

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.

Unionists have made great gains in British elections.

The election campaign in England is marked by a radical change of policy by the Tories.

Disastrous storms have swept the Philippines, killing many natives and doing great property damage.

General Wesley Merritt, commander of the land forces in the Philippines during the Spanish war, is dead.

It is said President Taft is making every effort to bring about peace between the different Republican factions.

A clairvoyant medium in San Francisco has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment for swindling a patron out of \$150.

Robert E. Davis, aged 23, known as the "boy broker" of New York, has disappeared with several thousand dollars belonging to investors.

Kyrle Bellew, a noted actor, will fit up a large steamer with a complete theater and make a world tour, covering three years, carrying two theatrical companies.

The Chicago garment workers' strike has finally reached the point of arbitration, and a settlement has been reached with one of the largest clothing manufacturing concerns.

A Spokane anti-auffragist will give cooking lessons to young men.

The Navy department opened bids for two new Dreadnaughts, one to cost \$5,760,000.

President Diaz was again inaugurated as president of Mexico. This is his eighth term.

It is reported that the Mexican rebels have control of 200 miles of country and many important towns.

The New York express drivers' strike has been settled, the men winning all but the closed shop principle.

A private yacht drawing 17 feet of water navigated the Panama canal from the Atlantic side as far as the big Gatun dam.

Two girl strikebreakers in the garment workers strike in Chicago were brutally beaten by two men and one's purse was taken.

Chicago garment workers have no faith in Mayor Busse's efforts to effect a settlement, and are preparing for an indefinite struggle.

Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the president, made her debut in Washington society at a brilliant reception in her honor at the White House.

The Pullman company has offered a 20 per cent reduction in the price of berths, but the Interstate Commerce commission says that is not sufficient reduction.

A big rush is expected among Spokane women when the registration books open.

Madero's brother says the Mexican revolt is gaining and that President Diaz is badly scared.

A bank at Bath, Me., has failed on account of competition, after 42 years of successful career.

The German leather industry is endangered by the high price of the American hide supply.

Austria refuses to discontinue discrimination against American oil and its products and a diplomatic conflict is on.

Louis Brandeis, of Boston, asserts that American railroads could save \$1,000,000 a day by scientific management.

The proposed river and harbor bill to be placed before the coming session of congress carries appropriations aggregating \$30,000,000.

Rate experts testifying on behalf of shippers before the Interstate Commerce commission declare the proposed rate increases were unjust and unfairly distributed.

The report of the Washington state board of control on the insane asylum shows that the cost of living has increased out of all proportion to the increase in wages.

Mexican rebels at Chihuahua have been reinforced and a big battle is expected.

The commission form of government has failed to cut down municipal expenses in Tacoma.

The physical valuation of railroads is believed to be a long step towards regulation of rates.

OREGON HAS 672,765.

State Entitled to Another Representative—Idaho Has 325,598.

Washington—Oregon has a population of 672,765, as shown by the 13th census. The population ten years ago was 413,536. The increase the past ten years, therefore, has been 62.7 per cent. The population in 1880 was 313,767. The increase in 20 years has been 114 per cent. The census bureau's figures indicate that Oregon will be entitled to another representative in congress two years hence, even if the ratio of representation is increased, in accordance with custom. The announcement of the population of Idaho, also made public, indicates that that state also will gain one representative.

The figures show that there are in Multnomah county, outside of Portland, 19,047 persons. The population of the county is given as 226,261, the population of Portland having been announced previously as 207,214. The whole county shows an increase of 123,094. The county has more than doubled its population in the past ten years. It had a population of only 4,150 in 1860, the first year in which there is a record of the county's people.

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LOVE NOT JAP MOTIVE.

Great Britain's Belief in Friendship Shattered.

London—When Japan recently gave orders for a new dreadnaught to be built in England, the proponents of the English-Japanese alliance were loud in referring to this act as having been inspired solely by an desire of Great Britain's Far Eastern ally to prove by friendship the pact was not obtained with the flavor of business bargaining, but simply intended gracefully to draw more tightly the "ties of alliance."

All this sentiment has been rudely shattered by Fred T. Jane, naval expert and student of international fighting ships.

"The report that Japan, while leaving five of her own shipyards empty, has ordered a dreadnaught to be built in England to show her admiration for the Anglo-Japanese alliance, is somewhat weak in the matter of assigned cause," Mr. Jane asserts.

"The actual facts appear to be that although Japanese yards are now fully capable of turning out moderate-sized vessels and very good destroyers, the building of monstrous battleships is rather beyond the capacity of their existing plants. This probably explains the tremendous delays in recent Japanese construction. It is far cheaper and expeditious to have a ship built outright in England than to import large quantities of material to be put together in Japan.

ARBITRATION REACHED.

Chicago Garment Workers Reach Agreement With Big Firm.

Chicago—Through the influence of the City Council committee, which realized that a continuation of the garment workers' strike meant a big financial burden on the city, an arbitration has been reached between the firm of Hart, Schaffner & Marx, and its 10,000 employees, who have been on strike for nearly two months.

With nearly 100,000 persons affected by the strike, it was rapidly becoming a serious problem to the city authorities. This mass of people, mostly foreigners, were destitute, and with the advance of cold weather the situation would have become a desperate one.

The Council committee conferred all day behind closed doors with representatives of the clothing makers, but details of the conference are withheld until the terms are voted upon by the employees. It is known, however, that in the compromise the strikers have won substantial gains.

Fatal Portent Fulfilled.

New York—For the reason that both his brother and his sister had died just as each was approaching the age of 17, John Smyth, a young resident of the Upper East Side, had frequently expressed a fear that he would never live to celebrate his own 17th birthday. He was nearing what he considered this crucial age, when Saturday he fell eight stories through the elevator shaft of a new building at Broadway and Ninety-second street, and died as the last rites of the church were being administered to him.

Two-Dollar Counterfeits Out.

Washington—Christmas shoppers in Chicago and other Middle Western cities will do well to examine closely any two dollar bills they may receive in change. A new counterfeit two-dollar silver certificate has been discovered in circulation. The note is not a good one on close examination, but would easily deceive any one not accustomed to paper money.

MARY BAKER EDDY IS DEAD

Founder of Christian Science Church of America.

Pneumonia Given as Cause of Death—Followers Weep at Reading of Farewell Letter.

Boston, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, discoverer and founder of Christian science, is dead. Announcement of the passing of the venerable leader, which occurred late Saturday night at her home at Chestnut Hill, was made at the morning service of the mother church in this city yesterday.

"Natural causes" explained the death, according to Dr. George L. West, a district medical examiner, who was summoned a few hours after Mrs. Eddy died. Later Dr. West added that the more immediate cause was pneumonia.

The news of Mrs. Eddy's death was made known simultaneously by Judge Clifford P. Smith, first reader of the mother church, at the close of the



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morning service, and by Alfred Farlow, of the Christian Science publication committee, in a statement to the press.

According to Mr. Farlow, Mrs. Eddy passed away at 10:45 o'clock Saturday night.

"She had been indisposed for about nine days," said Mr. Farlow's statement, "but had been up and dressed, and as late as Thursday transacted some business with one of the officials of the church. She took her daily afternoon drive until two days before death. Saturday night she fell quietly asleep and those around her could at first hardly realize that she had gone. Her thought was clear until the last and she left no final message.

MEXICANS RESUME FIGHTING.

Peace Commission Closely Followed By Government Troops.

El Paso, Tex.—A telegram from Marfa, Tex., states that apprehension and excitement prevails at both Presidio and Candelaria, 90 miles south of the Texas side of the river, owing to the revolutionary disorders reported on the Mexican side. Nothing definite has yet been learned of the reported fight at Ojinaga Saturday night. Firing has been heard at intervals, but so far as can be learned there has been no loss of life.

Members of the peace commission returned to Chihuahua and reported that their work was greatly embarrassed by the fact that soldiers followed at their heels. At Guerrero, just as they were beginning to talk with the insurgents, a peon arrived with word that the soldiers were on the way, whereupon the meeting promptly came to an end.

"Boy Broker" Disappears.

Boston—After a meteoric career of several years in high finance, Robert E. Davis, the boy stock broker, is missing from Boston. Simultaneous with his vanishing a month ago, sums estimated at from \$300,000 to \$500,000 have disappeared. The police have a warrant for his arrest on a nominal charge of larceny of \$10,000 worth of stocks from a woman. Davis is 23, one of the youngest and at one time the most successful man of affairs on State street. Scores of financial firms and brokers are losers.

Uprising Is Ridiculed.

Seattle—A cable dispatch from Fairbanks reporting an Indian uprising is ridiculed by men familiar with the Mount McKinley country. To begin with, the white men in the district much outnumber the Indians and are better armed. The Indians have always been friendly, and do not number more than 100 in the whole district alleged to be in peril.

The cable story was that the Indians in the Kantishna district were in arms and that six white men were reported killed.

PEACE OVERTURES MADE.

Mexican Government Approaches Rebels With White Flag.

Chihuahua, Mex., Dec. 3.—The peace commission appointed by President Diaz left here tonight to confer with the revolutionists at San Isidro. The revolutionists promised to facilitate the passage of the commission's special train, which floated a white flag. This is the first time in 30 years that the Mexican government has made such overtures.

El Paso, Tex., (Dec. 3.—The insurrectionary troubles in Mexico took on an entirely new and unexpected aspect here tonight when it became known that the government had made overtures for peace. The peace commission has been appointed by Diaz, according to a special dispatch from Chihuahua, and is composed of Chihuahua men, but the personnel is not given.

The explanation of this move is that foreign interests have brought strong pressure to bear on the government to end the turmoil by placating the insurgents.

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 3.—It is reliably reported today that the rebels have successfully smuggled 5,000 rounds of ammunition over the international line into the state of Sonora.

Mexican guards discovered the camp of the smugglers in the Sierra Madre mountains on the East San Bernardino ranch, in the San Simon valley, two nights ago. The campers opened fire and a brush with the guards ensued.

The smugglers succeeded in getting away with the ammunition.

CONSTITUTION NEAR FINISH.

Arizona Convention Adopts Strict Corporation Measure.

Phoenix, Ariz.—Rapid progress is being made toward completing Arizona's constitution, and unless unforeseen developments occur, the convention will be ready to adjourn Tuesday. The afternoon session was largely consumed by the third reading and final passage of measures for the regulation of corporations. The first measure adopted was that for the government of municipalities, giving cities of 3,500 population or greater the power to frame their own charters.

The article for the regulation of foreign and domestic corporations passed by a vote of 34 to 4 in almost the identical form tentatively adopted, and that creating the corporation commission and prescribing its duties was also adopted without amendment.

MEAT PRICES ARE REDUCED.

Quotations Drop in Both Wholesale and Retail Markets.

New York—Meat prices continue to drop in the New York meat markets, both wholesale and retail. The prices quoted now are the lowest in more than five months and dealers express the opinion that the decline is likely to continue for some time yet.

Wholesale prices for No. 1 beef in the New York market compared with those that ruled 10 days ago and seven weeks ago, tell the following tale:

	Present.	Nov. 21.	Oct. 13.
Ribs and loins.....	11 1/2	12 1/2	14 1/2
Round.....	9 1/2	10	10 1/2
Chucks.....	8 1/2	9 1/2	9

Retail prices quoted in the Washington market as compared with those of last week are: Beef, porterhouse, 25c, last week 28c; lamb chops, 22c, last week 25c; pork loins, 18c, last week 20c.

SHANGHAI RIOTS SERIOUS.

Troops Called to Quell Disturbances and Protect Foreigners.

Victoria, B. C.—Serious rioting followed the outbreak of bubonic plague at Shanghai. Stories were spread that the health officers took sufferers to the hospital to secure their eyes and hearts for foreign medicine, and the health officers were assaulted. Rioting followed, and the Shanghai volunteer corps was called out to protect foreigners and property.

The recent outbreak against foreigners in Kwangtung was fomented by anti-dynastic rebels. Insurgents from Hunan aided, and it was not until 8,000 troops were sent that the uprising was suppressed. Churches and property were destroyed at Leinchow and Sanchang, but no foreigners lost their lives.

Japs Predict Struggle.

Victoria, B. C.—Japanese newspapers comment at length on the expedition of arrangements for a Chinese constitution and opening of a parliament in 1913. The constitution will be declared in July, 1911, and a general election will take place the following May. The Japanese newspapers attribute the shortening of the time to apprehensions engendered by the Russo-Japanese alliance and the annexation of Korea. Japanese newspapers predict a struggle to the death between Manchu and Chinese.

Russian Dies, Aged 106.

New York—Joseph Zeitlin, a Russian, who died in Brooklyn Saturday, was 106 years old. He spent most of his life in Moscow and said he saw Napoleon when he invaded Russia in 1812. He smoked and drank and said it did not hurt him.

WINTER GALE STRIKES CHICAGO

First Victim of Winter Freezes Before Empty Stove.

Owing to Strikes and Lockouts, Many Cupboards are Bare—Storm Increases, Mercury Falls.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Old fashioned winter, which has been lurking in the offing for some time, swooped down upon Chicago in earnest today in the shape of a blizzard that sent the population scurrying for shelter. The storm finds thousands out of employment through strikes and other causes, many empty cupboards and fireless grates.

Listed as first victim of the winter, is William Cronin, aged 38, who was found frozen to death before a stove in which there was no fire.

While zero weather was not experienced today, the weather man says it is on the way and will make an extended stay when it arrives. In the Northwest the cold wave is increasing in intensity and advancing Eastward rapidly. The British Northwest, Montana and the Dakotas all report below zero weather. High Northwest winds added to the discomfort caused by the drop in temperature.

Today's blizzard was the last kick of a storm which passed over Chicago and which is now sweeping out to sea off the New England coast.

Storm signals were ordered up today on Lakes Michigan and Superior. The cold wave is scheduled to spread to the Southeast and government forecasters say freezing weather will be experienced as far South as the middle of Florida, which probably means the customary destruction of the orange and other crops in the South.

Thousands of winter tourists, who have already moved South, will find the brand of weather there very much the same as that they sought to escape.

In Michigan today train service was demoralized and one line was put out of business. One foot of snow is recorded in some localities.

The Pere Marquette line steamer of Manitowish, which left Milwaukee at 9 o'clock last night in a heavy storm, had not arrived at Luddington at 2 p. m. today, although she was due to arrive at 4 a. m.

HOP MEN WILL COMBINE.

Growers Plan to Eliminate Middleman in Future.

Sacramento—Hop growers will gather here Saturday to organize into an association that will control the prices and eliminate the middleman.

Plans now being discussed are to have this association include growers in all Coast states and in those of the Middle West, so that hops of the country can be controlled in the market and sold by growers direct to users.

H. W. Fursman points out that the hop growers have been compelled to sell their hops through the middleman, who paid 9 cents or less than the cost of production, and then disposed of the same hops for 25 cents. Prominent hopgrowers of Sutter, Sonoma, Mendocino, Yuba and Sacramento counties have been invited to join the organization.

Plans now being worked out are to manage the new association along the same lines as that of the almond growers, who have been very successful in forcing buyers to pay them better prices.

Great Lakes Navigation Closes.

Chicago—Lifesavers on Lake Michigan, with common mind, came into their respective stations at midnight Nov. 30, registered their attendance, took off their storm clothing, carefully packed away lifesaving apparatus and the season of life saving duty for this year was terminated except for the stations where men with powerful motor boats will remain all winter. Navigation is now officially closed for the winter.

Battleships Face Gale.

Cherbourg, France—A fierce gale is raging along the coast and the battleships of the second division of the United States Atlantic fleet have been forced to stand off shore under full pressure. It is understood that an American packet has been sunk and seven men lost. A launch from the battleship Louisiana made a gallant rescue of the crew from the launch of the French armored cruiser Duplex, which was swamped by the heavy seas. Many of the American bluejackets are ashore, unable to reach their ships.

Real Fire on Canvas.

Pittsburg—Spectators of a moving picture show at Mount Washington, a suburb across the Ohio river, sat spell-bound while flames destroyed the big canvas on which the pictures were thrown. As if determined to have their nickels' worth of excitement, they calmly awaited the arrival of fire engines and had to be ordered out to make room for the firemen.