

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.

President Taft will make a tour of the country this fall, including the Pacific Coast.

The strike of carmen in London, which threatened starvation to the city, has been settled.

Statistics show that births in the rural districts of Oregon greatly exceed those in the cities.

Admiral Togo was amazed at the size of the American dreadnaughts building in Eastern navy yards.

Western railroad men have served notice abrogating their wage agreements with the roads, and a big strike is looked for.

Roosevelt freely admits having approved the steel merger while he was in office, saying it was the only way to avert a panic.

An American actor who lost his life in a London hotel fire, had a premonition of approaching death, and had all his business affairs arranged accordingly.

The British house of lords reluctantly passed the veto bill, which greatly curtails their own powers and increases the power of the house of commons.

An itinerant clock repairer, 86 years old, is walking from Portland to Long Creek, Or., carrying his tools and supplies. He expects to earn his living en route.

President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, protests against higher postal rates on second-class matter, saying it will interfere with many labor publications.

Hops are selling in Portland markets at 35 cents.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—New crop—Bluestem, 81c; club, 77c; red Russian, 75c; valley, 77c.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$24.50@25 per ton; middlings, \$32; shorts, \$25.50 @26; rolled barley, \$28@29.

Corn—Whole, \$33; cracked, \$34. Barley—New, feed, \$25.50@26; brewing, \$30@31.

Oats—Old white, \$25 per ton; new, \$24.

Hay—Timothy, valley, \$15@16; alfalfa, \$11; clover, \$8.50@9; grain hay, \$10.

Fresh Fruits—Cantaloupes, \$1.25@2 per crate; peaches, 60c@1.25 per box; watermelons, 10@12c per pound; plums, 90c@1.75 per crate; prunes, \$1.75 per box; new apples, \$1.75@2.50 per box; raspberries, \$2@2.50; blackberries, \$1.75@1.90; pears, \$2@2.50 per box.

Vegetables—Beans, 5@10c; cabbage, \$2 per hundredweight; corn, 30@40c per dozen; cucumbers, 10@12c per box; egg plant, 10@12c per pound; garlic, 10@12c; lettuce, 30@35c per dozen; hothouse lettuce, \$1.25 @1.75 per box; peppers, 8@10c per pound; radishes, 1@2c per dozen; tomatoes, 90c@1.25 per box; new carrots, \$1.75 per sack; turnips, \$1.25; beets, \$1.75.

Potatoes—New Oregon, 1@1 1/2c per pound.

Onions—Walla Walla, \$1.75 per hundred.

Poultry—Hens, 16@16 1/2c; springs, 18@18 1/2c; ducks, young, 15c; geese, nominal; turkeys, nominal.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, candled, 27c per dozen.

Butter—City creamery extra, 1 and 2-pound prints, in boxes, 30c per pound; less than box lots, cartons and delivery extra.

Pork—Fancy, 10@10 1/2c per pound. Veal—Fancy, 12@13c per pound.

Hops—1911 contracts, 30@32c per pound; 1910 crop, 29c; 1909 crop, 20 @22c; olds, 13@17c.

Mohair—Choice, 36@37 1/2c per pound.

Cattle—Extra choice steers, \$5.75@6; good, \$5.25@5.50; choice cows, \$4.75@4.80; good, \$4.25@4.50; good, average 1050 pounds, \$4@4.25; common, \$2.75@3; choice heifers, \$4.75 @5; choice bulls, \$3.50@3.75; choice calves, 200 pounds and under, \$7@7.25; good to choice, \$5.50@6; common, \$4@5; choice stags, \$4.50@4.75; good, \$4.25@4.50.

Hogs—Extra choice light hogs, \$7.85@8; choice heavy, \$7@7.25; heavy rough, \$6.25@6.50.

Sheep—Choice yearlings, wethers, coarse wool, \$3.25@3.50; choice yearling wethers, east of mountains, \$3.25 @3.50; choice two and three, \$3@3.50; choice spring lambs, \$5.25@5.50; good to choice spring lambs, \$5@5.25; choice killing ewes, \$2.75 @3.

ANARCHIST HURLS KNIFE.

San Francisco Reds Defy Police and Start Riot.

San Francisco—Efforts of the police to break up a meeting of alleged anarchists here Sunday showed net results of three riot calls, the arrest of 10 men, and narrow escape of two firemen from a hurled knife and a detective badly bitten in the hand.

For several months the "anarchists" have been holding Sabbath meetings on the sidewalk in the Latin quarter. The Italian Roman Catholic church is not far distant, and a worshipper on his way to mass heard remarks from one of the speakers that caused him to lodge a protest over the telephone with the police.

Two detectives were sent to investigate, and were hooted at when they interrupted the speaker. Thereupon the officers placed Michael Cenetroni and Philip Perone under arrest and started to take them to jail.

With a yell of rage that brought everybody in the neighborhood on the run, the 200 assembled "anarchists" charged the detectives, who were forced to take refuge in a Broadway fire station.

A riot call brought a squad of patrolmen to the scene and seven other men were taken into custody. They, too, were lodged in the fire station.

As the big outer door was closing on the retiring police, the alleged leader of the "anarchists" created a sensation in front of the truck house. Shouting at the top of his voice, he jerked off his gaudy straw hat, threw it to the ground and danced madly on it. Then, whipping out a huge clasp-knife, he sprang the blade and hurled the weapon through the closing door. It was a 75-foot throw, but the knife went true as a bullet and whistled past the ears of Firemen F. M. Hogan and Jack Edgar, imbedding itself in a wall.

ROOSEVELT RECEIVES TOGO.

Japanese Admiral Presents Costly Souvenir to Warrior.

New York—Admiral Togo paid a warrior's tribute to Colonel Roosevelt. Apparently Roosevelt, the fighter, had appealed to the Japanese admiral, rather than Roosevelt, the peace-maker, for when he marched up Sagamore Hill to meet the ex-president he carried Mr. Roosevelt a two-foot miniature of a soldier's armor.

This unique souvenir was of glistening metal, exquisitely carved, and was encased in a heavy mahogany box, adorned with Japanese colors.

Admiral Togo had kept the prospective gift secret, and had apparently carried it on his travels from the time he left Japan.

The Japanese admiral journeyed to Oyster Bay on a special train on the Long Island road. Colonel Roosevelt, in a dark suit and immaculate white vest, stepped out on the veranda and greeted the admiral, who wore a white service uniform.

"Delighted to meet you!" exclaimed the colonel, his face beaming.

The party filed into the broad reception room and the admiral presented his gift. The colonel expressed his gratitude in a broadside of superlatives.

After luncheon the party gathered on the wide veranda whence sounds of frequent laughter and the vigorous voice of Mr. Roosevelt often issued. The luncheon was strictly private.

COUNTLESS CHINESE DEAD.

Floods Along Yangtze Cause Suffering Beyond Description.

Victoria, B. C.—Floods have caused loss of hundreds of lives and great suffering in China, where several rivers have overflowed along the Yangtze. Arrivals from Shanghai by the Empress of Japan say that the distress which followed the floods is so great that children are being exposed for sale.

One eye witness from Hankow tells of seeing a band of refugees camped under hovels of matting with a number of children herded under a sign announcing them for sale at the rate of 16 strings of cash (about 50 cents) for a boy and eight strings of cash (about 25 cents) for a girl.

Japs After Canal Trade.

Victoria, B. C.—News was brought by the Empress of Japan that the Osaka Shosen Kaisha has in view the establishment of a steamship line via the Panama canal when it is completed. At the annual meeting held shortly before the empress liner departed, Nakagawa and Chiura, officials of the company, were ordered to visit the Panama zone in the United States and South America to investigate trade possibilities in this connection. The Japanese line proposes to run into New York via the canal.

Senator Treasure Ship.

Seattle.—Seven hundred thousand dollars' worth of Alaska gold was brought to Seattle by the steamship Senator. The gold was shipped from the Nome and Iditarod districts. Half of this gold will be sent direct to the smelter in San Francisco and the remainder is consigned to Seattle banks.

ENGLISH CITIES TORN BY RIOTS

One Killed, Many Injured, In Street Battle.

Extensive Movement Is Threatened— Strikers May Tie Up Entire Transportation of Isles.

London—Great Britain appears to be confronted by a grave labor movement, compared with which the London strike just ended would be a small affair.

Together with the furious street battles in Liverpool in which one constable was killed and 40 policemen, including the superintendent, were injured, and serious riots at Glasgow, comes the news of meetings of railway employees at Liverpool, Glasgow, Manchester, Bristol, Sheffield and other large cities, at which threats were made of a general strike of all railway men, transport workers and dockers, unless existing disputes are settled promptly.

In London itself both railway and streetcar strikes still threaten. The men discussed the situation but have not taken active measures for going out. As in Glasgow, London's tramway service is run by the municipality.

A serious feature of the situation is the deep resentment the speakers displayed at the employment of military and police from other towns. The Socialist party is doing its utmost to fan this resentment.

At a meeting of 2,000 railroad men belonging to the Midland, Great Central and Metropolitan lines it was decided to call a general strike on all the railways and tubes in the London district unless grievances were remedied within a week. It is rumored that the London tramway men have also sent an ultimatum to the county council.

In Glasgow, where streetcar service was discontinued, 30,000 workmen met on Glasgow green and the strike leaders threatened drastic measures if the nonunion men continued to supplant strikers.

MASTODON SKULL FOUND.

Human and Animal Bones Dug Up [Are Fantastically Engraved.

San Jose, Cal.—One of the strangest relics the Santa Cruz mountains, with their 5,000-year old trees and other curiosities, have ever given up was found by R. S. McWhorter, of this city, and presented to the chamber of commerce. It is the skull of a giant mastodon, engraved centuries ago with fantastic designs of interlinked human and animal heads, or else eroded into these shapes by countless years of wear.

McWhorter exhibited the skull in the city. It is apparently only the upper part, the jaws having been worn away. It is partly petrified and has been lying partially exposed for some time in a wet spot, moss having grown on its sides. At first it appeared like an old stump, but investigation showed it to be ancient bone.

OPEN NEW POSTAL BANKS.

Pacific Coast to Get Three New Government Depositories.

Washington, D. C.—Encouraged by the successful trial of two weeks of the postal savings bank system in the great postoffices of New York, Chicago, St. Louis and Boston, Postmaster General Hitchcock has decided to extend the system rapidly to all the large cities and designated as postal savings depositories Kansas City, Pittsburg, Detroit, Buffalo, San Francisco, Cincinnati, Seattle, Wash., Indianapolis, Denver and Portland, Or.

The deposits in New York, Chicago, St. Louis and Boston for the first five days amounted to \$110,000, at which rate the annual deposits for the four cities would amount to about \$7,000,000.

Socialist Mayor Woeful.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Emil Seidel, Socialist mayor of Milwaukee, in reviewing the alleged wrongs that the party had suffered at the hands of local capitalists, bewailed the fact that he had been deposed as head of the police department, and acknowledged that the present city government was a machine, but explained that it was only a machine to help the workingmen. He said that when the Socialists got possession of the courts they would be used to define the law in the interests of the working classes.

Women Jurors Called.

Tacoma—Thirty-four women are included in the venire of 129 jurors for the September term of the Superior court. This is the first time since Washington was admitted to the Union that the names of women have been drawn on the regular venire.

BARLEY JUMPS TO \$1.40.

For First Time in Years Cereal Is Higher Than Wheat.

Stockton, Cal.—For the first time in many years barely is selling for more than wheat, and there is much excitement along grain row in this city, the grain center of the state. The cereal has been advancing very rapidly of late, and on the board it has jumped up almost a dollar during the past week.

The crop in this section is unusually heavy, and the cash price is high. This has caused the dealers to send agents into the country in an effort to get a new line on the yield and the quality, which they thought might possibly have been over-estimated. It has been shown that it has been many years since a larger and better crop was produced.

Some of the cautious buyers have dropped out of the market, as they fear a break almost any time. Some declare that the sudden bulge in prices is due to a speculative demand, and there will be a reaction. Others insist barley will go to \$1.50 before there is any reaction. The farmers in the meantime are making a large profit.

NOVEMBER 30 DESIGNATED AS THANKSGIVING DAY

Washington, D. C.—President Taft will designate Thursday, November 30, as Thanksgiving Day, despite the request of bankers that the president name Thursday, November 23.

It has always been the custom to designate the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day, and Mr. Taft will adhere to that custom. The bankers wanted November 23 selected, declaring that the making of November 30 a legal holiday would seriously interfere with their work. The law requires that National banks make their statements to the Treasury department on the first day of every month, and a holiday falling on the last day of the month would be most inconvenient, said the bankers.

There was some doubt as to what Thursday in November would be selected this year, as the month contains five Thursdays. The White House has been besieged by theatrical managers and those in charge of college football games to settle this doubt, so that definite arrangements can be made for the array of special performances and sports that mark the day.

TAFT NEEDS REST.

Western Trip Depends On Opportunity to Recuperate.

Washington, D. C.—Numerous invitations continue to reach the White House for President Taft to visit cities throughout the South and West during his coming trip, but owing to the uncertainty of the date of the adjournment of congress, the President has not definitely decided upon the itinerary.

The president is constantly receiving appeals to include the Pacific Coast in his program. He has said that if he could get a month of good rest at Beverly, he would not object to including the Far West in his journey, but that he must have some time for recuperation. He is to start on his Southern and Western trip September 16.

RIOTERS LOOT SHOP.

Troops Meet With Hostile Reception in Liverpool.

Liverpool—The calm of the strike situation here was dissipated by serious rioting in the vicinity of the Lime street station. A mob wrecked about 20 shops and looted them of boots and clothing. Nearly 500 additional troops who arrived in the city met with a hostile reception.

London—The strike of dockmen, lightermen, coalporters and carmen, which for several days has seriously disturbed all business in London and resulted in a shortage of food stuffs, coal, petrol and other necessities, was ended with the settlement of the lightermen's dispute. The men were conceded a 10-hour day and an increase of about 25 per cent in wages.

Want Diaz to Return.

Lucerne, Switzerland.—General Porfirio Diaz, ex-president of Mexico, has received many cablegrams from opponents of Francisco I. Madero, urging him to return to Mexico and "restore order." One from the Mexican society of New York informs the deposed executive that the society is getting up a huge petition begging him to intervene in the Mexican situation. The society has re-elected Diaz as president. General Diaz does not heed these communications, and is looking for a villa here.

Rubber Plants Resume.

Woonsocket, R. I.—The mills of the Woonsocket Rubber company, which have been closed for a month because of dullness in the rubber business, have resumed operations in several departments. Nearly 2,500 hands will find employment.

NORTHWEST HAS ONLY GOOD CROP

Situation Throughout Country Worst In Years.

Government's Monthly Report Discouraging—Increased Acreage Makes Up to Some Extent.

Northwest Wheat Crop Will Largely Exceed That of 1910.

Washington, D. C.—Preliminary estimates by the department of agriculture on the wheat crop fix the 1911 winter wheat crop of Oregon at 11,766,000 bushels, or 698,000 bushels over the crop of 1910. The quality of this crop August 1 is reported to have been 95 per cent and the yield per acre 22.2 bushels.

Washington's winter wheat crop is estimated at 19,890,000 bushels, as against 13,858,000 bushels last year. Its condition is reported as 97 per cent and the yield per acre as 27.3 bushels.

Spring wheat figures are given for Washington only and show the condition on August 1 to be 86 per cent, as compared with 93 on July 1. The Washington spring wheat crop was 62 on August 1, 1910.

Washington, D. C.—A tremendous decline in crops generally throughout the country, traceable to drought and intense heat, occurred last month, as indicated by official figures and estimates made in the monthly crop report of the department of agriculture.

The report is the worst, as to general crop conditions, that the department has issued for any one month since 1901.

The area most seriously affected extends from New York and Pennsylvania westward to the Rocky Mountains, embracing all the great corn, wheat and hay producing states in the country.

Conditions in the Pacific Northwest are regarded as excellent, although during July that territory suffered from a brief but excessively hot period. The figures of the report indicate a material slump in the prospects of all crops. Corn, which at this season is the most important, declined during the month from a condition of about 5 per cent below the average as indicated by the July report, to nearly 15 per cent below the average.

AMERICAN FLAG BURNED.

"Yankee Hater" in Canadian Town Vents Spleen on Emblem.

Buffalo, N. Y.—A dispatch from London, Ont., says:

Thomas Midgely, who prides himself on the title of "Yankee Hater," publicly burned the Stars and Stripes in the streets of the town of Woodstock. A few hours before, someone, in a spirit of mischief, had nailed an American flag above the door of his shop. When Midgely saw the flag he called his neighbors around him and walking to the middle of the street, lighted a fire and burned the flag. Then he scattered the ashes about the street, "that the horses might trample them under their feet."

NEW INVASION EXPECTED.

Magon Junta Prepares to Continue War in Lower California.

San Diego, Cal.—Dr. J. Dias Prieto, Mexican consul in San Diego, confirms the report that the Magon junta in Los Angeles is preparing for a second armed insurrection in Lower California. Consul Prieto said he had been in touch with the situation on the border the past six or seven days and that he was in communication with Colonel Celso Vega, jefe politico at Ensenada, Lower California.

Thirty Mexicans, led by an Italian who served in the rebel army in Lower California, are said to have left San Diego in groups during the past 24 hours and two excited gatherings of Mexicans in the lower end of the city were dispersed by the police.

Brother Probably Kidnapper.

Chicago—Inspector Revere, who has been conducting the search for 6-year-old Angelo Mareno, granted Philip Mareno, the child's brother, 24 hours in which to produce the missing boy on pain of being locked up. The police believe now that the kidnapping of little Angelo was the result of a family disagreement and that the elder brother knows who has the boy and where he is hidden. Philip is said to have been the only one who knew of his father's savings of a little over \$1,000.

Frost Hits Canadians.

St. Paul—According to reports received by the local weather bureau, Edmonton and Calgary, Canada, experienced breaths of frost Thursday morning, the temperature dropping to 36 degrees.