

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.

By an imperial order the ban against Jews in Moscow, Russia, has been removed.

The deficit in the Postal department has dwindled \$11,000,000 during the past year.

A Missouri man has established his claim to a \$10,000 estate by a peculiarity in his voice.

It is announced that the Klamath cut-off of the Southern Pacific will be finished by June, 1911.

Four members of one family near Silverton, Or., died of black smallpox, and three others are seriously ill.

Moorehead, Minn., reports a temperature of 16 below zero, and a cold wave grips the Mississippi valley and the East.

Many settlers in Western states have been granted leave of absence from their homesteads, owing to failure of crops.

The Federal court at Greensboro, N. C., has decided that the "white slave" law is unconstitutional, as it interferes with state rights.

It is rumored that Carnegie is about to give \$10,000,000 to some international organization, possibly the Universal Peace society.

The sub-committee of the senate investigating committee has reported Senator Lorimer entirely innocent of the bribery charges against him.

Mexican government forces have arrested a prominent woman revolutionist, who is said to be the only woman in Mexico who knows the whereabouts of Madero.

A new \$30,000 Presbyterian church has just been completed at Corvallis, Or.

A rich Kansas woman, her son and two hired men were beaten to death by robbers.

A New York hotel keeper died of fright resulting from being held up by two negro highwaymen.

Women voters in Washington are now worried over the fact that they are also subject to jury service.

The Portland Gas company has ordered about 13,000 tons of pipe to be used in extending its service the coming year.

An Oregon man claims that inhaling che fumes from an empty whiskey task has cured several cases of consumption.

After an all-day artillery duel in which over 200 were killed, a mutinous battalion of the Brazilian navy was subdued and captured.

A Chicago woman charges that grand jury secrets were divulged to the Brick trust by a division superintendent in the department of justice.

Large forces of Mexican government troops and revolutionists are camped about 40 miles apart, receiving reinforcements and preparing for a battle.

The 4-year-old daughter of Frank Petillo, of Red Bank, N. J., was returned to her home unharmed after being held by kidnapers since October 10 last.

The census bureau announces that the United States flag now waves over 101,100,000 people, while the state of Washington has made the most rapid growth in the past ten years.

The secretary of state has decided that this country cannot protect a man from military duty in his native land, if he should return there, even though he may have taken out naturalization papers here.

The foreman of the scaffold gang on a Portland skyscraper waved a salute to his brother, who was working on another skyscraper a block away, and the next instant stepped backward off the scaffold and was hurled to death on the pavement 120 feet below.

The Southern Pacific will install on its passenger trains cars providing regular lunch counter service to travelers.

Marion W. Roberts, of Salem, Or., died of grief over the death of his brother, who was murdered near that city some weeks ago.

An anonymous Japanese admiral, writing for a Tokio newspaper, warns his country to prepare for an inevitable war with the United States.

Government officials seized 175 cases of eggs at Kansas City which had been shipped from Dallas, Tex. Analysis showed 150,000,000 bacteria to the cubic centimeter.

IMPROVES DRYING METHODS

Oregon Man Invents New Process Which Will Revolutionize Industry.

A feature which created great interest not only among growers, but the general public at large, at the apple show given under the auspices of the Oregon State Horticultural society at Portland, was a display of dried fruits and vegetables made by Professor W. H. Swett, of that city. Professor Swett had on display about one hundred and thirty varieties of fruits and vegetables which he had prepared by his method of evaporation.

Unusual interest was attached to this display, not in the fact that these products were dried, but in the claim that by a process of evaporation which Professor Swett employs, only the water is eliminated, and that therefore these products are always the same, as far as food values and flavors are concerned, as they were before being evaporated, only the addition, by absorption, of the percentage of water extracted being necessary to return them to their fresh state. Professor Swett's products and the machine which he employs has been on display in Portland at his home for the past year and is attracting widespread attention.

Likfresh Dinner.

In order that these products should receive a practical test, for "the proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof," a six-course dinner composed of these products, was prepared by Mrs. Geo. K. Rogers and served to the judges and officials of the apple show. The following was the menu:

Soup—Clam broth. Fish—Fried smelts, codfish balls with tomato sauce. Meat—Stewed beef. Vegetables—Mashed potatoes, green peas, string beans, corn on cob. Salad—Vegetable salad with French dressing, salad consisted of beets, apples, beans, peas, onions and tomatoes. Desert—Berry jelly, consisting of blackberries, black raspberries, strawberries, cherries and nuts. Strawberry shortcake; loganberry and apple pies; cherry raisins. Coffee.

The entire meal including clam broth, fish and meat consisted of Oregon Likfreshed products, except bread, butter, nuts and coffee.

Among those present at the dinner were: Honorable Homer C. Atwell and Frank W. Power, president and secretary respectively of the Oregon State Horticultural society; Professor H. E. Van Dieman, horticultural expert from Washington D. C., official judge of the apple show; Professor C. L. Lewis, head of the horticultural department, Oregon Agricultural college and Professor W. H. Swett, the inventor of the Likfresh system of food preservation.

Here was given a practical demonstration of this remarkable invention. Those who partook of this dinner state that in no case could they have told that these foods from the fresh products. What this invention means to the agricultural and horticultural districts of the country is beyond the power of the imagination to portray.

The loss that is being sustained by fruit and vegetable growers because of their inability to economically care for their products, and inability to obtain a market during the glutted season, runs into hundreds of thousands of dollars annually on the Pacific Coast alone. Not only can these losses now be conserved but an even greater loss can also be avoided. That which is now being wasted is a portion of what the ground produces but there are in every fruit and vegetable growing district, vacant tracts, lots and city blocks which can be thrown into cultivation and the products therefrom taken care of by this system. These vacant lands represent a complete financial loss to the several communities. The conserving of present waste and the bringing into use of idle lands will add tremendously to the population of the fruit and vegetable producing districts of the country and will in turn have an enormous influence on land values.

To the residents of arid lands or far-away barren countries; to the armies and navies and merchant marine and also for the city resident, this invention opens up tremendous advantages. When the products and lands now wasted are conserved, these consumers may have, not inferior canned or old-style dried products, and also not only each fruit and vegetable during its particular season, but every variety of fruit and vegetable which mankind consumes, throughout the year. Hence it is that Professor Swett's discovery and invention is attracting a tremendous interest not only here, but in distant states and promises to rank among the highest of the great discoveries which this age has presented to mankind.

Preparing to Look His Best

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STEAMER ASHORE ON ALASKA COAST

Liner With 106 Persons Aboard Pounding to Pieces.

Wireless Calls for Help, Then All Is Silent—Storm is Raging Along Coast.

Cordova Alaska, Dec. 13. — The Alaska Steamship company's steamer Olympia, with 106 persons aboard, is ashore on Bligh island, Prince William sound. A furious storm is raging.

No word has been received from the wireless operator on the Olympia since this morning, and grave fears are entertained for the safety of those on the wrecked vessel.

There are 52 passengers aboard the Olympia. Most of them boarded the vessel here last night. Among those who sailed from here for Valdez and Seward are United States District Judge Cushman, Mrs. Cushman and members of the Third District court, who are on their way to Valdez, where court convenes tomorrow. The crew of the Olympia consists of 54 officers and men, Captain J. Daniels being in command.

The Olympia sailed from Cordova at 6 o'clock last night, having arrived from Seattle earlier in the day. Although the night was clear and a full moon shed a bright light, navigation was made dangerous by a 50-mile gale which was blowing from the north. Between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning the operator on duty at the navy wireless station picked up the distress signal of the Olympia. He answered at once. Operator Hayes, on the Olympia, then sent an urgent appeal for help, saying that the Olympia had struck on Bligh island and was in an exposed position. Heavy seas were breaking over her, making the position of those on board all the more perilous.

The message from the Olympia was received with difficulty. The men in charge of the naval wireless station express the opinion that the grounding of the vessel had in some way caused a short circuit which interfered with the sending of the wireless messages from the steamer.

For several hours this morning the naval operator was unable to get any response to his calls to the Olympia and it was feared that the vessel had gone down with all on board. The operator continued his efforts and at 10 o'clock was rewarded by again receiving a faint call from Operator Hayes on the helpless vessel. Hays said that the storm was continuing with unabated fury. The Olympia was being tossed about by the pounding waves, grinding her sides against the rocks that held her prisoner. This constant pounding of the steamer made it almost impossible to operate the wireless.

The operator said the passengers and crew are still hopeful that help will come before the ship goes to pieces. Huge waves continue to break over her and the situation of the passengers is extremely serious.

UNCLE SAM SECOND.

Great Britain Still Leads World's Naval Powers.

Washington — The United States closes another year in second place among the world's naval powers. The great navy building race between Germany and Great Britain has not brought the former country up to the United States in the number of battle-ships afloat, but in ships projected and in the total number of war vessels of all kinds, Germany will crowd the United States to third place.

These facts are shown in the new navy year book prepared by Puttman Pulsifer, clerk to the senate committee on naval affairs, and soon to be issued by the government printing office.

Willard Flies 55 Miles.

Los Angeles—Under perilous weather conditions, marked with shifting, smoke holding and freak air currents, Charles Willard made a most successful flight in an aeroplane over the cities of Los Angeles and Pasadena Saturday, traveling a total distance of 55 miles. In his flight he circled over the business district of Los Angeles, and then passed over to Pasadena and returned to his starting place at the outskirts of Los Angeles. His flight was witnessed by thousands of persons from the tops of buildings and streets.

Sledding Bad for Peary.

Washington — Representative Macon, of Arkansas, threatens trouble for Captain R. E. Peary, Arctic explorer, when the question of making him rear admiral comes up in the house. Macon is a member of the naval affairs committee. He contends there is no more proof that Peary discovered the pole than Dr. Cook had to prove his assertions. He threatens to fight the bill to the last ditch.

ENGINEERS VOTE TO STRIKE.

If Demands Are Refused, Clash May Be Greatest in History.

Chicago—Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and four of his assistants spent Saturday canvassing the recent strike vote taken by the men on the Western railroads.

Mr. Stone estimated that 96 per cent of the enginemen favored a strike. The next move, according to Mr. Stone, is with the railroads.

The railroads affected in the present controversy are those extending west from Chicago, and if the engineers strike the Eastern roads will not be drawn into the controversy. There is always a chance, however, of a sympathetic strike, and in that event the Eastern engineers would join the strikers. Switching service in the Chicago yards would be brought to a standstill.

Sixty-one railroads will be affected if the engineers vote to strike and their terms are not accepted by the managers. The number of enginemen employed on these roads is 33,700. The lines represent 136,000 miles of road, or 53 per cent of the total mileage of the country.

This vote is the first that has ever been ordered by the Brotherhood of Engineers on a general scale and it is the first of any kind to be taken since the strike on the Burlington in 1888.

"Our brotherhood is known throughout the country for its conservatism," said Grand Chief Stone, "and when we take a strike vote it means something. The managers tried to take advantage of us because we have not been inclined to strike in the past. We have done our best to maintain harmony, and have even made concessions that our men would not be willing to accept. If it comes to a strike, which now seems likely, we will tie up every road west of Chicago."

After months of negotiations the demands of the engineers now are some 7 per cent higher than the railroad managers are willing to grant. If the demands are not acceded to a strike that will close the throttle of every railroad locomotive west, south and north of Chicago may be called within five hours, it was intimated.

Conditions on Coast.

O. R. & N. Co., \$4.40 to \$5.20 for a run of 100 miles or less, to be completed in 10 hours or less.

Southern Pacific, \$3.75 to \$5.17 for a run of 100 miles or less, to be completed in 8 hours or less.

Overtime, pro rata. General increase requested 15 per cent. Number of engineers affected 425.

HOME RULE FOR IRELAND.

If Liberals Win in England, Irish Dream is Realized.

Liverpool, Eng. — Premier Asquith has pronounced home rule for Ireland the leading issue in the present campaign. This momentous pronouncement was made in a small schoolhouse of a remote village in Scotland but already it has stirred the whole British Islands and eclipsed all other issues in the fight.

The pronouncement was made in answer to a "heckler" as the typical disturber of British political meetings is called.

"Is it the truth," asked this heckler, "that, if the Liberal government is returned to power in this election, it will give Ireland a measure of home rule?"

"My reply," said Asquith, "is, 'it is.'"

Though Redmond was well aware that it was Asquith's intention to give Irish home rule an immediate chance, the carpers and factionists in Ireland have been insisting that Asquith was a trickster and that Redmond was his dupe. But even the Dublin Independent, chief supporter of the Healy faction, confesses that Asquith's confession leaves no more to be said, and is entirely satisfactory.

Hance Gave Bed to Grant.

Seattle, Wash. — Celebrating his ninetyieth birthday anniversary, Byron S. Hance, assistant attorney general of the United States during the administration of General U. S. Grant, and personal friend of Sheridan, Sherman and other great generals, received congratulations from a host of friends. Despite his years, Mr. Hance is in good health, but his hands are crippled by rheumatism, which he contracted when he gave up his bed to General Grant and slept on the ground.

John D. to Be Santa Claus.

Tarrytown, N. Y. — John D. Rockefeller is to be Santa Claus this year for Tarrytown children. Cards were distributed all over the village announcing that all children who are members of the Sunday school of Mr. Rockefeller's church, the First Baptist, will receive a Christmas stocking full of goodies.

GUERRERO TAKEN BY INSURGENTS

Mexican Regulars Surrender and Rebels Control City.

City Officers Elected by Revolutionists—Truce in Some Provinces, Fighting in Others.

Douglas, Ariz.—Guerrero, the largest city in the state of Chihuahua, with a population of 12,000, is now in the hands of the rebels, according to information which has been received here.

Following a combined attack, which took place after the departure of a train bearing the peace officials, the Federal troops are reported to have surrendered. The rebels have elected provisional officers to govern the city.

It was first reported that the jefe politico was killed in the final charge on the city, but later reports are to the effect that he and his family are prisoners and unhurt.

The telegraph line between Guerrero and Chihuahua is now in the hands of the rebels.

Following a conference at San Andres between the peace commissioners and rebels by Castillo Herrera, the soldiers sent out from Chihuahua were halted at Fortina, near San Andres, until President Diaz shall act on the promise of truce offered by the rebels providing certain changes are made in the system of taxation and officials in Coahuila.

Following the resignation of Governor Sanchez of Chihuahua, Secretary of State Guillermo Pallas has also resigned in favor of Rafael Alvarez and other important changes in the state government have already taken place. Reports that Sanchez was deposed are incorrect.

The citizen soldiers serving at Agua Prieta have returned to their homes at Bocoachi and Fronteras, which is taken as indication of confidence that the government will maintain peace on the border of the state of Sonora.

El Paso, Tex.—T. J. Warner, an employe of the Pearson Lumber mills at Madera, brought news here that a Mexico-Northwestern passenger train on which he was a passenger was held up at Pedernales by insurgents and searched for arms and ammunition. The passengers were not molested. The band was composed of Mexicans of the better class.

20,000 STRIKERS MARCH.

Sing in All Tongues But English—Winter Arrives.

Chicago—Striking garment workers to the number of between 20,000 and 25,000 paraded the West Side streets, held many mass meetings, including the windup at the National League park, where President Murphy provided 75,000 sandwiches and coffee for all. The line of march was closely guarded by police, and extra details were on call, but there was no outbreak.

Miss Hanna O'Neill, a nonunion garment worker, was severely beaten by a picket, who slipped up behind her and felled her with a blackjack. He was beating and kicking her in the body and face when bystanders drove him away. Earlier in the day 20 nonunion workmen, coming from Eastern cities, were mobbed at the LaSalle street railway station and badly beaten. A riot call brought the police, and the bruised and crippled arrivals were taken to a hotel, where the mob dispersed.

The parade was remarkable for several things. Although red flags had been forbidden by the police, the women wore red hats and the men flaming red ties. Bands played the Marseillaise, and the long lines of marchers sang in many tongues—all except English. The banners were chiefly in Yiddish, Polish and Bohemian, and every language was heard except English.

Mrs. Shonts' Gems Seized.

New York—Jewelry said to be worth \$20,000, the property of Mrs. Theodore P. Shonts, of New York, wife of the president of the Interborough Rapid Transit company, was retained by customs officials when she returned from Europe on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. Mrs. Shonts did not declare the jewelry, explaining that she had obtained it in Paris in exchange for old jewelry on which duties had been paid when they were originally imported. For that reason, she said, she thought the gems were not dutiable.

Gill Vetoes Probe Cost.

Seattle—Mayor Gill has vetoed the ordinance appropriating \$1,800 to pay the expenses of investigating alleged grafting in the city government. The investigating committee heard and has given out for publication much hearsay testimony reflecting on the mayor and the chief of police, Charles W. Wappenstein, and petitions asking the recall of Mayor Gill are being circulated.