

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.

President Taft eulogizes Secretary Knox and his work.

Ninety bakers in Victoria, B. C., are on strike and the city is about out of bread.

A raid on gambling houses in Seattle revealed all kinds of games in full swing.

Roosevelt dined at Copenhagen with the royal crown prince and is a guest at the royal palace.

Countess Szeczeni, formerly Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, has lost a casket of jewels valued at \$40,000.

The Pittsburg Plate Glass works were burned, causing a loss of \$1,500,000 and throwing 3,000 men out of work.

The administration railroad bill is in great danger, insurgents having enough votes to kill its important features.

An investigating commission reports that Chicago has been badly punished by bad castings for improvements in its water system.

Frank B. Kellogg, a noted "trust buster," will meet Roosevelt in Europe and tell him all about conditions in this country.

Canadian settlers threaten to blow up a big dam which is ruining their property by backwater and causing many accidents by flooding roads.

Speaking before a joint convention of Farmers' unions in St. Louis, Samuel Gompers strongly urged a union of farmers and regular labor unions.

An Illinois legislator admits receiving \$1,000 to vote for Lorimer for U. S. senator.

Patten and his friends on the Chicago cotton exchange cleaned up \$320,000 in one day.

Witnesses state conclusively that Swope, the St. Louis millionaire, was killed by a violent poison.

One person was killed, two fatally injured and about 15 others hurt in a street car collision in Seattle.

British Democracy has forced the Lords to pass the budget which was defeated last fall, and expects further triumphs.

Portland is much worked up over the alleged carelessness of census takers. It is claimed that at least 30,000 persons in the city were not counted.

Speaker Cannon declares the minority rules the house and that such rule must be stopped, even if it becomes necessary to change the constitution.

A rich rancher of Elk City, Idaho, has not been heard from since he went hunting March 7, and two men who went in search of him two weeks ago have not returned.

President Taft, speaking at Buffalo, apologized to the state of New York and congratulated the entire nation upon the appointment of Governor Hughes to the Supreme court.

Negotiations for about 280 locomotives and 5,000 to 6,000 freight cars, which the Harriman lines expected to purchase, are retarded because of inability to secure satisfactory terms.

The Indiana Democratic convention has endorsed John W. Kern for U. S. senator.

The New York stock market is demoralized, everyone trying to sell to avoid loss.

Charles Weizer, confessed murderer of Mrs. Schultz at Gig Harbor, seeks a second degree verdict.

Amid wild enthusiasm, San Francisco business men subscribed \$4,000,000 for their 1915 fair.

Ruth Bryan's first husband, Leavett, says her second marriage will be illegal and that he will fight it.

Rockefeller is discouraged at the delay in securing a national charter for his great philanthropic project.

An insane young man aged 19 shot and seriously wounded three persons in New York and then committed suicide.

Newspaper publishers in the East pass a famine in paper unless congress passes the Mann bill removing the duty on pulp and paper.

A cod fishing schooner from San Francisco is reported lost with several members of her crew. She has been missing since last October.

The bridge of the Milwaukee road over the Yakima river was destroyed by a washout and an engine and five cars of lumber went into the river.

About fifty acres of ground, piled 25 feet high with lumber in the yards of the Humbird Lumber company at Sand Point, Idaho, were swept by fire, destroying about \$300,000 worth of lumber.

A negro leader and 22 followers have been arrested in Havana for inciting a revolt.

Reports place the damage by Chinese mobs in recent riots at Changsha at \$2,000,000.

Peary is off for Europe on a lecture tour.

Lawyers of Reno, Nevada, seek to disbar one of their number who advertises a specialty of easy divorces.

Two hundred girls at Cornell college, New York, are seriously ill from ptomaine poisoning caused by impure milk.

Edward Keaton, aged 110, living near Natchez, La., was bitten by a rattlesnake, but the doctors say he will recover.

OFFICERS CONTINUE RAID.

Another New Yorker Charged With Conspiracy to Violate Laws.

New York, May 2.—Another important arrest in the Federal bucket shop crusade was made today when government officers arrested Frank Maier, of the firm of Morrison & Maier, in his office at No. 44 Broad street.

The specific charge against Maier is conspiracy to violate the Federal law against bucket shops. It is alleged Maier, in conjunction with Louis Cella, Edward Altemus and H. D. Duryeo, has been furnishing stolen quotations to bucket shops all over the eastern part of the United States.

The government agents at the same time cut the telegraph wires leading to all places here and in New Jersey suspected of being bucket shops. Coincidentally two special agents of the United States department of justice paid a visit to an office in the Lincoln Trust building, Jersey City, and arrested Joseph Decker, a telegrapher. The police say Decker had in the office a stock ticker, from which he is alleged to have copied quotations and sent them practically all over the United States.

SLUSH FUND TALKED.

Fetzer Will Tell Grand Jury About \$200,000 Fund.

Chicago, May 2.—John C. Fetzer, who alleges that a "slush fund" of about \$200,000 was used in advancing legislation and city ordinances desired by the Chicago & Western Indiana Railroad company, entered into conference with State's Attorney Wayman today. Details were not made public. Neither the suit filed by the company to recover \$525,000 from Fetzer, out of which the company alleges Fetzer defrauded it, nor the latter's injunction seeking likely to come up for settlement in court in the near future. Developments, however, are expected when Mr. Fetzer tells his story to the grand jury, especially summoned to hear it next Monday.

Fetzer alleges that a large portion of the money which the company seeks to recover was spent in securing the passage of bill 777 at Springfield to validate bonds issued by the Chicago & Western Indiana, in securing from the common council of Chicago the vacating of a street desired by the road, and in seeking to block an extension of the Illinois Central in suburban Chicago.

RACE LINES BLOTTED OUT.

"Jim Crow" Laws of Louisiana Are Found to Be Badly Muddled.

New Orleans, May 2.—"There are no negroes who are not persons of color, but there are persons of color who are not negroes."

This is a salient sentence in a decision that has thrown the race laws of Louisiana into a state of chaos. All statutes made and distinct whites and negroes practically are affected by the ruling of the Louisiana Supreme court that octonians, quadroons and mulattoes are not negroes.

The court holds that where the text of the law merely says "negroes" it cannot be applied to octonians or other persons of mixed blood. It defines the negro as a member of the black or African race, having in his veins no trace of Caucasian blood. Persons of lighter or darker skins than mulattoes can evade the laws by demanding that the state prove they are negroes.

BUYERS WANT WEALTH.

British Corporation Contests With Railroad for Property.

Vancouver, B. C., May 2.—The Brazilian-Canada & General Trust company, a British corporation, issued a writ in the Supreme court today to compel James Dunsmuir and others, until recently owners of the Dunsmuir coal lands and mines on Vancouver island and the Dunsmuir properties in California, to comply with terms of an option given to the British corporation for sale of the properties. These properties were transferred recently to William MacKenzie and D. Mann, president and vice president of the Canadian Northern Railway company, for \$1,000,000.

Panama Fair Fund Grows.

San Francisco, May 2.—Numerous subscriptions, ranging in amount from \$10 to \$25,000, and aggregating in all \$54,320, were received by the finance committee of the Panama Pacific International exposition today and the grand total of the fund on hand was swelled to \$4,165,320.

Small subscriptions with a few of larger proportions amounted to \$39,820 for the day when notice was received from the Life Underwriters, association of San Francisco that the directors had voted an investment of \$25,000.

Flannery Resigns Position.

San Francisco, May 2.—Following his indictment Saturday by the Marion county grand jury on a charge of grand larceny in connection with the operations of a gang of alleged fake poolroom men at Sausalito, Harry P. Flannery, president of the San Francisco board of police commissioners, resigned his office early today, the resignation being immediately accepted by Mayor McCarthy. Flannery declared that he took this step for the best interests of the city and so as not to embarrass the administration.

Herman Passes Crisis.

Roseburg, May 2.—Spending a restful night, Binger Hermann awoke this morning much improved, and Dr. K. L. Miller, the attending physician, says that he has passed safely through the critical stage of his illness. According to a bulletin issued by the physician today, Mr. Hermann sat in a chair for nearly an hour this morning. His appetite has returned, and he partakes of limited rations regularly, while his voice is strong and normal.

Beri-Beri Kills Italians.

San Francisco, May 2.—Antonio Ranieri, the first white victim in this city to succumb to beri-beri, died today. Two Chinese have died from the effects of this unusual disease, but Ranieri is the first Caucasian here to suffer a fatal attack of the Oriental malady.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

BIG WHEAT BELT.

Stockraising Will Give Way When Transportation is Provided.

Mayville—The Mayville wheat belt is one of the finest in Eastern Oregon, and has never known a crop failure. There would not be a heavier initial grain shipping point in Oregon than Mayville, were it possible for farmers to reach the railroad within reasonable distance. The long hauls make grain raising unprofitable business in times of low prices.

The magic wand of a railroad or railroads ushers in a new era. Wheeler county will show to the world that it is second to no county in Eastern Oregon in diversified farming, stockraising, dairying, fruit raising and lumbering. The undeveloped counties of Eastern Oregon are not all as rich in resources as Wheeler and Grant counties. All along the John Day and its tributary streams the soil and climate are especially adapted to producing the finest of fruits, especially apricots and peaches, up to an altitude of 2,500 feet above sea level, and unbeatible apples and other of the harder fruits at still higher altitudes.

Thus far this valley has never been touched by a railroad. It has been flanked by the Sumpter road on the East, and by the Heppner, Condon and Shaniko roads on the North, all from 20 to 100 miles from the fertile John Day country, but each drawing from it a part of its train loads of sheep, wool, cattle and horses—the only products that could be profitably gotten to market.

Prizes to Be Awarded Creameries. Deputy dairy and food commissioner Paul V. Maris, at a meeting with the state board of agriculture at Salem arranged for prizes to be awarded at the state fair next September for the best exhibitions by individual creameries, in addition to the usual premiums.

It was also planned at the meeting to construct a private stable for keeping test cows during the fair. The state board of agriculture is looking forward to the possibility of having a model dairy barn to illustrate sanitary and convenient methods.

M. S. Schrock, another deputy, has returned from his inspection of all the dairies south of the Clackamas river. The inspection covered a total of 422 dairies. The report shows an average score of 37 on a basis of 100. Three of the total number averaged below 20, while only one went above 60. There were 20 between 50 and 60, and the rest averaged between 20 and 50.

Hens Have Egg Race.

Portland—Plymouth rock pullets are establishing records these delightful spring days. It is no unusual thing for a 10-months-old hen to present her lord and master with a 6 by 8 inch egg, in fact pullets belonging to residents in this vicinity have done better than that in several cases during the past few weeks.

Mrs. E. J. Harris, of Fulton Park, has a 10-months-old Plymouth Rock hen which has laid an 8 by 6 1/2 inch egg. A peculiar feature of this pullet's exploits in the egg producing line is that she lays one of these big eggs every two weeks. Her other products are of normal size.

Carl Amos, living at Gates Crossing, on the Cazadero suburban line, owns a Plymouth Rock hen not quite a year old whose latest performance in the egg line measured 7 1/2 by 6 1/2 inches.

Oregon Returns to First Love.

Lakeview—E. Keller, who has lived in Lake county for many years, sold his farm to J. D. Herford last fall and left Oregon. His land brought \$125 an acre. After spending the winter touring California and other Western states, Mr. Keller has returned to Lakeview. The more he traveled and observed, the more he became convinced as to the worth of his country.

He has purchased the Gillette ranch, just over the California line, paying \$42 per acre for the land.

Oregon Trunk Files Maps.

The Oregon Trunk line has filed its maps through the Indian agent at Klamath Falls, who upon his approval will send them on to the commission on Indian affairs in Washington, D. C. It is expected to take some time for the maps to go through the necessary channels. The contract for the grading of the road from Madras to the northern boundary of the Klamath reservation has not been let yet the bids are in for consideration.

Echo Will Ship Wool.

Echo—Echo is now the center of attraction for all who deal in wool as the shearing season is at its height. The wool is coming to this place in great loads, weighing on an average of 7,000 pounds. The warehouses at the Echo Wool Scouring Mills company are piling from the floor space to the rafters. Warehouse No. 1 is being held in reserve as long as possible for the heavy shipments that will come here from points in Oregon and Washington. This vicinity will send in at least 1,500,000 pounds of wool.

"Clean Up Day" at Lebanon.

Lebanon—May 14 has been decided upon by the Lebanon Civic Improvement league, auxiliary to the Lebanon Business Men's league, as "clean up" day, when the citizens of Lebanon will get busy with an endeavor to make Lebanon "shine." Seeds and flowers have been collected and these will be distributed among the school children for the purpose of beautifying all parts of the city.

Shipping Asparagus.

Eugene—George Dorris, who operates an asparagus farm about four miles out of this city with the greatest of success, is marketing his asparagus crop. His daily shipments, which go to Portland, amount to over a quarter of a ton per day.

New Bank at Nyssa.

Nyssa—The bank of Nyssa will open for business May 2. The stockholders of the new bank are J. C. McVey, president; A. J. Kingman, vice president; J. Hanks Hill, cashier; Robert Van Gelsie, Newton Minton, Tom Nelson and Hub Walters.

VALE SEES BIG CLIP.

Three and a Half to Four Million Pounds Will Be Shipped.

Vale—Between 3,500,000 and 4,000,000 pounds of No. 1 wool is to be shipped from Vale this season. Shearing started this week at the Oxman ranch near Dell, and at the Hargis plant near Westfall.

The woolgrowers are jubilant over the prospects for a big wool clip. On account of the hard winter, the sheep were fed corn and went on the range in excellent condition and the wool is said to be of the best.

The Hargis plant is scheduled to clip the wool from 124,000 sheep this season, while at the Oxman ranch 3,000 sheep are being shorn daily.

Announces Next Year's Work.

The February number of the University of Oregon bulletin announces for next year the courses offered by the university school of education. The education, by means of the school of education, is now prepared to train teachers for high school, subject and department, superintendents, principals and administrative positions, and special teachers of music and physical training. The same requirements for admission obtain in the school of education as in the other departments. Among other things the Bulletin notes that while the demand for teachers in the different subjects fluctuates from year to year, there are certain strong tendencies evident in all Western universities, one of which is toward an oversupply of teachers in English and history, and a scarcity of teachers in mathematics and physics.

Ontario Men Bag 165 Coyotes.

Ontario—Elbert Butler and Dick Robertson have returned from a 12 days' hunting trip in the vicinity of Moore's hollow and Henry and Jacobson's gulches, where they bagged 165 coyotes. They killed 90 in three days, which they claim is the best record ever made by men in the coyote line. The bounty from the scalp of the animals averaged them each over \$10 a day, which they claim is another record breaker. All of the animals killed, except two, were young ones and were dug out of their dens in badger holes.

Mines Ready to Ship.

Baker City—Favorable reports come from Rock creek, west of Baker City, where the Highland Gold Mines company has employed all winter from 28 to 35 men doing development work and blocking out ore. Over 30,000 sacks of shipping ore is ready to go out and shipping will commence about May 1 or as soon as the roads will admit hauling. The Highland seems to be one mine under practical management and ore reserves are to be had before large sums of money are invested in mill and reduction plant.

Open New S. P. Bridge.

June 15 is now the date fixed for opening of traffic over the Oswego bridge now being built across the Willamette near Miawukie by the Southern Pacific company. The bridge rests on immense piers and is high enough to clear every vessel that might come that far up the river, so it has no draw. It is being built exclusively for the railroad and so has but one deck. It crosses the river about half mile above Elk Rock.

Setting 65 Acres to Apples.

Hermiston—One of the largest orchards in this section is that of J. W. Tabor. He has 160 acres just north of the reservoir and has been devoting much time to tree planting and now has 65 acres set, mostly to apples. The balance is being seeded to alfalfa and clover. Mr. Tabor has been here long enough to know what can be done and has no fears for the future.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 90c; club, 86c; red Russian, 85c; valley, 90c.

Barley—Feed and brewing, \$23@24.50 ton.

Oats—Whole, \$33 per ton; cracked, \$34.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$20@21 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$22@25; alfalfa, \$16.50@17.50; grain hay, \$17@18.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$27@28 ton.

Fresh Fruits—Strawberries, Oregon, 20c@25c per pound; Florin, \$1.50@2.50 per crate; Los Angeles, \$1.25@1.65; apples, \$1@2.50 per box.

Potatoes—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 40c@50c per hundred; new California, 5c per pound; sweet potatoes, 4c.

Vegetables—Asparagus, 90c@81 per box; cabbage, 2c per pound; hothouse lettuce, 50c@71 per box; green onions, 12c per dozen; radishes, 15c@20c; rhubarb, 2@3c per pound; spinach, 75c@81 per box; rutabagas, \$1.25@1.51 per sack; carrots, 85c@91; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, 75c@81.

Onions—Oregon, \$2 per hundred; Bermuda, \$2@2.50 per crate.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 23c per pound; fancy outside creamery, 28c@29c; store, 20c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2 per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 24c per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 13@13 1/2c per pound. Veal—Fancy, 10@10 1/2c per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 20@21c; broilers, 27@28c; ducks, 22@23c; geese, 12c; turkeys, live, 20@22c; dressed, 25c; squabs, \$3 per dozen.

Hops—1909 crop, 13@16c per pound; olds, nominal, 1910 contracts, nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 14@17c per pound; fancy outside, 18@21c; mohair, choice, \$2@3.2c.

Cattle—Steers, good to choice, \$6.50@7.75; fair to medium, \$5@5.50; cows and heifers, good to choice, \$4.75@5.25; fair to medium, \$4@4.50; bulls, \$3.50@4.50; stags, \$5@5.50; calves, light, \$6@7; heavy, \$4.50@5.50.

Hogs—Top, \$10.25@10.75; fair to medium, \$9.50@10.00.

CITY ROADS MAY MERGE.

Gigantic Chicago Deal Involves One Hundred Million Dollars.

Chicago, April 30.—Unification of the Chicago elevated railroads, regarded as the first essential step toward a perfect transportation service, was today said to be in sight. A gigantic deal, involving a capitalization of \$100,000,000, may be consummated and the plan put into operation August 1.

Henry A. Blair, who successfully reorganized the Chicago Railways company, is the financier who hopes to merge the elevated roads.

Representing a syndicate of New York bankers with unlimited resources, he has submitted a definite offer to the elevated railroad officials to buy the properties, either paying cash to stockholders in return for a deposit of their stock, or giving them securities in the new corporation equal to the par value of their holdings.

So far, the directors of all companies have agreed that the plan is a fair one, the hitch being in the price offered by Mr. Blair and that which the directors think they ought to get. While Mr. Blair has not announced what his cash offer is, he admitted that it was a good deal more than the present value of the stock of the different companies.

The capitalization of the elevated roads in stocks and bonds, equipment, notes, and other outstanding obligations, is a little more than \$100,000,000.

FREIGHT RATES GO UP.

Transcontinental Roads Plan to Meet Increased Expenses.

Washington, April 30.—Freight tariffs showing considerable increase over the present rates from Western territory to the Atlantic seaboard will be filed with the Interstate Commerce commission to become effective June 1. This is the first step taken by the railroads indicating a purpose generally to increase freight rates throughout the country to meet increased operating expenses.

Already tariff schedules have been filed for Western roads increasing the rate for the transportation of wool from Minneapolis and St. Paul to New York and other Atlantic seaboard ports. The present rate on wool from Minneapolis to New York is 59 cents per hundred pounds. Under the new tariff the rate will be 64 cents a hundred pounds, an increase of nearly 20 per cent.

An increase also has been made in the freight rate on live hogs between the Twin Cities and Chicago of 24 cents a hundred pound. This is an increase of about 12 per cent over the present rate. While no tariff has been filed with the commission increasing the rate on wheat products from Chicago to the Eastern territory, it seems likely the rate on hog products from Chicago to Eastern points will be increased.

The tariffs already filed with the commission are for all the roads in Western freight association territory, and the rates will become effective simultaneously on all of them.

Fearing Law, Bucketshops Close.

Washington, April 30.—Results already have been accomplished by the crusade of the department of justice against the bucket shop business. In addition to the offices affected by the indictment against a number of principals, scores of houses in the Middle West have closed their doors and others are expected to follow. Should the efforts of the department towards breaking up the business entirely prove unavailing, it is said that new legislation will be asked of congress.

Taft Starts on Trip.

Washington, April 30.—President Taft left Washington at 7 o'clock last night for Buffalo, his first stop on a seven-day trip. From Buffalo the president goes to Pittsburg, then to Cincinnati, St. Louis and back home, reaching here May 6. There have been many predictions as to the line the president's speeches will take on the trip. He has given no hint himself of what he will say, but it is significant that he is carrying with him a full set of figures on the operation of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law.

Strike May Hit Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., April 30.—The union carpenters of Seattle, of whom there are 2,000, at a meeting last night, adopted a resolution demanding a wage scale of \$4.50 a day instead of \$4 now paid, and voted to go on strike Monday morning if their demands are not granted. Eight hundred men were present and the vote was unanimous. The carpenters' union of Seattle is rated the wealthiest local labor body in the world. It owns a seven-story hotel, building and other valuable property worth \$300,000.

Seattle Japs Number 4,000.

Seattle, Wash., April 30.—The census of Japanese in Seattle, nearly completed, will show a population of more than 4,000 people of that race, or more than twice as many as any other American city has. Adding the truck farmers in the surrounding country, there are 10,000 Japanese in and near Seattle. In the state of Washington the census is expected to show 20,000 Japanese, as against about 40,000 in California.

Court Nips Thaw Plan.

New York, April 30.—Harry K. Thaw, who killed Stanford White, must remain in the Matteawan insane asylum. The appellate division of the Supreme court in Brooklyn handed down a decision today which sets aside the appointment by Justice Tompkins, of the Supreme court, of a referee to take testimony bearing on Thaw's possible transfer. The court holds that Matteawan is the proper place for Thaw.

McCredie's Bill is Favored.

Washington, April 30.—Representative McCredie today had a hearing before the judiciary committee in order to present arguments in support of his bill authorizing the states of Oregon and Washington to adjust differences over the boundary line where it follows the Columbia river. After his hearing the committee assured him the bill would be favorably reported next week.

WINS AIRSHIP RACE

Paulhan Gets Prize of \$50,000 for Long, Successful Trip.

Files Half the Length of England, Making Trip from London to Manchester with One Stop.

London, April 28.—The Frenchman, Louis Paulhan, whose efforts have frequently been crowned with victory, today won the greatest race in the history of mankind and \$50,000 when he flew into Manchester at 5:30 o'clock this morning, having traveled by aeroplane from London, a distance by railway of 186 miles, with only a single overnight stop at Lichfield.

His competitor in the contest, Graham White, the English aviator, after making a successful new start at Reade, where he made his first landing, descended at Polesworth and no advice have yet reached London of his having resumed his flight.

White, a few days ago attempted the trip, but was compelled to descend at Lichfield after covering 115 miles. Paulhan then appeared on the scene and the two aviators made hasty preparations for the flight, each striving to be first at the start. Paulhan stole the march on the Englishman and ascended from Hendon at 5:20 p. m. yesterday.

White, who was sleeping peacefully at the time he was apprised of this fact, made a quick start from Park Royal at 6:30 p. m. Paulhan flying high and fast covered 117 miles before he landed, making that distance in two hours and 50 minutes. He descended at Lichfield at 8:10 p. m., and reascended at 4:08 a. m. to complete the journey. White succeeded in reaching Reade, a distance of about 60 miles, descending on account of darkness at 7:55 p. m. He managed to overcome some of the handicap by starting again on the long journey to Manchester at 2:50 a. m. He landed, however, at Polesworth, which is about 60 miles from Manchester.

The struggle for the coveted prize took a dramatic turn last night when Paulhan stole a march on his English rival, Graham White, which placed him 20 miles ahead of the race when darkness compelled him to alight for the night. This forenoon the weather was favorable, but owing to the heavy work of preparing the machine, it was supposed the start would be deferred until Thursday. The two aviators had met early and discussed plans, expressing hope that they would meet each other in Manchester.

Late in the day White, tired from his heavy labors, returned to his hotel and went to sleep, intending to start tomorrow morning. Meanwhile the spectators at Hendon were surprised to see Paulhan, after trying his engine, take farewell of his wife, who tied a large map of the route around his waist, and take his seat in the aeroplane.

Word that the Frenchman had started quickly reached Park Royal. Rushing into White's room, his friends awakened him. White sprang to his feet, flew downstairs, jumped into a motor car and made for the garage at full speed, and within 20 minutes was sailing around the gasometer at Kensal Green in the first stage of what will certainly be the most exciting contest ever held in Great Britain.

While passing over Bletchley, 18 miles south of London, 70 minutes before Paulhan, he was flying considerably higher than the Frenchman and seemed to be making faster time and taking a straighter course.

The news of the race spread like magic in the towns and villages along the railway, which the aviators followed closely, Paulhan being