

WEEK'S NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS

ITEMS GATHERED FROM ALL
PARTS OF THE WORLD.

EVENTS HERE AND ABROAD

Epitome of a Week's Happenings Condensed for the reader of the
Busy Man, and Arranged in
Classified Form.

Washington

Former United States Senator Thomas Witherell Palmer, one of Detroit's oldest and most prominent citizens, is dead at Detroit after a long illness. He was born in this city in 1830. He was elected to the United States senate in 1883.

President Wilson, in a letter to Senator Tillman, which the latter has made public, makes it plain that he is in favor of currency legislation at the present session of congress.

Tariff and currency reform went into effect when the senate subcommittee on the judiciary committee on the judiciary committee began its hearings in its hunt for the numerous and inauspicious booby traps which President Wilson has said is at work threatening legislation.

A committee of postoffice department officers reported that the department "did not attain a condition of self-support during the administration of Postmaster General Hitchcock, notwithstanding the numerous announcements to that effect, although an apparent surplus was attained by unjustifiable methods of bookkeeping."

The United States senate adopted a resolution instructing the judiciary committee to investigate the charges which a lobby is being maintained in Washington to influence pending legislation, with particular emphasis upon its effect on or against the Underwood tariff bill now before the finance committee.

Secretary Bryan announces that eight nations have responded favorably to his peace plan, asking that suggestions be submitted in regard to details. The nations, in the order in which they have accepted, are: Great Britain, France, Brazil, Sweden, Norway, Peru and Russia.

Senator Lawrence V. Sherman of Illinois was the speaker of the day at the Decoration day services at the National Soldiers' home in Washington. He pleaded for peace, but declared that no man now living would see the day when wars would cease.

"Joy riding" by responsible persons in automobiles "borrowed" from their owners received a decided setback in Washington when Seymour Anderson, a negro youth, was taken to the penitentiary to serve a three-year term for such an infringement of the law, and Charles Jefferson, a negro chauffeur for Representative Wendell of Wyoming, began a six month sentence for a similar infraction.

Maj. Richmond Wylwester, superintendent of the District of Columbia police, was exonerated and his subordinates were mildly reprimanded for the disorder that attended the suffrage parade March 3.

Domestic

After numerous delays, George C. Bayless, president of the Bayless Paper and Paper company, and Frederick M. Hamlin, superintendent of the company, were placed on trial at Wallingboro, Pa., for alleged criminal responsibility for the breaking of the dam at Austin, Pa., on September 30, 1911, which resulted in the loss of 30 lives.

Herman Coppes, fourteen years old, slayer of Mrs. Maudie Sleep and her two babies at East Peoria, Ill., April 14, pleaded guilty at Geneseo, Ill., and was sentenced by Judge Irwin to life imprisonment in the Joliet penitentiary, one day of which is to be spent in solitary confinement.

Four masked bandits rowed across the Illinois river at Lockport, Ill., shot four guards and paymasters who were taking \$4,000 to Peru to pay employees of the Illinois Zinc company, but failed to get the money. One of the guards was killed outright and another is not expected alive. The others will recover.

Fire at Rock Island, Ill., caused by lightning, destroyed the bars of the Tri-City Railway company, with forty cars, causing a loss of \$400,000. Fire service was rendered by drafting cars from the Davenport and Muscatine trains of the company.

The Missouri supreme court discharged William R. Nelson, owner and editor of the Kansas City Star, from contempt of court for having directly courted. The decision of the supreme court was unanimous.

Fire destroyed the plant of the Daily News Publishing company at Canton, O., causing a loss estimated at \$50,000.

The board of health of New York city adopted a resolution forbidding the use of living bacterial organisms in the inoculation of human beings for the treatment of disease unless permission is obtained from the board.

Robert J. Foster, a detective employed by the National Erectors' association during the investigation of the "dynamite conspiracy," was found not guilty of assaulting Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Bridge and Structural Iron Workers' association, in Indianapolis.

France gained a sporting victory over America on the Indianapolis Speedway when Gonx, driving a Peugeot car, won the 500-mile motor race and \$35,000 in cash prizes. Wisbart, in an American Mercer, was second. Mers, in an American-made Stutz, captured third place.

At least a score of persons were drowned from small boats in Hampton Roads by the tornado which hit Norfolk, Va., rating houses and doing great damage to other property. Hampton, Newport News, Portsmouth and Old Point Comfort were also hit hard.

Joseph R. Wilson, brother of the president, has accepted a position with the N. Y. Bonding company, whose headquarters are in New York. His title, it is said, would be assistant manager of the New York office and manager of the promotion and development department of Baltimore.

In returning 17 indictments against owners and officers of "tiki" clubs, the St. Louis grand jury criticized both the police and the breweries for the existence of organizations, many of which, it was stated, were formed for no other apparent reason than to evade the excise laws.

Oscar M. Auerbach, convicted last winter of the murder of Harry W. Fisher of Chicago, was granted a new trial by the Michigan supreme court. Auerbach is serving a life sentence in Jackson prison.

Theodore Roosevelt won his libel suit at Marquette, Mich., against George A. Newett, editor of the laboring Iron Ore. Damages, however, were only nominal—six cents—made possible by the attitude of the court, who told the jury he did not seek a punitive verdict.

Personal

Alfred Austin, British poet laureate since 1896, is dead at his home in Kent, at the age of seventy-seven. He had been ill some time.

Nathan Straus, New York merchant and philanthropist, returned home aboard the steamer Caronia, suffering from a nervous breakdown. He was taken to the country home of his son-in-law, where it was said that his condition was not serious.

Calvin S. Glover of Louisville, Ky., who has been totally blind all his life, is among the honor students of the senior class of nearly 2,000 members who received degrees from Columbia university.

A monument to the memory of Maj. Leathard H. who lost his life in the Titanic disaster, was dedicated in the national cemetery at Arlington.

Edwin A. Wilson, a prominent real estate dealer of Springfield, Ill., was killed by the locomotive of a west-bound Baltimore & Ohio passenger train.

Miss Katharine Elkins and her mother, Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, were painfully injured as the result of a collision between their limousine and a street car in Washington, D. C.

Foreign

Convicted of practicing cannibalism and human sacrifices, 40 members of the "Leopold society," a secret organization, have been hanged in Sierra Leone, a British colony on the west coast of Africa.

Bulgarian troops destroyed the village of Hadji, between Salonika and Serres, and massacred the Mussulman population.

The eight months' war between Turkey and the allied Balkan states is ended. The "Peace of London" was signed in the picture gallery of St. James' palace.

Walter Hines Page, newly appointed United States ambassador to the court of St. James, was received by King George, to whom he presented his letters of credence.

Sir Henry Curtis Bennett, metropolitan police magistrate in Bow street police court since 1908, dropped dead after addressing a meeting in Mansion house. Sir Henry was one of the best known magistrates in Great Britain sitting in the central court of London.

Eighty persons are under arrest in Willemstad, Curacao, charged with implication in a plot to kill President Juan Vicente Gomez of Venezuela. It is alleged that the revolution of the President's life was to have been made at the Parilio house race.

SECRETARY BRYAN STARTS A BUILDING



Secretary of State Bryan is here seen turning the first spadeful of earth for the palace of agriculture at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. President Charles C. Moore of the exposition stands beside Mr. Bryan.

GOUX WINS AUTO-RACE

FRENCHMAN LANDS 500-MILE CONTEST AT INDIANAPOLIS.

Wins \$35,000 Cash Prize—Wisbart and Mers are Second and Third Respectively.

Indianapolis, June 1.—France won a sporting victory over America Friday on the Indianapolis Speedway when Goux, driving a Peugeot car, won the 500-mile motor race. Wisbart, in an American Mercer, was second. Mers, in an American-made Stutz, captured third place.

Goux's time was six hours 31 minutes 43.45 seconds, an average of 64.619 miles an hour. His rewards were international honors, cash prizes worth \$35,000, including the \$20,000 cash prize offered by the management of the speedway for the winner of the race, a kiss from a dirt-covered mechanic, and a shower of champagne made of grapes that grew in the country whence he came.

Spencer Wisbart, who drove a Mercer car into second place at the finish of the race, was given a kissless and champagneless reception at the Mercer pit, but his two hands, worn out by the steady work at the wheel of his car, were shaken wildly by a hundred admirers. He was lifted upon the shoulders of his pit men and cheered with the enthusiasm equal to that accorded to the Frenchman. He was given a check for \$10,000.

One of the most remarkable bits of race car driving was marked by Charles Mers in his Stutz car, when he drove three and one-half miles, more than one lap around the course, with his car alone beneath the engine, and his mechanic and himself hardly able to keep their seats on account of the flames that were licking at their legs.

Spectators remaining in the grand stands and bleachers were on their feet straining for a glimpse of the intrepid young Indianapolis driver as he rounded the final curve and started down the final stretch with tongues of flames spurting from under the hood of his car. He could not have made another lap. His car would have gone to pieces in another mile. But it remained intact as he continued to do his bidding until it limped across the finish line and Mers was \$5,000 wealthier. Pitmen had extinguishers at hand and extinguished the fire that soon would have destroyed the car. Charles Mers' father is an Indianapolis policeman with a record for bravery to his credit.

FLASHES OFF THE WIRE

Marion, O., June 1.—John Noyes, wealthy young farmer, died at his home near LaPorte as a result of injuries received by being thrown by a pony.

New York, May 29.—William Smith, aged nineteen, of Warrenton, Va., a jockey connected with the Wedener stables, was thrown and killed Tuesday while exercising a horse over the jumps at Belmont Park race track.

New York, May 20.—Charles W. Morse, former banker who served a term in prison, was elected Wednesday president of the Hudson Navigation company, owners of a line of steamers operating on the Hudson.

Jackson, Miss., June 1.—Rev. George Holford, a Baptist minister, was shot and instantly killed Friday by his wife at the family home near Montrose, in Jasper county, according to a report received here.

Fulton, Ky., June 1.—In the collision between the "Dixie Flyer" and the N. C. & St. L. and a freight train, eighteen persons were shaken up and killed.

Falsely Told KHI Woman. Chicago, June 1.—Miss Angelina Birger died Monday as the result of exhibiting her new false teeth to Mrs. Francis Kierulff. In replacing them, Miss Birger swallowed the plate and choked to death.

Four Men Rob Jeweler. New York, June 4.—Four armed robbers entered the jewelry shop of Mandel Greenhaus on the lower East side, held him up at the point of a revolver, looted his two safes of \$4,000 in gems and escaped.

JAPAN TO REPLY SOON

CABLES KEPT BUSY FRAMING ANSWERS FOR BRYAN.

Not Thought Mikado's Government Will Ask for Exclusion Code—Canada Act Held Example.

Washington, June 1.—According to present plans Japan will submit to the state department at an early day a rejoinder to Secretary Bryan's answer to the Japanese protest against the alien land legislation adopted by the California legislature.

This was made known here Monday, but without any suggestion as to the probable contents of the note. There have been numerous cable exchanges between the Japanese embassy here and the foreign office in Tokyo, necessitated by the demands the latter for exact information as to American national and state laws regarding alien land ownership and naturalization.

Notwithstanding the pressure from certain quarters at home, however, it is regarded as doubtful that the Japanese embassy has concluded to turn to a request for amendment of the American naturalization laws as a solution of the present issue between the two countries. The successful treatment by the Canadian parliament of complaints from British Columbia of the commission of Japanese, however, has attracted the attention of the negotiations on both sides in this country.

As the underlying principle of the Canadian legislation is separation of the two races in the interest of permanent peace, to be attained through absolute exclusion of all but the traveling and student classes, it was suggested that a similar remedy might be found to fit the present issue in America.

RECEIVERS FOR TWO ROADS

'Frisco and Eastern Illinois Unable to Meet Outstanding Notes—Take Affairs Into Court.

St. Louis, May 29.—United States Judge Sabornie Tuesday appointed two receivers for the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, known as the "Frisco" system, upon application of the North American company. Benjamin L. Winchell, president of the "Frisco" company, and Thomas H. West, chairman of the board of directors of the St. Louis Union Trust company, were named as receivers.

Judge Carpenter of the United States district court of Chicago, appointed receivers for the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad, a part of the "Frisco" system, upon the application of the Railway Steel Spring company. William J. Jackson, vice-president of the road, and Edwin W. Winters of the "Frisco" system, were named as receivers.

The liability of the "Frisco" system to meet the \$2,550,000 five per cent. two year notes maturing June 1 brought about the financial difficulties of the system.

M. P. TRAINS IN COLLISION

Four Persons Are Killed and Eighteen Badly Injured—St. Paul Freight Train Struck.

St. Louis, May 29.—Four persons were killed and 18 passengers and two train crew members are known to have been injured when two St. Louis-Kansas City passenger trains of the Missouri Pacific collided head-on near Brent, Mo., 30 miles west of Jefferson City. An additional list of passengers and train crew members who were injured is expected to be received from the St. Louis office of the Missouri Pacific when more complete details are obtained.

Poet Laureate Austin Dead. London, June 1.—Alfred Austin, British poet laureate since 1896, died Monday at Binsted, old manor house of his father, at the age of seventy-seven years. He had been ill some time.

Minister to Venezuela Quits. Caracas, Venezuela, June 4.—Elliott Northcott, United States minister to Venezuela, has resigned from the diplomatic service. He is called for home Monday on board the steamer "Cape".

Is Largest Lake Vessel. Fort William, Ont., June 1.—The steamer Noronic, the largest passenger boat on the great lakes, was launched at the Dry Dock Yards here Tuesday in the presence of several thousand people.

REBELS TAKE CITY

HUNDREDS KILLED IN BATTLE WHICH RESULTS IN CAPTURE OF MATAMORAS, MEX.

FEDERAL LEADER IS SLAIN

Victors Possessed Plans of Fortifications and Under Guidance of Deserter Attacked Vulnerable Points—Victims Made Three Attacks.

Brownsville, Tex., June 4.—Hundreds are believed to have been killed in a battle that raged for 12 hours Tuesday between the rebels under Gen. Lucio Blanco and the federal forces in Matamoras, the northern stronghold of the federal government, and which resulted, after desperate fighting, in the capture of the city in the evening by the rebels.

Much of the fighting was hand to hand. Maj. Esteban Ramos, one of Mexico's noted soldiers, made a heroic defense against terrible odds. His officers capitulated only after their chief had been mortally wounded by a half dozen rebel bullets and lay at the point of death in a hospital in Brownsville. The dying general heard the shouts of the victors as the streets of the conquered town just before he passed away.

The attack began at 10:30 Tuesday morning, when the constitutionalists under General Blanco advanced in skirmish line. The federals had practically no chances to hold the city, and their resistance throughout the day was characterized by the American army officers who viewed the assault from this side of the river.

The rebels were in possession of complete plans of the fortifications. A federal deserter showed them where all the mines were laid and named the vulnerable points in the line of defense. Virtually the only defense of the federals had been a high barbed wire fence charged with electricity.

The rebels charged this three times, and each time were hurled back. Sixty of their number were electrocuted. Finally they concentrated their assault upon the Matamoras light plant. Major Ramos dispatched Captain Yellex, his most trusted aide, with two lieutenants and a picked band of 20 sharpshooters to defend the plant and save the wire fence.

The federals made a gallant defense, but were outnumbered four to one, and Captain Yellex, the lieutenants and the squad of soldiers were killed to a man after they had retreated to the very doors of the electrification plant. The plant fell at three o'clock, and the last hope of the federals went with it. Blanco appealed to Major Ramos to surrender, but the old Mexican fighter scorned the offer and sent the rebels back and ordered a delay to repulse the attack.

The rebels advanced and, after a heavy fire, the federal band was driven under cover. Cutting their way through the wire fence, now useless as a defense, the rebels swarmed into the town.

Slaughter followed. Retreating from street to street the defenders slowly but surely were driven to bay. Scores of soldiers fled to the river and swam to the American shore where they surrendered to the flag of the United States.

Not until the retreating army had been completely routed was it impossible to marshal a squad of fighting men at one place did a junior officer of Ramos' staff raise the white flag on his banner. Bullets whizzed into Brownsville, where hundreds watched the fortune of the battle across the river. One automobile was wrecked by a shell, but no one was seriously hurt.

MEAT SUPPLY GROWS SHORT

For First Time in History of Nation Imports of Animals Exceeded Exports in 1912.

Washington, June 5.—The department of agriculture issued a bulletin Tuesday warning the nation that the supply of meat in the United States is getting shorter every year.

In the year of 1912, for the first time in the history of this country, the imports of animals and animal products exceeded the exports. In 1907 the number of beef cattle in the United States was 51,568,000, while at the beginning of the present year it was only 36,030,000. The same statement was made for the year 1911, when the number of cattle in the United States was 48,000,000, and the number of sheep was 51,568,000, while at the beginning of the present year it was only 36,030,000. The same statement was made for the year 1911, when the number of cattle in the United States was 48,000,000, and the number of sheep was 51,568,000, while at the beginning of the present year it was only 36,030,000.

Turks Are Leaving Europe. Constantinople, June 5.—Turkey Tuesday began the evacuation of the 20,000 square miles of territory lost to the Balkan allies. A dozen transports left Rodosto on the Sea of Marmora bearing Turkish troops.

Important Decision Rendered. Washington, June 5.—A decision carrying an award of \$25,000.84 was rendered Tuesday by the United States court of claims in favor of the Chicago & Alton railroad company in the "mail weighing" case.

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