

Pulse of the Press

The Boom in Dreadnoughts. England must have more warships.

An interesting suggestion that the continental powers might induce Great Britain to cut down her navy by reducing their own.

Austria is to build three Dreadnoughts, but that'll be about the limit of possible use for the Austrian sea-coast.

If the present frenzied struggle for supremacy between England and Germany is long continued, other nations will very likely be able to buy some first-class Dreadnoughts cheap at receivers' sales a little later.

Homecoming of the Wrights. The Wright brothers have earned almost enough to be able to settle down.

The Wright brothers will now devote their time to the elevation of American sport.

When somebody tells you that the sons of preachers never turn out well, refer them the Wright brothers.

Offers rejected by the Wright brothers prove their intention to be inventors and not public exhibitors.

When Wright brothers sailed for this country it is to be noticed that they selected a firmly bottomed ship, resting on something less ethereal than space.

Better buy your airplane now while it can be had for only \$7,500. The Wright brothers have come home and it is almost certain that airplanes will soon go up.

New Rules in Turkey. The new sultan displays much sense. In spite of his exalted position he is practicing parsimony in the number of wives.

The Young Turks will make a mistake if they try to hang everybody who deserves hanging. No political party has ever made a success of that sort of thing.

They handed Abdul Hamid the fetva, and while we have not seen one recently we make no doubt it is of a yellowish ellipsoidal aspect and acidulous contents.

The new sultan says there must be no more executions without his consent. If he stops the fun this way, a lot of Young Turks are going to be sorry they voted for him.

Instead of being crowned, as is the custom in most monarchies, the new sultan was presented with a sword; which method, under these turbulent circumstances, seems far more practical.

RAZE TRINITY'S HOVELS.

Tenements Which Yielded Church Golden Harvest Being Torn Down.

The most-entire old tenements of Trinity Church, New York, are really being demolished—the antiquated hovels which for half a century brought golden shekels into the vaults of the great church corporation, are being razed by workmen, who are not compelled to use half their strength to pry floor beams loose from the shaky walls.

Comptroller H. H. Camman, of the Trinity corporation, said that the replacing of these old, insanitary tenements by two new lofty buildings to cost \$600,000, was in line with Trinity's new policy.

STAYS WITH MARINES.

Young Man with \$125,000 Fortune Re-enlists as Sea-Soldier.

James L. Dixon, 24 years old, thinks that the United States marine corps is a good place for a man, even though he is worth \$125,000.

A month ago he purchased his discharge, where he had inherited \$100,000 from an uncle in California.

Is There a Jewish "Race?"

Many prominent Hebrews throughout the country are endorsing the stand taken by Senator Guehenheim of Colorado, who, at a meeting of the Senate Census Committee, objected to the plan to have the Jews classified as a race as well as to their nationality.

Cure for Lockjaw Claimed.

Prof. A. S. Lovenhart of the University of Wisconsin, in co-operation with Milwaukee physicians over a case of lockjaw, is thought to have made a substance capable of destroying the toxin poison which produces the lockjaw disease.

CHICAGO AND VICINITY SHOCKED BY A QUAKE

Jolt Pronounced Most Severe Ever Experienced Throughout the Territory Affected.

TREMOR FELT IN FOUR STATES

Disturbance Noticeable Over Wide Range in Middle States, but No Serious Damage Reported.

An earthquake, the first in several years, was felt in Chicago at 8:40 o'clock Wednesday morning, embracing many States in its range.

The progress of the quake seems to have been from south to north. The oscillation of the earth was recorded on the new weather bureau seismograph at Peoria at 8:38 o'clock.

Press dispatches brought a succession of accounts of the earthquakes from Springfield, Peoria, Freeport, Aurora, Bloomington, Keokaw, Geneva, Streator, Dixon, Rockford, Moline, Ill.; Milwaukee, Janesville, Beloit, Wis.; Cedar Rapids, Dubuque, Burlington, Iowa; Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Mich.; and many other points.

Improvement is made in evidence this week, but irregularities in weather and crop conditions and ebb and flow movements in trade and industry prevent definite general characterization of the situation as a whole.

SENATOR BAILEY IN FIST FIGHT.

Texas Statesman and a Correspondent Have Mix-Up at Capitol.

Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas and W. Sinker Manning, Washington correspondent of the New York Times, had a fist fight in the Senate corridor Thursday afternoon.

FOUR IN BOAT PARTY DROWNED.

Swift Current Capsizes Launch Returning from Picnic.

Four persons were drowned and four others rescued from a capsized gas launch which was carried through the sluice gates of the dam of the Consolidated Water Power Company of Grand Rapids Tuesday night and dashed to the rocks below.

King's House Wins Derby.

Minor, owned by King Edward and Britain's favorite horse, Wednesday won the English Derby at Epsom Downs from a field of fourteen rival equine thoroughbreds.

Nitroglycerin Factory Blows Up.

A nitroglycerin factory of the Du Pont Powder Company located at Howard Junction, about five miles south of Bedford, Pa., exploded. Two men are believed to have been blown to atoms.

100 Drowned in Spanish Storm.

A violent storm has been raging on the Bering coast of Spain. Over sixty vessels of the Bering fleet have foundered and it is estimated that not less than 100 fishermen have been drowned.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

CHICAGO.

A slight increase in trading defaults reported is unimportant in contrast with the substantial progress which appears in the volume of solvent payments through the banks.

Movements of commodities mainly reach more extended bulk, although flour and live stock have decreased. Retail trade now shows better.

Wholesale operations make a stronger exhibit in dry goods, clothing, woollens and men's furnishings, bookings for summer and fall deliveries comparing well with this time last year.

Bank clearings, \$273,601,361, exceed those of corresponding week in 1908 by 26.3 per cent, and compare with \$196,577,104 for five days in 1907.

Failures reported in the Chicago district number 25, against 24 last week, 23 in 1908 and 17 in 1907.

There is a further apparent gain in the optimism with which the outlook for the more distant future is viewed, contrasting rather sharply with some of the reports indicating backwardness of demand for immediate consumption.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending May 27 were 205, against 219 last week, 263 in the like week of 1908, 142 in 1907, 127 in 1906 and 154 in 1905.

MARKET OF THE WEEK

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$4.00 to \$7.25; hogs, prime heavy, \$4.50 to \$7.55; sheep, fair to choice, \$4.25 to \$7.00; wheat, No. 2, \$1.48 to \$1.51; No. 2, 1.71 to 73c; oats, standard, 38c to 56c; rye, No. 2, 88c to 90c; hay, timothy, \$8.00 to \$10.50; prairie, \$8.00 to \$13.50; butter, choice creamery, 22c to 25c; eggs, fresh, 18c to 21c; potatoes, per bushel, 85c to 95c.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$5.00 to \$7.40; hogs, good to choice heavy, \$5.20 to \$7.35; sheep, good to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.15; wheat, No. 2, \$1.49 to \$1.51; No. 2, 74c to 75c; oats, No. 2, 56c to 60c; rye, No. 2, 88c to 90c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, \$1.51 to \$1.53; No. 2 mixed, 74c to 75c; No. 2, 61c to 63c; rye, No. 2, 81c to 82c; clover seed, \$5.00.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$4.00 to \$7.00; hogs, fair to choice, \$4.00 to \$7.85; sheep, common to good mixed, \$4.00 to \$4.75; lambs, fair to choice, \$5.00 to \$8.50.

New York—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$10.75; hogs, \$3.50 to \$7.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$6.00; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.45 to \$1.47; No. 2, 88c to 84c; oats, standard, 16c to 19c; butter, creamery, 22c to 26c; eggs, western, 17c to 22c.

A plan to construct a chain of warehouses in the grain producing territory to hold wheat for high prices was endorsed at the mass meeting of the grain growers and cattle drovers' branch of the national farmers' union, at Springfield, Mo.

Don Morrison, a Chicago salesman, was arrested in New York on the complaint of a woman who gave her name as Mary Kenny.

194 SAVED FROM SEA DEATH.

Woman Among Those Braving Dangers of Alaskan Coast Disaster.

With 194 survivors, including one woman, of the wrecked ship Columbia, the mail steamer Dora arrived at Seward, Alaska, Monday.

SLAYER OF MRS. GUNNESS?

A young American sailor is under arrest at Frederikstad, near Christiania, Norway, as a self-confessed murderer.

TOWN GETS FIRST CHURCH.

Former County Seat Has Had Jesu House as Only Place of Worship. The corner stone of the Methodist church, the first Christian place of worship in Hawthorne, Nev., was laid Wednesday.

Wheat Crop Is Promising.

Conditions are greatly improved in the wheat belts, according to a report made up at the Millers' National Federation, in convention at the Auditorium Hotel in Chicago.

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USES OF THE WIRELESS TELEPHONE.



—Chicago Journal.

BENSON AGAIN IN PRISON SHADE

California Convicted of Land Frauds Is Refused New Trial.

John A. Benson, whose prosecution for alleged land frauds has occupied the federal courts for several years past, was placed again in the shadow of a government prison the other day when the United States Appellate court refused him a new hearing of the case in which he was jointly convicted with Dr. E. B. Perrin of conspiring to secure subordination of perjury in connection with California timber lands.

LABOR LEADERS CONVICTED.

Madden, Pouchot and Boyle Found Guilty of Conspiracy.

A compromise verdict, inflicting a penalty of \$500 each on Martin B. Madden, Fred A. Pouchot and M. J. Boyle, the labor leaders found guilty of conspiracy to extort money from the Joseph Klecka company, was Saturday returned by the Chicago jury in whose hands the fate of the three defendants had rested since Thursday afternoon.

On the principle that he has "scotched" the snake of graft "but not killed it" in securing the verdict of "guilty," State's Attorney Wayman has braided fresh quirts for the castigation of Madden and his lieutenants.

KANSAS NOW A LIQUOR SAHARA.

Bucket Shops Kicked, Streams Purified, Danny Dreamer Barred.

Kansas is as dry as laws can make it now. The new prohibitory law that stops the sale of liquors by druggists went into effect at midnight Saturday.

Seven Drown When Launch Capsizes. The gasoline boat Dorris, with ten passengers on board, capsized in the middle of the Yazoo canal near Vicksburg, Miss., and seven persons were drowned.

Murders Wife with a Hammer. Samuel Elyea, a retired farmer, killed his wife at their home in Jewell City, Kan., with a hammer.

Five Years for Bank President. Philippe H. Roy, former president of the Bank of St. John, Quebec, convicted of falsifying returns, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment, the maximum sentence for his crime.

Whipping Brings Murder. Crazed with anger because he had been whipped, Carroll Pierce, about 16 years old, shot and killed his stepfather, Park Willard, in Knoxville, Md., and then gave himself up to the sheriff.

CLAIMS U. S. MISUSED LAND.

Daughter of Famous Song Writer Makes Complaint to Pittsburg.

Claiming that the terms by which her grandfather donated lands in Pittsburg to the government in 1812 have been violated, Mrs. Marian Foster Welsh, daughter of Stephen C. Foster, who wrote "Old Kentucky Home" and many other famous songs, is contesting the government's right to the use of the property.

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