

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.

The political situation in Iowa is so complicated that both parties are worried.

Julia Ward Howe, authoress and philanthropist, is dead at the age of 91 years.

William Vaughn Moody, noted playwright and author of "The Great Divide," is dead.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power company declared a dividend of \$650,000 in one year.

No recount of the census of Portland has been ordered, and none is contemplated by the census officials.

A general rain and wind storm on the Gulf coast has caused a considerable loss of life and property.

New York art dealers arrested for undervaluing imports, claim that they more often overvalue their goods, as they can then sell them for more.

The railroad strike in France has been called off and the employees granted a substantial raise. Paris was completely terrorized by the use of bombs.

An auto struck a go-cart in Spokane and smashed it to splinters, but the baby was snatched from the car by its mother and escaped without a scratch.

The first arrest has been made for setting forest fires. William Longfellow was captured by California officers for setting fire in the Klamath reserve.

A thoroughbred prize-winning bulldog in Spokane was almost killed by persistent barking and what might have been a serious conflagration was averted.

The steam schooner Santa Monica, with about 40 passengers on board, was picked up helpless at sea and towed to Seattle. Her machinery had broken down.

A world-wide steel trust may soon be a reality.

Taft will urge the development of the Alaskan coal fields.

Senator Dolliver, of Iowa, died suddenly of heart failure.

The San Francisco moral wave is driving many crooks out of the city.

Immense census frauds are alleged in the count of Coast cities, and a complete investigation will be made.

Walter Wellman, with five assistants, started in his great dirigible balloon America, to cross the Atlantic ocean.

New York society women are adopting the latest Parisian fad of carrying dolls. They often spend \$25 to \$100 for the doll costumes.

Adolph Busch, the millionaire brewer, has finished the expenditure of \$500,000 in improving and extending his famous sunken gardens at Pasadena, Cal.

The French dirigible balloon, the Clement-Bayard, flew from Compiegne, France, to London in six hours, crossing the English channel and outdistancing all express trains.

Many arrests have dampened the ardor of the French railroad strikers.

New York art dealers are accused of customs frauds aggregating a million dollars.

Thomas S. Baldwin was injured and his biplane wrecked in a flight at Iowa City, Ia.

Presidents of two big railroads argued before the Interstate commerce commission for higher freight rates.

Extensive frauds have been discovered in the Japanese navy, and several prominent commanders have been arrested.

Over half the children in the public schools of Kansas City have been recommended for treatment for mental or physical defects.

President Taft has placed his O. K. on the plans for raising the battleship Maine in Havana harbor, and work will begin next February.

Twenty-two men were discharged by a California mining company for stealing high grade ore. It is believed \$80,000 worth has been stolen during the past few months.

A government engineer at work on the Alaskan boundary has discovered a mountain which he believes is fully 22,000 feet high, which is nearly 2,000 feet higher than Mt. McKinley.

President Taft will sail for an inspection trip to the isthmus of Panama on November 10, leaving Charleston, S. C., on the cruiser North Carolina, conveyed by her sister ship, the Montana.

Coal from the Pacific Coast is to be given a thorough test by the navy.

One death has occurred in the slums of New York from a virulent attack of Asiatic cholera.

Roosevelt made a short flight in an airplane at St. Louis, and said he enjoyed it immensely.

The Supreme court is now complete and will begin hearing important cases against the trusts in January.

Relief is being sent to the forest fire sufferers in Minnesota and Canada.

Soldiers have almost disappeared from the streets of Lisbon, and conditions are rapidly becoming normal again.

A bride of four days set fire to the house and tried to burn her husband at Elmhurst, Cal., after they had been having a family quarrel.

Willamette valley shippers have filed a rebate suit with the Interstate Commerce commission covering excessive freight rates during the past ten years.

AIRSHIP CROSSING ATLANTIC

Walter Wellman and Crew Make Sensational Start.

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 17.—Sailing into a thick fog that hung low over the Atlantic ocean a few minutes after 8 o'clock this morning, Walter Wellman, with a crew of five men, is tonight believed to be on an epoch-making voyage to Europe in the huge cigar-shaped airship America.

Numerous wireless messages were received during the day, and the latest indicated that Wellman is tonight sailing through the darkness off the New York coast.

The men making the flight are: Walter Wellman, commander; Melvin Vaniman, chief engineer and next in command; F. Murray Simmons, navigator; J. K. Irwin, wireless operator; John Aubert and Albert Louis Loud, assistant engineers.

The start of the America was one of the most dramatic moments ever occurring here. Roundly criticized by people who did not believe that he would ever undertake what was thought to be a foolhardy venture, Wellman started the whole island by bringing the America out of the hangar and without ceremony going into the air.

For the last 30 days the public had expected to avoid some move from the intrepid crew. Day after day it was announced that a trial flight would be made as soon as conditions were perfect.

It was about 4 a. m. today that the final decision to go up was made by Chief Engineer Vaniman. All night he watched at the weather bureau, and as dawn broke he decided. Rushing the crew, who slept in the hangar, Vaniman called Wellman on the telephone at the Hotel Chalfonte, and notified him that the time to start had arrived.

With everything ready for the words "Let go," the crew climbed into the car hanging from the balloon.

The final "good-byes" were said to wives, relatives and friends and the last word to the ground was given.

On the board walk and the beach was assembled a crowd estimated at about 6,000. The crowd stood in awe as the airship began to rise and sail in the fog. Then cheer after cheer followed when the craft began to disappear in the mist. Within five minutes the ship was out of sight.

Robert Miller, one of the wireless operators stationed here, kept catching the America, but it was not until 11:15 a. m. that there was a response. Then out of the air came this message, the first ever sent from an airship at sea:

"Heard northeast; all well on board; machinery working fine. Good-bye.—J. Irwin."

SENATOR DOLLIVER, IOWA, DIES OF HEART FAILURE

Fort Dodge, Ia., Oct. 17.—Senator Jonathan P. Dolliver died at his residence here at 7:30 o'clock last night, while attending physician, Dr. E. M. VanPatton, was examining his heart with a stethoscope.

His death followed an acute attack of stomach trouble, which affected his heart. His physician announced that death was directly due to dilation of the heart.

Mr. Dolliver had so far recovered his strength as to be able to walk about his lawn. He had been up all day, and at night entered his sitting room for the daily consultation with his physician.

The senator informed Dr. VanPatton that he was feeling much improved and that he believed he had about recovered his normal strength. Dr. VanPatton cautioned him about becoming anxious to resume his work and then began the examination of the heart while the senator was seated in a large Morris chair. The physician was counting the beats of the senator's heart on a watch.

He was frequently interrupted by Mr. Dolliver with the declaration that he was unable to hear his own heart. The physician suddenly noticed that the heartbeats had ceased. He shook his stethoscope, thinking that it was defective in some way. Again applying his instrument he discovered that the heart had ceased entirely. Upon looking into the senator's face he discovered that he had died, without a struggle and without pain.

Trepanning Skull Saves.

Walla Walla, Wash.—After having nearly become insane through pressure on his brain caused by an injury to his skull, while serving in the Philippines, Captain Charles Booker, of Dayton, is fully recovered through an operation which consisted of trepanning his skull. For several years the mind of Captain Booker had become more clouded, and so much so that lately he had been almost irresponsible. The operation was entirely successful. Captain Booker was wounded by the explosion of a shell.

Goldseekers Returning.

Dawson, Y. T.—Between 1,500 and 2,000 Alaskans from the Iditarod and Fairbanks districts are on their way out of the country via the Yukon River and Skagway and will pour into Seattle within the next two weeks. These men have finished their season's work and are going south to spend the winter. Most of them will return next spring. The last boat for White Horse is scheduled to sail on the 18th. The last steamer from White Horse for Dawson is expected to leave there Wednesday or Thursday.

Arizona for Initiative.

Phoenix, Ariz.—The Arizona constitutional convention received three propositions, of which the third, providing for religious toleration but prohibiting polygamy, was introduced by the only Mormon member, L. L. Webb, of Graham county, ex-speaker of the house and candidate for the presidency of the convention. After adjournment a poll was taken of the legislative committee, which shows that a majority favored the initiative and referendum.

Riots Rule in Nicaragua.

New Orleans.—News reached here from Managua, Nicaragua, that disorder had broken out anew in the capital and that frequent rioting was occurring. According to these advices the situation had become very critical.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

PRODUCTS POUR IN.

Remarkable Fruits and Vegetables to Be Shown.

Portland—Remarkable fruits and vegetables received in the regular consignments from the commercial bodies in various parts of the state and ostensibly for the purpose of display with their respective county exhibits, are piling up in the rooms of the chamber of commerce in quantities almost to start a sideshow.

A pumpkin the exact shape and size of an ordinary football was received in a shipment from Oregon City. The color alone prevents the trick of nature from being complete.

Baker City sent in an onion that comes up to the standard regulations in every respect but size. It weighs four pounds, which is nearly the record in the onion production of the state.

A pumpkin that tips the scales at 132 pounds was among the receipts from Eugene. It is the product of the fertile Lane county soil. While the same section has grown larger pumpkins than this, the specimen is of the peculiar delicate color which makes it valuable for exhibition purposes.

William Blake, of Deer Island, Columbia county, contributed a half dozen potatoes of more than average size grown without "irrigation, cultivation or precipitation." He has a large field devoted to the same variety of spuds and expects to reap a heavy harvest.

A squash that is the shape of a beer bottle is sent in from Lane county.

That peanuts can be grown successfully in Baker county soil is amply demonstrated by the plant with the ripened products clinging to the roots received from William Boswell, of Baker City.

In the same box came a cucumber that weighs six pounds, which is one of the largest grown in that section this year.

Baker City is also the source of a half dozen specimens of Hubbard squash that weigh from 60 to 65 pounds each. While this size is not likely to break the record the explanation that they were selected from the average yield of a field makes the display somewhat remarkable.

PEAR ORCHARD TO BE MODEL

Palmer Estate Plans to Develop 1500 Acres in Rogue Valley.

Medford—Modoc orchard promises to become the model orchard property of southern Oregon as well as the largest pear orchard in the world. It comprises 1,500 acres, with six miles of frontage on both sides of Rogue river in the vicinity of Upper Table Rock. It is under the management of W. A. Sumner and is owned by the estate of Potter Palmer of Chicago.

Upon a slightly hill, along the county road, 20 buildings have recently been erected, which form a little village, in which the ranch force and employees will reside. These buildings have all been painted white, and the entire orchard and farm a model community. There is an immense barn in which several hundred tons of hay and 30 head of livestock are sheltered; there are six neat cottages in which employees and their families can reside, besides the ranch house with accommodations for a score of single men.

A large donkey engine is busy pulling stumps on the hill above the present orchard. Some 30 acres of this hill will be set to pears this winter. On the most sightly portion a costly residence will be erected as a summer home for Honore Palmer and family.

When the present plans are carried out there will be a continuous pear orchard of 600 acres north of the river. Eventually the land to the south of the river will also be planted, but for the present it will be farmed for grain and hay for use on the property.

Cow in Mud for 23 Days.

Astoria—After being lost for 23 days, a cow belonging to Jena Peterson, who conducts a store at Williamsport, was found late Sunday afternoon mired in the mud on the tide flats, where she had been without food or water all that time. Strange to say, the animal was alive, but so weak she could not raise her head and was practically insensible. After being extricated from the mud, the cow was placed on a sled and hauled to the stable, where she is being cared for.

Elgin Realty Takes Jump.

Elgin—The excursion trains from the East are reviving the real estate transfers in and about Elgin, the following being reported in the past few days: Bruce Brown sold to T. Boyd his 330-acre ranch lying eight miles east from Elgin; Russell Plasse sold his 160-acre ranch to O. E. Ryder; W. R. Peck disposed of his residence property holdings—three in number—in Elgin; A. J. Tucker sold to Bert Fraser his residence property on E Street.

Elgin's Show Attracts.

Elgin—That Elgin's third apple show, which is to be held November 3, 4 and 5, will be a success is practically assured. Much interest is also being shown by the different nurseries, who are aiding the show by offering prizes from their stocks for different exhibits, as are also the spraying pump houses and spray poison dealers.

Lakeview to Show Apples.

Lakeview—The Lakeview board of trade has practically completed a collection of samples of apples grown in this section which will all be forwarded to the Great Northern exhibit train. Among the samples were Blue Pearmain, Winter Bananas, Wolf River and Spitzenbergs.

"What was the trouble between Swinton and his wife? Was it his fault or hers that they were unable to get along together?" "It's rather hard to decide. It appears that whenever one of them had an irresistible impulse the other had an unalterable objection."—Chicago Record-Herald.

APPLE PRIZES BIG.

Great Northern President Offers \$250 Inducements.

Portland—Oregon's approaching apple show is receiving attention not only from the fruit growing district of the Pacific Northwest, but also from the railroad presidents. Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern, has recognized the importance of the show and has promised to advance it in an effective manner.

Frank W. Power, secretary of the State Horticultural society, received a telegram from Mr. Hill saying that he would offer a cash prize of \$250 for the best exhibit from any district tributary to the Great Northern line.

Together with this offer, two cash prizes of \$250 will be presented for best fruit exhibits. Accordingly fruit growers in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana will be eligible to enter displays and to compete for the special prizes.

"This is the largest single prize that has ever been offered the society," said Mr. Power, "and it shows what interest Mr. Hill is taking in our industry. We consider the offer important. It will give us an opportunity to invite exhibits in carload lots and to have competition from all parts of the Northwest."

The show will be held in the Army November 30 and December 1 and 2, under the direction of the State Horticultural society.

HILL GETS FINE EXHIBIT.

Warner Valley Land Company Sends Railroad Chief Fruit Display.

Lakeview—The Warner Valley Land & Irrigation company, which recently segregated a body of 150,000 acres under the terms of the Carey act, have just sent to President Hill, of the Great Northern railway, a fine collection of fruit gathered on a couple of the ranches in the North and South Warner valleys.

There are some Bartlett pears in the collection that averaged one and a half pounds, Pippin apples that weighed 20 pounds, Glori Mundia, Newtown Pippins, Winesaps, Warner Beauties and other apples that will compare favorably with those grown anywhere.

District Shows Good Fruit.

Redmond—Specimens of seven varieties of apples have been brought into this city by J. S. Tethrow, who grew them on his orchard six miles north of the Deschutes river, and is 18 years old. Among the varieties shown are Rome Beauty, Bellflower, Spitzenberg and Rhode Island Greening. The apples are of the finest, and some of them of mammoth size. Some of these apples will be sent to Portland to be placed on exhibition to show that the Redmond district is a fruit country.

Apple Harvest Delayed.

Medford—Heavy rains in the Rogue River valley have put a stop to apple picking. Not more than half the harvest has been completed. A great deal of delay has been caused by the scarcity of boxes. The association has found it impossible to obtain shipments of box lumber sufficient to meet the demands of the district. Large quantities of apples are stored in the packing houses awaiting the arrival of boxes before they can be shipped.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 88c; club, 83c; red Russian, 82c; valley, 86c; 40-fold, 85c.
Barley—Feed, \$21.50@22 per ton; brewing, 23c.
Millstuffs—Bran, \$25 per ton; middlings, \$33; shorts, \$27; rolled barley, \$24.50@25.50.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$19@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21@22; alfalfa, new, \$15 @16; grain hay, \$8.

Corn—Whole, \$31; cracked, \$32 ton.
Oats—White, \$22@27 per ton.
Green Fruits—Apples, new, 60c@1.50 per box; pears, \$1@2; peaches, 65c@85c per crate; grapes, 75c@1.25 per box; 15c@17c per basket; cranberries, \$8.15@9.50 per barrel; huckleberries, 7c@8c per pound; quinces, \$1@1.25 per box; watermelons, \$1 per hundred; cantaloupes, \$1@1.50 per dozen; casabas, \$3.50 per dozen.

Vegetables—Beans, 3c@5c per pound; cabbage, 1c; cauliflower, 50c@1.25 per dozen; celery, 50c@90c; corn, 12c@15c; cucumbers, 25c@40c per box; egg plant, \$1@1.25 per crate; garlic, 8c@10c per pound; green onions, 15c per dozen; peppers, 6c per pound; pumpkins, 1c; radishes, 15c@20c per dozen; spinach, 7c@8c; squash, 1c per pound; tomatoes, 15c@50c per box; carrots, \$1@1.25 hundred; parsnips, \$1@1.25; turnips, \$1.

Potatoes—Oregon, \$1.25 per hundred.

Onions—Oregon, buying price, \$1.10 per hundred.

Poultry—Hens, 17@17c; springs, 16@16c; ducks, white, 16@18c; geese, 11c; turkey live, 20c; dressed, 22c@25c; squabs, \$2 per dozen.

Butter—City creamery, solid pack, 36c per pound; prints, 37c@37c; outside creamery, 35c@36c; butter fat, 36c; country store butter, 24c@25c.

Eggs—Oregon, candied, 34c@35c per dozen; Eastern, 26c@32c.

Pork—Fancy, 13c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 85c to 125c pounds, 13 @13c per pound.

Hops—1910 crop, 10@12c per pound; 1909, nominal; olds, nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 13@17c per pound; valley, 17@19c; mohair, choice, 32@33c.

Cattle—Beef steers, good to choice, \$5@5.90; fat to medium, \$4.50@5; choice spayed heifers, \$4.50@4.75; good to choice beef cows, \$4.25@4.50; medium to good beef cows, \$3.50@4; common beef cows, \$2@3.50; bulls, \$3.50@4; stags, good to choice, \$4@4.50; calves, light, \$6.50@7; heavy, \$3.75@5.

Hogs—Top, \$9.75@10; fair to medium, \$9.50@9.75.

Sheep—Best valley wethers, \$3.25 @3.50; fair to good wethers, \$3@3.25; best Mt. Adams wethers, \$4@4.25; medium to good wethers, \$3@3.50; choice Mt. Adams, \$5.25@5.50; choice valley, \$5@5.25.

GALE HITS GULF.

West Indian Hurricane Headed for Florida Coast.

Key West, Oct. 16.—At 6 o'clock tonight the wireless station here reported a West Indian hurricane centered west of Havana and moving with great intensity toward Progresso, Yucatan. The storm will extend from Florida to Mexico. All wireless stations with the exception of the local government station are disabled. There is an unconfirmed rumor that a liner is ashore near Key West.

The weather bureau station at Sand Key was awash and the men there sought refuge at the lighthouse. The United wireless station was temporarily disabled and the operator secured the instruments and abandoned his quarters when heavy seas began to come in. The government wireless alone was in operation.

English Coast Feels Storm.

London.—The English coast is strewn with wreckage as the result of a storm that has continued for two days. The casualty list is a long one. Bodies of five seamen from the coasting steamer Cranford were picked up off Hartlepool. It is believed the vessel, which carried a crew of 20, foundered, and that the men were attempting to reach shore in a small boat when they were lost.

Some of the wreckage coming ashore indicates that a sailing ship met a like fate. Lifeboats from many points were out and in some instances effected rescues. In other cases they were unable to reach distressed craft.

Steamer Cannot Make Port.

Tampa, Fla.—A message from the wireless station at Key West at 7:20 p. m. reported the steamship Olivet just on account of heavy seas. The wind is blowing 50 to 60 miles an hour. The steamer Comus, spoken 40 miles west of Tortugas, is proceeding. Indications are that the storm is sweeping eastward and will strike the Florida coast in the vicinity of Tampa, slightly to the northwest. The barometer is reading 29.94.

GALLERIES MAY BE INVADED

Wealthy Art Patrons May Have to Turn Over Treasures.

New York.—An anonymous note sent to William Loebe Jr., collector of the port of New York, precipitated a sensational raid on the Fifth avenue establishment of Duveen Brothers' art galleries and the arrest of two members of the firm, Benjamin J. and Henry J. Duveen, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government of more than \$1,000,000 by undervaluation of imports.

In the event of fines being imposed or duties recovered from the firm or its members, the informant will be in line for the reward offered by the government for evidence resulting in such conviction.

If the alleged frauds prove as extensive as customs officials have stated, this reward will probably be between \$100,000 and \$500,000.

The United States government has warrants out for the remaining members of the firm, who have art galleries in the leading capitals of Europe.

Millions of dollars' worth of paintings and art work have been sold to millionaire art patrons in this country, and it was suggested that the customs officials may invade these art collections and temporarily hold the masterpieces pending an adjudication of the alleged frauds.

District Attorney Wise said he believed that fraudulent valuations have been carried on systematically for years.

Hurricane Rages in Cuao.

Havana.—The provinces of Havana, Matanzas and Pinar del Rio have been in the grip of the severest storm of recent years since Thursday. The highest velocity of wind was 80 miles an hour. The rain probably was unprecedented, and has wrought great damage to sugar cane and tobacco. Exit from and entrance to the port have been closed. Dredges and barges working about the battleship Maine were compelled to seek refuge. All but one dredge got away safely. The crew of the dredge was rescued.

Passes Will Be Limited.

Helena, Mont.—The issuance of passes by the Northern Pacific railroad company henceforth will be restricted to actual employees, members of the State Railway commission and such contracting firms as are engaged in the interests of the company. Announcement to this effect came from Third Vice-President M. S. Slade, of the Northern Pacific.

The action follows a ruling by the Montana Supreme court holding the issuance of railway passes to be a violation of the state law.

Makes Call in Aeroplane.

Washington—Claude Graham White, the English aviator, stopped at the White House door in his aeroplane, after a flight of about six miles. He landed where the slightest deviation from the course would have involved him on the spikes of an iron fence at his right, or smashed him against granite walls at his left. Admiral Dewey was on the spot to extend congratulations. An hour later White ascended from the spot where he had landed and returned to his starting point, the Benning race track.

Hungro Kills Two, Hurts Five.

Huntington, W. Va.—In a fight between George Johnson, a negro, and a posse here two persons, including Johnson, were killed and five were seriously injured. George Tobias, a member of the posse was killed by Johnson, and Detective Lentz and Charles Hale were fatally wounded. In the course of the battle, Chief of Police Clingenpeel climbed to the top of a cliff where the negro was barricaded, and shot him dead.

Two Fall Into Boiling Dye.

Provo, Utah.—Two employees of the Knights Woolen Mills fell into a vat of boiling dye while scuffling on its brink. H. D. Johnson died soon after being taken out and his companion, John H. Nebaker, cannot live.

DENOUNCES STRIKE

Premier Briand of France, Says It Is An Insurrection

Telegraph Wires Cut and Air Brakes Disabled—Food Supply for Paris By Water.

Paris, Oct. 13.—The strike of the railroad men, which threatens to spread throughout France, was denounced today by Premier Briand as "an insurrection, purely, built upon criminal foundations."

The premier declared that the strike was called while negotiations were going on for an adjustment of grievances and he promised that the instigators of the strike would be prosecuted.

The river Seine, which in January threatened to destroy Paris, looms up in the role of saviour. The government has made arrangements to rush food supplies to Paris from the sea, requisitioning all boats to meet the crisis and ease the food market, which is already hard hit.

The employees of the Eastern and the Paris, Lyons & Mediterranean railroads have not to any appreciable extent responded to the strike call and the government's weapon of mobilization has induced some of those employed on the Northern road to return to their posts. Nevertheless, the Northern and Western railroads are prostrated. The call to the colors has been ignored by the large majority and at mass meetings today the strikers reiterated their determination not to respond to the call.

Much destruction has been wrought on the Western system, on which the strikers and their supporters have held up and derailed trains, blocked tracks, destroyed signals, ripped up rails and cut telephone and telegraph wires. The government has ordered the arrest of a score of strike leaders and instructions have been issued to the troops to use severe measures wherever occasion requires.

Thousands of people living in the suburbs and employed in Paris massed this evening around the depots. These they found closed and silent, with military camps in front. Then, with true Parisian gaiety, they laughingly set out to walk home, perhaps a distance of five or ten miles, or stormed the tramways, cars, automobiles and other conveyances.

The losses to commerce already are tremendous. Scores of trains have been stalled along the roads, many of these carrying food supplies, which have become unfit for use. The passengers on the steamship Oceanic, who took the train at Cherbourg for Paris, are blocked at Mante-Sur-Seine, about 36 miles from Paris.

Many Americans have been compelled to remain in this city or pay fabulous sums to reach the coast, at that they might embark for England. M. Jaure, leader of the Socialists in the chamber of deputies, today answered Premier Briand, charging that the railroads of the government were responsible for the present crisis. He declared that the scheme of militarization was dangerous, as it was certain to weaken military discipline and in case anti-militarism.

The Southwest express had a narrow escape from being wrecked on its arrival here today. The brakes failed to work and subsequent investigation showed that the air pipes had been cut. The train dashed into the Austerlitz station at a speed of 60 miles an hour. It was stopped just before reaching the Dorsant terminus.

At Bois Colombes the strikers held up a freight train and, smashing in the doors of the cars, freed a cargo of cattle. Heavy consignments of fruit and vegetables destined for Belgium and Northern France are stalled and ruined. Prices of fish, eggs, butter and milk have jumped 25 per cent. The merchants are arranging for the transportation of vegetables from the suburbs by automobiles.