

## CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

### Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

#### General Resume of Important Event Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

Leaders in congress think an extra session will be avoided.

The Kansas legislature is blocked by the advance effects of a political fight two years hence.

A U. S. revenue cutter captured one Chinese smuggling vessel near Santa Barbara, Cal., but several others escaped in a fog.

Danville, Ill., is shaken by the prospect in grand jury inquiry, and even a visit of Speaker Cannon to this, his home town, failed to turn the jury from its course.

A Portland policeman captured three highwaymen who attempted to hold him up, a fourth man escaping. Contractors who bid to supply California state institutions with potatoes will lose about \$30,000, owing to the high prices.

Parmalee, in a Wright biplane, remained in the air 28 minutes longer than the previous American record.

The schooner Lakme reached San Francisco after a terrific experience in a hurricane, at one time being but 20 feet from the ledge of rocks off Cape Blanco.

The Idaho legislature will investigate all state institutions.

Eastern hop buyers balk at high prices asked for Coast product.

Heavy rains and melting snow threaten floods in Willamette valley.

An anarchist fired two shots at Premier Briand, of France, but neither one hit him.

Twenty-six Japanese have been sentenced to death for a recent attempt upon the life of the Mikado.

Details of the assault on Consul Williamson at Dabny show intense hatred of Japanese for Americans.

#### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, \$4.85@5.15; club, \$2.82@3.15; red Russian, \$3.80; Valley \$2.80@3.15; 40-fold, \$3.80@4.15.

Barley—Feed, \$24@25 per ton; brewing, \$27@27.50 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$23.50@24.50 per ton; middlings, \$31; shorts, \$25.50@26.50; rolled barley, \$25@26.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$19@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21@22; alfalfa, \$14; grain hay, \$14.50@15.50; clover, \$13@14.

Corn—Whole, \$29; cracked, \$30 ton. Oats—No 1 white, \$28@28.50 ton. Apples—Waxen, 50c@61; Baldwin, 75c@1.25; Northern Spy, 60c@1.25; Snow, \$1.25; Red Cheek Pippin, \$1.15; Winter Banana, \$1.75@2; Spitzenberg, \$1.25@1.75; Yellow Newtown, \$1.75.

Green Fruits—Pears, \$1.25@2 per box; cranberries, \$12@12.50 per barrel.

Vegetables—Beans, 12 1/2c per lb.; cabbage, \$1.25 per hundred; cauliflower, \$2.25 per crate; celery, California, \$3@3.25 per crate; squash, 1@1 1/2c per lb.; tomatoes, \$1.75 per box; carrots, \$1@1.25 hundred; parsnips, \$1@1.25; turnips, \$1; beets, \$1.25@1.50.

Potatoes—Oregon, jobbing prices, \$1.25@1.35 per hundred.

Onions—Buying price, \$1.50 per hundred.

Poultry—Live: Hens, 18 1/2@19c; Springs, 18 1/2@19c; turkeys, 20@21c; ducks, 23c; geese, 14c; dressed turkeys, choice, 25c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candied, 33@35c; Eastern, 28@30c.

Butter—City creamery extra, 1 and 2 pound prints, in boxes, 35c per pound; less than boxes, cartons and delivery extra.

Pork—Fancy, 11@12c per pound. Veal—Fancy, \$5 to 125 pounds, 13@14c per pound.

Hops—1910 crop, 18@18 1/2c; 1909 crop, 10@12c; contracts, 12@13c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 12@18c per lb., according to shrinkage; Valley, 17@19c per pound. Mohair, choice, 20@31c.

Cattle—Prime steers \$7@7.50; good to choice, \$6.50@7.00; fair to good, \$5@6.50; common, \$4.50@5.75; choice to prime cows, \$5.25@5.50; good to choice beef cows, \$4.75@5.25; fair to choice, \$4.25@4.75; common to fair, \$2@4; good to choice heifers, \$4.75@5; fair to good, \$4.50@4.75; common to fair, \$4@4.25; choice to good fat bulls, \$3.75@4.50; fair to good, \$3.25@3.50; common bulls, \$2.50@3.25; good to choice light calves, \$7@7.50; fair to good, \$6.50@7; good to choice heavy calves, \$5.25@6; fair to good, \$4.75@5.25; common calves, \$3.75@4.75; good to choice stags, \$4.50@5.

Hogs—Fair to good, \$4@4.50; choice, \$8.75@9.10; good to choice, \$8.50@8.75.

Sheep—yearling wethers, grain-fed, \$4.75@5; old wethers, grain-fed, \$4.25@4.50; choice ewes, grain-fed, \$3.75@4.75; feeders, \$2.25@3; choice lambs, grain-fed, \$6.50@7; good to choice, grain-fed, \$6@6.25.

#### ENDURANCE RECORD BROKEN.

Aviator Parmalee Beats Former American Record of 28 Minutes.

San Francisco.—San Francisco's aviation meet produced a new American record when Phillip O. Parmalee, piloting a Wright biplane, remained aloft for three hours 39 minutes and 49 1/2 seconds.

The best previous endurance performance was that of A. L. Welch, of St. Louis, who established a record of three hours, 11 minutes and 55 seconds. At Los Angeles' recent meet, the late Arch Hoxsey was credited with an unofficial record of three hours and 17 minutes.

A throng of more than 25,000 cheered the birdman as he pursued his monotonous course. When he finally descended he was given a rousing ovation. Several enthusiasts, among them Eugene B. Ely, hoisted Parmalee on their shoulders and carried him in triumph to a stand in the middle of Selfridge Field, where General Tasker H. Bliss, other Army officers and a number of women crowded about the aviator to congratulate him. "I could have remained up longer," said Parmalee, "but my seat grew so hard and my hands and feet so numbed with the cold that I decided to come down after clinching the American record."

Parmalee's long flight was uneventful. Once while sailing close to the San Bruno hills on the far side of the field, he dipped suddenly and sharply to force gasoline into his engines.

Weather conditions were excellent, although bright sunshine did not wholly temper the air's nipping touch.

#### MINE PERIL GREAT.

Inexperienced Foreign Labor Endangers American Workers.

Washington.—Through misunderstanding of orders or by reckless disregard of the necessary rules of operation, foreign-born workmen without actual experience in mining often imperil the lives of trained and experienced workers, according to a bulletin made public by the Bureau of Labor.

The figures cited are principally for the decade ended with the year 1908, in which the fatal accidents in the coal mines were at the rate of 3.11 per 1000 employees. For the decade ended 1906, the latest for which figures for other coal mining countries were available, the average fatality rate in North America, says the report, was 3.14 per 1000. This, it is said, was higher than the rate in other important fields in the world. Figures for a few countries for the same period are: United Kingdom, 1.29 per 1000 employees; Austria, 1.35; France, 1.81, and Prussia, 2.13.

#### BONILLA IS ASSEMBLING MEN.

Effect of Seizure on Rebel is Main Topic at Ceiba.

Ceiba, Honduras.—Great excitement was caused here when it became known that the United States cruiser Tacoma had "arrested" the revolutionary gunboat Hornet at Truxillo.

It is not known what effect the seizure will have on General Bonilla's operations. Reports have reached here that for more than a week he has been mobilizing troops at Nueva Armenia, 25 miles east of here on the coast, preparatory to an attack.

Ceiba appears to have more generals, captains and other minor officers than soldiers and the government has experienced considerable trouble in enlisting loyal privates. Trenches have been built on the outskirts of Ceiba and government officials express confidence in their ability to defend the town.

#### America Offers Aid.

Washington.—In response to the request of Hayti, the American Government has formally tendered its good offices to both Hayti and Santo Domingo in a friendly effort to bring about a settlement of the territorial dispute that is seriously threatening the peace of the two countries. Secretary Knox has sent telegrams to the American Ministers at Port Au Prince and Santo Domingo City direct to inform the respective governments to which they are accredited that the United States stands ready to intervene.

#### Airship Circles Warships.

Lima, Peru.—The aviator Blonovici made a flight to Callao at a height of 200 feet, circling over the warships in the harbor and returned to the course here, where he made a perfect landing. The Pruvian aviator, Tenaud, who attempted a flight, came suddenly to the ground because of an accident to his motor. He was not hurt.

#### Aviator Takes Three Passengers.

Mourmelon, France.—Henry Weinmann made a brilliant flight with three passengers. He flew across country to Rheims and return, about 37 miles, in one hour. A few days ago Weinmann made a flight over practically the same course with two passengers.

#### Plague Forces Close of Legation.

London.—A special dispatch from Peking says that because of the plague the diplomatic board has closed the legation quarter. The Chinese occupants, it is expected, will close the European quarter also.

## REBEL WARSHIP TAKEN IN HAND

### U. S. Cruiser Puts Quietus on Honduran Craft.

President Bonilla Gives Americans Free Rein in Preventing Bombardment of Ports.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The report that the Hornet, General Bonilla's revolutionary gunboat, which has been promoting his cause along the coast of Honduras, has been boarded by a force from the American gunboat Tacoma was confirmed in a wireless dispatch received by the navy department today from Commander Cooper of the United States steamship Marietta.

The dispatch merely said it had been found necessary to place a force on board to detain the Hornet, and added that details would be reported later. The state department is awaiting information to determine its future course.

The attorney-general is investigating whether the Hornet has violated the neutrality laws of the United States, and pending the result the state department has announced that the vessel would not be permitted to commit any act of hostility against Honduras.

The action of Commander Davis, of the Tacoma, in boarding the Hornet, it is assumed here, was based on an intention of the revolutionists to strike a telling blow. The naval officers in Honduran waters were given considerable latitude in carrying out their instructions to prevent an assault by the Hornet.

The Hornet sailed from New Orleans, ostensibly for Cape Gracias, on the northeastern coast of Nicaragua. It has not been established where the vessel received her armaments.

The Hornet was immediately transferred from American to Honduran registry and raised the Honduran flag, but the Honduran papers were issued by the Bonilla appointees. The validity of these papers is one of the questions being looked into. Officials here generally regard them as irregular.

#### RAISE IN TARIFFS URGED.

Railroad Official Says Rates Not Increased on Par With Prices.

Worcester, Mass.—Unless the railroads of the country charge higher rates for carrying freight, wages will have to be cut, according to arguments put forth by speakers at the meeting of the New England members of the American Railroad Employers' and Investors' Association here.

"For 25 years," said P. H. Morrissey, president of the association, "the changes in class rates have been very slight, while the value of almost every commodity has increased. The railroads have found it necessary again and again to increase wages."

"Now they are making a moderate advance in some rates but the advance is so small in comparison with the value of the commodities as to be almost impossible for computation by the ultimate consumer. If the railroads are not allowed to raise their freight rates, it will be felt in other ways."

#### WAR OVER CRETE IS THREAT.

New York Greeks Ask Taft to Help Keep Isle From Turkey.

New York.—That an effort on the part of the Ottoman Empire to coerce the Cretans would result in another revolution was the sentiment voiced at a mass meeting of the Greek colony.

The meeting was convoked by the Pan-Hellenic Union, representing 5000 Greeks in the vicinity of New York, to protest against the alleged intention of European powers to hand over the island of Crete to Turkey.

The meeting adopted resolutions calling upon President Taft and Congress to oppose an effort to subject the Cretans to Turkish sovereignty and asked that the President remind the powers that the interests of peace demand that Crete be incorporated with the Kingdom of Greece.

#### Bubonic Plague Spreads.

Pekin.—A number of deaths from bubonic plague have occurred in this city since the first death from the disease here was reported Saturday.

The legation staffs are quarantining themselves within their own walls, having been unable to agree on general measures for the entire legation. Advice from Chefu state that the epidemic has been carried across the Gulf of Pechill in junks and that there are grave fears that it will extend throughout Northern China and Corea.

#### Refugees Flee From Harbin.

Kalam Cheng Tze, China.—Plague refugees from Harbin are arriving here in great numbers. The fatalities increase daily. The Japanese are erecting plague camps capable of containing 4000.

#### BOILER EXPLODES; EIGHT DEAD.

Battleship Delaware is Scene of Frightful Disaster.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Eight men were killed and one seriously injured by a boiler explosion aboard the battleship Delaware, according to a report just received here. A wireless to the navy department states that the men were all scalded to death by steam following the explosion; that they were imprisoned in the boiler room without a chance for escape.

Those killed in the explosion were: Charles Hart, first class fireman; Columbus Porter, first class fireman.

William White, second class fireman.

Herbert Brewer, second class fireman.

Lewis White, coal passer.

Clarence Dewitt, coal passer.

Christian Jensen, water tender.

Unidentified man.

Eugene Phillips, a first class fireman was badly injured.

Captain Gove of the Delaware sent the following wireless to the navy department this afternoon: "I request that a tug meet the Delaware at Hampton Roads immediately on this ship's arrival there, with all preparations made for the transportation of the dead and the one injured man. I shall forward details of the explosion by telegraph upon arrival at Hampton Roads."

#### GERMAN SUBMARINE SINKS.

Captain Phones Up All Are Well and Plenty of Air.

Kiel, Germany.—The German submarine "U-3" went to the bottom of the sea during a practice maneuver. Divers from her parent ship, one of the largest battleships of the North Sea fleet, immediately began the endeavor to loop chains about the sunken boat. The full crew was aboard when the submarine went down.

As soon as the boat settled the crew detached the newly invented telephone arrangement, which immediately came to the surface, where it was picked up by a small boat from the warship. The officer commanding the submarine phoned up that the boat was all right and that the crew had plenty of air. He stated that the machinery had been disabled and that the submarine probably would have to be lifted with chains. There is air in the tanks sufficient to supply the men for several hours.

Word was sent ashore this evening that the Fulcan, one of the large ships of the fleet, had succeeded in getting chains under the sunken submarine, and that her rescue was assured. The trouble was caused by an accident to the water bunkers, which filled unexpectedly.

#### WOULD PURIFY NEW JERSEY.

Governor of State Warns Against Fostering Trusts.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 17.—Demand that New Jersey cease to be known as the "mother of trusts," through an amendment to the state's corporation law, was one of the striking features of the inaugural address of Governor Woodrow Wilson, delivered here to the incoming legislature.

"We are too free," he said, "with grants and charters to corporations, and I urge upon you as an imperative obligation that you immediately effect a change in the law which will prevent abuse of the incorporation privilege which has brought discredit on the state. It is necessary that you restrict and regulate the issue of securities, enforce the regulations regarding bona fide capital and provide methods whereby the public will be safeguarded from fraud, deception and extortion."

Governor Wilson also urged that a public service commission be empowered to fix and regulate the rates of all public service corporations and strongly advocated the Oregon laws, ballot reform and corrupt practices acts.

#### Czarina Is Near Death.

St. Petersburg.—Confirmation of reports that the czarina is again in a critical condition was obtained yesterday from attaches of the palace. Her majesty's recent trip to Bad Nauheim brought only temporary relief and her nervous disorder and melancholia returned simultaneously with her return to the palace. It is feared that the empress has not long to live. She is hysterical much of the time, her condition amounting almost to insanity whenever the czarvitch is not in her sight.

#### China Lets Warship Contract.

Philadelphia.—The New York Shipbuilding Company, of Camden, N. J., confirms reports that it has received a contract for the building of a cruiser for the Chinese government. The vessel will be about 12,600 tons and will cost considerably more than \$1,000,000. The armor and guns will be supplied by the Bethlehem Steel Company.

#### On the Square With Laborers.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 17.—In advertising for laborers to take the places of men on strike or locked out it will be necessary to state such fact in the "ad." according to a bill presented to the assembly today.

## AVIATOR LANDS ABOARD WARSHIP

### Eugene Ely, In Curtiss Biplane, Performs Great Feat.

Alights Easily On Platform and Stops With Room to Spare—Returns to Shore.

San Francisco, Jan. 19.—History was made in the science of war today when Eugene Ely, the brilliant Oregon aviator, dropped from the skies upon the after-deck of the cruiser Pennsylvania, at 11 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Ely was the first to greet her husband as he alighted. She climbed through the intricate rigging of the biplane to where her husband sat stoically, and impressed two kisses on his face. Then she took from her corsage a glowing bouquet of California violets and quickly fastened them to the aeroplane.

It was the first time in history that an airship alighted on an ocean craft. Ely, a year ago, at Hampton Roads, flew from the deck of the cruiser Birmingham over five miles of water to land. Ely accomplished the thrilling and memorable feat with the latest type of "fantail" Curtiss biplane, especially fitted with extra wide wings, pontoons and grappling hooks.

"It was far easier than I thought it would be," was the first declaration of the daring but modest aviator, who was surrounded by a cheering crowd on board the cruiser.

Ely landed on the improvised wooden runway on the after-deck of the cruiser with all the grace of a gull, and apparently with as much precision. Three minutes before 12 o'clock—one hour to the second from time of alighting—"the bird" was again on the wing and off for the aviation field, 12 miles away.

Ely left the staging on the battleship with the same grace and ease as he had alighted an hour before. There was no testing of the motor. He simply listened for a few seconds to convince his trained ear that the engine was "bitting" properly, then, spreading his arms as a signal, he sailed away. In leaving the runway the biplane did not dip with the downward incline of the approach, but arose under his guiding hand to a height of several hundred feet, then to a thousand feet, and winged its way southward over Hunter's Point at a speed of 60 miles an hour. In 12 minutes he alighted on Selfridge Field, thereby completing the notable feat.

Ely was seized by the cheering soldiers of the Thirteenth Infantry and hoisted on their shoulders. "I think the trick could be successfully turned nine time out of ten," said the aviator.

#### BUBONIC PLAGUE MENACES.

Epidemic Decimating Manchurian Provinces Spreads Terror.

Harbin, Manchuria.—The epidemic of bubonic plague threatens to become an international danger unless foreign control is introduced, because of the ignorance of the Chinese authorities. The Taitai remains cooped up in the center of the city, his residence guarded by troops, and the extent of the plague is concealed.

In the suburb of Fudzian, the Chinese and European physicians have been beaten by the soldiers.

Refugees from ruzhdian have carried contagion throughout a radius of 70 miles from the railway and have infected Kwanchengze, where the mortality is almost as great as at Fudzian.

Mukden, Kirin and Tieling have been seriously invaded by the disease. Deaths among the Chinese employes of the Harbin mills are likely to result in the infection being carried in the foodstuffs exported to Amur and the maritime provinces.

Twenty-four bodies have been picked up in the streets here. The victims in this city and Fudzian number men hundreds.

#### Mine Explosion Kills Six.

Helena, Mont.—As a result of an explosion in the Keating mine at Radersburg, 40 miles from here, six miners are dead, two are badly injured, and there is an unconfirmed rumor that two more men are somewhere in the workings.

Pending an investigation of the explosion, the officials of the Keating Gold Mining Company said only that the men named had been killed and injured; that no one below the 300-foot level of the mine was injured. All the bodies were recovered.

#### Another Body Found in Ruins.

Cincinnati, O.—Another body was recovered from the ruins of the Chamber of Commerce building, which was destroyed by fire on January 10 last. It was that of Christy Meents, fireman of the building. Two lodges have now been recovered. Four others are believed to be under the wreckage.