

## 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.

An Illinois legislator admits receiving \$1,000 to vote for Lorimer for U. S. senator.

Patten and his friends on the Chicago cotton exchange cleaned up \$320,000 in one day.

Witnesses state conclusively that Swope, the St. Louis millionaire, was killed by a violent poison.

One person was killed, two fatally injured and about 15 others hurt in a street car collision in Seattle.

British Democracy has forced the Lords to pass the budget which was defeated last fall, and expects further triumphs.

Portland is much worked up over the alleged carelessness of census takers. It is claimed that at least 30,000 persons in the city were not counted.

Speaker Cannon declares the minority rules the house and that such rule must be stopped, even if it becomes necessary to change the constitution.

A rich rancher of Elk City, Idaho, has not been heard from since he went hunting March 7, and two men who went in search of him two weeks ago have not returned.

President Taft, speaking at Buffalo, apologized to the state of New York and congratulated the entire nation upon the appointment of Governor Hughes to the Supreme court.

Negotiations for about 280 locomotives and 5,000 to 6,000 freight cars, which the Harriman lines expected to purchase, are retarded because of inability to secure satisfactory terms.

The Indiana Democratic convention has endorsed John W. Kern for U. S. senator.

The New York stock market is demoralized, everyone trying to sell to avoid loss.

Charles Wezler, confessed murderer of Mrs. Schultz at Gig Harbor, seeks a second degree verdict.

Amid wild enthusiasm, San Francisco business men subscribed \$4,000,000 for their 1915 fair.

Ruth Bryan's first husband, Leavett, says her second marriage will be illegal and that he will fight it.

Rockefeller is discouraged at the delay in securing a national charter for his great philanthropic project.

An insane young man aged 19 shot and seriously wounded three persons in New York and then committed suicide.

Newspaper publishers in the East see a famine in paper unless congress passes the Mann bill removing the duty on pulp and paper.

A cod fishing schooner from San Francisco is reported lost with several members of her crew. She has been missing since last October.

The bridge of the Milwaukee road over the Yakima river was destroyed by a washout and an engine and five cars of lumber went into the river.

About fifty acres of ground, piled 25 feet high with lumber in the yards of the Humbird Lumber company at Sand Point, Idaho, were swept by fire, destroying about \$300,000 worth of lumber.

Peary is off for Europe on a lecture tour.

A negro leader and 22 followers have been arrested in Havana for inciting a revolt.

Reports place the damage by Chinese mobs in recent riots at Changsha at \$2,000,000.

Lawyers of Reno, Nevada, seek to disbar one of their number who advertises a specialty of easy divorces.

Two hundred girls at Cornell college, New York, are seriously ill from ptomaine poisoning caused by impure milk.

Edward Keaton, aged 110, living near Natchez, La., was bitten by a rattlesnake, but the doctors say he will recover.

A jury has been chosen to try F. August Heinze, accused of misapplying funds of the Merchants bank, of New York.

A huge Russian bear in the New York Zoo turned on its keeper and nearly tore him to pieces before he was rescued.

The heirs of Mrs. Octavia Adelaide Moss, a rich New York woman, are having a hard time finding her wealth, which was hidden about her house in secret places known only to herself.

### OFFICERS CONTINUE RAID.

#### Another New Yorker Charged With Conspiracy to Violate Laws.

New York, May 2.—Another important arrest in the Federal bucket shop crusade was made today when government officers arrested Frank Maier, of the firm of Morrison & Maier, in his office at No. 44 Broad street.

The specific charge against Maier is conspiracy to violate the Federal law against bucket shops. It is alleged Maier, in conjunction with Louis Cella, Edward Altemus and H. D. Duryee, has been furnishing stolen quotations to bucket shops all over the eastern part of the United States.

The government agents at the same time cut the telegraph wires leading to all places here and in New Jersey suspected of being bucket shops. Coincidentally two special agents of the United States department of justice paid a visit to an office in the Lincoln Trust building, Jersey City, and arrested Joseph Decker, a telegrapher. The police say Decker had in the office a stock ticker, from which he is alleged to have copied quotations and sent them practically all over the United States.

### SLUSH FUND TALKED.

#### Fetzer Will Tell Grand Jury About \$200,000 Paid.

Chicago, May 2.—John C. Fetzer, who alleges that a "slush fund" of about \$200,000 was used in advancing legislation and city ordinances desired by the Chicago & Western Indiana Railroad company, entered into conference with State's Attorney Wayman today. Details were not made public. Neither the suit filed by the company to recover \$525,000 from Fetzer, out of which the company alleges Fetzer defrauded it, nor the latter's injunction seems likely to come up for settlement in court in the near future. Developments, however, are expected when Mr. Fetzer tells his story to the grand jury, especially summoned to hear it next Monday.

Fetzer alleges that a large portion of the money which the company seeks to recover was spent in securing the passage of bill 777 at Springfield to validate bonds issued by the Chicago & Western Indiana, in securing from the common council of Chicago the vacating of a street desired by the road, and in seeking to block an extension of the Illinois Central in suburban Chicago.

### RACE LINES BLOTTED OUT.

#### "Jim Crow" Laws of Louisiana Are Found to Be Badly Muddled.

New Orleans, May 2.—"There are no negroes who are not persons of color, but there are persons of color who are not negroes."

This a salient sentence in a decision that has thrown the race laws of Louisiana into a state of chaos. All statutes made and provided to keep separate and distinct whites and negroes practically are affected by the ruling of the Louisiana Supreme court that octoroons, quadroons and mulattoes are not negroes.

The court holds that where the text of the law merely says "negroes" it cannot be applied to octoroons or other persons of mixed blood. It defines the negro as a member of the black or African race, having in his veins no trace of Caucasian blood. Persons of lighter or darker skins than mulattoes can evade the laws by demanding that the state prove they are negroes.

### BUYERS WANT WEALTH.

#### British Corporation Contests With Railroad for Property.

Vancouver, B. C., May 2.—The Brazilian-Canada & General Trust company, a British corporation, issued a writ in the Supreme court today to compel James Dunsmuir and others, until recently owners of the Dunsmuir coal lands and mines on Vancouver island and the Dunsmuir properties in California, to comply with terms of an option given to the British corporation for sale of the properties. These properties were transferred recently to William MacKenzie and D. Mann, president and vice president of the Canadian Northern Railway company, for \$1,000,000.

### Panama Fair Fund Grows.

San Francisco, May 2.—Numerous subscriptions, ranging in amount from \$10 to \$25,000, and aggregating in all \$64,820, were received by the finance committee of the Panama Pacific International exposition today and the grand total of the fund on hand was swelled to \$4,165,320.

Small subscriptions with a few of larger proportions amounted to \$39,820 for the day when notice was received from the Life Underwriters, association of San Francisco that the directors had voted an investment of \$25,000.

### Beri-Beri Kills Italians.

San Francisco, May 2.—Antonio Ranieri, the first white victim in this city to succumb to beri-beri, died today. Two Chinese have died from the effects of this unusual disease, but Ranieri is the first Caucasian here to suffer a fatal attack of the Oriental malady.

## TALES OF HORROR IN NICARAGUA

### Citizen Ashamed of His Country Informs American Consul.

#### Says Cruelties Eclipse Conditions in Congo—Men, Women and Boys Horribly Tortured.

Washington, May 3.—A letter written to the consul at Managua, Nicaragua, by Narciso Arellane, a citizen of Nicaragua, detailing incidents of cruelties in the republic, has been forwarded here to Senor Castrillo, representative of the Estrada forces in Washington. In his letter Mr. Arellane says:

"I think it best you should know these people are at their work again. They are torturing men and even boys at Mandaimo and at Granada, whipping them, suspending them from the thumbs with cords, all this to wrench out confessions from them as to who carried provisions to Calaxto Talaveras' guerillas beyond Mandaimo.

"I will cite as an example case the case of Octavio Marene, a young man owning a ranch a few miles north of Mandaimo, who was dealt 200 lashes with a stick a midnight on April 6, at the jail at Granada. He is now at the penitentiary in this town (Managua), and as it is a matter of common knowledge you must have heard the story from another source.

"They have also burned property and wrought damage to an incalculable degree, but this we will pass lightly out of mind. It is the rest I lay stress on. I am ashamed that such cruelties should be committed by men who profess to be Christians and are Nicaraguans. Such ferocity is more the work of fiends than human beings.

"We wish the State department and the American public to be acquainted with these facts, as it might help matters a bit. It is a real shame that such work is going on with your warships a few miles off Corinto harbor, when just a word from Admiral Kimball would stop this devil's work. Should the American admiral send another mission to investigate, he will disclose a situation of things unparalleled, even in the Congo Free State."

Under date of April 10 from Managua, a subsequent note to the American consul at Managua from Arellane states that the author has received reliable information of 17 cases in which men have been hung up by their thumbs. He gives the names of 17 victims and the name of one man who was shot and two who were lashed. Another document detailing those alleged cruelties and mentioning specific instances of insults to women by officers, alleging in one case that a woman was shot because she resisted a government officer who tried to kiss her, has been submitted to the State department by Senor Castrillo.

### JAPAN MAKES LAND LAW.

#### Foreign Ownership to Hinge on Reciprocal Rights Abroad.

Tokio, May 3.—The law relating to foreigners' right of ownership of land was promulgated today.

It provides that foreigners domiciled or resident in Japan, and foreign juridical persons registered therein, shall enjoy the right of ownership in land, provided always that in the countries to which they belong such right is extended to Japanese juridical persons.

The law is applicable only to foreigners belonging to countries designated by imperial ordinance.

In the districts of Hokkaido, Formosa, Karafu and districts necessary for national defence, foreigners are debarred from land ownership.

In case a foreigner or foreign juridical person owning land ceases to be capable of enjoying right of ownership such land shall accrue to the fisco, unless he disposes of it within a period of one year.

### Five Fall Far, Unhurt.

Pasadena, Cal., May 3.—Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wolfarth, their two children and R. Tobey, of Covina, were hurled down a 200-foot precipice today and though they fell on a pile of rocks not one of the party were hurt. The skidding of the automobile in which they were riding up Scoville Hill caused the accident. Wolfarth, who was driving, tried to round a sharp curve in the trail skirting the crest of the hill and the car went over the edge of an almost perpendicular precipice. The automobile was demolished.

### Long Island Shaken Up.

New York, May 3.—Hempstead, Mineola, Garden City and other towns of Long Island shook for 45 seconds this afternoon on the dot of 3 o'clock. Crockery on the shelves and windows in their sashes rattled loudly. Persons on their feet felt the tremor sharply. An earthquake was not thought of, but instant and numerous telephone inquiries failed to bring news of any explosion.

### CITY ROADS MAY MERGE.

#### Gigantic Chicago Deal Involves One Hundred Million Dollars.

Chicago, April 30.—Unification of the Chicago elevated railroads, regarded as the first essential step toward a perfect transportation service, was today said to be in sight. A gigantic deal, involving a capitalization of \$100,000,000, may be consummated and the plan put into operation August 1.

Henry A. Blair, who successfully reorganized the Chicago Railways company, is the financier who hopes to merge the elevated roads.

Representing a syndicate of New York bankers with unlimited resources, he has submitted a definite offer to the elevated railroad officials to buy the properties, either paying cash to stockholders in return for a deposit of their stock, or giving them securities in the new corporation equal to the par value of their holdings.

So far, the directors of all companies have agreed that the plan is a fair one, the hitch being in the price offered by Mr. Blair and that which the directors think they ought to get. While Mr. Blair has not announced what his cash offer is, he admitted that it was a good deal more than the present value of the stock of the different companies.

The capitalization of the elevated roads in stocks and bonds, equipment, notes and other outstanding obligations, is a little more than \$100,000,000.

### FREIGHT RATES GO UP.

#### Transcontinental Roads Plan to Meet Increased Expenses.

Washington, April 30.—Freight tariffs showing considerable increase over the present rates from Western territory to the Atlantic seaboard will be filed with the Interstate Commerce commission to become effective June 1.

This is the first step taken by the railroads indicating a purpose generally to increase freight rates throughout the country to meet increased operating expenses.

Already tariff schedules have been filed for Western roads increasing the rate for the transportation of wool from Minneapolis and St. Paul to New York and other Atlantic seaboard points. The present rate on wool from Minneapolis to New York is 59 cents per hundred pounds. Under the new tariff the rate will be 64 cents a hundred pounds, an increase of nearly 20 per cent.

An increase also has been made in the freight rate on live hogs between the Twin Cities and Chicago of 2½ cents a hundred pounds. This is an increase of about 12 per cent over the present rate. While no tariff has been filed with the commission increasing the rate on wheat products from Chicago to the Eastern territory, it seems likely the rate on hog products from Chicago to Eastern points will be increased.

The tariffs already filed with the commission are for all the roads in Western Freight association territory, and the rates will become effective simultaneously on all of them.

### Fearing Law, Bucketshops Close.

Washington, April 30.—Results already have been accomplished by the crusade of the department of justice against the bucket shop business. In addition to the offices affected by the indictment against a number of principals, scores of houses in the Middle West have closed their doors and others are expected to follow. Should the efforts of the department towards breaking up the business entirely prove unavailing by prosecution under existing laws, it is said that new legislation will be asked of congress.

### Taft Starts on Trip.

Washington, April 30.—President Taft left Washington at 7 o'clock last night for Buffalo, his first stop on a seven-day trip. From Buffalo the president goes to Pittsburg, then to Cincinnati, St. Louis and back home, reaching here May 6. There have been many predictions as to the line the president's speeches will take on the trip. He has given no hint himself of what he will say, but it is significant that he is carrying with him a full set of figures on the operation of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law.

### Court Nips Thaw Plan.

New York, April 30.—Harry K. Thaw, who killed Stanford White, must remain in the Matteawan insane asylum. The appellate division of the Supreme court in Brooklyn handed down a decision today which sets aside the appointment by Justice Tompkins, of the Supreme court, of a referee to take testimony bearing on Thaw's possible transfer. The court holds that Matteawan is the proper place for Thaw.

### McCredie's Bill is Favored.

Washington, April 30.—Representative McCredie today had a hearing before the judiciary committee in order to present arguments in support of his bill authorizing the states of Oregon and Washington to adjust differences over the boundary line where it follows the Columbia river. After his hearing the committee assured him the bill would be favorably reported next week.

## PAULHAN VICTOR IN AIRSHIP RACE

### Frenchman Wins Prize of \$50,000 by Long Flight.

#### Flies Half the Length of England, Making Trip from London to Manchester with One Stop.

London, April 28.—The Frenchman, Louis Paulhan, whose efforts have frequently been crowned with victory, today won the greatest race in the history of mankind and \$50,000 when he flew into Manchester at 5:30 o'clock this morning, having traveled by aeroplane from London, a distance by railway of 186 miles, with only a single overnight stop at Lichfield.

His competitor in the contest, Graham White, the English aviator, after making a successful new start at Reade, where he made his first landing, descended at Polesworth and no advices have yet reached London of his having resumed his flight.

White, a few days ago attempted the trip, but was compelled to descend at Lichfield after covering 115 miles. Paulhan then appeared on the scene and the two aviators made hasty preparations for the flight, each striving to be first at the start. Paulhan stole the march on the Englishman and ascended from Hendon at 5:20 p. m. yesterday.

White, who was sleeping peacefully at the time he was apprised of this fact, made a quick start from Park Royal at 6:30 p. m. Paulhan flying high and fast covered 117 miles before he landed, making that distance in two hours and 50 minutes. He descended at Lichfield at 8:10 p. m., and reascended at 4:08 a. m. to complete the journey. White succeeded in reaching Reade, a distance of about 60 miles, descending on account of darkness at 7:55 p. m. He managed to overcome some of the handicap by starting again on the long journey to Manchester at 2:50 a. m. He landed, however, at Polesworth, which is about 60 miles from Manchester.

The struggle for the coveted prize took a dramatic turn last night when Paulhan stole a march on his English rival, Graham White, which placed him 20 miles ahead of the race when darkness compelled him to alight for the night. This forenoon the weather was favorable, but owing to the heavy work of preparing the machine, it was supposed the start would be deferred until Thursday. The two aviators had met early and discussed plans, expressing hope that they would meet each other in Manchester.

Late in the day White, tired from his heavy labors, returned to his hotel and went to sleep, intending to start tomorrow morning. Meanwhile the spectators at Hendon were surprised to see Paulhan, after trying his engine, take farewell of his wife, who tied a large map of the route around his waist, and take his seat in the aeroplane.

Word that the Frenchman had started quickly reached Park Royal. Rushing into White's room, his friends awakened him. White sprang to his feet, flew downstairs, jumped into a motor car and made for the garage at full speed, and within 20 minutes was sailing around the gasometer at Kensal Green in the first stage of what will certainly be the most exciting contest ever held in Great Britain.

While passing over Bletchley, 18 miles south of London, 70 minutes behind Paulhan, he was flying considerably higher than the Frenchman and seemed to be making faster time and taking a straighter course.

The news of the race spread like magic in the towns and villages along the railway, which the aviators followed closely, Paulhan being followed by a special train steaming rapidly northward. The people gathered everywhere to get a view of the novel sight. The sun went down and the cloudless sky gave the spectators an opportunity to watch the aviators as they flew at varying heights.

### Anarchists Dog Roosevelt.

Paris, April 28.—Great relief comes tonight to the French government with the close of the visit of ex-President Roosevelt, for it is reported to have been considerably alarmed for his safety. According to an evening newspaper, the police were advised from Naples that the American anarchists were following him and a most rigorous surveillance has been instituted here. The ex-president has been accompanied everywhere by two inspectors of the anarchist brigade in plain clothes.

### 500 Miners Are Entombed.

London, April 28.—Five hundred miners were entombed today at the Tyn-y-Betu colliery in Wales as a result of the breaking down of the cage machinery. The managers are endeavoring to make connection with the miners through another shaft half a mile distant.