

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.

Secretary of War Dickinson says Ballinger will be fully vindicated.

On advice of Ballinger, President Taft vetoed the Siletz settlers' land bill.

The Weyerhaeuser Timber company is accused of extensive timber land frauds in Idaho.

Senator Gore, the blind senator from Oklahoma, says there is much corruption in his state.

Secretary of War Dickinson refuses to remove the colored troops from Fort Lawton, near Seattle, Wash.

The Postal Telegraph company and the Western Union and Bell companies are in a big lawsuit over rights in New Mexico.

It is said Roosevelt will urge Hughes to resign the Supreme court bench, to which he was recently appointed, and run again for governor of New York.

A 7-year old boy at Louisville Ky., found a railroad torpedo, and calling his mother to see the fun, hit it with a hammer. He was instantly killed by the explosion.

Three robbers, after committing a robbery and double murder at Lynn, Mass., were pursued by citizens in autos, one being killed, one captured, badly wounded, and the third forced to commit suicide.

A Mississippi river excursion boat, with 1,500 persons on board, caught fire and was entirely destroyed. So far as known only three persons lost their lives, though witnesses say many leaped into the water and were not rescued.

The census bureau announces that it will soon begin giving out returns of the 1910 census.

The beef trust indictments in Chicago have been quashed, and a new grand jury is ordered.

One day's heat record in Chicago includes six dead, nineteen prostrated and four bitten by rabid dogs.

While running at high speed a Chicago & Alton train was derailed and turned turtle, badly injuring 17.

It is found that after all allotments in the Yakima reservation are made there will be no land left for settlers.

Louis Alexander Robertson, noted poet, is dead. He did his best writing while suffering severely from locomotor ataxia.

Nicaraguan rebels have 1,500 troops ready to attack the town of Bluefields, and all non-combatants have been given 12 hours notice to leave the city.

A Navajo Indian in Dakota shot and killed a ranchman who accused him of cattle stealing, then rode 70 miles to the agency to surrender to the officers.

Frederick Kohler, the "golden rule" chief of police of Cleveland, Ohio, has been entirely cleared of all charges of misconduct against him and will be reinstated.

A train transporting Mexican troops to the scene of the revolt along the Northern border dashed down a steep grade and left the track on a curve, killing about 20.

Bremerton, the navy yard town of Puget sound, has voted "wet" by 520 to 239.

The dry goods trust of New York City has obtained another of the large retail stores there.

Robert A. Taft, son of the president, is among those taking the highest honors at Yale this year.

To commemorate its 100th anniversary in 1910, Yale will raise a \$2,000,000 endowment for its medical department.

The senate will investigate the charges of bribery in connection with the election of Senator Lorimer, of Illinois.

A party of students from English colleges will tour the United States and Canada to get actual experience in farm work.

President Taft has been invited to attend the Dry Farming congress in Spokane next October, and then visit the Pacific Coast.

Senator Lorimer, of Illinois, on trial for bribery, abandoned his own defense on finding that his own witnesses would do him more harm than good.

The National Conference of Governors, which was inaugurated as a regular annual event in the Roosevelt administration, will be held this year at Frankfort and Louisville, Ky., November 29.

EXPECT CROP SHORTAGE.

Northwest Railroad Experts Say Crop Will Fall Below Average.

Chicago—Alarmed over unfavorable crop reports, railroads extending into the Northwest have decided to inaugurate one of the most rigid retrenchment policies of recent years. All Western railroads, including those running from Chicago into the Northwest and into Canada, have had experts out on their lines for the past ten days gathering data regarding crop conditions. These men have made reports to various railroad managements, which have caused general alarm as to the tonnage of the future.

Several of the Northwestern railroads have already called conferences between operating officers with a view of giving them information regarding conditions and discussing retrenchment.

Railroad crop reports for the Northwest indicated that along the lines of the St. Paul, Burlington, Northwestern, Minneapolis & Omaha and other roads the wheat crop, in several states, will not be greater than 50 per cent. The experts declare that in Minnesota and in North and South Dakota, for example, a large proportion of the wheat acreage is being plowed up and sown to flax.

An early drouth in this section, followed by days of continuous hot winds, which took the moisture out of the ground and started the wheat to heading out, have been the causes of the threatened crop shortage. On all of the Northwestern roads all new construction has been ordered stopped. One road which has several hundred miles of new road graded and ready for rails has ceased work on this improvement.

Track forces have either been cut to a minimum or ordered reduced in the immediate future.

FARMS CALL FOR HARVESTERS

Kansas Gets 25,000 Men and Needs as Many More.

Topeka, Kan.—The big rush of the wheat harvest is now on in 50 counties of Kansas. A call for 40,000 men to help in the fields has been responded to by probably 25,000 and as many more could be used in the grain and alfalfa cutting with profit. The Kansas eight-hour law does not apply to the wheat fields, and a day's labor of 16 hours more properly fills the bill in the harvest fields.

Kansans respect Sunday as a day of rest and for religious worship, but they consider it a duty to go into their fields and work on that day to save their crops if that is deemed necessary. In years past wheat farmers have worked in their fields on many Sundays, and they are doing so this season with a will. Local employment agencies have been deluged with calls for hundreds of men from all sections of Southern and Central Kansas and Oklahoma. In Oklahoma word comes that many fields of wheat are so ripe that the grain is falling on the ground. There has not been sufficient labor to take care of it.

DEATH FOLLOWS WIND STORM

Three Killed, Seven Injured When Cyclone Strikes Canada.

Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan—A frightful story of death and desolation as the result of a storm has reached the city over the long distance telephone from mounted police station 34-19-3, which is situated in the South country about 60 miles from Moose Jaw.

While details are not concise it appears that a cyclone struck the neighborhood at 2 p. m., and was immediately followed by a terrific hail storm which swept a stretch of country half a mile wide.

Every house and shack in path of the storm was destroyed. Three persons were killed and seven more or less injured. The crops were utterly destroyed. The dead are Edward Madigan and his two little children. The injured are his mother, two sisters and two brothers, besides four hired men. As soon as the message was received medical help was rushed to the scene of the tragedy.

Seven Perish in Storm.

Seward, Alaska—Seven men are believed to have been lost in a storm which swept Cook's inlet Wednesday night, according to a report received here from United States Commissioner Hildreth, of Nick precinct, Cook's inlet. The men, among whom were Joseph Laubner, a prominent citizen of Seward; F. R. Stewart, of Stewart City; W. C. M. Perkins, and John Winter, set out in a dory from Kern Creek to cross the inlet. The water was rough when they started and a terrific storm came up.

Roosevelt, Jr., At Home.

San Francisco—Theodore Roosevelt Jr., who was married to Miss Eleanor Butler Alexander in New York a few days ago, has arrived here with his bride. The couple will make their home in San Francisco, where young Roosevelt will be connected with a large carpet establishment, as assistant to the sales manager.

GOOD NATURE WON CONGRESS

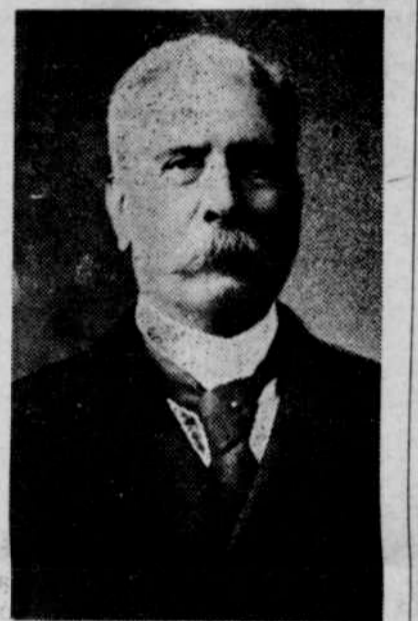
Taft's Record of Achievement Rivals "Big Stick."

Many Reforms Refused to Ex-President Are Granted to Taft—Only One Measure Failed.

Washington, D. C.—Through conciliation and compromise, and in a friendly spirit of co-operation, President Taft secured from congress, during the session just closed, more important legislation than has been enacted in any other one session of recent years. His whole legislative program, with the exception of one bill, is now law.

In no single session of the strenuous Roosevelt administration were so many important bills enacted, nor did congress so nearly carry out the wishes of the executive. In those days congress yielded to the big stick, and gave grudgingly; in the late session congress met the president more than half way and gave him all that for which he made a special plea—all save the anti-injection bill.

From the administration standpoint and from the party standpoint it was a remarkably successful session, for



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the platform pledges largely have been fulfilled and harmony has been restored between the executive and congress.

It is noteworthy, too, that the most important legislation of the session forms a part of the much-exploited "Roosevelt policies." This legislation was repeatedly urged by President Roosevelt, but congress turned a deaf ear. Yet the lawmakers allowed themselves to fall prey to the persuasive smile and touching entreaty of President Taft, and passed for him the very bills that had been denied his predecessor. All of which demonstrates the wisdom of a remark made by President Roosevelt when he declined to accept another nomination. He then said that some other man, in sympathy with his views, could accomplish more with congress than he himself.

The legislative record of the recent session, is ample answer to those who charge that Taft is disloyal to the Roosevelt policies.

Of all the legislation enacted in compliance with the recommendation of the president, the interstate commerce bill, creating a court of commerce and enlarging the powers of the interstate commerce commission, takes first rank. It was the foremost feature of the Taft programme, and the one on which he spent most time and effort; collaborating as he did with his attorney-general, and with the leading lawyers of congress to get most effective law possible to devise. Many of the changes made by this law were advocated by President Roosevelt, but congress put aside his recommendations and waited for his successor to renew them.

Next in importance, undoubtedly, stands the postal savings bank law. This, also, was on the Roosevelt program, but never during the former administration would congress pass this bill, though all manner of pressure was brought to bear by the executive.

Rebels Make Gains.

Bluefields, Nicaragua—A column of the provisional forces under General Arzino Cruze has captured La Libertad and Juigalpa, important towns in the department of Chotanes. This column is part of General Mena's army, detached to occupy advantageous points within reasonable distance of Acopya. General Mena, with the body of his troops, is within gunshot of Acopya, which is guarded by several hundred of the Madriz forces. General Celon, another provisional leader, has taken Sanubaldo.

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