

## 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.

"Aunt Della" Torrey is to visit the president, who is her favorite nephew.

The Chinese rebel army has dealt a crushing defeat to the imperial forces, killing over 400.

A rich gold-bearing ledge has been found near Raymond, Wash., and a regular stampede is on.

A Portland merchant was convicted and fined \$50 for publishing a false and misleading advertisement.

Four hundred Portland, Or., Chinese cut off their queues after an urgent appeal by a Chinese "spellbinder."

Five Salem, Or., saloons took down their union cards and refused an increase of wages to their bartenders.

Clarence S. Darrow, who acted as counsel for the McNamara's, has been indicted at Los Angeles on jury bribing charges.

A consular official says a rich trade in Central America is being gobbled up by Europeans while American merchants are asleep.

Troops are called out to quell strike riots at Lawrence, Mass., one woman is killed by a soldier's bullet and many are wounded on both sides.

The Duke of Fife, a member of the royal house of England, died at Assuan, Egypt, from the effects of exposure in a shipwreck last December.

A runaway trolley car at St. Paul crashed into another car filled with passengers and then caught fire from the stove. Twenty were injured, two of them fatally.

A guinea pig was found alive in its wire cage in the ruins of the Equitable building in New York City, having survived the fire which practically destroyed the contents of the building, and lived 16 days without food or water.

Friends of a woman arrested at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, showered her and the deputy sheriff with rice when they went to take the train for Tacoma, thus concealing for the time, the true state of affairs.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 85¢; club, 82¢; red Russian, 81¢; valley, 83¢; forty-fold, 83¢.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$23 per ton; shorts, \$25; middlings, \$30; rolled barley, \$38@39.

Barley—Whole, \$40 per ton. Corn—New, whole, \$34; cracked, \$35 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$32 per ton. Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$17@18; No. 1 valley, \$15@16; alfalfa, \$13@14; clover, \$12; grain, \$12@13.

Potatoes—Buying prices: Burbanks, 90¢@92 per hundred. Vegetables—Artichokes, \$1.25 per dozen; cabbage, 1¢@1½¢ per pound; cauliflower, \$2.50 per crate; celery, \$5.25 per crate; garlic, 8¢@10¢ per pound; hothouse lettuce, 50¢@1.00 per box; pumpkins, 1¢@1½¢ per pound; sprouts, 8¢; squash, 1¢@1½¢ per pound; turnips, \$1.25 per sack; rutabagas, \$1.25; carrots, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.25; beets, \$1.50.

Apples—Fancy Rome beauty, \$2.50 per box; choice Rome beauty, \$2; fancy Yellow Newtown, \$2.50; fancy Spitzenbergs, \$2.75; Delaware Red, \$1.75; Winesap, \$2; Northern Spy, \$1.60; Baldwin, \$1.50@2; Ben Davis, \$1.25.

Butter—Oregon creamery butter, solid pack, 36¢; prints, extra.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, candled, 30¢@31¢ per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 8¢@9¢ per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 13¢@14¢ per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 13¢@14¢; springs, 13¢@13½¢; ducks, young, 22¢; geese, 12¢; turkeys, live, 18¢; dressed, choice, 22¢.

Hops—1911 crop, 43¢@44¢; olds, nominal, 1912 contracts, 26¢@26½¢; three years, 19c; five years, 15c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 90¢@16¢ per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 16¢@17c; mohair, choice, 35¢ per pound.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$5.85@6.10; good, \$5.60@5.75; choice cows, \$4.90@5.10; good, \$4.25@4.75; choice sprayed heifers, \$5.35@5.50; good to choice heifers, \$5@5.25; choice bulls, \$4.25@4.50; good, \$4@4.25; choice calves, \$7.50@8; good, \$6.75@7.

Hogs—Choice to light hogs, \$6.50@6.60; good to choice, \$6.40@6.50; smooth heavy hogs, \$5.75@6.

Sheep—Choice yearling wethers \$4.50@4.75; choice lambs, \$5@5.50; good, \$4.50@4.75; culls, \$3.75@4.

### PACKERS' WAY X-RAYED.

Government Asserts Firm Bought Up and Killed Competition.

Chicago—Evidence that the National Packing company was one of the agencies used by the alleged packers' combination to destroy competition was given in the trial of the ten defendants charged with criminal violation of the Sherman law.

By the books of the National Packing company, the government showed that the corporation acquired by purchase 13 competitors after its organization in March, 1903, and that the price paid for these independent concerns was \$8,000,000. A majority of these packing concerns thereupon were closed.

The packers have contended all along, according to the theory of the government, that the sole object of organizing the National Packing company was to operate the 15 independent packing companies purchased in 1902 to put in the proposed \$1,000,000,000 merger, which was abandoned because of the inability of its promoters to finance it.

This contention was upheld by the government in evidence showing the National Packing company purchased 13 competing companies after its organization.

### MAKES JAILER VICTIM.

Lawyer Retained, Also Paid With Bad Check by Prisoner.

Los Angeles—Frank C. Smith, alias Dr. J. C. Day, who was arrested in Portland and is held in the county jail awaiting trial on a charge of embezzlement, has added another original chapter to his career by passing bad checks on his jailer and his lawyer when in a state of incarceration. So far as known he is the only prisoner confined here who ever succeeded in such a feat.

Smith's victims were George Gallagher, chief jailer of the county institution, and the law firm of Wisler & Vermilyea. The prisoner retained Henry M. Wisler to defend him. One check was given the attorney as a retaining fee, while Gallagher got his in payment for certain exceptional privileges accorded prisoners who are able to pay for extra comforts.

Both checks came back from the South Spring Street bank, on which they were drawn, bearing the notation, "No funds." Smith had secured some cash and special privileges for the checks.

### DUKE VIEWS NEW YORK.

Royal Party Much Impressed by Growth of Metropolis.

New York—The royal trio of Connaughts—the duke, duchess and Princess Patricia—had their first opportunity Wednesday to make something like an intimate acquaintance with American life. They viewed it in at least three distinct phases.

From the tower of the highest office building in the world they surveyed the forest of downtown skyscrapers, and with the aid of glasses they viewed the entire metropolitan district for 25 miles around.

At the foot of the tower, after they had shot down 8 floors in an elevator, they came face to face with their first American "mob." More than 500 persons beset the ducal party and by sheer force the party made its way to automobiles.

The royal visitors met nearly 300 of New York's society folk at a ball in the home of Ambassador Reid.

The impressions New York has made upon the duke have been but meagerly told in the exclamation that the city has changed wonderfully since his visit here as Prince Arthur in 1868.

### Oil Is Fined \$55,000.

Buffalo, N. Y.—The Standard Oil company, of New York, was fined \$55,000 by Judge Hazel in the United States District court in this city for 143 violations of the interstate commerce law in accepting rate concessions in 1904 and 1905 from the Pennsylvania and New York Central railroads on shipments of oil from Olean, N. Y., to Burlington, Vt. The maximum possible fine in the Standard Oil case would have been \$2,860,000.

### Spokane to Aid Pupils.

Spokane—For the immediate relief of 200 or more Spokane school children who are forced to attend school unfed, the city commissioners authorized the city charity board to make an appropriation of any sum the board may find sufficient. The plan is to establish lunch counters at the schools for use of all the children, those affording it to pay for what they get and those who cannot be handed meal tickets privately by the teachers.

### Nonunion Men Walk Out.

Houston, Tex.—So-called strike-breakers, numbering 150, employed in the Harriman line shops here, walked out shortly before noon Wednesday. They declared they had declined to assent to a charge of 50 cents a day for meals. It is said the company had been giving them free board since the inauguration of the strike here October 19.



CLARENCE S. DARROW

Who was chief counsel for the McNamara Brothers during their trial for dynamiting the Los Angeles Times, and who is now under indictment for bribery in connection with the trial.

## ADVISES GENERAL SHIFT OF ARMY

### Secretary Stimson Would Abandon Many Small Posts.

Concentration Is Keynote of New Plan—Greater Economy and Availability Gained.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary of War Stimson, acting upon an exhaustive report from the general staff, has decided that no less than 16, and probably 18, existing army posts should be abandoned at once, in order to put an end to the "extravagance and inefficiency resulting from improper distribution of the mobile army."

The posts condemned are Apache, Arizona; Boise Barracks, Idaho; Brady, Michigan; Clark, Texas; Geo. Wright, Washington; Jay, New York; Lincoln, North Dakota; Logan, H. Roots, Arkansas; McIntosh, Texas; McKenzie, Wyoming; Madison Barracks, New York; Meade, South Dakota; Niagara, New York; Ontario, New York; Wayne, Michigan; Whipple Barracks, Arizona; William Henry Harrison, Montana, and Yellowstone, Wyoming.

Of Fort Apache, it is said a possibility of Indian trouble near this post still exists, and that Fort Jay might be retained as headquarters of the eastern military division.

There is another formidable list of posts which, while not recommended for immediate abandonment, are declared not to be situated with a view of securing economy of administration and supply or a full measure of military effectiveness. Consequently their garrisons will not be increased, and ultimately they will be withdrawn to such points of concentration as congress may designate. These points are Ethan Allen, Vermont; Plattsburg Barracks, New York; Robinson, Nebraska; Missoula, Montana; Logan, Colorado; Douglas, Utah, and D. A. Russell, Wyoming.

The latter post is shown to have cost to date \$4,925,486. It is said not to be situated with a view to maximum economy or strategic effectiveness.

The principal object is to dispose of the present small army with distinct reference to its mission in case of war. This first involves adequate forces for foreign garrisons, which cannot be reinforced from the United States.

### Loot From Bank \$4,000.

Vancouver, B. C.—It is learned that the two unmasked holdup men who robbed the Hillcrest branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, last week, got away with \$4,000 instead of only \$1,999, as given out at first by the bank officials. Had the holdup occurred a day sooner a much larger amount would have been lost, as on that day the branch had \$15,000 on hand, but the money was transferred to the main bank at the close of the day.

States after the outbreak of hostilities. With the rest of the army a mobile force is to be organized and distributed among about eight great strategic points in the United States, instead of scattered in 49.

### FLYERS WIN BIG MONEY.

One Death and One Bad Accident Total of Los Angeles Meet.

Los Angeles—The Third international aviation meet at Dominguez field was brought to a close Sunday after nine consecutive days of flying. Approximately \$30,000 will be distributed in prizes to the flyers. The greatest winners are Lincoln Beachey and Phil O. Parmalee. Weldon B. Cooke, of Oakland, won endurance honors for the meet, with Farnum T. Fish, the Los Angeles boy aviator, second.

Beachey and Parmalee supplied the thrills, the former volplaning from a height estimated at 5,000 feet and later darting through the air with his hand outstretched far from the controlling wheel.

Blanche Stuart Scott, the only woman aviator at the meet, made a flight in street costume as part of a moving picture drama and later engaged in "ocean rolling" and "kangaroo hopping."

The record broken at the meet was for fancy flying—that for cutting three figure eights in succession. Parmalee made the performance in 1:05 1-2.

Perhaps the most noteworthy event of the meet was the night flying, in which the practicability of the aeroplane in warfare was demonstrated to the satisfaction of the United States army and navy officers.

### HAYWOOD CONDEMNED.

Labor Denounces Defender of McNamara's As Traitor.

Denver—William D. Haywood, ex-secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, who is in Lawrence, Mass., working in the cause of the striking textile workers, was denounced by the Denver trades and labor assembly as an enemy of organized labor.

The resolution attacking Haywood was adopted after evidence had been presented that Haywood had been quoted correctly in the newspapers recently when he made statements attacking the American federation of labor because of its withdrawal of support from the McNamara's following their pleas of guilty in the Los Angeles dynamiting case. Haywood's remarks were branded as incendiary and unworthy of a man connected with organized labor.

### Wabash to Be Improved.

New York—Simultaneously with the statement that Frederick Delano, president and one of the receivers of the Wabash railroad, was in New York arranging for an issue of \$5,000,000 receiver's certificates for improvements, the "independent" committee of the road's refunding and extension bondholders announced that they had agreed to finance the improvements and would seek the immediate foreclosure of the mortgage.

## TAFT PREPARES ALASKA MESSAGE

### Will Recommend Federal Railway and Commission.

In Complete Accord With Secretary Fisher—Would Lease Portion of Coal Lands.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft's next message to congress will deal with the conservation of natural resources. It is expected that it will be sent in next week, and a recent cabinet meeting was devoted largely to a consideration of the recommendations to be made. It developed that there is complete accord between President Taft and Secretary of the Interior Fisher as to methods that ought to be adopted and the legislation that is essential to the safeguarding of present interests and the interests of future generations.

With the general subject of conservation goes the administration of affairs in Alaska. Indeed, it is with respect to Alaska that the most pressing demand for conservation legislation is involved. It has been decided to recommend substantially as follows:

The construction by the Federal government of a central trunk line railroad from tidewater to Tanana and Yukon, Alaska.

The passage of a liberal but carefully safeguarded leasing law, development of mineral resources and especially of coal lands.

The reservation of a sufficient amount of coal lands in Alaska to provide for the future needs of the navy and the mining of coal by the government for this purpose.

More liberal appropriations for the construction of roads and trails in Alaska.

The adoption of a form of territorial government in Alaska better adapted to its remote situation and peculiar conditions.

Of the pros and cons of the leasing system with respect to Alaska the country has been fully informed heretofore. The commission government plan is one that aroused much opposition in certain congressional circles, but after a full consideration it is the conviction of the administration that their plan offers the best solution of the problem.

### CURRENT'S COURSE NEW.

Japan Stream Now Setting Closer to Alaska Coast.

Cordova, Alaska—A phenomenal change in the course of the Japan current, which is now setting closer to the Alaska coast, was reported by Captain J. C. Hunter, of the steamship Northwestern, and Captain P. A. Obert, of the steamship Edith. Captain Hunter said the Northwestern was set 55 miles eastward ahead of the log running from Cape Flattery to Cape St. Elias, and the Edith was 26 miles off her course running from Cape Ommaney to St. Elias.

No satisfactory explanation has been given of the change of current. One theory is that the recent volcanic disturbance in the Alaska peninsula may have thrown up some new island in the North Pacific which has swung the current from its old course.

### Fire Chief Loses Life.

Walla Walla, Wash.—Assistant Fire Chief Robert J. Wolf was killed, Lieutenant William Davis dangerously burned, and approximately \$200,000 worth of property was destroyed by fire in the Jones building, a three-story structure at Second and Alder streets in the heart of the business district.

The fire was the worst Walla Walla has had for a quarter of a century. For six hours it raged uncontrolled, and at times it was thought certain parts of the business district surrounding would be burned.

### Old Crime Torments Him.

Eureka, Cal.—Tormented by a killing committed, he says, 19 years ago in Kentucky, J. W. Gray, who came here a week ago from Texas, surrendered to the Eureka police and asked that the Kentucky authorities be notified. The police at first were skeptical of the story, but by chance a man was found here who had knowledge of the case and identified Gray. Word was then sent to the Kentucky officials.

### Fruit to Be Quarantined.

Sacramento—State Horticultural Commissioner Cook has declared a quarantine against Mexico, prohibiting the shipping of guavas and mangoes from that country and requiring the fumigation of oranges shipped into California either by rail or steamer. The order is aimed at the so-called orange fly of Mexico.