

## EVENTS OF THE DAY

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

PREPARED FOR THE BUSY READER

Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

Live hogs reached \$9.80 per hundred at Chicago.

Asquith is about to fall from power and his government faces ruin because of his blunders.

Pinchot charges that Ballinger willfully deceived President Taft with false statements.

A French cardinal was fined for urging the school authorities not to use the state text books.

Secretary Meyer has plan for 32,000-ton battleship, to cost \$18,000,000, and carry fourteen 14-inch rifles.

Nicaraguan rebels surprised the government forces, killed their general, and secured many prisoners and much booty.

Maurice F. Egan, minister to Denmark, declares he will believe Dr. Cook honest until he is proven otherwise.

If the government wins against the tobacco trust, it is planned to attack the United States Steel corporation next.

Roosevelt parted with his retinue of native servants and attendants at Conakoro, Soudan, and the hunting expedition is ended.

Unless the beef trust magnates who have been indicted in New Jersey surrender peaceably they will be extradited and the trust dissolved.

Great arrangements are being made for Roosevelt's reception in Rome. The pope will grant him an audience and the king will give a dinner in his honor.

A boyhood friend of Carnegie called on the steel king and had a long visit with him, but when he intimated that he was having a hard struggle to make a living he received only some good pamphlets on economy.

Charles E. Morgan, ex-governor of Cuba, says that if the Monroe doctrine means anything the United States must see that the smaller governments on the Western hemisphere are properly conducted.

A member of the I. W. W. arrested in the recent disturbances in Spokane, has been found guilty of conspiring.

With the strict injunction that he was not to be represented as favoring votes for women, President Taft accepted an invitation to address the opening session of the annual convention of the Woman Suffrage association, to be held in Washington, April 14.

A Canadian Pacific train was derailed on the brink of a 200-foot precipice, and only prevented from plunging over by a retaining wall.

"Little Billy" McClintock, 6 years old, of Chicago, and heir to \$6,000,000, will be asked to choose his own guardian.

The German government refuses moral or financial support to American exhibitors of machinery at the coming exhibition at Berlin next summer.

Great Britain will give refuge to the deposed Dalai Lama, of Tibet, at Calcutta, and has asked the Chinese government for full explanation of the affair.

Six persons were killed in a snow-slide in the Bitter Root mountains in Montana.

A hotel at Hazelton, B. C., burned while the thermometer was at 15 degrees below zero. Many of the occupants were forced to leap from upper windows clad only in their night clothing.

New Jersey grand jury will return at least 15 indictments against packing houses for storing food products contrary to law.

The czar of Russia would build a new trans-Mongolian railway in preference to neutralizing the present line.

A Cambridge, Mass., bank book-keeper who received \$12 per week salary is accused of embezzling \$144,000.

Rioters in Philadelphia street car strike snatch guns from soldiers.

An earthquake shock, causing dishes and windows to rattle violently, was felt in Watertown, N. Y.

The Ministerial association of Victoria, B. C., has joined the Central Trades and Labor council.

A special committee is investigating charges that the university of Wisconsin is teaching socialism.

## PLANS FOR STRONGER NAVY.

Battleship to Cost \$18,000,000—Submarines for Pacific.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Secretary Meyer, of the navy department, is said to have told the house naval committee today of plans of building a world's record-breaking battleship of 32,000 tons displacement at a cost of \$18,000,000 and making the United States the leading naval power.

Members of the committee said that the secretary's radical plans were favorably received by the committee. The secretary did not refer to naval strength in numbers of ships or armament, but to various features of improvement of the efficiency of ships and guns.

The building of the proposed giant battleship is delayed until next year only because the naval experiments with 14-inch guns have not been completed, and the department desires to know the result of full experiments. Tentatively, it is planned to arm the great battleship with a battery of fourteen 14-inch guns of the latest type.

The secretary said that plans for enlargement of all the drydocks of the country, as outlined to the committee some weeks ago, were made in contemplation of the great enlargement of the battleships and he wanted the docks built to accommodate ships of great size.

It was tentatively agreed that the naval increase this year, based on the secretary's recommendations, shall be as follows: Two 27,000-ton battleships, equipped either with 12 or 14-inch guns; one regular ship, two colliers and five submarines.

The submarines are for the Pacific coast, and are the first of a fast fleet of these vessels which will be provided in the next few years. The plan to place ten additional submarines on the Pacific coast next was considered favorably.

These submarines will be one of the fastest yet launched, and will be capable of making a speed under water of 12 knots an hour.

A member of the committee said that the government had unofficial information to the effect that Japan is laying the keels of two great battleships approaching the 32,000 ton limit. He said the tonnage of the great battleship under consideration would depend to a great extent upon the weight of the batteries of the huge 14-inch guns, which would be placed on this ship.

## AVALANCHE BURIES 75.

Town of Mace, Idaho, Said to Be Scene of Disaster.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 28.—With a roar that could be heard in Wallace, five miles distant, an avalanche overwhelmed the town of Mace, Idaho, last night, and 75 people are believed to be buried under tons of snow and debris. Telephone messages from Wallace say that the slide occurred at 11:30 o'clock. Rescue parties started at once from Wallace to the scene of the disaster. A special relief train was also started out from Spokane.

Because of the deep snow and blocked condition of the road from Wallace to Mace, no details of the catastrophe have yet been received.

Heavy snow has been falling in Northern Idaho during the past week, and with the thaw which began yesterday conditions were favorable for just such a disaster which has overwhelmed the little town.

Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 28.—A special dispatch at 3 a. m. says that five hundred rescuers have taken out seven dead bodies while 25 men, women and children were taken from the slide alive, that occurred at Mace last night. It is known that 100 additional are dead.

The slide is half a mile long and 30 feet deep. The first train bearing the 25 injured left Mace for Wallace at 2:25 a. m.

Additional rescuers are being sent to the scene on a train now being made up here.

## "Corpse" Comes to Life.

Brookville, Ind., Feb. 28.—Popular misconception of the coroner's law nearly permitted the body of Miss Olive Sanders to be frozen in a snow-bank today. Miss Sanders' sister missed Olive from the house and found her, seemingly dead, lying in the snow in the barnyard. It took two hours to get the coroner, and the body lay where it was found. He "viewed" the body and it was carried into the house. The undertaker was called to prepare it for burial. At this stage Miss Sanders revived.

## Butte Strike May Soon End.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 28.—A settlement of the strike of mine engineers is expected soon. Mat Commerford, president of the International Steam Engineers' union, tonight stated that he had submitted a proposition to end the trouble to the officials of the Butte Miners union, which proposition he expected they would accept.

## 140 UNIONS TO HELP

Sympathetic Strike Will Involve 125,000 Workers.

BUSINESS COMPLETELY TIED UP

Philadelphia Citizens, Alarmed at Prospects, Urge Company to Arbitrate—Two Killed in Riot.

Philadelphia, Feb. 28.—After a session of more than six hours, the Central Labor union delegates last night voted to call a sympathetic strike of 140 trade unions in the organization, beginning next Saturday. The delegates assert that 125,000 men will respond to the call.

This action of the Central Labor Union is fraught with momentous consequences, the union officials say. The decision was made at a secret session of 700 delegates in Labor Lyceum Hall, which lasted more than six hours. There apparently was no question that the delegates would vote a strike, the split being on whether or not the strike would be started immediately.

The more conservative element prevailed, however, and the walkout was put off until next Saturday. Meanwhile, there is hope that the street railway strike will be arbitrated, despite the repeated declaration of the Transit Company, controlling all the lines in the city, that "there is nothing to arbitrate."

Nobody doubts that last night's action of the Central Labor union makes the situation grave. There is a strong feeling, especially among business men that the strike ought to be settled speedily, as all lines of business suffer from the interference with traffic. Consequently there is much sympathy for the move for arbitration, made by clergymen of all denominations early in the week.

There was surprise at the unanimity of the vote in favor of a general sympathetic strike. The meeting yesterday had been discussed previously and there was mixed sentiment as to the wisdom of calling out all classes of workmen. Leaders of various trades unions said they were opposed to a general strike because it involved broken trade agreements. Others doubted their ability to order all workmen to lay down their tools and have the order obeyed.

As the gathering was secret, little of an authoritative nature can be learned of what transpired behind the barred doors. That there was much oratory is evident, as the meeting lasted from a little after 2 o'clock until 8:30.

The great crowd gathered outside the hall would occasionally hear loud cheering, and a responsive cheer would go up from the outside. Finally when the meeting broke up and the announcement was made that unless the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company made an agreement with its striking employes by next Friday, the greatest strike in the history of Philadelphia will be inaugurated, there was a cheer and the crowd dispersed.

Not only members of unions affiliated with the Central Labor union and the Allied Building Trades council, but those of every labor organization in the city in any way connected with the American Federation of Labor, participated in the meeting.

Two separate meetings were held. The delegates to the Central Labor union met on one floor of the building, while the president and business agents of the other organizations met on the next floor.

Declaring the car strike here had become a battle between capital and labor, the members of the Central Labor union unanimously adopted a resolution that every union man and woman stop work on next Saturday if, in the meantime, the striking carmen have not reached an agreement with the company.

## Weston Ahead of Time.

Albuquerque, N. M., Mar. 1.—Leaving McCarty's station at 5 o'clock this morning, Edward Payson Weston arrived late tonight at Sandia, a way station 22 miles from Albuquerque, having walked 60 miles today. Here he will spend the night, and leaving there at midnight, will reach Albuquerque next morning at 8 o'clock. He will be four days ahead of his schedule on arrival here. To date Weston has averaged 40 miles daily and the long climb of the continental divide is now behind him.

## 20 Families Burned Out.

New York, Mar. 1.—Twenty families in Jersey City were burned out tonight in a fire which destroyed 10 double dwelling houses and razed the plant of the New York Veneer Seating company. The damage is \$200,000.

## BEEF TRUST INDICTED.

New Jersey Grand Jury Calls Halt On Great Combine.

New York, Feb. 26.—The "beef trust" of the United States, embracing six great companies and 21 packers, several of them multimillionaires, was indicted by a grand jury in Hudson county, New Jersey, today, charged with conspiracy in limiting the supply of meat and poultry.

The indictments drawn under the law of New Jersey, which provides upon conviction, a maximum penalty of three years in the penitentiary, a \$1,000 fine or both. The offense is extraditable, which means practically that the meat barons must successfully resist extradition or come to Jersey City for trial.

Pierce Garvin, public prosecutor of Hudson county, said tonight that he would forthwith notify the defendants of their indictment and would be ready to enforce extradition in each case where the individual concerned is not willing to face trial. The defendants follow:

The National Packing company, Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Morris & Co., Hammond Packing company, G. H. Hammond & Co., J. Ogden Armour, A. Watson Armour, Louis F. Swift, Edward F. Swift, Charles H. Swift, Edward Morris, Ira N. Morris, Arthur Meeker, Edward Tilden, L. A. Carter, Thomas E. E. Wilson, Thomas J. Corners, F. A. Fowler, L. H. Heyman, James E. Bathgate, Jr., George J. Edwards, Fredrick B. Cooper, D. E. Hartell, Henry B. Darlington, A. A. Fuller, L. C. Patterson.

Ira N. Morris sent a lawyer to Jersey City this week from Chicago to inform Prosecutor Garvin that he had retired from the directorate of Morris & Co., but nevertheless he was indicted.

Cooper is the New Jersey manager for Swift & Co.; Bathgate, Edwards, Bartwall, Darlington and Fuller are said to be officers and Eastern agents of the National Packing company, while other named are directors or officers or former directors or officers of the National Packing company. Capiases for the arrest of all the defendants will be issued immediately and the grand jury will resume its investigation next Wednesday.

## ASBESTOS COMBINE ON.

New Trust Will Be Capitalized at \$5,000,000.

Denver, Feb. 26.—The Times today says: Deals are now being organized in Denver which will probably result in the formation of a trust that will control 90 per cent of the asbestos output of the world.

Officers and representatives of the International Asbestos company, the National Asbestos company, the Wyoming Consolidated Asbestos company and the United States Asbestos Mining & Fiberizing company are here to confer with the representatives of English and California capitalists regarding the sale of their properties to new interests.

Representatives of the Amalgamated Asbestos corporation, a Canadian company, recently launched, which has obtained control of about 90 per cent of the asbestos output of Canada, are now investigating the properties of the companies represented at the Denver conference and the consummation of the first deal will likely be followed by the absorption of these companies by the big Canadian corporation.

The new interests are said to have offered \$1,100,000 for the control of the Wyoming asbestos deposits.

## Catch is 300,000 Pounds.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 26.—The halibut fishing steamer Kingfisher, belonging to the fleet of the New England Fish company, an American concern, is due to arrive here Friday with 300,000 pounds of fish, 200,000 of which she caught in two and a half days. Her whole time for the trip will be but nine and a half days. The Kingfisher's total cargo will be 400,000 pounds, which includes weight for ice and boxes in which some of the fish are packed.

## Warning from Gompers.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, told Attorney General Wickersham today that if the present American workers' movement, which he said is constructive and conservative in character, is outlawed and crushed out of existence by unfavorable legislation and court decisions, it will be followed by another movement that will scarcely be constructive. For two hours Mr. Gompers and Mr. Wickersham discussed legislation affecting labor.

## Declares for General Strike.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 26.—Following the publication of a statement alleged to have been made today by John J. Murphy, president of the Central Labor union, a warrant was issued for his arrest. It is said that Murphy declared "a general strike should be called immediately. I think it is inevitable. There are men in the Northeast who can shoot as straight as any trooper that ever drew a breath."

## CHINESE ROUT LAMA

Grand Head of Tibetan Monks Flees to India.

SACRED CITY OF LHASA TAKEN

Trouble Has Long Been Expected—Chinese Government Determined to Disperse Monks.

Calcutta, British India, Feb. 24.—Chinese troops today entered Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, and the residence of the Dalai Lama, the supreme head of the Lamaist hierarchy, who, upon the approach of the soldiers, fled with several of his ministers into India.

Serious trouble has been expected, owing to the action of the small Chinese army, which, marching from Sze-Chuen, China, subdued Eastern Tibet, levying contributions on the Lama's home and showing no respect for the monasteries.

The Tibetans, resenting the desecration of their holy places, petitioned the Chinese foreign board, praying that the emperor of China interfere in the interest of the Buddhists. The petition was disregarded, the Chinese propose to make the administration of the country purely Chinese.

The Dalai Lama appealed to Lord Minto, the viceroy of India, but he refused to interfere.

London, Feb. 24.—The flight from Lhasa of the Dalai Lama will cause no surprise to close observers of the Chinese attitude toward the Tibetan people when he was in Peking.

It became evident then that the Chinese government had no intention of permitting him to resume his sway at Lhasa, so far as civil power was concerned, and attempts were even made to bar his passage on his return home.

Following its policy of "China for the Chinese," the government determined to make more effective its control over the land of the Lamas. A campaign to this end has been pushed in the border provinces for the last two years, and now China has sent an army of 25,000 anti-Buddhist troops into the capital of Tibet.

This army, which was dispatched from Sze-Chuen, has been drilled by Japanese officers and is completely equipped with mountain and machine guns of German and Japanese patterns and with wireless apparatus.

## STRIKE RIOTS CONTINUE.

Local Police Admit Defeat—State Police Called Out.

Philadelphia, Feb. 24.—Police officials of the city today virtually acknowledged their inability to cope with the strike situation when a request as made of John C. Groome, superintendent of the state police, that the 200 members of his command be brought to this city for police duty.

This request was made, notwithstanding that serious rioting was less frequent today than on any other day since the strike of the streetcar men began last Saturday. The state police are expected to reach here tomorrow morning, and will doubtless be sent into the Kensington district, where the State Fenibles had such an unpleasant experience.

For the first time the Rapid Transit company succeeded in running its cars until 6 o'clock on the Frankford line, which penetrates this unruly territory. At that hour all cars were returned to the barns.

Four policemen guarded each car, and detectives patrolled the route all day in automobiles. Whenever a group of men for med detectives rushed them and even followed the ringleaders into houses until they had captured them. In spite of the vigilance of the police, many car windows were broken, and the company was finally obliged to use sheet iron windows in place of glass panes.

## Rush Line is Dispersed.

Los Angeles, Feb. 24.—Senator Frank P. Flint today sent a telegram to the weary ones who are still maintaining the line in this city, hoping to be the first to file on the Yuma lands, informing them that the order of Secretary Ballinger will stand. The secretary's order disrupted the line and ordered all homeseekers to take their chances in a "grand rush" on the morning of March 1. Those in line maintain they will "hang on" until the last. From 210 the line has dwindled to 156.

## Girl Parades Long as Boy

Moorhead, Ky., Feb. 24.—Miss Goldie Cantrill, 17 years old, today war sent home by the school trustees after they learned that she had been attending school as Sam Murray, dressed in boys' clothing. She stood second in her class. Several months ago she earned her living for several weeks as a "newsboy" on trains.