

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 French aviator carried 11 passengers in a monoplane two miles.

Jackson Titterton, a 530-pound resident of Scott county, Illinois, is dead.

Roosevelt says the greatest crisis of the world's history will be decided on the Pacific.

A Mexican rebel leader says he knows Taft will interfere unless peace is restored by May 1.

A fierce gale on Puget Sound damaged shipping and drove many houseboats and small craft ashore.

A large pack of cougars are exterminating the deer in Northern Idaho. Hunters have killed 13 of them.

A Denver judge released two prizefighters, saying: "It isn't half so bad as these human bullfights commonly referred to as football."

Tacoma has passed an anti-treating ordinance.

Iowa legislature defeated the woman suffrage bill.

Natives of the New Hebrides islands are in revolt against the white Russians.

California has adopted a law forbidding aliens to acquire, sell, bequeath or inherit lands in that state.

Unless rains come soon, forest rangers will be put into the field in Washington two months earlier than usual.

The parents of Vincent Walsh McLean, the world's richest baby, are trying to insure him against kidnapping.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 84¢; club, 81¢; red Russian, 80¢; valley, 81¢; 40-fold, 83¢.

Barley—Choice feed, \$24@24.50 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$20@21 per ton; middlings, \$27@28; shorts, \$21@22; rolled barley, \$25.50@26.50.

Corn—Whole, \$28; cracked, \$29 ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$27.50@28 ton.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Eastern Oregon, No. 1, \$21@22; mixed, \$16@20; alfalfa, \$11.50@12.50; grain hay, \$13@14.50; clover, \$11@12.

Green Fruits—Pears, \$1.50@1.75 per box; malagas, \$6@7.50 per barrel; cranberries \$13.50 per barrel.

Apples—Fancy, \$2@2.75; choice, \$1@2; common, 50¢@1 per box.

Vegetables—Asparagus, 12¢ per pound; cabbage, \$1.50 per hundred; cauliflower, local, \$1.25 per dozen; California, \$2.25 per crate; celery, California, \$3.50@3.75 per crate; cucumbers, \$2@2.25 per box; eggplant, 15¢ pound; garlic, 10¢@12¢ pound; green onions, 20¢ dozen; head lettuce, 50¢ dozen; hothouse lettuce, \$1.25 per box; peppers, 20¢ pound; radishes, 30¢@35¢ per doz; rhubarb, \$2.25@2.50 per box; sprouts, 9¢; tomatoes, \$1.75@2; carrots, 85¢@1 hundred; parsnips, 85¢@1; turnips, 85¢@1; beets, 90¢@1.

Potatoes—Oregon, buying price: \$1.25@1.50 per hundred.

Onions—Buying price, \$2 per hundred.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$6@6.50; choice, \$5.75@6, good to choice, \$5.50@5.75; common, \$4@5; prime cows, \$5@5.50; choice, \$4.75@5; common, \$2@4; choice heifers, \$5.25@5.50; choice bulls, \$4.50@4.75; fair to good, \$3.75@4; common, \$3@3.50; choice light calves, \$7.75@8; fair to good, \$7@7.50; choice heavy calves, \$5.25@5.50; fair to medium, \$4.75@5; choice stags, \$5.25@5.50.

Hogs—Choice light, \$8.25@8.50; good to choice, \$8@8.25; choice heavy, \$7.75@8.

Sheep—Choice yearling wethers, grain fed, \$4.50@4.85; old wethers, \$4@4.25; choice ewes, grain fed, \$3.50@4.15; fair to medium, grain fed, \$2.75@3.25; choice lambs, grain fed, \$5@5.50; good to choice, grain fed, \$5@5.25; fair to good, \$4.75@5; culls, \$2.50@3.50.

Poultry—Live: Hens, 20¢; broilers, 25¢@40¢; turkeys, 20¢; ducks, 23¢; geese, 12¢@13¢; dressed turkeys, choice, 23¢@25¢.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 20¢ per dozen.

Butter—City creamery, extra, 1 and 2 pound prints, in boxes, 31¢ per pound; less than boxes, cartons and delivery extra.

Pork—Fancy, 10¢@11¢ per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 85 to 125 pounds, 12¢@12½¢ per pound.

Hops—1910 crop, 17¢@18½¢; 1909 crop, 12¢@12½¢; contracts, 16¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 12¢@18¢, according to shrinkage; valley, 17¢@19¢; mohair, choice, 32¢ per pound delivered Portland.

CHINA YIELDS TO RUSSIA

Unprepared to Resist She Agrees to Czar's Demands.

Pekin—China is not prepared to antagonize Russia completely, and as a result of prolonged conferences the Chinese foreign office assured the Russian minister, M. Kortostovetz, that China would acquiesce unreservedly to the demands made in the Russian ultimatum concerning the provisions of the treaty of 1881. Russia insisted upon an answer immediately.

It is generally considered that there was no alternative course, in view of China's utter unpreparedness for war.

Intense interest is being manifested in the attitude of Japan, which is obviously holding entirely aloof, although more powerful than ever at Peking.

While the issues between China and Russia have been almost obliterated by the recent series of ultimatums, and theoretically insufficient cause for occupation exists, Russia apparently fears that she could obtain only paper promises which the Chinese would not observe unless intimidated. Russians here point out that they have less now in the way of concessions from China than when the treaty was signed.

Some sections of the legation quarter so ridicule Russia for not following in the first instance the recent example set by Great Britain in occupying territory and awaiting Chinese readiness to discuss the contested points. But it is recognized that Russia by failing to do this, has shown that she does not possess aggressive designs.

The Chinese newspapers, which are utterly ignorant of foreign affairs, are hostile to Great Britain, which they accuse of beginning the present land grab, and they prophesy that both Japan and France will be not long in following suit.

EIGHTEEN LIVE ON \$175 MONTH

Chicago Parents of 16 Children Say All Mouths Are Well Fed.

Chicago—Should the sovereign state of Illinois decide to pay a bounty for large families and call the roll of its citizens, Michael Fox, 7810 Vanney avenue, will be able to answer "present."

Mr. Fox, who is a switchman on the Illinois Central railroad, never has received any congratulations from Theodore Roosevelt, although deserving of them. Of the 814,115 children in Chicago Mr. Fox has 16 and they are all strong and vigorous.

There was a sort of a reunion of the Fox family Sunday, but Mr. Fox was not present. He was out in the switchyards at work, for it takes all he can earn seven days a week to fill his stomachs and cover the feet of the young Foxes.

"How do we manage to feed and clothe so many?" repeated Mrs. Fox in answer to a question today. "Well they don't look as if they didn't get enough to eat, do they?" she asked as she looked admiringly at her large family.

"Mike makes about \$80 a month," said Mrs. Fox, "and our grocery bill runs between \$90 and \$100 a month, but we get along all right. Two of the boys are working for the Illinois Central and two girls work in the tack factory, so the family income is about \$175 a month. They all get enough to eat and all are strong and healthy."

STANDARD OIL IS BUYER.

Southern Pacific Gives Control of Associated Oil Company.

San Francisco—Following upon an announcement made a few days ago that the Southern Pacific company had named a price for the sale of its controlling interest in the Associated Oil company to an Eastern syndicate, a report appears in the Chronicle that the prospective buyer is the Standard Oil company, saying that the Standard Oil company "is in a position through this contract to assume practical control of the entire oil output of the California fields."

The Associated Oil company is reported to be handling 80 per cent of the oil marketed from California fields at the present time.

Tire Hurls Missile Far.

Los Angeles—A huge red touring car was sizzling through space on Spring street Tuesday at a rate that looked bad for speed limit, when one of the front tires burst with a crack like a cannon. The force of the explosion was sufficient to tear a big piece off the steel rim and hurl it 100 feet through the air and through the show window of the Bradley-Wise Paint company, 853 South Spring street, and do damage inside to the extent of about \$100. The name of the cannoner was not ascertained.

Rio Grande Engineers Get More.

Denver, Colo.—As a result of a settlement agreed upon at a conference before officials of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and officials of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, 750 engineers of that system will be given an increase of 9 per cent in wages, better working rules and a contract for a year.

148 PERISH IN NEW YORK FIRE

Sky-Scraper Shirt-Waist Factory Scene of Holocaust.

Victims Nearly All Women and Girls, Who Meet Death in Flames or Leap to Pavement.

New York, March, 27.—One hundred and forty-eight persons, nine-tenths of them girls from the East Side, were crushed to death on the pavements, smothered by smoke or burned to crisp Saturday afternoon in the worst fire known since the steamer Slocum was burned to the water's edge off North Brother island in 1904.

One hundred and forty-one bodies have been removed from the ruins and seven of the injured died in hospitals. This, it is believed, completes the list of dead, most of whom are unidentified.

Grief-crazed relatives besieged the morgue as the bodies were laid out. Nearly, if not all, of the victims were employed by the Triangle Waist company on the eight, ninth and tenth floors of a 10-story loft building at 23 Washington place, on the western fringe of the downtown wholesale district.

Partners of firm, Isaac Harris and Max Blanc, escaped, carrying with them over an adjoining roof Blanck's two young daughters and a governess. There was not an outside fire escape on the building.

How the fire started will probably never be known. A corner on the eighth floor was its point of origin and only the three upper floors were swept.

On the ninth floor 50 bodies were found, 63 or more persons were crushed to death by jumping, more than 30 clogged the elevator shafts. Loss to property will not exceed \$100,000.

Pedestrians going home through Washington place at 4:50 o'clock were scattered by the whiz of something rushing through the air before them; there was a horrible thud on the pavement and a body flattened on the flagstones. Wayfarers on the opposite side of the street shaded their eyes against the setting sun and saw the windows of the three upper floors of the building black with girls crowding to the sills.

"Don't jump!" yelled the crowd. But the girls had no alternative. The pressure of the maddened hundreds behind them and the urging of their own fears were too strong. They began to fall to the sidewalk.

Four alarms were rung within 15 minutes. Before the engines could respond, before the nets could be stretched or the ladders raised, five girls had fallen from the eighth and ninth floors so heavily that they crashed through the very streets to the vaults below. In an hour the fire was out; in 30 minutes it had done its worst; probably the death list was complete in 20 minutes.

The building stands on a corner with exposures on two sides, but the only fire escape was in the interior, opening on a light and air shaft. In all there were seven exits—the single fire escape, two freight elevators at the rear, two passenger elevators in front and two stairways. All of them proved almost useless and practically all who escaped either climbed to the roof and scrambled thence to the roof of the building occupied by the American Book company, adjoining, or fled in the first rush for safety before the crush and smoke grew too thick.

The building stands now as a shell intact; the partitions of architectural tiling between floor and floor are sound, and it is impossible for one who sees it to imagine how the flames in so short a time could have wrought such havoc.

Seven hundred hands, 500 of them women, were employed by the shirt waist company. They sat in rows at their whirring machines, the tables before them piled with flimsy cloth, the floor littered with lint, the air itself full of flying, inflammable dust.

Treasure Found in Ruins.

London—Treasure trove to the value of \$1,250,000 is reported from Jersey, where it was uncovered by Athelstan Riley, while he was pulling down the ruins of an old manor house built in the 13th century with the object of using the stone to enlarge his present manor. The discovery includes ancient urns filled with spade guineas, coined during the reign of King George III and bearing the British coat of arms on a spade-shaped shield. One urn bears the monogram of Emperor Vespasian.

English Railroad to Be Electric.

New York—The first of the main railway systems of England to be electrified on the American plan, throughout its entire length, will be the London, Brighton & South Coast line. The length of the Brighton system is 479 miles and the undertaking will be a colossal one. The work will be completed, it is announced, by 1916.

CABINET RESIGNS

All Mexican Ministers Except Liman-tour Will Be Replaced.

Mexico City, Mex., March 25.—Following a meeting of the cabinet today every member of that body tendered his resignation to President Diaz.

As yet none of the resignations has been accepted, but on excellent authority it is said that but two of them—possibly not more than one—will be asked to remain in the portfolio. In diplomatic circles it is assumed that Diaz will insist upon Jose Yves Limantour remaining in charge of the department of finance. Members of the cabinet refuse to comment upon their action, but it is said that the united stand was taken not by them, but by the president, who, it is believed, proposes to surround himself with younger men, in the hope that such action will serve to unite all elements of the nation.

It is probable that the acceptance of the resignations will be coincident with the announcement of the names of the new ministers. Who will compose the new cabinet is not known, but it may be said they will be men who have not taken a leading part in the government affairs. Neither will it include any who have been identified with the revolutionary movement instituted by Madero.

MADERO WINS VICTORY.

Big Federal Force Routed and Large Number Killed.

Presidio, Tex.—According to a messenger who reported to General Jose de la Cruz Sanchez, in command of the insurgents besieging the town of Ojinaga, insurgents under the direct command of Francisco I. Madero have won an important victory in the vicinity of the city of Chihuahua, routing the Federal troops after 160 had been killed and 40 taken prisoners.

Chihuahua city has been surrounded by rebels for some weeks and all means of communication have been cut. Provisions are growing scarce and many Americans are shut in there.

Madero's aim has been to capture Chihuahua in order that he might be able to point to the fact that he controlled the state of Chihuahua as ground for claiming belligerent rights from other nations. He also desired to secure such a center of government that he might be in a position to negotiate with Diaz to advantage. Madero's victory probably will enable him to force his way to Chihuahua and do battle with the garrison, reported to be about 1,200 strong.

AMERICAN SOIL VIOLATED.

Many Witnesses Swear Blatt and Converse Arrested in Texas.

El Paso, Tex.—C. H. Converse, of Glendora, Cal., has filed additional evidence that his son Lawrence, and Edwin Blatt, of Pittsburg, now in jail at Juarez, were captured on American soil.

He has forwarded to the State department statements of county officials, Federal officials, line riders and customs guards that what is called Agcon de Guadalupe, where Converse and Blatt are said to have been captured, is in the United States, and that the Federal government has exercised de facto jurisdiction over the territory for two years.

These statements were filed with the State department to controvert the statement of the Mexican jefe at Guadalupe that he considered Ancon de Guadalupe Mexican territory.

Rebel Raiders Put to Rout.

Torreon, Mex.—One hundred regular cavalrymen sent out from here under command of Colonel Casillas overtook a handful of rebels, camped on Regugio Hacienda, and at the first volley killed eight. The others fled. Prior to that the rebels had held up a train near Loma bridge and tried to secure kerosene with which to burn the bridge. They also robbed the Loma station and cut the telegraph wires and carried off the instruments. At San Diego Sunday the band robbed Joseph Steele, an American miner, of dynamite caps and \$16. Florentino Rivas commanded the insurgents.

Oldest Engineer Dead.

Tacoma, March 25.—John Strange Waller Reeves, aged 100 years, died yesterday at his home in this city. He was born in Wilkesbarre, Pa., October 18, 1810, and at the time of his death was said to be the oldest locomotive engineer in the United States, having been the first engineer on the Hamilton & Dayton railroad. He was the father of 16 children, of whom three sons and one daughter survive. His wife was the daughter of Rev. William Jones, a descendant of the first Lord Mayor of Cork.

Broderick Is Acquitted.

Springfield, Ill.—State Senator John Broderick was found not guilty of bribing Holtzlaw to vote for Senator Lorimer by a jury in the Sangamon County Circuit court. The jury was out 20 minutes.

BIG AUDIENCE APPLAUDS T. R.

Progressive Rule in California Praised By Speaker.

Recommends Short Ballot—Scores U. S. Senate Again for Lorimer's Whitewash Vote.

Los Angeles, March 23.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt aroused an audience of 4,000 citizens at Temple auditorium today to a high pitch of enthusiasm and called forth from them thunderous rounds of applause at his emphatic and unqualified declarations on four propositions.

He commended the people of California for their progressive government, saying that it approximated his government ideals.

He endorsed the proposed constitutional amendment providing for the recall of the judiciary of California on the ground that in view of conditions in this state, there was no other alternative to assure justice and fair dealing by the courts, from the standpoint of the people.

He denounced the United States senate for its vote in the seating of Senator Lorimer, and declared that the California state assembly in voting a criticism of the United States senate for its retention of Lorimer, had "shown itself more sensitive to the honor of the United States senate than the United States senate itself."

He strongly indorsed the move for a shorter ballot, which he said was a move of first importance in the interest of popular government.

In closing, he warned the people of the state that they were bearing grave responsibilities in leading the move for greater popular government, and earnestly enjoined them to use their power with wisdom and discretion.

The ex-president's attack on the senate and his implied criticism of the courts of California, which is indicated in his language justifying the were received by the audience with vigorous approval.

ENTOMBED MINER CALLS.

Faint Tapping in Kansas Coal Mine Starts Rescue Work.

Columbus, Kan., March 23.—After a fruitless all-night search for Tom Cheek, a miner, supposed to be entombed alive in shaft No. 16 of the Southwestern Coal company's mine near here, rescuers were driven back by mine gas today and for a time were forced to abandon the search.

Cheek, a shot firer, was supposed to have been killed in the mine last Saturday, when an explosion resulted in the death of Joseph Jopling, the superintendent, and three miners. As the bodies of the victims were being recovered yesterday afternoon faintappings were heard in one of the distant entries. Help was rushed into the mine and, led by Frank Gilday, state mine inspector, a rescue party worked all night.

COLLEGE WEDDINGS HAPPY.

Higher Education Proposed by Dr. Wheeler as Divorce Cure.

San Francisco—Co-education in American universities is conducive to the highest and most ideal marriages, according to Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California.

Dr. Wheeler, who bases his contention on long observations and statistical data, provides a new solution for the perplexing divorce problem.

Give higher education to young men and women before they marry and the number of divorces are diminished to the minimum.

"Marriages made in college have proved happier than those made elsewhere," says the head of the state university. "The value of co-education is steadily becoming more apparent. The education of the sexes together ensures mutual respect and self-respect."

Plot to Wreck Admitted.

Plattsburg, Mo.—Roscoe Townsend, 16 years old, and Walter Carpenter, aged 17, accused of an attempt to wreck and rob a Chicago, Burlington & Quincy passenger train at Holt, Mo., on the night of March 11, were arraigned here. Carpenter, who gave the information which frustrated the attempt, was released. Townsend confessed his guilt and was bound over to the Circuit court. Townsend admitted his plan was to wreck the train on the high trestle and rob the passengers during the confusion.

Chile to Spend \$15,000,000.

Santiago, Chile—The government has invited tenders for hydraulic engineering work at the ports of Valparaiso and San Antonio. It is estimated that an expenditure in the neighborhood of \$15,000,000 will be required. The bids will be opened at the end of July.