

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.

Dr. Cook has sent a message of congratulation to Walter Wellman.

Roosevelt has made nine speeches in Manhattan in the political campaign.

Bank robbers blew the safe of a bank at Palestine, Texas, and escaped with \$8,000.

Officials of the Rock Island road complain that the roads are injured by too many commissions.

In order to bring about one-cent letter postage sooner, it is proposed to increase magazine postage.

The New York express drivers strike threatens to tie up all transportation except railroads and streetcars.

Rebellious tribes in the Philippines have killed eight Americans, and are on the warpath against all foreigners.

Witnesses differ widely as to whether the explosion in the Los Angeles Times office was caused by escaping gas.

Miss Hortense Harder, returning to America from school at Paris, failed to declare seven of her French gowns to the customs officers, and her father was obliged to pay not only the regular duty but the full value of the gowns in addition.

The Carnegie Hero commission has awarded 30 silver medals, 28 bronze medals and \$40,205 in cash to life-savers, or their families where death occurred. In 23 other cases where death ensued pensions have been awarded to dependents.

Minneapolis census returns show considerable padding.

Explosion of a gasoline tank caused a \$35,000 fire at Salem, Or.

The patent office at Washington is swamped with inventions of appliances for aerial navigation.

A resident of Southwest China declares the empire is ripe for rebellion, and only a spark is needed to start it.

The New Elms hotel at Excelsior Springs, Mo., built a year ago at a cost of \$150,000, was entirely destroyed by fire.

The printing pressmen of Denver are on strike and all allied printing trades unions have pledged them their full support.

Ex-Secretary of the Interior Garfield is charged with having shielded the Union Pacific Railway company in its coal land frauds in Wyoming.

Five men suspected of the Los Angeles Times dynamite outrage were arrested at Acapulco, Mexico, upon their arrival there in a gasoline launch.

The entire police reserve of New York City, numbering about 9,000 men, were ordered held in readiness to answer riot calls on account of the express drivers' strike.

Sarah Bernhardt arrived in New York City for a long theatrical engagement in this country. She was greeted by a delegation of suffragettes with hugs and kisses and her path was strewn with flowers.

A special grand jury has begun an investigation of the Los Angeles Times dynamite outrage.

A freshman at Cornell college died from injuries supposed to have been received in a football game.

Bryan will enter the political campaign at his own expense, his first speech being made at Lincoln, Neb.

Seven convicts escaped from the Georgia state prison during a fire which destroyed the main building.

Three students were expelled from the Salem, Ore., high school for hazing. They cut the hair of several freshmen.

By order of President Taft, Hart H. North has been removed from his position as commissioner of immigration at San Francisco.

More than three inches of snow fell in Northern Michigan, and a light fall is reported from Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska.

A strike of express wagon drivers and their helpers is on in New York City, and rioting has begun, following the use of strikebreakers.

President Taft has accepted the position of honorary president of the Boy Scouts of America, who now number 150,000, and are scattered over 46 states.

Leonard Olson, a prominent Socialist and I. W. W. speaker of Tacoma, will probably lose his citizenship for denouncing the constitution and the government.

EXPRESSMEN'S STRIKE GROWS

Over 5,000 Drivers in New York City Fight Strikebreakers.

New York, Oct. 31.—The Metropolitan district is still in the grip of the express strike. Nine companies are now affected; more than 5,000 men are out and rioting continues. A special order was issued at police headquarters tonight, holding practically the entire New York police force of more than 9,000 men in reserve for an emergency.

In Jersey City alone the police are still trying to cope with the situation, unaided except by private detectives, but tonight Governor Fort instructed the Third regiment N. G. N. J., to prepare for active duty at a moment's notice.

Tomorrow determined efforts will be made by the companies to distribute the vast amount of express matter that has accumulated and upon the result of the day will depend whether the militia is called out.

The nine companies, whose drivers and helpers are demanding increased pay and shorter hours are: The American, United States, Wells-Fargo, Adams, National, Westcott and Long Island Express companies; the Boston Dispatch express and the Manhattan Delivery company.

There were no fatalities during the day's rioting, but more than 50 strikebreakers, strikers and policemen were hurt, several seriously, in street clashes in New York and Jersey City. Wagons manned by strikebreakers were stormed, notwithstanding that a detective with a rifle sat beside each driver.

Shots were repeatedly fired over the heads of the besieging strikers, but no sooner was one crowd dispersed than another collected. Packages were scattered over the streets and in some cases destroyed.

An appalling lot of perishable goods is collecting, and unless companies are soon better able to meet the situation they will lose thousands of dollars.

In front of J. Pierpont Morgan's home in Madison avenue the strikers made a demonstration late today and U. S. police were forced to charge the mob and fire volleys in the air with their revolvers.

The fight centered on two American Express company wagons, manned by strikebreakers. There were many broken heads.

Another serious clash started at Forty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, waded down the avenue to Forty-second street, swept across Broadway, thence south to the Hotel Albany, where the strikers and sympathizers made a final stand.

An American Express company wagon, said to have collected \$50,000 in specie, was the object of attack. Police finally drove off the besiegers.

Primarily, the organization of "helpers" struck for a wage increase of \$5 a month. But a second demand, unprecedented in labor annals, is that there shall be no discrimination against non-union men.

10,000 ACRES AND \$1,000,000.

Mrs. E. H. Harriman Donates Vast Tract to New York.

Newburgh, N. Y.—In accordance with the plan outlined by her husband, the late E. H. Harriman, Mrs. Mary W. Harriman has presented to the state of New York 10,000 acres of land, a part of the Arden estate, to be incorporated in the Interstate Palisades park.

At the same time a gift of \$1,000,000 was made by Mrs. Harriman for the development of the park and the preserve was further increased by the transfer to the park commission of 700 acres which had been intended for the new state prison on Bear mountain, but which by act of the last legislature was ceded to the park.

The gift was made to George W. Perkins, president of the Palisades Park commission, by Averill W. Harriman, son of the late financier. As he handed the deeds and \$1,000,000 check to Mr. Perkins, young Harriman said it was his mother's hope and his that "through all the years to come, the health and happiness of future generations will be advanced by these gifts."

Mexican Kidnaps Girl.

Lincoln, Neb.—Grace Rolph, 17 years old, daughter of a well known Pender, Neb., family, who have been spending the summer on a ranch near Checoy, Mex., was kidnapped Thursday by a Mexican peon named Segunda, according to advices received here. A son of Mr. Harris, who is manager of the ranch, has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of Segunda. The United States ambassador at Mexico City has been advised and an effort will be made to interest the State department officials at Washington.

Barrel Hides Assassin.

Victoria, B. C.—Mlle. Kuknetzo, who assassinated the commander of the Russian garrison at Harbin, Manchuria, made a sensational escape from prison at Harbin on October 11. She was smuggled out of the jail, concealed in a barrel, by confederates.

BRITISH WIN SPEED PRIZE

Racing Aeroplane Averages Over 61 Miles Per Hour.

Frenchman in Monoplane Was Making Better Time. But Met With Bad Smashup.

New York—Claude Grahame-White, flying for the Royal Aero club of the United Kingdom, lifted the Gordon Bennett international speed trophy from the custody of America in the fastest time ever covered in the full distance of 100 kilometers, (62.14 miles) around a five-kilometer course.

His average speed was a fraction better than 61 miles an hour, and his fastest lap was 2 minutes 55.77 seconds, but the captain of the French team, Alfred LeBlanc, flying in a similar machine, a 100-horse power Bleriot monoplane, was making each



WALTER BROOKINS One of the leading drivers in the recent aviation meet at New York.

lap on an average of 20 seconds faster than Grahame-White, and would have won the cup if he had not met with a disastrous accident in his last lap when he had the race seemingly well in hand.

LeBlanc's first lap was a new world's record in itself for five kilometers, 2 minutes and 45.63 seconds, but he subsequently exceeded it with a lap done in 2 minutes 44.32 seconds.

LeBlanc was running with the wind under full power at an estimated speed of 80 miles an hour, when the feed pipe from his gasoline tank to his motor loosened and he suddenly found himself with nothing but momentum to carry him.

It is a peculiarity of racing aeroplanes that they are trimmed down so fine they cannot execute a proper volplane, or glide, if the gasoline shuts off. They must come to earth under power, and even then they bump severely on landing. LeBlanc was helpless and panic-stricken. He tried to lift his planes so that the last few drops of gasoline might filter down into the engine and lend him strength to make a landing.

His steering way was gone, and when a puff of wind caught him he drifted sideways, still driving at tremendous speed, and crashed head foremost into a telegraph pole. The pole was 14 inches thick, but he broke it in three pieces. The first fragment was sliced clean off 12 feet up and snapped again at the bottom of the stump. The third and topmost fragment fell over backwards and smashed down on the fragile planes.

The chassis and steel shield which encloses the motor were completely crumpled, but the solid steel of the motor itself withstood the shock. Had LeBlanc hit the pole in another manner, it is difficult to see how he could have escaped death.

Charles K. Hamilton, of the American team, was enthusiastic.

"LeBlanc is the best track driver in the world," he said. "The way he took those turns was a marvel. Grahame-White would never have been in it except for LeBlanc's accident, and no American machine had a chance with him. I am going to throw my machine into the scrap heap and buy a Bleriot before I leave this track. The biplane is out of date and we might as well admit it."

Explosion Injures Seventeen.

San Francisco—Seventeen persons were severely hurt in an explosion from a fire in an apartment house in Ellis street. Four of the number were newspaper men and the others were members of the fire department. Most of the lodgers had left the building before the explosion occurred, and those who remained on the upper floors escaped on fire ladders. Captain Joseph Cappelli and Hoseman Thomas Bell of the fire department were overcome by gas and were rescued by their comrades.

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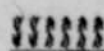
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