

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.

Colonel Roosevelt has finished his Western tour.

Roosevelt compliments Pittsburg for putting the "higher-ups" in jail.

The total attendance at the Livestock show in Portland was 46,000.

Mrs. Seligman, wife of a prominent New York merchant, will sing in grand opera.

Admiral Eavns, endorses San Francisco as the place for the Panama exposition of 1915.

Nine men were killed by falling rock in an open cut which the Erie railroad is making at Jersey City, N. J.

The Eucharist congress which has just adjourned at Montreal chose Vienna as its next meeting place.

A prominent St. Louis man, a descendant of a wealthy family, will write a book exposing St. Louis society.

Lorimer has resigned his membership in the Hamilton club, of Chicago, and a great loss of membership is scheduled to follow.

Gold bars to the value of \$57,500 disappeared in transit from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Seattle, and lead bars were found in their place.

The mother of Alfonso, of Spain, threatens to abandon the country permanently, on account of the tactics of Premier Canalejas in the religious controversy.

Oscar Hammerstein will build the world's finest opera house in London.

Pope Pius X takes extra precautions against the growth of modernism in the church.

The servants of the shah's palace at Teheran, Persia, have gone on a strike for wages due.

An American diplomat declares this country may be forced to occupy or annex the Panama canal country.

A Jap at Chehalis, Wash., paid a fine of \$525 to avoid going to the penitentiary for an attempted burglary.

Three men are known to be killed, several injured and many missing as the result of an oil explosion on the battleship North Dakota.

An Alaskan miner was overtaken and devoured by wolves. Another man was pursued by them for two weeks, but finally reached a settlement.

The Texas legislature has instructed its congressmen to work for the repeal of the Fourteenth amendment, which confers the right of franchise upon negroes.

Escaped convicts from a road camp near Lyle, Wash., set fire to the timber to prevent pursuit by bloodhounds, and serious forest fires have started as a result.

The county treasurer at Tacoma, Wash., is selling \$153,526 worth of delinquent tax certificates against the property of the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company.

Investigation shows that graft money was paid to New York legislators through brokers, who gave the recipients generous opportunities to speculate.

Roosevelt refused to sit at the table with Senator Lorimer, of Illinois, at a banquet at Chicago. Lorimer is accused and practically convicted of extensive bribing in the state legislature. Roosevelt also thoroughly grilled the legislature in a speech before the Hamilton club.

The International Harvester company has been declared a trust by the Missouri courts.

It is believed Secretary Ballinger will be vindicated by the conservation investigating committee.

Governor Crothers, of Maryland, promises some startling disclosures in connection with the cocaine business in Baltimore.

A brilliant meteor passed over Northwestern Oregon Sunday, and reports are that pieces of it were picked up near Woodburn.

California legislators cheered at the reading of a constitutional amendment to allow the state to raise money for the San Francisco fair.

A lone robber shot a flagman and then robbed the passengers in a Pullman car while the train was passing through the yards in St. Louis.

Two men were drowned in the St. Lawrence river by the overturning of their motor boat, while their wives stood helpless on shore but a few feet away.

CAR FERRY SINKS; 30 PERSONS PERISH

Ludington, Mich., Sept. 10.—Thirty lives were lost today when Pere Marquette ferry No. 18, bound from Ludington to Milwaukee, went to the bottom of Lake Michigan. The dead include Captain Peter Kilty, of Ludington; S. F. Sezapanek, of Chicago, purser and wireless operator, whose signals of distress brought assistance to the sinking steamer, and two members of the crew of car ferry No. 17, who lost their lives in an effort to rescue the crew of No. 18.

Ely Colbean, of Saginaw, Mich., a member of the crew of No. 18, would make the 31st victim, but it is believed he was not on board when No. 18 foundered.

The steamship company issued a list of 45 names of survivors of the wreck, all members of the crew, most of whom were brought here tonight on Pere Marquette No. 17. Eight bodies were recovered.

Today's disaster is one of the worst in the history of navigation on Lake Michigan. The car ferry Pere Marquette No. 18 was the flagship of a fleet of six steel car ferries owned and operated by the Pere Marquette Railroad company.

The boat was valued at \$400,000, and the cargo, which included 29 loaded cars, at \$100,000 to \$150,000. The total loss will exceed \$500,000, which is fully covered by insurance in Lloyd's in England.

"Ferry No. 18 sinking. Help!" was the wireless message that brought the first news of the disaster to this city about 5 o'clock this morning. The flash was repeated continually for nearly an hour, but was unsigned.

The cause of the disaster is a mystery. Among the survivors the conclusion seems to be that the car ferry's after water compartment filled through an open or broken deadlight, which was followed at the last minute by a bursting of bulkheads.

Leaving Ludington at 11:30 o'clock last night with a fair, but stiff, wind, and carrying 29 loaded cars, the ferry made good weather for five hours on its course to Milwaukee.

At 4:30 o'clock word was sent to Captain Kilty that his boat was rapidly making water aft and that the pumps were unable to keep even with the inflow. Kilty headed his ship with all speed toward Sheboygan on the Wisconsin shore, and as the water gained nine cars were dropped off the stern of the ferry to lighten her, but this gave the vessel only slight and temporary relief. At 7:30 a. m. the boat's buoyancy could no longer sustain it, and she plunged beneath the water.

ACCUSED BRIBER CLEARED.

Weeps With Joy at Verdict and Embraces Lawyers.

Chicago — Attorney Lee O'Neil Browne, of Ottawa, Ill., legislative minority leader, charged with bribery in connection with the election of William Lorimer, of Chicago, to the United States senate, was acquitted by a jury in Judge Kersten's division of the criminal court. The jury, which took eight ballots, was out 21 hours. On the first ballot the jury stood eight to four for acquittal. The final juror standing out for conviction was won over to sign the verdict of acquittal at 2:35 in the afternoon.

The verdict was returned in open court a few minutes before 3 o'clock. Immediately the courtroom was in an uproar. It was ten minutes before bailiffs stopped the cheering.

"Hush" Fund Discovered.

New York—The charge that thousands of dollars had been deposited to his credit by representatives of street-railway interests was made before the investigation committee of the legislature against ex-Senator Goodsell, of Orange county. Extracts from the books of the brokerage firm of Ellingwood & Cunningham showed that in less than five years \$24,800 was placed to the credit of the ex-senator and that at least \$13,300 of this amount had been furnished by officials of street railway companies.

Honor Given to Stork.

Tulsa, Oklahoma—Official recognition of the anti-race suicide tendency of the people of Tulsa county, where the birth rate since statehood was established has overwhelmingly exceeded the death rate, was taken when the county commissioners adopted the stork as the emblematic bird of the county. A heroic statue of the Rooseveltian bird will adorn the facade of the new courthouse, which is to be built at once.

Balloon Goes 265 Miles.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 10.—Word was received by telephone tonight from E. S. Cole that he and H. E. Honeywell, who went up in a balloon here at dark last night, landed at 10 a. m. today ten miles north of Panther, Oklahoma. The distance from here to Panther is 265 miles. The trip was made at the rate of a fraction more than 18 miles an hour.

TAFT WOULD LOCATE LEAKS

Systematic Effort Will Be Made to Cut Down Expenses

President to Find Out Truth of Aldrich's Statement That \$300,000,000 Can Be Saved.

Beverly, Mass.—A force of experts will be put to work shortly in the departments of the government at Washington to locate the "leaks". Taft wants to know how much of the \$300,000,000 that Senator Aldrich says he could save the government by conducting it on business lines can really be saved.

If it is possible to conduct the government on the lines of a well-run business establishment, the president wants to know it. If not, why not.

Every department is to be gone through minutely. The wastes are to be noted, lost motion located, duplications marked and a rational economy made the watchword.

At a meeting of the cabinet, which has been called for September 24, and which will be succeeded by a series of such meetings from day to day, for a week, the matter of economy will be one of the subjects discussed. The president is looking to the development of some practical plan whereby the end which he has in view may be accomplished.

After the manner in which he went about selecting a stocks and bonds commission, the president is proceeding carefully in the organization of such a corps of experts that will enable him to get the best results with the \$100,000 appropriated by the last congress. He already has had experience in forcing economy in the executive departments of the government.

He lopped off \$10,000,000 from the navy estimates last year, without injuring the standards of the navy, and the army establishment underwent a similar cut. He has enforced economy in other departments, and is constantly urging upon members of his cabinet the necessity for holding down their expenditures.

So far as is possible, it is desired to get some capable and efficient official in each of the departments to offer a comprehensive plan for reform. It is not meant that this man shall be a spy. But from his experience in the department it is believed he ought to be able to point out where there are duplications, waste or other loose business methods.

\$57,500 DISAPPEARS.

Gold Bullion From Alaska Replaced By Lead Bars.

Seattle—Gold bullion valued at \$57,500, part of a shipment of \$170,000 from the Washington-Alaska Bank of Fairbanks, Alaska, to the Dexter-Horton national bank of Seattle, on the steamship Humboldt, was stolen in transit and lead substituted in the strong box that had contained the bullion.

The gold when it left Fairbanks on a Yukon river steamer for Dawson and White Horse was contained in three wooden boxes and was in care of the Alaska-Pacific Express company. When the boxes were opened by the Canadian customs officers at Dawson the gold bars were found to be as stated in the express company's papers.

The boxes were opened again at the United States assay office in Seattle, and one contained pigs of lead, not of gold. The seals of the box were intact when it reached the office, and it was evident that the robbery had been committed by removing one end of the box. The gold was insured against loss by the express company.

Prose Poet Is Found Dead.

Philadelphia—Believed to have committed suicide at least a week ago to get relief from the pangs of an internal disorder, John Scanlon, better known under his pen name of "Walt Mason," was found dead in his studio at 913 Arch street. The discovery was due to a search made by a sister, who had not heard from him for a longer period than usual. In addition to being an artist and illustrator, Scanlon, wrote poetry in prose in a humorous style which was published in several of the leading magazines.

Plot Against T. R. Feared.

Columbus, O.—Superintendent Ansel of Goodell Park, where Colonel Roosevelt spoke Sunday, has turned over to the police a suitcase containing a quantity of gunpowder, which had been found near the speaker's stand. Although it was reported that the suitcase also contained nitro glycerine and dynamite, this was denied.

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To a Certain Sweet Extent.

"Do you wholly trust me, darling?" murmured the young man to the fair creature who was sitting beside him on the front seat of the trolley car.

"I do to a certain extent," she responded after a little hitch of hesitation.

"What extent?" he asked, anxiously.

"Why," she explained, "I would trust you to the extent of not being afraid of there being any poison in a box of candy you might send me by mail."

Were Well Taught.

The children of an infant school in Wales are taught very much by signs. The hand of the teacher sloped signifies "oblique;" the hand held flat, "horizontal;" the hand upright, "perpendicular." One of the Welsh bishops was preaching one day in behalf of the school, when, observing several children whispering together, he held his hand upright in a warning manner, meaning thereby to impose silence, on which almost the whole school, in the midst of the sermon, shouted out, "Perpendicular!"

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Set Age Limit on Marriage.

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