

**SUMMARY
OF A
WEEK'S EVENTS**

Latest News of Interest
Boiled Down for the
Busy Man.

TOUR OF THE PRESIDENT.

President Taft was given a hearty welcome on his arrival at San Francisco and the program for his entertainment was carried out without a hitch.

President Taft at Seattle exposition. In his speech said he would ask congress to pass a ship subsidy law.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. E. E. Pitts of Laurens, S. C., is said to have been cured recently of pellagra in an advanced stage.

Miss Ruth Bryan has announced herself as a candidate for congress from a Colorado district.

Attorney General Wickensham and Secretary Nagel of the department of commerce and labor arrived in Washington after their vacations.

Richard U. Sherman son of Vice-President Sherman and Miss Eleanor Mills, a society belle of Utica, N. Y., were married at that city.

Postmaster General Hitchcock is at Flagstaff, Ariz., for a bear hunt. He will join the Taft party at Yuma.

Prof. Abbott Lawrence Lowell was inaugurated as president of Harvard university.

GENERAL NOTES.

Sensational developments are expected in the jury tampering scandal at Chicago. State's Attorney Wayman has discovered much new evidence and drafts of more indictments are being prepared and the present grand jury is expected to return them.

Action has been begun at Washington before the Interstate Commerce Commission by the Federal Sugar Refining Company of New York against several eastern railroads in which allegations of unjust and unreasonable charges for transportation of sugar are made.

The Spanish ambassador to France has again formally assured Foreign Minister Pichon that Spain has no intention of departing from her original program regarding Morocco as communicated to the powers.

The Upper Mississippi River improvement association in session at Winona, Minn., has adopted a resolution requesting congress to appropriate \$20,000,000 for a six-foot channel in the Mississippi river from Minneapolis to St. Louis.

The Mayor of Marshalltown, Ia., and six members of the police force and several of the grand jury have been indicted by a federal grand jury for placing an Indian service officer in jail and keeping him there for more than 24 hours.

The old-fashioned lord mayor's show, which for many centuries has been one of the most picturesque functions to be witnessed in England, will be abandoned this year by the new lord mayor-elect, Sir John Knill.

"King's Mountain day," the anniversary of the victory over the British in 1780 at King's Mountain, N. C., was celebrated in South Carolina and Tennessee.

Wilbur Wright made the most spectacular flight in his airplane at New York that the world has ever witnessed. He circled the air 100 feet over New York harbor in an 18-mile wind.

Costly war in Morocco is rapidly precipitating a crisis in Spain, which may bring about the overthrow of King Alfonso. Spanish affairs are causing much uneasiness among the other powers.

Aviator Wilbur Wright announces he will hereafter direct his efforts to the commercial exploitation of his machines and will make no more public flights.

Capt. Samuel C. Lemly, formerly judge advocate general of the navy, who became prominent in connection with the famous Scobie court of inquiry, died at St. Elizabeth's hospital in Washington.

As each graduating class at West Point is about eighty men short of the number of officers needed by the army, an effort will be made by President Taft to persuade congress to increase the number of cadets to be appointed.

A dense fog at Detroit caused many collisions between street cars in which several persons were injured. One boy was killed.

"Near-beer" dealers in Tennessee must pay a tax of \$1,500 a year, collection of which is to be begun at once.

Thirty miners were killed when 50 men were entombed in a mine through the explosion of gas near Victoria, B. C.

Owing to complications between Morocco and Spain becoming more acute declaration of regular war between those countries is a possibility.

With a view to increasing the cotton yield of German East Africa to make Germany independent of the cotton of the United States, Bernhard Dernburg, German minister of colonies, and Dr. Walter Duesse, head of the German agricultural department, have arrived at New York to study cotton culture.

The biennial convention of the National German-American alliance was held in Cincinnati, more than 300 delegates attending.

Madrid was attacked the past night at Misia, in Zamora province, Spain, escaped with \$40,000 after killing four officers.

CRANE CALLED BACK

STOPPED ON THE EVE OF SAILING FOR PEKING.

REASON GIVEN FOR THE SAME

Occasioned by Developments Involving the Question of His Fitness For the Position.

Washington.—Charles R. Crane's sudden, unexpected and hitherto mysterious recall to Washington by Secretary of State Knox, as he was at the point of sailing from San Francisco to assume his duties as minister of the United States to China, was occasioned by developments involving the question of Mr. Crane's fitness for that post. This much is known in well-informed quarters in Washington. Unless Mr. Crane is able to clear himself in the eyes of Secretary Knox of an accusation of a serious breach of what the state department regards as the first principle of diplomatic discretion, the conference with his official chief may result in the abrupt termination of Mr. Crane's connection with the diplomatic service.

Minister Crane arrived in Washington Sunday afternoon from his hurried journey across the continent, reiterating his declaration of ignorance as to the occasion for his rather dramatic call from the waters' edge of the Pacific, and declined to discuss the matter in any of its aspects, beyond saying that while he expected to be here several days, he had reserved new accommodations for the transpacific voyage on the steamer sailing from San Francisco on October 20, a week from next Wednesday.

The state department has in hand, it is said, what it regards as more or less convincing evidence that Minister Crane, on the eve of his departure for the far east, became responsible for the publication in a Chicago newspaper of what the department views as a most indiscreet discussion of the attitude of the United States toward the two treaties recently negotiated between China and Japan. This, the department holds to have been more serious because that attitude is still under confidential consideration, no decision having been arrived at.

While the speeches delivered by Mr. Crane before the American Asiatic Association and at a dinner given in his honor at Chicago, are viewed at the state department as having been at best, unwise and undiplomatic, they had been carefully considered after their delivery and before Mr. Crane started for San Francisco, and although deprecated were not regarded as justifying any change in his plans.

The Chicago publication falls, however, in the eyes of the department, into a category very different and far more serious.

China and Japan early last month entered into treaties which contained provisions regarding by the state department as very surprising and possibly objectionable to this government. By these treaties Japan would secure rights in Manchuria which are held by some diplomats to be in direct violation of both the letter and spirit of the Portsmouth treaty. China has agreed in the treaties now under consideration, that before extending the present railway system in Manchuria, it shall consult Japan, and presumably, obtain its consent thereto. This provision is regarded as inharmonious with the declaration of Japan in the treaty of Portsmouth that it will not obstruct any measures taken by China for the development of its empire.

WELCOME TO GOMPERTS.

Royal Reception Planned for His Home-Coming.

Washington.—As a tribute to the home-coming from abroad, President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, one of the most representative gatherings of organized labor ever assembled in this country, will welcome him. To signalize his return arrangements were completed for a mammoth parade of organized labor and a reception in his honor. In the parade, which Mr. Gompers will head, will be more than 30,000 laboring men.

Des Moines Wins Lower Rates.

Seattle-Chairman Martin A. Knapp announced a decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the suit brought by Greater Des Moines against the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad and other lines. The commission denied a petition of the reduction of rates from the Atlantic seaboard to Des Moines to go into effect.

K. C. Dry Goods Firm Falls.

Kansas City.—The large wholesale firm of Swoford Bros. Dry Goods Co. of this city was placed in the hands of receivers as a result of disagreements among stockholders. The assets and liabilities are not given.

Magoon Back in Washington.

Washington.—Governor Charles E. Magoon of Lincoln is in Washington after an extended tour of Europe, he having taken the baths at Nauheim for heart affection. Governor Magoon has given himself a year in which to get back to his old form after years of strenuous work he put in in the tropics. Mr. Magoon expects to go to Mexico shortly to see his old friend Dr. E. Thompson, United States ambassador to that country. From Mexico Governor Magoon will go to California for a short stay.

President Deluged With Pardons.

Washington.—President Taft has been called on to pass on an unusually large number of applications for pardon. There were thirty or more cases pending when he assumed office, and both he and the attorney general have devoted a great deal of attention to pardon matters, particularly during the summer months, when over 120 cases were disposed of. The remaining cases are being acted on rapidly as possible, and it is expected in a few months the pardon work will be up to date.

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Secretary C. S. Paine of the State Historical society has received word that the figurehead from the battleship Nebraska has been shipped from the New York navy yard and will arrive in Lincoln within a few days. This figurehead was secured for the historical society through the efforts of Congressman Kinkaid and it will be held by the society as a permanent loan from the federal government. The figurehead is no longer used on some of the battleships of the navy. The one from the Nebraska weighs 4,050 pounds. It was shipped from the navy yard last week.

Complaint Against Express Company.

Failure to provide sufficient facilities for the prompt transportation of shipments delivered to it is the basis of a complaint to the state railway commission filed against the Adams Express company by the Lincoln Commercial club, acting for the Appel Mercantile company. The charge is made that while the business of the express corporation has increased 20 per cent within a year or so no more wagons have been put on to take care of it and no attempt is being made to see that shippers receive proper attention.

Trusty Prisoner Escapes.

With only three months yet to serve before the expiration of his sentence a Douglas county convict named W. H. Holmes, who had been a trusty for some time, made his escape from the custody of State Penitentiary Steward S. P. Carlin and has not yet been recaptured. The steward brought him to Lincoln that day to have his eyes treated for a cataract or some similar trouble. Holmes was taken to the office of an oculist in the Richard's block and it was from there he made his escape.

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