

# HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK

Latest News Told in Briefest and Best Form.

### PERSONAL.

Charles Warren Fairbanks, former vice-president of the United States, prefers addressing an American Methodist congregation to having an audience with Pope Pius X. He made this preference known when the Vatican sent him notice that if he persisted in speaking to the American Methodists here he would have to forego the audience.

Rev. Wallace M. Stuckey, the former Williamsburg (Kan.) minister convicted of abducting Miss Lorena Sutherland, with whom he was arrested at Waukegan, Ill., was denied a new trial at Ottawa, Kan.

Hamilton Fish of New York introduced in the house a bill proposing the carriage of all mail matter sent by Theodore Roosevelt free of postage.

Invasion by women of different fields of industry is said by Prof. Max G. Schlapp in an address before the New York Academy of Medicine to be responsible for the increase of suicide and insanity.

Jan Rosotky, a Slav, is detained at Ellis island, N. Y., because he did not know the answer to the query: "How many legs has a horse?"

Frank R. Morgaridge, who has been game warden in the Thirtieth Illinois district, was appointed assistant state fire marshal by Gov. Deneen, with a salary of \$150 a month.

Rear Admiral P. M. Rixey, who has been surgeon-general of the navy since 1893, went on the retired list.

Charlie Taft has been remembered by a Brooklyn aeronaut enthusiast who took to the White House and gave to the president a model of an airplane, on a scale of one inch to the foot.

Levi Withee, wealthy lumberman and Republican party leader, is dead at Lacrosse, Wis., aged 75.

Rodman Wanamaker of Philadelphia has offered, through American Ambassador Bacon, to pay for a loaf of bread for every food victim in Paris and vicinity daily for 30 days.

Harry Meyers, alias "the Chicago Kid," is held at New York as a suspect in the murder of Moses Gootman, a shirtwaist manufacturer.

Otto T. Bannard, defeated candidate for the New York mayoralty, declares that the cost of living is the greatest issue before the public to-day.

### GENERAL NEWS.

"Because he wanted to see the horses run," John Byers, a teamster, confessed, according to the Evansville, police, that he started the fire destroying the building of the Journal-News last week, and had caused other fires in the business district. Satisfaction of his mania has cost property owners \$200,000.

Evidence unearthed at New York reveals the hand of John D. Rockefeller behind the best trust. From a former high official of the monopoly it was learned that the treasurers of both Armour & Co., and Swift & Co., which control the National Packing Company, the so-called clearing house of the trust, represent Standard Oil millions.

One seaman was injured and a number of others narrowly escaped when the hydrogen gas of a storage battery exploded aboard the submarine boat Stingray at the Charlestown (Mass.) navy yard.

In five hours the market value of the so-called Guggenheim properties depreciated \$25,000,000 in round figures. Wall street trembled on the verge of a panic. Prices were smashed in all directions. Marginal accounts were wiped out by the thousands.

Bjornstjerne Bjornson, the Norwegian poet and novelist, whose condition has been critical recently, is said to be dying.

New York and Berlin capitalists plan a balloon trip across the Atlantic ocean next May in a dirigible carrying 50,000 cubic feet of gas.

By the tariff agreement with Germany the United States has not only avoided a commercial war with the empire, but has paved the way for a settlement of the differences existing with France and Canada.

The national convention of the Milk Producers' Protective association, attended by many representatives of other dairymen's organizations, opened in Chicago, the avowed intention of the members being to devise means to compel the retailers to give the producers a larger share of the profits.

Crazed by jealousy, Sandie Morrison, one of the oldest letter carriers at the Omaha (Neb.) postoffice, shot and fatally wounded his wife, Hattie Morrison and his father-in-law, J. H. Sumner, and then put a bullet through his own brain which caused instant death.

Attorney General O'Malley of New York is accumulating evidence that the Chicago packers have for nearly eight years defied a state supreme court injunction against their preventing competition, fixing prices and otherwise violating the anti-monopoly law and the meat trust officials are now confronted with fine and imprisonment or both for contempt of court.

The long anticipated federal incorporation bill, to embody the recommendations made in his special message by President Taft was introduced in congress by Senator Clark of Wyoming and Representative Parker of New Jersey, chairman respectively of the senate and house committees on judiciary.

Three unidentified men held up and robbed the passengers on an east bound Missouri Pacific passenger train five miles east of Pittsburg, Kan. They were unmasked. About \$400 and a small amount of jewelry was taken from the passengers.

Headless of the warning of a foreman in charge of excavations along the line of the private motor road from Kelvin, Ariz., to the Ray copper mines, the chauffeur of a gasoline car containing six passengers ran the machine close to a sputtering fuse of a heavy charge of dynamite and the auto and its seven occupants were blown to pieces.

Gen. Mena, commanding a force of Nicaraguan revolutionists inflicted a crush defeat on Gen. Vasquez, the government commander. Two engagements were fought, the first at Las Garitas, near the heights of Santo Tomaso, where the government army was routed from a strong position with the loss of 500 men, and the second at Santa Clara, where the government troops attempted to make another stand, losing 600 men. The insurgent losses were small.

An attack on the report of the Chicago chemists in the Swope poison mystery is predicted when the coroner's jury hears the evidence in the case at Independence, Mo., this week.

There was a break in the ranks of the striking machinists at the Bethlehem (Pa.) steel works. One hundred and fifty men returned to work, while 1,500 are still out.

Contracts were signed in London for the construction in this country by the Fore River Shipbuilding Company of two dreadnoughts for the Argentine republic. They will cost \$22,000,000.

The state of Michigan has agreed to stop suit against the Michigan Central railroad for \$4,000,000 back taxes and the road has promised to drop its \$6,000,000 suit against the state for revocation of its three-cent fare charter.

Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw was granted a separation from her husband, W. Gould Brokaw, a millionaire, at New York, and was awarded alimony of \$15,000 a year.

John J. Vertrees of Nashville, Tenn., and Carl Rasch, formerly United States district attorney for Montana will represent Secretary Ballinger, Land Commissioner Dennett and Field Agent Schwartz in the Ballinger Pinchot investigation.

Once more the wireless has resulted in the saving of lives—this time an entire ship's crew—at a moment when those in peril had all but given up hope of reaching land. The steam ship Kentucky lies at the bottom of the Atlantic ocean more than 100 miles off the coast of South Carolina, but her crew, numbering 46 men, alive and well, are on board the Mallory line steamer Alamo making for Key West.

At the opening session of the investigation conducted by the interstate commerce commission into the express business as conducted by the four largest companies in the United States—the American, Adams, Wells-Fargo and the United States companies—it was alleged that the payrolls of the United States Company have been padded continually and that its salary list is 30 times that of the Great Northern railroad.

Senator McCumber of North Dakota, in a speech in the senate discussing the increased price of foodstuffs, declared that the farmer gets an inadequate return for his products.

At last the St. Paul mine at Cherry, Ill., yielded the first of its dead since last November, when the shafts were sealed to extinguish the fire that killed nearly 300 miners. The body of Maestro Lirio, 25 years old, whose corpse was found on Wednesday near the air shaft, was removed from the mine.

Boston is paying \$100,000 a year more than it should pay for lighting its streets by electricity, and has paid at least \$1,300,000 more than was just during the last ten years, according to a report to the common council.

Evidence from various parts of the county showing that a surprising uniformity of prices on any given date is maintained by all the Chicago meat packers will be submitted by the federal grand jury at Chicago which is making an investigation to determine if a meat trust exists. Witnesses from New York, Boston, Buffalo, Des Moines, Denver, Detroit and Omaha, it is said, will be summoned to testify regarding the prices quoted in their localities by the different companies on certain dates.

## BALLINGER-PINCHOT CASE GOES OVER FOR A WEEK

Secretary's Counsel Must Prepare for Investigation—Acts on Senator Nelson's Suggestion.

Washington, Feb. 5.—To permit the arrival in the city of counsel for Secretary Ballinger and to allow counsel to become familiar with the case, the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee adjourned its hearings until February 11.

John J. Vertrees of Nashville, Tenn., and Carl Rasch, formerly United States district attorney for Montana, have been formally selected to represent Secretary Ballinger, Land Commissioner Dennett and Field Agent Schwartz in the investigation.

It developed at the brief public session of the committee that under date of February 2, Senator Nelson, chairman of the committee, wrote to Secretary Ballinger that he had been directed by the members to suggest to him the importance of being represented by counsel to examine and cross-examine witnesses and to present in orderly fashion such evidence as would be material to "the other side."

Replying to this letter under date of February 3, Mr. Ballinger said he had followed the suggestion of the committee, but that it would require several days for his attorney to reach Washington and additional time for him to familiarize himself with the case. Mr. Ballinger said he had been of the opinion that by not having counsel present he would be assisting the committee, or at least would not be hampering it, in making a full inquiry of its own. In view of the suggestion by the chairman, however, he could do nothing but follow the recommendation of the committee. He asked that the hearing be postponed until February 14.

## DAIRYMEN PLAN BIG FIGHT

Milk Producers' Protective Association Consider Methods by Which to Obtain Large Profits.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—The national convention of the Milk Producers' Protective association, the largest of the kind ever held, opened to-day in Y. M. C. A. auditorium on La Salle street. The organization has 3,500 members in Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and a part of Michigan, and in addition to hundreds of these members, a large number of invited delegates came from every part of the country where there are producers' associations.

The dairymen gathered with blood in their eyes, for they say they are tired of seeing the retailers get the lion's share of the profits in the milk business, and are determined to force a more equitable division. Unless the retailer capitulates before March 15, the day on which the price schedules are signed between the producer and the distributor, open warfare is likely to be declared. The proposition which the convention is considering is to have the producers establish their own distributing stations, bottling plants and routes, and deal directly with the consumer. This does not mean that the price of milk to the consumer will be reduced, for the producers all agree with their secretary, J. P. Grier, that milk at eight cents a quart is not too high. The cost of producing, they say, has advanced greatly in the last few years, owing to the increased cost of cattle food and labor.

## HIGHER WAGES OR STRIKE

Head of United Miners Declares Substantial Increase Is Only Basis for Industrial Peace.

Toledo, O., Feb. 7.—A substantial increase of wages of the mine workers of this country is the only basis upon which industrial peace can be established in the mining industry on and after April 1 next.

This was the final declaration of President Thomas L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers at the conclusion of an executive meeting of the international board of the United Mine Workers here.

Lewis would not discuss his plans for bringing about an agreement with the operators, but made it evident that he had not given up hope of a settlement.

## HONOR TO MOODY'S MEMORY

New Dormitory and Gymnasium Building Dedicated at the Bible Institute in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—"Founder's Day," the birthday of the late Dwight L. Moody, was celebrated to-day at Moody Bible Institute by the formal dedication of a new \$75,000 dormitory and gymnasium building, Henry P. Crowell presided at the exercises and addresses were made by Judge McKenzie Cleland, several clergymen and members of the institute faculty. A reception and luncheon preceded the dedication. The new six-story building is the first of three large additions to the institute. A woman's building to cost \$150,000 will be started soon.

## White Plague Grips Stensland.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—Paul O. Stensland, former president of the wrecked Milwaukee Avenue State bank and paroled convict, may never leave St. Elizabeth's hospital alive. It was learned positively that he is suffering from tuberculosis of the bronchial tubes—a disease that is almost certain to have fatal termination.

## Congressman Loving Dead.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Representative William C. Loving of Massachusetts died at his residence in this city. He was 75 years old, a Democrat, and cotton manufacturer.

## NOW PERHAPS SOMETHING WILL BE DONE.



ABOUT THE HIGH COST OF NECESSITIES.

## BLAST KILLS SEVEN

Premature Explosion Blows Impatient Occupants of Motor Car to Death.

## WERE WARNED OF DANGER

Some of Victims Are Tossed 1,000 Feet in Air—All Are Badly Mangled Vehicle and Six Construction Cars Are Wrecked.

Kelvin, Ariz., Feb. 7.—Seven men were instantly killed in an explosion two miles from this place on the Ray Consolidated Copper Company's new railroad, leading from the mines to Phoenix and points to the east.

The dead are: H. H. Loyal, formerly of Los Angeles. Walter Krentz, recent graduate University of California.

A. S. Bleber, civil engineer. J. H. Joyce, civil engineer. J. H. Griffin, civil engineer. W. H. Freeland of Denver. R. P. Coleman of Salt Lake.

Workmen employed in the construction of the new railroad had prepared four blasts. The four lines of fuse were lighted by William Jamison, foreman of the gang, while the workmen were at dinner.

## Are Warned of Danger.

Before the explosion of the blasts a railroad motor car approached and the occupants were warned of the danger. But after waiting until they had heard two of the expected explosions, the party in the motor car became impatient of the delay and moved forward. It is understood that the three engineers, Bleber, Joyce and Griffin, undertook to assist the men in the motor car past the danger point. Just as the seven men were opposite the place at which the fuse had been lighted, the delayed blast suddenly exploded and not one of the seven was left to tell just what had caused them to advance in the face of such peril.

The motor was completely destroyed and a train of six construction cars was wrecked.

## Man Blown 1,000 Feet in Air.

The bodies of the victims of the accident were thrown high in the air, and when picked up later were almost unrecognizable. Some of the unfortunate men were tossed nearly a thousand feet above the ground. Residents of Kelvin, startled by the sound of the explosion, looked in the direction of the sound and saw the body of one of the victims gyrating in the air as it rose under the shock of the explosives, and then descended to the ground.

## IS SLAIN BY "BLACK HAND"

Italian Politician Leader Is Ambushed in Basement of His Own Home—Wife Near By.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 8.—Another mysterious murder, believed to have been a "Black Hand" tragedy, cost the life of Joseph Laverdi, 26 years old, a Republican leader among the Italians. Laverdi was ambushed and shot to death in the basement of his home, while his bride of a year was preparing breakfast in a room above. She heard two revolver shots and rushed down stairs, but was too late to get a glimpse of the slayers.

Lieut. John Dammann and a dozen bluecoats reached the Laverdi home a few minutes after the tragedy. The widow was too hysterical to make a connected statement and from neighbors no clues could be obtained. Dammann and his policemen rounded up 15 Italians for a "third degree" session at the hands of Inspector John Revere, but as usual in Italian murder mysteries the prisoners would say nothing.

## Missing Man Is Found.

Davenport, Ia., Feb. 8.—John Eickmann, one of the best known citizens of Davenport, who disappeared a week ago, has written his family from Kansas City, where he says he is boarding at 1315 West Fourth street. He writes that he has no recollection as to how he got there. The police of several states have been searching for him since he dropped out of sight here.

## PLEAD GUILTY OF BEING ILLEGAL COMBINE

Twenty-seven Paper Board Corporations Are Fined \$2,000 Apiece—More to Follow.

New York, Feb. 28.—Twenty-seven of the 39 corporations composing the Paper Board association pleaded guilty to being an illegal combination in restraint of trade and were fined by Judge Hough in the criminal branch of the United States court \$2,000 apiece, or \$54,000. The plea was made through the association's attorney, James M. Beck, former attorney general.

Assistant District Attorney Wise had collected evidence to show that when the combination was formed the cost of paper board was \$21 a ton, and that by 1907 it had been boosted to \$39. Even during the hard times it was kept at \$36 by judicious shutting down of factories. Since the indictment against the association last December it has fallen to its normal price. But during the four years mentioned, as the indictment stated, an annual tax of \$5,000,000 had been levied on the people of the country. The 12 other corporations in the combination are to plead later. The combination controls the paper business from Maine to Virginia and Ohio.

## MORE CAUGHT IN GRAFT NET

Chicago Grand Jury Indicts City Engineer and Ten Others—Conspiracy Is Charge.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Four true bills, charging city hall officials with conspiracy in connection with the \$45,000 "shale rock" matter, were returned by the county grand jury. The men indicted were:

John Ericson, city engineer. Michael H. McGovern, contractor. Paul Redeske, former deputy commissioner of public works.

Ralph A. Bonnell, former assistant city engineer.

All of the above with the exception of Ericson were indicted a short time ago in connection with an alleged attempt to defraud the city of about \$250,000 in the building of section N of the Lawrence avenue sewer.

Second indictments were returned against ten persons and the seven others who were indicted last week on charges of attempts to defraud the city of \$250,000 in another deal connected with the Lawrence avenue sewer.

The January grand jury was dismissed. It was believed, however, that other charges of city hall graft will be brought before the February body, which will be sworn in February 14.

## BLAMED FOR CHERRY FIRE

Miner Said to Be Responsible for Mine Horror Is Discovered Through Letters.

Cherry, Ill., Feb. 7.—Alexander Rosenjack, who was mainly responsible, according to miners, for the fire that caused the loss of nearly 300 lives in the St. Paul mine last November, was found through letters received recently by Mrs. Annie Stefan, at whose home he roomed before he was hustled out of Cherry.

Rosenjack is working for a street car company in Cleveland, says Mrs. Stefan, and lives with his father, Martin Rosenjack, there.

Robert Dean, who is said to have shared responsibility with Rosenjack for the mine fire, is said by his sisters to have been sent to Scotland to prevent his giving evidence in the investigation on the cause of the fire. Indications are that no more bodies will be removed from the mine before the middle of next week. A large number of men are making every effort to reach the dead and relieve the suspense of anxious women.

## Mrs. Ford to Be Re-Tried.

Cincinnati, Feb. 8.—That Mrs. Jeanette Timmins Stewart Ford, charged in indictment with having black-mailed Charles L. Warriner, former treasurer of the Big Four, will be tried again, and that the trial will start next week, is the assertion made here by Prosecutor Hunt.

## MEAT PROFITS BIG

Senator McCumber Declares Farmers Gets Inadequate Returns for Products.

## WILSON COMPARES PRICES

Secretary Shows Enormous Advances Both by Wholesaler and Retailer—Says Rates on Sugar, Tea, Spices, Crackers Have Been Reduced.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Senator McCumber of North Dakota, in a speech in the senate discussing the increased price of foodstuffs, declared that the farmer gets an inadequate return for his products.

The senator made some statements which, if they are founded on fact, show that the packers, wholesalers and retailers of meat are making profits beyond the conception of the human mind in their enormity. He used his own knowledge, a report of Secretary Wilson and a price card of the senate restaurant to prove his contention.

"An average beef animal on a Dakota ranch brings \$70," he said, "but according to the prices here," pointing to the senate restaurant bill of fare, "it is sold to the customers who eat there for the enormous sum of \$2,500, enough to buy half a farm. And prices in the ordinary restaurant show that the \$70 beef animal is sold for \$2,000. The fact that the farmer gets but \$70 shows that he does not get the money, and the effect of the bills to take the tariff off meat and the products of the farm would be to establish a legislative boycott against the tiller of the soil."

## Wholesaler Gets Biggest Advance.

The comparison of prices submitted by Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture show enormous increases by both wholesaler and retailer—the advance being greater for the retailer in one product and for the wholesaler in another, but mostly the big advance was by the wholesaler. Here are some samples:

Bread—Wholesale, 25.1; retail, 4.9. Butter—Wholesale, Elgin, 29.8; creamery extra, 27.5; dairy, 24.6; retail 30.6; no quality indicated. Coffee—Wholesale, 26.9; retail, 20.3. Cheese—Wholesale, 3.9; retail, 5.0. Eggs, new laid—Wholesale, 39.8; retail, 36.2.

Wheat flour—Wholesale, spring, 43.6; winter, 26.8; retail, 24.4, no quality indicated.

Lard—Wholesale, 63.3; retail, 38.2. Beef—Wholesale, fresh, 11.8; salt, 41.9; retail, fresh 14.9; salt, 10.6.

Dressed Mutton—Wholesale, 21.4; retail, 26.8. Bacon—Wholesale, 54.5; retail, 52.9. Ham—Wholesale, 21.9; retail, 31.8. Milk—Wholesale, 30.0; retail, 18.1. Potatoes—Wholesale, 70.6; retail, 25.5.

The report shows that prices on sugar, teas, spices and soda crackers have been slightly reduced.

The advances shown by the secretary were for the year 1907 over the year 1899, which was regarded as normal. And great as those advances are, they have been greatly swelled by advances since 1907.

## TAINTED BEEF IS DEMANDED

Inspector Testifies Before Congressional Committee Unwholesome Is Preferred to Genuine Article.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Unwholesome beef ready to fall to pieces was served at the White House during the occupancy of President Roosevelt by preference.

Also there are numerous families in the ultra-wealth set in the national capital who prefer tainted beef to the genuine fresh article.

Dealers are compelled to keep the passe stuff on hand to meet the demand, and it has happened that a side of beef about to be destroyed by order of an inspector was snatched from his hands by a dealer to fill the order of a fashionable family brought in by a liveried coachman.

These amazing facts were sworn to by Food Inspector Dodge before the Moore special committee from the house which is trying to find out why it costs so much to live in Washington.

Members of the committee made no effort to conceal their disgust at the revelations. Representative Johnson of Kentucky characterized it as "the gratifying of canine appetites." Inspector Dodge's testimony was halted at the most interesting period by the adjournment of the committee.

## KHEDIVE TAKES NEW WIFE

Egyptian Ruler Deserts Monogamy and Secretly Marries Austrian Countess—Causes Sensation.

Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 8.—News that Khedive Abbas II. had deserted monogamy and had secretly married an Austrian countess has caused a great sensation throughout Egypt. The khedive's new wife will live at the harem henceforth.

Abbas II. has heretofore posed as a strict monogamist and his conversion to polygamy has alarmed the aristocratic wives of Egypt.

## Black Hander Gets Two Years.

Black Hander Gets Two Years. Jackson, Mich., Feb. 5.—Ray Hornsman, the young dry goods clerk, who admitted sending "Black Hand" letters to Charles C. Bloomfield, a local banker, demanding \$10,000, was sentenced to two years in the Detroit house of correction.