

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.

E. B. Garriott, chief forecaster of the United States weather bureau, is dead.

The Herschel Parker Mt. McKinley expedition has sailed from Valdez for Seldovia.

Mourning over the death of King Edward has hushed all political troubles in England.

It is announced that California's new primary law is a piece of patchwork and woefully inefficient.

Remarkable attentions paid to Roosevelt in Germany are causing much comment in Europe.

A woman who had been bitten by a rattlesnake was taken 80 miles in an auto to a doctor by the Louis W. Hill party, now touring Eastern Oregon.

Roosevelt arrived in London as special American ambassador to attend the funeral of King Edward, which will entitle him to the highest honors.

The flood of emigration from the United States to Canada is beginning to worry officials of the departments of agriculture and commerce and labor.

Advices from Changsha, China, the capital of the disturbed province of Hunan, state that the Yale mission in that city has been placarded for destruction by fire. The foreigners, who were beginning to return to Changsha, are again living on boats in the river.

Harry F. Waugh, of Seattle, a mining prospector, member of the Arctic club and leader of the Waugh sledge expedition to the delta of the Mackenzie river, committed suicide by hanging himself. Failure to interest capitalists in his mining project when success seemed within his grasp is believed to have been the cause.

Forest fires in Wisconsin have destroyed six farm houses.

An alleged combine in the fish trade at San Francisco is under probe.

Eight high school students at Wilkesbarre, Pa., were drowned while boat riding.

It is rumored at Washington that Peru and Ecuador will come to open war soon.

Three hundred pounds of powder exploded in a magazine near Logansport, Indiana, killing one man and injuring about 20.

W. Cooper Morris was found guilty of embezzling \$75,000 of the funds of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank at Portland.

An explosion in the Wellington coal mine in England has entombed 137 miners. Fire has broken out and there is no hope of saving any of the men.

A carload of dynamite near Tacoma jumped the track and exploded, blowing two brakemen to bits and tearing up the track for a considerable distance.

More than a hundred persons were thrown into the waters of Great Salt Lake by the collapse of a stairway leading to the pavilion. All were rescued, and none seriously hurt.

F. August Heinze, of the Mercantile National bank of New York, was acquitted of illegal financing in the panic of 1907. He now claims the trial was but a plot to ruin him.

That the four great express companies get net returns of from 43 to 115 per cent more, on the capital employed in actual express operations, was stated in a report issued by the Merchants' association of New York.

Eastern senators disagree with Heyburn's statement that "water competition is a fiction."

Havemeyer, the sugar king, is believed to be implicated in the Friar land deal in the Philippines.

The Panama canal commission has built and launched a barge made of concrete, for use on the canal.

Emperor William of Germany warmly welcomed Roosevelt and party at the entrance to the imperial palace.

Forest fires in Wisconsin and Northern Minnesota are destroying vast areas of fine timber and threaten many towns.

The Oregon State grange is beginning to think the initiative and referendum is dangerous to the best interests of the people.

Roosevelt's French disappointed his hearers at his public speech in Paris, and Germans are wondering if he speaks their language any better.

Forest fires are destroying much valuable timber in Western Washington.

MINNESOTA FORESTS ABLAZE

Women Pray While Men Fight Fire—Militia to Rescue.

Bemidji, Minn., May 16.—Women and children are in Bemidji's smoke-filled churches tonight praying for rain or some other act of nature to save them, their husbands and fathers and their homes from impending catastrophe.

Although battled desperately by hundreds of citizens, soldiers and forest rangers since 11 o'clock this morning, a forest fire four miles wide is slowly nearing Bemidji from the south.

Christopher C. Andrews, Minnesota state forestry commissioner, arrived here from Walker, Minn., this morning and is now at the scene of the fire. The citizens of the city, convoked by the mayor, addressed an appeal to Governor Eberhardt at noon.

The governor at once, by telegraph, appointed Commissioner Andrews commander of all militiamen in Northern Minnesota, and Major H. T. V. Eva is on his way here from Duluth. Commissioner Andrews immediately ordered Company I, Minnesota National Guard, from Crookston. Company H, of Bemidji, went early to the scene under their own command.

The two big Weyerhaeuser and Shevlin-Carpenter Lumber companies' camps and timber holdings are located there, and immense stores of lumber and poles are situated directly in the path of the flames on the southern outskirts of the town.

The mills closed down at noon and both day and night crews were ordered to the yards, where they are wetting down the lumber and trying to quench the flaming brands borne on the high wind into the lumber piles and to the central business district.

Increasing volumes of smoke have been pouring into the town all day, and tonight it is nearly suffocating. In the churches it is impossible to see the lighted pulpits from the rear.

The poorer residents of the city, located adjoining the big sawmills, are running panic-stricken through the murky streets. Should the small fires, ignited by the brands in the lumber yards, escape control of the fighters, they would destroy the whole city. The fire originated about seven miles south of Bemidji, in the heart of an unpopulated forest. It has been smoldering in the muskeg soils.

FLOOD TO CANADA WORRIES.

No Way to Check Immigration From United States to North.

Washington, May 16.—Washington officials of the departments of agriculture and commerce and labor have a sharp sense of the need of something, no one knows just what, to stop the flood of emigration that is flowing on its way from the Western United States into Canada. The administration proposes to take the matter up seriously.

It is probably only a coincidence that the high tide in emigration to Canada has occurred at a time when this country is engaged in trying to settle the problem of a proper way to conserve the natural resources of the country. The sharp fact is that Canada is receiving thousands of Americans every year, men who have made good citizens at home and who will make good citizens of the country to the north of us.

We are getting immigrants enough to offset the loss, but the class of incomers is so inferior to the class of outgoers that the United States gains nothing from the fact that the former outnumber the latter.

MAD DOG COSTS THOUSANDS

Canine Runs Amuck in Cattle Herd; Fine Animals Killed.

Los Angeles, May 16.—Because a mad dog got into a valuable herd of cattle at San Jacinto today and bit a number of them, several thousand dollars' worth of fine animals had to be killed.

The owners of the farm are not certain whether other animals were not attacked by the rabies-afflicted animal, and therefore they will quarantine the remainder of the herd and developments will be watched with great care.

Morgan's Car Demolished.

Spokane, Wash., May 16.—Private car No. A21 of Superintendent Morgan, of the Marcus division of the Great Northern, had a narrow escape from being completely demolished in the yards at Oroville this morning. A 30-ton gondola, loaded with coal, was being hauled up the coal chute when the cable broke just as the car reached the top. The runaway dashed down the incline, broke the sidetrack switch and struck Mr. Morgan's car standing a few hundred yards down the main line. A warning saved the occupants.

Rich Placers Uncovered.

Victoria, B. C., May 16.—Rich placers have been found in Northern British Columbia, near the headwaters of Taku inlet, and miners are taking out 5 cents to the pan. Jack Hyland, a trader, who arrived from Telegraph creek, brought authentic news of this find.

AVARICE RULES OVER DEAD KING

Points of View on Line of Funeral Sell High.

Police Busy Guarding Palace—Artillery Rehearse Program—Navy Will Have Prominent Place.

London, May 17.—The whole court and all London are absorbed in the preparations for the funeral of King Edward, which will be the most imposing ceremonial the British capital ever has witnessed. Thirty thousand soldiers will be brought from Aldershot and other military camps to line the streets Friday when the procession passes.

As there is no room to embark the soldiers over night they will bivouac in the parks and streets. The city will have the appearance of an invested town for two days.

It is expected that 700,000 persons will pass through Westminster Hall to look upon the coffin. Barriers are being built by means of which the people will be ushered through in four lines at the rate of 18,000 an hour. The body of the late king will not be exposed to view. The mourners will see only the coffin with the official regalia and heaps of flowers.

The flowers contributed by organizations and individuals will represent many thousands of dollars in value. The most elaborate wreath was sent from Windsor, consisting of costly white flowers, interwoven with purple, which is the royal mourning color. The wreaths contributed by private individuals, numbering thousands, will be hung on posts in the streets.

The artillery horses, with gun carriages, were rehearsing today through the streets along the line of march, so as to avoid the possibility of a mishap on Friday.

Fabulous prices are being asked for seats in the stands along the line, \$25 being the lowest sum at which it is possible to get a place. The householders overlooking Trafalgar square have sent a protest to the lord chamberlain for again changing the line of march, which deprives them of eagerly expected profits.

King George having been closely identified with the navy, the naval contingents will take a prominent part in the ceremonies. Bluejackets will draw the gun carriage to Windsor, as they did the carriage which bore the body of Victoria, although on that occasion they did so because the horses became restive. Soldiers from the king's company, grenadier guards, are keeping sentry watch over the body in the throneroom at Buckingham palace. They are relieved each hour.

Scotland Yard has all its detectives on duty and these are reinforced by 100 more from Continental cities.

INDIANS READY TO YIELD.

Taos Uprising Already Over—Will Surrender to Troops.

Santa Fe, N. M., May 17.—The threatened uprising of the Taos Pueblo Indians at Taos, N. M., appears to be at an end. Governor Mills today said the national guard sent to Taos last night has been ordered to return.

United States Attorney Wilson telegraphed from Taos this morning that the renegade Indians have volunteered to surrender themselves on the bench warrants which they have been resisting. He added that the trouble had been greatly exaggerated.

A regular troop of Cavalry, with Captain McCoy in command, from Fort Wingate, arrived here tonight to take a special train for Barranca, whence it will ride overland to Taos, unless ordered back by the War department.

It probably will be necessary for the troops to serve the bench warrants and make the arrests, but no bloodshed is feared, as the Indians, who including women and children number only 300, stand in awe of the military.

Chase Horsethief in Relays.

Chicago, May 17.—A 19-year-old horse thief was captured by the Waukegan police this afternoon after a 20-mile chase that lasted more than four hours and during which the police used three relays of horses and an automobile. Volleys of shots at the opening of the chase and interruptions of parties on pleasure drives that their fresh horses might be exchanged for tired animals driven by the police added exciting incidents to the flight. The police finally captured the thief by the use of an automobile.

Fruit Crop Is Menaced.

Denver, May 17.—Colorado's fruit of the estimated value of \$7,000,000 is menaced tonight by a storm, accompanied by a sudden drop in temperature, which is sweeping the state. The thermometer at the western slope registered 40 degrees Fahrenheit at 10 o'clock, and was falling steadily, under a 60-mile wind from the north.

BIG BATTLESHIP LAUNCHED.

Monster Fighting Machine Will Carry Crew of 1,000 Men.

New York, May 14.—The battleship Florida, biggest of the American Dreadnoughts built thus far, was successfully launched at the Brooklyn navy-yard yesterday in the presence of the vice-president of the United States, the secretary of the navy, the naval attaches of all the powers and a crowd of 50,000 enthusiasts, whom intermittent rains failed to keep away.

The 21,825-ton fighting leviathan, built to carry 10 12-inch guns, glided down the ways to the strains of The Star Spangled Banner, played by the navy yard and the 29th infantry bands, while the crowd cheered and hundreds of river craft tooted their noisy welcome.

The vessel was christened by Miss Elizabeth Fleming, daughter of ex-Governor Fleming, of Florida.

Later when the Arkansas and the Wyoming, now under construction, are afloat they will exceed the Florida in size by 3,000 tons, a difference sufficient to make a pretty good little liner in itself. The Florida herself is by no means finished, for as she went off the ways yesterday she was only about 60 per cent advanced towards completion, which means that she was not much more than a vast empty hull, and still awaits the boilers and main and secondary engines and armor and equipment that go to make up the ship ready for commission.

Probably there is not a battleship afloat that could tackle the Florida on even terms, when her commander's flag flies from the ungraceful, but formidable skeleton masts which will be placed upon her, that is, provided the naval designers do not change their minds, as to the utility of this novel feature of marine architecture within the next eighteen months, by which time the Florida should be in commission.

INDIANS IN REVOLT.

New Mexico Redskins Destroy Property and Steal Stock.

East Las Vegas, May 14.—An uprising of serious proportions has broken out among the Taos Pueblo Indians at their village, 70 miles northwest of here, and tonight troops are being hurried by special train from Santa Fe to check a possible massacre of white ranchers.

The Indians have cut all telephone and telegraph wires from Taos, but reports here indicate the depredations so far have been confined to an attack on the wife and children of L. S. Meyers, a homesteader, and the cutting of fences and looting of horses and cattle. Further attacks are expected by the ranchers and Judge John R. McFie, conducting court at Taos, telegraphed an urgent demand for troops to go there. The government immediately ordered 50 men of companies D and F, New Mexico National guard, to Taos. The militiamen will arrive at Taos tomorrow forenoon.

500 SEALS ARE SET FREE.

Only Government Can Take Them From Water Hereafter.

Washington, May 14.—Five hundred three-year-old male seals are to be allowed to escape from the killing fields on the Pribiloff Islands to supply the required number of breeding adults in the future. They are to be marked in such a manner as to make them readily recognizable throughout the season and under no circumstances are they to be slain. They are to be the best samples of the seal herds.

This direction, given to W. I. Lambkey, agent in charge of the Alaskan seal fisheries, was announced today by Secretary Nagel. Stringent measures for the protection of seal life are contained in the instructions to the agent.

The privilege of taking the seals, heretofore leased to a private company, now rests with the government, which is to sell the skins to the highest bidder.

Flannery Trial Opens.

San Rafael, Cal., May 14.—District Attorney Thomas P. Boyd, of Marin county, made his opening address to the jury today in Judge Lennon's court in the case of Harry P. Flannery, ex-president of the San Francisco police commission, who is on trial on a charge of grand larceny growing out of his alleged connection with the men who conducted the recently-raided fake poolroom in Sausalito. Flannery was ordered to furnish \$5,000 cash bail before the opening of court tomorrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Train Robbers Are Caught.

Phoenix, Ariz., May 14.—The two robbers who held up the Phoenix & Maricopa passenger train last night near here were captured tonight by a posse headed by Sheriff Hayden and Immigration Inspector Corin, in the desert beyond Casa Grande.

Black Hand Agent Guilty.

New York, May 14.—A verdict of guilty was found today in the Caruso "Black Hand" case in Brooklyn. The man on trial was Antonio Misiana, accused of attempting to extort \$15,000 from the famous tenor.

AERONAUTS FALL FOUR MILES; LIVE

Rip Cord Works Too Well, and Balloon Collapses.

Vice-President of Aero Club Passes Through Snow Storms on 400 Mile Flight.

Horse Cave, Ky., May 12.—After a thrilling flight of 400 miles, during which they ascended to an altitude of 20,600 feet and encountered two snow storms, A. Holland Forbes, of Bridgeport, Conn., vice president of the Aero club of America, and J. C. Yates, of New York, lost control of their balloon, the Viking, yesterday afternoon and descended so rapidly that both were badly bruised and the balloon partly wrecked.

The balloon came to earth near Center, Ky., a hamlet about 20 miles from Horse Cave, and dropped through the final 100 feet of space like a stone.

The escape of the balloonists from instant death was little short of miraculous.

"We left Quincy, Ill., at 5:55 o'clock Monday evening," said Mr. Forbes. "We were hoping to strike favorable air currents from the West that might give us a chance at the long-distance record. We were carried in a semicircle, passing over parts of Illinois, Missouri, Indiana and Kentucky.

"Tuesday morning we encountered intense cold and a severe snow storm at an altitude of 16,000 feet. Tuesday afternoon at an altitude of 16,000 feet we ran into another snow storm. Shortly afterward we shot up to 20,600 feet. From that time on the cold was so intense that we became benumbed and half stupefied and gradually lost power to control the balloon.

"I cannot tell what the altitude was just before we made our final drop, but efforts to let out the gas by the valve had not succeeded in bringing us to the ground as fast as desired.

"Finally I decided to use the rip cord before we lost consciousness entirely. In some manner as yet undiscovered, the cord did not work well and ripped the bag almost from top to bottom. The descent was terrific, and I judge that for the last 100 feet there was very little gas left in the balloon, as it fell like a stone."

Mr. Forbes was able to dictate a few letters and telegrams to friends and relatives. Both men are being cared for at the home of a farmer, Tilden Boston, near Center. Forbes' injuries are not serious, but the physicians are yet doubtful in the case of Yates.

DISCOVERS KEY TO NATURE.

Four Geometric Units Compose All Known Forms.

Los Angeles, May 12.—Philip W. T. R. Thompson has set local scientific circles agog by claiming to have discovered the fundamental forms upon which the entire physical world is reared.

He asserts that chemistry, the vegetable and mineral realms and mathematics in all its stages have their bases in certain fixed and unvarying forms, which are only four in number. Explaining his new science, which he termed stereometry, before a body of Southern California educators, yesterday and today, Mr. Thompson declared that with the four units, which he illustrated with wood models, he could produce any geometric shape now known and many never dreamed of.

There was no limit to the minuteness or to the colossal proportions of the creations built of these forms. Combined in octaves or in series of seven, he said, they interpreted nature in its infinite variety from the tiniest molecule to the mightiest sun.

Mr. Thompson said that there was no form of crystal, snowflake or any geometrical conception which he would not produce with a combination of two or more of his four units.

Mr. Thompson labored nine years to bring his discovery to its present state. He says he devoted 20 hours of every day to the task.

Lion Toys With Tiny Babe.

Cleveland, Tenn., May 12.—A trained lion being exhibited on an opera stage here tonight suddenly became again the bloodthirsty beast of the jungle, and, snatching a babe from the arms of its mother, carried it to the back of the stage, dashed it to the floor and planted both his forepaws on the little one's body, licking the blood from the wounds on the baby's head and face. Frantic citizens advanced on the lion and diverted its attention, while a man snatched the baby. The child is terribly lacerated but may live.

Roosevelt Will Be American Envoy.

Washington, May 12.—The appointment of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt by President Taft as special ambassador to represent the United States at the funeral of King Edward in London, May 20, was officially announced today. Cablegrams were exchanged last night. Roosevelt's answer was the one word "Accept."