

CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

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

The sugar trust admits it is in mortal fear of the cartoonists.

A severe wind storm did much damage in Clay county, Kansas.

Army engineers approved the plan for free government locks at Oregon City.

Jewish families to the number of 980 have been expelled from several large cities in Russia.

A hundred-million dollar combine of Chicago street car lines and terminal companies is proposed.

It is said the death of King Edward leaves Kaiser Wilhelm in a much more prominent light than formerly.

George Sontag, ex-train robber, desperado and convict, will lecture on the uselessness and folly of a life of crime.

Count Jacques de Lesseps crossed the English channel in a Bleriot monoplane. He intends to return by the same method.

Socialists at their national congress refused to vote at elections where their candidates have been eliminated from the ticket through the commission form of city governments.

The World's Sunday School convention at Washington elected President Taft, Colonel Roosevelt, King George of England, President Diaz of Mexico, and W. J. Bryan as life members.

A partly wrecked aeroplane was the only accident that marred the aviation meet at Sutherlin, Ore.

Firemen on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western have been given an increase of 12 per cent in wages.

A Greeley, Colo., man paid up all his old debts so he might die with a clear conscience when the comet came.

Thieves stole a package containing \$32,024 from the express office at Oil City, Pa., while the agent wasn't looking.

A woman in San Ana, Cal., went insane and another tried to commit suicide through fear of the coming of the comet.

George Pepon, of Northport, Wash., was found guilty of murder in the first degree for poisoning his wife last August.

J. Voliva, former overseer on the Dowie farm near Chicago, has begun suit to recover control of the property, valued at \$1,000,000.

Many farmers in Wisconsin removed the lightning rods from their buildings as a precautionary measure against injury from the effects of the comet.

Twenty-eight bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the barracks at Pinar del Rio, Cuba, which were destroyed by an accidental explosion of dynamite.

George Westinghouse has invented an air-spring for vehicles which will do away with pneumatic rubber tires, and reduce the cost of automobiles about one-half.

The steam schooner J. Marhoffer was burned off the Oregon coast. She was beached when the fire was discovered, and all hands were saved, but one man died from exposure.

A pair of scales, exact duplicate of those used in weighing sugar at the custom houses, were exhibited in the sugar fraud trial in New York, and it was plainly shown how they were made to weigh nine pounds short on less than a thousand.

Prohibition was defeated in Denver city elections.

Henry Watterson says "yellow journalism" is causing the press to lose its hold upon public opinion.

Two dogs at Condon, Ore., were so badly injured in a fight with a porcupine that they had to be killed.

A Tacoma man, his wife and daughter, are critically ill from eating what they supposed were mushrooms.

Millions of dollars were secured from cotton buyers all over the world by swindlers who used bogus bills of lading.

A lieutenant and eight men from the regular army will spend the summer making maps of the coast about Seaside, Oregon.

A millionaire gas manufacturer of Illinois has offered extensive financial aid to the bribery investigations now in progress there.

Shippers from the Pacific coast to the East have challenged the railroads to prove that any necessity exists for increasing freight rates.

DOMAIN IS GIVEN BACK.

Thousands of Acres Are Made Available in Western States.

Washington, May 23.—Temporary withdrawals from the public domain for power sites were made by Secretary Ballinger today of approximately 3,440 acres along the John Day river, in Oregon; 5,547 acres along the Wind river in Wyoming; 8,620 acres along the Price river, in Utah; and 606 acres along the Blue river, in Colorado. Large tracts of land in Montana and New Mexico were designated for settlement under the enlarged homestead act.

About 69,130 acres in the former state were placed within the terms of that act and approximately 57,236 acres in the latter were so designated as not being susceptible of successful irrigation at a reasonable cost from any known source of water supply.

An aggregate of nearly 100,000 acres have been thrown out of national forests in Oregon and added to the unreserved public domain by the latest proclamations issued by the president in carrying out the plan recently adopted for rearranging the forest boundary lines.

The following shows the total eliminations from each of four national forests in that state: Malheur, 4,485 acres; Whitman, 61,756 acres; Deschutes, 16,152 acres, and Umatilla, 69,518 acres.

The total eliminations in the entire country amount to 721,714 acres, and the total additions to national forests aggregate 199,003 acres.

DUE TO SURRENDER.

Nicaraguan Rebels Surrounded and Supplies Captured.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, May 23.—"Have enemy completely surrounded and cut off from ammunition and provisions. Expect surrender at any time."

This was the message that came to General Juan Estrada, leader of the insurgent forces, from General Mena today.

The Estrada forces, under Mena, according to the plan which had been decided upon, executed their first move yesterday afternoon at Rama.

General Almendra allowed General Chavarrias, of the Madriz forces, to close upon Rama, when he moved a small body of his forces in a feint to attack Chavarrias' forces. At the same time General Moncada, at the head of an insurgent detachment, made a forced march from Muelle de Buays, a distance of 40 miles west of Rama, and attacked Chavarrias' ammunition and provision train.

The entire train, with 200,000 rounds of ammunition and a large amount of provisions, was captured, and General Chavarrias' supplies. General Chavarrias now holds a position facing Rama, with General Almendra close behind him.

COOL HEADS AVERT PANIC.

Blaze Devours Circus Tent, But 15,000 People Are Unhurt.

Schenectady, N. Y., May 23.—Barnum & Bailey's "big top," the main tent of the circus, caught fire here today from a cigar stump and burned like an overturned hot air balloon.

Fifteen thousand people, who filled the seats to overflowing, filed out like school children at drill.

Spectators first smelled the smoke, and discovering the fire, began to beat it with their coats. The blaze leaped above their heads and the next effort to conquer it came from circus employes, who began to tear out huge patches of canvas. Their efforts met with no better success, for the fire, eating upward, soon worked its way to the top-most peak.

Energetic men and cool women in the crowd, aided the employes, assumed direction of the audience and orderly files were soon moving steadily from the exits. When a woman fainted or a child shrieked, shouts of reassurance rose and strong arms were instantly ready for support.

Not a soul was hurt, not an animal injured. The total damage is estimated at \$10,000.

Giant Merger for Chicago.

Chicago, May 23.—Railway interests of Chicago are considering the advisability of organizing a \$100,000,000 corporation for the purpose of consolidating under one ownership and under one management all of the belt railroads, all of the switching railroads, and all of the so-called terminal railroads in and about Chicago.

This gigantic financial undertaking, which undoubtedly would effect for Chicago an annual economy aggregating many millions, is in its first stages—that of careful study and consideration.

Strikers Return Monday.

New York, May 23.—All the striking employes of the International Paper company returned to work this morning. Terms of agreement were entered into between officers of the company and the officers of the pulp makers' and paper makers' unions.

KING GEORGE V PARDONS MANY

Ancient Customs of New Rulers Freely Indulged In

Remission of Sentences Extends Also to Army and Navy—Will Insist on Action by Parliament.

London, May 24.—A demonstration of a monarch's greatness of heart and his sympathy with the multitudes of his subjects characterized this, the second day of the real reign of King George V.

It was announced officially that the king was graciously pleased to grant remission of sentences to prisoners in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland who tomorrow will leave more than a month's sentence in prison to serve.

These remissions are of from one to three months, according to length of sentences.

Similar orders were issued to the board of admiralty by the king's direction. To all persons in the navy who are under sentence of imprisonment for terms of not exceeding three months for disciplinary offenses, including drunkenness and desertion, will be granted remission of the remainder of their sentence.

A similar act of clemency has been issued in the case of soldiers.

Kaiser Wilhelm will leave tomorrow afternoon on board the yacht Hohenzollern. He lunched today with the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and later with King George indulged in a long automobile ride about London.

The political truce hoped for will probably not continue as long as was expected. When parliament meets this week speeches by John Redmond and others of the factions combined with the Liberals will indicate an intention to press the issue of the Lord's veto and Ireland's demand as soon as possible.

It is announced that King George intends to maintain royal racing stables at Newmarket and a breeding stud at Sandringham and that he will patronize racing on the same extensive scale as his father.

PRINCETON EXPECTS

GIFT OF \$10,000,000

Salem, Mass., May 24.—While the value of immense gifts bequeathed to Princeton by the will of the late Isaac C. Wyman is estimated at \$10,000,000, its exact amount is unknown, even to the trustees. John M. Raymond, an attorney of this city, who is one of the trustees, does not think the estate would exceed \$10,000,000, and he was not prepared to say whether it would equal it.

"There are millions enough," he admitted, "to take care of the needs of the proposed graduate college for which, under the terms of the will, the money is designed."

CHERRIES \$6,000 A CAR.

California Growers Are Obtaining Record Prices.

Stockton, Cal., May 24.—Cherry growers are making more money this season than at any time they have been in the business.

The present crop of Black Tartarians is about marketed and this week Royal Anns will begin to arrive and buyers promise 7 cents for that variety, though they may have to pay higher. Black Tartarian cherries were sold in large quantities the past few days at 6 cents a pound, and at times the price went up to 8 cents, finally reaching the top figure of 9½ cents yesterday.

If the Royal Ann prices drop, growers look for the canneries to get into the market, but just now the only buyers are the shippers, who are taking all the cherries offered. At these high prices cherries are worth \$6,000 a car.

14 Are Killed in Battle.

Washington, May 24.—Two days' fighting near Rama, Nicaragua, has cost the Estrada forces 14 killed and 29 wounded, according to a report to the State department from Consul Moffatt at Bluefields. The casualties of the Madriz forces, he adds, were not learned.

General Mena retired after the fight to his entrenchments. Large quantities of ammunition and provisions, said to be the entire stores of the Madriz forces at Bluefields, were reported captured by General Moncada.

Snow Sweeps New Mexico.

Albuquerque, N. M., May 24.—Northwestern New Mexico is in the grip of a heavy snow storm tonight. The storm, evidently a continuation of the one which swept southwestern Colorado, yesterday, is centered at Folsom. It is expected that great loss of livestock will result.

TORNADO SWEEPS OKLAHOMA

One Killed, Many Injured, and Many Towns Devastated.

Pauls Valley, Okla., May 21.—Tornadoes and hail and rain storms traversed sections of Garvin, McClain and Pontotoc counties last night, killing one person, seriously injuring several others and partially devastating a large rural area.

The village of McCarty, 11 miles southwest of here, was literally wiped out, stores, a school house and residences being tipped into splinters.

Mrs. George Dewberry, wife of a minister, was injured by flying timbers. She died in a few hours. A little girl living two and a half miles from Pauls Valley, who had sought refuge in a storm cave, was seriously injured by timbers which penetrated the roof of the cave. The 13-year-old daughter of Robert Clark, living in the same neighborhood, was injured in a similar manner.

The town of Maysville was reported to have been blown away, but communication with that point cannot be established tonight and the report is unconfirmed.

Considerable damage was done at Paoli, seven miles north of Pauls Valley, and an unconfirmed rumor says the town was blown away.

Another report from Madill that one man was killed and several houses wrecked is denied.

The McCarty tornado destroyed practically everything on 1,000 acres. It originated three miles east of the village, traveled in a northeasterly direction and spent its force near Pauls Valley.

Houses and barns were wrecked, fences blown away, many cattle and horses killed and crops were beaten into the earth by rain and hail.

Nearly all the physicians of Pauls Valley have been called to the stricken district. Until they return and until the country is surveyed tomorrow, the actual extent of the damage and the number of injured will not be known.

The latest news from Elmore is that the town of Paoli was blown entirely away.

KING EDWARD IS BURIED.

Greatest Throngs Ever Known Watch Funeral Pageant.

London, May 21.—Sovereigns and representatives of the powers of all the world paid their last tribute yesterday to England's great monarch, Edward VII, whose body now rests in St. George's chapel at Windsor castle, where the bones of Edward IV, the sixth and eighth Henrys, Charles I, the third and fourth Georges and William IV are entombed.

Bright sunshine followed a night of thunder storms that swept the city, and soaked the funeral decorations that hung along the line of march. They had no deterrent effect on the thousands who from midnight until dawn sought points of vantage from which to watch the passing cortege.

London's millions filled the streets and open places as they have never been filled before at either funeral or festival.

The pageantry that marked the burial of Victoria was as naught compared with the magnificence of the day's ceremony, which was splendorous in its accompaniments of gilded coaches, brilliant uniforms and decorations, far surpassing the ceremony attending the removal of the king's body from Buckingham palace to Westminster hall.

The procession included nine sovereigns; an ex-president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, who alone was not in uniform; the heirs to several thrones; the members of the royal families; the officers of the households; the officials of the governments; field marshals, generals and admirals; detachments of troops of all the British arms; representatives of foreign armies and navies in variegated uniforms—a solid phalanx of glittering colors.

The lines of redecoated soldiers were drawn up as on that other great occasion of England's mourning, nine years ago, with arms reversed and regimental flags dipped to the ground.

Long Jump Brings Death.

San Francisco, May 21.—Jumping from the cupola of the Call building at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, Nicholas Lichkaskis struck the sidewalk amid a crowd of passersby with such force that his body bounced and fell in a heap amid passing wagons and automobiles. That the leap of 320 feet was long ago adopted by the man as the means of committing suicide was established when a receipt for \$75 from an undertaker to defray his funeral expenses "in case of death" was found in a pocket of the dead man's coat.

Fast Continued 21 Days.

Butte, Mont., May 21.—Twenty-one days without food, with the exception of water and lemon and orange juice, is the record established by Henry Roberts, of this city. Roberts is endeavoring to correct stomach trouble.

Six Inches Snow in Dakota.

Lead, S. D., May 21.—Six inches of snow fell here between last midnight and noon today. This is the third snow storm since the 1st of May.

EARTH PASSES COMET'S TAIL.

Millions Who Watched for Phenomena Saw Nothing.

No Ill Effects Nor Electrical Disturbances Apparent—Many Sun Spots in Evidence.

Portland, May 19.—The comet came, the comet went, and this old earth is no worse and no better, and thus far very little wiser.

There was no collision, as the superstitious and the ignorant feared, and now that the comet is headed away from us, there will be no recurrence of the manifestations of terror that were recorded from all parts of the world.

The earth did pass through the tail of the comet, but nobody suffered from the deadly cyanogen gas. To the naked eye, the tail of the comet was indeed the "veriest approach to nothing set in the midst of naught."

In fact, the phenomena of the daylight hours of yesterday were far the more interesting. During the afternoon sunspots were observed in varying numbers from five Western observatories at the same hour, but the astronomers who recorded them were almost unanimous in the belief that these disturbances had nothing to do with the approach of the comet. Two were seen from San Jose, with 13 smaller spots; three "considerably accentuated" spots from Chicago; three connected spots from Vallejo, Cal., and two from Portland, Oregon.

None of the Eastern observatories had anything of note to report, either during the day or the night. Near Chicago, at Williams Bay, Wis., where is the great Yerkes telescope, the conditions for observations seemed the best and the astronomers there were confident that the negative as well as the positive results of their examination would be of lasting scientific value.

The whole performance took little more than five hours. Observers differed as to the exact time at which the earth began to pass through the comet's tail, but the opinion averages a moment between 10 and 11 o'clock at night, Eastern time.

The combined speed of the tail and the earth was estimated at slightly more than 46 miles a second, and the breadth of the tail at about 1,000,000 miles.

Friday the comet will become visible again, headed away from us, with the tail sticking straight up out of the western sky a little above the spot where the sun sinks. There will then be no light from the rising sun to dim the glory of the spectacle and it is likely to be far more majestic than in the stages of the approach. At the end of this month, good-bye for another 75 years.

COMETS IMMATURE PLANETS.

Professor See Advances Theory After Years of Research.

Mare Island, Cal., May 19.—Professor T. J. J. See, astronomer in charge of the United States naval observatory at Mare Island, announced today as the outcome of years of research in cosmical evolution, a theory on the origin of comets, which, he said, were some of the primitive masses once forming the solar nebula and could be popularly described as immature, undeveloped planets.

"In course of researches made at Mare Island during the past two years on the origin of the solar system," said Professor See, "I have proved that comets are really survivals of the outer shell of ancient nebula, from which our system was developed. All the inner parts of the nebula have been cleared away in producing planets and satellites, but many small masses still survive in the outer shell of the old nebula. These are the comets."

Ball of Radium is Theory.

Portland, May 19.—"I believe Halley's comet is a ball of radium," declared Dr. Davidson Buchanan last night, in his lecture before the magazine class at the Y. M. C. A. "And I think," he continued, "that the proof of this theory will be established by the results of observations of scientific men now studying the comet. Like radium, the comet furnishes its own luminosity and continues for years without decreasing in weight." Dr. Buchanan said this at the close of an interesting talk on comets in general.

Harvest of Converts is Reaped.

Standford, Ky., May 19.—Scores of negroes professed salvation at all-night sessions held in their churches here last night, to prepare themselves for whatever might happen when the earth passed through the comet's tail. Fields are practically deserted by the farm hands, for negroes have refused to work and are fleeing to town.