

## 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 house has gone on record as favoring the eight-hour day in government arsenals.

Several thousand miners have already quit work in the threatened coal strike in England.

Oregon has been given the first choice of sites for a state building at the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco.

Abraham Ruef, convicted political boss of San Francisco, refuses to testify against ex Mayor Schmitz in a bribery case.

Senator Gardner, of Maine, would have the government buy in the express companies and run them in conjunction with the postal department.

Texas militiamen guarding the El Paso electric light plant were fired on at night by parties concealed behind box cars, and believed to be Mexicans.

A Connecticut investigating board finds that of 722 samples of food, drinks and drugs sold in that state, 232 were adulterated.

It is said that on the strength of an offer made by Roosevelt a year ago, when the Madero revolution in Mexico was at its height, he might yet be sent to the front.

So many robberies are occurring in New York that society women are having their jewels placed in safety vaults and are wearing bogus duplicates of them.

Fire destroyed the upper three floors of the old Gilman hotel, at the southeast corner of First and Alder streets, Portland. One man was killed by jumping and another died from excitement and fright.

A woman at Los Angeles, seeing a burglar helping himself to jewelry and valuables from her bureau, grabbed a pillow and attacked him so energetically that he was completely routed and forced to jump from a second-story window.

#### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 89¢; 90c; club, 86¢; 87c; red Russian, 85c; valley, 86¢; 87c; forty-four, 86¢; 87c.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$20.22 per ton; shorts, \$22.24; middlings, \$30.

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

Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$15.16; No. 1 valley, \$13.14; alfalfa, \$13; clover, \$9; grain hay, \$10.11.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$32.50; 33 ton. Cranberries, \$10.11.50 per barrel.

Potatoes—Buying prices: Burbanks, \$1.15; 1.50 per hundred.

Vegetables—Artichokes, \$1.25 per dozen; cabbage, 1¢ per pound; garlic, 8¢; 10c; bothouse lettuce, 50¢; 75c per box; pumpkins, 1¢; 2c per pound; rhubarb, \$3.50; 3.50 per box; spinach, \$1.15; 1.25 per box; sprouts, 8c; squash, 1¢; 2c per pound; turnips, \$1.10; 1.10 per sack; rutabagas, \$1.10; 1.10; carrots, \$1.10; 1.10; parsnips, \$1.10; 1.10; beets, \$1.25.

Onions—Association price, \$2.50 per sack.

Apples—Yellow Newtowns, \$2.50; 2.50 per box; Spitzenbergs, \$1.75; 3; Baldwin, \$1.50; 2; Ben Davis, \$1.75; Red Cheek Pippins, \$2.25; 2.50; Gano, \$1.75.

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

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, candled, 20¢; 21c per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, \$4.9c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 13¢; 14c per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 17c; springs, 15¢; 16c; ducks, 17¢; 17c; geese, 8¢; 10c; turkeys, live, 16c; dressed, 20¢; 21c.

Hops—1911 crop, 38c; olds, nominal; 1912 contracts, 25¢; 26c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 14¢; 16c per pound; valley, 16¢; 17c; mohair, choice, 30¢; 35c.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.65; good, \$5.75; 6; choice cows, \$5.50; 5.60; good, \$4.75; 5.50; choice spayed heifers, \$5.35; 5.50; good to choice heifers, \$5.25; 5.25; choice bulls, \$4.25; 4.50; good, \$4.25; 4.25; choice calves, \$8.25; 8.60; good, \$6.75; 7.

Hogs—Choice light hogs, \$6.50; 6.75; smooth heavy hogs, \$5.75; 6; rough heavy, \$5.50; 5.75.

Sheep—Choice yearlings, \$4.50; 4.75; choice twos and threes, \$3.90; 4.25; choice killing ewes, \$4.10; 4.60; culls, \$2.50; 3.25; choice grain-fed lambs, \$5.50; 5.60; choice spring lambs, \$4.75; 5; good to choice lambs, \$4.50; 4.75; fair to good lambs, \$4.25; 4.50; cull lambs, \$3.75; 4.

#### SEVEN ARE KILLED.

Many Injured and Great Damage Done by Arkansas Tornado.

Little Rock, Ark.—Seven persons are known to have been killed and more than a score injured in a tornado which swept portions of Lincoln, Jefferson and Arkansas counties. The greatest destruction was reported near Almyria in the prairie and rice lands of Arkansas county.

Mrs. Ed Johnson, her three children, a hired man named McClain, and an unidentified stranger who was at the Johnson home, were killed. The husband and an infant child were severely injured. A score more persons were injured when their homes were destroyed.

A child by the name of Hamilton is known to have been killed near Swan Lake, Ark. Seven injured were placed on a relief train to be taken to a hospital at Pine Bluff.

At Terry, in the northern part of Lincoln county, several residences were destroyed, and Dr. Williams and his wife were caught in the wreckage of their home, both being injured seriously.

All wires are down in the storm-swept section. Meager reports place property loss in the Almyria neighborhood at \$100,000.

A ten-inch fall of snow covers Missouri, Kansas and portions of Oklahoma and Arkansas. The snow began about noon. A high wind from the north swept snow and sleet before it most of the day, piling it in huge drifts and demoralizing train service and other traffic. Temperatures are not low, 30 degrees being reported from various places.

#### RIOTING CONTINUES.

Lawrence Textile Workers Resist Police and Militia.

Lawrence, Mass.—The millworkers' strike, now in its seventh week, was marked by a recurrence of the riotous scenes of Saturday. The disturbances, however, were not connected with the exportation of children.

Police officers were forced to use their clubs on a crowd of strike sympathizers who had thrown stones at them, following some arrests. A small number of infantrymen and a troop of cavalry were sent to the scene and dispersed the crowd, which offered no active resistance to the soldiers.

The city officials gave back to the parents most of the children who were taken in charge as they were about to be placed on a train en route for Philadelphia. The children had passed the night at the city poor farm.

The parents of these children will be called into court to answer to charges of child neglect. Leaders of the Industrial Workers of the World said that another attempt would be made to send children to homes provided for them in other cities.

The leaders maintain that the authorities overstepped their rights in preventing the departure of the children. Federal investigation by congress, it is said, will be welcomed by the strikers.

Thus far more than 300 children have been sent out of the city under the direction of the Industrial Workers of the World.

The strike leaders and some of the parents declared that they have a legal right to send their children away for a vacation. At the poor farm, on the other hand, the officials said that when the parents called for their children they said they had surrendered them under misapprehension and that they are now desirous of taking them home and keeping them there.

#### Aviators Daring in Wind.

Oakland, Cal.—Despite the hazardous conditions imposed by a treacherous wind, all of the aviators except Miss Blanch Scott went aloft to please the large crowd assembled for the closing day's programme and thrilled the spectators with figure flights, spectacular races and long glides from great altitudes.

The aviators will go to Sacramento, where a meet is scheduled for the coming week.

#### Man of 79 Flies in Air.

San Diego, Cal.—James M. Sears, aged 79, a tourist from Salem, Ohio, had the distinction of being the oldest man in the United States to make a flight in a hydro-aeroplane. In company with W. B. Atwater, in the new model Curtiss machine, he ascended to a height of 500 feet and circled San Diego Bay. "Best sport I ever tackled," he said.

#### Only Olive Oil is "Sweet Oil"

Washington, D. C.—That olive oil alone may be sold under label as sweet oil, the board of food and drug inspection, headed by Dr. H. W. Wiley, has decided. Hereafter mixtures of cottonseed oil and olive oil thus sold will be considered by the government as misbranded.

## TROOPS FACE MEXICAN CRISIS

### Ready for Invasion, If Necessary, to Protect Rights.

#### Crew of Thousand Men On Constant Dress Parade—Colon Will Be First Stop.

Key West, Fla.—When the armored cruiser Washington, the official home of Secretary of State Knox for the greater part of the next two months, weighed anchor off Key West and turned toward the isthmus, there was begun a diplomatic mission in many respects unprecedented.

While the itinerary will consist largely of formal courtesies, there probably will be friendly exchanges of political significance.

The first stopping place of Secretary Knox will be Colon, whence he will proceed to Panama. There he will deliver what may be set down now as the keynote speech of the trip, setting forth what was in the mind of the administration when the itinerary was planned.

The program of visits has been rearranged from time to time and is still tentative. It had been expected that Mr. Knox would go to Panama first, but it was decided later that he should visit the canal zone.

Secretary Knox is accompanied by Mrs. Knox and Hugh Knox and his wife. The party was entertained by Rear-Admiral Young and later went out to the ship on a navy tug.

The cruiser Washington has been put in spick-and-span shape and carries nearly 1,000 men, the largest crew now on any American battleship. The whole after part of the gun deck has been set aside for the use of the Knox party. There will be frequent receptions to government officials, on whom the secretary will call. To the officers and crew it will not be an easy trip. They will be on almost constant dress parade, as official visitors come and go. They, however, have entered into the spirit of the cruise, and will make a showing in the ports visited that will reflect credit on the navy and the nation.

#### \$147,500 PAID FOR CANVAS.

Identity of American Purchaser of Mantegna's Work Withheld.

Berlin—The most important art auction ever held in Germany opened in the Lepke auction rooms here when the collection of old masters belonging to the estate of the late Edwin F. Weber, a leading merchant of Hamburg, was put up for sale. Francois Kleinberger, the art dealer of Paris, gave \$147,500 for the "Virgin and Child," by Andrea Mantegna.

It is understood that Dr. Kleinberger was acting for an American buyer, whose identity is withheld. The Boston Museum purchased an altar triptych, attributed to the master Staevern, for \$18,000 and an unknown master's "Crucifixion" for \$5,000.

#### TAFT FAVORS BATTLESHIPS.

Believes Time Has Not Yet Come for Disarmament.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft, speaking at the peace meeting of the Navy league here, declared that the time had not come for this country to be economical at the expense of an adequate naval establishment; expressed the hope that the present congress would authorize the construction of two battleships, and said he would gladly sign a bill that carried such an authorization.

"In order to keep up with other nations, I don't think two battleships are too many," said the president. "I am partly responsible for the government and I am entirely willing to meet the responsibility by signing a bill for two battleships."

#### Eight Bodies Recovered.

Lehigh, Okla.—With the exception of nine men, all of the miners at work in mine No. 5 of the Western Coal & Mining company, when fire broke out in the mine, answered roll call. Eight bodies have been recovered. Efforts to penetrate the workings in search for the other men have been abandoned. The mine is being flooded to quench the fire. Damage to the mine cannot be estimated, but is known to be very great.

#### Aviator Breaks Record.

Pau, France—Maurice Tabuteau, the French aviator, broke the world's aerodrome record for a two hours' flight by covering 227 kilometers, 454 meters, (141 miles, 640 yards), at the flying grounds here. Tabuteau already held the record for a two hours' flight, which he established on January 24 at Pau, when he flew 205 kilos 287 meters, (127 miles 5 furlongs), in that time.

#### BILL IN NEW GUISE

Sulzer is Now Author of Apple Box Regulation.

Washington, D. C.—A new apple-box bill, differing somewhat from the Lafean bill, which was killed off in the last congress, has made its appearance in the house of representatives in a somewhat new form and with a different author. The new bill is presented by Representative Sulzer, of New York, and has been referred to the committee on interstate commerce instead of to the committee on agriculture.

While the bill is different in its phraseology from the Lafean bill, it is drafted to accomplish the same purpose—to handicap Western apples in Eastern markets, where they are now commanding top-notch prices and crowding out Eastern-grown fruit of the same varieties.

It is too early in the session to determine what fate awaits the Sulzer bill, but the purpose in referring it to the interstate commerce committee was to get a favorable report, it having been demonstrated that the committee on agriculture, after having gone thoroughly into the subject, is not favorable to such legislation. Whether the interstate commerce committee will report the bill remains to be seen, for when the bill is called up in committee an effort will be made by Western members to prevent a favorable report.

Hearings will be held by the house interstate commerce committee March 7, on the bill, which is very similar to the Lafean bill of the last congress. Representatives Hawley, Pray and others from the Pacific Northwest will oppose the bill and will secure hearings for all Northwestern apple growers who wish to appear.

#### DIPLOMAT IS RECALLED.

Colombia Repudiates Letter of Minister at Washington.

Bogota, Colombia—General Pedro Nel Ospina, Colombian minister to the United States, was recalled by the Colombian government.

The action of the Colombian government was taken because neither it nor the Colombian people uphold the position taken by the Colombian minister at Washington in notifying the State department that the proposed visit to Colombia of Secretary Knox would be inopportune because Colombia's claims in connection with Panama have not been arbitrated.

The notification given by the Colombian government says that General Ospina is "separated from his post at Washington, and that the incident between Colombia and the United States is thus closed."

Colombia, it continues, will maintain her international policy.

#### Colombia's Act Voluntary.

Washington, D. C.—The only concern of the State department, on being informed of the recall of the Colombian minister, was that it should be thoroughly understood that the department has not directly or indirectly suggested this course, which consequently appears to have been purely voluntary on the part of the Colombian government. The government has all along regarded Mr. Ospina's utterances as purely personal, thereby accepting his own definition of his note.

#### Nehalem Hearing Given.

Washington, D. C.—Contrary to report, the river and harbor board of review informed Representative Hawley that it had not made an adverse report on the proposed improvement of the Nehalem river, but says that it has now sufficient data as to commerce to justify action. At Mr. Hawley's request another hearing will be given by the board, when Mr. Hawley and other interested persons will appear to urge favorable recommendation.

#### Park Will Have Hotel.

Washington, D. C.—Will G. Steel has received notice that the Interior department had granted him a 20-year hotel concession in the Crater Lake National Park, which gives him the right to erect and maintain a hotel. Steel has recently organized a company for this purpose and probably will begin work as soon as the season opens.

#### "Lady of Mystery" Dead

Philadelphia—Mrs. Sarah Keene, the "mystery lady" of the Philadelphia hospital, is dead of old age after 51 years spent in that institution. She was taken to the hospital in 1861, suffering from smallpox. She was cured, but while convalescent lost her memory. To questions as to who she was or from where she came she simply shook her head.

#### Explosion Panic Fatal.

Wheeling, W. Va.—In an explosion and panic in a moving picture show at Albrightsville, Preston county, West Virginia, 29 persons were injured, one fatally. Some of the 28 injured are said to be fatally hurt.

## WARSHIP SAILS WITH DIPLOMAT

### Secretary Knox and Party Begin 60-Day Trip.

#### Patrol Being Rapidly Re-inforced—Vasquistas Approach Juarez and Residents Flee

El Paso—Four troops of United States cavalry patrol the Rio Grande with orders to cross into Ciudad Juarez, if necessary, to protect American life and property.

With the 22d Infantry and three companies of artillery entrained at San Antonio for this city, and at least 1,000 Vasquistas at Bauche, 14 miles south of Juarez, the situation generally is considered the most critical since the recent outbreak in Chihuahua.

The troops at Bauche are commanded by Colonel Inez Salszar, who, it is understood, will soon demand the formal surrender of Juarez. It is hardly believed any show of resistance will be made, as Juarez is garrisoned only by about 100 men.

That General Pasqual Orozco will remain loyal to Madero is the statement contained in a message from Governor Gonzales to Mexican Consul Enrique C. Lorente in El Paso. Lorente also declared he had received advice that Antonio Rojas and Barullo Hernandez, rebel leaders, had been captured, but further confirmation was unobtainable.

Anticipating unexpected developments, Juarez residents moved their portable effects to the American side.

United States and Mexican secret service operatives and Texas Rangers seized a manifesto issued by Gonzalo Enrile, former Mexican consul at Brussels. The manifesto makes an attack on the president of the United States, accusing him of "being responsible for the troubles of Mexico and Latin America."

Officers are searching for Gonzalo Enrile. The manifesto says in part:

"There have been so many bad acts in Mexico caused by your great efforts at expansion and domination, that it would be a crime of lese patria to suffer them in silence longer. You have created, fomented and consummated the revolution which placed in power the traitor who is giving you our country. Your troops have invaded our territory. In the name of the Monroe doctrine you put at half-mast the flags of your sister republics. You appropriated Hawaii, you took the Panama canal zone. The Cubans did not blow up the Maine. Spain did not. Wall street did, with its imperialism. This crime was called 'William McKinley,' and he paid the penalty by a bullet of Czolgosz."

#### ARMY THOROUGHLY PREPARED

No Americans Shall Suffer, is Order From Washington.

Washington, D. C.—Determined that no American lives shall be sacrificed as a result of fighting on the Mexican border, the United States troops along the Rio Grande were re-inforced and orders were given that firing into American territory must be stopped, even though it be necessary to cross the boundary line to force compliance.

The order, the most sweeping that has gone out from the White House in the present situation, was issued after a conference between President Taft, Secretary of War Stimson, and Acting Secretary of State Huntington Wilson.

In addition to sending another regiment of infantry and three batteries of field artillery to the Mexican line, orders were issued to division commanders throughout the country to hold their companies in readiness to move at a moment's notice. The acute situation in Mexico has had the effect of putting the army establishment in a high state of preparation, and mobilization on the Rio Grande could be effected quickly if occasion should arise.

#### Nevada is Raising Cash.

Carson, Nev.—Three bills designed to remedy financial difficulties in the state taxation system were passed at Saturday's session of the legislature here.

One of the bills authorizes the state to borrow \$200,000 from the school funds at 4 per cent interest; a second measure redistributes the state's money into various funds and a third appropriates \$10,000 for the expenses of the present extra session.

#### Madero is Asked to Resign.

San Antonio, Tex.—Emilio Vasquez Gomez has telegraphed President Madero, of Mexico, from here asking him to surrender the presidency of the country and prevent further bloodshed and growth of the revolutionary movement. Gomez has been advanced as a presidential possibility by the Vasquista revolutionists in Mexico.