

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.

Cuba faces a crisis in her political affairs.

Chinese and Portuguese forces have captured the pirate city of Colowan, island of Macao.

The American Federation of Labor has endorsed the platform of Socialism at a meeting held in Chicago.

Mine "tailings" worth \$1 to the ton in gold have been used to lay cement walks in Jacksonville, Ore.

A Missouri convict says he can solve all numerical equations by logarithms, and demands a pardon for his discovery.

A 5-year-old boy in Chicago was badly injured by a thoroughbred game rooster. He was unconscious when rescued.

Nine persons were injured, two of them perhaps fatally, in a runaway of a picnic wagon near Oswego, Ore.

The royal family of Italy has consented to the marriage of the Duke of Abruzzi to Miss Catherine Elkins, daughter of Senator Elkins.

A spontaneous explosion in a corn products manufacturing plant at Granite City, Ill., wrecked the building and killed two men and badly injured seven others.

The lighthouse keeper at a point above Vancouver, B. C., by making three trips in his lifeboat, saved the passengers and crew of a small excursion boat which went on the rocks in a fog.

A noted Japanese historian predicts war with America as absolutely certain.

A pleasure yacht at Santa Cruz, Cal., is missing with 20 young people on board.

Government agents find evidence of wholesale liquor traffic with Indians on Selitz reservation.

Ex-President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, is held to be an active supporter of the revolutionary movement.

Senator Gore of Oklahoma, claims he was offered \$25,000 to \$50,000 to put certain legislation through congress.

The Japanese expedition to the South Pole, which was to have started this month, has been postponed for lack of funds.

A Montana stage driver is under arrest for horse stealing and his wife is driving in his place, so as not to delay the mails.

Rockefeller and the Standard Oil company have been sued for \$550,000 by private oil interests, who claim the monopoly has caused them to lose that amount.

An "orphaned" humming bird no larger than a bumble bee is being raised by hand on four drops of honey every two hours, by parties at Pullman, Washington.

A forest fire was seen to start near Anaconda, Mont., from sparks from a passing locomotive, but before it could be reached it was beyond control, and has burned over 500 acres.

Five sailors on a Great Lakes ore steamer mutinied and planned to attack a party of women guests on board. They were placed in irons and now find themselves subject to fine, imprisonment, or death, under the marine laws.

Politicians would force Ballinger out of the cabinet.

Another big bribe scandal has developed in the Illinois legislature.

Only three buildings now remain in the burned town of Hoover, Oregon.

The order of Eagles is said to have lost a large sum through grafting of its national officers.

Eastern business men have combined to force the express companies to grant lower rates.

Many thousand acres of government land in the Northwest will be thrown open to settlement this fall.

The Reform league of Chicago asserts that millions of dollars worth of property evades paying its just taxes.

The revenue cutter Perry is ashore on a reef of the Pribyloff islands, in Behring sea, and has been abandoned as a total loss.

Three cruisers which cost the government \$8,500,000 exclusive of armament a few years ago, are now considered entirely out-of-date and practically worthless. One is the Brooklyn, Admiral Schley's flagship during the Spanish-American war.

HARVEY W. SCOTT IS DEAD.

Best Known Newspaper Man of Northwest Has Passed Away.

Baltimore Aug. 7.—Harvey W. Scott, editor of the Portland Oregonian, died at Johns Hopkins hospital shortly before 6 p. m. of heart failure, 32 hours after a surgical operation for prostatectomy.

He went off the operating table Saturday morning in strong condition. This morning at 7 o'clock he began sinking and in spite of the best stimulants known to medical science his heart grew steadily weaker until the end. He was conscious almost to the last and the end was painless.

With him were his wife and one of his sons, Leslie Scott, who had accompanied him on his trip to this city for surgical relief.

In Portland Mr. Scott leaves two sons, John H. and Ambrose B., and one daughter, Miss Judith.

Mr. Scott began failing nearly three months ago from an attack of sciatica. Early in June he went to Hot Lake, Eastern Oregon, but the baths there greatly debilitated him. At last convinced that only surgery could relieve him, he started for Johns Hopkins hospital, from Portland, one week ago last Thursday morning.

The operation was pronounced entirely successful and the surgeons and physicians were confident of recovery up to this morning, when an unexpected weakness of the heart ensued which the physicians were powerless to cope with.

Mr. Scott was apparently as strong on arriving here last Monday as when leaving Portland four and one-half days before. The doctors here perceived his heart weakness, but thought he could go safely through the operation and its subsequent effects. At Mr. Scott's request the operation was performed Saturday instead of Monday.

RUSH TO RICHES RUINS.

Cardinal Gibbons Sees History of Rome Repeating.

New York—Cardinal Gibbons sat on the spacious veranda of a Long Island country house and, as he watched the automobiles flit down the road before him in one unending stream, moralized on the dangers of self-indulgence that have beset all republics.

"I think," he said, "we are closely approaching the age of extravagance and inordinate pleasure, offered by Rome just before her fall. The cry of today is for more and more riches. The rich man is greedy for more. It is the same with the well-to-do. It is the same everywhere.

"Truly, we have many generous among the rich, but I would wish more of them were considerate of the unfortunate. This great desire for riches is making people very selfish.

"Then there is a desire for inordinate pleasures."

An automobile whirled by in a cloud of dust. The cardinal pointed after it and continued:

"You see we have many more channels of pleasure than were known to the Patricians of Augustus Caesar's time; yet there is the desire for new pleasures and more pleasures.

"I believe the gospel of Christ will save the present situation. There was no Christ you remember, to save Rome."

CLEARWATER MASS OF FLAME.

Of Nine Big Forest Fires, But Four Are Under Control.

Lewiston, Idaho.—Major F. A. Fenn, supervisor of the Clearwater National forest reserve, gave out a statement to the effect that at least 25,000 acres of valuable timber in the Clearwater reserve has been burned and the fires are not yet under control. He predicts heavy losses to the forests unless rains prevail within the next few days. At the present time 200 men are fighting the fires, but in sections the fire is advancing at the rate of a mile an hour and little can be accomplished by back-firing.

A call for more help has been made and additional fighters will be rushed into the mountains from Kootenai as soon as they can be secured. The larger fires are on the tributaries of the Clearwater, and some of the best pine and cedar is being burned. One of the big fires is in the vicinity of Lolo Pass where a large area has been burned over. In all there are nine big fires and a large number of smaller one and not more than four of the fires are under control.

Baby Death Rate Great.

Des Moines, Ia.—One-third of the babies in Iowa under 1 year old have died this Summer, according to statistics collected by G. H. Summer, secretary of the Iowa State board of health. Cholera infantum, infantile paralysis, poor milk and improper care are given as causes.

Turkey Buys Old Warships.

Berlin—The sale to Turkey of the old German battleships Weissenburg and Kurfuerst Friedrich Wilhelm has been closed, the price being fixed at \$4,500,000. Djavid Bey, the Turkish minister of finance, came to Berlin to make terms of payment.

MAYOR GAYNOR IS ASSASSINATED

Mortally Wounded While on Board Steamer.

Was About to Sail for Europe for Rest and Travel—Assassin Arrested on Ship.

New York, Aug. 9.—Mayor William J. Gaynor, of New York, was shot and probably fatally wounded on board the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse as he was sailing for Europe this morning. His assailant, who, at the time was not identified, was arrested.

Later the man who shot the mayor gave his name as Jules James Gallegher of 440 Third avenue, New York City.

The mayor was standing on the upper deck of the liner, well forward, talking with Commissioner Thompson, Corporation Counsel Watson and his secretary Mr. Adamson, when the shot was fired.

William J. Gaynor was born in Whitestown, Oneida county, New York, in 1851, and received his education in Whitestown and Boston. At the age of 22 he went to Brooklyn, where he engaged in newspaper work and took up the study of law, working on the Brooklyn and New York papers while studying. He was admitted to the bar in 1875 and began practice. He was a noted writer on legal subjects and acquired a national reputation for his work in breaking up rings within the Democratic party and in securing the conviction of John Y. Kane for election frauds. He was elected Judge of the Supreme court and served from 1893 to 1909, when he was elected mayor of New York City. He twice declined the Democratic nomination for governor, also judge of the Court of Appeals, and also the nomination for mayor of Brooklyn in 1896. He was one of the first to speak of favoritism in freight rates.

SWARM TO SEE ROOSEVELT.

Dedication of John Brown Battlefield Will Draw Thousands.

Topeka, Kan.—Visits to Kansas by Presidents Harrison, Roosevelt and Taft have brought together great crowds, but the coming of Colonel Roosevelt on August 31 to dedicate the John Brown battlefield at Ossawatimie will cause to assemble there the greatest number of Kansas people ever congregated within the borders of the state.

Fully 50,000 will attend this celebration, which is to be held on the battlefield where John Brown and his men fought for free Kansas. The tract of land, comprising 22 acres, has been purchased by the Women's Relief corps and deeded to the state for a memorial park.

Ossawatimie, the early home of John Brown, is about 50 miles south and west of Kansas City, and about 15 miles from the Missouri state line. In the early history of the state the town was a mere trading post, but with the building of the Missouri Pacific railroad through it an era of prosperity came and with this the location of shops for the railroad company. Its population today is round 2,500.

What the little town will do with the 50,000 people who will assemble there to greet Colonel Roosevelt on the morning of August 31 is a question not easily answered.

Meteor Falls; Jars City.

Council Bluffs, Ia.—Accompanied by a noise as loud as thunder, a large meteor fell in the neighborhood of Council Bluffs shaking the city and causing intense excitement. Searching parties have attempted for some hours to locate the place where the meteor fell, but at a late hour had been able to do so. It is supposed to have fallen in the hills immediately back of the city. Hundreds of people heard the explosion and felt the shock, but because the sun was shining at the time, very few saw it.

Paris Has Lynching.

Paris—Paris witnessed a demonstration of lynch law in the heart of the capital Sunday, August 7. A policeman was about to arrest an apache in the Boulevard Sebastopol when the man fired at him with a revolver. The bullet wounded the policeman and killed a man passing on the street. A crowd speedily gathered, seized the apache and hanged him to a lamp post.

Woman Hit by Ball Sues.

Kansas City—Alleging that a baseball batted foul struck her on the cheek and thus caused a permanent disfigurement, Miss Hazel Wilson has sued the owners of the local American Association baseball team for \$20,000 damages. Miss Wilson says that if the ball in which she was sitting had been properly screened the accident would not have happened.

ALASKA STEAMER LOST.

Princess May Total Wreck on Reef—All Hands Safe.

Juneau, Alaska—The Canadian Pacific steamship Princess May, which left Skagway, southbound, for Vancouver, B. C., at 9 o'clock Friday night, with 80 passengers and a crew of 68, struck the North Reef of Sentinel island at 2 o'clock Saturday morning in dark and hazy, but not foggy, weather, and in a smooth sea sank two hours later.

All the passengers and their baggage were taken to the lighthouse on Sentinel island, whence they will be brought to Juneau by steamers which have gone to their relief. The light-keeper did everything in his power to make the castaways as comfortable as possible. None of the passengers or crew was injured.

There was no panic when the Princess May struck the reef, but the women and children suffered much from cold in the small boats, the majority having left the sinking ship scantily clad.

Captain McLeod and his officers took the situation coolly and managed to get all the passengers and crew away from the sinking steamer before she foundered. The boats hugged the shore until daylight, when landings were made.

In the meantime steamers were sent from Juneau, where the distress signals were received from several sources. The steamship Victoria picked up the call at sea, and it was also heard by the United States naval station at Cordova. Canadian postoffice officials believe that a shipment of gold from Dawson for Seattle went down with the vessel.

IDAHO FORESTS BURN.

2,000 Men Working to Save Timber—Many Buildings Burn.

Spokane, Wash.—Fanned by stiff mountain breezes, forest fires in the Coeur d'Alene, the Panhandle of Idaho, Bitter Root mountains, Stevens county, St. Joe country and the Clearwater valley have broken out afresh and rangers have again sounded a call for every available man in the country.

Two hundred men were asked for at Wallace, 50 at Stites, in the Clearwater country, and 300 employees of the Flewelling Lumber company quit work at the mill at St. Joe and went to fight the flames.

All told, perhaps 2,000 men are fighting fires within a radius of 100 miles of Spokane.

Rangers Pring and Finish struggled through 10 miles of flames to Stites to summon help. By crawling in the bed of a small stream where the water was scalding hot, the two guards saved their lives and, famished for food and drink, stumbled to help at Stites.

A special from Wallace says forest fires in the vicinity of Murray have swept all the timber from an area four miles in width and 10 miles in length, together with buildings, flumes and appliances belonging to mining companies.

WAR CLOUD PASSES.

Catholic Authorities Abandon Proposed Demonstration.

Madrid—Like oil on troubled waters came an official announcement that the manifestation scheduled to be held at San Sebastian had been abandoned. With the Catholics insisting upon holding it and the government forbidding it and rushing troops to the scene to see that the order was obeyed, Spain was prepared for a great insurrection, which now seems forestalled by the decision to forego the manifestation. The Catholic newspapers will publish manifestoes explaining the decision.

Spain was at a high point of tension at the time the decision was made. That the Catholics would go ahead and prepare to hold the manifestations at San Sebastian, thereby precipitating an uprising, seemed assured. Troops were being rushed to San Sebastian from this city, including two regiments of hussars, a regiment of cavalry and two battalions of chasseurs, while a regiment of infantry was ordered from Vittoria.

Japs Will Study Flying.

Berlin—The Japanese military commission, which for several months has been studying military conditions in Europe, has arranged with the company controlling the Wright aeroplane patents in Germany to buy a number of Wright machines. The Japanese government will send to Germany four captains and 21 lieutenants of the army, and these, by agreement with the German government, will receive instructions in aeronautics. Seven of the officers have already arrived here and begun to take lessons.

Thief Robs Fainting Woman.

New York—With \$24,000 worth of diamonds in her handbag, Miss Tinnie Boner, a saleswoman for a jewelry firm, fainted on the street. While a policeman was assisting her to her feet, somebody in the surrounding crowd plucked her by the arm and said: "Here's the sick lady's handbag." It was empty when she opened it.

CLERK DISCLOSES CHINESE PLOT

Wholesale Entries Made by Substituting Photographs

Officers of United States District Clerk in Northern California Involved in Crookedness.

San Francisco—By the arrest of Jew Loy Sing, a wealthy merchant, Immigration Inspector Richard Taylor asserts that he has disclosed a method whereby hundreds of Chinese have obtained fraudulent entry to this country.

According to Taylor, the clerks' office in the United States district court for the northern district of California is badly involved by the disclosures. He said that the arrest of Jew was brought about by a confession of a youthful deputy in the clerk's office.

Jew Loy Sing is specially accused of altering and changing a public document by substituting the photograph of an unknown Chinese for that of Gee Jung Kee in the court record of a habeas corpus proceeding which had resulted in the admission of Kee to this country. Taylor declares that substitution has been practiced upon no less than 300 habeas corpus court records in the district clerk's office here. In some cases more than one substitution was made in the same record until it has become practically impossible to trace the original.

The Chinese who posed as Gee Jung Kee with the latter's habeas corpus papers succeeded in securing the entry of three Chinese as his sons and was preparing to have three more pseudo sons and one daughter permitted to land when the plot was uncovered. He then disappeared, but Jew, who is said to have employed him, was caught.

Inspector Taylor estimated that the two Chinese expected to make \$10,000 from the use of the substituted papers, as the pretended Gee's adopted family would have paid that sum to land here, and more were planning to come when admission was denied to the three sons and one daughter.

A minimum rate form on for the use of papers was \$500 each and that for women, who could not be sold, \$3,500.

FARMERS MAKE FORTUNES.

San Joaquin County, California. Crops Paying Big Profits.

Stockton, Cal.—This season many fortunes will be made by the farmers in San Joaquin county and especially those who put in grain on the rich inland district west of Stockton. The barley is running from 30 to 35 sacks to the acre on thousands of acres, which means large profits to the growers.

Charles Moreing and Lloyd Woods, of Stockton, have commenced harvesting 13,000 acres of barley on the islands, and they will secure 365,000 sacks, which at the present market price will bring them about \$400,000.

They are operating five traction engines, drawing immense harvesters that thresh thousands of sacks daily, yet it will take quite a time to get all of the grain ready for the warehouses. Reports received from many sections of the county indicate an unusually large crop of wheat and barley, and the indications are that the warehouse space will be taxed to cover all of the grain.

ROCKS ROLLED ON JAPS.

Formosans Take Heavy Toll From Brown Invaders.

Victoria, B. C.—Severe fighting, with heavy Japanese losses, is continuing in Formosa, according to advices received by the Sazo Maru.

The Japanese are now engaged in capturing Shinarek Mountain, proposing to mount artillery there to dominate the native strongholds, and have lost many men by the tactics of the head hunters in rolling heavy rocks over cliffs on advancing parties. Rocks weighing tons were arranged with props to be pulled away by natives well hidden. Sniping and ambuscades by small parties have cost many lives.

Wilder Confesses Guilt.

New York—Erwin J. Wilder, the young cashier of the Russo-Chinese bank, in this city, whose stealings from the bank's security box resulted in a loss of more than \$500,000 to the institution, pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzlement. Wilder was remanded for sentence on August 10. The indictment specifically charged Wilder with stealing stock valued at \$11,000. On this indictment he can be given an indeterminate sentence of from five to ten years. Wilder may, however, be indicted on other charges.

Big War Balloon Works.

Berlin—The dirigible balloon Gross III, which left Gotha at 9 o'clock Monday night, with a military crew aboard made a safe landing at Tegel, at 6 o'clock next morning. The balloon traveled between 170 and 200 miles.