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SUMMARY OF A WEEK'S EVENTS

Latest News of Interest Boiled Down for the Busy Man.

Washington

President Taft has decided to open headquarters in Washington, D. C., install former Gov. Myron T. Herrick of Ohio in charge, temporarily at least, and start a regular campaign.

The pension appropriation bill, carrying about \$152,000,000, passed the house of representatives at Washington by a vote of 245 to 23. The bill abolishes 17 pension agencies which have been maintained in different cities.

Denouncing what he termed to be their collection of double tolls and for other violations of the law, Franklin K. Lane of the interstate commerce commission served notice upon the various express companies represented at a hearing at Washington that prosecution will be entered against them at once and the biggest possible fines exacted.

The "third term" question came up in congress when Representative Slayden, a Democrat of Texas, proposed a resolution declaring it to be the sense of the house that any departure from the custom of two terms "would be unwise, unpatriotic and fraught with peril to free institutions."

Senator Borah's bill creating a children's bureau in the department of commerce and labor, at a cost of \$30,000, was passed by the United States senate after it had been amended so as to take from employees of the bureau authority to enter the home of a citizen at will.

Evidence intended to show that Charles McGowan, a young Canadian who testified in defense of C. F. Wiebe before the Lorimer investigation committee of the senate last summer, perjured himself was offered before the committee at Washington by William J. Burns, the detective who gained fame in the McNamara case.

A defense of his tariff record, with a plea for the continuance, before the Akron (O.) chamber of commerce, of the tariff board brought President Taft's three-day tour of his native state to an end.

John E. Sloane, head of an airplane company, called upon Secretary of War Stimson to offer the United States an armored war airplane as a gift. He also visited Secretary of the Navy Meyer to obtain the co-operation of the navy in a flight he is planning across the Atlantic from Gloucester, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, to the Irish coast.

Domestic

The task of raising the sunken battleship Maine in the harbor of Havana was crowned with success when the after section, which was not injured by the explosion and comprises half the total length of the ill-fated vessel, was set afloat. It will be towed out into the bay.

As a result of a collision between the steamer Allegheby of the Hamburg-American line and the steamer Pomeran, the former vessel lies at the bottom of the Atlantic, 75 miles east northeast of Cape Henry. The latter had her bow stove in, but rescued the crew and passengers of the sunken steamer.

Joseph Cotton, his son, Smith Cotton, and Joseph Sanchez, charged with violating a federal injunction restraining striking Illinois Central shopmen and sympathizers from interfering with the affairs of the railroad at McComb City, Miss., were found guilty by United States District Judge Niles, fined \$100 each and sentenced to four months imprisonment.

Fire partly destroyed the office building of the Emerson Brantingean company at Rockford, Ill., causing an estimated loss of \$50,000.

Harry E. Seyfried, formerly postmaster at Delchamps, Ala., is under arrest at Los Angeles, after a chase of nine months. The charge against him, postal authorities said, was that of using postal stamps belonging to the government to pay personal debts.

Old Congress hall, adjoining Independence hall, in Philadelphia, is undergoing extensive repairs which when completed will restore the building to the appearance it had when George Washington took the oath as president.

A murder mystery was given the authorities to solve by the finding of four bodies at the home of Lewis Mallan, fifteen miles northwest of Appleton, Wis. The throats of three victims had been cut, while the fourth victim had been shot in the head.

The \$50,000 suit for damages, started nine months ago against Mayor Seidel of Milwaukee by Circuit Judge Franz Eschweiler for libel, resulting from a campaign speech, has been settled out of court. The mayor has secured a settlement by writing a letter in which he charges that the statements attributed to him were never made.

Suit was filed at Cincinnati by Harry Busch, a stockholder, asking for the appointment of a receiver for the Cincinnati Trust company, of which George B. Cox was president and which was recently absorbed by the Provident Savings Bank and Trust company. It was alleged in the petition that the officers and directors wrongfully misused the funds of the property for their own purpose.

On the question whether the International Paper company is a trust depends a libel suit brought by the company against the Lewiston (Me.) Journal, in which depositions are being taken in New York. The paper is alleged to have called the company a trust.

Assessment rolls of 1912 of Greenwich, Conn., sometimes called the wealthiest suburb in America, show a total of taxable property of \$25,000,000, an increase of \$3,000,000 over the list of 1911 and an increase of nearly \$25,000,000 in ten years. Fifty-one millionaires are included in the list of taxpayers.

Wilson's water power law, passed by the legislature of 1911 and which sought to vest in the state all rights to water power heretofore held by corporations and individuals, subject only to lease, was declared unconstitutional by the state supreme court.

Charged with being an accessory to murder, Joseph J. Etor of New York, leader of the great textile strike at Lawrence, Mass., was arrested. The charge against the strike leader is in connection with the death of Anna Lopez, a striker, who was shot during an outbreak.

Foreign

Ten sailors and four lieutenants were drowned off the Isle of Wight when the British submarine "A3" was rammed by the British gunboat Hazard. The submarine sank like a stone, with a great tear in her armor, and none on board had a chance to escape.

Signor Caruso was acquitted at Milan, Italy, on charges made against him by Ada Giachetti, the prima donna, that he had intercepted a letter from Oscar Hammerstein inclosing a \$50,000 contract to appear at the Manhattan opera house. The witnesses against Caruso have been charged with conspiracy and remanded for trial.

As a result of a proclamation circulated among the revolting Juarist garrison and members of the so-called new revolutionary junta in El Paso, the city council sent a message to President Taft asking "immediate protection of Americans and American interests in El Paso." The proclamation declares Emilio Vasquez Gomez provisional president of the Mexican republic.

The edict of abdication of the Chinese throne has been signed. The court will remain in Peking indefinitely, or until the Manchu rulers are able to make their escape. The troops of the Manchu garrison have sworn vengeance on the empress dowager and the princes for their act and have declared they will shoot them on sight.

Owing to the grave situation caused by the general strike, the constitutional guarantees have been suspended and martial law has been proclaimed in the district of Lisbon, Portugal. The city has been handed over to the keeping of General Carvalhal and troops surround the town.

The Russian emperor has granted a pension to the widow of Tolstoy, who henceforth will receive 10,000 rubles (\$5,000) annually.

Personal

Dr. John C. Branner, vice-president of Leland Stanford university, Palo Alto, Cal., has been presented by the Philadelphia (Pa.) Academy of Natural Science with the Hayden medal for the year 1912 for his work in advancing geology and paleontology.

Mgr. Richard Lalor Burtzell, who was a member of Cardinal Farley's suite on the latter's trip to Rome, is ill with pneumonia at the Benedictine sanitarium at Kingston, N. Y.

A national semi-military society for girls, similar to the boy scouts organization, will be formed by Miss Lena Beard, daughter of Dan Beard, the artist, if a mass meeting she has arranged to hold at Flushing, L. I., brings the results she anticipates.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson, the lecturer and writer on health topics of New York city, is in such poor health that his physician has ordered him to cancel all his lecture engagements for six months and take a complete rest.

Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLenn, wife of Edward McLenn and daughter of the late Thomas F. Walsh, the mine owner, now is the lawful owner of the famous Hope diamond. She wore it for the first time at a reception in honor of the Russian ambassador given by the McLenns.

QUARANTINE ASYLUM

RURAL MAIL CARRIER REWARDED FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE.

NEWS FROM OVER THE STATE

What is Going on Here and There That is of Interest to the Readers Throughout Nebraska and Vicinity.

Hastings—Six patients in male ward eighteen at the state asylum for insane at Ingleside, near this city, have been quarantined for smallpox following the appearance of the first symptoms.

Faithful Service Rewarded.

Tekamah—When Mail Carrier W. B. Cutler went over his route last week he was agreeably surprised to find in each mail box vegetables, grain and many dainties, besides cash donations in each, with instructions to purchase the easiest chair he could find. This was done by the patrons of route No. 2 to show their appreciation of his faithfulness during the recent cold spell in facing 42 below zero, bad roads and chilly winds in order to deliver their mail daily.

To Raise Funds for Completion.

Lincoln—The Christian Science church, which is just completing a large new edifice in this city, has asked the district court of the county for permission to mortgage the structure for \$25,000, in view of the fact that additional expenses have been incurred since the building operations were first started.

Successful Farmers' Institute.

Bruning—The farmers' institute held at Bruning was most successful from all viewpoints of any yet held here. The attendance was exceptionally large, a total of 2,400 people being present at the four sessions.

NEWS FROM THE STATE HOUSE.

Chancellor Avery has accepted invitations to speak at the high school commencements at Holdrege, Fairbury and Davenport.

Robert G. Ross, the Lexington man who has filed for the democratic nomination for president of the United States, intends to run on the primary ticket in the four other states where preferential laws are operative—New Jersey, North Dakota, Oregon and Wisconsin.

About 1,500 invitations for the first banquet of the Nebraska Legislative league are being sent out to those who have served in territorial and state legislatures. The date of the spread is February 15. It will take place at the Lincoln hotel.

Governor Aldrich has arranged to make a trip through the irrigated region in western Nebraska. He will start February 29 and go to Kimball, Sidney, Bridgeport, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, and then to Crawford and Chadron, and return to Lincoln by way of Inman and Wisner, at which places he may stop.

Deputy Attorney General George W. Ayres has given an opinion to Auditor Barton, holding that Burd Miller, who receives a salary of \$2,000 a year as supervisor and inspector of construction of state buildings, can legally draw extra compensation from the state for drawing plans and specifications for state buildings.

A picture of "Wild Bill," the famous gun man of early Nebraska days, will soon be placed in the archives of the State Historical society, according to a letter received from D. Cramb of Denver. The latter's mother was a schoolmate of James Butler Hitchcock, or "Wild Bill," when both were children in the late 30s back in Illinois. The picture is described by the prospective donor as being a typical pose of the well known pioneer.

In an opinion rendered by the attorney general to the state oil inspector, the former asserts that under the state oil laws the sale of adulterated gasoline is prohibited in this state, despite the fact that its specific gravity may be above 62 degrees, as required by the state law. He also states that all low-grade gasoline should be inspected, but that any of it registering less than 12° legal requirement shall not be used for lighting or power purposes.

In the letter sent out to various school superintendents of the state, State Superintendent Dellzell wants to know why provisions of the law relating to the devotion of a half an hour monthly to fire prevention talks is not being more generally observed throughout the state. It is understood that failure to receive fire protection text-books is accountable in the majority of instances and an effort will be made to supply these at once to the various schools.

State Auditor Barton has received several thousand dollars which officials of the Union Fire Insurance company are placing in his hands pending the solution as to its ownership.

Because of the accident at the state fair grounds during the last fair, in which Frank Kuzelka lost his life, a \$25,000 damage suit has been brought in the federal court against the Western Silo company of Iowa. Kuzelka was struck on the head by a hood which flew off from a demonstrating silage cutter.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Bridgeport suffered a bad fire last week. Hastings is figuring on the erection of a fireproof hotel.

Alliance is pushing things to secure a \$135,000 federal building.

Dates for the state fair this year are September 2 to 6, inclusive.

Nebraska hardware dealers will meet at Lincoln, February 13 to 16.

Dakota county is for good roads and has just bought a number of road drags.

The state convention of commercial clubs is scheduled for Hastings some time in May.

Wayne is making war on gamblers and dives, and a number of arrests have been made.

Beatrice will entertain the state G. A. R. veterans in their annual encampment, May 21 to 23.

Palmer Blake, one of the pioneers of Johnson county, is dead at his home near Tecumseh.

The dedication of the new Carnegie library at Alliance will take place some time this month.

A number of families in the neighborhood of Dakota City are under quarantine for smallpox.

Doane college at Crete is developing a great interest among its pupils along the line of debating.

J. E. Wilson of White Cloud, Kas., has been called to the pastorate of the Christian church at Salem.

Fred Conn, a Bancroft young man, got his hand caught in the gearing of a corn sheller and lost a thumb.

Pupils of the Lincoln grade schools in the typhoid zone will be supplied with boiled water for drinking purposes.

Silver cups, farming utensils and cash are among the prizes to be awarded at the Dakota City farmers' institute.

In order to assist in the men and religion forward movement, the Lincoln ministerial union will hold weekly meetings.

The Geneva city council has adopted a system of clock registration with nine stations for the night watchman of that place.

Mr. Gilbert, instructor in science at Crete high school, was severely burned by an explosion during a chemical experiment.

The Central Nebraska Poultry association has decided to change the name of the organization to the Adams County Poultry association.

The Rev. Mr. Arnold, pastor of the United Brethren church of York, is very ill with pneumonia, and it is thought he cannot recover.

Another canvass will be undertaken by the Y. M. C. A. of Fremont, with the object of raising the sum of \$2,000 to clear away the indebtedness.

Two hundred and fifty men took part in the wolf hunt in a scope of country northwest of Unadilla. They rounded up nine wolves, killing six of them.

Mrs. Lillian Pete, of Liberty, was burned to death in Selma, La., where she was exhibiting trained animals with a circus. She will be buried at Beatrice.

Many farmers over the state are taking heed to warnings sent out and are testing their seed corn. Much surprise is manifested at the low germinating condition.

Senator Hitchcock has received assurance from First Assistant Postmaster General Grandfield that the postoffice at Havelock will not be converted into a sub-station of Lincoln.

It will take \$53,900 to run York county for the ensuing year, according to the report of the committee of the county board appointed to estimate expenses for the year.

The business men of Holdrege through the Commercial club, are taking an active interest in seeing that the farmers of Phelps county make a test of seed corn before planting.

Arrangements are being made for the erection of a tabernacle at Alliance. The building will be a permanent structure and \$900 has already been guaranteed toward its cost by business men.

Thayer County Teachers' association meeting will be held in Hebron, February 17. Prof. Fred Hunter of the state university will deliver an address on "Opportunities and Responsibilities of the Country School."

A change has been made in the date of the annual state encampment of the Grand Army which is to be held this year at Beatrice. The corrected dates are May 14, 15 and 16. The encampment will thus be held one week earlier than at first agreed upon.

Ed Richards, a farmer of Burt county, was killed by a falling feed trough Tuesday.

The East Central Nebraska Teachers' association will hold its annual meeting in Fremont, March 27, 28 and 29.

An iron horseshoe bearing in crude letters the sentence, "My peace I give unto you," was found in a load of sand used in the Commercial club building in Lincoln, the sand having come from the pits near Louisville, Neb.

Harry Seltz of De Soto captured the sweepstakes in his exhibit of ten ears of white corn at the corn show which was held in connection with the state corn improvers' association at Lincoln.

Irvin Irons, the thirteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Irons, living near Douglas, committed suicide Wednesday by shooting himself through the head with a thirty-two calibre rifle.

The athletic association of the Fairbury high school has presented a sweater to each member of the 1911 team. The sweaters are bright red, with a large yellow "F" on the front.

CONCERNING THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

President Taft, in Message to Congress, Points Out Needs of Various Sections.

ALASKA TOO LONG NEGLECTED

Urgent Need of Legislation That Shall Develop the Resources of the Territory and Afford Protection to Settlers—Would Have Government Build and Own a Trunk Line Railroad—Waterway Improvements.

Washington, Feb. 2.—President Taft sent the following message to congress today: To the Senate and House of Representatives:

There is no branch of the Federal jurisdiction which calls more imperatively for immediate legislation than that which concerns the public domain, and especially the part of that domain which is in Alaska.

The progress under the reclamation act has made clear the defects of its limitations, which should be remedied. The rules governing the acquisition of homesteads, of land that is not arid or semi-arid, are not well adapted to the perfecting of title to land made arable by government reclamation work.

I concur with the Secretary of the Interior in his recommendation that, after entry is made upon land being reclaimed, actual occupation as a homestead of the same be not required until two years after entry, but that cultivation of the same shall be required, and that the present provision under which the land is to be paid for in ten annual installments shall be so modified as to allow a patent issue for the land at the end of five years' cultivation and three years' occupation, with a reservation of a government lien for the amount of the unpaid purchase money.

Under such a system the Federal government would have such direct supervision of the whole matter that any honest administration could easily prevent the abuses which a monopoly of absolute ownership in private persons or companies would make possible.

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I therefore recommend that, to enable the president to invite foreign governments to such a conference, to be held at Washington or elsewhere, the congress provide an appropriation, not to exceed \$20,000, to defray the expenses of preparation and of participation by the United States.

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Industrial relations concern the public for a double reason. We are directly interested in the maintenance of peaceful and stable industrial conditions for the sake of our own comfort and well-being; but society is equally interested, in its effectively civic capacity, in seeing that our institutions are effectively maintaining justice and fair dealing between any classes of citizens whose economic interests may seem to clash.

The magnitude and complexity of modern industrial disputes have put upon some of our statutes and our present mechanism for adjusting such differences—where we can be said to have any mechanism at all—a strain they were never intended to bear and for which they are unsuited. What is urgently needed to day is a re-examination of our laws.

My attention has been called to the injustice which is done in this country by the sale of article in the trade purporting to be made in Ireland, when they are not so made, and it is suggested that the justice of the enactment of a law which, so far as the jurisdiction of the federal government can go, would prevent a continuance of this misrepresentation to the public and fraud upon those who are entitled to use the statement in the sale of their goods. I think it to be greatly in the interest of fair dealing, which ought always to be encouraged by law, for congress to enact a law making it a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, to use the mails or to put into interstate commerce any articles of merchandise which bear upon their face a statement that they have been manufactured in some particular country when the fact is otherwise.

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what I have said as to the immediate need for a government of much wider powers than now exists there, if it can be said to have any government at all.

Lower Colorado River.

There is transmitted herewith a letter from the Secretary of the Interior setting out the work done under joint resolution approved June 25, 1910, authorizing the expenditure of \$1,000,000, or so much thereof as might be necessary, to be expended by the President for the purpose of protecting lands and property in the Imperial valley and elsewhere along the Colorado river in Arizona. The money was expended and the protective works erected, but the disturbances in Mexico so delayed the work, and the floods in the Colorado river were so extensive that a part of the works have been carried away, and the need for further action and expenditure of money exists.

Water-Power Sites. In previous communications to Congress I have pointed out two methods by which the water-power sites on non-navigable streams may be controlled as between the state and the national government. It has seemed wise that the control should be concentrated in one government or the other as the active participant in supervising its use by private enterprise.

The Secretary of the Interior has suggested another method by which the water-power site shall be leased directly by the government to those who exercise a public franchise under provisions imposing a rental for the water power to create a fund to be expended by the general government for the improvement of the stream and the benefit of the local community where the power site is, and permitting the state to regulate the rates at which the converted power is sold.

The latter method suggested by the Secretary is a more direct method for Federal control, and in view of the probable union and systematic organization and welding together of the power derived from water within a radius of 300 or 400 miles, I think it better that the power of control should remain in the national government than that it should be turned over to the states.

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ON TARIFF REVISION

BOTH HOUSES THIS WEEK WILL WORK ON THE SAME.

ALSO ON THE MONEY TRUST

On Wednesday Night House Democrats Will Hold a Caucus Regarding the Latter Investigation.

Washington.—Tariff revision work in committees of both houses, a renewed attempt to fix a date for action on the pending arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France and a house caucus Wednesday night on the controversy between house leaders over the proposed investigation of the so-called "money trust" will enliven congress this week. House republicans will caucus to ratify the selections which the various state delegations in congress have made for the republican congressional committee. This committee will have charge of the party's general work in the next congressional campaign.

The senate committee on finance will begin active consideration of tariff measures Tuesday when the first of a long series of hearings on the house steel revision bill will be held. Manufacturing interests which have manifested their opposition to the reductions, averaging 35 per cent from the present law, have arranged to be represented. Ample opportunity will be allowed for the appearance of all interested in the proposed revision.

Some republican leaders have figured February 29 as an approximate date when the committee should be able to close the hearings and proceed to consider its report to the senate.

The democratic leaders do not favor the effort of Senator Newlands of Nevada to increase the finance committee's membership by one democrat and one progressive republican, and the progressive republicans have evinced no interest in it. The increase would change the political complexion of the committee. The regular republicans have deferred final determination of their program and neither the democrats nor the insurgent republicans have made overtures to each other looking to such a coalition. The house work on the tariff will be in the ways and means committee, which will frame the sugar schedule revision bill for report in about a fortnight.

Canvasses made by a number of senators are cited by advocates of the arbitration treaties as showing that the treaties can now command the necessary two-thirds vote of the senate for ratification. It is understood that Senator Curtis of Kansas has completed a pool showing sixty-two senators for the treaties, twenty-four being willing to vote for them without amendments, twenty-one senators have expressed their opposition to the treaties in any form, and five out of eight senators classed as uncertain are expected to prove favorable to the treaties.

Arrested at His Wife's Funeral. Harms, Ia.—A sensational turn developed Sunday in the mystery surrounding the death of Mrs. E. P. Hesse, which occurred Wednesday. E. H. Hesse, the woman's husband, who lives three miles northwest of Cleghorn, Ia., was placed under arrest at the grave of his wife by Sheriff Starr of Cherokee county, charged with her murder.

"Aunt Delia" Torrey as Guest. Washington.—Miss Delia Torrey, President Taft's "Aunt Delia," arrived in Washington to be a White house guest for several days. Although 87 years old she traveled here alone from her home in Milberry, Mass.

American Bicyclist Hurt. Berlin.—The American bicyclist George Wiley of Syracuse, one of the contestants in the six-day bicycle race, which began here, suffered a fall while speeding around the turns which may result fatally.

Big Fire in Kansas City. Kansas City, Mo.—Fire almost completely destroyed the stock of the Margolis Jewelry company at 1007 Main street, causing a total loss of nearly \$700,000.

Treasury Deficit Growing. Washington.—The deficit of the federal treasury of the current fiscal year has risen to \$22,458,000. At the close of January, a year ago, it was \$4,137,000.

Gets \$10,000 Damages. Passaic, N. J.—Miss Genevieve Kusant was awarded \$10,000 in her \$10,000 breach of promise suit against Harry Wilkie, who married Miss Minnie Casson, Miss Kusant's bridesmaid.

Oil Prices Climbing. New York.—Oil prices have been steadily climbing since the dissolution of the Standard Oil company by the United States supreme court, and will continue to advance, according to J. I. C. Clarke, representative of the trust.

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