

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 political situation in England is extremely tense.

Roosevelt will be as closely guarded as any king during his visit in Rome.

Secretary Ballinger will bring suit against Collier's Weekly for attacks upon him.

At least six bankers will be indicted as a result of the Pittsburg graft scandal and investigations.

A guide who helped Cunningham locate illegally on Alaska coal claims, being chagrined at the small fee paid him, has told all he knew about the matter.

Eight cases of smallpox have developed in the town of Charleston, Wash., near the Puget Sound navy yard, and all schools, saloons and billiard halls have been closed.

Decollette dresses will be barred from the Eucharist congress in Montreal next September, which will be attended by Cardinal Vanutelli, papal delegate from Rome.

Donald Graves, 14 years old, was shot through the right eye at his home at Long Beach, Cal., by Jesse Franzen, aged 11 years, and died two hours later. The two lads were playing Indian with a 22-calibre rifle.

A plan is being formulated by the heirs to the millions of Russell Sage, to make a systematic war on loan sharks by establishing loan agencies where people in stringent circumstances can borrow at reasonable rates of interest.

Maintaining utmost secrecy until the hour of attack, government secret service agents made raids simultaneously on bucket shops in New York, Philadelphia, Jersey City, Baltimore, Cincinnati and St. Louis. In all 16 arrests were made. Five millionaires are said to have been caught in the dragnet, extending from the Missouri river to the Atlantic.

Admiral Fournier of France predicts war between the United States and Japan.

A Seattle woman is believed to have poisoned nearly 50 valuable dogs in that city.

Pinchot refuses to say whether or not he was summoned to meet Roosevelt in Europe.

Nat Goodwin, the noted actor, has purchased a ranch of 869 acres near San Jacinto, Cal., for \$54,000.

President Taft says the policy of returning men to congress for successive terms makes the East more powerful in that body.

The French government is conducting extensive experiments in aviation and is considering the appropriation of at least \$4,000,000 for aeronautics.

More than 3,000 white and negro men, women and children, employed in the American Tobacco company's stemmeries in Louisville, Ky., have struck for higher wages.

Three hundred thousand coal miners in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas have quit work, pending settlement of a new wage scale.

The department of agriculture has forbidden the feeding, or "floating," of oysters in brackish water, previous to sending them to market, believing it a fruitful source of typhoid infection.

The Young Egyptian company has published a protest against Colonel Roosevelt's speech at Cairo, declaring that his remarks were offensive to the whole nation and were made only with the object of pleasing his official hosts.

The fiercest tornado in years, accompanied by heavy snow, has caused immense damage and loss of life in Southern Austria. A passenger train was blown off the rails near Auggie, and rolled down an embankment, killing four persons and injuring 18.

Demanding the privilege of participating in the next state election and all others to follow, representatives of the Votes for Women club of California have made a formal request upon the local registrar of voters that their names be enrolled upon the great register.

Snow storms and blizzards are sweeping the entire Rocky mountain region.

Senator Allds, of New York, is convicted of bribe-taking and resigns his seat in congress.

Coal miners of the East demand an immediate increase in wages or a strike will follow.

MILLIONS TO FIGHT SHARKS.

Plan is to Charge Only Legal Rates on Furniture Security.

New York, April 4.—Mrs. Russell Sage has inaugurated a state-wide plan to thwart the loan sharks who fatten upon the necessities of the poor. She has returned from her trip across the continent to put into immediate effect measures to save the unfortunate from the exactions of the usurer.

The Sage millions will capitalize a chain of model loan establishments which will advance money to the poor on their household goods at the legal rate of interest.

The plan has been prepared by the Sage Foundation, in cooperation with Orion H. Cheney, state superintendent of banks, and awaits only Mrs. Sage's final approval.

Mr. Cheney, who has been waging a bitter war upon the loan sharks, said today:

"When the Sage Foundation enters this field not only will it accomplish a most worthy mission, but at the same time it can be made financially profitable. The concerns which take unfair advantage of the unfortunates who are financially embarrassed will be either driven out of the business or forced to conduct their business on the same fair basis as the Sage Foundation."

Mr. Cheney said he believed the poor who have to resort to the securing of loans on their furniture should be cared for in preference to the class that secures advances on salary.

AVIATOR SWOOPS TO DEATH ON ROCKS.

San Sebastian, Spain, April 4.—Another French aviator has met death while making a flight in an aeroplane. Hubert Leblon, who, prior to his taking up aeroplaning was a noted automobilist, was killed while making an exhibition flight here yesterday.

He was circling the royal palace of Miramar at a height of 140 feet when his motor broke. He attempted to glide back to the shed, but the machine turned and swooped with terrific force against the rocks. The aviator was crushed.

Mme. Leblon witnessed the accident and when the body was recovered from the sea, she rushed shrieking towards the ambulance to which it was being carried. She threw herself upon the lifeless form, kissing it repeatedly and refusing to be led away. As the weather was stormy, Leblon's flight was unexpected and only a few people assembled to see the start. After the start, however, an enormous crowd quickly gathered and followed the body to the police hospital. There was an examination, but the doctors were only able to confirm that death must have been instantaneous.

ITALIANS CHEER ROOSEVELT.

Seen in Theater at Naples—Receives Grand Ovation.

Naples, April 4.—Ex-President Roosevelt was given a tremendous reception at the Theater San Carlos, where he attended a performance tonight. The Americans in the boxes started the cheering, which was taken up by a great body of students seated in the third gallery. Colonel Roosevelt rose and bowed his acknowledgments, which only served to increase the tumultuous applause.

During an intermission students to the number of 200 marched to the rear of Colonel Roosevelt's box, where they were presented to the ex-president by Professor Boggiano, of the University of Naples, who, in a graceful speech, recalled the colonel's parting injunction to President Taft, that the greatest problem for the United States was the maintenance of a moral well-being and strength of the people. Professor Boggiano said that this was also the greatest problem for all countries.

Colonel Roosevelt, replying, appealed to the students to aspire to the highest ideals, but warned them that their aspirations must be coupled with practical methods.

"Life is a struggle," he said. "You must not keep in the clouds. Your ideals must be such as can be realized."

Pet Dog Funeral Elaborate.

Chicago, April 4.—Beth, a blooded cocker spaniel which has won many blue ribbons at bench shows, is dead, but if there is any post mortem satisfaction for a departed canine in an elaborate funeral, Beth must have it. Wrapped in an embroidered opera coat, her casket lined with the trophies of her show victories, Beth was buried beneath a fine old mission willow yesterday, sorrowing friends witnessing the ceremony. Beth was the pet of Miss Suzette Newton, the young daughter of Mrs. California Newton.

Students Have Hat Bonfire.

Delaware, O., April 4.—Cheering for the ancients, who never had bald heads, or ought never to have had them, the boy students of Ohio Wesleyan university, last night made a bonfire of their hats. Dancing around the bonfire, they swore never again to imperil the hair of their heads by wearing hats.

JUDGE WILLIAMS PASSES TO REST

Grand Old Man of Oregon Has Crossed Dark River.

End Came as He Had Often Wished, in Harness and in Full Possession of Faculties.

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS.

Of no distemper, of no blast he died, But fell like autumn fruit that mellowed long, E'en wondered at because it fell not sooner. Age seemed to wind him up for four score years, Yet slowly ran he on seven winters more, Till, like a clock, worn out with beating time, The wheels of weary life at last stood still.

Portland, April 5.—With the same serenity that had marked the later years of his long and useful life, Judge George H. Williams early yesterday morning passed to the Great Beyond. Sunday night Oregon's grand old man had retired at the usual hour, after a quiet day spent in good health



and spirits. At the rising hour the empty tenement of clay was found reclining as he had gone to sleep, the face as placid as that of a slumbering child. There was no evidence of a struggle as the spirit left the body, no indication that there had been the slightest degree of suffering. Judge Williams had died in the manner he had often wished—by "simply slipping away."

For a week Judge Williams had been unusually cheery, and for five months he had been freer from physical suffering than for several years. For a long time prior to last fall he had been inconvenienced by an internal disability more or less chronic, yet it was of such a nature that his active interest and participation in business affairs was not impaired, and not even his most intimate friends realized the pain he had suffered.

15TH AMENDMENT WILLIAMS'

Oregon Jurist Last of "War Senate," and Close Friend of Lincoln.

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any state, on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude."

The foregoing is the Fifteenth Amendment to the constitution of the United States, adopted by congress in 1870 and later ratified by the states. The text of the amendment was prepared by the Oregon statesman, George H. Williams, and was presented and adopted with only a minor change in wording.

Judge Williams was one of the last, if not the last, member of the "war senate," and had been a warm personal friend of Lincoln and also of Grant. Sent to the senate from Oregon in 1864, he soon became a power in the administration forces. He was the originator of the "reconstruction act," which he later, as attorney general in Grant's cabinet, enforced.

Cotton Mills Closing.

Boston, Marh 31.—Fifty per cent of the spindles in Southern cotton mills are idle, according to statistics assembled by the American Wool and Cotton Reporter. The figures show the curtailment now in progress not only in the South, but in all sections of the country, is more extensive than has ever been known in the history of the trade, even taking into consideration the panic year of 1907. Mill after mill is closing down entirely until new cotton arrives or market conditions improve.

GLASS TRUST PROBED.

Imperial Company Is Said to Control 33 Factories in Eleven States.

Pittsburg, April 2.—It was learned tonight that after three months' investigation, Federal officers are ready to present to a special grand jury here next Monday evidence that the Imperial Window Glass company is a trust in violation of the Sherman act.

The corporation formed under the laws of West Virginia, is said to control 33 large window glass factories in 11 different states.

The company has offices in Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Many prominent glass manufacturers from these states are said to have been served with subpoenas to appear before the grand jury as witnesses.

United States District Attorney Jordan said tonight:

"The investigation of the Imperial Window Glass company has been under way for 90 days, and agents of the department of justice have visited every one of the 33 plants operated under the charter of the company."

"The company was incorporated in West Virginia early this year, and its alleged control of the window glass business is to be investigated with intent to show that it is a monopoly in restraint of trade."

"The Imperial Window Glass company is a holding organization, the manufacturers pooling their output and selling through the company exclusively. Prices have been compared with those of the American Window Glass company and there is but slight difference."

JAPANESE SPIES MAY NOT BE PUNISHED.

Washington, April 2.—The War department has turned over to the local Philippine government the prosecution of the two Japanese alleged to have been engaged in securing plans for the fortifications of Corregidor, Manila harbor, through the bribery of Joseph G. Saxe, an American soldier.

This has been done in the hope that the local attorneys in Manila may be able to find some section that will serve to bring about punishment of the offenders, whom the United States code does not touch.

It is quite evident, however, that the charge of bribery will not hold, as the Supreme court has ruled that the bribe must be offered to an official. Of course, Private Saxe can and probably will be tried by military court martial, but it does not seem probable that there will be any way of punishing the Japanese if found guilty.

POWER SITES ARE WITHDRAWN

Washington and Idaho Lands Withheld by Ballinger.

Washington, April 2.—In aid of proposed legislation affecting the disposal of waterpower sites on the public domain, Secretary Ballinger today temporarily withdrew from all forms of disposition 5,823 acres along the Lemhi River, Idaho, and 4,175 acres along the Columbia river in Washington.

Approximately 42,750 acres of land in Montana was designated for settlement under the enlarged homestead act. This land, it was said, was not susceptible of successful irrigation at a reasonable cost from any known source of water supply. This makes a total of 28,888,240 acres in Montana designed for settlement under the act.

The coal lands withdrawn from the public domain, it was announced, include large areas within unopened Indian and military reservations. As such withdrawals are without effect, Mr. Ballinger has cancelled them to clear the record. These lands were already withheld from entry because they were within Indian or military reserves, and their inclusion within coal land withdrawals was a duplicate of their reservation. The total area involved in the correction of the records was 811,354 acres, located in reservations in New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, North Dakota, Washington and Montana.

Prices Blamed on Tariff.

Washington, April 2.—Increases in the price of olive oil and macaroni are laid at the door of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law by Wallace Pierce of Boston. Pierce said the duty on paper was responsible for an increase of half a cent a pound in the price of macaroni, because the macaroni was wrapped in paper.

In a similar way, olive oil was higher on account of the duty on tins. He testified that there had been a general upward tendency in the price of groceries in the last ten years.

Curtiss Firm Insolvent.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 2.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed here today against the Herring-Curtiss company of Hammondsport, N. Y., manufacturers of flying machines. Three creditors allege insolvency.

Glenn H. Curtiss, the aviator, is vice-president and general manager of the company.

VISIT TO POPE DECLARED OFF

Roosevelt Declines Restrictions Imposed by Invitation.

Great Roman Pontiff Expresses Wish to Avoid Repetition of Fairbanks Incident—Rome Stirred.

Pope to Roosevelt.

The holy father will be delighted to grant an audience to Mr. Roosevelt on April 5 and hopes that nothing will arise to prevent it, such as the much regretted incident which made the reception of Mr. Fairbanks impossible.

Roosevelt to Pope.

It would be a real pleasure to me to be presented to the holy father, for whom I entertain high respect, both personally and as the head of a great church. . . . I decline to make any stipulations or submit to any conditions which in any way would limit my freedom of conduct.

Rome, April 5.—The audience which it was believed that ex-President Roosevelt would have with the pope to day will not take place, owing to conditions which the vatican has imposed, and which Mr. Roosevelt refused to accept.

Although the definite negotiations relative to the audience ended before Mr. Roosevelt left Egypt, the announcement was withheld until after Mr. Roosevelt reached Rome tonight at the solicitation of his American Catholic friends here, who believed that in the meantime the vatican might change its attitude.

One of the ex-president's American friends who had been with him in Egypt, came to Rome yesterday without any authorization from Mr. Roosevelt, and interceded with Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary, in an endeavor to avoid the situation, which, as it now stands, has caused a real sensation in Rome, although it was not entirely unexpected. His efforts were unavailing.

When at Gondokoro, in February last, Mr. Roosevelt wrote to Ambassador Leishman, saying that he would be glad of the honor of an audience with King Victor Emmanuel and the pope. The audience with the king was promptly arranged.

Before an arrangement could be reached relative to an audience with the pope, several telegrams were passed and the negotiations were ended by Mr. Roosevelt's refusing in any way to be limited as to his conduct. An audience with the pope under the circumstances is now impossible.

STORM DOES \$200,000 DAMAGE.

Utah Trains Must Again Use Portland Route to the East.

Salt Lake, Utah, April 5.—Two hundred thousand dollars will not cover the loss caused by the terrific wind storm that swept Salt Lake City and North Central Utah last night. Farm property suffered big losses, fences and trees being blown down, and in some instances houses overturned.

Railroad property suffered heavily, and in one case 15 men narrowly escaped with their lives.

Both the Western Pacific and the Southern Pacific are out of commission again. The damage to the Southern Pacific will be repaired by Wednesday, but the outlook for the Western Pacific is dark. The expensive pipeline of the Utah Copper company, which cost \$40,000, was extensively washed away. The storm loss at Saltair Beach, 20 miles west of here, will amount to \$10,000. The pavilion and other valuable resort concessions were wrecked and railway tracks entering the resort were washed away.

Omaha Fire Costs \$500,000.

Omaha, Neb., April 5.—At a late hour tonight fire broke out in the Central grain elevator, owned by the Nye-Schneider-Fowler company, located at Twenty-eighth and Oak streets, and fanned by a high wind, quickly spread to the adjoining flour mill of the Maney Milling company. The elevator and the mill were destroyed, entailing a loss of \$500,000. Nearly 100 box cars, about half of which were loaded with grain, standing on nearby tracks, were destroyed. A large amount of other property narrowly escaped.

Rough Riders to Be Hosts.

New York, April 5.—Rough Riders will be the host that plans to welcome Colonel Roosevelt on his return to American shores. It is hoped to have a large detail of the original regiment go down the harbor on a chartered vessel. Five distant states propose to send delegations to the welcome. They are North Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho and California.