

BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK TOLD IN CONDENSED FORM.

ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

Complete Review of Happenings of Greatest Interest from All Parts of the Globe—Latest Home and Foreign Items.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Senator Aldrich ordered the senate finance committee to reduce the duty on window glass.

The health department of the District of Columbia has issued an order barring roosters from Washington.

Representative Cooper of Wisconsin, who was one of the leaders of the insurgent movement in congress, will not, it is said, be reappointed chairman of the insular affairs committee.

President Taft sent a message to congress urging an amendment of the law under which Porto Rico is governed.

Frank B. Kellogg, the "trust buster," denied the report that he had told the president he intended to quit the government service.

President Taft declared himself in favor of playgrounds for children in all cities.

The bureau of statistics issued a report at Washington showing that in the value of imports and export trade conditions of the world would show a decline compared with last year. This is attributed to the reduction in prices in many places.

Representative Moore of Pennsylvania has introduced a bill in congress to make October 12, the anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus, a legal public holiday.

The first vote on the tariff bill in the senate was on the lead schedules, which were adopted.

Senator Cummins of Iowa said the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill if passed would cause a political contest for another revision.

Mr. Murphy of Missouri, following a speech in the house, renewing his charges against Judges Phillips and McPherson of the federal bench, said he would file impeachment proceedings against the jurists.

PERSONAL.

Johann Salvator, son of Leopold II, and cousin of the emperor of Austria, was found working for \$15 a week in a factory at Painesville, O.

Wilbur and Orville Wright, the Dayton, O., aviators, returned from Europe.

Former Vice-President Fairbanks sailed from Honolulu for Japan.

Charles A. Willard of Minneapolis was appointed by President Taft to the place on the federal bench made vacant by the resignation of Judge Purdy.

John Fleming, 72 years old, who dissipated a fortune in dress, was made an inmate of the county poor farm at Eaton, O. He gained fame by substituting gold coins for buttons.

"Count" Louis Hamon, better known as "Cheiro, the palmist," has been sentenced to 13 months' imprisonment in Paris and has been ordered to make restitution to Count Festetics of Hungary of nearly \$200,000, the proceeds of an alleged swindle. Cheiro, who is supposed to be in London, some years ago was a palmist in Chicago.

C. W. Caldwell, an attorney of Columbus, Ind., sought to oust Secretary of State Knox by quo warranto proceedings.

GENERAL NEWS.

Capt. Peter C. Hains was found guilty of manslaughter in the first degree following his trial for slaying William E. Annis.

Twenty men were reported drowned when a launch sank in the Ohio river near Pittsburg.

Two Chicago women drove hacks in funeral processions, taking the places of striking carriage drivers.

Six thousand postal employes of Paris went out on a strike when the chamber of deputies delayed action on their demands.

J. E. White was arrested at Vincennes, Ind., charged with attempting to kidnap Willie Hamilton, son of a contractor.

William H. Schantz of Hastings, member of the Michigan legislature, was attacked by an assassin who slashed his throat with a razor.

The destroyers Barry, Bainbridge, Decatur and Dale, conveyed by the auxiliary cruiser Rainbow, will depart from Manila for China Saturday en route to join the Third division of the Pacific squadron.

Government to Sue Sugar Trust

Federal Grand Jury Indicts Corporation and Six Directors—Heavy Penalties Provided

BOTH CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY

Defendant Will Answer to the Indictment on Next Tuesday—Suit Will Be Pushed.

New York, July 1.—Through twelve men impaneled as a federal grand jury, the United States government today laid the ground work for another gigantic anti-trust suit, in the indictment of the American Sugar Refining company as a corporation, six of its directors and two prominent lawyers.

The defendant company and the individuals were charged with conspiracy in restraint of trade under a criminal clause of the Sherman anti-trust law, which provides as a penalty upon conviction, a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, in the case of the individuals and a fine of not more than \$5,000 in the case of corporation.

The individuals indicted are W. B. Thomas president of the American Sugar Refining company; Arthur Donner and Charles H. Senff, and John L. Parsons, all of New York; John Mayer of Morristown, N. J., and George H. Frazier of Philadelphia. All are directors of the company. The others indicted are Gustav Kissel and Thomas B. Barnett, counsel for Adolph Segal, whose plant, the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining company, was shut down by the trust and whose fight in retaliation with the testimony brought out in this suit for \$30,000,000 damages, recently settled out of court, largely furnished the basis for the government prosecution. The defendant's will answer to the indictments in the United States district court on Tuesday next.

The defendant company, it is asserted, controls 90 per cent of the sugar trade in the United States.

A list of the charges, most of which has been brought out heretofore in the Segal investigation is that the American Sugar Refining company and the individuals jointly indicted with it, accomplished the control of the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining company by inducing Segal to borrow from Kissel, acting as a broker and an agent, unknown at the time the loan was made, whereas the leader was the defendant corporation, to borrow \$1,250,000 and to transfer to Kissel with a majority stock a voting power as the holder of 26,000 shares of the stock of the Pennsylvania company. It is further stated that Segal was not aware that the American Sugar Refining company was the real leader, and that he did not suspect the designs of the rival corporation.

IS THIS LEON LING?

Chinaman's Body Found in Hudson May Be That of Murderer.

New York, N. Y., July 1.—Although complete identification was impossible tonight, there appeared to be a strong probability that the body of a Chinaman, which was found floating in the Hudson river, in the upper part of the city tonight, was that of Leon Ling or William L. Leon, the murderer of Elsie Sigel. The man's height, weight and general appearance tally with that of Leon Ling, but as the body was nude except for a silk undershirt and had been in the water for more than a week, a thorough examination will be necessary.

Coroner McDonald, who was the first to inspect the body, believes that it is Leon, as do a number of policemen, but until measurements and facial characteristics are carefully gone over the identification will remain in doubt.

TWO ARE PARDONED.

North Dakota Pardoning Board Frees Two From Pen.

Bismarck, N. D., July 1.—(Special.)—The state pardon board held an adjourned regular meeting this afternoon, and acted on the cases of A. E. Miller, Ward county, charged with bribing an executive officer and Charley Bedner, of Pierce county, sent up for assault with intent to do great bodily harm. Bedner has never been in the penitentiary as his case was appealed to the supreme court and a decision rendered a few weeks ago, since which time he has been in custody of the sheriff of Pierce county.

An application for pardon stated that the man Bedner shot was of bad character and Bedner had always been peaceable. The application signed by nearly the entire community in which applicant lived.

Miller who was convicted bribing a Miner policeman, and had about served his term when the pardon came. His case had been postponed from the regular meeting held a month ago.

HUNTINGTON GENERAL MANAGER

SUPERINTENDENT OF SOO LINE BECOMES ITS NEW GENERAL MANAGER.

Road Officials Declare Lines Are Enjoying Unusual Prosperity.—Refunding Bond Issue of \$2,500,000 Authorized at Meeting of Directors.

Minneapolis, June 29.—George R. Huntington, general superintendent of the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie railroad, has been promoted to the office of general manager, effective July 1. Mr. Huntington came to the Soo line eighteen years ago from the Milwaukee road. He began on the Soo as train dispatcher, and worked up to his present position.

The appointment means that Edmund Pennington, president and general manager, will relinquish some of the duties connected with the operation of the road, to which, notwithstanding his election to the presidency to succeed Thomas Lowry and the latter increase of the work by the lease of the Wisconsin Central road, he has still given attention. No successor to Mr. Huntington as general superintendent will be appointed for the present.

Directors of the Soo line met today in the Minneapolis general offices to authorize an issue of \$2,500,000 in 4 per cent refunding bonds. The proceeds will go to replace money expended for Duluth terminals, for construction, for new equipment and general expense incident to the opening of the line between Broton and Duluth, which will be in full operation in the not distant future.

The new Duluth station, costing \$100,000, will be erected on Sixth Avenue, between Superior and Michigan Streets, in that city, and architecturally will be beautiful.

The Soo will spend about \$500,000 on Minneapolis terminals this year, and during the remainder of 1909 will continue work upon its plan to cross the river farther down than Camden place and enter its station on Fifth avenue North, along the west side. This involves additional trackage from Fourteenth avenue North to Northtown Junction, with elevation of the tracks for a distance of about 3,000 feet between Northtown Junction and the river.

Mr. Pennington reports a reflection of the increasing activity in the northwest in the larger volume of freight and passenger business being handled. The Soo line is doing 10 to 15 per cent more business than at this time a year ago.

TO SURVEY THE MINNESOTA.

War Department Approves Major Shunk's Report.

Washington, June 30.—The survey of the Minnesota river is to be made. The engineer board of the war department decided that it had all data necessary on the subject, and early this morning notified Mr. Tawney that he need not file the statement he contemplated, as they had held a special meeting after yesterday's hearing, and has recommended to General Marshall, chief of engineers, that Major Shunk's report be approved.

Mr. Tawney then saw General Marshall, who said he would accept the joint recommendation of Major Shunk and the engineer board. As soon as the report reaches General Marshall he will direct Major Shunk to proceed with the survey, which probably will be completed during the current season.

The report will be submitted to congress at the beginning of the long session of congress next winter, and a delegation then will make a fight to have the rivers and harbors committee provide funds to carry out the project, involving reservoir construction similar to that at the headwaters of the Mississippi.

RETAIL COAL MEN CONVENE.

Illinois and Wisconsin Dealers Meet in Chicago for Business and Fun.

Chicago, June 30.—Several hundred retail coal dealers, members of the Illinois and Wisconsin association, gathered this morning in the Sherman house and with the song of "Coal, Coal, Coal" opened their fourteenth annual convention. President H. A. Robinson, of Peoria, was in the chair, and after Walter S. Bogle had welcomed the association to Chicago, he delivered his annual address.

This afternoon there were papers by Carl Sholz, of the Coal Valley Mining Company, E. L. Ewing, of Peoria, and W. L. Abbot and Homer D. Jones, of Chicago. Tomorrow the association will take possession of the steamer Theodore Roosevelt and will sail away to Michigan City. All the way over and back the coal men will discuss trade topics and complete their routine business.

PREPARING PROSECUTION

PROBABLY THREE ATTORNEYS WILL REPRESENT COUNTY IN LEDBETER CASE.

RELATIVES ENGAGE ATTORNEYS

Children See Accused Woman in Jail.—Four Prisoners Arraigned Before Judge Comstock in Presence of Great Crowd.

Mankato, Minn., July 1.—The four prisoners accused of the murder of H. J. Ledbeter were arraigned before Judge Comstock. It was the intention of the authorities to keep the fact a secret, but the courtroom was packed by a great mob and the officials had trouble in keeping order. Mr. and Mrs. Schwandt and Mrs. Ledbeter were represented by three attorneys, G. B. Wilson, A. R. Pfau, Jr., and C. J. Laurisch. Smith, the fourth member of the accused party, had no attorney. Just before the warrant charging murder was read attorneys for Schwandt, his wife and Mrs. Ledbeter announced that their clients would waive the reading. Smith, having no attorney, and as the four were jointly charged with the crime in one warrant, Judge Comstock ordered all to stand up and listen to the reading. The two women and Schwandt demanded a hearing and it was set for July 14 at 9 a. m.

Smith asked permission to secure legal counsel and his hearing was therefore set for July 16. All four of the defendants appeared in court with no outward sign of concern. Mrs. Ledbeter has been ill since her confinement in jail, but bore up well and returned unassisted to jail with the rest of the party.

More Legal Assistance.

The county board held a special session to consider the matter of securing assistance for the county attorney in the prosecution of the parties accused of the murder of H. J. Ledbeter and also considered reimbursing P. A. Ledbeter for the expense he has been in searching for his brother's body. Relatives of the murdered man are planning to retain one attorney to assist the prosecution, but it is felt that the county should also provide other assistance, as the case has developed so many baffling features that it will take the work of several men to unravel it and present it properly to the jury. Three of the ablest lawyers in the city have been retained by three of the defendants, and another will be secured by Smith.

Mrs. Ledbeter's two little girls made the first call on their mother in jail yesterday, on returning from their father's funeral. The kind hearted jailer permitted the interview to occur in the office rather than let the children see their mother behind the bars so soon after seeing their father buried. There was no scene.

The procession that followed Ledbeter's body to the grave at Medo was over a mile long and the town hall, where the services were held, was crowded.

The whole county turned out and many floral offerings were made. Intense sorrow and indignation were expressed over the murder of one who grew to manhood among them. A detective arrived from the Twin Cities and was accompanied by Chief of Police Pind to the Ledbeter farm house and several hours were spent on the case.

BIG TUNNEL CONTRACT LET.

Harriman to Have Bore Between Willamette and Columbia Rivers.

Portland, Ore., July 1.—A contract has been let by the Harriman interests in this city for the boring of a tunnel through the peninsula between the Willamette and Columbia rivers at a point just north of here. The tunnel will be 5,425 feet long and will cost about \$1,000,000. The work must be completed within a year.

Weapons Thrown Into Lake.

Chicago, July 1.—Five hundred and eighty-one deadly weapons which the police have confiscated in the last six months were cast into the lake today. The city tug took the police department custodian beyond the three mile limit and he dropped overboard the revolvers, dirks, slung shots, knives and other deadly weapons in thirty feet of water. This disposition of the weapons is prescribed by the city code.

Carrie Nation in Train Wreck.

Des Moines, Iowa, July 1.—After missing the regular train for West Union, where she was to speak, and hiring a special at Cedar Rapids, Carrie Nation's journey suddenly ended in a wreck near Independence.

ORVILLE MAKES SHORT FLIGHT

AFTER THREE ATTEMPTS TO MAKE AEROPLANE FLY, IS SUCCESSFUL.

Bothers Say Flying Machine Is Like a Horse, You Have to Learn Its Peculiarities First.

Washington, June 30.—After making three unsuccessful efforts to get his new aeroplane into the air yesterday Orville Wright made a short flight, encircling the Fort Myer aerodrome.

Lack of power, due to a loose spark control, was finally determined upon by the two Wrights as the cause for the refusal of the machine to fly for more than 100 feet beyond the end of the starting rail. Their persistency in trying, time after time, to make the machine behave properly, won the approval of the large crowd that had gathered in anticipation of a flight.

The difficulties which attended under ideal weather conditions the first trials of the flying machine, which is a new one, constructed to replace the one smashed by the accident at Fort Myer last September, is a vindication of the Wrights in their refusal to make a flight Monday in an adverse wind.

"A flying machine is like a horse," was the way Wilbur put it afterwards. "If it's new, you have to get used to it before it will go just as you want it to. You have to learn its peculiarities. I am glad we learned what the matter is, and after a few more trials you will see some fun."

MEAT INSPECTION EFFICIENT.

Special Committee Gives Clean Bill of Health.

New York, June 29.—The meat inspection service of the United States is to be given a clean bill of health by a special committee appointed by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, to investigate the charges of Inspector J. F. Harms that filthy conditions existed at the national stock yards of East St. Louis, according to a Washington special.

Mr. Wilson will announce the findings of the committee within a day or two. The statement will show:

That in the neighborhood of sixty persons were examined.

That the evidence secured fails to substantiate any point of Harms' allegations.

That the stock yards are in excellent condition and that meat which has been labeled "inspected and passed" was food fit for human consumption within the meaning of the laws.

That Harms never made any report about the alleged violations of the law and the passing of unfit meat and its products, although he had been in the service eighteen months, until he published his "open" letter to Secretary Wilson, and that finally this letter was prepared in conjunction with a newspaper man.

To Arrest Trade Injury.

The statement that the department of agriculture will make is expected to arrest injury to the foreign meat trade of the country, which such allegations as Harms' were calculated to produce. Accompanying it will be the assertion, couched in as strong language as it is possible to write, that the inspection service generally is efficient; that 780 establishments engaged in interstate commerce, which are under the jurisdiction of the agricultural department, are obeying the law, and finally that meat shipped by such establishments and labeled by the government inspectors is fit to eat. In a word, the department will make a sweeping vindication of its meat inspection branch.

MORGAN GOING TO ALASKA.

Financier May Meet Taft in North Should President Make Trip.

New York, June 29.—J. Pierpont Morgan will visit Alaska this summer to make an inspection of the properties there in which he is interested, especially the new Copper River railroad, in which he and the Guggenheims have invested \$30,000,000. It is probable Morgan will meet President Taft there, in the event that congress furnishes the president with the required \$25,000 traveling expenses. Morgan will travel to San Francisco in a special train and carry his own cooks. At San Francisco he will take part in the laying of the cornerstone of the new Episcopal cathedral on the summit of Knob Hill, to the building of which he was a liberal subscriber.

Flood Causes Panic.

St. Joseph, Mo., June 30.—The Missouri river has risen three inches within the last twenty-four hours and is two feet above the danger line. Damage to crops is increasing and farmers in the bottoms are in a panic. Numbers of buildings have been seen floating down stream.