

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.

J. J. Hill and a party of New York bankers are en route to see the Northwest.

The proposed American South Polar expedition has been abandoned for this year.

Coalition of British Liberals and Irish has blasted the hopes of the Tories in parliament.

Edward Payson Weston passed through Syracuse, N. Y., on his walk across the continent.

Three lives were lost and six persons are missing as the result of a hotel fire in Cincinnati.

President Taft has ordered the removal of the Alaskan district attorney and the United States marshal.

It is believed that the Milwaukee road will tap Willapa Harbor, Wash., and then build direct to Portland.

Charles J. Wexler, accused of murdering his mother-in-law at Gig Harbor, Wash., has made a full confession of the crime.

In an address before the highest intellectual personages of France, Roosevelt put human rights always above property rights.

Mrs. Hetty Green, celebrated for years as the richest and shrewdest business woman in the world, will soon retire from active business life, it is understood, and will turn over the handling of her immense fortune, estimated at \$50,000,000, to her daughter, Sylvia, now Mrs. Sylvia Astor Wilkes.

As a sequel to the suspension of D. P. Crawford and Harry Horton from Stanford by the student affairs committee, E. M. Leaf, editor of the college magazine which published the charges which led to the dismissal of the two athletes, was seized by a crowd of students and thrown into Lake Lagunitas.

The government cotton inquiry will go deeper than originally expected.

Two Eastern postoffice thieves got ten years and \$6,000 fine for stealing stamps.

It is claimed Australian beef can be sold in the United States cheaper than the home product.

A Kansas woman lost her life trying to rescue the pictures of her parents from her burning home.

A big freight steamer, loaded ready to sail for Boston, was destroyed by fire at her dock in Rotterdam.

While playing in a farmer's yard near Colfax, Wash., a 5-year-old child was run over by a hog and its leg broken.

President Fallieres, of France, exchanged calls with Roosevelt and the audience in a French theater rose to greet him.

Altonreys, principals and clerks engaged in a general fight in a Sacramento court room. Deputy sheriffs separated them.

Four cases of appendicitis in five years, and three of them within the last six months, is the record of a Colfax, Wash., family.

A daring thief has looted the cathedral of Moscow, Russia, of precious stones from the pictures of the saints and the image of the virgin, to the value of \$500,000.

An expedition will leave Copenhagen this summer to retrace Cook's route through the Arctic and recover instruments and supplies which Cook claims to have left at certain points.

Six convicts in the Leavenworth, Kan., pen escaped by overpowering the crew of a switch engine and forcing them to run the engine through the gates and out into the country.

A Chicago doctor has been awarded \$100,000, payment in full of a contract to furnish all medical treatment for a woman during her life. She lived about five years after the contract was made, during which time the physician faithfully lived up to his agreement.

W. J. Bryan called on President Taft. Wet snow is crushing trees and telegraph and telegraph wires in Ohio.

The newly elected Socialist administration has taken office in Milwaukee.

The Colorado Conservation commission has turned down the Pinchot policies and declared for state control of water.

The present condition and future prospects of the Harriman lines were never better, according to the traffic manager.

RESIST RICE EXPORTATION.

Crop Failures in China May Cause Serious Outbreaks.

Pekin, April 25.—Attacks upon magistrates and several mission buildings at Changteh Fu and reports of disturbances at other points in Hunan province have aroused diplomatic circles. Concern is felt lest the trouble started in Changsha may develop wide significance.

The Chinese government, fearing revolutionaries may take advantage of the unrest growing out of the food situation, is taking stringent measures to suppress disorder. Fuller advices from Changsha emphasize that the rioting is not primarily due to anti-foreign feeling, but was turned against foreigners only upon the discovery that the government's efforts to prevent the exportation of rice were balked largely through foreign influence. Thousands are on the verge of starvation, owing to the failure of the crops.

Several weeks ago the governor, to prevent high prices, prohibited all exportation of rice. British and Japanese merchants and shippers engaged in the rice trade protested to their respective legations at Peking in an effort to induce the diplomatic corps as a body to protest. This was frustrated by the refusal of the American and German legations to join.

The British and Japanese then protested to the Wai Wu Fu, which, in view of the treaties now in force, was reluctantly compelled to instruct the governor that he must postpone his inhibition of exports. A jump in the price of the people's food quickly followed the suspension of the inhibition, and drove the poor in desperation to wreck the government buildings, and afterwards consulates, missions and other foreign buildings.

Three men implicated in the recent bomb plot against the regent, arrested at Peking, confessed their guilt. Two leaders, educated in Japan, professing to belong to the Sun Yat Sun party in San Francisco, say bomb methods are discountenanced, and hence the three men acted upon their own responsibility.

STORM LOSS \$30,000,000.

Worst Blizzard in Many Years Rages Through Middle West.

Chicago, April 25.—Western and other fruit-producing states will be called upon this year to supply all of the Middle Western states, in addition to their regular business, for no fruit, with the possible exception of strawberries and a few late grapes, will be grown in six or eight states.

Of these Michigan and Missouri have heretofore been counted upon for very large supplies, but they will be forced to buy everything this season.

Thirty million dollars is a rough estimate made tonight of the loss in this year's fruit crop by the cold temperatures and blizzardous condition which obtained through the Upper Mississippi valley last night and today and extended as far East as Ohio.

Fears are expressed by conservative observers in Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Wisconsin, Indiana and Missouri that small fruits, with the exception of late strawberries, will be a total loss.

Unofficial reports tonight are that Kansas has suffered a loss of \$8,000,000; Iowa, \$8,000,000; Michigan, \$5,000,000; Wisconsin, \$10,000,000; Illinois, \$4,000,000, and Indiana \$2,000,000.

Lake Michigan, lashed into fury by a fierce northwest gale, tossed about like corks all boats then on its surface, and kept within harbors all other craft.

The blizzard played a number of freak pranks in Chicago, in one instance lifting the roof from a barn and dropping it on a slowly-moving locomotive on the tracks of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad.

There was a general impeding of steam railway, elevated and surface passenger traffic in this city and the Northwest.

Several inches of snow fell in Milwaukee during the storm, and the blizzard extended into Northern Michigan, where a fall of two feet was reported. A wind blowing 48 miles an hour accompanied the storm.

Revenue Man in Trouble.

Honolulu, April 25.—Alleging technical violations of law, special agent W. B. Thomas, of the internal revenue service, has made a report to Washington in which the removal from office of collector of internal revenue W. F. Drake, of Hawaii, is recommended. The report follows an investigation of the affairs of the collector's office by Thomas, which, it is stated, revealed technical irregularities.

Thomas' report is said also to recommend the removal of Deputies Doyle and R. S. Johnstone.

Russia Gets Rockefeller Coin.

New York, April 25.—Russians here have received advices from St. Petersburg to the effect that John D. Rockefeller has given a large sum—reported to be \$500,000—to establish a sanitarium for tuberculosis sufferers at Abas-Tuman, a watering place in Trans-Caucasia. At the Rockefeller office at 26 Broadway no one could be found to say anything about the reported gift.

MORE CHINESE RIOTS FEARED

Governments Begin to Realize Gravity of Situation.

In Event of Serious Trouble, Nations May Have to Unite As in the Boxer Revolution.

Washington, April 26.—There is concern at the State department over the Chinese riots in Hunan province because of the possibility that the trouble may spread rapidly at any moment. It is realized here that information in the Chinese provinces travels with lightning-like rapidity from mouth to mouth. So, with flaming anti-foreign posters being posted in the streets of Changsha, it is readily understood what the effect may be on the neighboring districts.

If the riots spread it is believed that the foreign nations will stand together with the Chinese government to help bring about order and prevent bloodshed, as during the Boxer troubles.

Effective naval vessels in the vicinity appear to be the United States cruiser Cleveland, the Japanese gunboat Uji, and the British river gunboat Snipe.

The Cleveland, which has just arrived at Hankow is of 3,200 tons displacement and carries ten 5-inch guns, eight 6 pounders, two 1-pounders, four Colt automatic and one 3-inch field gun. The Snipe is a British river gunboat, which has just been refloated after having run aground near Changsha. She is 58 tons displacement, carries two 6-pounders and four 45-inch Maxims. The Japanese gunboat is 620 tons displacement and carries four 12-pounders and three Maxims.

MONEY IS TIED UP.

New York Bankers Try to Sell Stocks—Few Buyers.

New York, April 26.—The financial Review says the markets of last week registered a sharp revulsion of sentiment from the hopeful temper of the week before. It was the commonly accepted view of the close market observers that the advance has been organized by important capital and by banking interests to stimulate outside interest in the dealings and to proclaim a feeling of confidence at the financial center which might react on general business.

The action of the market at the opening of last week was sufficient to demonstrate the failure of the experiment. Instead of buying orders, the country sent orders to sell stocks and took advantage of the higher prices established.

The professions of contentment with the conditions of the steel trade which had come from official sources in connection with the marking up of stocks and the predictions of an increase in the dividend rate on United States Steel and of a favorable quarterly statement of earnings, had to be contrasted with the yielding price of pig iron, proposals for reducing output to avoid an unwieldy surplus accumulation, and a falling off in new orders for different lines of finished products.

GRAZING LANDS NOT INCLUDED

Secretary Wilson to Take All Such From Reserves.

Washington, April 26.—Although stockmen who hold permits to graze in forest reserves are protesting against the elimination of non-timbered lands from forest reserves, Secretary Wilson announced today that the law does not contemplate the inclusion in the reserves of any but timbered lands and that whenever non-timbered lands are found within reserves they must be restored to the public domain.

In making the elimination he will use discretion to protect the water supplies of cities and towns, but beyond that he will insist that all large areas of grazing lands, particularly around the outer boundaries, be taken out. He holds that grazing lands cannot be reserved to prevent stream pollution.

Phones for Dispatchers.

St. Paul, Minn., April 26.—The Great Northern railway has just ordered the telephone train dispatching apparatus to be installed on six more divisions of its road. This road is already using telephones for this purpose on approximately 2,100 miles of line, and in every new extension which includes the Fergus Falls, Breckenridge, North Dakota, St. Cloud and Cascade divisions, reaches in the neighborhood of 1,900 miles. The telephone system of the Great Northern will extend over the entire main line.

Tennessee Has Snowfall.

Nashville, April 26.—Flurries of snow were intermittent here all day. So far the damage in Tennessee from the present cold snap has been slight.

WOULD ABOLISH SLUMS.

New Socialist Mayor of Milwaukee in for Clean-up.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 23.—This was a busy day for the Socialists, who have just taken the reins of city government. Mayor Seidel came out strongly for abolition of the slums, and declared that he would support any movement for carrying out of plans of the central council of philanthropists for the tearing down of tuberculosis-infested tenements and houses, and a general purification of the city, morally and physically.

Mayor Seidel declared that he would not issue permits for Saturday night dances in places in which dancehalls are connected with saloons, and that he would try to arrange for free Saturday night dances with municipally provided music in school houses.

Mr. Seidel announced that he would pay a visit to Chicago and confer with Dr. Evans, health commissioner of that city, to secure advice on the engaging of a good man for health commissioner.

Outside of this program for the carrying out of platform pledges, Victor Berger announced that the central committee was so progressing in its work of organizing the state that there would be 100,000 votes polled by that ticket this coming fall.

Mayor Seidel said he would inspect a number of institutions, hospitals, places of charity and other buildings involved in the jurisdiction of the health commissioner, when in Chicago. He will also continue inquiring for a commissioner of public works qualified to fill the new \$6,000 position as chief of the board, when the one-man plan goes into effect. The mayor said he is looking around for other experts.

OHIO COAL MINE DISASTER KILLS 18 MEN.

Stuebenville, O., April 23.—The lives of 18 miners were snuffed out in a tremendous explosion in the Youngbiogheny & Ohio Coal company's mine at Amsterdam last night. Seven men were killed and three were rescued from the mine and their escape from death is regarded as miraculous.

The interior of the mine was wrecked and all ventilation shut off. The cause has not yet been determined.

30 STUDENTS ARE BURNED.

Mobs Set Fire to Technical School—Gunboats are Refuge.

Hankow, April 23.—The situation in Hunan province is reported as critical. Women and children are fleeing for their lives from Changsha, the capital. A number of villages near the city have been burned by native mobs. The country is placarded with threats to kill all foreigners.

This news was brought by missionary refugees, who arrived here today from Changsha and nearby stations. Many of them had traveled 30 miles on foot and reached the Yangtze Kiang river in rags. Their houses had been burned and they lost all of their personal effects.

The missionaries said that gunboats in the river have their guns trained upon Changsha and nearby points and have afforded a refuge for many of the foreigners. Three thousand Chinese imperial soldiers are occupying the strategic points of the capital, and detachments are being hurried to the outlying districts, where rioting is reported.

Many Chinese have been killed. In one instance a technical school was set on fire and 30 students were burned to death, their escape being prevented.

When vessels approached Changsha to rescue the imperiled ones the Chinese mob saturated junks with kerosene oil from looted stations of the Standard Oil company and, setting them afire, allowed them to float down stream in an attempt to destroy the oncoming steamers.

Six Chicagoans, three of them women, are believed to be imperiled, perhaps slain in Hunan province. Everywhere there is carnage and the future holds out dark prospects. Missionaries fear that at any moment they will be slaughtered right and left.

Bodies Dug From Debris.

Birmingham, Ala., April 23.—Recovery of bodies from the mines at Mulga today was very slow. When 28 had been brought to the surface, the rescuers encountered a bad cave-in and it was found necessary to remove tons of earth and rock. Some of the rock had to be blasted away. The rescuers secured four bodies under the debris, but it took hours to extricate the mangled forms from the mass. Experts who have examined the mine are positive not one of the entombed men lives. Forty-two men were in the mine.

Blizzard Hits Michigan.

Calumet, Mich., April 23.—A heavy blizzard, with a 50-mile wind from the north, struck Keewena yesterday and reached its climax shortly before midnight. The storm swept from Duluth to the Soo. Three inches of snow has fallen and the temperature is now about 20 degrees, a drop of 20 since morning.

ATLANTIC LINER GOES ON ROCKS

Natives on Coast Have Lively Time Picking Up Cargo.

Thousands of Tons of Valuable Goods Jettisoned in Effort to Save Ship from Going to Pieces

Houghtown, Scilly Islands, April 21.—Inhabitants of the Rocky Scilly islands were famous wreckers of primitive times, but they will forever remember this as the greatest day in their history.

The Atlantic transport liner Minnehaha, wrecked Monday, disgorged part of her 17,000 tons of valuable cargo, casting it upon the waters all day long, to be gathered up by those who cared to take the trouble.

Farming and fishing were abandoned, and even school was dismissed, while most of the population of the nearby islands, men, women and children, devoted themselves to obtaining treasures from the waves.

The salvagers decided to try to rescue the Minnehaha by cutting her in half, in the same way the Chicago White Star steamship Suevic, which went ashore near the Lizard in March, 1907, was saved.

Every effort to lighten the ship is now imperative. Today the waves beat up too high and strong for the tugs to go alongside. Consequently goods were thrown overboard from the forward hold as fast as the stevedores could handle them.

Huge cases, containing automobiles and pianos, followed one another over the side, striking the water with a great splash. Sewing machines and clocks went with them, while furniture floated everywhere.

Many bales of cigarettes covered the face of the water, and tons of cheap American novels floated to the nearby shore of Bryhe, where they were piled like seaweed.

Things of the jettisoning of wealth spread early and a flotilla of fishing craft and luggers scurried to the scene. As fast as the cargo hit the water, enterprising boatmen pulled up the smaller cases, while they took the larger ones in tow.

The machinery was taken from the wreck and stored. Two hundred and twenty-four head of cattle swam ashore, while ten were drowned.

The seamen here think it will be impossible to save the Minnehaha, and look for the first strong wind to break her to pieces.

ROOSEVELT IN PARIS.

French Papers Give Warm Welcome to the Colonel.

Paris, April 21.—Colonel Roosevelt arrived here at 7:33 o'clock this morning. The Paris morning newspapers unite in warm expressions of welcome to the ex-president. The Matin prints a message of eulogy from M. Pinchon, the foreign minister, who says M. Roosevelt ever was foremost in the cause of peace.

"We French have more cause to remember this than any one," says the foreign minister, "for Mr. Roosevelt is surely a faithful friend to France. He has manifested friendship to us under all circumstances, with perfect disinterestedness. He has acted as a statesman who understands that the two great republics owe each other support, since they obey the same principles to carry out the same work and have the same ideals. It is a friend we are going to receive, a friend sincere, just and tenacious. Let us honor him."

Theodore Roosevelt appears to me as a man without fear, who consults only his own conscience and makes willingly sacrifices to the inspirations thereof, notwithstanding the consequences which might follow his action."

Man Drinks, Then is Lost.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 21.—With less than 24 hours after his marriage to a Los Angeles girl, Thomas Hughes, a temperance worker, who had been engaged in anti-saloon and morality crusades in Cincinnati, Chicago and Oakland, disappeared and his bride appealed to the police yesterday to find him. He vanished after taking one glass of beer, his wife said. Hughes married Miss Cora Beck, immediately after testifying at the trial of a hotel proprietor, whose arrest he had caused.

Aviator Breaks Record.

Charleville, France, April 21.—The French aviator, Roger Sommer, accomplished a remarkable feat today, which established a new world's record for aeroplanes. He made a flight of more than five minutes across country with four passengers.