

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.

Premier Asquith dreads to involve the king in the Irish controversy.

Eleven sections of fine fruit land in Eastern Oregon will soon be opened to entry.

Attacks of the ship subsidy lobby are resented warmly by members of the house committee.

The incident between Roosevelt and the vatican at Rome may cause the removal of the papal secretary, Merry de Val.

Dr. Hollis B. Friessell, of the Rockefeller Sanitary commission, says hookworm infection is spread largely by Southern people going barefooted.

A duel between ex-Premier Count Witte and General Kuropatkin, commander-in-chief of the Russian forces in the war with Japan, has been averted through an explanation by the former.

Smugglers of Chinese and opium have been driven out of Southern California and are believed to have transferred their operations to Northwest coast cities.

Miss Anna Morgan, daughter of J. Pierpont Morgan, attracted much attention at Pasadena by going for a three-hour cross-country horseback ride arrayed in a "pants suit" riding habit.

D. C. Jacklin, a Salt Lake millionaire, has bought E. H. Harriman's Pelican Lodge property on Klamath lake, Oregon. He will carry out the plans of Harriman for making a summer resort of the place.

After being whirled down Hat creek in a small skiff, G. Magerstadt was carried over Hat creek falls, in California, and dashed into the foaming waters 60 feet below. The boat was dashed to pieces on the rocks and Magerstadt managed to grab a boulder, from which he was soon rescued.

Where and when the Pittsburgh graft probe ends is "contingent," to quote District Attorney Blakely, on developments. Mr. Blakely has spread his net and is waiting for more men to "come in and confess," as a result of the intimations contained in the grand jury presentment.

Harry Thaw's mother, though aged and worn, still continues her fight for her wayward son.

Chicago police will exercise strict censorship over bathing costumes worn at lake beaches this season.

Rural carriers at Walla Walla are quitting because of the small pay, and no one seems to want the places.

New York saloons sell wood alcohol, and four persons who drank it died, while several others are totally blind.

Two men raced on horseback 100 miles for the opportunity of filing a contest on an Eastern Washington homestead.

A 14-year-old school boy in Pittsburg, despondent at his playmates' jibes because he was slow in his studies, hung himself.

Two brothers in partnership in the real estate brokerage business in St. Louis, committed suicide because of business reverses.

Miss Nellie Anhouse, one of the family of millionaire St. Louis brewers, is fighting a dentist bill which amounts to \$25 an hour.

The managers of the Northwestern and Western railroads are jubilant over the spring movement of colonists into all the territory west of the Rocky mountains from the Canadian border to the Mexican line. Although official figures have not been prepared regarding the movement of people seeking homes in a new country, it is confidently stated that the number will exceed that of last year, when all records were broken.

The report that Hetty Green is seriously ill is denied absolutely by her son.

Stock in all copper mines throughout the lake region has suffered a great decline.

Nine persons were killed and twelve badly injured, three of them fatally, in a panic at a Mexican bullfight.

A bill is before congress to extend the franking privilege to Roosevelt, and also to widows of ex-presidents.

Dr. E. E. Barnard, of Yerkes observatory, says Halley's comet is wearing itself out whirling through space.

James A. Patten, wheat king, lost \$1,500,000 in cotton, and losses of himself and associates may reach \$5,000,000.

SMUGGLERS MOVING NORTH.

Men Who Bring Chinese and Opium Are Hard Pressed.

Los Angeles, April 11.—Driven from Los Angeles by the activity of Federal sleuths, aided by the local authorities, the band of opium and Chinese smugglers that has been operating along the Pacific coast and the Mexican border has transferred its scene of operations to the Northern ports in Washington and Oregon. According to Deputy United States Marshal Durlin, who has had a large part in the two years' warfare on this particular breed of law-breakers, the headquarters of the band has been transferred to Seattle, with branches at Portland, Tacoma and Spokane. At the latter place arrangements are made for disposing of the contraband Chinese and opium that is successfully brought in by Pacific liners and across the Canadian border.

"Chick" Wallace, the leader of the band, is now in the northern cities arranging for the disposition of the smuggled Orientals and drug. He is the brains of the band, and is the only prominent one of the original gang that has escaped arrest by the Federal authorities. Three of his confederates, including Larmon Gonzales, next to Wallace the cleverest of all, are in jail in this city, held as Federal prisoners. Gonzales was captured last week in San Diego, after a six weeks' campaign directed against him.

"I have had a warrant for the arrest of this man for nearly two months," said Durlin, after the capture. "He is one of the craftiest men I have had to deal with for a long time. As soon as we aimed our shafts at him in particular, he apparently went into seclusion somewhere in Mexico. According to my information he was interested mainly in landing contraband Chinamen at the Mexican ports and looking after their safe transportation across the line at Nogales and El Paso.

AERIAL PLEASURE TRIPS FOR TOURISTS

Berlin, April 11.—American tourists soon will come to regard an airship tour as one of the regular features of a program of summer travel in Europe if the expectations of the founders of the new Hamburg airship lines are realized. The promoters of the enterprise recognize that the financial prospects of the venture can be improved greatly if proper efforts are made to interest Americans. Aerial excursions are to be arranged, therefore, with a special view of capturing the custom of travelers from the United States. One of the German steamship companies is contributing to the support of the enterprise on that understanding.

The new aerial liners will have cabins holding 20 persons each, and the rooms will be equipped in luxurious style. According to the computation of Professor Hergesell, the aeronaut, the fares, owing to the low cost of construction and operation, can be lower than has heretofore been supposed. It is estimated, for example, that a trip from Hamburg to Heligoland can be made for 100 marks (\$25), and passengers can travel an entire day, going as far as Berlin or Copenhagen.

SPOKANE TRAINS COLLIDE.

Block Signals Misunderstood—Thirty Injured, Many Seriously.

Spokane, Wash., April 11.—A misunderstanding of block signals resulted in a head-on collision of passenger trains Nos. 2 and 3 on the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad a mile west of Spokane Saturday night at 9:18 o'clock.

About 30 persons were injured, and it is expected that several will die. The accident occurred on a high trestle over Hangman creek, on the Northern Pacific track, which is used by the Spokane, Portland & Seattle for several miles west of Spokane.

At the time of the collision, according to the stories of trainmen and passengers, train No. 2 was at a standstill, ready to back up, when No. 3, running at a slow rate of speed, crashed head-on into No. 2, the force of the impact smashing in the smoking car on No. 2, occupied by a party of Italian laborers, where the most of the injuries occurred.

Garden Hides Bad Money Plant.

Yonkers, N. Y., April 11.—Secret service men who have been at work in this section for some weeks past have unearthed a "rich counterfeiters' cache" on a farm near Highlands, N. Y. The stuff, which was found buried several feet beneath the surface of a vegetable garden, includes several thousand sheets of paper in which the silk threads of government paper are cleverly imitated; a dozen boxes of blue and red ink, and an old printing press and enough cartridges to destroy a small army. No plates were found.

Fund to Fight Sleeping Sickness.

Brussels, April 11.—King Albert has decided to give \$200,000 for a campaign against sleeping sickness, \$100,000 to build hospitals in the Belgian Congo, \$100,000 for a pension fund for Congo civil servants, and \$10,000 for a fund for the assistance of their families.

ROUGH ROAD FOR CONSERVATION

Hope for Compromise, but House Is Badly Divided.

Great Diversity of Opinion Among Legislators as to Kind of Legislation Needed.

Washington, April 12.—President Taft's conservation legislation has a rough road to travel.

Very little has been accomplished so far, and as the session advances, the prospects for favorable action steadily diminish. What the ultimate outcome will be no one seems competent to say; not even the most earnest friends of the administration measures.

One reason for the uncertainty is the great diversity of opinion among senators and representatives as to the kind of conservation legislation that should be enacted. There are radicals in sympathy with Pinchot; there are radicals of the other type who would make absolutely no changes in the present laws, and between the extremes are men who hold all manner of views. All efforts thus far to compromise have met with failure.

The senate will probably take the lead in passing conservation bills, because there is a manifest desire on the part of the senate public lands committee to get together and put through those bills upon which compromises can be reached. It is true that only three bills have thus far been compromised, if the \$30,000,000 irrigation certificate bill is eliminated, but as opportunity is offered, these three bills will probably be given consideration, and the indications are that they will pass the senate in some form or other.

The bills referred to are those regulating the development and use of water power, permitting prospecting on oil and gas lands, and authorizing the withdrawal of lands for public purposes. There is objection to all these bills, it is true, and it is believed that some changes may be made before the bills pass the senate, but the expectation is that the main features of all will be preserved.

The powersite bill, which proposes to confer absolutely upon the states the control of water power within their borders, will be opposed by the followers of Pinchot, who stand out for Federal control and regulation, but it is not believed they are strong enough to change the general character of the pending measure.

The oil and gas land bill will meet with objections from senators who are not favorable to the present system of withdrawing such lands from entry, and regulating their development under government supervision. There will be greater difficulty reaching an agreement on the withdrawal bill than on the others, because there is great diversity of opinion as to how far the power of withdrawal should go.

More Dead Found in Cherry Mine.

Cherry, Ill., April 12.—"All alive 2 p. m. November 14."

This message from the St. Paul coal mine was brought to light today with the recovery of 31 more bodies entombed since the disaster of November 13.

The bodies were taken from the lower level, 300 feet below ground. The men had retreated to a space 20 feet square and had constructed a rude fan of boards to keep the air circulating. On the fan in big letters were chalked the words quoted above, indicating the men had lived at least until the day after the fire. That the miners were in the habit of keeping their savings on their persons was shown by the amount of money found on the bodies. One miner had in his belt \$1,400. In the belt of another miner was found \$190, and another had \$172. These men were foreigners and evidently preferred to carry their money in their clothing to depositing it in banks.

Peruvian Consul Quits Post.

Guayaquil, April 7.—The Peruvian consul left here tonight for Callao. The American consul has taken charge of Peruvian interests. The government has established a censorship of all dispatches. In the face of popular excitement and rioting it was officially announced today that Ecuador and Peru would endeavor to settle their boundary dispute directly at Washington. Ecuador's special envoy is Clemente Ponce, and he will proceed to the American capital. The military forces of Ecuador are under arms.

Missouri Hurricane Does Damage.

Kansas City, Mo., April 7.—Damage amounting to many thousands of dollars was done by a hurricane that swept Northeastern Missouri last evening. Macon suffered the greatest damage, several houses being swept from their foundations and scores of telephone poles being torn from the ground. The electric light plant was put out of commission.

SENTIMENTAL TRIP CUT SHORT

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Showered With Flags and Flowers.

Genoa, Italy, April 9.—Though "delighted" to an unusual degree, but in mind and spirit much perturbed, because of ovations along his carriage jaunt to this city, ex-President Theodore Roosevelt and wife were compelled to call a halt today to their sentimental tour.

At every village or crossroads they were met by men, women and children, the former with flags and the latter with bouquets.

As an instance of the demonstrations accorded them, 600 persons, many of them Americans, acclaimed Colonel Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt with vivas and hurrahs after they left Rapallo, where they had luncheon today. This was the climax of their embarrassments and Colonel Roosevelt gave orders to be driven direct to Genoa.

The people and press of Genoa have manifested the most intense interest in the movements of Colonel Roosevelt. His second honeymoon journey stirred their romantic natures to a high pitch, and when the news spread today of his coming, a big crowd hurried to the modest Hotel Britannia, where he had engaged quarters, and with cheering and waving of hats greeted Roosevelt's carriage as it rattled up the stony street to the accompaniment of the driver's wildly cracking whip.

Both Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt were smiling when they descended from the carriage at the hotel entrance. They said they had enjoyed the trip hugely and were sorry only that the failure to observe their incognito by the people had compelled them to cut it short. Colonel Roosevelt said he had a "bully time" Thursday, when he and Mrs. Roosevelt drove along the sunny slopes of the Ligurian Alps from Spezia to Rapallo.

Half an hour after the arrival of Colonel Roosevelt, the prefect and the mayor of Genoa called on him and greeted him in the name of the city.

Colonel Roosevelt relates an amusing incident of the trip. When he and Mrs. Roosevelt reached the top of the pass at Sestri Levante, where they stopped last night, the enterprising proprietor of a tavern—a rival to the one in which they had engaged rooms—sent out couriers in advance bearing American and Italian flags and triumphantly escorted Colonel Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt to his own hotel.

WILSON IS SCORED.

Professor Hopkins Says Farmers are Wearing Out Land.

Chicago, April 9.—Characterizing the teachings of Secretary James Wilson as "damnable, abominable and disgraceful," Professor Cyril G. Hopkins, of the University of Illinois, delivered a stinging criticism of the department of agriculture here today in an address at the City club. Here are some quotations from Secretary Wilson cited by Professor Hopkins as "abominably false":

"Practically all soils contain sufficient plant food for yields; this supply will be indefinitely maintained."

"So far as the present outlook is concerned, the nation possesses ample resources in its soil for any conceivable increase in population for several centuries."

"The soil is the one indestructible, immutable asset that the nation possesses. It is the one resource that cannot be exhausted; that cannot be used up."

"From the modern conception of the nature and purposes of the soil, it is evident that it cannot wear out, that so far as the mineral food is concerned, it will continue automatically to supply adequate quantities of plant foods for crops."

"As a national asset, the soil is safe as a means of feeding mankind for untold ages to come."

After he had cited these quotations, Professor Hopkins said:

"Can you blame farmers for continuing to wear out their lands when these are the teachings promulgated from the highest authority in the United States? And these false teachings are all the more damnable because the common soil type on the abandoned farms in Maryland, only a few miles from Washington, contain only 169 pounds of phosphorus in the plowed soil of an acre, while the richest black prairie soil of Illinois, with a value of \$200 an acre contains more than 2,000 pounds of phosphorus in the stratum."

Miss Gould to Get Home.

New York, April 9.—According to friends of the family a house on upper Fifth avenue will be the gift of George J. Gould to his daughter, Marjorie, when she is married to Anthony J. Drexel, Jr., April 19.

This palatial property, which is between Eighty-second and Eighty-third streets, was purchased by Mr. Gould today, at a price said to have been between \$350,000 and \$400,000. With the furnishings, which it is said Mr. Gould intends to install, the gift will represent an outlay of \$500,000.

Submarine Lowers Mark.

Cherbourg, April 9.—The Ventose, a submarine, today established a record by navigating at the depth of 113 feet for 24 minutes.

ROOSEVELT MELTS FACTION LINES

Citizens of Italian Town Go Wild With Enthusiasm.

Breaks Chain of Flowers and Opens Street Named After Him—Carriage Smothered in Flowers.

Porto Maurizio, April 12.—Ex-President Roosevelt this afternoon opened the new boulevard which has been named after him and accepted honorary citizenship of the ancient and historical city of Porto Maurizio, amid a popular enthusiasm such as that which marked his arrival last night. According to those who had long memories, never before have local, political, religious and all other differences been so completely obliterated as upon this occasion.

The carriage containing Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt and the mayor was pelted with nosegays tied with ribbons bearing the words, "Long live Roosevelt," until it was overflowing with flowers.

When they reached the foot of the terraced hill opposite the port, where the cheering rent the air, the ex-president and his wife were smiling and looked happy.

A stone bearing the name of the street was unveiled and Mr. Roosevelt broke the flowered chain that was stretched across the driveway and, amid a new outburst of "vivas" led Mrs. Roosevelt up the drive to the hotel.

There the mayor in a flattering speech told how proud the municipality was to confer citizenship upon the great "apostle of peace." The city clerk, who wore a bedizened uniform and feathers in his cap, stepped forward and presented the parchment in a silver case upon a cushion covered with the American flag.

Mr. Roosevelt replied in English, but the mayor experienced difficulty in translating the words and Mrs. Carew, Mrs. Roosevelt's sister, amid much amusement, finally came to the rescue. The reception, Mr. Roosevelt said, made him feel as if he were at home in his own country.

"I am especially touched," he continued, "at what you have said about my attitude towards peace and good will. I feel that a nation should behave toward other nations as an honest man toward his fellows. The same law of propriety and morality should apply among nations as among men."

Tea was then served. Mr. Roosevelt sitting next to Luigi Rossi, the Italian commissioner of immigration, whom he knew in America. The party was again acclaimed as they drove back to the Carew villa.

KING EDWARD IS SICK.

Denials by Physicians Not Believed—Shuns Society.

London, April 12.—Official denials that King Edward's health is poor are not trusted here, even by His Majesty's close friends. Imperial reports from Biarritz represent the king as looking listless and tired, and having an unhealthy yellow color.

Facts seem to coincide with these reports rather than with the denials. The king has abandoned his projected cruise on the Mediterranean with the queen because he has been advised not to face the fatigue of traveling, but to rest quietly at Biarritz until the political crisis demands his presence in England.

Never before has the king been known to refer so repeatedly to any one dead as he now does to Consuelo, duchess of Manchester. He frequently speaks of her loss. He misses her particularly at Biarritz, where for years she made things "go" for him.

Mayor Schmitz Joins Musicians.

San Francisco, Cal., April 12.—Ex-Mayor Schmitz, who is out on bail pending an appeal on conviction for graft extortion, has been restored to membership in the Musicians' union, having paid a considerable arrearage of dues. After being removed from office, the ex-mayor neglected to pay his dues. There was some talk of expelling Schmitz when the graft expose came up, but on investigation it was learned that a failure to pay dues had placed Schmitz beyond further action by the union.

Youth Invents Airship.

Vancouver, B. C., April 12.—Alfred E. Lauder, 19 years old, has invented an airship which, he asserts, is of a different type from any thus far experimented with. The airship will balance automatically and be capable of carrying two passengers. The automatic balancing feature, and the placing of the propelling power and steering gear in front of the ship, are unique features. Lauder has received commendation for his work from Alexander-Graham Bell and Glen Curtiss.