

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.

John Redmond is coming to the front as a leader of the English Radicals.

Roosevelt shook hands with over 400 Americans during a reception in Cairo, Egypt.

The eruption of Mount Etna is subsiding and all danger is believed to be past.

A St. Louis woman finds contract marriage a failure and wants a divorce.

Insurgents suggest a substitution of a "pure parliamentarian" for Speaker Cannon and will continue their fight for his removal.

Officials of the state of Washington would like to exchange school lands in forest reserves for lands of equal value adjoining the reserves.

A Wisconsin man set fire to a widow's house, claiming that the insurance money would do her more good. He got three years.

Four children in Hartford, Conn., were rescued by the police just as their maniac father was about to massacre them with an axe. The family had just been evicted by their landlord.

Several Tacoma women had expressed a willingness to adopt a certain promising baby which was being cared for in a foundling home, but all backed out when it was discovered that the child was colored.

Through the efforts of their grandson, Cody Boala, a reconciliation has been effected between Colonel W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) and Mrs. Cody. Colonel and Mrs. Cody became estranged three or four years ago and since that time they have lived apart.

Their supplies stolen by Cree Indians in the wilds of the Rocky Mountains, and with every one of their 44 horses dead of starvation, 22 men belonging to a Canadian Northern Railway survey party, headed by Engineer C. F. Hankynton, arrived in Vancouver, B. C., after having fought their way to civilization through midwinter snowdrifts.

A Pittsburg councilman fainted when asked if he had sold his vote.

Ex-President Roosevelt was warmly welcomed at Cairo by the khedive of Egypt.

Samuel Gompers is doubtful of Rockefeller's plan to dispose of his great wealth.

The senate has amended the corporation tax law so as to limit the publicity of reports.

Rivers of molten lava are flowing down the sides of Mount Etna, and several villages are in great danger.

Marion Clark, discoverer of the Mariposa grove of big trees in California, is dead. He will be buried in the big tree grove.

Women suffragists are active in France and candidates will be out for the office of deputies in every district in Paris next month.

W. H. Buckley, attorney, of Albany, N. Y., admits he was able to obtain advance information on court decisions in insurance cases.

During ante-election troubles in St. Louis a mob tried to lynch the city clerk, but were stood off successfully by a daughter of the chief of police.

A Black Hand member instantly killed by a sheriff's posse while removing money from a hiding place where his victim had been ordered to leave it.

A definite agreement has been reached on the Canada-United States tariff.

As the beef packers' investigation proceeds, the prices of beef continue to rise.

The American Federation of Labor has filed charges against the steel corporation.

Pinchot has sailed for Europe, and it is believed he intends to meet Roosevelt in Naples.

Barney Oldfield, driving a Knox auto, made 20 miles in 18 minutes at Daytona, Florida.

Louis R. Glavis has confessed that he worked deception on Cunningham in the Alaska coal cases.

Witnesses before the Pittsburg grand jury testified that councilmen were bought as low as \$50.

The president of the Paper makers' union was escorted out of the town of Rumford Falls, Maine, by citizens, who intimated that he was not wanted there.

WANTS MORE BATTLESHIPS.

Representative Hobson Says Pacific Coast is Defenseless.

Washington, March 28.—"Our national defenselessness," was the theme around which Representative Hobson, Democrat, Alabama, voiced a prophecy of disaster in the house late this afternoon. A startling array of facts as to our unpreparedness for war as collected by the general staff of the army was the basis for the appeal of the hero of the Spanish-American war for immediate action by congress. He declared it was imperative that a larger navy be authorized at once if the United States would stave off possible invasion by a foreign enemy in the future.

"Any European nation of the first power," said Hobson, "that has an adequate army and merchant marine—I will take Germany merely as an illustration—could put 200,000 men aboard ships in a single expedition. One-half could land on the coast of Long Island and the other half on the coast of New Jersey and inside of a few weeks they could seize Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York without resistance."

Hobson said he would probably offer an amendment to the naval bill calling for six battleships.

"We need that many a year," he said, "to maintain the equilibrium existing among the nations."

Referring to conditions on the Pacific coast, Hobson said:

"It is unfortunate that I cannot refer to existing conditions on the Pacific coast without these peace dreamers crying out 'war and jingoism,' but you can all verify for yourselves, you who have no knowledge of existing conditions, that the city of San Francisco cannot regulate her own schools as she desires. The legislators of California, Oregon and Washington cannot today legislate upon segregation of the yellow people.

"Those legislators were told to drop that dangerous question. I will tell you why. We are defenseless on the Pacific ocean.

"The Japanese navy is rated at 490,000 tons, and ours at 695,000 tons. All of our 695,000 tons substantially is in the Atlantic ocean and has to stay there.

"Do you think I am talking war? I am trying to arrange this equilibrium in the Pacific ocean under which we could come to mutual concessions and solve the problem.

"I am trying to take the only way to prevent war."

SENDS RELIEF TO ESTRADA.

General Gordon Prepares Expedition and Defies Madriz.

New Orleans, La., March 28.—The crisis in the strained relations between the representatives of the Madriz and the Estrada factions of the Nicaraguan government was reached late today, when General Gordon, who is organizing an Estrada relief expedition, suddenly appeared the Madriz consulate and entering the room where Luis Corea, Madriz's minister to Washington, and other Madriz officials were in conference, defied them to keep him from starting his expedition for Central America.

It was a dramatic scene. Corea and General Altschul were seated at a table when Gordon suddenly entered. He calmly told these enemies that the report that he was organizing an army was true.

"Then you are liable to a \$1,000 fine and three years' imprisonment, according to American laws," shouted Corea.

"I am ready to sign a statement that I am raising an army here and that I have chartered a ship and I defy you to do anything," was Gordon's reply. He then handed each of the Madriz officials his card and walked out.

Minister Corea was angered by the proceeding and said he would endeavor to have Gordon imprisoned at once. Local government officials said they would refuse to take official action until orders were received from Washington.

Later in the day General Gordon suddenly wheeled on the two detectives following him and thrashed them both. It is believed that part of the relief expedition will attempt to sail tonight.

Muskrat Drains Fish Pond.

Spokane, Wash., March 29.—Near Kalispell, Mont., boring a hole in an embankment that sustained one side of an artificial fish pond, a muskrat a few days ago drained the pond and caused the loss of many of the fish, many of which, instinctively heading up stream when the waters began to fall, floundered into a small creek that poured into the pond and escaped into small marshes that lined the stream. The pond was owned by Richard Greig, who stocked it several years ago with trout from a government fish car.

Ten Fight With Knives.

Walla Walla, March 29.—As the result of a battle with knives between four Italians and six Japanese early this morning two Italians were seriously wounded. Antonio Ponti, one of the participants, may die from his wounds. Two Japanese were arrested. The fight arose over the possession of a bicycle.

Get More Pittsburg Grafters

Pittsburg, March 28.—Former Councilman Charles Stewart was in the sweat box for four hours this afternoon. He is believed to have told many things that will cause new sensations Monday when the officials "get their lines out."

CHURCHES JOIN GRAFT CRUSADE

Pittsburg Ministers Make Effort Arouse Sentiment.

Many Councilmen Expected to Resign Without Protest—Banks are Called Upon to Testify.

Pittsburg, March 29.—The Lenten season, which ended Sunday, has been too short a season of penitence for Pittsburg, and it will be continued with promise of even more startling confessions of graft this week.

In several hundred churches the feature of the Easter services was the reading of a circular letter issued by a civil committee, urging the members of every congregation to attend a huge indignation mass meeting to be held some day this week. Sermons, too, were designed to arouse public condemnation of such practices as have been revealed. Lessons in civic cleanliness were drawn by many pastors.

It having been pretty thoroughly established, according to District Attorney William A. Blakeley, that at least \$102,500 was used in influencing legislation, the source of the money and the dispensers of it are to be the focus of the grand jury's attention tomorrow morning.

A considerable portion of the big bribe fund is charged to certain banks that sought to get city deposits. They succeeded, but it is the desire of the grand jury, as pronounced in its report of Friday last, that the bank deposit ordinance be rescinded, and the banks, if found guilty, be deprived of the use of city money. It is known that some representatives of the banks are to be called tomorrow to testify.

The six banks that have been named by the grand jury as having been involved in the scandal are the Columbia National, the German National of Pittsburg, the Farmers' National Deposit bank, and the Second National, the German National, of Alleghany, and the Workmen's Savings & Trust company.

The directorate of the Farmers' National has announced that it will comply with the district attorney's call for information and the Second National has prepared a certified statement which is to be presented to the grand jury tomorrow. The other banks have taken no action.

It was still unlearned tonight whether Charles Stewart in his talk with District Attorney Blakeley told all he is believed to know of the men higher up. Stewart is an ex-Select councilman, who was declared by the grand jury in its presentment Saturday to have been the man to whom \$45,000 of bribed money was given at the Hotel Imperial in New York.

ETNA MAY CAUSE TREMBLOR.

Pent-Up Lava Likely to Force Passage, Scientist Believes.

Catania, March 29.—While the quantity of lava from the craters of Mount Etna continues to decrease, the internal activity of the volcano was stronger today than yesterday. Frank A. Perret, the American authority, believes that the decrease in the flow of lava is due to obstructions in the new craters, which prevent its flowing freely, and that in a few days, the molten mass will either force a passage or an earthquake will result. Mr. Perret went today from Nicolosi to the Alpine club refuge, which is situated near the craters, and later telegraphed down as follows: "The activity of Etna today is stronger, but the lava is slower. Terrific explosions in the interior of the mountain continue."

Villagers Homeless by Fire.

Charleston, W. Va., March 26.—With almost every house in the prosperous village of Mount Hope destroyed by fire today, at least 2,000 homeless persons are tonight sleeping on the commons. Conditions which followed the conflagration are much worse than early reports indicated. Upon the arrival at Mount Hope tonight of the special train bearing the National Guard, tents were distributed and an effort is being made to house as many as possible. Many of the families lost all their household effects.

Pension Bill Passes House.

Washington, March 26.—The pension bill, carrying appropriations of about \$156,000,000, was passed by the house today. Nearly the entire session was occupied by a contest made chiefly by Republicans against the provision as reported from the committee on pensions for abolition of the pension agencies now in operation throughout the country.

New York Warm in March.

New York, March 26.—The mercury rose to 77 degrees this afternoon, the highest temperature recorded for March in New York for 40 years.

ROOSEVELT VISITS TOMBS.

Wonders at Glories of Old Egypt—Will be Guest of Kaiser.

Berlin, March 26.—Emperor William's invitation to Theodore Roosevelt to be his guest at the royal castle promises effectually to frustrate the ex-president's expressed desire to be received in Europe as a plain private citizen. The invitation is at variance with all court precedents.

Heretofore no foreign private citizen has ever enjoyed hospitality at the royal castle, and the only person not of princely rank who has been thus honored is Count Zeppelin, whom the Kaiser has called the greatest man of the century.

During his stay in the palace, May 12 to 15, Mr. Roosevelt will have the suite occupied by King Edward on his recent visit, and will be the center of attraction in a brilliant circle comprising the Emperor's closest official advisers.

Cairo, Egypt, March 25.—Up with the sun today, after a restful night at the Mena House, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and his party early prepared for a visit to the metropolis of Sakkara, where are the wonderful tombs of various kings, of Thy and of the Apis bulls.

Last night the sphinx was viewed by moonlight, and Colonel Roosevelt said today the weird sight had been thoroughly enjoyed by himself and his family. It was the most interesting thing he had seen during his trip to Africa.

Tonight Colonel Roosevelt and his family returned to Cairo, dined with the American consul general, Mr. Idings, and later attended a banquet tendered him by Sir Eldon Gorst, the British agent and consul general in Egypt.

Major F. K. Watson, pasha, aide-camp to the khedive, who met Colonel Roosevelt a year ago at Port Said, was an early caller at the Mena House today. He paid the respects of the khedive to the American hunter and tendered him the use of the khedive's special camel corps for the eight-mile ride across the desert of Sakkara. Such a tender always is a special mark of favor and Colonel Roosevelt accepted it with pleasure. The colonel and Kermit each rode one of the animals over the dreary waste to the Necropolis, but Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel chose a more comfortable conveyance.

EXPLOSIVES ARE SAVED.

Blacksmith Rushes into Burning Powder Magazine.

Pittsburg, March 26.—Reports of serious forest fires are coming in from many sections of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Three miles below Parkersburg, W. Va., the forests are ablaze and farmers are working frantically to stop the flames.

At Bridgeville, near here, the flames of a stubborn brush fire threatened two powder magazines, in which were stored 400 pounds of powder and a large quantity of dynamite. Men had fought the flames fruitlessly until it seemed nothing could save the magazines and houses near by. Harry Skiles, a blacksmith, finally rushed to one of the magazines, smashed in a door, and with the aid of the fire fighters carried the explosives out of the danger zone.

An area three miles long and two miles wide has been devastated in Kennedy and Stowe townships of second growth timber and the loss thus far is estimated at \$50,000. Oil derricks, tanks of crude oil and about 300,000 feet of timber have been destroyed.

Schooner Arthur B. Founders Off Fraser River.

Vancouver, B. C., March 24.—The 62-ton gasoline schooner Arthur B. bound from Tacoma for Nanaimo, B. C., with a cargo of gypsum, foundered off the Fraser river lightship last night during a storm and Captain McCranahan and a crew of five men perished.

The Arthur B. was built at Port Townsend in 1897 and was owned in Tacoma. A stiff westerly wind prevailed in the gulf last night and off the sand heads a big sea was running. At 8 o'clock last night the Arthur B. called in at Steveson and left shortly after. The lightkeeper, in charge of the lightship off the Fraser river, saw the vessel at 9:30 o'clock laboring heavily and while he was watching she foundered before his eyes and went down. The Arthur B. was used in the cement and plaster carrying trade between Puget sound and British Columbia ports.

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COLORADO MINES DEFY MINE LAW

Investigation by Inspector Discloses Bad Conditions.

Coroner's Jury on Primero Disaster is Scored—Colorado Fuel & Iron Company on Rack.

Denver, March 24.—Characterizing the system employed by the Colorado Fuel & Iron company in the operation of its mines in Southern Colorado as "open defiance of the law," State Labor Commissioner E. V. Brake, in his report on the Primero coal mine disaster in which 76 miners lost their lives January 31, calls upon Governor Shafrath to appoint a commission to make a rigid investigation of conditions in Las Animas and Huerfano counties, where the Colorado Fuel & Iron properties are located.

Mr. Brake finds the following conditions existed in the Primero mine previous to the explosion:

Insufficient sprinkling as provided by law; local gas explosions frequent; lack of sufficient timbers, houses in the camp of poor construction; no check weighmen for the benefit of the miners.

In the opening of his report Mr. Brake declares that the Colorado Fuel & Iron company employs inexperienced, non-English speaking miners, because they are "not familiar with wage conditions in this country and can be secured at a lower wage than English-speaking miners."

Mr. Brake also scores the coroner's jury which investigated the Primero disaster, declaring that the jury was "composed of employees of the company and returned a verdict without careful examination, exonerating the company from blame."

He states that he finds children employed in mines and washers of the company in violation of the state law.

MAILBAG WINS LONG FIGHT.

Uncle Sam Says Railroads Must Install New Device.

Chicago, March 24.—No more "bootings" for the long-abused mailbag. After more than a quarter of a century of experimenting the Postoffice department has adopted an automatic device for the delivery of mail pouches from rapidly moving trains. Within a short time notices will be served upon all of the roads transporting mails that from a certain date they will be required either to stop their trains when delivering pouches or to install the automatic device designed and manufactured by F. H. Burr, of Atlantic, Ia.

The Burr device won easily over nearly 100 other devices recently tested on the Rock Island road. Its record of performance through an entire year of service is said to have been perfect. More than 4,000 deliveries were made at a speed up to 70 miles an hour.

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