

NEWS OF WEEK SUMMARIZED

Important Events at Home and on Foreign Shores Briefly Told.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

The senate has confirmed the nomination of Walter E. Clark to be governor of Alaska.

President Taft is to open the Yukon-Alaska-Pacific exposition at Seattle with a splendid gold telegraph key presented to him by Secretary Ballinger and the Washington congressional delegation.

Posters in the national capital hereafter must be subjected to the blue pencil of the police department. Hereafter no placard shall be publicly displayed or exhibited which are lewd, indecent or vulgar, or which pictorially represent the commission of crime.

One or two flights by the Wright brothers on the oval south of the White House is part of the tentative plans for the exercises incident to the presentation of the Aero Club of America's gold medals to the two brothers at the White House on June 10.

"Congress can go to —! We will report when we get ready." This, said Mr. Clark of Missouri, in the house of representatives, was the alleged response given by the engineer department of the army when asked for information regarding the result of the examination made by engineer officers into the practicability and desirability of constructing and maintaining a navigable channel fourteen feet deep and of suitable width from St. Louis to the mouth of the Mississippi river.

ACCIDENTAL HAPPENINGS.

While canoeing in the Genesee river at Rochester, N. Y., J. Louis Minges and his sister were drowned by the capsizing of their canoe.

Fire in New York burned out completely a six-story building occupied by John Weimers, manufacturer of paper boxes. The estimated loss is \$150,000.

While visiting friends at Waterloo, Iowa, Anna Trierwieler of Jessup strangled to death. The girl was apparently well when suddenly her throat contracted and she died before the doctor reached her.

In endeavoring to measure the water in his cistern, Herman Knoll, a well-to-do farmer of Haverhill, Iowa, fell in. His body was found in eight feet of water by his wife, who returned home after a day's absence.

Union Pacific "hoodoo" train, No. 13, was wrecked near Elm Creek, Neb. An axle of the locomotive broke and the engine went in the ditch. A number of passengers were bruised, but none was seriously injured.

Stanley G. Smith, a prominent manufacturer and banker of Woonsocket, R. I., was killed, and Austin Cook, president of the Woonsocket Institution for Savings, was lightly injured by the overturning of an automobile in which they were riding.

Harry Beebe, a Wyoming cowboy with Buffalo Bill's show in New York, died from injuries sustained in the performance Monday night. Beebe's great toe was severely bruised by being stepped on by a horse. Surgeons said they believe Beebe died of paralytic rabies, a rare form of paralysis.

SINS AND SINNERS.

Clarence Ellsworth, aged nine, who a week ago was struck on the face by a playmate with a ball bat, died at Dubuque of lockjaw, blood poisoning having developed from the bruised flesh.

Henry Williamson, a well-to-do farmer living two miles east of Boylesville, Ill., killed his wife and two little children and then committed suicide. The cause of the tragedy is not known.

George Means, a laborer, arrested at Zanesville, Ohio, on the charge of murdering his wife last October, cut his throat and died within a minute. The police found the woman's body buried in the cellar of his house.

A firebug is trying to destroy the town of Postville, Iowa. During the last ten days six fires have been set, but fortunately all have been discovered in time to prevent serious trouble. They are all started about 1 o'clock at night, and kerosene has been used each time.

After escaping from a locked room in the house of a man who insisted on marrying her against her wishes, Lottie Chodzinski, a sixteen-year-old farmer girl of St. Joseph county, Indiana, was arrested in Chicago. The police at South Bend, Ind., said she was wanted there on a charge of burglary.

MIDDLE WEST IS SHAKEN BY QUAKE

Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan Feel Earth Tremors.

SPREADS TERROR AMONG TIMID

Property Damage Is Not Serious and No Lives Are Lost—School Is Wrecked.

Chicago, May 28.—Chicago and seven states were visited by an earthquake yesterday morning, throwing at least half of its inhabitants into a mortal terror, with the Messina horrors still fresh in their minds.

Every city, village and hamlet in Northern Illinois felt the shock and the panic was widespread. Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana and Wisconsin were also in the path of the trembler.

Thousands of persons were aroused from their slumbers and in the foreign settlements of Chicago, particularly where Italians and Syrians congregate, there was alarm which gave rise to wailing and prayers, as the inhabitants thought that they were about to suffer the same fate which destroyed so many thousands of their countrymen.

Big Skyscrapers Shake. There was one greater shock, followed by two lesser shocks, and the big skyscrapers in the downtown district trembled like living beings with the ague.

Many dilapidated old structures collapsed in different parts of the city, dishes were thrown off of shelves and broken, windows were cracked in many portions of the residence districts of Maywood, Evanston and other suburban towns, and the residents were so frightened that they ran into the street, fearing that the roofs were about to fall over their heads.

Press dispatches and special telegrams brought a succession of accounts of the earthquake from Springfield, Peoria, Freeport, Aurora, Bloomington, Kewanee, Geneva, Streator, Dixon, Rockford, Moline, Ill.; Milwaukee, Janesville, Beloit, Wis.; Cedar Rapids, Dubuque, Burlington, Iowa; Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Mich.; Rochester, Minn., and many other points.

Earth's Crust Slips. It is not believed by scientists at the University of Chicago that there is any danger from further shocks, although they declare it may happen. They unite in saying the shock was caused by a slipping of the crust of the earth, and believe that this slipping occurred either beneath the bed of Lake Michigan or that it had its origin in the unglacial fields in the northern part of Illinois.

School of Mines Wrecked. Dubuque, Iowa, May 28.—Reports from every town within a radius of a hundred miles of Dubuque announce a quake was felt yesterday. Little serious damage was reported save at Platteville, Wis., where the \$50,000 school of mines was cracked and may have to be torn down.

ESCAPE FIRE OVER HOUSETOPS.

Whole Family at Milwaukee Nearly Burned in Their Beds. Milwaukee, Wis., May 28.—In an early morning fire an entire family narrowly escaped death.

Mrs. Ignatz Maciolek, with three children, and Mrs. Georgia Hastrick, a cripple, sixty-five years of age, were forced to flee for their lives across the tops of five houses, the stairs having been burned before the five were awakened by the woman's husband, who works nights and who found his home ablaze when he returned. Three of the five were almost suffocated.

CHARGE IMPORTING WOMEN.

Man Is Accused Also of Deserting His Family.

Fargo, May 28.—The first case of its kind ever brought in the United States court of this district is the action by the government against J. Schmidt of Alpena, Mich. Schmidt is charged with bringing a woman into this country for illegal purposes, it being alleged he brought her from Canada, and that after deserting his wife and five children he continued to live with the woman as his wife.

Wage War on Tammany.

New York, May 28.—Another committee of one hundred, having for its object waging a war of extermination against Tammany Hall in the coming mayoralty campaign, was launched last night at a meeting of the county committee of the Democratic Union, an organization of independent Democrats formed a few weeks ago.

FOREST FIRES ON THE RANGE

Entire Block in New Town of Calumet Reported to Have Been Destroyed.

Duluth, May 28.—Reports of forest fires in the range district are once more beginning to be heard. Yesterday there was a fire raging near the town of Aurora, and a force of men from that village is at work fighting back the flames.

The flames destroyed an Austrian boarding house two miles north of Aurora, but all the inmates escaped in safety. The fire is burning between the town and the Meadow location.

No lives have been lost as yet. It was also reported from Hibbing that an entire block in the new town of Calumet had been wiped out, the loss probably aggregating \$10,000 to \$20,000. The block was only partially built up.

Communication with Calumet is difficult, and the nearest point reached by telegraph is Hibbing, nearly twenty miles distant.

Many small fires are reported at other points on the range, but as yet none of the other range towns or villages are threatened.

HILL TESTIMONY THROUGH.

Is Cross-examined in Rate Hearing by Former Attorney General.

St. Paul, May 28.—James J. Hill was cross-examined by E. T. Young, former attorney general, at the rate hearing yesterday in the federal building. Mr. Hill's testimony was concluded in the afternoon.

Under cross-examination Mr. Hill said that improvements on the Great Northern came out of the capital account and not from the earnings. Asked by Mr. Young as to whether he thought that the proper basis for the computation of rates should be the cost of reproduction of the road, Mr. Hill at first did not care to make a direct reply. He made the point, however, that should be a lot for \$5,000 he should not be compelled to sell it twenty-five years hence for the same price.

CLING LONG TO UPSET BOAT.

Man Repeatedly Rescues Sons, When They Lose Hold.

Madison, S. D., May 28.—F. C. Uthe of this city and two little sons nearly lost their lives yesterday by their boat capsizing while in the middle of the lake. The father had hard work to keep up the boys' courage and to get them to maintain their hold on the overturned boat. Several times they gave out and the father drew them back to the craft. After drifting for an hour and a half they reached Johnson's Point, where friends rescued them so exhausted that it was necessary to send to the city for medical aid to help revive them.

LAVISH WITH \$100 BILLS.

Iowans Are Recipients of Mysterious Donations.

Des Moines, May 28.—Postoffice inspectors yesterday were asked to unravel the mystery surrounding the receipt by a number of residents of Panora, Iowa, of letters containing hundred-dollar bills. No signature is attached to the letters, though one of them bears the postmark of Portland, Or. Five persons admit having received money totaling \$1,125. Mrs. Viola Lapegitt, a widow, received \$225, all in twenty-dollar bills, with a note signed "Your Friend."

FIND RICH MAN'S BODY.

Wisconsin Farmer Evidently Victim of Robbers.

Spokane, Wash., May 28.—The body of Patrick Corrigan, a wealthy farmer from Custer, Wis., was dragged from the Spokane river here last night. His pockets had been turned inside out, his gold watch, gold pin and cash had vanished, as well as \$4,000 in drafts and \$3,000 in mortgages he carried when he disappeared here March 13. The body was so badly battered as to be almost unrecognizable. A gash in the head suggested a violent death.

MUCH LAND DROWNED OUT.

Excessive Rains Will Destroy Large Acreage of Growing Crops.

Madison, S. D., May 28.—A steady rain has been falling here for the last thirty hours, and the ground, which already was too wet, is now irreparably saturated and unfit to cultivate for a long time to come. Every draw and coulee is full of water and a large acreage of growing crops will be drowned out.

Lawless Gang Broken Up.

Sherburn, Minn., May 28.—A band of young outlaws has been making life a burden the past year, smashing windows, breaking doors, tearing down water spouts and taking brass fixtures from machines. Three have been sent to the reform school, two put under bonds and others spotted for future punishment.

SENATOR BAILEY GETS INTO FIGHT

Exchanges Blows With Correspondent Over Article in New York Newspaper.

CLAPP COMES TO THE RESCUE

Senator Angry Over Charge That He Played Into Aldrich's Hands on Income Tax.

Washington, May 29.—Senator Bailey of Texas and W. S. Manning, representative of the New York Times in the press gallery, exchanged blows just as the senate adjourned yesterday as a result of a conversation they had in reference to an article printed by the New York newspaper questioning the sincerity of the senator in his course on the income tax.

Neither of the participants was injured, as they were separated by Senator Clapp, Porto Rican commissioner Larrinaga, a number of senate employees and several newspaper correspondents.

Differ as to Score.

The versions of Mr. Bailey and Mr. Manning are in substantial agreement as to the cause of the trouble and differ only as to the number of blows struck by each.

A bitter attack upon the author of an article in the New York Times, charging that Senator Bailey had played into the hands of Senator Aldrich by his course in demanding an immediate vote on the income tax amendment, and had thus caused a split of the forces supporting such an amendment, was made by Senator Bailey on the floor of the senate yesterday. Mr. Manning accosted Mr. Bailey after the adjournment of the session to inform him that he was inaccurate in suggesting Republican senators as a possible source of inspiration for the article.

"Liar," Says Bailey.

According to both Mr. Manning and Senator Bailey, the former disclaimed authorship of the story, and at the same time stated that the inspiration for it had been Mr. Bailey's demands for immediate vote and his "bazing" of Republican senators who favored the income tax proposition, but who did not support him in his demands for a vote at the present time.

Mr. Bailey asked who did write the article and at the same time declared, it is said, that the man who had written it was a "liar." According to both men, the senator's language was emphatic, and Mr. Manning responded that he "had not had the honor to write the story."

Mr. Bailey says that the word "honor" was emphasized in a manner intended to be offensive.

Speech Is Hot One.

The speech by Mr. Bailey in regard to the newspaper article was one of the most scathing arraignment of a newspaper correspondent that has ever taken place in the senate. The senator not only asserted that the writer of the article was "an infamous liar," but that he was a miserable creature, unfit to associate with honest men." In this vein he talked for considerable time. Mr. Manning also is a Southerner, being a native of South Carolina.

\$35,000 FIRE AT AKELEY.

Town Was Threatened by Flames in Business District.

Akeley, Minn., May 29.—The west half of a block composed of a large store building, two livery stables, a laundry, a temperance saloon and five dwelling houses, was destroyed yesterday by a fire which for a time threatened the entire business portion of the city. Six horses were burned to death. The loss is about \$35,000, with little insurance.

Tornado in Wisconsin.

Black River Falls, Wis., May 29.—A tornado dropped down in the Linnell valley, three miles from here, last night, blew a barn to fragments on the Linnell farm, unroofed barns on Anton Kersting's and Will Jay's barns and did great damage to crops in the valley. The storm then vanished.

"Baseball" Wilson Arrested.

Seattle, Wash., May 29.—William Wilson, known in many states as "Baseball" Wilson, was arrested here yesterday, charged with being a fugitive from justice. He is wanted for the alleged robbery of Postoffice Station 128, Chicago, Dec. 23, 1907.

Ex-Gov. Crittenden Stricken.

Kansas City, May 29.—Thomas T. Crittenden, former governor of Missouri and father of Mayor Crittenden of Kansas City, suffered a stroke of apoplexy while watching a baseball game yesterday. Last night he was reported in a critical condition.

PEDDLER LAW KNOCKED OUT

Judge Snow Decides Law Is Unconstitutional in Test Case Brought at Winona.

Winona, Minn., May 29.—The first round in the case brought to test the constitutionality of the state peddlers' license law, which was passed by the last legislature and which became effective April 19 last, closed yesterday, when Judge Arthur H. Snow of the district court handed down a decision in the case of the state vs. F. R. Muhdeking, holding that the law is unconstitutional. He cites three reasons for his findings in favor of the peddlers.

First the court finds the law unconstitutional because it exempts from license all who sell that which they themselves produce or grow; second, he says the law is invalid because it exempts permanent merchants who solicit orders for the sale of their goods in their home county and adjoining ones, while, according to its provisions, those who offer for sale goods for future or present delivery are required to secure a license; thirdly, Judge Snow declares that the exemption from license of peddlers in St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth is class legislation, and therefore the act is unconstitutional and invalid.

TOWN ALMOST WIPED OUT.

Forest Fires Raging in Various Parts of Michigan.

Negaunee, Mich., May 29.—Forest fires, started by a spark from a railroad engine, destroyed a large part of the village of Dalton, twenty-five miles from here, together with 3,000,000 feet of lumber and a big mill. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

Flames are reported raging along the Munising and South Shore roads. The McMillan camp, on the Shore line, is reported burning. Great distress exists among the settlers, and the total loss may not be known for days.

FIRES CHECKED BY RAIN.

But Unless Downpour Is Heavier the Danger Will Not Be Removed.

Duluth, May 29.—Light rains over the Vermillion and Mesaba ranges have temporarily checked the forest fires that menaced many communities, but unless more rain falls the danger will not be removed.

Considerable lumber belonging to a Duluth concern was burned at Waldo station, on the Iron Range road, north of Two Harbors, while three settlers living seven miles north of Embarrass, on the same road, are reported burned out.

START MANY LOG DRIVES.

Red Lake and Turtle River Crews Are Busy.

Bemidji, Minn., May 29.—The many drives of logs which are to be taken from the district east and south of Red Lake to the lower Red Lake, and subsequently to be towed across the lake and driven through the Red Lake river, have been started, as have some big drives in the north Turtle river, out of Rebedew lake, east of Tenstrike.

NO AID FOR DAM DEFENDER.

Wisconsin Assembly Refuses to Nolle Dietz Indictments.

Madison, Wis., May 29.—The resolution introduced in the Wisconsin assembly on Tuesday last asking that the court and district attorney of Sawyer county nolle indictments against John F. Dietz of Cameron dam fame, was killed in the assembly yesterday. The indictments referred to were in connection with a dispute over water rights.

EDITORS TO MEET IN JULY.

Great Northern Association Will Convene in Bemidji.

Bemidji, Minn., May 29.—The summer meeting and annual outing of the members of the Great Northern Editorial association will be held at Bemidji on July 14-18, these dates having been selected by C. J. Pryor, business manager of the Bemidji Daily Pioneer, to whom the members of the association left the selection of the dates.

"Put \$500 in Box or Be Blown Up."

Pipestone, Minn., May 29.—William Fahlén, a wealthy farmer residing in Murray county, has received a letter from blackmailers demanding that he place \$500 in a certain mail box near his home, under the threat that if the money was not deposited within ten days his house would be blown up with dynamite.

Traction Men to Strike.

Philadelphia, May 29.—In accordance with resolutions adopted at meetings of street car men in all parts of the city last week, a mass meeting of motormen and conductors was held here last night. It was decided to cease work whenever the executive committee should consider the time propitious.