

# NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Readers

## HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Finland is reveling in the novelty of freedom.

King Alfonso, of Spain, will engage in breeding fine cattle.

Socialists in Austria made substantial gains on a re-ballet.

Stolyin gives warning to douma and condemns the more to expropriate land.

Four jurors have been secured for the trial of Mayor Schmitz and another venire is ordered.

Inspector McLoughlin, of the Chicago police force, has resigned to get away from investigations.

Judge Gaynor of the Supreme Court, of New York, says the railroads have not reformed in the least.

Oklahoma republicans denounce the work of their constitution makers and want the election postponed.

At Guaymas, Mexico, 1,200 Chinese tried to land forcibly from a British steamer in defiance of quarantine law.

Coos Bay people have begun 110 individual suits against the Southern Pacific to compel the road to sell land in obedience to its government grants.

A Chicago grand jury is investigating charges that doctors and midwives regularly paid the authorities for immunity in performing criminal operations.

The public utilities committee of San Francisco supervisors is considering a resolution ordering the United Railways to operate their lines or forfeit their franchise.

Secretary Garfield will visit the Tieton irrigation project.

School directors of Chicago refuse to be fired by Mayor Busse.

Fire at Trinity college, Hartford, did damage to the amount of \$15,000.

Denver millmen and woodworkers received an advance of 10 per cent in wages.

Councilmen of Lockport, N. Y., are charged with huge boodling operations. One has confessed.

President Corey, the deposed president of the United States Steel Corporation, has sold all his stock.

Political bosses of New York have surrendered completely and Governor Hughes' word goes without question.

The North American Baptist convention at Jamestown is opposed to a union with the Southern and National conventions.

A Colorado court has recognized the legality of a contract marriage by granting a divorce in the case. The contract was made in California in 1893.

The Chicago City Railway Company has refused the demands of its employees for better hours, but concedes the advance in wages asked for.

Desperadoes loosened a rail on the Southern Pacific near Los Angeles, attached a wire, and when the Coast Line Limited train approached they deliberately pulled the rail aside, causing a bad wreck in which two men were killed and a dozen injured. The wreckers were concealed in the brush and made their escape.

Ireland has rejected parliament's offer of a limited council.

Five workmen were accidentally killed in a Pittsburg steel furnace.

There are now four candidates for the presidential nomination—Taft, Fairbanks, Knox and Cannon.

San Francisco builders are hampered by constantly rising wages and banks are restricting credit.

Pat Crowe has been acquitted of robbing street cars in Council Bluffs, Ia., two years ago. The victims said he was not the man.

Mayor Busse of Chicago has transferred the entire police force of the lower districts in an effort to enforce existing laws.

The Boise court has gone on a fishing trip while the sheriff summons a new venire of 40 men for jury duty in the Haywood case.

John R. Hogeman, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company has been indicted on seven charges of forgery and three of perjury.

Mayor Schmitz is at liberty under bail bonds aggregating \$50,000.

A Georgia passenger train was wrecked and 26 persons badly injured.

Seventeen bodies of Shriners killed in the California wreck were buried at Reading, Penn., their home.

## REACTION BOUND TO COME.

Railroad Man Predicts Averse Feeling Towards Nation.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 21.—President William H. Canniff, of the new York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad company, (Nickel Plate) believes in the re-act-  
tion of the nation as regards the present activities of President Roosevelt as productive of harm to the country in general. He thinks that railroad regulation should be accomplished by liberal conservatism, else ill effects will be felt by the people.

"The pendulum is swinging in one direction now," said President Canniff today, "but it can not fail to swing back, and when it swings back it is bound to sway a good deal in the other direction. I do not mean by that that we need fear a financial panic; but I do mean simply that there will be a retarding of the progression of the last five years for which the country will be the worse off.

"Nations must have their heroes. Read into history and see where Caesar was lauded by his people one day and perhaps the next was railed at. The president has struck a key note that has met with ready response on the part of the people, only it is not always wise to believe that the approval of the masses is assurance that the most good is to come to the biggest number of people, for the world often applauds a man and later on discovers that what they approved has done them no good. It will not be long ere the whole situation will be settled into even running again, but not until after the pendulum has had its swing a little the other way."

## FOLK HEARS GRAFT STORIES.

Members of Kansas City Police Force Bring Tales to Governor.

Kansas City, Mo., May 21.—Governor Joseph W. Folk left for Jefferson City today after a conference with the local police commissioners, regarding graft charges that lasted until 1 o'clock this morning. He had but a few hours' sleep last night and early today continued conferring with persons from different walks of life, who made him acquainted with various phases of police corruption. Among his callers were policemen and police detectives, who are said to have laid bare numerous irregularities, evidently in the hope of gaining immunity for themselves. Governor Folk's investigations have convinced him that there is a very strong alliance existing between the Metropolitan Street Railway company and the police force. A high official of the police department is authority for the statement that within two years this alleged alliance has been encouraged by the heads of the departments. Mayor Beardsley has repeatedly said that policemen have been overvalued in serving the streetcar companies, when passengers have been injured in accidents. It was charged that instead of taking steps promptly to relieve the sufferings of the injured, the policemen notify the claim agents of the company.

## RUSH RAILS TO FAR EAST.

American Factories Busy With Hurry Orders for Japan.

New York, May 21.—America's industrial invasion of the Far East is now in full swing, and Japan is pouring a golden stream into the United States for steel rails, cars and locomotives. Twelve million dollars already have been expended in this country for railroad supplies to be used in the construction of Southern Manchuria railways, and it is now learned that contracts involving millions of dollars are pending. Deliveries of rails are being made, and for the next three months steamships chartered by Japan will ply across the Pacific bearing valuable cargoes of steel and iron.

Manchuria will be straddled with American steel rails from Dalny to Mukden, and the traveler will ride in cars of American manufacture and drawn by locomotives built in this country. Thousands of dollars have been spent in premiums to American manufacturers for quick deliveries, for the Japanese insist that these railroads must be built and in full operation within two years. Japan's representatives were told to go ahead and get the railroad supplies at all costs.

## Burglars Crack Big Safe.

Misoula, Mont., May 21.—Cracksmen shattered the door to the treasurer's vault of Misoula county at an early hour this morning, but before they secured the money they were frightened away. The treasurer's office in the court house is within 75 feet of the county jail. The explosion was heard by the prisoners in the jail, but owing to the fact that the deputies were engaged in arresting several suspicious characters, nobody in authority knew of the attempted burglary until later.

## Women Get \$600,000 Funds.

Pittsburg, May 21.—In a popular subscription campaign of ten days, the members of the Young Women's Christian association of this city have raised a building fund of over \$300,000, there by earning an endowment fund of \$200,000 from H. C. Frick.

# NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

## SAW BROWNSVILLE SHOOTING.

Editor of Mexico Paper Saw Negroes Kill Bartender Natrous.

Washington, May 23.—Paulino D. Preciado, editor of a Mexican newspaper in Brownsville, Tex., and an eye-witness to the shooting of Frank Natrous, the only man killed in the affray there, was on the stand today before the Senate committee on military affairs. Dramatically telling his story in Spanish and having it interpreted for the committee, he proved to be the most important witness during the present hearing.

When the shooting began, Preciado was sitting in the court in the rear of Tillman's saloon. According to his story today, Mr. Crixell, who conducts a saloon across the street from Tillman's place, rushed in excitedly and reported that the "negroes were out." The doors to Tillman's saloon were immediately closed and barred and Natrous, the bartender, started across the court to bar the gate which connected the court with the alley. Preciado followed, but before he had emerged from the saloon in the court he saw five or six negro soldiers in uniform enter the gate. They fired several shots, and Natrous threw up his arms, exclaiming in Spanish, "Oh, my God," fell on his back. He was killed instantly. Another bullet grazed Preciado's hand and it bled profusely. Still another bullet passed through Preciado's coat and vest near the left breast pocket and broke his glasses, which were in a case in the pocket. The men immediately proceeded down the alley, shooting as they went.

He swore positively the men were negro soldiers.

## FORAKER CONFUSES POLICE.

Accuses Witness of Telling Different Stories Than Before.

Washington, May 22.—Three members of the Brownsville, Tex., police force were questioned today in the investigation being conducted by the Senate Committee on Military Affairs. All testified concerning the incidents attending the Brownsville affray and all became somewhat confused under cross-examination by Senator Foraker when he called attention to discrepancies between their stories today and those told on the stand on a previous occasion.

Policeman Victoriano Fernandez testified that he heard the shooting, and as he ran downtown from Tillman saloon, where he found the bartender lying dead. He gave it as his opinion that the man had been killed by negro soldiers. He said he had seen no soldiers that night, as most of the shooting was over before he got downtown.

Senator Foraker called attention to the testimony before the citizens' committee in Brownsville two days after the affray, when Fernandez told a vivid story of having been chased by two negro soldiers, who fired several shots at him.

## Manufacturers Want Tariff Revision.

New York, May 23.—The National Association of Manufacturers of the United States went on record as in favor of a revision of the tariff and the negotiation of more treaties. Some debating preceded this vote on the report of the committee on tariff and reciprocity. The committee based its recommendations on a poll of the 3,000 members of the association. Of the total number replying 55 per cent declared for immediate revision, while 20 per cent expressed a "stand-pat" sentiment. Eight per cent believed that the time for revision had not arrived.

## Pugilist Pardoned by President.

Washington, May 23.—The Department of Justice today prepared and transmitted to the White House for the President's signature, when he returns from his outing in Virginia, a warrant for the pardon of John L. Lennon, the marine corps private who is serving one year's imprisonment at Governor's Island, N. Y., for desertion. Lennon is a nephew of John L. Sullivan, the former pugilist, whose intercession with the president resulted in clemency.

## "Woman in Blue" Arrested.

Washington, May 25.—Mrs. Isabella A. Case, who attracted some attention as "The Woman in Blue," who tried to see the President at Oyster Bay last summer, and who has since sought to see the President was arrested here last night on a charge of insanity and taken to the House of Detention, pending examination. She is 40 years old.

## Coal Production in 1906.

Washington, May 21.—The total production of coal in the United States in 1906 was 414,039,581 short tons of 2,000 pounds, valued at \$512,610,744. Pennsylvania contributed 200,546,084 short tons. West Virginia has supplanted Illinois as the second coal producing state.

## President Returns Home.

Washington, May 24.—The President and Mrs. Roosevelt, who have been enjoying six days' vacation at Pine Knot, the country home of Mrs. Roosevelt, arrived in this city at 8:45 Wednesday night.

## ACT ON HARRIMAN MERGER.

Commission Will Decide Suit Regardless of Court.

Washington, May 24.—It is not the intention of the Interstate Commerce Commission to await the result of the proceedings to compel E. H. Harriman to answer certain inquiries that were put to him in the New York investigation before taking action on the general subject of the investigation.

In the opinion of members of the Commission, it may be a year or more before a final decision can be reached regarding the refusal of Mr. Harriman to answer questions. The proceedings will be instituted in New York the latter part of this month, or the first of next month. It is expected that, if the court upholds the Commission, Mr. Harriman will carry the case to higher courts. Should the lower courts be adverse to the Commission, it is probable that it will carry the matter up, inasmuch as a right of the Commission is involved.

The case would have been brought earlier, but the attorneys of the Commission have been engaged on other work. The arguments in the Standard Oil cases, which are to take place in St. Paul, will occupy the attention of Messrs. Kellogg and Severance, and they will not be able to take up the Harriman matter until after these are finished. Without reference, however, to the determination of that question, the Commission will consider the merits of the general inquiry into the Harriman lines and reach its conclusion on the facts presented. The indications are that a determination of the case will be reached in a few weeks.

## CANNOT FINISH CRUISERS.

Labor Union Troubles in San Francisco Responsible.

Washington, May 22.—The Union Iron Works has just given up the task of completing the cruiser California, as also building the South Dakota, a cruiser of similar type. The South Dakota is now 97.4 per cent completed and work on her is being carried on. It is regarded at the Navy Department that, in view of the labor troubles, the completion of these two cruisers marks the end of naval construction at San Francisco for some time.

The reports to the Navy Department from San Francisco show the California to be 99.6 per cent completed. All that remains to be done is a little work in the turrets, considerable painting and finishing up of odds and ends. The California is a sister ship to the West Virginia, which is now the flagship of the Pacific Coast fleet. The contract price of the California is \$3,800,000. Her keel was laid May 7, 1902, and she was launched April 28, 1904.

## Northwest Postal Affairs.

Washington, May 26.—Postmasters appointed: Oregon—Mayville, Laura E. McConnell, vice M. S. Thomas, removed; Placer, Ruth W. Scovill, vice Molly Irwin, resigned. Washington—Columbus, Milan Robinson, vice K. T. Stark, resigned; Pe-Eli, George H. Dodge, vice J. G. Dunlap, resigned; Piedmont, John J. Cunnea, vice N. N. Bell, resigned. Rural free delivery carriers appointed for Washington routes—East Spokane, route 2, Frederick L. Huggill, carrier, S. J. Payne substitute; Spokane Bridge, route 1, William F. Galloway, carrier, Wallace Galloway, substitute.

## Relief of Greek Refugees.

Washington, May 25.—The State Department received the following dispatch today: "Owing to great numbers of refugees arriving in Greece from Bulgaria and elsewhere in Turkey in Europe, the Greek Chamber of Deputies before adjourning for the Easter holidays, authorized a loan of 10,000,000 francs for the purpose of furnishing these refugees with the implements, etc., necessary to enable them to begin life in their new homes."

## O'Brien Succeeds Wright.

Washington, May 21.—It was announced at the State department today that Thomas J. O'Brien, of Michigan, United States minister to Copenhagen, will become ambassador to Japan in September upon the retirement of Luke E. Wright, who has given notice to the department that he wishes to leave the service at that date. A successor to O'Brien has not yet been selected.

## Rates on Petroleum Too High.

Washington, May 23.—Freight rates on petroleum and its products from Ohio and Pennsylvania to St. Paul, Omaha, Sioux City and Sioux Falls constituted the subject of a hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission. The complaint is that the tariffs in force are excessive and unreasonable.

## Two Deaths From Plague.

Washington, May 23.—A cablegram from Honolulu to the Marine Hospital Service in this city, reports two deaths yesterday from plague and one new case of that disease.

## CUT IN MAIL PAY.

Government May Reduce the Compensation of Railroad.

Chicago, May 20.—The recent action of the Burlington in cutting the rates on transcontinental mail to meet the competition in service and time of the Rock Island, is having an important bearing on the question of mail compensation generally.

It is said that the voluntary reduction made by the Burlington is being seriously considered by the postmaster general in determining whether the total compensation received by the railroads shall be reduced between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 annually.

This fact became apparent, it is stated, last Wednesday, when a committee of prominent railroad men called on the postmaster general with a petition asking him to rescind the order requiring the total tonnage carried over a mail route for one week to be divided by seven, instead of six, in arriving at the average tonnage carried. Such a division as the postmaster general is insisting on will reduce the mail compensation nearly 14 per cent.

The chairman of the committee was W. W. Baldwin, assistant to President Harris, of the Burlington. Baldwin was the man who conveyed to the former postmaster general the proposition of the Burlington to cut its rates to meet the Rock Island competition. The postmaster general intimated that in view of the voluntary reduction, it might be difficult for him to be convinced that the mail pay could not stand a general cut.

## PRISON FOR SCHMITZ.

Prosecution Will File 70 Indictments and Put Him Behind Bars.

San Francisco, May 20.—The graft prosecution, now that it has the assurance of Ruel that he will tell the complete story of corruption to the grand jury, has turned its attention to Mayor Schmitz. Before the end of the week Assistant District Attorney Henry will ask the judge to give Schmitz into the custody of a special elisor. In order to bring this about, the prosecution will, if necessary, file 70 indictments against Schmitz. These indictments will charge the mayor with having been a party to the bribery of the members of the board of supervisors in all the crooked deals in which they engaged. The testimony of Ruel is explicit on this point.

"Mayor Schmitz knew what the supervisors were doing and was a party to every deal," said Ruel. With 70 indictments against him, the mayor's ball will become prohibitive, and, if plans carry, he will be ordered into the custody of William J. Biggy, who is at present Ruel's jailer.

## LOST CONTROL OF ZION.

Voliva Deposed by Court as Successor of Dowie.

Chicago, May 20.—Zion City was in a turmoil today when it became known that Judge T. M. Landis, in the United States Circuit court, had recognized Deacon John A. Lewis as the legitimate successor of John Alexander Dowie, the dead founder of the Zion City, and has thus practically ousted Wilbur Glen Voliva from leadership.

Coupled with this sensational development, it became known that, in stinging letters, three of Voliva's supporters have denounced him as a demagogue and a traitor. It is rumored in Zion City that if Voliva attempted to lead an exodus he could not secure a following of more than a dozen persons.

## Edwin H. Conger Dead.

Pasadena, May 20.—Major Edwin H. Conger, former American ambassador to Mexico and minister to China during the Boxer trouble, died at the family home in this city last Saturday. No hope for his recovery had been held out by the attending physicians for the past 24 hours. Daily for a week past Mr. Conger has grown weaker, and it was known that he had but a few hours to live. The family was at the bedside when the end came. Chronic dysentery was the direct cause of death. He was 64 years old.

## No Contempt Intended.

Boise, May 20.—Prosecuting Attorney Koelch has completed his investigation of the circumstances under which Harry Orchard, principal witness for the state in the Steunenberg murder case, was interviewed, and presented the District court with a report exonerating from the charge of improper motives all persons connected with the incident. He found that the only motive that the newspaper men had in interviewing Orchard was to obtain news from him.

## Scurvy Rages in Russia.

St. Petersburg, May 20.—The report of the medical inspector in the famine district of Samara and Ufa and in the Turgai Steppes, Asiatic Russia, says a large proportion of those afflicted with scurvy are children. Since January 15, when scurvy first became menacing in Ufa province, the cases officially registered have averaged 107 daily. The average now is several times greater.

# CRISIS IS REACHED

San Francisco Must Have Settlement With Labor Unions.

## COMPLETE SUSPENSION OF WORK

All Building May Stop and 50,000 Men Become Idle—Money Market Tightens.

San Francisco, May 21.—A meeting of the Builders' Exchange has been called for Wednesday, at which time the contractors of the city who are erecting the structures now rising in the ruins will discuss the question of stopping work until normal conditions are resumed. In case such action is taken 50,000 men will be thrown out of employment.

The car strike, the other labor troubles, and a tightening money market have brought the present situation about. The financial and industrial situation at the present moment is graver than it has been since the big disaster. Every attempt will be made to induce the builders to continue work, but President Kent, of the exchange, stated last night that many of the members of the association had expressed themselves in favor of stopping work until the situation could again be restored to the normal. Loans are being called in and the interest rate has been advanced from 5 and 6 to 7 and 8 per cent.

A statement has been promised today from Henry and Spreckels, and this may serve to clarify the situation. The resignation of the committee of seven when Henry and Spreckels made their final refusal to co-operate has served to complicate matters.

## SENDS ARMY SOUTH.

Mexico Preparing for Trouble With Republic of Guatemala.

City of Mexico, May 21.—Mexican troops are being moved to the Guatemalan frontier over the Pan-American Railroad, according to advices received yesterday. In what numbers or for what purpose these soldiers are being moved southward is not known outside official circles.

It was also learned that the War Department had countermanded the order dispatching the Mexican gunboat Tampico to the port of San Jose de Guatemala and there take on board Senor Gamba, the Mexican Minister to Guatemala, who was to have gone to San Salvador. The Tampico is still in the harbor at Salina Cruz, but the Mexican Minister is still in Guatemala City.

An American business man now in the city, who arrived from San Salvador a few hours ago, says it is only a question of time when President Figueroa of Salvador will be confronted with a formidable revolution. An authority says conditions in the latter Republic are rapidly approaching the chaotic stage now existing in Honduras among political factions, each led by a Presidential aspirant.

## ENSIGN SHOTS HIMSELF.

Fared Courtmartial for Row With Santiago Police.

Washington, May 21.—The Navy Department today received a dispatch from Santiago, Cuba, stating that Ensign Alfred T. Brislin, who was in a difficulty with the police of Santiago about a fortnight ago with sailors from the Tacoma, had shot himself through the lung and was in a serious condition. Ensign Brislin is in Santiago.

The official investigation of the trouble with the Santiago police appears to have developed the fact that Brislin was drinking with the sailors, which would doubtless have resulted in his being court-martialed. Brislin entered Annapolis Naval Academy from Pennsylvania in 1899 and graduated in 1903. He was born in Idaho.

## Reduced Rates Withdrawn.

Tacoma, May 21.—Reduced rates over the Northern Pacific Railway to Middle Western cities which were to have been made have been withdrawn because the Interstate Commerce Commission has refused to approve the lower fare. It is not known whether the cheap tickets have been taken off the market temporarily or for the entire summer. Agents of the Oregon Short Line and the Union Pacific assert that they are instructed to sell transportation on the basis of one fare plus \$10 for the round trip to all Middle Western points.

## Will Not Nurse Her Royal Babe.

Madrid, May 21.—Owing to the many duties requiring her attention, Queen Victoria has given up the idea of nursing the Prince of Asturias, and a nurse has been obtained for him, from the province of Santa Andrea.