended a banquet tendered him by Sir Eldon Gorst, the British agent and consul general in Egypt.

Major F. K. Watson, pasha, aide-de-camp to the khedive, who met Colonel Roosevelt a year ago at Port Said, was an early caller at the Mena House today. He paid the respects of the khedive to the American hunter and tendered him the use of the khedive's special camel corps for the eight-mile ride across the desert of Sakara. Such a tender always is a special mark of favor and Colonel Roosevelt accepted it with pleasure. The colonel and Kermit each rode one of the animals over the dreary waste to the Necropolis, but Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel chose a more comfortable conveyance.

EXPLOSIVES ARE SAVED.

Blacksmith Rushes into Burning Powder Magazine.

Pittsburg, March 26.—Reports of serious forest fires are coming in from many sections of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Three miles below Parkersburg, W. Va., the forests are ablaze and farmers are working frantically to stop the flames.

At Bridgeville, near here, the flames of a stubborn brush fire threatened two powder magazines, in which were stored 400 pounds of powder and a large quantity of dynamite. Men had fought the flames fruitlessly until it seemed nothing could save the magazines and houses near by. Harry Skiles, a blacksmith, finally rushed to one of the magazines, smashed in a door, and with the aid of the fire fighters carried the explosives out of the danger zone.

An area three miles long and two miles wide has been devastated in Kennedy and Stowe townships of second growth timber and the loss thus far is estimated at \$50,000. Oil derricks, trunks of crude oil and about 300,000 feet of timber have been destroyed.

Villagers Homeless by Fire.

Charleston, W. Va., March 26.—With almost every house in the prosperous village of Mount Hope destroyed by fire today, at least 2,000 homeless persons are tonight sleeping on the commons. Conditions which followed the conflagration are much worse than early reports indicated. Upon the arrival at Mount Hope tonight of the special train bearing the National Guard, tents were distributed and an effort is being made to house as many as possible. Many of the families lost all their household effects.

Cudahy Becomes Farmer.

Kansas City, March 26.—John P. Cudahy, who figured in an affair with Jere F. Lillis in the Cudahy home three weeks ago, will spend the next year on his father's ranch, near Pasadena, Cal. Cudahy passed through here on a train today on his way to California. Michael Cudahy, who joined his son in Chicago, was also on the train. Cudahy attempted to keep his identity a secret. Upon boarding the train in Chicago he asked a porter if he recognized him. The porter did.

Big Tree Finder is Dead.

San Francisco, March 26.—Marion Clark, the discoverer of the Mariposa grove of big trees, and for 20 years guardian of Yosemite valley, died tonight at the home of his daughter, Dr. Elvira Lee, in Oakland. He was 85 years old. The aged guardian of Yosemite will sleep in his beloved valley in a tomb which he hewed out himself in a giant granite rock, within a stone's throw of Yosemite Falls, where he will be buried.

Pension Bill Passes House.

Washington, March 26.—The pension bill, carrying appropriations of about \$156,000,000, was passed by the house today. Nearly the entire session was occupied by a contest made chiefly by Republicans against the provision as reported from the committee on pensions for abolition of the pension agencies now in operation throughout the country.

New York Warm in March.

New York, March 26.—The mercury rose to 77 degrees this afternoon, the highest temperature recorded for March in New York for 40 years.

MINE LAW IGNORED

Colorado Authorities Find State's Regulations Not Observed.

Coroner's Jury on Primero Disaster Is Scored—Colorado Fuel & Iron Company on Rack.

Denver, March 24.—Characterizing the system employed by the Colorado Fuel & Iron company in the operation of its mines in Southern Colorado as "open defiance of the law," State Labor Commissioner E. V. Brake, in his report on the Primero coal mine disaster in which 76 miners lost their lives January 31, calls upon Governor Shafroth to appoint a commission to make a rigid investigation of conditions in Las Animas and Huerfano counties, where the Colorado Fuel & Iron properties are located.

Mr. Brake finds the following conditions existed in the Primero mine previous to the explosion:

Insufficient sprinkling as provided by law; local gas explosions frequent; lack of sufficient timbers, houses in the camp of poor construction; no check weighmen for the benefit of the miners.

In the opening of his report Mr. Brake declares that the Colorado Fuel & Iron company employs inexperienced, non-English speaking miners, because they are "not familiar with wage conditions in this country and can be secured at a lower wage than English-speaking miners."

Mr. Brake also scores the coroner's jury which investigated the Primero disaster, declaring that the jury was "composed of employees of the company, and returned a verdict without careful examination, exonerating the company from blame."

He states that he finds children employed in mines and washers of the company in violation of the state law.

MAILBAG WINS LONG FIGHT.

Uncle Sam Says Railroads Must Install New Device.

Chicago, March 24.—No more "bootlegging" for the long-abused mailbag. After more than a quarter of a century of experimenting the Postoffice department has adopted an automatic device for the delivery of mail pouches from rapidly moving trains. Within a short time notices will be served upon all of the roads transporting mails that from a certain date they will be required either to stop their trains when delivering pouches or to install the automatic device designed and manufactured by F. H. Burr, of Atlantic, Ia.

The Burr device won easily over nearly 100 other devices recently tested on the Rock Island road. Its record of performance through an entire year of service is said to have been perfect. More than 4,000 deliveries were made at a speed up to 70 miles an hour.

SIX ARE LOST WITH SHIP.

Schooner Arthur B. Founders Off Fraser River.

Vancouver, B. C., March 24.—The 62-ton gasoline schooner Arthur B. bound from Tacoma for Nanaimo, B. C., with a cargo of gypsum, foundered off the Fraser river tonight last night during a storm and Captain McCranahan and a crew of five men perished.

The Arthur B. was built at Port Townsend in 1897 and was owned in Tacoma. A stiff westerly wind prevailed in the gulf last night and off the head a big sea was running. At 8 o'clock last night the Arthur B. called in at Steveson and left shortly after. The lightkeeper, in charge of the lights off the Fraser river, saw the vessel at 9:30 o'clock laboring heavily and while he was watching her foundered before his eyes and went down. The Arthur B. was used in the cement and plaster business between Puget sound and British Columbia ports.

Osborn Expects Cook Today.

New York, March 24.—Captain B. S. Osborn, secretary of the Arctic club of America, and one of Cook's staunchest supporters, said tonight that Dr. Axtell was one of Dr. Cook's closest friends and the letter received by Axtell undoubtedly was reliable. Captain Osborn believes Cook will be in New York tomorrow. He said the letter referred to was in reply to one Dr. Axtell had sent to Mrs. Cook. Captain Osborn was unable, however, to give any definite information on which boat the doctor would arrive.

Aetna Vomits Fire.

Catalina, March 23.—Mount Aetna is now in eruption. With the first signs of renewed activity, flames and smoke burst from a new crater at Volta St. Giacomo, between Castello and Albanelli. Last night there were more than 20 earthquake shocks, some of considerable severity. Residents of the country within a radius of the spread of ashes from the mountain, especially in those sections where the earthquakes of the most severity are felt, were in great fear. Some towns near the mountains are in danger.

Morse League Diligent.

New York, March 24.—At the headquarters of the Morse Petition league in New York it was said today that on or before April 15 the league will open branch offices in Newark, Jersey City, Philadelphia, Boston, Buffalo, Syracuse, Detroit, Cincinnati, Dayton and Washington. The object of the league is to obtain by May 1, 100,000 signatures to a petition for executive clemency for Charles W. Morse, the ex-banker, now serving a 15-year sentence.

Hero of Monitor is Dead.

New York, March 24.—Rear Admiral John Entwistle, U. S. N., retired, died today at his home at Paterson, N. J., aged 73 years. Admiral Entwistle was in the boiler room of the Monitor during the famous engagement with the Merrimack in the Civil war.

COUNCILMEN AT \$50 EACH.

Regular Price for Pittsburg Grifters in Small Deals.

Pittsburg, March 23.—Nine more former members of the councils, before the district attorney today, confessed their guilt in accepting money for their votes while members of the municipal bodies and before Judge R. S. Fraser received the immunity bath of a suspended sentence.

When the grand jury adjourned for the day just before 5 o'clock, it had returned no indictments, although it had listened for hours to developments in the bribery scandal even more sensational than those brought out yesterday. Men admitted selling their honor for from \$50 up.

John F. Klein was before the grand jury the greater part of the day and continued his narrative of councilmanic graft. Klein recounted some of his experiences in handing out the money to the councilmen.

"There was one fellow," he said, "who was a dandy—a regular skyjack for his dough. In the South Seventh street business I handed him \$81. He looked at me for a full minute and then yelled like a stuck pig for the extra 10 cents. You know \$81.10 was the standard price in that deal. Well, he got the 10 cents all right."

WITH BEEF PROBE, MEAT PRICE RISES.

Chicago, March 23.—Simultaneously with the grand jury's indictment against the so-called beef trust, cattle on the hoof at the stockyards advanced 15 cents per hundred pounds and some of the dressed meats have given a surprising exhibition of high jumping.

The sharpest advance was for mutton cuts, to the price of which was added 1 to 3 1/2 cents a pound. This increase brings mutton racks to 18 1/2 cents a pound, legs and joints to 16 cents and cuts for stewing to 10 cents.

The wholesale prices of beef, mutton and pork have increased 20 per cent within the last two weeks and the advance is to travel on to retail prices in the near future.

An average of 2 cents a pound more will be paid by patrons of the butcher shop on all meats and in at least one instance, sliced ham, the advance will be 5 cents. Mutton is now higher than for the last 20 years, selling at 30 cents for chops.

TART POINTS WAY TO PEACE.

Questions of National Honor Should Be Arbitrated, He Says.

New York, March 23.—The president of the United States spoke in the cause of world peace tonight before such a brilliant assemblage at the Hotel Astor that he described it as "superlative." He was the honor guest at a banquet of the Peace and Arbitration league and the principal speaker.

In the main, international peace was the keynote of every address, but no speaker advocated the immediate disarmament of nations. It was agreed armies and navies were necessary until a more Utopian universe shall have come about. On this point President Taft said:

"Because we are in favor of universal peace, and in favor of arbitration to secure it, we are not in favor of one country giving up that which we now use for the purpose of securing peace, or the withdrawal of our armament, or our army or our navy."

His ardent applause greeted his declaration, and he continued:

"I don't want to seem inconsistent in speaking so emphatically here in favor of peace by arbitration and in using every effort I can bring to bear on congress to have two more battleships this year. I am hopeful that we may continue with that policy until the Panama canal is constructed, so that then our naval force shall be doubled by the connection between the two coasts. Then we can stop and think whether we wish to go further."

"Perhaps by that time there will be adopted a means of reducing the armament, and when it comes I am sure we will not be the power to interfere with the general movement."

Pins are Weapons at Capital.

Washington, March 23.—Washington women can jab holdups and masher with long hatpins all they want, according to Major Sylvester, superintendent of police. "We have in Washington 16,000 more women than men," said Major Sylvester in discussing the agitator against long hatpins.

"Such a predominance of the gentler sex can have but one result. Numbers of women are obliged to go about the streets at night without escorts and women, assailed by marauders, have used hatpins with telling effect."

Chicago Bars Hatpins.

Chicago, March 23.—It is now a misdemeanor for a woman to wear a long hatpin in public places in Chicago. Any woman caught wearing one is liable to arrest and a fine of \$50. The city council last night passed an anti-hatpin ordinance. It was passed in spite of many hisses and "boos" from the galleries, where a crowd of women had gathered to protest against the measure on the ground that the city had no right to attempt to regulate women's apparel, and that long hatpins often formed woman's only defense.

Canada-U. S. Tariff Fixed.

New York, March 23.—The United States and Canada have arrived at a definite agreement on the tariff question, according to an apparently authentic report tonight, the Tribune was told tomorrow. This information was obtained from a man close to President Taft, it is understood, but no official confirmation could be secured. It was said that the agreement would be promulgated and given out in detail within a few days.

Death List Reaches 47.

Marshalltown, Iowa, March 23.—The list of the dead in the wreck of the Rock Island "Twin City Express" has grown to 47, several passengers having died as the result of injuries. Those who died during the night were J. S. Goodenough, engineer of the second engine, and Mrs. Lizzie Anderson, of Cedar Rapids.