

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.

A general strike has been ordered by the National Railroaders' union of France.

Great secrecy over a conference in the house of lords has alarmed British Liberals.

President Taft has emphatically declared that he will take no part in state politics.

Sixty carloads of heavy steel rails passed through Portland for the Pacific & Eastern road at Medford, Ore.

Taft has started a movement to restore the Colorado river to its original bed in the Imperial valley of California.

Speaker Cannon, of the house of representatives, was overcome by heat while speaking before the Chautauqua assembly at Winfield, Kansas.

Despite the wrecking of the first regular train on the new monorail system in New York, the damage will be repaired and the service resumed.

Flames starting from a surveyors' camp have ruined thousands of acres of timber and many settlers' homes on Kellogg Peak near Wallace, Idaho.

Three of England's most prominent "suffragettes" will visit America in the interest of woman suffrage, and will probably come to the Pacific coast.

Five Republican, one Democrat, one Prohibitionist and one Socialist are engaged in a lively race for the nomination for governor of California under the new primary law of that state.

Canada and United States will confer on the establishment of through freight rates.

Many banks are making application to be appointed depositories for the postal savings banks.

Secretary Ballinger will tour Rainier national park to see what improvements can be made.

The section of Nicaragua controlled by Madriz is violently hostile to all foreigners, especially Americans.

A company of Spokane men have arranged to spend \$2,000,000 on an irrigation project in Rogue river valley, Oregon.

Great Britain would like to come to a friendly understanding with Germany, so she could reduce her naval armament.

In the parade at the Elks' convention at Detroit, fully 20,000 men were in line, and 300 were temporarily overcome by the heat.

Robbers attempted to hold up 40 men of a construction train in Ohio, on pay day but were put to flight by a fusillade of bullets.

An American actress was found murdered in London, and her husband has disappeared and is believed to be en route to New York.

Suits which will bring penalties aggregating \$42,000 have been begun against Missouri railroads for overworking their trainmen.

Forest fires in Idaho are again beyond control. Millions of dollars worth of timber is being destroyed by fires in Washington, Idaho, and Montana.

William Pittman, the American captured by the Madriz forces in Nicaragua was found in a filthy prison cell, dying of starvation. The American consul forced Madriz to give him better accommodations.

Roosevelt will press the fight for direct nominations.

The congress of American republics is in session at Buenos Ayres.

All pupils in the Chicago public schools will be taught to swim.

A Hungarian aviator committed suicide because of a series of mishaps.

Germany denies any intention of antagonizing the United States in Nicaraguan matters.

The house of commons passed the woman suffrage bill to its second reading, but it probably will not get any further.

Cattle rustlers are said to have killed some of their Indian competitors in Southern Idaho, and considerable indignation has been aroused.

After a long conference on Alaskan affairs, President Taft has decided to send Attorney General Wickham and Secretary Nagel to Alaska to make a personal investigation.

It is reported that the huge glacier in Rainy Hollow, near Haines, Alaska, is moving 12 feet per day. Earthquake disturbances are believed to have accelerated its speed.

WAR IS UNAVOIDABLE.

Japanese Writer Says Day of Reckoning is Coming.

Victoria—That war between America and Japan cannot be avoided is the theme of a special article in the Osaka Mainichi received by the Empress of China. The Japanese writer says:

"It is now being anticipated in diplomatic circles in general that in future, when the relations between Japan and America become more strained—which will certainly result from a continued collision of interest—the ministry will have to accomplish the painful duty of informing the other country's government that the result of such a collision will be an outbreak of war."

"It will be pitiful indeed, if, even on that occasion, Japan adheres to diplomatic compliments and states that no collision will take place. Why do the Japanese not boldly and openly say that there will be a collision. If they think that the Americans will believe the Japanese assertions that a collision will never take place, they will only deceive themselves—certainly not the Americans."

The writer contributes a very lengthy article, in which he credits American sympathy with Japan during the war with Russia to a desire to curry favor with the Jewish element of America, and after detailing American naval progress he urges rapid development of the Japanese navy.

MONORAIL TRAIN WRECKED.

New Interurban Service Proves Failure on First Trip.

New York—Twenty persons were injured, only one seriously, in the first commercial trip of the new monorail service between City Island and Barlow, in the suburbs of The Bronx.

Howard Tunis, the inventor, who was motorman, broke a rib and one passenger broke a leg. The latter was the only one of the injured to go to a hospital.

Although described as a monorail, the only car the company owns did not depend for the stability on a gyroscope. For support and traction it ran on a single rail, but twin guide rails overhead hung between pillars and lateral braces on either side of the right of way held it in balance.

While the car was running 30 miles an hour one of these guide rails worked loose and the car tilted 40 degrees, piling the frightened passengers in the lower angle. The pillars at either side of the car prevented it from toppling entirely.

AMERICAN HELD PRISONER.

Madriz Forces Compel Texas Physician to Treat Wounded.

Washington—On the strength of press reports the State department telegraphed American Consul Moffatt at Bluefields to ascertain whether Dr. Lawrence Burghelm, of Houston, Texas, is held a prisoner by the Madriz forces. The report was that Dr. Burghelm had been compelled to treat the wounded at Bluefields bluff.

Evidences of the condition of unrest prevalent in Managua were received at the State department through the translation of public orders issued by the military governor in the month of June. One of these orders prohibited individuals from leaving the city without written permits from the authorities. Persons disobeying this order were classed as revolutionists.

Another order prohibited gatherings in private houses and in public establishments after 9 o'clock in the evening except by permission of the authorities.

Wrecking Crew Held Up.

Albany, N. Y.—A wrecking train on the Boston & Maine railroad, which was sent out from Mechanicville early to clear up a freight wreck near Usher was flagged by Italians before it reached the wreckage. As the train slowed down, two Italians pointed rifles at the engineer and fireman and refused to let the wreckers proceed. The train carried about 40 Italian laborers, who found themselves facing an armed crowd. The train returned to Mechanicville.

Yellow Fever Feared.

Bluefields—American Consul Thos. P. Moffatt has issued instructions to the American naval commanders here to observe the strictest precautions that no personal communication be held with Bluefields bluff, on account of fears that yellow fever is prevalent there. It is reported that yellow fever has reached the camps of the Madriz army.

Auto Supersedes Piano.

New York—Another count has been added to the indictment against the automobile. Benjamin Lesser, attorney for several creditors who have filed a petition in bankruptcy against a local corporation which manufactures pianos, says in explanation of the case: "The corporation could not realize on its stock of pianos on hand. People are not buying pianos any more; they are buying automobiles."

MAKES PANACEA FROM ALFALFA

Los Angeles Doctor Condenses Juice Into Healing Element.

Makes a Medicine Which Cures Delirium Tremens, and Drives Away the Tired Feeling.

Los Angeles—Alfalfa, hitherto holder of a plebeian place in the food scheme, is destined to become a comprehensive medicative and remedial element that will put all others in the shade, according to Dr. Marian N. Clark, who announces the discovery of remarkable curative properties in the plant and blossoms.

Her idea, already carried out on a small scale and suggested by the menthol industry, is to electrolyze the alfalfa and condense its healing elements to vest pocket size—a haystack of medicine in a tablet.

Dr. Clark proudly recounts many instances of curing with the condensed alfalfa juice many nervous ailments, from delirium tremens to "that tired feeling."

One of these was the aggravated case of a Reno sport, who bet on Jeffries and drowned his sorrows in so many tall ones that the cobras came to get him. "The condensed hay expert beat 'em to it and cured the victim so effectively that now he shudders at the sight of even a dog, if the dog is a growler."

Tobacco chewing, gloomy thoughts of suicide, insomnia and a host of other undesirable things fade away like the mists of the morning under the soothing influence of a few forkfuls of alfalfa done up in a tablet.

"HIGHER UPS" ARE WANTED.

Immunity to Be Granted Subordinates in Beef Trust Probe.

Chicago—Fifty subpoenas will be served immediately on officers and employees of meat concerns to appear before the Federal grand jury in the beef trust investigation. Officials of the National Packing company will be visited first.

Despite the lid that has been clamped tight on all matters relating to the inquiry, it leaked out that the government plans to extend immunity to a number of packing officials in exchange for the evidence they may be able to give to the grand jury. Who these officials will be was not made public. It is known that subpoenas have been issued for officials of the National Packing company.

In summoning these officials it is shown that the government does not care for convictions unless those gathered in the net are the men "higher up" in the companies. Judge Landis in his instructions to the jury asserted that only the real malefactors, if such exist, should be dealt with.

ADVICE GIVEN SETTLERS.

Government Issues Pamphlet of Interest to Columbia Valley Folk.

Washington—New settlers in the Columbia river valley, between The Dalles and Priest Rapids, will be interested in a pamphlet just issued by the department of agriculture, under the euphonious title, "Suggestions to Settlers on the Sandy Soils of the Columbia River Valley." The report is written by Byron Hunter and S. O. Jayne, experts sent out by the department to study the soil, climate, crops and methods of irrigation.

Embodied in this pamphlet is a vast amount of good advice and timely suggestions; cautions as to the best methods to proceed, the manner of selecting best adapted crops, and pointers as to how to get the best results under the conditions peculiar to this region. The pamphlet, known as Bureau of Plant Industry circular No. 60, is to be had upon application to the department, or through senators and representatives.

Shasta Route Blocked.

Redding—Fred W. Andree, conductor, was killed, Charles J. Foley, brakeman, was bruised, and an engine and 12 freight cars were derailed in a wreck on the Southern Pacific railroad a mile south of Gibson. A broken flange on one of two cars which were being pushed ahead of the locomotive caused a derailment of the first car and the engine and 11 remaining cars rapidly left the rails. The wreck occurred in a deep cut, and when the engine and cars piled upon one another traffic from both sides was blocked.

Two Drowned in Kentucky Flood.

Lexington, Ky.—Another disastrous rain storm accompanied by lightning swept over Central Kentucky, doing heavy damage to the wheat, tobacco and corn crops. Telephone and telegraph wires are down in much of the bluegrass section. Near Blue Lick springs, Henry Work and his grandson were caught in the flood and the boy was drowned.

FINDS JAPAN FRIENDLY.

American Secretary Is Royally Entertained in Tokio.

Tokio—"Unhappily, forces for evil for unknown but sinister purposes constantly are endeavoring by false reports or other methods to create conditions of ill will or distrust between two neighboring peoples."

"Their relations are too firmly established and their interests are too distinct to admit of the possibility of any question arising between Japan and the United States, which will not yield readily to the ordinary process of diplomacy. The increased and more intimate exchange of views between the two governments dispels all apprehensions on that score."

This utterance was made by Foreign Minister Count Komura in toasting J. M. Dickinson, the American secretary of war, at a banquet given by Count Komura in honor of the American cabinet officer. Mr. Dickinson and his party arrived at Yokohama on board the steamer Siberia, and after an informal reception at the American consulate, came on to Tokio.

The dinner was a brilliant affair. Eighty persons sat down to the table, including Marquis Katsura, the Japanese prime minister, and five members of the cabinet; admirals, generals and officers and their ladies. After toasts to President Taft and the emperor had been proposed, respectively by Count Komura and Thomas J. O'Brien, the American ambassador, Count Komura, in proposing the health of Mr. Dickinson, referred to previous visits to Japan of President Taft.

"These visits I recall," said the foreign minister, "not only because his personality endeared him to all, but because his insight and calm judgment enabled him to appreciate the true value of the sentiments entertained by Japan for America."

PARALYTIC LAD WALKS.

Church of God Followers Think Miracle Is Performed.

Kansas City, Mo.—Eugene Bell and his wife, of this city, believe a miracle has been performed upon their son Paul, 9 years old.

Paul has been helpless for a week with infantile paralysis. His father, an unordained minister of the Church of God, and other members of that church, have been trying the prayer cure on the boy. They were praying at the bedside at daybreak one morning when Paul awoke. At 7 o'clock the patient arose from his bed and walked to the breakfast table and ate. He could raise his arms almost as freely as before the attack. His right leg, useless for a week, supported him. The family believes him cured in answer to their prayers.

WAY TO APOLOGY SOUGHT.

Mediators Concerned With Adjusting Peru-Ecuador Dispute.

Washington—How best to arrange for Peru and Ecuador to apologize to one another for the stoning of their respective legations and consulates as a result of the boundary disputes last spring is one of the early problems that has called the representatives of three mediating nations, the United States, Brazil and Argentine Republic, into conference at Washington.

So much was learned on the second day of the conference, July 16. The carrying out of the first conditions of the mediation, the withdrawal of the forces from the frontier and a cessation of warlike preparations, prompt demobilization and the return to a normal peace basis also are sought.

More Land to Be Opened.

Spokane—Two remaining Indian reservations in this state, the Yakima and Colville, are expected to be opened to settlement within the next year, according to Judge James W. Witten, superintendent of land drawings for the Interior department. Judge Witten is en route to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where the drawings for lots in Plummer and other townships on the Coeur d'Alene reserve will be held. All the lands that can be irrigated on the Yakima reserve will be awarded to the Indians, leaving only grazing lands.

Murderers to Be Shot.

Salt Lake City—Harry Thorne, 19 years old, will be shot to death at the state prison September 9 next, for the murder of George Fassell, a grocer. Sentence was pronounced by District Judge Lewis. James Riley, who was Thorne's accomplice in the crime, and who also must pay the death penalty, according to the verdict, will be sentenced on July 23. Fassell was killed the night of March 26 last, when Thorne, Riley and an unknown man held up his store.

King Flies in Airship.

Brussels—King Ferdinand of Bulgaria established the record of being the first monarch to go aloft in a heavier-than-air machine, when he went for a flight in a biplane with M. de la Minne at the aerodrome at Kiewitt.

SIX DEAD IN FOREST FIRES

Stubborn Rancher Sarts Slashing in Spite of Warnings

Schoolteacher and Niece in Lonely
Homestead Cabin Fall Victims—
All Efforts Fail to Save.

Spokane, Wash.—Six lives have been lost in fires which are raging in the district around Spokane. For hundreds of miles in every direction is a cauldron of flame, a seething furnace which is taking its toll of life and property. It is the Coeur d'Alene, all over the Idaho Panhandle, in the Colville district, north around Nelson and Kaslo, far westward, extending clear to the coast, the fire fiend is king.

No real estimate can be placed upon property loss from the fires. Great tracts of timber have been burned. In the Coeur d'Alene some of the finest standing timber of the entire district has been wiped out. For miles in every direction the mountains appear as huge bonfires. North, east, west and south of this city the same condition exists and every day the loss of property is growing greater and the death list is being added to.

A forest fire driven by a sweeping gale through the dry pine forest on Mill Creek, 18 miles northeast of Colville, surrounded the homestead cabin of Miss Pearl Brewen, aged 22, a teacher in school district No. 156. Before assistance could reach her she and her little niece, 1 year old, daughter of Hon. J. S. Wymann, of Plains, Mont., were burned to death. Dozens of determined men vainly sought to reach the cabin, but were driven back.

W. W. Clark, residing on the south fork of Mill Creek, arrived at Colville and reported to Prosecuting Attorney H. G. Kirkpatrick the harrowing details of the schoolteacher's death. She was in her lonely homestead cabin, her niece spending the day with her. The gruesome tragedy was the result of a forest fire set by W. A. Trowbridge, a near neighbor, clearing a slash.

Trowbridge has been arrested, with two other men, and he will be taken to jail. The settlers are very angry, and Sheriff Graham is prepared for emergencies. Millions of feet of timber have been burned in the last few days.

Warden Hanson has arrived at Colville with Trowbridge in custody, and Prosecuting Attorney Kirkpatrick, who with Coroner A. B. Cook and Undertaker W. S. Prindle, was just leaving the court house for the scene of the death of Miss Brewen, ordered the prisoner to the custody of Sheriff W. H. Graham.

According to Mr. Clark, Trowbridge had been warned personally not to set fire, that it was contrary to law.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of timber is being destroyed and there is but little hope of checking the flames until rain falls.

Men Die as Heroes.

Nelson, B. C.—Leaving safety to look after others, Foreman Charles Norman, of the Lucky Jim mine at Kaslo, lost his life in a bush fire which, fanned by a high wind, swept over the mine. Four other men were suffocated and about 30 escaped.

A party of prominent mining men, including Finckee, Miller and Colonel Davidson, from Spokane and Webster; Loper and Proctor, of Nelson, on coming out of tunnel No. 5, noticed fire rapidly approaching. They went to Whitewater and assisted to get the women and children away. Norman went to the mine camp to warn the men in the cabins. Otto Swanson led the men to the back of tunnel No. 4. Not being room there for all, several went to another part of the tunnel, where smoke was swept through the ventilating chambers, suffocating Col. Peterson and W. A. Chesney. Dave Peterson was found suffocated at another point. Meanwhile Norman went to look for Ted Lucas, who is still missing. He was cut off by the flames and his body was found at the entrance to the tunnel.

Forests Blaze Near Hoquiam.

Hoquiam, Wash.—A force of 1,000 loggers is engaged in patrolling the logging districts north of Hoquiam to prevent forest fires from breaking out anew. No damage has been done yet, with the exception of \$5,000 worth of timber destroyed Saturday. Hot prevailing weather has a tendency to dry out mosses and brush, making timber easy prey to the flames. The territory burned over is estimated at 4,000 acres. Forest fires are raging in Little North river country, located 16 miles southeast of here.

Big Mill Threatened by Fires.

Tacoma, Wash.—Forest fires on the McKenna branch of the Tacoma Eastern railroad threaten the Bryan saw-mill, according to reports received here. A lively fire is raging and it is feared the force of men fighting the flames is inadequate to save the mill.