

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.

The senate has ordered a new investigation into the election of Lorimer.

E. H. Gary promises the steel trust committee that he will tell all he knows about the big monopoly.

Deposits in the Astoria postal savings bank averaged \$70 each the first month the bank was in operation.

Mayor Simon of Portland, has appointed a committee of 15 to draft a commission rule charter for the city.

Prices of nearly all food products went up in Chicago on June 1, instead of being reduced as many had expected.

San Francisco customs officers seized 900 five-gram tins of opium, worth \$27,000, being smuggled into this country on a Japanese steamer.

Conspirators blew up the government barracks at Managua, Nicaragua, killing and wounding about 120 soldiers. It is believed a civil war will follow.

Two men, after having been lost on the Mojave desert of Arizona, for two days, finally found their way on foot back to the town from which they started. They had missed their way and their automobile had broken down.

Sonia Karenina, a 17-year old Russian maid servant in the family of the late Count Tolstoi, reached San Francisco friendless and penniless since the death of her master. Russian residents immediately took charge of her.

The steel trust has readjusted its schedule of prices by a considerable reduction.

A French liner arrived at Martinique from Panama with 15 cases of yellow fever on board.

Diaz succeeded in getting \$1,780,000 in gold from Mexico safely into a bank in New York City.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 95c; club, 85c; 86c; Russian, 84c; valley, 86c; 40-fold, 85c; 86c.

Barley—Choice feed, \$28.25; 28.50. Millstuffs—Bran, \$24.50; 25 per ton; middlings, \$31; shorts, \$25.50; 26; rolled barley, \$29.50; 30.50.

Corn—Whole, \$29; cracked, \$30 ton. Oats—No. 1 white, \$28.50; 29.50.

Hay—Timothy, Eastern Oregon, No. 1, \$21.22; light mixed, \$19.20; heavy mixed, \$17.50; alfalfa, \$13.00; clover, \$12.50; 13; grain hay, \$13.50; 14.50.

Fresh Fruits—Strawberries, Oregon, \$2.75 per crate; California, \$1.50; 1.75 per crate, gooseberries, 50c; 60c per pound; apples, \$1.25 per box; cherries, \$1.50 per box.

Vegetables—Asparagus, 60 @ 75c per dozen; garlic, 100 @ 12c per pound; lettuce, 30 @ 35c per dozen; house lettuce, \$1.25 @ 1.75 per box; peas, 5c per pound; radishes, 12c per dozen; rhubarb, 1 1/2 @ 2c per pound; new carrots, \$2 per sack; turnips, \$2; beets, \$2.

Potatoes—Oregon and Eastern, \$2.25 per hundred, new California, 7c per pound.

Onions—Crystal wax, \$2.50; yellow, \$2.25; red, \$3 per hundred.

Poultry—Hens, 16 @ 17c; broilers, 22 @ 25c; ducks, young, 25c; geese, nominal; turkeys, 20c; dressed, choice, 25c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 21c per dozen; case count, 20c per dozen.

Butter—City creamery, extra, 1 and 2-pound prints, in boxes, 24c per pound; less than box lots, cartons and delivery extra.

Pork—Fancy, 10 @ 11c per pound.

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Hams—10 to 20 pounds, 16 @ 17c.

Hops—1911 contracts, 25c per pound; 1910 crop, 22c; 1909 crop, 15 @ 15 1/2c; olds, 8 @ 10c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, \$1 @ 14 1/2c per pound; valley, 14 @ 15c; mohair, choice, 36 @ 37 1/2c.

Cattle—Prime grain-fed steers, \$6 @ 6.35; prime hay-fed steers, \$6 @ 6.25; choice steers, \$5.75 @ 6; fair, \$5.50 @ 5.75; common, \$5.25 @ 5.50; prime cows, \$5.75 @ 6.25; good, \$5 @ 5.25; fair, \$4.75 @ 5; poor, \$4.50 @ 4.75; choice heifers, \$5.50 @ 5.75; choice bulls, \$4.75 @ 5.25; good, \$4.25 @ 4.75; choice light calves, \$7 @ 7.25; good, \$6.75 @ 7; choice heavy calves, \$5 @ 5.50; choice stags, \$5.75 @ 6.25; good, \$5.25 @ 5.75.

Hogs—Choice, \$6.50 @ 6.85; good, \$6.25 @ 6.50; choice heavy, \$6 @ 6.50; common, \$5 @ 6; stock, \$6.75 @ 7.50.

Sheep—Choice spring lambs, \$6.25 @ 6.50; good, \$6 @ 6.25; choice yearlings, \$4.80 @ 5; good, \$4.50 @ 4.75; fair, \$4 @ 4.25; choice ewes, \$4 @ 4.25; good, \$3.75 @ 4; fair, \$3.50 @ 3.75; good to choice heavy wethers, \$4 @ 4.50; old heavy wethers, \$3 @ 4; mixed lots, \$4 @ 5.

BOAT UPSET; SIX DROWN.

Father and Babe, Brother and Sister and Betrothed Couple Perish.

Salt Lake City, Utah—Six persons were drowned in Utah lake Sunday when the sailboat Galilee, in which 16 persons were attending a party given in honor of the approaching marriage of Miss Vera Brown and Edward B. Holmes, capsized. Among the drowned were the engaged couple. The bride-to-be and two of the other victims were children of Captain Edwin Brown, owner of the boat.

The boat left Geneva on the east shore of the lake at 9 o'clock in the morning and headed west. About one hour later the boat, struck by a sudden squall, turned sidewise to the wind and almost instantly all of the 16 persons aboard were thrown into the water. The boat turned over and over, robbing the struggling people of an opportunity to hold to it. Benjamin Raymond's little son was the first to sink. His father caught him and they sank together.

Edward B. Holmes heard the scream of his fiancée and as soon as he could locate her in the water he went to her aid. They went to the bottom clasped in each other's arms.

Frank Brown saw his other sister struggling in the water and went to her assistance. He was exhausted when he reached her and she was completely worn out and had given up the struggle. Her brother caught her but the chill of the water had so numbed them both that they were helpless and they sank together. Some young men of Provo, Utah, who were trying out a new sail boat, were attracted by the cries of the survivors. They succeeded in saving 10 persons who had been in the water an hour and a half.

GARY'S TALK OUT.

Steel Magnate Urges Co-operation and Stability.

New York—The arguments with which Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the directors of the United States Steel corporation, addressed iron and steel manufacturers who were his guests at a recent luncheon to discuss the independent action of the Republic Iron and Steel company in reducing prices, were made public by him Tuesday. They threw added light on what occurred behind the closed doors at the Metropolitan club, where the conference was held.

Mr. Gary argued for continuing co-operation among the steel makers and for stability in prices, but his apparent wishes on the price question were overruled by a general difficulty to meet the cuts of the Republic company. In his remarks, Mr. Gary touched upon the possibility of wage reductions, the value of fair dealings and frankness by great corporations in view of the recent Supreme court decision in the Standard Oil case.

OLD FARMS LURE AGAIN.

24 Walla Walla Families Heed Call "Back to Country."

Walla Walla, Wash.—"Back to the farm," is a cry that has a real meaning in Walla Walla. More than two dozen families have left the city for their abandoned farms within the past two weeks. More have announced their intention of so doing and it is believed that within a year the deserted homesteads will be rehabilitated.

More than a score of vacant houses in the city have been left by farmers who have gone back to their ranches and several city homes have been put on the market for sale. It is not the usual summer exodus to the farms. It is the belief that the farm is a desirable place to live and the deserted farmhouses are to be full of life again after years of desertion.

Huge Depot Dedicated.

Chicago—The Chicago & Northwestern railway's new passenger station, the second largest passenger terminal in the world used by only one road, was formally opened here Sunday. The terminal covers 20 acres. The station yard covers 343,040 square feet, and the building section 69,760 square feet. Sixteen tracks with a capacity of 200 cars enter the train shed, giving the station a capacity of 250,000 passengers a day. The total cost of the station was \$23,750,000, \$11,560,000 being for real estate.

Mexico to Send New Man.

Mexico City—Announcement is made of the appointment of Gilbert O. Crespo Martinez as ambassador to Washington to succeed Manuel de Zamacona, who probably will be returned to London as the government's financial agent. Since Zamacona's appointment as ambassador, the London post has been filled by Pablo Macero, who resigned last week.

Alaska Mines Sold.

Cordova, Alaska—Representatives of the London Exploration company, the Pearson Syndicate, are here closing a deal for the purchase of more than 50 gold quartz claims in the McKinley lake district near this city. The purchase price is approximately \$500,000.

TAFT SCORCHES GIANT TRUSTS

Lumber and Paper Men Foes of Reciprocity.

Confident Agreement Will Pass and Prove Beneficial—Thinks People Approve Measure.

Chicago—President Taft, in a speech before the Western Economic society, here, declared that the principal opposition to the Canadian reciprocity agreement came not from the farmer, but from the lumber trust and from American manufacturers of print paper.

In one of the most conspicuous addresses that he has ever made on this subject, the president outlined some of the methods employed by the advocates of the reciprocity agreement; he practically told others that they were being "hounded" by special interests, and said that the result depended not so much upon the United States senate as upon the people.

"If the farmer and the people at large," he said, "could be brought to understand this question they would no longer fear to vote."

The president was not sparing in his words. He told the reasons for the opposition to the treaty by the lumber trust and by the paper manufacturers and, without using names, scored any firm any of whose members recently appeared before the senate finance committee in Washington ostensibly on behalf of the national grange.

In spite of the forces that are arrayed against it, the president expressed the belief that the bill will be passed.

"The bill," he said, "will be passed, if it is passed at all, because the force of public opinion is in its favor."

FLY IS DEATH TO BEETLE.

Parasite that Will Kill Douglas Fir Enemy Is Discovered.

Seattle, Wash.—The bark beetle, which destroys Douglas fir throughout the timbered districts of the United States to the extent of almost \$100,000,000 annually, and which was believed by expert entomologists to be without a parasite, has been found to have a deadly enemy.

Professor Trevor Kincaid, head of the department of zoology at the University of Washington, is the discoverer. The parasite is a small red fly with smoky wings and a long stinger-like organ behind. The parasite instinctively discovers the beetle and lays its eggs in the beetle's tunnel.

Professor Kincaid says the newly discovered parasite will destroy from 25 to 50 per cent of a colony of beetles in one season. The discovery was made in Ravenna park, in Seattle, while Professor Kincaid was out in the woods with one of his classes.

Professor Kincaid attained prominence by his discovery of a parasite on the gypsy moth, which was destroying millions of dollars' worth of fruit trees annually.

SWEDEN WELCOMES FLEET.

American Warships Escorted to Stockholm By Pleasure Craft.

Stockholm, June 5.—The second division of the United States Atlantic fleet, composed of the battleships Kansas, Louisiana, New Hampshire and South Carolina, arrived here today for a week's visit. The battleships, which left Copenhagen June 1, were met off the Aland archipelago by a large fleet of gaily-decorated excursion steamers, which escorted them into the harbor.

Immediately after the flagship Louisiana came to anchor the commander of the fortress sent an officer to greet and welcome Rear Admiral Badger, commanding the division. Visits were then exchanged between Admiral Badger and the commander in chief of the Swedish squadron in the harbor.

Woman Has Saving Mania.

Worcester, Mass.—Relatives of Miss Margaret Hudon, who died here recently after working as a shop clerk for 17 years at \$1 a day, have found bank deposits in her name aggregating \$5,200. Her total earnings had been about \$9,304 and from this she had paid her living expenses for the whole 17 years and the cost of the funeral of her brother, who died three years ago. Miss Hudon is said to have lived on 30 cents' worth of food each week. Her house rent was very small. She had a mania for saving.

Quake Shakes Charleroi, Belgium.

Charleroi, Belgium—An earthquake was felt at Gosselies, four miles north of this city, at 2:40 o'clock Monday afternoon. Many houses were damaged. The streets are littered with debris. There were no casualties.

NEW REPUBLIC IS BORN.

Lower California Rebels Cut Loose From Mexico.

Tia Juana, Lower California—The insurgents in Tia Juana, Lower California, have severed connection with the Mexican Liberal party, elected Dick Ferris president of the new republic of Lower California, and decided to await word from General Pryce before choosing a new general. He is expected in a few days.

Ferris is a Los Angeles promoter. In last year's state campaign he was a candidate for the lieutenant governorship nomination at the Republican direct primaries.

The rebels' action followed an address to the insurgents, who now number about 150 men, by Louis James, a rebel captain. A new flag and new constitution are being prepared.

Captain James told the rebels that they should drop all connection with the Mexican Liberal party, with all other organizations in the United States, form a provisional government and demand recognition of Francisco Madero and his party in Mexico proper.

General Pryce went to Los Angeles to learn from the junta what became of the men he sent up there with a considerable sum of money to buy ammunition and supplies for the rebels at Tia Juana.

The ammunition and supplies failed to come. The men are out of ammunition, have no prospect of obtaining supplies, and are said to be on the point of selling their guns and quitting Lower California. The camp has been divided into several disgruntled factions.

LOPEZ EXECUTED AS TRAITOR

Benedict Arnold of Mexican Rebels Pays Penalty of Turncoats.

Cananea, Mexico—"Red" Lopez, who was ordered imprisoned by Francisco I. Madero, Jr., on the charge that he had "sold out" to American interests while in command of a section of the insurrecto garrison at Agua Prieta, has been executed. Lopez was being conveyed from Agua Prieta to Hermosillo to begin the serving of an eight-year sentence.

Conflicting stories are told by the guard which was accompanying Lopez. One is to the effect that the former insurrecto leader had attempted to escape and was shot; another that he pleaded to be executed rather than be taken to prison. It is alleged also that Lopez had confessed to having received \$4,000 for the surrender of Agua Prieta to the Federals.

MATCH TRUST MILITANT.

Diamond Company Issues Ultimatum Against Stubborn Independents.

Tacoma, Wash.—Putting the ban on the dealers of Tacoma, the Diamond Match company, known as the trust, has served notice that they will not be allowed to handle its product if they sell the Tacoma-made match now being turned out at the new factory on Chambers creek by the Pacific Coast Match company.

Formal notification has been given to the West Coast Grocery company which for 20 years has distributed "trust" matches, and S. A. Nourse, of the grocery company, has retorted if that is the way the trust feels about it, it can go hang. His company, he said, would handle the Tacoma match and the consultation came to a speedy termination with the home-made article still on the market.

Cotton Crop Looms Big.

Washington, D. C.—Present indications point to the present year's cotton crop as the largest the country has ever produced, according to government experts. The crop will be greater by about 2,500,000 bales than the average and larger by nearly 400,000 bales than the biggest crop the country ever raised—that of 1904. Provided conditions as favorable as those which have prevailed during the last 10 years continue this season, there should be harvested this year more than 14,000,000 bales.

Burned Timber Bill Up.

Washington, D. C.—The house public lands committee has favorably reported a bill authorizing homestead settlers whose lands were burned over by forest fires last summer to sell all the timber seriously injured or killed by fires and pocket the receipts. The bill also authorizes the secretary of the interior to sell burned timber on public lands. An effort will be made to pass the bill this session so as to afford relief to settlers.

Postal Bank is Coming.

Washington, D. C.—The Postoffice department has announced that beginning July 1 postal savings banks will be opened in the large cities of the country and that in all probability one of the first of these big banks will be opened at Portland, Or. Plans have not yet been perfected, but it is also probable that postal banks will be opened this summer or fall in Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane also.

DIAZ BIDS FAREWELL TO MEXICO

But Says He Will Die In His Native Land.

Goes to Live in Spain—Declares Mexican Government Must Continue to Use Force.

Vera Cruz, Mexico, June 1.—General Diaz said his final farewell to Mexico yesterday. With his wife and other members of the Diaz family he boarded the steamer Ypiranga, bound for Spain.

General Diaz' ship was only a little way out when the searchlight of the fortress guarding the port was turned on it. With glasses in hand, among a small party in the stern, Diaz was standing, somewhat apart and close to the rail. He was plainly discernible, taking his farewell look at his native land.

His last words, spoken to those he had left on shore, were: "I shall die in Mexico." This was uttered in a tone of prophecy and with a look of inspired conviction.

Wearing the same uniforms they had on when they served as the general's guard, the soldiers drew up in front of the home of J. B. Body, where the ex-president has been quartered since his arrival in Vera Cruz, under command of General Victoriano Huerta, an old and personal friend of General Diaz.

To his country General Diaz delivered a warning. Speaking to the little group which accompanied him on his trip from the capital, the old man who governed Mexico for more than 30 years by military strength, said the present government must yet resort to his methods if peace is to be re-established.

When General Diaz stepped forward there was a buzz of interest, but no demonstration. The moment was too solemn for such an exhibition, and even the little group of peons behind the soldiers repressed their feelings during the speech-making and embracing.

The general, showing almost no sign of his recent illness, was dressed in an ordinary sack suit of black. He carried in his hand a Panama hat.

Throughout all of General Huerta's talk, Diaz stood like a soldier on parade, with eyes front and never a twitch of the muscles. Bravely he began his reply, but before many minutes he was having great difficulty in mastering his emotions.

STORM SCATTERS DEATH.

Four Killed at Cleveland and Lorain; Two at Pittsburg.

Cleveland, June 1.—Four dead and 20 injured was the toll of the terrific wind and rain storm which swept over Cleveland and vicinity today. Three lives were lost at Lorain. All of the dead were in rowboats which were capsized by a sudden wind storm which sprang up out of a calm.

The body of a woman, one of those drowned, was identified as that of Mrs. Ethel Early. She, with David and Thomas Longstreet, her brothers, were out on the lake in a rowboat. Two more empty rowboats were picked up by a tug.

Twenty bathers at Edgewater Park, who took shelter in the boathouse, were buried when the roof fell. One man had both legs broken when a wagon was blown on him and another was struck by a piece of cornice, blown off an 11-story building. His skull was fractured.

Butter "Brands" Farces.

Kansas City—It is useless for the consumer to tell the grocer to send a certain brand of butter and no other. Practically all the butter sold by the retailers is purchased in tubs in carload lots, taken to the place of business of the big distributors and there molded into packages and branded. Little of the butter distributed by any one company with a particular brand is manufactured by that company. This was the testimony of a produce dealer, in a suit to dissolve the Kansas City Fruit and Produce Exchange.

Pittsburg, June 1.—With the wind blowing 64 miles an hour and with rain that fell in torrents today, a storm swept over this section of the state, leaving death and destruction in its wake. A young girl was whirled into the door of her home by the wind and fell dead from fright. George A. Martin, president of the Pittsburg Tube company, is dying in a hospital with a fractured skull, caused by a falling sign.

'Gotham' Not Considered.

New York—A report that Mrs. E. H. Harriman contemplated founding a university in New York City has gained widespread circulation. Mrs. Harriman's office, however, gave out information that she never has had any idea of such an undertaking.