

NEWS OF THE WEEK

CONDENSATIONS OF GREATER OR LESSER IMPORTANCE.

A BOILING DOWN OF EVENTS

National, Political, Personal and Other Matters in Brief Form for All Classes of Readers.

WASHINGTON.

According to State Geologist R. C. Allen of Michigan, that state may cease to be a coal producing state within fifteen years.

The commission of five appointed by the French government to select a site at the Panama-Pacific exposition has been received by President Wilson and Secretary Bryan.

Senator Reed of Missouri insisted that unless certain changes were made in rates fixed by the conference committee, he might vote against the report and the tariff bill on its final passage.

President Wilson's reply will close the "summer White house" at Cornish on October 15 and return to Washington. Had the currency situation been less acute, Mrs. Wilson and her daughters would have remained here until later, being joined by the president for a brief vacation.

Another note of protest in the California anti-alien controversy has been dispatched to the United States. The text has not been published, but it is understood that if it is accepted, on which point the Japanese authorities are very optimistic, it will necessitate a new treaty between the two countries.

Former Assistant Paymaster Arthur Middleton, U. S. N., who has been reported as declaring that "snobbery" and "caste" are rampant in the United States navy, will be called upon by Secretary Daniels to give specific instances of the evil which the former pay officer alleges exists.

The latest effort of the government to check the present scarcity of beef consists in enlisting the aid of the red man to raise cattle for the market. Not only is Commissioner of Indian Affairs Sells with large herds of the fine breeds of beef cattle, but he is mapping out plans for improving and developing all the live stock of the Indians.

President Wilson has signed a proclamation opening to homestead entry 300,000 acres of land in Grant and McPherson counties, restored to the public domain from the North Platte forest reserve. The president has also signed a bill passed by the senate permitting him to prescribe the regulations governing the opening of the North Platte and similar tracts.

Fred Brokaw, in custody in San Francisco awaiting extradition on a Pittsburgh warrant charging assault to commit robbery, told the police he had a prominent position in a street crowd that figured in motion pictures taken in San Francisco. His alleged crime was committed in Pittsburgh, on September 8. The films were obtained and thrown on a screen for the benefit of the police, Brokaw or his double was easily recognized.

DOMESTIC.

The price of all standard grades of granulated sugar has been reduced 35 points and is now 4.45 points per pound.

Walter Johnson, who is leading all pitchers in the major leagues has signed a contract with Manager Griffith of the Washington team for the 1914 season. The salary was not announced, but it is understood to be \$12,500.

Two masked and armed men forced the employees of the Yukon Gold company into submission on Love hill, three miles from Dawson, and robbed the company's sluice boxes of concentrated gravel valued at \$20,000.

Mrs. Joseph H. Cooper, 65 years old was found dead and her husband, 70 years old, was found dying in their home at Mount Vernon, Ark., by one of a neighbor who went to investigate when the couple had not been seen for several days. Physicians say the aged couple starved to death.

After a rifle battle with several citizens recently a band of robbers, who had looted the vaults in the First State bank at Dardanelle, Ark., escaped. Their loot amounted to several thousand dollars.

Should a strike of engineers and firemen on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railway be ordered, Governor Foss will ask for special session of the Massachusetts legislature to enact laws to prohibit all strikes of railway employees within the commonwealth.

Although the royal wedding between the duchess of Fife and Prince Arthur of Connaught will not take place until October, preparations are already under way at London for the event.

Reports to Commissioner of Indian Affairs Sells stated that 10,542 acres of oil lands offered for lease in the Osage Indian reservation in Oklahoma brought a bonus of \$505,316, being an average of \$48 per acre. This bonus is in addition to a royalty of one-sixth of the oil production.

Maryland planned 1,285 miles of good road and appropriated \$10,000,000 to build it. The money will soon be spent on about 500 miles and the state papers say that \$5,000,000 will be asked to complete the rest.

Minneapolis now has a 70-cent rate on gas.

Twelve thousand street signs of an ornamented bracket pattern are lying at street intersections in Chicago.

Thomas A. Edison is back at his shop at Orange, N. J., having recovered from the ill effects of his vacation.

A friend of Honus Wagner has given him a bat made from the wood of Commodore Perry's historic battleship.

Miss Harriet Otis Croft, a Boston bachelor maid who died abroad last summer left one of a \$1,000,000 estate to public charities in her native city.

Mrs. Harriet Johnston-Wood, a practicing lawyer of New York, is waging a determined campaign to be appointed to the bench in the children's court in that city.

Hearings in the anti-trust suit of the federal government against the United States steel corporation has been resumed in New York. The case has been under way nearly two years.

After hiding about the state prison at Moundsville, W. Va., Alexander Childs, serving a twenty-year sentence, made his escape from the prison by sliding down a rope from a roof 80 feet from the ground.

Albert Chittenden of Marion, Ky., while hunting recently found a purse containing bills which he lost two and a half years ago. The bills were almost decayed and hardly lasted long enough to be redeemed by the United States treasury office.

While her two husbands are warring in the Los Angeles probate court over the \$7,000,000 estate of Mrs. Arcadia De Baker, who died several months ago, a grandniece Mrs. Arcadia Bandini Brennan, filed a suit claiming that all other claimants be enjoined from asserting any right to it.

An increase in crime in Boston is shown by the estimate of a new record in the number of cases handled by the municipal court in a year. For the year ended September 30 the total was 50,200, as compared with 46,700 in the previous year. The increase was most marked in drunkenness and automobile law violations.

Ernest Muret, the self-styled dentist, who it is charged, was an associate in the counterfeiting operations with Hans Schmidt, the slayer of Anna Amulmer, was surrendered by the state to the United States secret service. An indictment charging counterfeiting had been found against him by the federal grand jury.

Finishing a 1,500-mile walk on the trail of Edward Payson Weston, Mrs. Marie Chester of Middletown, N. Y., mother of ten children, three of whom accompanied her has arrived in Minneapolis having left New York City on July 21. A number of business men of Middletown agreed to rebuild Mrs. Chester's burned home at an expense of \$4,000 providing she made the trip in sixty-five days. It was accomplished in fifty-three days of actual walking time. The children accompanying Mrs. Chester were one girl and two boys, aged respectively, 15, 14 and 13 years.

FOREIGN.

Absolutely no damage was done to the structures of the Panama canal by the earthquake which occurred in the canal zone recently.

An official bulletin says that Princess Augustine Victoria, wife of former King Manuel of Portugal, is expected to recover "within a reasonable time."

The Austrian aviator Sablatnik made another altitude record at Johannisthal, Germany. With four passengers he reached a height of 6,823 feet.

Greece is preparing for war with Turkey and the reservists have been summoned to the colors within three days. The immediate evacuation of Dedeagatch has been ordered.

Servian officials announce that the tide of battle in Albania has now set in their favor, the Servian army having reconquered Dibra and Ochrida. The Serbs now outnumber the Albanians and are pushing the latter back.

Eight ringleaders of the cannibals who recently murdered John Henry Werne, a German-American mineralogist, while he was at the head of an expedition searching for radium in an unexplored region of New Guinea, have been arrested by a patrol, according to a dispatch from Papua.

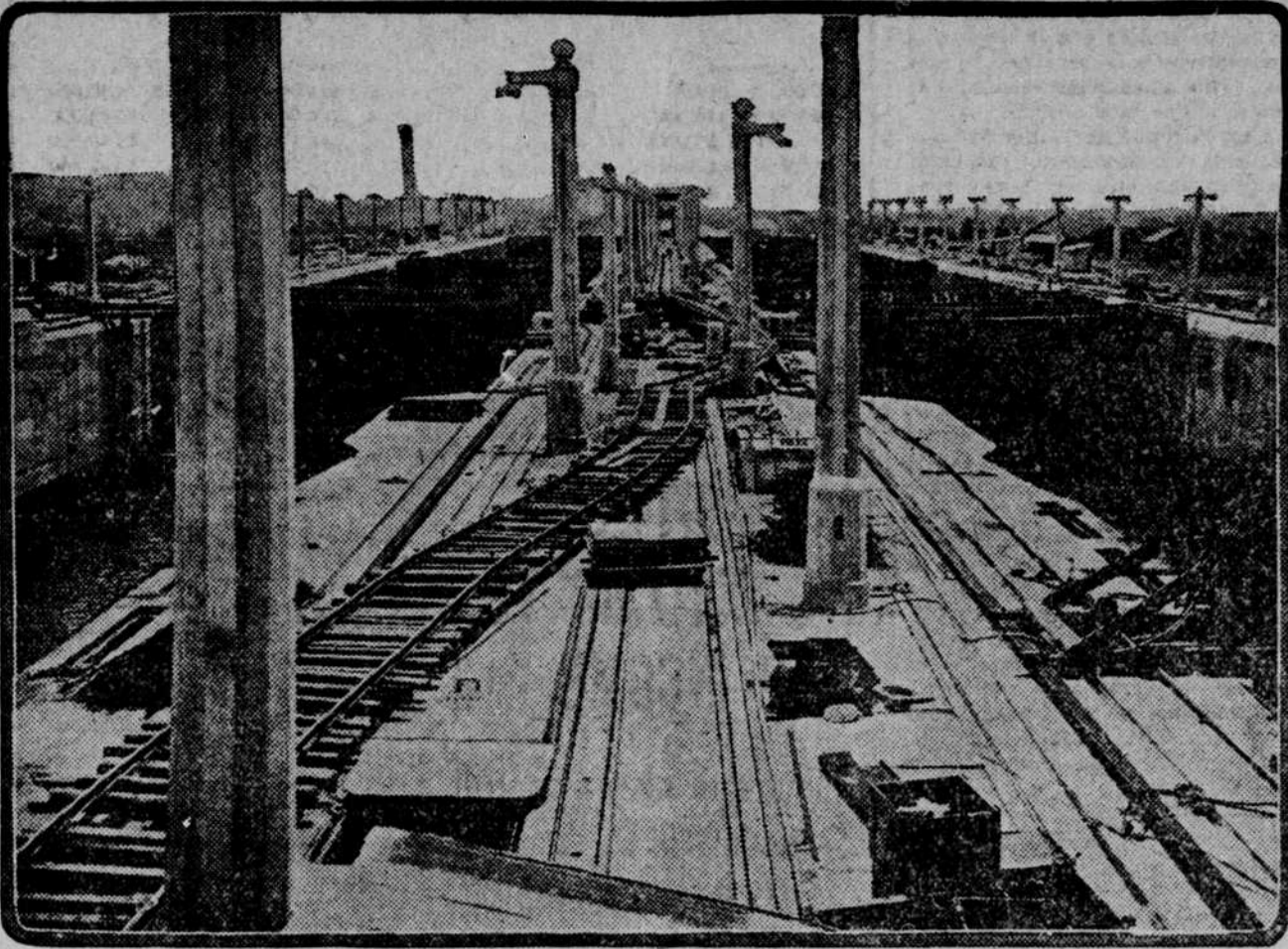
Victoria Mary Sackville West, daughter of Lord and Lady Sackville, was married in London to Harold Stanley Nicholson, son of Sir Arthur Nicholson, undersecretary of state for foreign affairs.

Despite the apology of General Chang Hsun, the Chinese commander at Nanking, Japan, still will insist upon his resignation as governor of Kiang Su, which is confidently expected in due time. Japan also demands the punishment of those who took part in the Nanking outrages.

The German aviator who was arrested near Bologna when he landed with his biplane on French soil is said by the military authorities here to be Lieutenant Steffen of the German army.

Puerto Plata, chief stronghold of the Dominican rebels on the northern coast, has surrendered to the government forces, according to official advices. It is believed in government circles that the rebel towns of Samana and Sanchez must now capitulate and end the rebellion.

FINISHING TOUCHES ON THE GATUN LOCKS AT PANAMA



This is a splendid view of the upper Gatun locks, taken from the center wall and looking north along upper Gatun locks, showing the almost completed condition of this section of the Panama canal. The water of the canal may be seen on either side in the foreground, being held back by the gates. In the left background is the Gatun lighthouse. The unsightly tracks on the center structure will soon be removed, having been placed there only temporarily during the construction of the center wall.

WORK ON PANAMA CANAL NEAR END

Waters of Gatun Lake Turned Into the Culebra Cut.

BIG DIKE IS TO BE REMOVED

This Will Mark the Practical Completion of the Big Waterway After Nine Years of Labor by an Army of Men.

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The preliminary steps toward the destruction of the Gamboa dike, which until the present time, has held the waters of Gatun lake out of the Culebra cut, were taken today when the valves in four great 26-inch pipes which pierce the dike were opened and the waters of the lake began flowing into the Culebra cut. Within a few days, it is expected, enough water will have flowed into the cut to form a cushion and prevent the damage that might be done if the dike were blown up and the waters allowed to rush into the empty cut.

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Canal Really Complete Now. Although the canal will not be officially declared completed for some time, and the formal opening of the waterway to the commerce of the world more than a year distant, the canal engineers look upon the destruction of the Gamboa dike as marking the real completion of the canal.

The big engineering feats have all been accomplished, the excavation work practically has been completed, and the great locks have been constructed. The work that remains to be done is largely detail, and is but child's play as compared with that which has been done. More dirt is to be removed from the channel, but this will be done with suction dredges floating upon the waters of the canal. There still remain some finishing touches to be placed upon the locks, but this work will take comparatively little time and presents no engineering difficulties such as has been encountered in the past.

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CURRENCY REFORM NEXT STEP

President Urges Congress to Complete "Legislative Journey" Before Adjourning.

Washington.—Surrounded by the leaders of a united democracy, President Wilson signed the Underwood-Simmons tariff bill at 9:10 o'clock Friday night at the White House. Simultaneously telegrams were sent to customs collectors throughout the country by the Treasury department putting into actual operation the first democratic tariff revision since 1894. A happy group of legislators, members of the cabinet and friends encircled the president as he smilingly sat down and slowly affixed his signature with two gold pens. He presented to Representative Underwood the pen that had written the word "Woodrow" and the one which had completed his name to Senator Simmons, both of whom bowed their appreciation.

In impressive silence the president delivered in easy, natural tones, an extemporaneous speech that brought prolonged applause. He said that the journey of legislative accomplishment had only been partly completed; that a great service had been done for the rank and file of the country; but that the second step in the emancipation of business was currency reform. He earnestly called upon his colleagues to go "the rest of the journey" with fresh impulse.

Culebra Cut Filling Up Rapidly.

Panama.—Four West Indian laborers at Miraflores locks were drowned here by the giving way of the barrier. Although only twenty-four hours have elapsed since the water entered the Culebra cut, it is filling so rapidly that previous calculations have been upset, indicating that the cut will be filled to the level of Gatun lake by October 10, the date fixed for the destruction of the dike by dynamite.

Passenger Steamer Sinks.

Portland, Ore.—Wireless stations here and at Corvallis picked up messages reporting that the steamer Spokane of the Pacific Coast Steamship company had been wrecked off Cape Lazo, B. C. The steamer Dolphin rushed to the Spokane in answer to "S. O. S." calls. The steamer La Touche took off the passengers. The Spokane was a passenger vessel plying between Portland and northeast points.

Congressman Stephens Is Ill.

Washington.—Representative and Mrs. Dan Stephens left Washington for Fremont, Neb., and will remain there until the December session. Owing to the prolonged and trying session, Mr. Stephens has been in poor health for several weeks and feels the need of rest and recuperation.

Sullivan a Candidate for Senate.

Chicago, Ill.—Announcement of the candidacy of Roger Sullivan, democrat "boss" of Illinois, for the United States senate ill be made soon, probably at the state fair at Springfield. Mr. Sullivan is said to have disposed of his interests in a public utilities company and at present is a manufacturer of biscuits.

Mrs. Burgess Confesses.

Mason City, Ia.—After a long conference with police, Mrs. A. B. Burgess, who said she was the victim of a poison plot by a masked man, broke down and confessed she administered the poison to her baby herself to get rid of it.

Bars Original Dances.

Lawrence, Kas.—The tango and other original dances are prohibited in the University of Kansas, in an order issued by the board of administration of the institution.

Floods are Now Receding.

San Antonio, Tex.—The San Antonio river, which overflowed its banks flooding a portion of San Antonio and southwest Texas, is falling rapidly. Train service, is still crippled and wire communication interrupted in several towns.

For Government Ownership.

Washington.—Government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines is to be proposed in bills Representative Lewis of Maryland now is drafting for introduction in the house.

Conclude Presenting Evidence.

New York.—The eastern railroads have concluded the direct presentation of their evidence offered to refute the testimony already given on behalf of the 80,000 trainmen and conductors, whose demand of increased wages is being arbitrated.

Forgeries Reached \$53,000.

Joliet, Ill.—James P. O'Conner, real estate broker pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery, and was sentenced to the penitentiary. His forgeries aggregated more than \$35,000.

Attempt to Wreck Plant.

Coudersport, Pa.—An attempt to wreck the plant of the Potter Enterprise was made. A heavy charge of dynamite was exploded under the typesetting machines. The side of the building was blown out, but the machines were only slightly damaged.

Weds Army Lieutenant.

Newburgh, N. Y.—Lieutenant Wister M. Chubb, U. S. A., and Miss Edith Taft of Montgomery, Orange county, were married. The bride is a relative of former President Taft.

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A CALIFORNIA CASE

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REALLY OLD ENOUGH TO VOTE

Young Man Painfully Disillusioned When He Realized the Age of His Charmer.

A small theatrical company touring the provincial towns had as juvenile leading lady an actress who delighted the audiences everywhere. She was so bright and fresh and girlish that the male portion of the audiences promptly fell in love with her. One evening a youthful admirer sought out the manager of the company, a fine-looking, bearded man, and proceeded to fish for an introduction to the charming little lady. He had, he said, enjoyed her acting so much. "It must be very pleasant to know her," he suggested. "I expect you will see her so often are very fond of her?" "Well, yes," admitted the manager. "Yes, I suppose I am rather fond of her." "Perhaps you've known her for some time?" suggested the admirer. "Yes, quite a long time," agreed the manager. "But it can't be so very long," protested the other; "she's little more than a girl." Then a horrid suspicion occurred to him. "You—you're not her husband, are you?" he faltered. "No, oh, no!" said the manager. "I'm her son!"

Safest Way.

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