

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.

Three men robbed a California train and then escaped in a launch on Suisun bay.

An Oklahoma farmer was swindled out of \$2,000 on a fake horse race at San Francisco.

President Taft is confident that the \$30,000,000 irrigation bill will pass both houses.

It is reported from many cities that moving picture shows are seriously interfering with the saloon business.

A fierce wind storm in Southern states cost 17 lives and property damage amounting to many hundred thousands.

President Taft, speaking at a banquet in Washington, said one term as president of the United States is enough.

The Supreme court of Louisiana has been called upon to define "what is a negro," and the decision is being waited for with great interest by many states.

A woman in Snyder, Texas, started the fire with coal oil, and she and her infant daughter and 14-year old sister were burned to death by the explosion which followed.

Passengers and crew of the steamer Santa Clara, wrecked off the California coast, were all saved, and the steamer herself has been pulled off the rocks and is being towed into port.

The wife of a prominent coffee merchant at Los Angeles has finally been recognized as the "mysterious girl at the ringside" who has attended many prizefights in that city, disguised in men's clothing.

A 685-pound woman has been jailed in San Francisco for exhibiting herself as a freak.

A Kansas tornado swept a creek dry for nearly a mile, tore up telephone poles and carried a cow and calf 200 yards.

A mission at Chungsha, China, was destroyed by rioters because Chinese officials had cornered the rice supply for export.

A forger was arrested in San Francisco for trying to pass a worthless check signed with the name of John D. Rockefeller.

A 13-year old girl in Pittsburg committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid because she was not getting along well in school.

It is believed that various large railroads have been robbed by swindlers of several million dollars. Thorough investigation is being made.

President Taft spoke before the National Woman Suffrage convention in Washington, and was hissed when he gave his opinion on woman suffrage.

A Burlington passenger train in Montana collided with a freight, killing one brakeman and injuring several persons badly. The freight conductor had both legs broken.

Lawyer Seth F. Crews, of Chicago, was given \$5,000 by the Circuit court for advising Sarah Peterson that it would be legal for her to marry John R. Smith, a wealthy mine owner, on his deathbed. Miss Peterson married Mr. Smith and he died almost immediately afterward. When his estate was probated she fell heir to \$350,000.

Prof. W. G. Sumner, of Yale, is dead at the age of 70 years.

Senator La Follette calls the railroad merger a Morgan deal.

A Chicago girl of 10 years has given birth to a fine girl baby and both are doing well.

A Washington farmer was fleeced of \$10,000 on a sure thing race game in San Francisco.

Chicago women strongly resent the alleged slur in the census rules that "housewifery" is not an occupation.

Roosevelt has accepted an invitation from Pinchot to speak before the national conservation congress the coming summer.

A party of Alaskans claim to have climbed Mt. McKinley and found no trace of the records Dr. Cook claims to have deposited there.

A wealthy widow of Hannibal, Mo., was found dead in a trunk. She was very timid and nervous and is believed to have hid in the trunk and suffocated.

A Seattle man, as a memorial to his dead son, has given \$100,000 in land and cash to establish a sanitarium to fight tuberculosis.

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."

Kitchener at Academy.

West Point, N. Y., April 18.—At his own request the visit of Field Marshal Lord Kitchener here today was unmarked by ceremony. After a luncheon at the residence of Colonel Hugh L. Scott, the superintendent, he passed the afternoon viewing the academy and studying its methods. Lord Kitchener came here accompanied by W. Butler Duncan, Jr., of New York, and was met by Superintendent Scott at the railroad station. The visitor watched the usual inspection and review of the cadet corps.

Operators Will Arbitrate.

Washington, April 18.—The situation which has threatened a strike of telegraphers on the Southern railway has been compromised. Chairman Martin A. Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce commission, said today all disputed points except the question of wages and representation have been settled. These will be arbitrated under the Erdman act.

Eight Nightriders Fined.

Cincinnati, April 18.—Eight of the alleged nightriders of Grant county, Kentucky, on trial in the United States District court at Covington, Ky., were found guilty by a jury today. Three others were acquitted. Fines ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 were assessed by Judge Cochran, who released the men on their own recognizance, pending an appeal.

CHINESE RIOTERS BURN PROPERTY

Governor of Province Dead and Officials In Flight.

Consulates and Missions Destroyed and Missionaries Flee in Boats—Eight Refugees Drown.

MISSIONARIES ARE MISSING.
London, April 19.—The Times' correspondent in his dispatch on the Changshu riots, says the American missionaries are missing. Their fate is unknown.

Changshu, China, April 19.—All of the foreign-owned buildings in Changshu have been destroyed by fire, except the British consulate. All the buildings rented by foreigners have been looted.

All foreigners have left the city. So far as known, no foreign resident lost his life.

The governor of Hunan province, Wu Tchung Siu, and his son, were killed, and several other government officials fled. Even yet a section of the city is in flames. Six thousand foreign drilled soldiers are stationed here and a few of these protected the governor's house for a time, but soon all joined the rioters.

The riots began April 13, when the famine sufferers looted the rice depots. A captain of police was wounded trying to restore order. Thousands crowded around him and his assistants, and he was obliged to flee to the yamen. The rioters followed and besieged the place all night.

The following day the disturbance became anti-foreign. The Chinese inland mission and the Norwegian and Catholic missions were burned. The other missions were destroyed April 15. The missionaries attached to the American Episcopal Missionary alliance, the United Evangelical church and the Wesleyan and Yale scientists, numbering 41 in all, took refuge in boats. They left all their effects.

The destruction of all foreign property, including the Japanese consulate and the British warehouses, followed. The fate of the Standard Oil company's newly-erected tanks is unknown.

The rioters numbered no fewer than 24,000.

Eight Germans attached to the Liebenzoll mission were in town when the trouble began, and they fled the city to Hankow in a junk without lights. They were run down by the British gunboat Thistle and drowned. Another report says that the men drowned were Americans, but there is no confirmation of this.

MOVING DAY WILL BE COSTLY.

Chicago Will Pay High for Privilege of Yearly Change of Residence.

Chicago, April 19.—Chicago's great annual heira, when 35,000 families pull up stakes and migrate to some other flat, will be a costly process this year.

Landlords and moving van companies have so arranged leases that people can move only on May 1. This year the date falls on Sunday and as all moving van people are members of union labor, this means a double price for everything.

This means that every one of 35,000 families, who will move on that day, will be forced to pay \$6 an hour for the services of a van. In addition there will be double price for helpers.

The moving fever, peculiar to Chicago, is a sort of tragic joke. People move from one flat to another not a whit better, pay an average of \$40 for moving, live off the mantels and sleep in the bath tubs for a week, see their household goods wrecked and probably find themselves in a worse community than that which they left. Yet they move every year.

Wallace Mansion Burns.

San Francisco, April 19.—Fire today destroyed the old Judge Wallace mansion on Van Ness avenue, which, after the earthquake and fire of 1906, was converted into Tait's Pompeian gardens, one of the most fashionable cafes in the West.

Count de Salarazara, Spanish consul at San Francisco, whose offices were in the building, suffered the loss of nearly all his consular papers and family heirlooms. His wife's dresses, valued at \$5,000, were burned. The building was valued at \$15,000.

Ballplayer Drops Dead.

Freeburg, Ill., April 19.—William Schmidt, 28 years old, first baseman for the local baseball team, was almost instantly killed by a pitched ball during a game with a St. Louis team today. He was struck over the heart while batting and fell dead after taking a few steps toward first base. A coroner's jury was empaneled on the field from among the spectators and a verdict of accidental death was returned.

RECEIVES KINGLY HONORS.

Emperor Francis Joseph Greets Roosevelt in Splendor.

Vienna, April 16.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was received at the Austrian capital today in a manner almost like that accorded a reigning sovereign.

The punctilious Austrian court, the most ceremonious of Europe, had arranged the programme and left nothing undone that could emphasize the unprecedented honor being paid the visiting American.

As a special mark of his personal esteem, the aged emperor-king, Francis Joseph, received Colonel Roosevelt in his private apartments at the imposing Hofburg palace, instead of in the regular audience chamber.

The monarch, who was attired in an imperial uniform, was extremely gracious to the American and kept him in conversation for 35 minutes.

What interested subjects they found to discuss were not made public, as they were alone, and Colonel Roosevelt naturally has declined to reveal the slightest detail of the conversation.

Emperor Francis Joseph intends personally to return Mr. Roosevelt's call on him. Such an honor as a return visit from the emperor is only extended to reigning sovereigns.

For Colonel Roosevelt the call on the emperor was only the main feature of a busy day, which began immediately after he reached his hotel this morning with a breakfast with Henry White, ex-American ambassador to France, who had not been in Vienna since he began his diplomatic career here 27 years ago under President Taft's father, who was then American minister.

The day included an official visit lasting an hour to Count von Aehrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, a call of courtesy on Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir apparent to the throne, at Belvidere palace, a visit to the tombs of the Hapsburgs, where, under the guidance of a Capuchin monk, with a lighted taper in his hand, he laid wreaths on the tombs of Empress Elizabeth and Crown Prince Rudolph; a tour of inspection of the Spanish riding school, founded by Charles VIII, and of the Imperial Hussar barracks; a reception by the American journalists and a dinner given in his honor at the foreign office tonight by Count von Aehrenthal.

Yet, after the long day, when Colonel Roosevelt returned to his hotel tonight, he mounted the stairs two at a time.

Colonel Roosevelt used the imperial court carriage placed at his disposal by Emperor Francis Joseph until his official calls had ended. Then he discarded it for an automobile.

He enjoyed the exhibition at the riding school, where the celebrated Lippizan breed of horses, a mixture of Spanish and Arab blood, performed the daintiest of evolutions, dancing a quadrille and finally coming onto the platform where Colonel Roosevelt sat and circling his chair so close that their hoofs almost touched his feet. But, as Colonel Roosevelt remarked afterwards: "These are only society horses."

A clattering charge of the Magyar hussars, who constitute the emperor's body guard, across the parade grounds of the barracks, on the contrary, stirred him to real enthusiasm and after the evolutions he made a detailed inspection of the stables, horse hospitals, etc., volleying questions at the officers who accompanied him.

Huge Timber Deal is Made.

New Westminster, B. C., April 16.—The Canadian Western Lumber company, composed of Eastern Canadian and American lumbermen, has purchased for \$20,000,000 all the property of the Fraser River Lumber company. This property is mostly timber land on Vancouver island, and includes the tract purchased recently from the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company for \$4,000,000. The new company possesses the largest area of merchantable timber under one ownership in the world.

Hard Wind Hits Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., April 16.—The heavy storm, with an average of five inches of rainfall that swept through Mississippi and Arkansas last night, was followed tonight by a tempest that broke over the states with added fury. Rain fell in torrents, accompanied in many places by hail. Accompanying this second storm was a wind which at times took on proportions of a tornado. Reports from Como, Marigold and Johnston, Miss., indicate that many small houses were leveled, and at the latter place a negro woman was killed.

End of Car Strike Seen.

Philadelphia, April 16.—That the streetcar strike, which caused more or less disorder in this city for nine weeks, will end tomorrow, was the assertion made this afternoon by C. O. Pratt, the strike leader, and by others associated with him. The strikers will hold a mass meeting tomorrow afternoon, when a peace proposal will be laid before them for approval.

COAST STEAMER CALLS FOR HELP

Santa Clara Helpless With 61 Persons on Board.

Strikes Bar When Leaving Eureka, California for San Francisco, and Water Puts Out Fires.

Eureka, April 13.—Leaking badly and with the fires under boilers apparently extinguished by the inrush of water, but not until she had sent wireless messages for assistance, the steamer Santa Clara, of the North Pacific line, bound from Portland to San Francisco with 61 passengers and a crew of 25, is lying helpless a mile off Table Bluff, about four miles south of Humboldt bar. The boat is on her 13th round trip between the two points.

The tug Ranger, sent in response to the wireless call, is standing close by tonight and has a line to the crippled steamer.

A tremendous sea was running and when last seen the small boats which had left the Santa Clara, had not been able to get alongside the Ranger.

The Eureka lifesaving crew attempted to go to the aid of the steamer, but was unable to cross the bar. Another attempt will be made at 4 o'clock tomorrow morning, when it is hoped the sea will have subsided somewhat.

Among those on board the Santa Clara is C. A. Doe, one of the principal owners of the steamer, and father of C. P. Doe, general manager of the North Pacific Steamship Company. Captain Ned Parsons, who was formerly in command of the steamer Pomona and the Corona, both of which were lost, was one of the passengers.

This was the thirteenth round trip of the Santa Clara since the steamer became one of the vessels of the North Pacific Steamship Company's fleet, and the fact that today is the 13th day of the month is regarded as a bad omen by seafaring men.

The Santa Clara left Eureka at 2:05 this afternoon and proceeded south. When about four miles south of Table Bluff, those in the lighthouse and wireless station at the point saw the steamer turn around and start back. It was at this time that a wireless message came from the steamer to the local agent of the company, John Simpson, requesting that a tug be sent to her assistance.

Simpson replied by asking what the trouble was, and a wireless answer was received, stating that the Santa Clara struck heavily in crossing the bar and was leaking badly. Following that no further communication could be had with her. It is supposed that her seams opened, letting in enough water to put out the fires.

When about one mile south of Table Bluff, and a mile off shore, the steamer dropped anchor. To those in the wireless station and lighthouse it was apparent that the vessel was badly crippled and could get no further.

The tug Ranger left Eureka at 4 o'clock and ran close enough to the Santa Clara to get a line on board. Shortly after 6 o'clock two small boats from the Santa Clara with passengers could be seen trying to get alongside the tug. Observers at Table Bluff also saw through their glasses a man fall overboard from the steamer, clinging for a time to the anchor chain and then disappear.

POPE CUTS OFF AMERICANS.

Archbishops Struck From List of Cardinalate Candidates.

Rome, April 13.—It is announced that the Pope has struck off from the list of candidates for the cardinalate all Americans, including the Archbishops of New York, St. Paul, Chicago and New Orleans.

The chancellor of the Vatican confirms this without volunteering an explanation.

The well-known American prelates affected by this action of Pope Pius are Archbishops John M. Farley, of New York; John Ireland, of St. Paul; James E. Quigley, Chicago; and James Bleak, of New Orleans, each or all of whom have several times been spoken of as candidates to the Pope's advisory council.

James Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, is the only American Catholic prelate now a cardinal.

Cody Resents Pennies.

Cody, Wyo., April 14.—Cody has a grievance and its against your Uncle Sam. The Government has forced pennies on Cody—a place which has no more use for pennies than Nome has for furs in January.

It has instructed its postmaster here to make change in pennies and the arrangement embarrasses business men. Nobody wants the penny and invariably its drifts to the bank and there it sticks.

Not until comparatively recently were dimes and nickels recognized as real money in Cody.

6,500 Trainmen Get Raise in Pay.

Seranton, Pa., April 14.—The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company today announced a 6 per cent increase in wages to all employees operating between Hoboken and Buffalo, numbering about 6500. The switchmen are given an increase of 3 cents an hour, 1500 being affected.