

SUMMARY OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS.

Sunday.

Freight handlers rejected railroad offer for a wage increase of a cent an hour.

John Quincy Adams Ward, one of America's most famous sculptors, died in New York.

Archbishop O'Connell of Boston, denounced Roosevelt's treatment of the Pope as "insulting."

Twelve prominent Nebraskans were accused of a plot against a murdered land fraud witness.

Monday.

With the opening of 138 saloons, Garry, Ind., ended a long drought.

Attorney General Wickham scored "insurgents" in a New York speech.

The United States Supreme Court upheld two decisions against trusts.

Nine hundred structural workers struck and tied up big building operations in Chicago.

Ex-President Roosevelt was warmly welcomed at Copenhagen, where he was a guest at the king's palace.

President Taft's railroad bill is said to be marked for slaughter and administration forces, it is alleged, practically admit its defeat.

Tuesday.

President Taft dedicated a statue of Theodore Thomas in Cincinnati.

Secretary Wilson said that the lack of scientific methods holds down crops and adds to living cost.

The German liner sounded a warning against "beer willing" by students, and said it will wreck the nation.

The Massachusetts special commission reported that the high cost of living is due to increase in gold supply and to waste.

Although feted by people and royalty in Copenhagen, Theodore Roosevelt was chiefly interested in inspecting the government's home for aged women.

Wednesday.

President Taft in St. Louis asked a "square deal" for all classes and warmly replied to Bryan's attack on Hughes.

The legislative bribe probe in Illinois centered on a certain legislator said to have grown suddenly rich following Lorimer's election.

Regulars in the United States Senate held a meeting to clear a major and planned an aggressive campaign against the insurgents.

Ex-President Roosevelt and party were very cordially received in Christiania, Norway, King Haakon and Queen Maud meeting them personally at the railway station.

Thursday.

J. W. Kern was nominated for United States Senator by the Indiana Democrats in State convention.

Scientists were called enemies of religion in an address before the alumni of St. Ignatius College in Chicago.

The Belgian king and Roosevelt drove and dined together; a warm welcome was extended to the ex-President.

Insurgents in the Senate and House attack administration's railroad bill, evidencing resentment at Wickham's Contending the \$25,000 Western Indiana Railroad award, John C. Fetzer threatened exposure in connection with "house bill 777."

W. E. D. Stokes, Jr., a boy in short trousers, appeared before the Senate committee and denounced the Depey wireless bill as a "stock jobbing" scheme.

Friday.

Holland welcomed Theodore Roosevelt to the home of his ancestors and made him feel like one of the family.

Two thousand five hundred Jewish families were brutally expelled from Kieff, Russia, despite Stolypin's promises.

Insurgents in the Senate were defeated when the Cummins substitute in relation to part of the administration rail bill was lost, 35 to 29.

A schedule showing higher freight rates from the western territory to the Atlantic to take effect June 1 will be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The district attorney bought four girls as white slaves in the open market in New York as the result of two months of investigating in which two college women assisted.

Saturday.

The Hague took a holiday and welcomed Theodore Roosevelt.

James A. Patton and his associates were credited with \$320,000 profits through sales of May cotton.

May 26 will mark the resumption of the attack on the House of Lords and a general election is predicted.

Premier Briand's firm stand halted May day riots in France; anarchists and police clashed in Bern; Switzerland.

Miss Ethel J. Croker, youngest child of Richard Croker, was impersonated by another woman in a mysterious Hoboken marriage.

Western railroads filed tariffs with the Interstate Commerce Commission showing the rise in freight rates of from 16 to 23 per cent, effective on June 1.

CURRENT NEWS NOTES.

The manufacturers of Gary announced they will go before Governor Marshall of Indiana and counteract the charges of poison made against the United States Steel Corporation by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

The Great Northern Railway Company recently paid into the State treasury of Minnesota \$147,699, being the back taxes, penalty and interest due the State under a decision of the United States Supreme Court. This covers the amount due on the gross earnings for 1907.

Thirty-eight members of the Kentucky Senate had been summoned by the Franklin County grand jury to tell what they may know of State Senator J. J. Watkins' charge that the whisky interests used \$20,000 to bribe four of his colleagues.

By unanimous vote the New York Assembly adopted a sub-resolution for the one adopted by the Senate providing for a general investigation into alleged legislative corruption. The resolution provides that no charge of official misconduct against any candidate for nomination or election to an elective State office shall be received after Sept. 1, 1910.

ROYAL HONORS FOR ROOSEVELT

King and Queen of Norway Great Former President and Party.

The capital of Norway, which was in mourning the other day for Bjornstjerne Bjornson, was red, white and blue the next day with the entwined flags of the United States and the Norwegian monarchy, in honor of Theodore Roosevelt. The Roosevelt arrived in Christiania soon after midday, having been brought from the southern extremity of the kingdom on a special train provided by the government.

Roosevelt was signally honored by King Haakon and Queen Maud, who came to the station to personally greet the party. As the train drew in and Mr. Roosevelt stepped down, his majesty crossed the platform and, without waiting for an introduction, shook hands with the former President. He then presented Mr. Roosevelt to the Queen and Mr. Roosevelt presented Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Ethel and Kermit to their majesties.

Greetings exchanged, the Queen took the Colonel's arm and the King offered his arm to Mrs. Roosevelt. Followed by Miss Ethel and Kermit, they walked through the royal waiting room, which was half filled with flowers and flags, to the carriages which were in waiting. The party drove at once to the palace. After a brief stop at the palace, the Roosevelts, accompanied by the King and Queen and a few members of the royal household, drove to the American legation, where they had luncheon as the guests of American Minister Pelre. The luncheon was followed by a reception.

VOTES TO RAISE MAINE.

Senate, Like House, "Remembers" Havana Hulk—Will Bury Bodies.

After twelve years the ill-fated battleship Maine is to be removed from the Havana harbor and the bodies which went down with the vessel will be interred in the National cemetery at Arlington. A bill providing for such removal and burial which has been passed by the House was the other day passed by the Senate.

It is believed that when the wreck of the Maine is raised, it will be possible to determine the exact cause of the explosion which on Feb. 15, 1898, sank this vessel. The famous "White Squadron" with nearly 300 men in Havana harbor and brought on the Spanish-American war.

WOMAN ASLEEP A WEEK.

Keeps Vow to Husband to Go Into Trance After Writing Life Story.

Physicians are baffled by the case of Mrs. Bert Iklit, wife of a farmer at Signal, Columbiana county, Ohio, who has lain in a trance, like sleep, for several days. Before sliding into this condition she had had no sleep except for a few short intervals in forty-five days. Mrs. Iklit was taken ill with the grip in February. About ten days ago she told her husband she wanted to write the story of her life and that she then would go to sleep and never awaken. The husband engaged a stenographer, who took his wife's life story by dictation. Then the woman fell into a trance.

NEW TARIFF IMPORTS GROW.

Figures for Eight Months Show Increase as High as 33 Per Cent.

According to a government bulletin imports under the new tariff show an increase of 33 per cent in manufactured material, 26 per cent in finished manufactures and 3 per cent in foodstuffs. This statement is the result of a comparison of the import figures of the bureau of statistics for the eight months, Aug. 1, 1909, to March 31, 1910, with the corresponding months of the preceding year.

STALLO GELS GET \$200,000.

Search since the death of Alexander MacDonald, former oil magnate, at Long Beach, Cal., on March 18, having failed to reveal a will, Edmund K. Stallo of New York has been appointed administrator of the \$200,000 estate of Mr. Stallo's two daughters, Helen, aged 20, and Laura, 18 years old, who will inherit the estate as granddaughters of the deceased.

FARMERS HEAR TAFT IN ST. LOUIS MEETING

President Arrives in City Early and Is Met by Governor Hadley and Secretary Wilson.

PREVIOUS DAY IN CINCINNATI

State of Theodore Thomas Is Unveiled in Hall During Great Musical Festival.

President Taft arrived in St. Louis the other day and was met by the reception committee of the Business Men's League, Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson and Governor H. S. Hadley. The presidential party was taken to the St. Louis Club as the guest of the Commercial Club at breakfast. The President addressed the farmers' convention at 11 o'clock. After a drive through the business section of the city the President was the guest at a luncheon given by the Business Men's League at the Southern Hotel. From the luncheon President Taft was driven to the National League baseball park, where he witnessed the opening innings of the Cincinnati and St. Louis clubs' game. From there he was driven to the American League park, where the Cleveland and St. Louis clubs played.

After the ball games President Taft motored through the residence section and was taken to a dinner of the Traffic Club. When he had finished speaking there he was taken to his train, which was scheduled to start for Washington at 1:30 the next morning. Besides President Taft, eighteen speakers were on the day's program of the National Farmers' Union rally.

In Cincinnati the previous day President Taft had appeared at the opening of the Cincinnati annual music festival as a dedicatory of an heroic statue of Theodore Thomas, first conductor of the festivals and until his death head of the Chicago orchestra. A fanfare of trumpets ushered the President upon the stage after Handel's "Judas Maccabeus" had been sung. A chorus of 800, supported by the immense organ and the full Thomas orchestra from Chicago, sang "O Liberty, Thou Choicest Treasure, Seat of Virtue, Source of Pleasure," and then sang the national anthem. The President then spoke, and the festival was closed by the playing of the national anthem.

PLAN TO RAISE FREIGHT RATES.

Railroads to File New System of Tariffs with Commerce Commission.

Freight tariffs showing considerable increases over the present rates from western territory to the Atlantic seaboard will be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, to become effective July 1. This is the first step taken by the railroads which appears to indicate a purpose generally to increase freight rates throughout the country in order to enable them to meet their increased operating expenses.

PICK KERN FOR SENATE.

Indiana Democrats Choose Bryan's Running Mate in 1908 Campaign.

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STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Progress of the Pennant Race in Base Ball Leagues.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.	W.	L.
Pittsburg	8	3
New York	10	4
Philadel.	8	4
Chicago	7	5

AMERICAN LEAGUE.	W.	L.
Philadel.	8	4
Detroit	9	5
Cleveland	8	6
New York	6	5

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.	W.	L.
St. Paul	12	4
Minneapolis	9	8
Columbus	9	7
Toledo	8	8

WESTERN LEAGUE.	W.	L.
Denver	7	2
St. Joseph	7	3
Wichita	4	3
Topeka	6	5

WESTON SETS NEW RECORD.

72-Year-Old Pedestrian Finishes Transcontinental Walk.

Edward Payson Weston's record-breaking walk across the continent is at an end. At 8:35 o'clock the other morning he set foot on Manhattan island, crossing King's bridge over the Spuytenyck creek. Cheered by thousands of persons and followed by a constantly increasing crowd, he walked down Broadway to the city hall, miles of his journey to the city hall.



EDWARD P. WESTON.

The feat which Edward Payson Weston thus brought to a happy conclusion is unique in the annals of sport. The original program called for the covering of a distance of 28,000 miles in 216 days, 15 hours, 20 minutes—in ninety walking days. In the face of rains and storms, in defiance of heat and cold, underpinned by numerous minor accidents, and, in the last stages of the journey, trudging along in spite of a sprained ankle, the heroic old man has made it in seventy-seven days. Glorious as is this accomplishment from the point of view of sport and pure endurance, it assumes the character of greatness when it is considered that Weston is 72 years old, and second, that no tempting monetary prize was held out as a reward for his feat.

BOY FIGHTS OFF POSSE.

Youth Who Tried to Slay Girl Gives Up When Soldiers Fire Volley.

Clarence Woods, a 19-year-old clerk employed by the Title Guaranty and Trust Company of Manhattan, killed himself in a bathhouse on the Hackensack River, near Rutherford, N. J., after the state militia had been called out to take him dead or alive and with a posse of armed citizens waiting for the first chance to shoot him dead. Woods had barricaded himself in the bathhouse and, when the state militia arrived, he fired a volley into the crowd and killed himself rather than surrender.

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SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

Macalester College is beneficiary to the extent of \$2,500 of the will of the late Mich. J. Macalester.

Prof. Moses Cobb Stevens, of Lafayette, Ind., has been elected member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Wisconsin.

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FRIENDS OF MISSIONS IN GREAT GATHERING

Notable Men of Nation and World Attend Convention in Chicago.

AN EVENT OF HIGHEST IMPORT

Every Protestant Church Is Represented in Step Toward Christian Unity.

Representing every Protestant denomination in the United States, 3,500 business men, foreign missionaries and men of national and world-wide fame gathered in Chicago for the men's national missionary congress, one of the greatest religious events of recent years. It was the climax of the national campaign of the laymen's missionary movement, in which conventions have been held in seventy-five cities.

The event which opened at 3 p. m. Tuesday in the Auditorium was the first gathering in the history of the country of representatives of all the Protestant churches. It is regarded as one of the greatest steps ever taken toward church unity. The invited delegates were from every State in the Union except Nevada. They discussed America's religious responsibility to the rest of the world and were to adopt a missionary policy for the entire country.

The needs of the heathen were discussed by such men as Lord William Cecil, brother of the Earl of Salisbury; Prince T. H. Yun, of Korea, and the leaders among foreign missionaries. An attendance were former Vice President Fairbanks, Governor Hadley of Missouri, former Governor Folk of that State, former Governor Hanly of Indiana and many United States Senators.

One of the achievements planned, as recommended by the local co-operating committee, is to increase the offerings of the churches in Chicago to foreign missions from \$100,000, the amount given last year, to a quarter million dollars.

America's religious responsibility to the Orient was the subject at Sunday's session of the Chicago convention in Orchestra Hall. Rev. Arthur M. Sherman, a missionary to China, declared that the awakening of the Orient to the influence of Western civilization and the consequent spread of American vice and morals placed the responsibility for China's moral future upon the American people. 1,000,000 souls was the goal set for the results this year.

Attorney Moray Williams, chairman of the New York State Board of Charities and Correction, declared that America, with all her money and power, must be judged for the outcome in China.

Sunday evening fifty of the delegates to the national congress preached in churches in Chicago and the vicinity. Rear Admiral Proctor, U. S. N., retired, addressed a large audience at the Christ Episcopal Church on the needs of foreign missions.

Kills Self as a Baby Crows. After playing with her baby, rolling from side to side of the bed, Mrs. Ida May Crockett, of Cincinnati, suddenly reached under a pillow, seized a revolver and shot herself in the head. While the child was still laughing, the mother rolled to the floor and expired. She had been a victim of melancholia.

Assass Two of Poisoning Bride. Louis W. Patterson and Mrs. Emma A. Allen, his foster-mother, were arrested in Arkansas City, Kan., on a warrant charging them with having caused the death by poison of Mrs. Patterson's bride, the wife of G. W. Patterson, a bride of a few months, who died suddenly last January.

Big Four's Head to Retire. At the conclusion of the next meeting of the board of directors of the Big Four Railroad, M. E. Ingalls will have ceased to be chairman of the board and the executive head of the road. Mr. Ingalls said he had been in ill health for some time and that it was for that reason alone that he was to resign.

WEATHER COSTS \$500,000,000.

Warmest April Day in Eleven Years and Chillest in 30.

One recent day was the warmest April day in eleven years. The thermometer said 84 degrees. Friday, April 22, was the coldest April day in thirty years. Temperature 26 degrees. The range between the two days was 58 degrees.

This conflict of the gods of heat and cold, and the resultant extremes, will cost America a billion dollars in 1910. Oats, cotton, corn, fruit trees, wheat, and other crops were damaged in a sum estimated at \$500,000,000. And reports received from all over the Middle West and South indicate that the extremely hot and dry weather will add much to the damage.

Warm rains, which are not forthcoming are needed everywhere. Wheat and corn in Illinois are deteriorating, and Nebraska is pictured as worse than ever, being aggravated by the extremely dry weather. It is estimated that 3,000,000 acres of spring wheat have been plowed up in four States and other grains seeded. Twenty per cent of the South's cotton crop will be replanted or abandoned entirely.

ROOSEVELT DAM FINISHED.

Project in Arizona Cost National Government \$8,640,000.

The Roosevelt dam, the great engineering work in connection with the Salt River irrigation project in Arizona, is finished and the United States has closed down its cement plant at Roosevelt. The government entered into the manufacture of cement for the Roosevelt dam nearly five years ago, because of its inability to obtain cement at reasonable prices, owing to the inaccessibility of the dam site and its remoteness from transportation. The engineers of the reclamation service state that the mill has saved the government more than \$650,000.

The reservoir created by the dam is the largest artificial body of water in the world. Its capacity is 61,000,000,000 cubic feet, and if its water were spread over Delaware it would cover the entire surface of the state a foot in depth. The project when completed will cost \$8,640,000. It will irrigate 240,000 acres of land and it is estimated that the crops of a single season will return enough to repay the entire investment of the government.

Comet Drives Man Insane. Fred Bowers, of Orrville, Ohio, has become insane by brooding over Halley's comet. Bowers insists that the earth is to be destroyed by fire on May 17, when the tail of the comet will hit it. He was arrested on an insanity charge when he refused to pay for groceries, saying that the early opening of the world made it needless to pay money.

Burglars Dynamite Safe. Burglars looted the postoffice in Middletown, Mich., by blowing it up with nitroglycerin and securing about \$100. In their haste they overlooked \$100 that was within easy reach. The interior of the building was wrecked, the door of the safe being blown across the room and every window broken.

Knox, Jr., and Bride Forgiven. The surrender of the Secretary of State to his young son, Philander C. Knox, Jr., has been made complete in the reception of the youthful lover and the "college widow" in the parental mansion on K street, N. W., Washington, where they were house guests for the week end.

Banker Takes Own Life. S. R. Nelson, vice president of a local bank and former president of the Missouri State Bankers' Association, committed suicide at his home in Chillicothe, Mo., by drinking carbolic acid. It is said that his accounts are correct.

Union Street Car Now Safe. John McQuicken, aged 36 years, of Philadelphia, a union conductor, was shot and killed during a fight between union and non-union motormen and conductors near the barn of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

Theater Lobby Collapses. Fifteen persons were injured, one of them so severely that it is believed he will die, in the collapse of a concrete and tile floor newly laid before the entrance to a New York city moving picture theater.

BRIBERY CHARGE IN ILLINOIS.

Legislator Says Senatorial Dealbook Was Broken by Vote-Buying.

An amazing story alleging bribery and corruption in the election of William Lorimer as United States Senator from Illinois was unfolded to State Attorney Wayman in Chicago the other day by Representative Charles A. White of St. Clair County, who made a confession to the public prosecutor that he received \$1,000 for his vote.

Charges that the breaking of the celebrated dealbook was accomplished by the wholesale buying of votes at prices ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000, were accompanied by further allegations to the extent of \$900 in the "back up" of the "jack pot," a term he used to designate a "blush fund" alleged to have been collected for the defeat or passage of legislation. The disclosures, which shook State politics to its foundation, were followed by immediate steps on the part of the authorities to start an investigation.

Senator Lorimer made emphatic denial of the White charges, and says no votes were purchased. Minority Leader Lee O'Neil Browne asserts that White's story originated as a blackmailing scheme. Representative Robert E. Williams is said to be the person who paid to White the money for his vote, says White's charges are false and denies knowledge of a "jack pot" or "blush fund."

500 KILLED IN BATTLE.

Bombardment of Albanian Town by Turkish Troops Costs Many Lives.

An abhorrent twist in the psychological process of a war, a pretty 16-year-old girl, is indicated by a confession to the police in Newport, R. I., that she is a fire bug. The girl, who was employed as a maid in the home of George W. Ritchie, told the police she was subject to violent nervous attacks, during which she felt she must set something afire, so she set fire to the Ritchie house. In each case she applied the match in broad daylight and helped to fight the blaze after an alarm had been given.

GIRL IS A FIREBUG.

Anna Foy Says She Is Seized with Desire to Burn Something.

Joseph Frank Loses Sight of Both Eyes in Struggle.

Joseph Frank, former employe of the Heranourt Brewing Company, got a judgment from the Supreme Court in Columbus, Ohio, for \$12,500 for the loss of both eyes. Frank claimed that the shellac with which he sealed the interior of the company's vats contained alcohol, which produced blindness.

NEW LONG SMOKE RECORD.

Brooklyn Man Smokes Cigar for One Hour and Fifty Minutes.

Henry Schmitz, of Brooklyn, made a new long smoking record in Philadelphia, when he kept an ordinary cigar lighted for one hour and fifty minutes, ten minutes and thirty seconds longer than the record recently made by Abraham Fugh at Phoenixville, Pa.

Pushed Out of Car, Killed. While returning home from an amateur ball game in Pittsburg, Frank Benson, aged 42, was brushed from a crowded car while passing another one and received injuries from which he died five minutes later. Two others are in a hospital in a serious condition.

Commission Form Is Adopted. The commission form of city government was adopted in a special election in Mankato, Minn., by 297 majority in about 1,600 votes cast. Mankato is the first city in Minnesota to adopt this form. The election under the new form will be held in thirty days.

COMMERCIAL FINANCIAL

CHICAGO.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Chicago Trade Says.

"Reasonable weather stimulates activity, but distributive branches recover slowly from the recent setback, and the curtailment in business generally is reflected by reduced payments through the banks and increased trading details. Allowing for exaggerated estimates it is clear that the late bad weather has been hurtful to various interests, but most indications encourage large hopes of good prospects in agriculture, although grain growers are confronted with declining prices."

"The industrial position as a whole exhibits sustained strength in both production and new demands despite efforts of pig iron operators to lessen outputs. Transportation returns testify to enormous movements of heavy freight, and the aggregate remains good in general merchandise and raw material for factory use."

"Packing operations are still limited by a poor supply of raw material, and advance estimates of provision stocks in stock indicate little change over a month ago."

"In general merchandise dealings a fair business is apparent in dry goods, clothing, millinery, silks, footwear and food products, notwithstanding a smaller attendance of outside buyers. Bank clearing, \$27,301,374, exceeded those of the corresponding week in 1909 by 6.8 per cent and compare with \$236,642,956 in 1908. Failures reported in the Chicago district number twenty-eight, against fifteen last week, twenty-three in 1909, and thirty-nine in 1908. Those with liabilities over \$5,000 number eight, as against four last week, seven in 1909 and nine in 1908."

NEW YORK.

Cold weather, with snow West and South, has checked the trade and dulled reorder business in spring goods, while the reports of crop damage resulting from the return of winter have tended to discourage full business, pending clearer views of the ultimate crop outlook. Taken as a whole, the reports from jobbing and wholesale trade lines and industries point to a slowing down rather than a quickening of demand, and the downward tendency of many commodities does not seem to have brought out much new business.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending with April 28 were 189, as against 193 last week, 268 in the like week of 1909, 282 in 1908, 163 in 1907 and 139 in 1906. Business failures for the week in Canada numbered twenty-one, which compare with fifteen last week and twenty-one in the corresponding week of 1909.—Bradstreet's.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$4.00 to \$8.30; prime heavy, \$7.00 to \$7.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$4.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.11 to \$1.13; corn, No. 2, 56c to 61c; spot, standard, 40c to 42c; rye, No. 2, 75c to 76c; hay, timothy, \$10.00 to \$11.00; prairie, \$8.00 to \$14.00; butter, choice creamery, 25c to 28c; eggs, fresh, 17c to 20c; potatoes, per bushel, 24c to 33c.