

# 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.

Los Angeles women hold the balance of power in the politics of that city.

Persia begs the powers to interfere and prevent the aggressions of Russia.

Alarm and distress increase in Seattle as the water supply rapidly disappears.

James J. Hill extolls the wonders of the Pacific Northwest at the Chicago Land show.

Millions will change hands in Los Angeles at the coming election if the Socialists are defeated.

Chinese officials confirm the reports that a massacre of foreign missionaries has occurred at Sian Fu.

It is reported that Princess Lal, mother of the child emperor of China, has eloped with a Chinese actor.

President Taft was forced to cancel several engagements on account of a severe cold, but is now improving.

A Portland Chinaman arrested in a gambling raid proved that the "lottery ticket" found in his possession was a dairy he had kept for many years.

Texas state troops are rushed to the Mexican border with orders to seize all contraband arms and ammunition.

A "lazy father" in Sacramento has been sentenced to work two years on the county roads at \$1.50 per day, the money being paid to his family.

Threats by the railroads to establish competitive steamer lines is said to have resulted in preventing the establishment of independent water lines via the Panama canal.

The shoe industry of the country is cited as the ideal after which Federal regulation of trusts should be based.

Choice Oregon hops sell at 45 cents in the Portland market.

Roosevelt advocates government fixing of prices "in extreme cases."

Bids will soon be asked for two giant battleships, each carrying six 14-inch guns.

Seven men were drowned by the upsetting of a skiff on the North fork of Lewis River, Wash., while six others had narrow escapes.

Eight millions of people in Russia are facing starvation as a result of crop failures.

The Trans-Mississippi congress has agreed on the urgent need of improved waterways.

Promoters of a lumber combine involving \$125,000,000 of coast property are drafting plans of incorporation.

Henry L. Higginson, a Boston banker, believes that the common laws are sufficient to control monopolies, and that the Sherman law should be repealed.

### PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Export basis: Bluestem, 83c; club, 80c; red Russian, 75c; valley, 80c; fort, 81c.

Corn—Whole, 37c; cracked, 38c.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$23 per ton; middlings, \$31; shorts, \$24; rolled barley, \$35.36.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$31.02 ton.

Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$18.19; No. 1 valley, \$15.60; alfalfa, \$13.04; clover, \$11.12; grain, \$11.02.

Barley—Feed, \$32.50/33 per ton; brewing, nominal.

Fresh Fruits—Pears, \$1.25/1.60 per box; grapes, 50c/1.10; cranberries, \$11.50/12 per barrel.

Apples—Jonathans, \$1.50/2.25 per box; Spitzenbergs, \$1.20/1.50; Baldwin, 75c/1.50; Red Cheek Pippin, \$1.25/1.75; Northern Spy, \$1.25/1.75; Winter Bananas, \$2.00/3; Bellflower, \$1.12.50.

Potatoes—Buying prices: Burbanks, \$9.00/12.20 per hundred.

Onions—Buying prices, \$1.15 sack.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75c dozen; beans, 50c/10c; cabbage, 10c/12c; cauliflower, 50c/1.00 per dozen; California, \$4 per crate; garlic, 10c/12c per pound; lettuce, 75c/80c per dozen; house lettuce, \$1.25 per box; pumpkins, 10c/12c per pound; sprouts, 8c/9c; squash, 1c/1.50 per pound; tomatoes, 50c/1.00 per box; carrots, \$1 per sack; turnips, \$1; beets, \$1; parsnips, \$1.

Butter—Oregon creamy butter, solid pack, 37c; prints, extra; butter fat, 1c less than solid pack price.

Poultry—Hens, 10c/12c; springs, 10c/12c; ducks, young, 16c/17c; geese, 11c/12c; turkeys, live, 18c/20c; dressed, choice, 22c/24c.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 50c per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, \$4.00/3c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 12c/13c per pound.

### REBELS ARE GATHERING.

Beisagers at Nanking Well Armed and Attack Imminent.

San Francisco — Revolutionary troops are assembling in great numbers just outside of Nanking, according to a cable dispatch received by the Chinese Free Press. Advances say that the troops are commanded by General Chao Shu Ching, former general under the Manchu government. The attack on Nanking is expected to begin at any time. The revolutionists are well supplied with arms and ammunition.

Hongkong advices to the Chinese Daily Paper say that the former viceroy of Canton, Chong Ming Chi, has cut off his que and gone to Europe.

District Magistrate Yen Ping has abandoned his post to the Republican party and fled. The commander in chief of the Republican army in Canton is sending one regiment north and will head the other troops in his command in the attack on Peking.

American Woman is Slain.

Pekin—The killing of foreigners at Sian Fu, Shan Si province, has been further confirmed by two Chinese students who have arrived from that city.

During the fighting in Sian Fu a mob attacked the China Inland mission, just outside the city. The mob murdered Mrs. Beckman, who is said to be an American, and five of the mission children. Mr. Beckman was wounded, but escaped, saving an infant.

### SUFFRAGETTES BEATEN.

Attempt to Storm Parliament Fails—Many Arrested.

London — The suffragettes fared badly at the hands of the police in this city Wednesday. They had threatened to force their way into the house of commons and make a protest on the floor against the prime minister's refusal to pledge the government to a bill giving equal suffrage to both sexes, but they failed to reach the entrance to parliament.

Thwarted by the police, who arrested 220 women and three men, the suffragettes resorted to a campaign of window smashing. Driven from parliament square by the police, 1,800 of whom were on duty, the women, accompanied by sympathizers and gangs of rowdies, proceeded through Whitehall, armed with bags of stones, concealed under their coats, and broke windows in public offices, the Liberal headquarters and the National Liberal Club.

The suffragettes extended their operations to the Strand, where windows of the Postoffice bank and other private concerns suffered from the onslaught.

The militant tactics of the suffragettes followed a statement by Premier Asquith that the government was unable to introduce a bill to enfranchise women, as the cabinet was divided on the question, but would allow an amendment to be introduced to the proposed manhood suffrage bill, leaving it to the house of commons to decide whether women should be given a vote.

### STRIPPED BY JOHN D.

Michigan Miner Claims Financier Got Millions By Trickery.

Washington, D. C.—Alfred Merritt, of Duluth, Minn., first president of the Duluth, Missabe & Northern railroad, who styled himself a "lumberjack," unacquainted with the methods of the "money trust," told the house Steel trust investigating committee that through loans of less than \$1,000,000, from John D. Rockefeller, he had lost his holdings in the Missabe iron mines and the railroad property now owned by the United States Steel corporation and estimated to be worth \$700,000,000. Merritt declared that he was induced through F. D. Gates, Mr. Rockefeller's secretary, "in charge of his charitable work," to put up all his holdings as collateral for loans. Two months after he had put up his collateral with Mr. Rockefeller during the panic of 1893, Rockefeller called in the loan, giving him 24 hours to raise \$420,000, and that he being unable to raise the money, he and his brother lost their property.

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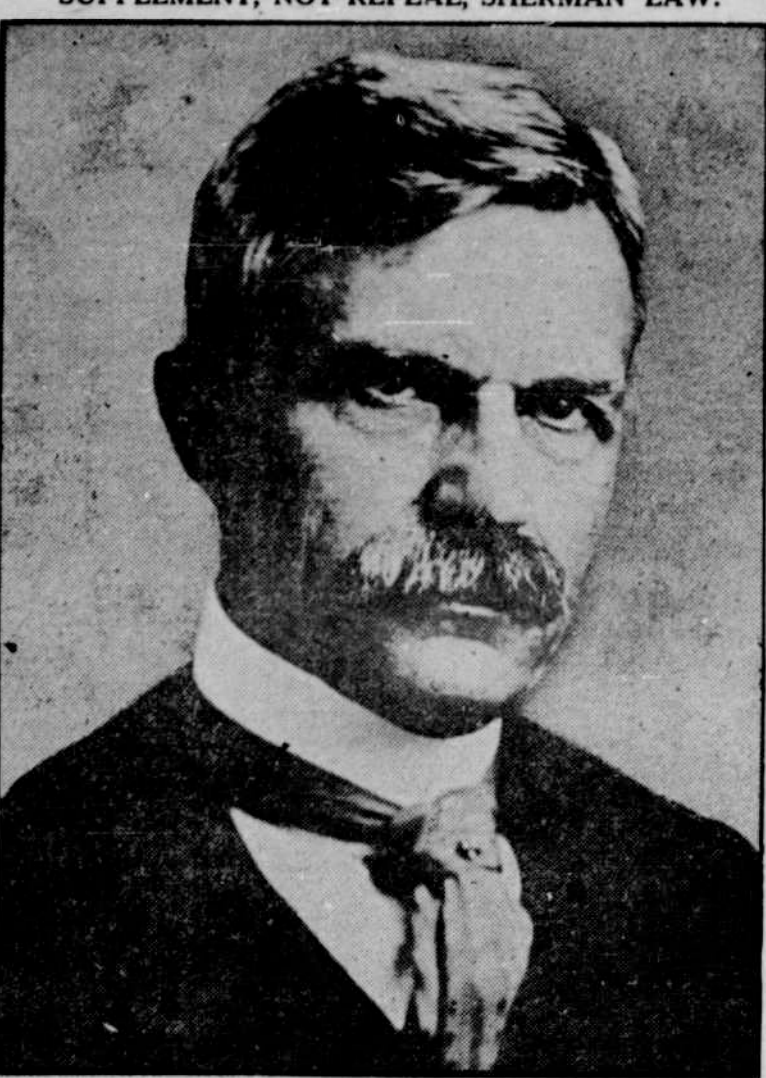
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### CHARLES NAGEL, CABINET OFFICIAL WHO WOULD SUPPLEMENT, NOT REPEAL, SHERMAN LAW.



### CHINA ON VERGE OF WILD ANARCHY

Lawlessness Rampant and Reign of Terror Threatens.

Robber Bands Organize and Plunder—Both Sides in War Powerless to Check.

Washington, D. C.—Affairs in China apparently have reached such a point that neither the rebels nor the imperialists are able to check acts of lawlessness. Advances to the State department report that brigandage is on the increase in various parts of empire. Business is reported in a critical condition and finances in very bad shape.

Rear-Admiral Murdock, commandant of the American naval forces in China, reports that Nanking is cut off from communication with the outside world by railroad and telegraph and that the natives are leaving in disorder. All the missionaries except three are reported to have left Nanking for Che Foo. There are no disorders in Wu Hoo, but many robberies have been committed in the vicinity.

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Wilbur D. Nesbit

MISS SABINA PENNELL counted the turkeys in her flock.

Not that she expected to discover that she had any more or less than she had the day before.

But for a month she had counted those turkeys, estimated what they would bring in the market, and vainly endeavored to make that sum equal the amount she needed to pay the interest on the mortgage held on her little place by Elijah Green.

Elijah was the local money lender and note shaver. When Elijah had concluded the preliminaries of a loan with you, you began to realize why he was rich. He could bind you to more different impossible agreements than any one else. Elijah owned farm after farm—all the result of his shrewdness in the money-lending line. As to shaving notes, he was credited with cutting out everything but the date and adding that to his discount.

When he induced Miss Sabina Pennell to borrow five hundred dollars from him and to give him a mortgage upon her little place, he had really acted more decently than ever before. He did not want Sabina's place. What he wanted was Sabina herself. He had proposed to her—proposed in about the tone and with about as much sentiment as he usually manifested when he offered to lend one-third the value of a farm for a mortgage on the whole thing. Sabina had refused him, promptly.

She had refused him several more times, and then Elijah apparently resigned himself to his fate. But he knew Sabina's circumstances; he knew that when her father died and left her entirely alone in the world she would get into debt. So he kept track of her debts, which was not a hard thing to do, when every dealer in the town was a debtor of his.

At the psychological moment he offered to lend her five hundred dollars, secured by the mortgage. He pointed out to her that he didn't need the money and wanted to invest it, and that so long as she paid the interest on it she need never bother about repaying it.

"It's just putting that much money out at interest, for me," she smiled. "And it will relieve you of worry over what you may owe, so you can manage your place and make it pay you."

When Sabina signed the mortgage notes and received Elijah's check she had her first almost-tender feeling toward him. And when she went to him and asked him to give her a little more time on the interest, she had been really affected by his generous agreement.

"Don't let it worry you a minute, Sabina," he said. "Pay it when you can. I don't consider it a real business matter—between me and you, you know."

But now Sabina owed him ninety dollars, just for interest alone.

Now, Sabina was not the conventional maiden lady in reduced circumstances. She was not a haggard, thin, woebegone woman of uncertain years, who eking out an existence. She was just twenty-five years old, neat and pretty, and it took all she made teaching school to keep her. She had relied on her turkeys to pay the interest at least. How in the world she should ever pay the principal of the mortgage had not occurred to her.

But Elijah, with ninety dollars interest coming to him, was not the Elijah who had so generously loaned her the money. Elijah was telling her that times were hard and money was close, and although he hated to do it, he simply had to have money to meet his own obligations. So, since the mortgage was unpaid—why—

"I'll do the best I can to raise the money, Elijah," Sabina said. "I've got forty-nine turkeys, and when I sell them—"

"But forty-nine turkeys won't bring you over sixty dollars," Elijah said. "You'll get about ten cents a pound for them, and mighty few of them weigh more than twelve pounds."

Sabina looked out into the orchard, where her turkeys were strutting about. Elijah leaned toward her. "Haven't you changed your mind, Sabina?" he asked.

"Changed my mind? About what?" "About marrying me."

Sabina turned to him, with her eyes flashing. "Well, Elijah Green! So that was why you made me let you lend me that money, and that was why you were so nice about the interest, and that was—"

"No, no, no!" Elijah cried, squirming. "I never thought of that. I lent you the money because I loved you."

"And now you want your money back because you love it," she said, coldly.

Elijah arose, with an air of grossly injured innocence. "After such an insult as that," he said, "you cannot expect me to consider the mortgage a personal matter, or one between friends. I shall have to place it with my attorney unless you make a satisfactory settlement by—by Thanksgiving day." This with a malicious glance toward the turkeys, which were pursuing the even tenor of their ways, little thinking of the part they were playing.

3,000 to Run Big Farm.

Sacramento, Cal.—Morris Brook, of this city, has secured an option on a tract of 22,000 acres of foothill land in Glenn and Colusa counties for a colony of Russians that will include 3,000 persons. The land will be farmed as a whole if the deal is completed, and there will be no individual holdings. The colonists will farm it on a community plan, all living in a town that will be established by the management.

29,818 Flock to Coast.

Salt Lake City—Reports just compiled at the local offices of the Harriman lines show that 29,818 homeseekers were carried to the Pacific Coast over the Harriman roads from September 15 to October 15 this year. Of this number, 15,320 passed through the Ogden gateway, 9,229 were carried via El Paso, 689 via Los Angeles and 3,701 via Portland.

Elijah got as far as the door, then turned. He saw Sabina looking hopelessly out of the window.

"Sabina," he said, softly, "I didn't mean that. I don't want to hurt your feelings. I want to make you happy. Haven't I shown you how much I think of you?"

"Yes," she replied, "five hundred dollars worth, with interest."

Elijah slammed the door as he went out. At the gate he met Jethro Jones, who was turning in.

"Good morning, Elijah," Jethro said, cheerfully. "Trying to cut me out?"

"Huh!" growled Elijah, hurrying on. So it came that when Sabina opened the door for Jethro her eyes were red and her face was pale. Jethro's prompt inquiry as to what was wrong was answered by a tumultuous account of the whole affair.

"And so you expected your turkeys to pay the interest?" Jethro smiled.

"Yes-yes," faltered Sabina.

"Well, excuse the language, but darn Elijah's skin and his skin game, too! I wish there was a way for you to trip him up."

Jethro's sympathy led him on to other statements and remarks having nothing to do with the turkeys or the mortgage or Elijah Green, but he did not find Sabina any more responsive than she had been to Elijah. In fact she was not even as responsive. She pointed out to Jethro that if she married him people would say she simply took her out of pity because she had lost her home. Jethro went away marveling greatly at the unreasoning powers of women.

Next day he hurried up the walk to Sabina's door, while she was putting away her breakfast things preparatory to going to the schoolhouse.

"I've got it, Sabina!" he exclaimed. "I've got the idea. Now, you let me sell your turkeys for you, and don't interfere with me at all, and I'll make them bring the money you want."

To this, after much persuasion, Sabina agreed. She went to her school with a lighter heart than she had had for some time. It was true that Jethro was going to do this because of his friendship for her—but then there were friendships and friendships, she told herself.

Acting under Jethro's instructions, Sabina did not sell a turkey until a week before Thanksgiving. People who called and asked for one were told that she was not yet ready to sell.

When Jethro Jones got Elijah Green to change five hundred dollars in bank notes into gold coin for him, Elijah asked:

"Like gold better than greenbacks, Jethro?"

"Yep," Jethro answered. "Gold is always money, you know."

Elijah, at his request, gave him fifty ten-dollar pieces.

"What are you going to do with it?" he asked.

"Well, I'm going to invest it in turkeys," Jethro answered. "I've bought Sabina Pennell's flock, and I thought of buying up a whole lot here and there and making a little speculation on the Thanksgiving rush."

"That's the way to make money, Jethro," Elijah smiled. "How much did you pay Sabina for her turkeys?"

"Well, I've really taken them on commission," Jethro explained. "I've got them over at our place now, in the back yard. Maybe you'd like to pick out a nice fat one for your folks."

Elijah was willing, and accompanied Jethro. Into the back yard they went, and walked among the turkeys.

"I'll do the best I can to raise the money, Elijah," Sabina said.

"You ought to have had me as sales manager long ago, Sabina."

Turkeys Credited to India.

In 1524 the first mention of turkeys in England is noted, and evidently they were brought to Europe by merchants who came by way of the Levant, a confusion of the West Indies and East Indies resulting in the bestowal of a wrong name. The present French names of dindes and dindons show that they were believed to have come from the Indies. By 1541 English gourmets had realized the value of the turkey and a rule was promulgated by Archbishop Cranmer prohibiting the serving of more than one at a feast. Fourteen years later they had become so common that records show they were sold for as little as four shillings each, and by 1573 well-to-do farmers were accustomed to serve them for Christmas and other state occasions.

Sing Hymn of Praise.

Those who have in their youth and early childhood lived close to nature and grown up near to the very heart of things; those who have found pleasure in the woods, the fields, the grass, the flowers, in bees and birds, in sunshine, rain or snow, are sure of happiness—they can never be bored or discontented. They have found the keynote in nature's harmonies, and it will always respond to their call. The old-fashioned manner of keeping Thanksgiving may be a thing of the past, but the true child of nature is always ready to sing the hymn of praise at the harvest time of the year.

Opposite Remedy.

"Is sleeping in the open air a tried remedy?"

"Yes, and strange to say, it is a tentative one, too."

"Elijah has offered me five dollars apiece for his choice of fifteen," Jethro called to Henry.

"Elijah must be tryin' to corner turkeys," Henry grinned. "Tell you what—I'll give you seven-fifty apiece for the bunch."

"Does he know about what just happened?" Elijah asked.

"He wasn't here. How could he?" Jethro said.

"I'll give you eight apiece for the whole lot."

"Turkeys are in demand, Henry," Jethro laughed. "Elijah bid eight."

"Well, I'm busy. I've got to be movin' on," Henry asserted. "I'll give you ten."

"They've got to be killed and picked for market," Elijah said. "You must remember that, Jethro. I'll give you eleven-fifty apiece for 'em just as they stand."

"Elijah bids eleven-fifty," Jethro called to Henry.

"Little too steep for me," Henry decided, clucked to his horse and drove on.

"The turkeys are yours," Jethro said.

"Well, now, let's understand this deal," Elijah said. "I'm payin' you eleven-fifty apiece for the turkeys—"

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