

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.

The government cotton inquiry will go deeper than originally expected.

Two Eastern postoffice thieves got ten years and \$6,000 fine for stealing stamps.

It is claimed Australian beef can be sold in the United States cheaper than the home product.

A Kansas woman lost her life trying to rescue the pictures of her parents from her burning home.

A big freight steamer, loaded ready to sail for Boston, was destroyed by fire at her dock in Rotterdam.

While playing in a farmer's yard near Colfax, Wash., a 5-year-old child was run over by a hog and its leg broken.

President Fallieres, of France, exchanged calls with Roosevelt and the audience in a French theater rose to greet him.

Attorneys, principals and clerks engaged in a general fight in a Sacramento court room. Deputy sheriffs separated them.

Four cases of appendicitis in five years, and three of them within the last six months, is the record of a Colfax, Wash., family.

A daring thief has looted the cathedral of Moscow, Russia, of precious stones from the pictures of the saints and the image of the virgin, to the value of \$500,000.

An expedition will leave Copenhagen this summer to retrace Cook's route through the Arctic and recover instruments and supplies which Cook claims to have left at certain points.

Six convicts in the Leavenworth, Kan., pen escaped by overpowering the crew of a switch engine and forcing them to run the engine through the gates and out into the country.

A Chicago doctor has been awarded \$100,000, payment in full of a contract to furnish all medical treatment for a woman during her life. She lived about five years after the contract was made, during which time the physician faithfully lived up to his agreement.

W. J. Bryan called on President Taft. Bryan approves of the Postal Savings bank bill.

Wet snow is crushing trees and telephone and telegraph wires in Ohio.

The newly elected Socialist administration has taken office in Milwaukee.

The Colorado Conservation commission has turned down the Pinchot policies and declared for state control of water.

The present condition and future prospects of the Harriman lines were never better, according to the traffic manager.

At a gambling house raid in Seattle over 100 men were arrested, \$300 confiscated and a carload of furniture and gambling devices captured.

Circuit court in Portland adjourned Tuesday "because of recent deaths in families of litigants," but everybody went to the opening ball game.

Over 12,000 enthusiasts saw the opening game of baseball at Portland between the home team and Oakland, the latter being shut out 2 to 0.

At the Drexel-Gould wedding in New York the police were obliged to eject women from the church to prevent them from tearing down the decorations for souvenirs.

An ordinance has been introduced in the city council of Boulder, Colo., making it unlawful for women to wear skirts that sweep the sidewalks or trail in the dust of the street.

An earth slide buried a work train and 25 men near St. Alphonse, Quebec, and nearly all were killed.

W. J. Bryan has returned to New York from South America, where he has been studying sociological conditions.

The books of the United States Steel corporation were thrown open to the public and show that the largest stockholders are Hollanders.

American workmen have been shut out of the works of the Pressed Steel Car company at Schenectady, Pa., and serious trouble is imminent.

With banners aloft, fiery orator, and occupying a procession of taxicabs nearly a mile long, the suffragists in convention in Washington, D. C., moved on Capitol Hill and presented to congress 400,000 individual demands for votes for women.

A stenographer who wrote letters for Roosevelt in Naples says he expects to be the next president of the United States.

Not a dynamite cracker nor a cap pistol nor a "snake in the grass" will be sold in Washington, D. C., the coming Fourth. Instead, there will be band concerts, athletic contests, boat races and all kinds of outdoor sports, while the citizens' committee sets off the fireworks.

HARRIMAN LINES PROSPEROUS

Train Service is Improved and Equipment Added.

Chicago, April 20.—"There never was a time when the Harriman lines were in better condition physically or when they had better prospects," said J. C. Stubbs, vice president and traffic director of the Harriman system today. "They are ordering new equipment, increasing the train service and facilities everywhere and give promise of continuing the improvements."

Mr. Stubbs has just returned to Chicago from a five weeks' inspection tour over the entire system in the United States and in Mexico.

"Double-tracking on the Union Pacific is being pushed as rapidly as possible, and as soon as the work can be accomplished the entire line from Omaha to Ogden will have two tracks. Rounding speaking, 500 miles of the 1,000 have been finished, and the entire line from Omaha to San Francisco is now protected by block signals. It is probable that the San Pedro line will be open for traffic much earlier than June 1."

COLORADO COUNCIL TO REGULATE SKIRTS

Boulder, Colo., April 20.—An ordinance to prohibit the wearing of long dresses on the streets of Boulder was introduced in the city council last night. It provides that "it shall be unlawful for any person whose wearing apparel or skirt shall be of such length as to trail upon the ground and become a dust sweeper or otherwise obnoxious to the public health and refined taste, to appear upon any sidewalk in this city."

The document is entitled "An ordinance to promote public health and concerning displays upon the sidewalks," which was interpreted by one alderman to mean that "if the council intended to define the length of skirts one way it must also define it the other way." The ordinance was urged by the Women's club.

OLD BUDGET INTRODUCED.

Lloyd-George Comments Upon Decrease in Whisky Consumption.

London, April 20.—David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, re-introduced last year's budget in the house of commons today. He declared that he realized that the present deficit of \$131,240,000 would be more than wiped out when all arrears had been collected and that there would be an actual surplus of \$14,800,000.

If the budget had been passed as usual last year, he said, there would have been a surplus of \$21,000,000.

The chancellor commented upon the remarkable decrease of 32 per cent in the consumption of whiskey, a decrease that he attributed mainly to the extra duty imposed. The loss in the revenue from spirits, as compared with the estimated figures, was \$14,000,000.

PINCHOT POLICIES HIT.

Colorado Commission Wants State to Control Power Sites.

Denver, April 20.—The Colorado Conservation commission today adopted a resolution declaring for exhaustive state control of waterpower sites. The resolution, which turned down the Pinchot policies as outlined by James R. Garfield, in his address last night, reads as follows:

"Resolved, That as the waters of this state are the property of the state, the powers developed by such water should remain forever under control of the state, and that all legislation tending to abridge or restrict such control be discouraged."

Famous Sealer Missing.

Victoria, B. C., April 20.—Captain Charles Spring, son of Captain William Spring, the founder of the British Columbia pelagic sealing, has been missing since January 1 under circumstances almost conclusively indicating that he has been lost with his steam launch, on which he had embarked on a cruise around Vancouver island in search of new oyster beds. He was known to have spent New Year's Eve at Pender island, but since then no tidings either of the launch or its owner have reached his family.

Jail Beats Taxpaying.

Rafon, Ill., April 20.—Because J. J. Keon, a Socialist leader, refuses to pay a poll tax of \$1.50, he began this afternoon to serve six months in jail. The city hall has been converted into a jail by screening the windows with chicken wire and Keon declares he will serve his full time rather than pay the tax or work it out at 75 cents a day. He holds such a tax is unconstitutional. Keon's meals will be taken from the city's leading hotel.

Taft Asked for Pardon.

Washington, April 20.—Representative Culloch, of Indiana, presented to President Taft today a petition for the pardon of John R. Walsh, the Chicago banker. The petition was signed by 22,000 residents of the Second Indiana congressional district, into which the railroads built by Mr. Walsh extend. The president directed that the petition be referred to the department of justice to follow the usual course.

Storms Menace Fruit Crops.

Winchester, Va., April 20.—Snow and hail fell at intervals this morning over the fruit belt of Northern Virginia. The thermometer has taken a decided tumble, falling 45 degrees since yesterday noon, approaching the freezing point.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

"SEND US MEN" IS CRY. \$110,000 TO BUILD DAM.

Every Line of Industry Affected by Shortage of Labor in Baker.

Baker City—The greatest call for laborers ever sent out from Eastern Oregon can now be heard in all parts of Baker county, and there is no prospect of the demand being supplied. All lines of industry are cramped by the shortage and it is probable some campaign will be inaugurated by the large concerns to secure men. One employer states that he is in need of hundreds of men and is unable to secure them at any price. The Warren Construction company is preparing to import men to do the paving work on a large area for which they have contracted. Sufficient labor could not be obtained here to carry on the preliminary work.

The Sumpter valley is suffering for more laborers in carrying on the work on the extension from Austin to Prairie City. A force of nearly a thousand men was employed last fall, but now only a few hundred can be secured.

The Oxbow people are making very slow progress on the big tunnels at Copperfield owing to the scarcity of labor. They were forced to suspend work because of the high water and hundreds of the laborers left and men cannot be secured to fill their places.

The mines are also calling for men and throughout the country the ranchers are crying "send us men." Unusual wages are being offered and unless the farmers secure help they will have trouble in getting in their spring crops and caring for their harvest.

BANKS OF RIVER CAN CAVE.

War Department Refuses to Heed Prayer of Dwellers in Lane.

Washington—The war department has definitely refused to assist in preventing the washing away of the banks of the Willamette between Eugene and Harrisburg. Citizens, through Senator Chamberlain, asked the department to do this on the ground that the government built the dikes that caused the higher water which had caused great destruction upon adjoining lands at each freshet time.

Chief of Engineers Marshall referred the matter to Major McIndoe, at Portland, who upon examination reports: "Caving in was in progress before the dikes were built and in our opinion the dikes are not responsible primarily for such caving in. The project to prevent it would be enormously expensive and not justified by the needs of navigation on the river. Work done for that purpose would be solely for the protection of private property and is therefore not recommended."

Plan Model Dairy for Klamath.

Klamath Falls—Klamath county is to have one of the finest dairy ranches in Oregon, according to the plans of John Ellis and W. L. Albright. It is to be located in the big Albright-Ellis ranch, about seven miles from Fort Klamath. When the ranch is in readiness to receive the herd, Mr. Ellis will go to the middle west, where he will select the stock that is to compose it. He has decided on the purchase of Guernseys and Holsteins, believing that these will best meet the conditions of climate and the demands of the markets.

New Rail Project for Linn.

Albany—Articles of incorporation for the Scio-Lacomb and Jordan Valley Railroad company have been filed in the Linn county clerk's office by A. G. Prill, E. C. Peery and Charles Wesley. The capital stock of the company will be \$50,000. The object of the company is to build and maintain railroad, telegraph and telephone lines from Munkers to Scio and from a junction on this line to Lacomb. Scio will be the headquarters of the company.

Complaints of Shipment.

Salem—H. Grebe, of Portland, has filed a complaint with the railroad commission, in which he sets forth that a large consignment of seed peas shipped from Pullman, Wash., to Condon, Or., March 21, has never reached its destination. Mr. Grebe also complains of excessive freight charges on the O. R. & N. from Portland to Condon, and delays in delivery have caused him much damage.

Hawley Reassures Dairymen.

Washington—Representative Hawley in the agricultural committee's hearing on the oleomargarine bill, expressed the belief that dairymen need not fear that the tax on oleo would be removed, though a hard fight is on to repeal it. Powerful interests seek to remove the tax.

Develop Logged Off Land.

Hood River—A number of Portland capitalists have taken an option on about 1,000 acres of logged off land of the Stanley-Smith Lumber company on the West side of the valley. It is the intention of this group of men to sell off and develop the extensive tract.

Odd Fellows to Build.

Klamath Falls—The local lodge of Odd Fellows is preparing to erect a lodge hall to cost \$50,000. Most of the preliminary work has been done and it is expected to have the contract for the building awarded in May.

Launch Ready at Hermiston.

Hermiston—The launch belonging to the Columbia Land company is now in running order, and prospective settlers will be taken out on the government dam every afternoon. The people of Hermiston initiated the motor car by going on a mass to Stanfield.

THREE MASKED MEN ROB CALIFORNIA TRAIN.

Benicia, Cal., April 18.—After looting the mail and baggage cars of overland train No. 1, between this place and Goodyear, at 12:30 o'clock this morning, three masked men, who escaped on the engine of the train to Suisun bay are being pursued by a sheriff's posse, through bayous in a steam launch.

The robbers had planned the hold-up carefully and had a boat secreted in the marshes when they abandoned the engine at Cygnus.

The train was stopped by a lantern signal as it slowed down on the approach to Goodyear. As the engine came to a stop, two men leaped aboard, one from each side, and covered the engineer with revolvers. An instant later the third appeared and covered the fireman.

One of the men stood guard over the engineer and fireman while the other two entered the express car.

No estimate of the amount taken can be had, but it is believed that the robbery netted several hundred dollars. There were ten coaches in the train, and the robbers locked each one as they passed through, leaving the passengers captive while they rifled the other cars.

After completing the work they returned to the engine, where their companion still stood guard over the trainmen, and ordered the engineer to uncouple the engine. He was then ordered, with the fireman, to "beat it," and as the men ran back toward the rear of the train, one of the robbers pulled the throttle wide open and the engine shot at top speed through Goodyear.

A posse was quickly organized at Goodyear and Benicia and a short time later the abandoned engine was found a few miles farther ahead at Suisun bay. A rancher living nearby had seen three men and it was learned a short time later that the men had escaped in a launch.

WARSHIPS WARN JAPAN.

British Journal Sees Hidden Meaning in Voyage of Squadron.

London, April 18.—While one section of European opinion urges Mr. Roosevelt to discuss with William and Edward an international understanding for the limitation of armaments, another cynically suggests that, if they will bring the matter up for his consideration, more may be accomplished.

The implication is, as one prominent journal sees the situation, that Mr. Roosevelt has done as much as either of the monarchs to stimulate the appetite for fleets.

Interest in this matter is heightened by Washington dispatches today that foreshadow another around-the-world cruise by American battleships, these vessels heading east from Hampton Roads instead of south.

"If the cruise is taken," comments one week-end observer, "any tyro will be able to see the connection between it and the readjustments of the Washington-Tokyo treaty and that famous final clause of article II."

"There is going to be tension between the United States and Japan when the latter presses for the privileges of naturalization and suffrage, not to mention easier immigration conditions, and Uncle Sam recalls the pacifying influence of his war dogs two years ago."

Hope is expressed that at the New York dinner to Lord Kitchener, who is thought to have "made a hit with the Americans by telling the Australians to found a military school like West Point," the guest will emphasize the value of a "lasting entente between our fleet and theirs."

Snipes Ranch Is Sold.

The Dalles—The George R. Snipes ranch of 478 acres was sold this week to George W. Elliott, of Seattle, at a consideration of about \$75,000, though the exact sum has not been made public. This ranch is on Sandy road southwest of town, and just beyond "Vineyard," the Fleck property which was sold this winter. Surveyors are already platting the property into small tracts of ten acres more, or less, and will place it on sale.

Poultry Plant Near Medford.

Medford—C. H. Hoxie has purchased from Gus Lawrence 122 acres southwest of Medford for \$15,000. The land is partially agricultural and partially small timber. Mr. Hoxie purposes going into the chicken business on a large scale.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices—Bluestem, 93 @95c; club, 88@90c; red Russian, 84 @87c; valley, 95c.

Barley—Feed and brewing, 23.50@24.50 per ton.

Corn—Whole, 33c; cracked, 33c.

Hay—Track prices—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$20@21 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$25@24; alfalfa, \$16.50@17.50; grain hay, \$17@18.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$27@28.50 ton.

Fresh Fruits—Strawberries, Florin, \$2.50@3 per crate; apples, \$1@2.50 box; cranberries, \$8@9 barrel.

Potatoes—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 40@50c per hundred; new California, 6c per pound; sweet potatoes, 34@4c.

Vegetables—Asparagus, 36@5c; cabbage, 14@15c per pound; head lettuce, 50@75c per dozen; hothouse lettuce, 50@63c box; green onions, 15c dozen; radishes, 30c per dozen; rhubarb, 3c pound; spinach, 1c per box; sprouts, 9c per pound; turnips, 1c per sack; rutabagas, 1c@1.25; carrots, 85c @1.1; beets, \$1@1.25; parsnips, 50@75c.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.75 per hundred.

Butter—City creamery, extra, 39c; fancy outside creamery, 32@33c per pound; store, 20c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices.

Pork—Fancy, 13@13 1/2c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 10@11c per pound.

Lamb—Fancy, 12c per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 20c; broilers, 27@28c; ducks, 22@23c; geese, 12c; turkeys, live, 20@21c; dressed, 25c; squabs, 43c per dozen.

Cattle—Best steers, \$6.75@7; fair to good steers, \$6@6.50; strictly good cows, \$5.75@6; fair to good cows, \$5 @5.50; light calves, \$6@7; heavy calves, \$4@5; bulls, \$4@5.25; stags, \$4.50@5.50.

Sheep—Best wethers, \$8@8.25; fair to good wethers, \$6.50@7; good lambs, \$8@9.

Hogs—Top, \$11.10@11.25; fair to good \$10@11.

Hops—1909 crop, 13@16c, according to quality; olds, nominal; 1910 contracts, 15@16c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 14@17c per pound; valley, 18@21c; mohair, choice, 30@32c; Portland.

Cascara bark—4@5c per pound.

ATLANTIC LINER GOES ON ROCKS

Natives on Coast Have Lively Time Picking Up Cargo.

Thousands of Tons of Valuable Goods Jettisoned in Effort to Save Ship from Going to Pieces

Houghton, Scilly Islands, April 21.—Inhabitants of the Rocky Scilly islands were famous wreckers of primitive times, but they will forever remember this as the greatest day in their history.

The Atlantic transport liner Minnehaha, wrecked Monday, disgorged part of her 17,000 tons of valuable cargo, casting it upon the waters all day long, to be gathered up by those who cared to take the trouble.

Farming and fishing were abandoned, and even school was dismissed, while most of the population of the nearby islands, men, women and children, devoted themselves to obtaining treasures from the waves.

The salvagers decided to try to rescue the Minnehaha by cutting her in half, in the same way the Chicago White Star steamship Suevic, which went ashore near the Lizard in March, 1907, was saved.

Every effort to lighten the ship is now imperative. Today the waves beat up too high and strong for the tugs to go alongside. Consequently goods were thrown overboard from the forward hold as fast as the stevedores could handle them.

Huge cases, containing automobiles and pianos, followed one another over the side, striking the water with a great splash. Sewing machines and clocks went with them, while furniture floated everywhere.

Many bales of cigarettes covered the face of the water, and tons of cheap American novels floated to the nearby shore of Brybe, where they were piled like seaweed.

Trilings of the jettisoning of wealth spread early and a flotilla of fishing craft and luggers scurried to the scene.

As fast as the cargo hit the water, enterprising boatmen pulled up the smaller cases, while they took the larger ones in tow.

The machinery was taken from the wreck and stored.

Two hundred and twenty-four head of cattle swam ashore, while ten were drowned.

The seamen here think it will be impossible to save the Minnehaha, and look for the first strong wind to break her to pieces.

ROOSEVELT IN PARIS.

French Papers Give Warm Welcome to the Colonel.

Paris, April 21.—Colonel Roosevelt arrived here at 7:33 o'clock this morning. The Paris morning newspapers unite in warm expressions of welcome to the ex-president. The Matin prints a message of eulogy from M. Pinchon, the foreign minister, who says M. Roosevelt ever was foremost in the cause of peace.

"We French have more cause to remember this than any one," says the foreign minister, "for Mr. Roosevelt is surely a faithful friend to France. He has manifested friendship to us under all circumstances, with perfect disinterestedness. He has acted as a statesman who understands that the two great republics owe each other support, since they obey the same principles to carry out the same work and have the same ideals. It is a friend we are going to receive, a friend sincere, just and tenacious. Let us honor him."

Theodore Roosevelt appears to me as a man without fear, who consults only his own conscience and makes willingly sacrifices to the inspirations thereof, notwithstanding the consequences which might follow his action."

Germans Aid Riff Tribesmen.

Gibraltar, April 21.—What the Spanish government calls a "watch," but which really amounts to a blockade, of the Riff coast has been established in an effort to stop the landing of arms for the natives. Several Spanish fighting craft, varying from battle-ships to torpedo boats, are engaged in the service. It is well known here that the Riffs have never ceased their guerrilla warfare against Spain and of late it has been noticed that the natives are better armed. Germans are suspected of supplying the weapons.

Apostles' Creed Dropped.

New Haven, Conn., April 21.—A new confession of faith which drops the Apostles' Creed and requires no factual expression as to the divinity of Christ has been adopted by the deacons and will be presented for adoption by the Center church, Congregational, of this city, an institution which has strictly held to Puritan orthodoxy for more than 250 years. New members will only have to pledge themselves to a belief in a higher life and purposes.

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