

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.

Excessive heat has injured the raisin grape crop of California.

It is reported that Madriz has lost all his artillery and 400 prisoners.

Ex-governor Folk of Missouri, would like the Democratic nomination for president in 1912.

A banker of Minneapolis has been fined \$5,000 for smuggling two pearl necklaces at Hoboken, N. J.

Taft would appoint Roosevelt chairman of a commission to tour the world in the interest of universal peace.

A prisoner at San Quentin, Cal., haunted by the face of his victim, has confessed to killing a man in a boxcar at Spokane.

Interest is growing rapidly in the proposed long-distance airplane races in the United States, and many big prizes will be offered.

The trial of the "golden rule" chief of police of Cleveland, Ohio, on charges of immorality and drunkenness have failed almost entirely.

A British army officer in an American airplane crossed the English channel and then returned, without alighting, in 90 minutes.

Suit has been commenced to set aside railroad land grants in Oregon aggregating 3,000,000 acres, and now valued at about \$50,000,000.

East and Middle West railroads have filed notice of an increase in freight rates, nearly every road in the country now having given such notice.

President Taft told Bryn Mawr students that educated women make the best companions, also that unmarried women are not necessarily failures.

Charles H. Treat, ex-treasurer of the United States, died of apoplexy.

Four principal British colonies in South Africa have formed a union.

A tidal wave swept the Oregon coast at Tillamook, damaging the tramway of the life-saving station.

Hudson Maxim, the great gun inventor and manufacturer, predicts aerial warfare within 100 years.

Twenty-five Western railroads were enjoined from putting into force on June 1, a general advance in freight rates.

Spokane police have arrested four boys, the oldest aged 18, who have robbed 25 houses and tents in the suburbs during the past month.

A band of 48 Eastern Oregon cayuses en route to Tillamook stampeded in Portland and spread terror in downtown streets for several hours.

A rich New York Chinaman, about to embark for China, was arrested in San Francisco for the murder of another Chinaman in Sacramento four years ago.

Dirt from the excavation for a bank building in Placerville, Cal., yields \$1 to the pan. At that rate enough gold could be taken from the excavation to pay for the building.

An effort is being made to bring about a conference of representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Japan and Russia with a view of agreeing on the terms of a treaty for the protection of fur seals in the North Pacific ocean.

The thermometer reached 90 degrees at San Francisco and three persons were prostrated in one day.

It is alleged that only a beginning is made in the legislative scandal in Illinois and the big sensations are yet to come.

The body of Alma Kellner, aged 8 years, who disappeared at St. Louis last December, was found buried in the bottom of an unused cistern.

Edwin Gould Jr., grandson of the late Jay Gould, ran away from school, lived on 15-cent meals, spent a night on a board at the station house and was finally returned to his home by the police.

About 75 Woodmen gathered in Tacoma on Memorial Day and built a house for the widow of one of their members. They nearly finished the house in one day.

A Wisconsin man who has served two years in prison for being implicated in the robbery of a bank and murder of one of the directors, is now found to be innocent.

A fire sale in a big department store in Chicago ended in a riot, several women being knocked down and injured, the windows of the store smashed and the interior wrecked.

Rabies among coyotes in Central Idaho is causing great alarm. The animals come into the towns and attack dogs and live stock, as well as people, and seem to have no fear. Several persons have been bitten.

British politicians are much worked up over proposed changes in the coronation oath.

The bond issue to build the Lake Washington canal at Seattle has been declared invalid.

FLY THOUANDS OF MILES.

Prizes Offered for Long Distance Flights in United States.

New York, June 1.—Aerial flights from New York to St. Louis and from New York to Chicago will next be attempted, substantial money prizes for the accomplishments of both feats having been offered.

A prize of \$30,000 was offered tonight by the New York World and St. Louis Post-Dispatch to the first aviator who flies an aeroplane from New York City to St. Louis or from St. Louis to New York.

The New York Times announced that it had arranged with J. C. Shaffer, of the Chicago Evening Post for an offer of \$25,000 for an aeroplane race between Chicago and New York.

Mayor Gaynor announced the prize for the New York-St. Louis flight at the Hotel Astor tonight, where Glenn H. Curtiss, who on Sunday wrote a new chapter in the history of aviation by making a flight from Albany to Governor's Island, was the guest of the New York World, whose \$10,000 award he won. Conditions governing the flight will be announced after a conference with aeronautic experts.

A distinguished company gathered to meet the young aviator tonight. At the table the modest Curtiss sat between the mayor and Brigadier General Howe, U. S. A., in command of the department of the East.

A flood of congratulatory cablegrams and telegrams was read. Among them were messages from Bleriot, the French aviator; the Aero Club of France; Count Jacques de Lesseps, who recently flew across the English channel; Hart O. Berg, the "father of aviation," and Hubert Latham, the French aviator.

Hudson Maxim, one of the speakers of the evening, said: "As the warless era, of which we catch glimpses in our dreams of a distant future, is unquestionably yet far away, we must in our prediction look to the flying machines in war as well as sport and commerce.

"We shall not have to wait 100 years for the staunch, wind-defying machine, with automatic equilibration. Very soon automobiling of the air will be as safe as automobiling upon the earth now is. Neither shall we have to wait 100 years for that spectacular event—a fight between aerial navies, for these are bound to come."

Curtiss was enthusiastic over the new offer, but, in the absence of details as to stops allowed and other conditions, he would not say definitely whether he would enter the contest.

Charles K. Hamilton quickly announced, however, that he would be a contestant. He had planned to enter the New York-Albany race, but Curtiss was too quick for him.

The announcement of the prize offered for the New York-Chicago flight was issued from the Times office late tonight as follows:

"The New York Times announces that it has arranged with J. C. Shaffer, of the Chicago Evening Post, for an offer of \$25,000 for an aeroplane race between Chicago and New York, the details of which will be announced later."

AIRSHIP WAR TEST PLANNED

Aviator Hamilton to Take Explosives Into Air With Him.

New York, June 1.—Unusual interest was manifested today in the announcement that government employes, who are planning on an airship flight test soon in Chickamauga Park, will carry with them explosives to be dropped at dummy targets situated in the park. The test is to be given under the direction of Aviator Hamilton, and will be an attempt to prove the benefits of the airship in time of war. The test will be watched with great interest by government officials as well as the world in general.

Airship Treaty Now Under Way.

Washington, D. C., June 1.—Aerial navigation has made such rapid progress that Secretary of State Knox and the government of Mexico are negotiating an aviation treaty governing the passage of airships across the border between the two countries. It will be the first treaty governing aviation between nations and is already on the road to completion. It is announced from the State department that Mr. Knox is only awaiting the test of Mexico's proposition in detail before taking final action on the terms.

Comet Still Around.

Portland, June 1.—Halley's comet, apparently weary of coquetting with mother earth with uncertain and puzzling visions of its dimensions, is showing itself nightly to all viewers with possibly more vividness than when it was closest to earth little more than a week ago. Any opinion that interest in the wanderer has waned is belied by the crowds that go each night to viewpoints to obtain what they expect to be their last sight of the visitor.

Chinese Fear Outbreak.

Shanghai, June 1.—Chinese warships with troops have been dispatched to Nanking in anticipation of a native outbreak against foreigners. The latter have been warned. The Chinese soldiers now at Nanking will be replaced by the force from Shanghai, as they are not considered reliable in case of need.

"Jim Crow" Not Passed On.

Washington, June 1.—An attempt to have the Supreme court of the United States pass upon the authority of common carriers engaged in interstate commerce to make "Jim Crow" regulations met with failure when the court dismissed the so-called Chile's appeal from its docket.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

LINES IN OREGON \$4,784,222.

Northern Pacific Engineers Make Estimate on Cost of Railroad.

Clyde B. Aitchison, Oregon state railroad commissioner, has received from the office of the chief engineer of the Northern Pacific company estimates on the cost of reproduction of railway lines in Oregon based on conditions in April, 1909. The estimates were exclusive of the one-third interest in the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway and the 40 per cent interest in the Northern Pacific Terminal company.

The total mileage of the Northern Pacific lines in Oregon is given at 97.27 miles. Of main line there is 38.67 miles; branches, 44.92 miles, and in yards and spurs 13.68 miles.

The estimate of expenditure on the line from Goble to Portland, 46.7 miles, is \$3,005,892.12. The biggest item is for right of way and station grounds, the figures being given at \$750,059.25. The cost of grading is given at \$733,768.

An estimate of \$995,439.78 is given as the cost of the work on the Washington & Oregon line to Pendleton, a distance of 35.74 miles. The cost of grading for this section is stated to be \$242,781, and of right of way and station grounds, \$154,608.33. From Smeltz to Athena, 10.83 miles, the estimated cost of work is \$357,745.26. The cost of equipment for the road in Oregon is estimated at \$324,146.05.

Lumber Camps Can't Get Men.

Hood River.—The strawberry growers are not the only employers of labor who are having their troubles these days. The Oregon Lumber company has almost been forced to close its mill at Doe on account of the scarcity of labor. Manager Charles T. Early says they use three crews—"one coming, one working and one going."

The laborers do not seem to stick long at any job and while the yard workers are getting \$2.50 a day they will not stay with their jobs. One morning recently with the aid of Marshal Lewis, Mr. Early rounded up 20 men in the jungles and managed to persuade 13 of them to take the train for Doe and go to work. Eleven were put to work in the yard and two others sent on to the timber camp. At noon the Doe office called up and told Mr. Early they were ready for another round-up, as the 11 men from the yard were beating it down the track. Fortunately these loafers do not stick long in Hood River, as they get thirsty and have to move along to The Dalles or Portland.

Canney Ready for Work.

Eugene.—The Eugene Fruitgrowers' association has a large force of men employed getting the plant ready for the opening of the canning season. A large amount of money has been expended on the canning building since it was purchased from the Allen company early in the spring. The packing department has been moved to the basement of the building, where a good floor has been built and every convenience installed for the employes. The big room on the ground floor formerly used as a packing room will be used for other purposes.

Work 33 Days on One Log.

Tillamook.—The crew of Hadley Russell shingle mill, which is owned by C. W. Gilmore, worked from April 9 to May 18, cutting 141,000 shingles out of one log 11 feet 10 inches in diameter and 60 feet long. In order to cut up the log it was necessary to blow it into eight pieces with dynamite, the saw used being only eight feet in length. In cutting the log not over half a cord of timber was wasted. In felling the tree an arm 60 feet long and four feet in diameter was broken to splinters, not a bit of it being saved.

Transplant Eastern Oysters.

Astoria.—Four hundred and twenty sacks of Eastern oysters for transplanting at Tokeland for the Toke Point Oyster company, have been received from Long Island sound. They were not the little seedlings that have been used heretofore and which take about five years to mature sufficient for the market, but about the size of an Olympia oyster and will mature in two years. This is an experiment but the oyster people believe it is feasible.

Farmers' Union in Coos.

Marshfield.—A local branch of the Farmers' Co-operative and Educational union was formed in this city by Charles A. Hill, the organizer, who has been working in this locality. There are now four or five different branches of the union in the county and they will all be brought together under a county organization. An effort will be made to secure 1,000 members in Coos county.

To Build Stone Roads.

Toledo.—Road building machinery has been installed by the county court, preparations at the quarry are being rushed rapidly and the work of crushing and placing the rock on the Toledo-Silet wagon road will be begun at once. When this modern road is completed other roads will be built and soon Lincoln county will be noted for her good roads, one of the essentials in any county.

Klamath to Celebrate July 4-5.

Klamath Falls.—Preparations are already being made for a celebration in this city on July 4 and 5. It is the intention of the business men of the city to make the justification a record breaker. The Socialist encampment will be in session here during this time.

SEE BY TELEGRAPH, NEXT.

French Scientist Perfects Apparatus to Take Photographs by Wire

Paris, May 30.—Television, the science of seeing hundreds of miles by the means of a telegraph wire, is a step nearer realization. Edouard Belin, a young French scientist, has perfected and soon will test publicly an apparatus which actually, it is said, will take a picture telegraphically. Thus the image of a person or article before an objective lens in New York would appear practically instantaneously on a negative in San Francisco at the other end of the line.

About two years ago, it will be remembered, a German professor named Korn interested the scientific world by exhibiting photographs telegraphically. Pictures obtained were imperfect, however, and showed practically no details.

M. Belin, following Professor Korn's lead, has perfected telephotographic apparatus in which the sensitive committee on posts and telegraphs is much interested.

1,002 FAMILIES EXILED.

Russian Hebrews Receive Notification to Quit Kiev.

Kiev, May 30.—One thousand and two Jewish families have now received notification that they must leave the city in accordance with the determination of the Russian government to drive back into the pale all Hebrews who are unable to establish their legal right to remain outside its confines. This number includes 50 families to whom notices of expulsion were sent today.

An additional 193 families living in the suburbs outside the city proper are subject to deportation before June 1 unless in the meantime they produce proofs of their right of residence in their present sites.

It is impossible to get statistics showing the number of those already expelled. Even the Jewish Relief committee is unable to state the exact figures, but the committee estimates that between 200 and 300 Jewish families have left the city.

WAR PLANS ARE HURRIED.

Conflict Appears Inevitable Between Ecuador and Peru.

Washington, May 30.—Official dispatches received at the State department both from Lima, Peru, and Quito, Ecuador, indicate that war-like preparations between Peru and Ecuador are being rapidly pushed forward, and that a conflict seems inevitable.

In view of the fact that both Peru and Ecuador had accepted without reserve Secretary Knox's proposition for the United States, Brazil and Argentina to mediate between these two countries in the matter of their boundary dispute, the State department officials are at a loss to understand their present attitude.

It was the understanding of the officials that in opening the mediation proposition they had of necessity accepted the conditions proposed by the offer, the principal one being the immediate withdrawal of their armies from the common frontier.

Rare Fossils Sought for Museum.

New York, May 30.—Two expeditions from the American Museum of Natural History will leave New York next week for Montana and Wyoming, in search of dinosaurs with three horns on each nose, and horses with four toes to the foot. The museum scientists hope to find specimens of both varieties, the party which is to search for fossils of the Cretaceous period going to Montana. The expedition is in charge of Professor Barnum Brown, and he will have three or four helpers.

A similar expedition will go to Wyoming for researches in the evolution of the horse. Two or three fossil specimens of the eocene age are needed to complete the museum's chain showing the development of the horse from the creature no bigger than a dog to the swift and graceful Sysony, whose skeleton is one of the treasures of the institution.

Teddy is Buxton's Guest.

London, May 30.—Mr. Roosevelt tonight closed his visit to Lieutenant Colonel Arthur Lee's country place, Chequers, court, in Buckinghamshire, where he went from Cambridge yesterday. Colonel and Mrs. Lee had as guests also Mrs. Roosevelt, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Lord and Lady Roberts, Lord Kitchener, Arthur J. Balfour, Sir Cecil and Lady Spring-Rice and the Right Hon. Alfred Lyttelton.

The ex-president will spend one day with Ian Buxton, who is an expert on the forestry question.

Surgeons Sew Up Gash in Heart.

Portland, May 30.—Holding a living, pulsating human heart in the palm of his hand, a surgeon at St. Vincent's hospital deftly stitched together the walls of a gash in its tip, waiting tensely for every remission of the organ's systole and diastole movements to take each tiny step in the process. And the operator did it as a matter of course, a thing in the day's work, interesting, of course, but hardly worthy of extraordinary comment.

Canada to Breed Pheasants.

Vancouver, B. C., May 30.—This summer 1,000 pheasants will be bred by the provincial government in the Coast district for distribution here. Heretofore the breeding has been done only by local enterprise, but now the government has established breeding headquarters at Chilliwack. The birds to be raised this year are all Mongolian pheasants of the best breed.

CURTISS MAKES RECORD FLIGHT

Albany to New York, 137 Miles, With One Stop.

Actual Time in Flight 2 Hours 32 Minutes—Wins \$10,000—Train Could Not Keep Up.

New York, May 31.—Glenn H. Curtiss flew from Albany to New York City in an aeroplane, Sunday, May 29, winning the \$10,000 prize offered by the New York World.

He covered the distance of 137 miles in 2 hours and 32 minutes, and came to earth as quietly and as lightly as a pigeon. His average speed for the distance—54.06 miles per hour—surpasses any other record made by an aeroplane in long-distance flight. In its entirety, his flight perhaps eclipses any flight man has made in heavier-than-air machines.

The start was made from Albany at 7:03 o'clock under weather conditions as nearly perfect as the most fastidious aviator could demand. One hour

and 23 minutes later Curtiss made his first stop near Poughkeepsie, where there was an hour's intermission. Resuming his flight at 9:26, he sped southward, and landed within the boundary of Manhattan Island at 10:35.

Paulhan's flight from London to Manchester, 86 miles, exceeded the Curtiss feat for distance, but not in speed or in danger. The Frenchman's average was 44.3 miles an hour and below him lay English meadow land. Curtiss followed the winding course of the historic Hudson, with jutting headlands, wooded slopes and treacherous palisades. He swung high over the great bridge at Poughkeepsie, dipped at times within 50 feet of the river's broad surface, and jockeyed like a falcon at the turns.

Only once did his craft show signs of rebellion. This was off Storm King, near West Point, when, at a height of nearly 1,000 feet a treacherous gust struck his planes. The machine dropped 40 feet and tilted perilously, but Curtiss kept his head and by adroit manipulation restored the equilibrium of the machine.

With his eyes and brain cleared of the cobwebs of sleep, he went with his mechanic and a handful of spectators to Van Rensselaer Island, in the Hudson, three miles south of Albany, where he was to start. Waiting at the river brink was a special train chartered by the New York Times for Mrs. Curtiss and her party. From the train they could not see the actual start, but those on the island witnessed a remarkable scene.

With the signal that Curtiss was off, the special train of five cars and a locomotive gathered impetus and sought to follow. But so quickly had he flown that for 21 miles the locomotive, running nearly a mile a minute, was unable to catch up.

Dr. Cook After Records?

New York, May 31.—The mystery of the whereabouts of Dr. Cook, the American, will say tomorrow, was solved last night. He is in Scotland, preparing for a trip to Etah, whence he plans to bring back his records of his discovery and his instruments which are cached there. He also intends to bring back the two Eskimos who accompanied him on his dash to the Pole. Dr. Cook's objective point when he shall have recovered his records and instruments, says the newspaper, will be Copenhagen.

Rice is Higher in China.

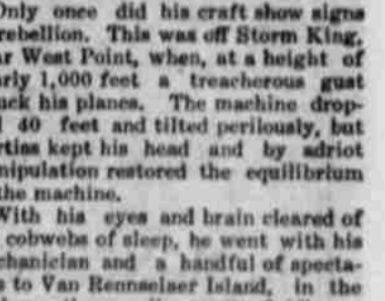
Amoy, China, May 31.—The price of rice has risen 50 per cent and the poor are unable to buy food. As a consequence of this a demonstration took place at Changchow.

Owing to the practical failure of the rice crop in certain of the interior provinces this year, an almost prohibitive price already prevails for the cereal. A further advance means famine conditions among the teeming coolies, whose principal article of food is rice.

Bear Lassoed From Auto.

Cody, Wyo., May 31.—When a big brown bear paused to look at an automobile near the ranch of G. C. Rudson at the foot of the Big Horn mountains today, Rudolph Rovigo, the cowboy chauffeur, holding the steering wheel with one hand, lassoed bruin as the car swept past him. The captive was dragged to the Rudson ranch and is on exhibition there, with several bare spots on his coat.

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