

BRIEF REVIEW OF A WEEK'S EVENTS

RECORD OF THE MOST IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS IN ITEMIZED FORM.

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Information Gathered from All Quarters of the Civilized World and Prepared for the Perusal of the Busy Man.

STRIKE OF TELEGRAPHERS.

Striking operators interfered with the government service from Camp Perry, O., and soldiers patrolled the line for several miles.

Arbitration of the telegraphers' strike as it stands at present is out of the question, according to President S. J. Small of the Commercial Telegraphers' union. Mr. Small said the strikers are prepared to remain out for two months and the union will support them for that time.

S. J. Small, president of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, arrived in New York and was met at the railway station by a large delegation of the striking telegraphers. He gave out an optimistic statement regarding general conditions. In Chicago it was believed he went east on a peace mission.

A monster mass meeting at which the cause of the striking telegraphers is to be laid before the business men of Chicago was decided on by President Sylvester J. Small, of the Commercial Telegraphers' union.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It was reported in Tangier that the sultan of Morocco had been assassinated in the palace at Fez. Gen. Drude asked for aid and obtained reinforcements from Oran.

President Roosevelt and President Diaz simultaneously telegraphed notes to the presidents of five republics of Central America offering the good offices of the United States and Mexico in bringing about a conference of the republics for a discussion of plans to maintain peace.

The inhabitants of Martinique were thrown into a panic by an earthquake and other phenomena that caused them to fear another Mount Pelee disaster.

Judge A. L. Williams, of Topeka, Kan., died in his summer home on Pike's Peak. He was formerly general counsel for the Union Pacific.

Dr. George Waldron, a physician of Rochester; Mrs. Catherine Farnsworth of Rochester, and Mrs. William Scandling and Mrs. Jane Hobbs, both of Hopewell, were instantly killed in a collision between an automobile in which they were driving and a trolley car, near Canandaigua, N. Y.

The will of Mrs. Catherine Harris, of Cincinnati, who left nearly half a million dollars to a half-brother residing in Topeka, Kan., is to be contested by her nephews.

Eugene Cargell, marshal of Cairo, was shot and killed by Cohen Simms, a negro, near Moccasin Gap, Fla. Simms surrendered. Cargell was at the head of a posse that located Charles Williams, the murderer of Sheriff Tyus, of Grady county, in the house of Simms, his uncle.

H. A. Woodman, 74 years old, a furniture dealer, was fatally injured by a robber who entered his store in Kansas City.

A meeting of the directors of the Illinois Central in New York was broken up by a fist fight between President Harahan and Stuyvesant Fish.

Hurled from a speeding automobile in which she was riding a trial test around the Morris Park race track at New York, Mrs. Leslie Kelsey, wife of R. G. Kelsey, a real estate man and automobile writer, died almost instantly.

Mrs. Byron Hendricks, her six-year-old grandchild and Arthur Oystar, driver of their carriage, were killed at Alliance, O., by a Pittsburg, Port Wayne & Chicago passenger train.

McKinley Richmond, a negro, aged ten years, was found guilty of murder in the first degree at Clarion, Pa. He killed his little sister.

All records for excavation on the line of the Panama canal were broken during July, despite a reduction in the force of employes.

Col. Amos Stickney, corps of engineers, U. S. A., and Rear Admiral Davis were retired, having reached the age limit.

Michael Brennan shot and killed his brother, Antonio, near Lakeville, Minn., in a quarrel over the dividing line between their farms.

Mme. Agnes Lake, the first woman circus owner in this country and at one time a famous bareback rider and high wire walker, died at the home of relatives in Jersey City.

A pearl valued at \$1,000 was found in Clinch river, Tennessee, by William Tyler, a professional pearl hunter.

The Atlantic battleship fleet will start for the Pacific next December, according to an official statement issued by Secretary Loeb at the direction of President Roosevelt.

Arthur Ciemiens, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was struck by a baseball while playing at Glenview, L. I., and killed.

It cost the American government \$2,564,970 to keep the American army of Cuban pacification in that island during the fiscal year of 1907.

Frank Pekolias and Samuel Ambrose were stabbed to death at Coaldale, Pa., presumably by "Black Hand" agents.

"Star Masterpiece," a Berkshire hog formerly owned by the Wisconsin state university, was sold at the Whitehall, Ill., hog sale to residents of Kirtsville, Ill., for \$5,500.

Glasgow Thompson, a bootblack, of Kewanee, Ill., inherited \$30,000 from a great uncle who died in Montana.

Dried Cherries.—Wash and stone the cherries and place in single layers on a platter. Sprinkle generously with granulated sugar and dry in the sun till thoroughly dried. Heat carefully in the oven before putting away in jars. This

R. F. Singleton, of Newport, Ky., was robbed and probably fatally wounded in Cincinnati.

Prince Wilhelm of Sweden was the guest of President Roosevelt at luncheon at Oyster Bay.

"Death from natural causes" was the verdict of the coroner's jury in London in the inquest on the body of the earl of Dunmore, the most prominent Christian Scientist in England.

Grover Cleveland has given up the idea of leaving his home in Princeton, N. J., on a vacation because of attacks by his old enemy, indignation.

Scientists in Germany and France are considering the establishment of "safety chambers" in coal mines in order to prevent loss of life in time of accident.

The Hungarian-American bank has been started in New York to take care of the business of the 2,600,000 Hungarians in the United States, who send back to Europe \$30,000,000 a year.

James A. Allen, lawyer, has taken steps to have the New York curb stock market declared a nuisance and abolished.

The lockout of dock laborers at Antwerp ended, the men voting to go back at the old scale of wages, one dollar per day.

Many sailors were injured in an explosion of gas on the Portuguese battleship, Vasco de Gama, at Lisbon.

Chicago packers and their teamsters made an agreement binding for two years and the threatened strike was averted.

One man was killed and seven passengers dangerously injured in the wreck of a Clover Leaf passenger train at Bowman, Ill. Two cars jumped a switch and crashed into a box car.

A passenger train on the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad, carrying Secretary of War Taft, was wrecked near the depot at Spring Hill, Kan. None of the passengers or trainmen was hurt.

A freight train on the Hocking Valley railroad went off a trestle near Dumas, O. The train and trestle took fire and were consumed, including several cars of oil and merchandise.

Mrs. Anna A. Huckle was shockingly mangled by a lion that escaped from its cage in a Pittsburg summer resort.

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Kingsbury Batchelder, professor of Greek in Hillsdale college, Michigan, died at Ocean Park, Me.

Eugene Moriarty, editor and proprietor of the Worcester Post and a prominent Democrat, was drowned while bathing in Lake Quinsigamond, Mass.

The explosion of what appears to have been a large percussion cap in a package addressed to Secretary of the Treasury George B. Cortelyou created excitement in the Nicetown, Pa., substation of the Philadelphia post office.

Nelson Morris, pioneer Chicago packer and multimillionaire, died at his home, 2453 Indiana avenue, Chicago, of heart disease, aggravated by kidney trouble.

The jurisdiction of the federal court in the issuance of the recent railway rate injunctions in North Carolina was upheld in an opinion issued by Judge Pritchard. He asserted the suit is not one against the state within the meaning of the constitution.

L. H. Carter, son of Brig. Gen. W. H. Carter, U. S. A., was killed by an electrical shock at the University of Illinois, where he was a special student.

Albert Stemmelen, of Detroit, went crazy over religion and drowned his two-year-old daughter.

Paris police authorities called Mr. Reese of Columbus, O., who recently was robbed of \$3,000, besides gems, to proceed to the French capital and testify against J. W. Bailey and William Buckley, who are accused of being swindlers.

Officials of the American Tobacco company in New York stated that the shutting down of the company's factory in Cincinnati is permanent. The unsatisfactory condition of the labor market was given as the cause.

Effective war, it is announced, is being waged against the Black Hand "brought Pennsylvania by the state constabulary and the indications are that the troops will soon rid the commonwealth of this murderous organization.

George Gould, 65 years old, who was one of the wealthiest men of New Rochelle, N. Y., died in a hospital here of starvation and exposure, according to the physicians.

It is expected that the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. will be the only big bidder for the issue of \$40,000,000 of New York city bonds which will be offered for sale next month.

Prof. Oren Root, brother of the secretary of state, died at his home in Clinton, N. Y., of cirrhosis of the liver.

W. A. Farren, alias M. D. W. Adams, former cashier of the Farmers' bank of Clearford, Ia., was arrested in Kansas City on the charge of embezzling the school funds of Taylor, Ia., on deposit in the bank.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin unveiled the monument erected at Fontenoy, Belgium, to commemorate the bravery of the Irish brigade in the battle of Fontenoy in 1745, in the presence of 200 visitors.

Ten persons were killed and 25 injured in a head-on collision between an express train bound from Bordeaux for Paris and a freight train.

To relieve the money market during crop moving, Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou will place each week, at such points in the country as he shall designate, government funds to such an amount as he deems sufficient to prevent an acute monetary stringency and possible panic when the demand for money is greatest.

The common council of Highmore, S. D., passed an ordinance which has since been approved by Acting Mayor J. M. McDonald, which forbids spoony couples from sitting in public places and makes the penalty for each violation a fine or imprisonment.

The first hanging at Indiana, Pa., for more than 20 years was not a success. The rope broke with Carmine Renzo, aged 45 years and weighing 175 pounds. A second attempt succeeded.

Rev. Edward Hurt Jewett, an aged and well-known Episcopalian minister, took his life at Manhattan Beach, Cal., by cutting his throat with a razor.

Miss Mary Maclier Latrobe, daughter of the late R. Stewart Latrobe of Baltimore, was married in London to Col. Arthur P. D. Harris of the British army.

It is announced in the City of Mexico that peace in Central America is assured through the intervention of the United States and Mexico.

Col. Ivanhoff, governor of Viborg prison and a vicious foe to the terrorists, was assassinated by the explosion of a bomb while walking along one of the streets of St. Petersburg. The assassin was arrested.

Alton B. Parker, president of the American Bar association, addressing the opening session of that body's thirtieth annual convention in Portland, Me., discussed swollen fortunes and control of corporations, hinted that those who urged federal control are inclined to go beyond constitutional limits in opposition to states' rights and said much of the work of state legislatures as to railroads and other concerns had been ill-advised, hasty, crude and unsatisfactory.

A decree creating a national department of sanitation for Cuba has been signed by Gov. Magooon, and is to become effective upon the perfection of the organization. The personnel of the department will consist of one chief and a national board of five members holding office for four years. This board will have full control of the sanitation of Cuba, supplanting all local boards.

The Pacific Mail Steamship company's steamer Aquapico, Capt. D. C. Prank, turned turtle and sank at the company's docks in San Francisco. All the passengers and crew escaped.

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Two persons were killed and several others injured when a motor car on the Chicago, Milwaukee Electric railway crashed into an ice wagon in Glenview, a Chicago suburb.

Little nine-year-old Ella Schrader, daughter of John Schrader, a railroad construction worker of Gary, Ind., was brutally murdered and the whole town sought in vain for her slayer.

Five New York firemen were poisoned by smoke from burning aniline salts and may die.

The explosion of a boiler in the Robbins & Spencer flour and feed mills at Scranton, Pa., resulted in the serious injury of four persons and was responsible for a fire which destroyed the plant and that of Armour & Co., adjoining.

Miss Ida Ethel Blaine, 25 years old, was shot and killed in the Saratoga hotel, Chicago, by Charles E. Andrews, 40 years old, formerly a restaurant keeper in Elkhart, Ind., with whom she had eloped. Andrews then committed suicide.

Twenty-one persons were hurt when the New York and Augusta express on the Southern railway was thrown from the track by a broken rail at Red Hill, Va. The private car of Bird M. Robinson, president of the Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City railway, was wrecked, but the party aboard escaped uninjured.

Arrangements have been completed for the organization of a \$50,000,000 American syndicate, which plans to develop several million acres of oil lands in Mexico. It is proposed not only to supply the Mexican market, but to ship the product in competition with the Standard Oil company.

Tornadoes near Ladysmith and Whitehall, Wis., and in southern Ohio caused several deaths and destroyed much property.

The tug Gerry of Wilmington, Del., was sunk in a collision with the British steamer Barnstable in the Patapsco river, Maryland, off Sparrows Point. Five men are believed to have lost their lives.

Charles Blondin, the once famous tight-wire walker, who once crossed Niagara falls on a rope, reported to have died ten years ago, is said to be living a hermit life in West Cheshire, Conn. Under the name of Michael Todd he is working as a jobbing carpenter.

Four hundred union steamfitters, bricklayers, carpenters and other craftsmen working on the National Bank of Commerce's new building in Kansas City for the Fuller Construction company struck because the firm employing tinners on the job conducts an open shop.

The Japanese seaport city of Hakodate was practically destroyed by fire.

Loris Higgins, who murdered W. L. Coplee, a farmer, and his wife, near Rosalie, Neb., May 12, was lynched at Bancroft.

European governments are trying vainly to purchase in America large quantities of coal for their augmented navies.

A crowded passenger train on the Mohawk and Malone division of the New York Central was saved from disaster on two miles south of Fulton, N. Y., by two young women, who discovered a giant tree lying across the track on a curve and flagged the express, using a red shawl.

Edmond F. Noel, of Lexington, Miss., was nominated for governor in the Democratic primaries.

Several women and children were injured during a panic at a Cleveland pleasure resort as a result of a lion mauling Capt. James F. Briggs, a tamer and performer.

Secretary of State Elihu Root, who has already spent three weeks at the farm-sanitarium of William C. Muldon, ex-champion wrestler, near White Plains, N. Y., taking Mr. Muldon's course of athletic treatment for a severe attack of nervous exhaustion, expects to complete his cure in two weeks more. He is now well on the road to complete recovery and all reason for apprehension about his health seems to have disappeared.

The Dupont de Nemours powder works at Sobrante, near Berkeley, Cal., were blown up, three persons being killed and many injured.

SEEKING A VALUABLE SPOT.



Chipping Off the Money Part Does Not Seem to Hurt.

PERMANENT PEACE ASSURED

CENTRAL AMERICAN CONFERENCE WILL BE ARRANGED.

Presidents Roosevelt and Diaz Send Simultaneous Notes to Heads of Five Republics.

Washington.—President Roosevelt and President Diaz simultaneously have telegraphed notes to the presidents of the five republics of Central America offering the good offices of the United States and Mexico in bringing about a conference of the republics for a discussion of plans to maintain peace.

The announcement that this action had been taken was made Wednesday by Acting Secretary Adee, of the state department. It was stated also that the notes would not be made public here until they had been received by the Central American states, and probably not until replies had been received. The exact time of sending the notes was not made known, but it is possible that replies from some of the countries already have reached Washington.

Mr. Adee late Wednesday received Minister Godoy, charge d'affaires of the Mexican embassy, and they conferred at length concerning the steps taken looking to the settlement of Central American disputes and ending the almost incessant warfare between the republics. Neither would admit that the Central American republics had been invited to hold the conference at Washington, but Senator Coren, the Nicaraguan minister, is authority for the statement that such an invitation soon will be extended. In fact, he telegraphed President Zelaya to that effect.

In diplomatic circles here it is said that none of the Central American republics can afford to decline to accept the proffers of mediation made by the United States and Mexico, and that this means that permanent peace practically is assured.

DOUBLE KILLING IN HOTEL.

Indiana Man Shoots Woman and Himself in Chicago.

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Miss Blaine came from California last Sunday night with Andrews. From letters found in the trunks it is thought she was a resident of Florida. The letters told plainly the story of the man's infatuation for the woman. All the facts in the case go to show that he killed her in a moment of desperation that came to him as he realized that he could not keep her in the style they had grown accustomed to and that he was in danger of losing her. Andrews deserted his wife and son seven years ago and eloped with a waitress in his restaurant. Later he deserted the waitress when he met Miss Blaine.

The murder was a brutal one. Miss Blaine, who was good-looking, was shot as she sat at a writing desk on the second floor of the hotel. She was wearing a letter to Andrews' son, Charles E. Andrews, Jr., of Elkhart. It is supposed that Andrews started to dictate the letter. It broke off suddenly, as if some dispute had arisen over the wording.

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Promises Taylor Immunity.

Frankfort, Ky.—In a letter addressed to Commonwealth's Attorney Robert Franklin of this city, chief prosecuting attorney for the state in the Goebel murder cases, Gov. Beckham assures that official of his cooperation with him in seeing that William S. Taylor is protected from arrest and allowed to return to the state of Indiana if he will come to the Scott circuit court at Georgetown, this state, to testify in the next trial of Caleb Powers, charged in the murder conspiracy cases.

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Morocco Sultan Reported Killed.

London.—The correspondent of the Tribune at Tangier telegraphs his paper under reserve a rumor that Sultan Abdul Aziz has been assassinated in the palace at Fez.

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Nebraska Mob Lynches a Man.

Omaha, Neb.—Loris Higgins, who murdered W. L. Coplee, a farmer, and his wife, near Rosalie, Neb., May 12, was lynched at Bancroft Monday. Sheriff Young of Thurston county came to Omaha Sunday night to get his prisoner, who had been in the Douglas county jail here since his capture, and took him to Bancroft on a train which arrived there about eight o'clock in the morning. Twenty men took Higgins from the sheriff, hauled him off in a dray and hung him to a tree.

Quake Rocks Martinique.

Fort de France, Island of Martinique.—Terror reigns throughout this island because of a severe earthquake which was felt here at 10:50 o'clock Tuesday night. The inhabitants, with the details of the eruption of Mount Pelee in 1903 fresh in their memory, are in a state of panic, although no damage has yet been reported.

Another Mount Pelee Disaster Feared in the Island.

The similarity of conditions preceding the frightful disaster of five years ago has caused an exodus of citizens. In that catastrophe the finale was preceded by just such seismic phenomena as are now prevalent.

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OYSTER BAY IS EN FETE

Sight-Seeing Trip in Automobiles Through New York Follows Dinner at the Hotel Astor.

New York.—A luncheon with President Roosevelt, an informal dinner at the Hotel Astor and a view of Broadway under its white lights, were the events of the first day's visit to New York of Prince Wilhelm of Sweden. Incidental to almost all of these events was a hearty greeting from hundreds of Swedes, who gathered everywhere to welcome to their adopted country the great-grandson of Marshal Bernadotte, one of Napoleon's famous generals.

Fresh from a round of entertainments at Newport and several Massachusetts cities, Prince Wilhelm reached New York by rail early Wednesday, accompanied by the Swedish minister to the United States, Herman Lagercrantz, and Capt. Klercher, the prince's aide. At the Grand Central station the party was met by Acting Swedish Consul Magnus Clarholm, who extended the formal welcome of the Swedish residents of New York.

Oyster Bay En Fete. At the Hotel Astor the prince was taken in charge by Huntington Wilson, third assistant secretary of state, who had been detailed by the president to escort the royal visitor to Oyster Bay.

A large portion of the population of Oyster Bay was at the station when the prince arrived, and the little Long Island village was gay with flags, prominent among them being the colors of Sweden. The party was driven immediately to Sagamore Hill, where the president was awaiting them. The luncheon served was an elaborate one. Besides Prince Wilhelm, the guests were Capt. Lindberg, of the Swedish cruiser Fylgia, on which the prince voyaged to America; Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou; John B. Jackson, minister to Persia; Lieut. R. C. Bulmer, U. S. N., commander of the Mayflower, the president's yacht, and Mrs. Bulmer; and Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell, chief of the staff of the United States army. The luncheon was entirely informal, and the president and the prince chatted on current topics until they settled down to a discussion of the training of naval officers, a subject in which both are particularly interested.

The party reached the Hotel Astor shortly after five o'clock and Prince Wilhelm retired immediately to his room for the purpose of gaining a little rest, while the exertions of the past few days made necessary.

At seven o'clock Prince Wilhelm gave an informal dinner in the Orange dining-room of the hotel at which he entertained the Swedish minister and Mme. Lagercrantz, Huntington Wilson and John B. Jackson, minister to Persia, who will act as the prince's escort during his visit; Capt. Lindberg, of the Fylgia; Capt. Klercher, A. Ekongren, secretary of the Swedish legation at Washington, and Acting Consul Clarholm.

Following the dinner the members of the party left the hotel in three large automobiles as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Astergen for a sight-seeing trip around this city.

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Enormous Increase in 1906 Over the Previous Year. New York.—The gross earnings of the railroads of the United States during 1906, according to the fortieth annual number of Poor's Manual, issued Tuesday, made the enormous increase over 1905 of \$234,442,516. The net earnings increased \$104,728,224.

This was done in spite of a heavy increase in operating expenses due to higher wages and increased cost of material. Over 71,000,000 more people traveled by rail in 1906 than in the preceding year, while the railroads moved 1,610,099,829 tons, as compared with 1,435,321,745 tons in the preceding year.

The total assets of all railroads are reported as \$17,534,381,633 or more than six times the total money in circulation in the country.

Women May Stop Strike. New York.—The New York papers announce that Helen Gottlieb, Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay and Mrs. J. G. Phelps Stokes, representing the women stockholders in the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies, held a secret conference late last week on the strike situation, and took action looking to a settlement of the difficulty. After the conference, according to the printed stories, Miss Gottlieb cabled to her brother, George J., who is in Europe, to come home at once. It is reported that he sailed last Sunday.

Fatal Electrical Storm. St. Louis.—During an electrical storm that swept over St. Louis Wednesday and covered a radius of about 100 miles, Henry Albrecht, aged 14, was killed at the village of Lake in St. Louis county, by lightning. Mary Schmitz was badly burned by the bolt in St. Louis two street cars were struck by lightning and the passengers frightened, but not injured. Trinity Methodist church was struck and damaged, and the North Market street police station was struck, knocking down and shocking Lieut. Martin O'Brien.

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