FOR THE BUSY MAN.

Constant Reader Tells What He Missed in Last Week's Papers.

"What is the most important occurrence in the world's history for the week?" inquired the Busy Man of his friend Constant Reader, seeking his weekly instalment of news.

"Well, I don't know anything more interesting, even if it is not of surpassing importance," was the reply, "than the fact that President Roosevelt's shooting trip in the Louisiana canebrake has been crowned with success, and he has killed the bear in search of which he had spent many weary hours. It is astonishing how much interest was taken by persons ordinarily paying little attention to any forms of sport in the efforts of the Chief Executive to find rest and recreation in this latest of his attempts to secure big game. It would have disappointed many thousands of persons as much as it would Mr. Roosevelt himself had he been forced to return to the haunts of civilization without the bearskin which he will have sent to the White House as the trophy of his skill. The veteran guide who accompanied him said the fatal shot for Bruin was as good a one as he ever saw made. Besides the sport of following the bear, which he finally shot after four hours in the dense canebrake, the President had plenty of sport hunting on previous days without success. He also took advantage of the opportunity to swim in a lake when the temperature was below freezing and his companions were deterred by the thin coating of ice from following his example.

"The President has also had the honor of having his name mentioned at the head of those instrumental in bringing about the second peace conference at The Hague, which has finally concluded its work after three months of debating and consideration and reconsideration of the topics brought before the delegates, who represented the entire civilized world. While the gains for international peace are not so great as the more optimistic of those interested in securing the meeting of the conference hoped, yet those best able to sum up the results believe that a substantial advance over the action of the first assembly at the Dutch capital has been made. General Horace Porter, one of the representatives of this country, says that most important work has been accomplished and that the results are far beyond what the delegates from this country expected. He had never ventured to believe that as much would be achieved. American principles have been pushed forward in every direction, and where unanimity has not been secured substantial advances have been made for the promotion of world peace.

WHAT MAY PUT END TO WARS.

"Meanwhile there is the most intense interest in the balloon contests of the coming week at St. Louis, which will be supplemented by trials of airships, to test whether any practicable machine heavier than the air can fly. The success secured in some of the experiments abroad has stimulated this government to undertake developments along the same line, and Congress will be asked to appropriate half a million dollars for this purpose. It is unquestionable that the nation which first has a successful airship capable of self-propulsion and direction in the course it is desired to pursue will have all others at its mercy, hence the special effort of each of the European nations to be the best equipped. That the invention of a manageable airship would be the best means of securing the peace of the world is admitted, for with such a machine at command all of an enemy's country would lie at the mercy of a foe. Bombs could be dropped in cities and towns with destructive effect without risk, and there would be no means of retaliation or protection. Warships could be sunk in the same manner and the fleets upon the sea would be at the mercy of those in the air. The immense opportunity for marauders to do mischief and get away undiscovered if practicable airships are invented leads some persons to believe that human invention in this direction will not accomplish the desired result. But the subject is one of overpowering interest and has even invaded the field of fiction, in which the automobile has been the favorite vehicle for some time, to add to romance the touch of reality. The interest taken in the flight of balloons from St. Louis in some of the preparatory experiments is only a foretaste of that which will be taken in the forthcoming contests.

THE TRANSOCEAN WIRELESS.

"A new term has had to be made use of in designating the press dispatches sent through the air without wires from hemisphere to hemisphere. Another step has been taken in the progress of intercommunication between distant points. The invention of the electric telegraph was the beginning of the annihilation of distance on land. Then came the submarine cable, which did the same for the sea; then telephonic communication by wire; now wireless telegraphy and some wireless telephoning will be put on a practical basis if the success of experiments now under way is assured. When communication was first made under the sea it was soon broken by accident and it was interrupted for several years. In somewhat similar fashion the first success of wireless communication has been followed by a period of experimenting, until finally it is believed obstacles have been surmounted and it has been put on a basis which will make it a rival of the cable. But the cable companies are not likely to be put out of business yet by it, for they are sure to be less subject to varying conditions, and will probably be able to hold their own against rivalry. At the very time when the transatlantic wireless was put in operation a cable between this city and Havana was connected, so that there will be direct communication with the Cuban capital.

"No signs are apparent of any restoration of control of their own affairs to the Cubans, and political prophets predict that the island will have to come under as direct control by this government as are the Philippines or Porto Rico. In Manila, however, the restoration of a portion of the control of the country to the natives has been effected by the putting in power of the first Philippine Assembly, to which Secretary Taft gave the greeting of this country and will set forth what measure of autonomy the islands may hope to obtain. But in the first meetings of the new body differences arose, and it may be that this legislative organization will follow the example of so many others and fritter away its usefulness by the development of irreconcilable differences. Secretary Root has returned from his trip to the neighboring republic on the south of the United States and bears with him a vase as a gift to President Roosevelt.

THE STOCK MARKET FLURRY.

"The wise observers of the course of the stock market have been predicting financial disasters for firms and institutions in view of the long continued depression and the many breaks to lower levels in prices, but these came in the most unexpected fashion when they did occur. An effort to corner the bears by a forced rise in the prices of certain copper stocks was defeated by the throwing on the market of a large quantity of stock which it was supposed was closely held by the men engineering the deal. Thus all their plans miscarried and the market was demoralized. One firm was forced to suspend and then another, out of which one of the principal partners was repudiated, and the entire board of directors of a big bank resigned pending a reorganization and the acceptance of the presidency by one of the leading financial experts of the country. The demoralizing effect of all this on the money market—the pulse of the country—was far reaching, and probably marks the culmination of the decline in prices, which has been the most marked feature of the year. Incidentally a leading bank in Montana was involved, and synchronously came reports of the suspension of banks with large liabilities in Texas and Hamburg, Germany.

"The earth itself has not been free from disturbances in the week just ended, but so far as is known no part of the land surface was seriously affected. The indications of seismographs at such remote points as Albany and London proved that the disaster was at least five thousand miles from each, which would put it at a remote point in the Pacific Ocean, and the data derived from observation in California show that it was probably a seaquake between the Hawaiian Islands and Mexico. In its terrific force it surpassed the great earthquake of last year, so that the world may be thankful it occurred under water. It will probably produce a tremendous tidal wave.

"The greatest disaster of the week was the series of explosions in the powder mills at Fontanet, Ind., in which thirty-six persons perished and hundreds were more or less injured. This is the greatest disaster of the kind ever recorded, although there have been almost innumerable explosions in powder mills ever since the invention of this aid to civilization. Incidentally the explosion changed the wedding trip of the vice-president of the company, from whom information of the disaster was kept on the day of his wedding, and instead of an automobile trip to Canada he and his bride set out for the scene of the accident.

"The latest of the plans to reach the North Pole has been promulgated by Captain Amundsen, to whose credit stands the achievement of sailing through the Northwest Passage, so long sought by explorers, and going around the northern end of North America. He is reported to be having polar bears trained to draw sledges and that with them he will set out to make a dash which will only end in the discovery of the long sought but elusive end of the earth's axis. Almost every other means of traversing the few hundred miles remaining between the Farthest North and the Pole itself has been tried. There have been efforts on foot, in dog sledges, with reindeer, in vessels drifting with the ice, in balloon, and a threatened progress by automobile, but it has remained for Captain Amundsen to devise a new means. But if the supply of seal meat, walrus flesh or whale blubber for the bears falls short it may be that the explorers who make the attempt will fall victims to the overpowering hunger of the denizens of the icy North.

"In this connection I am reminded of the story of the Frenchman who asked: 'Ze polar bear—what does he do?'

"'He sits on the ice and eats raw seals,' was the reply.

"'I not do it, then' said he.

"'Not do what?' was queried.

"'Be ze polar bear. I'ze been asked to be ze polar bear at a funeral.'

"If Amundsen's draft animals should be overpowered by hunger there would probably be some polar bears at a funeral.

THE POLITICAL FIELD.

"In the political field the latest development is the opening of a press bureau to promote the interests of Lieutenant Governor Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler as New York's favorite son for the Presidential nomination. It is expected that it will offset Colonel Watterson's declaration that Mr. Chanler is not sufficiently well known to be regarded seriously as a candidate. His friends are saying the ticket will be Chanler and Johnson. Meanwhile the Lieutenant Governor is enjoying the delights of his new home in Tuxedo Park, where a baby has just been born in rivalry with Governor Hughes's recent addition to his family. And Mr. Bryan is to invade the enemy's country once more, to deliver a sermon in Brooklyn and a speech in Manhattan. In local politics the Judges Bartlett, whose election is secure, have been officially informed of nomination, and the fusion candidates, the fate of some of whom is extremely uncertain, have also received notification of their being placed on the ticket. Mr. Hearst, who is expected to make a strenuous effort for the ticket on which his right hand man in his campaigns, Maximilian F. Ihmsen, is candidate for Sheriff, as he did for his own election to city or state office, has been making speeches in Brooklyn, where there is no fusion and the action taken in this city has been repudiated by the state chairman of the Republican party. Much interest was taken in the campaign utterances of Governor Hughes in Manhattan. In Brooklyn the opening gun of the campaign was fired by Speaker Wadsworth.

"The election of directors for the Illinois Central Railroad, into which the personal controversies of Edward H. Harriman and Stuyvesant Fish largely enter, has been deferred until December. Mr. Harriman, who expressed the view that Newport social affairs should be divorced from railroad control, has also expressed the opinion that the Interstate Commerce Commission should seek to secure the co-operation of the railroads and shippers instead of antagonizing them, and get together on a common ground of agreement.

"The utterance of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, that a monarch should die standing, is regarded as significant in view of his devotion to his duties despite his severe illness. It recalls the Western frontier pride on the part of men to die with their boots on, but on a far higher scale. While parts of Europe have suffered from severe storms, the weather of the week in this region has been exceptionally fine, but while the temperature in New York has been almost of a summer altitude, in the Northwest it has been marked by severe cold, as low as 14 degrees below freezing being reported in the Dakotas. While this is cold enough, it is by no means the unprecedented severity of 14 degrees below zero which was reported from Winnipeg, but which was evidently a mistake for 14 degrees below freezing, or 18 degrees above zero. The dispersion of the Ashburton collection of paintings, which is reported to have been sold for $3,000,000 in London, means in all probability the addition of some choice specimens to the art collections in this city. The opening of Mills Hotel No. 3 is another great addition to the worthy beneficent institutions of the city where self-respect can be maintained under the pressing conditions of modern life. The police officers in the station houses have been keyed up to a closer attention to their duties by the appearance at unexpected times of superior officials, in one case the blotter being carried off from in front of an unsuspecting lieutenant. At the time when Commissioner Bingham was praising men for acts of bravery he was served with papers in a suit for $25,000 as damages growing out of his treatment of a captain who protested against being retired when able to perform his work.

"Is the world harking back to former days of intolerance? In the week in which a Presbyterian minister expressed the view that if he had his way heretics would be burned a distinguished educator says he would have libellers and muck-rakers hanged. A prize ear of corn exhibited at a Western fair was bid up at auction to $250 and was sold to the man who won the prize with it and hopes to raise from its seed other prize winners. The revelations in regard to the enormous sums paid to A. N. Brady for a street railroad franchise have led to the institution of suits to recover the money from those who profited by the transaction. In the search for information in regard to the use of the enormous sums in the coffers of the Standard Oil Company, William G. Rockefeller, the treasurer of the concern for seven years, was examined, but could or would throw little light on the subject under investigation. Public hearings are to be given by the Charter Revision Committee in regard to the subjects to be treated in the report for legislative action. Mayor McClellan, as the result of his experience, favors a constitution rather than a charter for the city. The opening of another fine playhouse in this city shows that the demands of theatregoers are not yet met. The Rev. Dr. Aked has found that not all his ways are paths of pleasantness since he came here from England. In the effort to escape letters from those who regard him as the almoner of Mr. Rockefeller's bounty he refused to receive registered letters, and found that he had failed to get his own bankbook which was forwarded to him in that way."

SOME FINE SPECIMENS.

Reed Collection of Heads, Horns and Skins Secured for This City.

The famous Reed collection of heads, horns and skins of Alaskan big game animals, which for three years has been on exhibition at the Union Club in Victoria, B. C., has been secured for New York and safely landed at the Zoological Park. The collection was formed by A. S. Reed, an English sportsman, in course of an extensive series of hunting adventures in the wild Northwest, and it contains probably the finest lot of heads of giant moose, caribou, Alaskan brown bear, white mountain sheep and walrus ever brought together. Owing to the disappearance of the big game of Alaska it is doubtful whether it would now be possible for any one to make such a collection of extra large specimens. Several of the objects are, by experts, believed to be the finest of their kind in existence.

The collection is widely known among the sportsmen of America and Europe, and it will be a satisfaction to American sportsmen and naturalists to know that it will remain in America. It arrived at the Zoological Park packed in six huge cases on October 16 and was temporarily stored in the horn room of the lion house. The collection was secured through the efforts of Dr. W. T. Hornaday, who last winter was instrumental in founding the national collection of heads and horns owned by the New York Zoological Society. It comes to New York as a gift of Emerson McMillan, a prominent member of the Camp Fire Club of New York, who is himself an ardent sportsman.

The collection is valued at $10,000, but by reason of the purpose to which it will be devoted it was finally acquired at a total cost of $5,500. It was secured barely in time to forestall its sale abroad. Paul Niedieck, a famous German sportsman, passed through New York City on his way to Victoria to purchase the collection, but learned that it had been secured two weeks previously by the authorization of Mr. McMillin. He has since stated that he would willingly have paid $10,000 for the lot.

The prize feature of the collection is a set of antlers of the Alaskan bull moose, which carries the largest head weapon of any beast extant. They have a spread of six feet four inches, only two and one-half inches less than the world's record, while the palmation is enormous, excelling anything of the sort ever before seen. They are considered by experts to be the best all around antlers in existence.

The great Kadiak bear, the largest carnivorous animal in the world, is represented by several heads and by a skin which has been pronounced the finest in the world.

FERRY REFORM NEEDED.

Complaint of Accommodations on the Way to Long Island City.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: When tired breadwinners on returning from daily toil to suburban homes encounter trouble they enlist the sympathy of human hearts. The Public Service Commissioners have been compelled to abandon some of their attempts to better conditions for homegoing Brooklynites. But there are other exits from Manhattan on which the congestion is nearly as great and where the means of relief have by no means been exhausted.

The writer has almost daily occasion to use a ferryboat from 34th street to Long Island City, together with many thousands of other working men and women. Hardship begins at the crossing of First avenue, where trolleys pass every minute from west to east and from east to west. Horsecars of the belt line travel uptown and downtown, and trams of the 42d street line frequent the curves in both directions. Teams intermingled with automobiles try to gain admission to the ferry. Hansom drivers obstruct the street, looking for customers among the gamblers who return from Sheepshead.

Formerly no patrolman was in sight to pilot pedestrians across this dark and dangerous thoroughfare. The one who has now been stationed at the corner is bewildered himself, so that he becomes unable to assist any one else. A Cossack, as a mounted policeman is called in Queens, may on some days be seen stolidly seated in the saddle of his horse, looking on all this turmoil as if it did not concern him. He condescends occasionally to call an impudent cabman to order, but to notice poor walkers who want to reach the ferry gate is apparently beneath his dignity.

Misunderstanding signals and ignorant of schedule time, most of them rush madly into the miserable shed which represents the ferry house and try to get ahead of one another and of more deliberate passengers. In this unventilated barn almost all senses are offended—the nose by natural stenches, the eye by coarse advertisements, the ear by screeching phonographs, and last but not least the feelings by constant pushing.

Two sliding gates, opened when a boat is ready, are rapidly closed when it is about to start. Recently a man was caught and crushed when he attempted to pass through one of these closing gates. Since the other gate remained open for at least a minute longer, the man who prematurely closed his gate should have been reprimanded. Although he felled the injured passenger to the ground, the accident did not even provoke criticism.

The crowded condition of the smaller boats beggars description. Five hundred impatient travellers take up every inch of standing room which is not absorbed by vehicles. Among them are generally four young Italian bootblacks, whose padrone pays royalties to the company, but whose services are useless, while passengers are glad if somebody does not step on their toes, and who, if they would, could have no opportunity to employ the boys.

On Thursday, October 3, one of these boys shot Robert Bain, an engineer, after he had provoked him by crushing his foot and by slapping his face as he remonstrated. This lad, who is thirteen years old, is in the Tombs, and will probably atone in the reformatory for the crime he committed. He may appeal to the Legal Aid Society if the judge should inflict a more severe punishment. Bain, who probably will recover in Bellevue from the wound he received, may learn to be more considerate in his treatment of the lowly in future.

From time to time in rush hours similar accidents occur on this ferry. It is patronized at other times by funeral directors, who bury the dead in the crowded cemeteries of Newtown or burn them in the Crematory at Fresh Pond; by dwellers in various colonies of the Long Island millionaires, who pass with motor cars over oiled highways to their sumptuous homes; by Long Island farmers, who come at all times to bring garden truck to the various markets of Manhattan; and finally, by President Roosevelt and his friends when he distinguishes Oyster Bay by his presence.

The ferryboats are supposed to start every ten minutes in the busy hours. The managers should procure more slips on both sides of the river to facilitate more frequent trips, and employ more intelligent men at the gates and on the decks to treat passengers with common decency. The tolls are ample to pay for better accommodation.

Accidents like those related could be prevented, and more room provided for the ever growing number of travellers, which will receive a sudden impetus if the plan to abandon the Greenpoint and Williamsburg ferries is carried out.

The excellent commissions which Governor Hughes created for the welfare of the city and state of New York could no better employ their time and energy than by the institution of such reforms. LOUIS WINDMULLER.

New York, Oct. 14, 1907.

ATLANTIC CITY AFFAIRS.

Roller Skate Fad Appears To Be Dying Out.

Atlantic City, Oct. 19 (Special).—The convention of the car builders, which has been held at the Steel Pier this week, has helped materially to swell the crowd of visitors here. There have been nearly two thousand delegates and their families and friends in attendance, and with their business meetings and social festivities they have helped to make the resort a little more lively than it might otherwise have been.

But there would have been a goodly number here even in the absence of the car builders. The weather has been exceptionally fine, and proved an attraction far too strong to resist. There have been no bad storms this fall, and while the weather has been cool, yet it has not been what one might call cold. It has just been of the right sort for taking long promenades on the boardwalk without heavy wraps, and it is surprising how many persons walk long distances at this time of the year and never complain of being fatigued.

The fad for roller skating is slowly but surely dying out. The rinks on the piers, which were well patronized at this time last year, get only a few patrons at each session this fall, and it is predicted that before the beginning of another season roller skating will be a forgotten pastime. There has been just a little revival of interest this week, however, but that is due to the fact that young women visitors learned Count Franz Lariesch, of Austria, a visitor here, had taken to the sport and was devoting some of his spare time to trying to master control of the little wheels. The count, who is staying at the Hotel Pennhurst, married Miss Shetterfield, of Buffalo, a few years ago, and is making his home in this country.

G. Jason Waters, of the Hotel Windsor, and a syndicate of Philadelphia capitalists have organized the Atlantic City Monorail and Amusement Company, and announce they will build a new steel pier at Illinois avenue, directly in front of the Hotel Windsor. As yet there has been no indication of work being started, although the company says the pier will be ready for the season of 1908.

James J. Hooy, of the 13th Assembly District of New York, is spending the week at the shore. He superintended the construction of the Williamsburg Bridge over the East River. It is said his purpose in coming to Atlantic City at this time is to look over material, with a view to selection for the tracks to be laid on the bridge. He is making his headquarters at the Hotel Belmont.

Great interest is manifested in the tournament of the Atlantic City Country Club, which, in all probability will be held on November 7, 8 and 9, the dates asked for of the United States Golf Association. The excellent course of the country club, at Northfield, is now being placed in the pink of condition in anticipation of the fall meet, and the tournament committee has been assured the entry list will be the largest in the local club's tournaments.

Next Thursday Atlantic City will celebrate the paving of Atlantic avenue with bitulithic. The work is not entirely done yet, but it will not take much longer to complete the job, and, at any rate, the little left to be done will not interfere with the celebration. The resort has been almost a quarter of a century trying to get that street changed from a lagoon (every time it rained or thawed) into a respectable or modern thoroughfare, and therefore the municipality feels that it has a just excuse for an old fashioned celebration and thanksgiving festival. There will be a parade of all the military and civic organizations of the city in the afternoon and a carnival in the evening. The committee in charge is now trying to get a division of about five hundred roller skaters for the evening carnival. There will be fireworks, music and a gay time.

James A. Gary, of Baltimore, Postmaster General under the administration of President McKinley, is spending some time in the resort. He is making his home at the Hotel Brighton, where he is accompanied by his wife and daughter.

Sir Wilfred Powell, British Consul at Philadelphia, went over to Camden the other day and procured a New Jersey automobile license for James Bryce, the British Ambassador at Washington. Ambassador Bryce contemplates making a tour of New Jersey, that he may become personally acquainted with its many good roads, of which he has heard so much from automobiling friends at the national capital. He is coming to Atlantic City in the course of his tour of the state.

Spencer Penrose, of Colorado Springs, a banker, and brother of United States Senator Boies Penrose, of Pennsylvania, is enjoying a few days in the resort with the Senator. Mr. Penrose is accompanied by his wife, and they have apartments at Young's Hotel.

E. D. Parkhurst, a real estate operator of New York, who is making a tour of New Jersey in his automobile, accompanied by his wife, Mrs. M. W. Forman, of Jersey City, and H. R. Smith, of Goshen, Ind., stopped here the early part of the week. They spent a day at the Ponce de Leon and went on to Asbury Park.

Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Kennedy, of New York, who recently returned from a trip abroad, are enjoying a couple of weeks' outing here. They are staying at the Hotel St. Charles and entertaining Mrs. Henry Houster, of New York.

A. M. Wattemberg, a New York banker, is enjoying a fortnight's outing, accompanied by his wife, at the Hotel Rudolf.

M. S. Chappelle, William Murray, W. H. Walker and Jules Hurtig came by motor from New York and spent the early part of the week at Young's Hotel.

Townsend Waddell, a New York lawyer, is spending a few days for the benefit of his health at the Hotel St. Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hartwell, of Troy, N. Y., are at the Hotel Traymore for the rest of the month.

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