

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 16-year-old boy at Stockton, Cal., killed four bears.

A cotton famine is prevalent in the New England mills.

Tokio is facing a famine as a result of disastrous floods.

The sixth attempt at suicide of Mrs. Mary McArdle, in Chicago, proved successful.

Regular troops are ordered to fight forest fires in the Washington and Idaho districts.

J. Poyntz Spencer, fifth Earl of Spencer, died in London Saturday. He was born in 1835.

The British cruiser Duke of Edinburgh went ashore in a dense fog on a rocky ledge off Cowes.

There is no intention on the part of the vatican to recede from the position it has taken in Spain.

A 6-year-old boy swallowed a torpedo July 4 at Madison, Wis., and nearly lost his life by poison.

Smiling club has been organized in London, which pledges its members to smile instead of swearing.

James Radley, the English aviator, flew one mile in 47.25 second on a Bleriot monoplane. This is a world's record for speed.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of W. J. Burns, the noted detective employed by the government in the land fraud cases. He is charged with subornation of perjury.

Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, it is reported, is scheduled to be retired from President Taft's cabinet, also Attorney-General Wickersham and Secretary of State Knox. Speaker Cannon is also to be relegated to the has-beens.

The first gun in the contemplated sugar war between members of the Spreckels family was fired Saturday with the arrival at San Francisco of the well-known American ship Lyra from Yonkers, N. Y., bringing to the Federal Sugar Refining company sugar amounting to 10,000,000 pounds.

The Pacific Coast fisheries will start a seal farm.

Denver gets the next convention of the Knights Templars.

Oregon troops in camp at American Lake helped to fight forest fires near Colville, Wash.

Health authorities in Berlin fear the invasion of cholera and are taking precautions against it.

Federal grand jury in Chicago brings charges against Thomas G. Lee, Armour & Co.'s manager.

Election returns in Alaska give delegate to congress, James Wickersham, a plurality of 2,000.

Aviator Le Blinac in a 488 mile race in France made the remarkable speed of 100 miles in one hour and 55 minutes.

Mrs. Della Totten shoots and instantly kills James E. Sutton in a dispute over a line fence, near Wenatchee, Wash.

An explosion of dynamite in an excavation in New York City injures 20 persons and causes a panic in the neighborhood.

Senator Aldrich denies profiting by the tariff on rubber through his investments in concerns interested in the rubber industry.

The forces of General Lee Christmas, supporting the Bonilla movement in Honduras, are approaching the city of Celiba rapidly.

Pensions for Alaskan dogs who have served their time in the harness is proposed by Marion P. Maus, commander of the department of the Columbia.

The Illinois Central railroad company, by order of the court, will recover losses from the Memphis Car company which defrauded that road of thousands of dollars in car repairing.

Encouraging weather reports indicate that crops will be better than had been expected.

President Taft receives visitors three days a week only, reserving the others for recreation and rest.

United States has protested against injury to American property in Nicaragua by Madriz soldiers.

The famous Best & Belcher mine, one of the famous Comstock group, of Nevada, was destroyed by fire.

Trouble between the Catholic church and Spanish government has been temporarily averted and permanent peace overtures are being made.

Officers of a Jap warship in the harbor of Shimidzu, Japan, refused to aid an American steamer in distress, and who had asked for assistance.

LAND SWINDLE ALLEGED.

Government Issues Circular Warning Against Fake Real Estate Men.

Washington—The Interior department has issued the following circular, warning homeseekers to beware of an alleged swindling band now operating in the Indian reservation lands:

"What probably is an organized band of swindlers, posing as real estate men, has been operating throughout the country, advertising in all leading papers, of the opening of 1,000,000 acres or more of government land in the Yakima Indian reservation.

"They make statements that the reclamation service has practically surveyed all reservations with a view of placing the land under water at the earliest possible date. The water, they assert, may be put upon the land for about \$30 per acre, and that the bringing of the water to this land will create in the neighborhood of 7000 new homes. Pictures are being distributed purporting to be grain fields and orchards within the same section as the reservation, comparing the lands included in the alleged opening to the famous Nob Hill region lands near North Yakima, where apples, peaches and other fruit culture has attained a high degree of perfection.

"The facts are that the government does not contemplate any opening on the Yakima reservation at this time, and perhaps not for some time. There is not anything like 1,000,000 acres to be opened, and none of the land to be opened on entry is likely to be irrigable or suitable for any purpose whatever, except grazing.

"It is not probable that there is a quarter of a section on the reservation, outside of what will be included in the Indian allotments upon which no person could make a living by farming.

"It is rumored that these swindlers are offering to locate soldiers' claims for \$25 each."

HUNDREDS DIE IN FLOODS.

Japanese Capital Inundated, Tens of Thousands Starving.

Tokio—At 6 o'clock Monday morning it was reported the flood was subsiding. The casualties reported up to date are 385 dead and 500 missing. The damage to property is enormous.

Tens of thousands of persons are homeless and starving. One of the three embankments guarding Tokio has broken. Should the second and third dikes break, half the capital would be submerged.

The threatened embankments are now being guarded by troops. Owing to the inundation of the buildings, the Fukugawa gas and electric lights are failing. Thousands of homeless people are being sheltered in the temples. The victims of the flood are wholly dependent on public relief. Thousands have been unable to find shelter, and are exposed to rain and hunger.

The question of feeding the stricken people is causing apprehension. The vegetable and fish supplies are failing, and the stock of biscuits already is nearly exhausted.

The water of the Sumida River is almost washing the bottoms of the bridges.

AMERICAN MEN PLEASE POLAIRE.

Women Dress Horribly—They Lifted Skirts to See Her Legs.

Paris—Polaire, back in Paris once more, does not bear the slightest resentment toward Americans for advertising her as the ugliest woman in the world. She said:

"American women are charming, but they certainly have a sense of modesty that is purely their own. Would you believe, they even pulled up my skirts to see my legs.

"No American man would have allowed himself to do that. I like American men immensely. They are always well groomed, smart and elegant. Everything about him suggests he has a daily bath. In dealing with women he may not have a Frenchman's esprit, charm and delicate little ways, but he is all right.

"The American woman is too slack in her appearance. She does not make as good an impression as the American man, and dresses horribly. She sticks an immense hat on her head, without knowing whether it will suit her or not. It is a fine hat, she thinks, so long as it is adorned with immense feathers. They are mad for feathers over there. If they were not afraid of stepping on them they would have them swing to their feet.

Road Caves In, One Dead.

Mammoth Hot Springs, Wyo.—When the last coach Saturday passed through Silver Gate, about three miles from here, the road caved in and the coach with its load of people sank 10 feet. Daniel Mackay, of New York, who, with his wife, was touring the park, was killed. Mrs. Mackay received injuries, but her condition is not reported as serious. Others who were bruised or suffered from the shock of the accident are: J. L. Louchenier, New York; Miss Mueller, Chicago, and W. P. Almon, of Helena, Mont.

Honduran Insurgents Fill Jails.

New Orleans—It is reported here that scores of prisoners have been thrown into Honduras prisons following their alleged complicity in recent uprisings there. Rumors here are that President Davila has issued a statement declaring that insurrectionary movements have been completely quelled. Wholesale arrests of alleged leaders in the movement against the government are being made, it is said.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, POLICE BALK

Rioters Are Ruling City In Streetcar Strike.

Efforts Are Made to Dynamite Car Barns—Innocent Strikebreakers Are Arrested.

Columbus, O.—Rioting in a mild form was resumed early Sunday with the efforts of the traction company to move its cars. The police, while not displaying any energy in suppressing the disorder, were especially active in their treatment of the strikebreakers.

One woman, brought here as cook for the strikebreakers, was arrested on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. She had in her possession a revolver, but insisted she would not use it unless necessary to protect her life. She was subjected to torrents of vile abuse by the strikers and "sympathizers" as the police took her to the station with more ceremony than the occasion called for.

In early morning riots, one man was shot and five others were badly beaten by the strikers. In each case the police arrived too late to do more than arrest some strikebreakers, whose chief offense was that they had been spectators or had been beaten by thugs.

The electric lines between this city and Dayton are tied up, the company withdrawing its car fearing their destruction and probable loss of life in attacks under cover of darkness. A few cars were operated in the mornings by clerks and train dispatchers, but their experiences on one trip usually sufficed for the day.

Following two attempts to dynamite the car barns, closer guard was established around these suburbs. Mayor Marshall has made no call for the return of troops, but the Fourth Regiment is held in readiness. The mayor expects to resume the guarding of cars by the automobile system, having the policemen who refuse to ride on the cars drive alongside them in automobiles, thus preserving the dignity of the police, and affording the cars and their patrons a show of protection. The mayor also hopes that 2000 citizens will volunteer for guard duty, thus avoiding the "disgrace" of calling for troops.

The traction company is firm in its stand, and says it will not yield to the demands of the demagogues, even to make political capital for the mayor and those backing him. The public generally is disgusted with the actions of the police, and there is an insistent demand that every man who had sworn to do his duty in protecting life and property, and who refused to do either, be immediately dismissed from the force.

It is altogether likely, after the strike is ended, that the mayor will be forced by public opinion to take some radical steps along this line, as the taxpayers have lost faith in the police force.

Strikers continue their activities, and the police were kept busy responding to riot calls. A woman was hit by a stone and seriously injured while riding on an East Side car. Eight more policemen joined the police mutiny against riding on cars. The strike was extended at Springfield, because the company officials refused to reinstate nine out of thirteen men recently discharged.

BIG WORLD'S FAIR BURNS.

Loss at Brussels May Reach \$100,000,000—Nothing Saved.

Brussels—One of the costliest conflagrations in European history wiped out the Belgian exposition Sunday night, entailing an enormous loss, estimated at \$100,000,000. So far as known only two persons are dead and two score injured.

The White City of the world's fair, as the Belgians have called their 1910 exposition, early in the evening was a mass of flames and now is smoldering ruins. A spark falling into inflammable material in the telegraph building, burst into flames, which, driven by a high wind, swept rapidly in all directions.

Soon the Belgian, English and French sections were destroyed. The firemen and detachments of soldiers, called to the scene, found themselves baffled by the gale, which carried the burning embers to all parts of the grounds.

To the left of the main building arose the picturesque roofs and spires of "Bruxelles Kermesse," a Belgian Coney Island, with water chutes, toboggan slides and scores of side shows.

Boy Work Not Military.

Vancouver, B. C.—General R. S. Baden-Powell, hero of the siege of Mafeking in the Boer war, arrived here Saturday on a world tour of the boys' scout companies, having organized that movement in Great Britain several years ago. Commenting on the recent spread of the movement to the United States, he said: "With the usual energy the American people display, they have taken up the question splendidly; but are inclined to give it too much of a military tinge; the subject is not so much military as to make boys good citizens."

Thirty-two Die in Train Crash.

Royan, France—An excursion train from Bordeaux with 1200 passengers and running at a speed of 50 miles an hour, crashed into a freight train at Saujon. Thirty-two persons were killed and 100 injured. Many of the victims were school girls. Several of the passenger cars were torn to splinters. A split switch caused the accident.

RAILWAY GRAFTERS MISSING.

Car Repair Company Officials in Europe or Whereabouts Unknown.

Chicago—Following the startling charges filed in the Chancery court at Memphis, implicating seven former officers of the Illinois Central Railway in the \$1,500,000 graft frauds on car repairs, the inquiry brought out the fact that but one of the men mentioned is available for an expression of opinion and he refused to be called to the telephone or to receive reporters. The list, so far as known, is as follows:

Ira G. Hawn, ex-vice-president and later president of the Monon Railway, dead; Frank B. Harriman, formerly general manager, Illinois Central, absent on long automobile tour, whereabouts unknown; William Renshaw, ex-superintendent of machinery, in Europe with Mrs. Renshaw, expected home in three weeks; Joseph E. Baker, ex-assistant superintendent of machinery, on vacation, whereabouts unknown, expected back in two weeks; John M. Taylor, ex-storekeeper at Burnside shops, in Chicago, but will not be seen; O. S. Keith, ex-superintendent of transportation, out of the city, return is indefinite; H. McCourt, ex-general superintendent, Illinois Central Southern lines, said to be in Europe; W. S. King, ex-general superintendent Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad and Memphis terminals, said to be in Europe; Henry C. Ostermann, president of the Memphis Car Company, whereabouts unknown.

Grand jury investigation, with prison in the background, is the next act in the graft cases. Now that settlements have been made by individuals and companies with the Illinois Central, whereby it has recovered a large portion of the money, and protected its stockholders, the conspirators are said to be in the utmost danger of indictment.

Attorney William Barry, representing the estate of Ira G. Hawn, declared that he did not believe the Illinois Central officials would sue the estate for any portion of the money the company asserts to be lost through the car repair frauds. He also intimated that before long a counter move would be made by the Hawn interests provided the "bombardment" was kept up.

ALASKA VOLCANO ERUPTS.

Mount Shishaldin Scatters Ashes on Distant Ship.

Seward, Alaska—The steamer Corwin arrived from New York with the report that Mount Shishaldin, the highest volcanic peak in the Unimak Islands, is again in eruption. Early in July Shishaldin was very active, but after a short time the eruption ceased.

Officers of the Corwin say that when they passed the island a few days ago the volcano was more active than in the former eruption. A great column of fire shot high into the air and vast volumes of smoke poured from the crater. The snow, which at the time of the previous eruption had not melted far from the crater, has entirely disappeared from the sides of the mountain.

Long before the Corwin approached the island sea was covered with white volcanic ash that had been thrown out by the eruption, and was carried along in the heavy clouds of smoke. The men on the Corwin say the sight presented by Mount Shishaldin was the most awe-inspiring they have ever seen.

CARLISTS ARE BLAMED.

Spanish Premier Charges Rich of Order With Directing Move.

Paris—The Paris Times prints a long sensational interview with Jose Canalejas Mendez, the Spanish prime minister, covering the events which culminated in the severance of diplomatic relations between the Spanish government and the Holy See, as well as his future programme. The paper says that the premier dictated the interview.

Premier Canalejas begins by asserting that the movement in the north of Spain is directed by rich Carlists, and affirms that he possesses knowledge that the committee behind the movement spent \$50,000 in giving the manifestants of July 10, meal tickets, besides their railroad fares.

"After the failure of the manifestation," Senor Canalejas says, "the agitators organized juntas, of which—and I announce this publicly for the first time—village priests are the leaders."

Juneau in Coal Famine.

Juneau, Alaska—With millions of tons of coal lying untouched in the Katalla coal fields, Juneau is in the grip of a coal famine. The steamship companies have completely exhausted their retail supply, and the situation is becoming acute. The city has a small supply, and is selling small amounts to those who are in greatest need.

Population Will Exceed 90,000,000.

Washington—Census officials estimate that the population figures will exceed 90,000,000 when the thirteenth census count is completed. Although 300 clerks are working at top speed on the statistics, the totals will not be given out officially until October.

Four Cents a Hundred for Flies.

Washington—Determined to exterminate the typhoid breeding housefly, a bounty of 4 cents per 100 insects has been offered by a sanitary society of women. In particular the offer is made to small boys, who are already gleefully committing numerous insecticides.

INDIAN LANDS STEAL GREAT

Representative Carter of Oklahoma, Implicates Many.

Liberal Offers Made to Congressmen to Push Crooked Deal—Thieves Fall Out.

McAlister, Oklahoma—The "poor Indian" learned a few more things about the proposed sale of \$30,000,000 worth of his land in the hearing before the congressional investigating committee Thursday. Representative C. D. Carter, of the Fourth Oklahoma district, testified that in an interview at the home of Richard C. Adams, an attorney at Washington, Adams had said that he had an arrangement by which he was to secure 5 per cent of the "profits" to be derived from the McMurray certificates.

"He also told me," testified Mr. Carter, "that Congressman B. S. McGuire was in the deal and would get his share. He also told me that Dr. Wright, a delegate for the Choctaw Indians at Washington, with a salary of \$6,000, was in on the deal. He also said: 'We got some others,' but he did not mention any other names."

"Did Adams say he was going to get 5 per cent of all the money J. F. McMurray was to realize on the deal?" asked Chairman Charles N. Burke.

"Yes, he said he was going to make sure of it, as McMurray had 'double-crossed' him at other times, but this time he was going to fix it so he could not lose out, and when McMurray got his 10 per cent, or \$3,000,000, or whatever it amounted to, he (Adams) was going to get 5 per cent of the proceeds."

"I also met Jake L. Hamon at Washington. He told me to go to that old man Gore and get him to withdraw that fool bill of his against the McMurray contracts."

"Do you think a majority of the Indians are in favor of these contracts giving 10 per cent to McMurray?"

"There is no doubt that they are," he replied. "But there is also no doubt that in signing the contracts many were influenced to do so by persons who had an interest in them."

Adams was described as a Delaware Indian, who frequently has been mentioned as having called on President Taft in matters pertaining to Indian affairs. It was Adams to whom the Indians in this state were asked to address their telegrams urging President Taft to approve the sale of the lands.

Before Carter left the stand McMurray's attorneys obtained from him testimony tending to show that McGuire in previous Indian matters had supported measures in congress opposed to the interests of McMurray.

Carter's appearance on the stand followed another day of lively testimony.

MAYOR GAYNOR IMPROVES; INDICATIONS FAVORABLE

New York, Aug. 10.—Mayor W. J. Gaynor, of New York, lies at St. Mary's hospital tonight with the segments of a split bullet fired yesterday by James Gallagher, who sought to assassinate him, still buried in his neck and mouth, but he has shown not one alarming symptom. It is beyond human power to say whether he will recover, for not even the most renowned specialist can say whether blood poisoning will be the aftermath, but as yet the mayor's temperature has given no cause for alarm. Every indication is that the wound is healing satisfactorily.

Five Crushed to Death.

Cape May, N. J.—Five persons were crushed to death when an express train on the Pennsylvania railroad dished into an automobile at Mill Lane crossing on the West Jersey & Seashore railroad. The express train was hidden from view by a cornfield. As the automobile bore down toward the train, Mrs. Thomas McNeill, who lives near the crossing, saw the approaching express and waved her hand for the auto driver to stop his car, but the man either did not see the danger signal or thought he could cross before the train.

Aviator Badly Hurt.

Johannistal, Germany.—Acroplaneist Hiem was seriously hurt at the aviation meet here. While he was flying in a Wright machine, at the height of about 225 feet, one of the propellers broke. The other continued to run, causing the craft to turn over several times. It fell with a crash and was completely demolished. Hiem was carried off the field unconscious.

Twelve Die in Wreck.

Ignacio, Cal.—Disobedience of orders, according to the railroad officials, on the part of a conductor was responsible for a head-on collision between a passenger and a work train on the Northwestern Pacific near here, that took a known toll of 12 lives and injured about 20.