



EVENTS OF A WEEK

WHAT IS GOING ON IN ALL QUARTERS OF THIS WORLD OF OURS.

THE NEWS IN A NUT SHELL

Noteworthy Happenings From Every Coast and Climate Gathered Together for Delectation of Our Numerous Readers.

Halm O. Brunsom of Sorocco has been nominated for governor of the new state of Mexico by the Republican state convention.

War has been declared by Italy against Turkey, after Turkey, replying to Italy's ultimatum, had refused to recognize Italy's right to seize Tripoli.

Of 75,000 rats killed by the Seattle (Wash.) health department in the past 15 months only one was infected with bubonic plague.

Mrs. Fred P. Farnham, sister of Gertrude Gibson Patterson, who shot and killed her husband at a sanitarium near Denver, announced that the Chicago relatives of the accused woman would stand by her in her trouble.

One of the first acts of the International Harvester company to make itself conform to the Sherman law will be the abolition of its present selling agency, the International Harvester company of America.

Andrew Carnegie's offer of \$750,000 to found a hero fund for Italy has been accepted by the king.

Plans for the reorganization of the American Tobacco company to conform with the mandate of the supreme court, it was said, provide for the disintegration of the parent company into its several parts and a reassembling of those parts into three separate companies.

The trial of Gen. Harrison G. Otis and associates on the Los Angeles Times on the charge of publishing an indecent matter in the Times regarding the Beattie trial was definitely postponed.

Sixteen deaths probably will result from a mite-minute passenger train at Neenah, Wis., crashing into a party of thirty-one young people loaded upon a hayrack.

J. P. Morgan, over his own signature, served notice on the United States government that the billion-dollar Steel corporation, which he organized, promoted and now controls, would resist to the bitter end any and all attempts to dissolve it under the Sherman anti-trust law.

The court of general sessions at Toronto, Canada, has found Alexander Tracey of Port Huron, Mich., guilty of criminal negligence in operating an automobile.

Four earthquakes did serious damage at Riobamba, the capital of Chimborazo province, which lies about 85 miles from Guayaquil, Ecuador.

The town of Norton, Mass., founded at the end of the seventeenth century by William Wetherell and a party of English, celebrated the 200th anniversary of its incorporation.

By a decisive majority, Atlanta, Ga., decided against changing its form of government to a modified commission system.

Charles Battell Loomis, the author, died at a Hartford (Conn.) hospital of cancer of the intestines.

Twelve persons are believed to have been burned to death in their beds or trampled to death in a fire which destroyed a four-story apartment building at 1326 South Sangamon street, Chicago.

Col. James A. Pettit, a member of Gov. William H. Mann's staff, was shot and instantly killed by Benjamin Hubbard at Lovinstown, Va.

Four bodies were found in the petty officers' room of the Battleship Maine. The recovery of the bodies, which remain unidentified, was made possible by the building of a temporary bulkhead, which cut off the inflow of mud and water from the after part of the wreck.

1,050 KILLED WHEN POWER DAM BREAKS

WALL OF WATER RUSHES ON AUSTIN AND COSTELLO, PA., FLOODING TOWNS.

MILL WHISTLE FAILS TO SAVE THE PEOPLE

Fire Follows in Path of Deluge, Completing Work of Destruction—Mill Whistle, Muffled by Roar of Torrent, Sounds Alarm in Vain—Narrow Valley Becomes Mill Race for 500,000,000 Gallons of Water That Is Let Loose Without Warning.

Austin, Pa.—Flood, followed by fire, killed 850 persons in Austin, when the great dam of the Bayless Pulp and Paper company went out, releasing 500,000,000 gallons of water.

Residence and business blocks were destroyed and almost every person in the city of 3,200 inhabitants was left homeless.

Passing through Austin, the water swept on to the little town of Costello, four miles below here, completely wiping out the place.

Within a few seconds after the dam went out the water was on Austin with all its force. Houses and stores crumbled before it like so much paper.

Four business buildings standing. It is estimated that a thousand buildings have been torn from their foundations and crushed in the flood or have been destroyed by fire.

The valley of Freeman's run is narrow, and the town was built along its banks. All the buildings in the lower part of the valley were swept clear of their foundations by the torrent.

There was no one to attempt to stop the fire and it was allowed to burn itself out. The survivors of the flood standing idly on the hillside, stunned beyond the power to act.

Many Die in Flames. Many persons, crushed and helpless in the wrecks of buildings only partly destroyed by the water, were consumed in the flames.

Water Rushes on Without Warning. The wall of water swept over the town and the residents had no warning until the town was engulfed.

About a mile and a half from the town is situated the plant of the Bayless pulp and paper mills. They have been constructing a large concrete dam and millions of gallons were behind it.

The structure had been weakened by men working on it, and without warning, the entire wall broke away and the flood swept down Sinnema-honing creek, hit the little village of Costello, swept it away and carried the fragments into Austin, where the death list is the greatest.

Dam Held 500,000,000 Gallons. The dam, which was 529 feet long and 49 feet high, was 32 feet thick at the base and held back more than 500 millions of gallons of water.

For the first time since its construction, two years ago, the water was running over the top, just before the break, and many went from Austin, half a mile away, to see the unusual sight.

Men were in the streets, women nursing babies in their homes and the awful calamity came on them unawares.

Reports state that the wall of water was twenty feet high. It passed over the town and then rapidly subsided. Men, women and children were tossed about on its crest like egg shells.

Those in the south end of the town had a bare resemblance of a chance. The hills were close by and they ran for their lives.

State constabulary were rushed to the scene and assisted the suffering and quelled what violence prevailed at the scene of the horror.

Thieves immediately made their presence known when the waters from the dam receded and began to rob the bodies of the dead who had been caught in the onrush of the waters.

In several instances were the thieves caught by grief-stricken citizens, who stopped long enough from their mourning over the dead or missing to immediately pounce upon the body robbers and beat them as a pulp.

Several of a band of robbers were thus caught and terribly beaten and kicked and left dying where they fell.

Selfish Interest. "You seem to be developing a great interest in conservation." "I am," replied Mr. Cumrox. "If they keep cutting down the trees, there won't be any woods for me to take to when mother and the girls get up these rounds of social gayety."

His Birthday Present. Father—"So, my dear boy, I wish you many happy returns of the day, and as a reward for your diligence and good conduct I will get the dentist to draw that bad old tooth that gives you so much pain!"

Musie and Manners. "Tau Kung, a pupil of Confucius, said, 'In any country it is only necessary to hear its music in order to know if its manners and customs are good or bad.'"

A Jelly Face. "When mamma asked if I'd been stealing jelly," I said "yes." "Why didn't you deny?" "I didn't have the face to say so."—Boston Transcript.

TURKS EVACUATE TRIPOLI AND FLEE

TROOPS MARCH OUT AS WAR SHIPS OPEN FIRE, WHEREUPON THEY CEASE.

NEW CENSORSHIP RIGID

Germany and Austria, Angered by Preveza Affair, Threaten Humiliation to Italy—Constantinople Makes New Appeal.

Tripoli.—The Turks have evacuated Tripoli. The bombardment was of short duration. Only a few shells were thrown at the forts and practically no damage was done.

The Turkish troops started to march out of the city as soon as the firing opened, and when this was seen the bombardment ceased.

The Turkish commander plans a stubborn resistance in the interior, and a land battle probably will result soon after the Italian troops, now en route, land here.

Italian Cruisers Sunk. London.—The Daily Chronicle's Constantinople correspondent says: "A wireless message to the admiralty says that two Italian cruisers have been sunk off an unnamed point in the archipelago."

Out of a perfect maze of conflicting reports and rumors it is utterly impossible at the present stage to sift the grains of truth concerning the opening days of the Turko-Italian war. It appears doubtful whether there has been any actual occupation of Tripoli and it is practically certain that there has been no bombardment by the Italian warships.

An early dispatch from Rome says that the ministry of marine announces that the Italian squadron encountered the Turkish squadron, composed of three battleships and several torpedo boats, near the entrance to the Dardanelles, that an engagement ensued and the Turkish battleships were sunk and the torpedo boats damaged.

The Ottoman clearly is not in a hurry and the most significant news of the day is the decision of the Turkish council again to appeal to the powers, and in the meantime suspend offensive measures.

This new appeal has not reached the British government and there is nothing to indicate that the attitude of the powers has undergone any change.

According to the Daily Telegraph's Rome correspondent, however, Germany and Austria already have made unofficial representations to Italy of their displeasure at her procedure.

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MISSOURI NEWS

URGED TO CALL EXTRA SESSION.

Senator Lane Names Laws He Says Need Consideration.

Cape Girardeau.—Senator Thomas F. Lane wrote Gov. Hindley a letter suggesting and advising the calling of a special session of the legislature next January for the purpose of permitting legislation which Senator Lane says can not be enacted at a regular session because of lack of time.

The senator suggests four matters for consideration—a workman's compensation act, commission form of government, revision of the municipal code and revision of appellate practice.

Senator Lane indicates in his letter that the governor is known to favor legislation along these lines and urges him to call a special session to get action on matters which he favors.

The letter, in part, follows: "It has occurred to me that in view of the great public interest involved and manifested in certain proposed laws, which I will hereafter refer to, that you would be warranted in convening the legislature in extra session, say on the first Wednesday of next January, for their due and proper consideration."

"For want of time in the last session to give them the consideration their great importance deserves, nothing was done by way of enacting laws on certain questions which seem to me to be almost imperative to every state that desires to keep up with the natural progress of the age."

A. A. Johnson is Elected. St. Louis.—Arch A. Johnson of Springfield, Mo., was elected grand master at the Missouri Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in Scottish Rite cathedral, Seventeenth and Locust streets. Other officers elected are: Jacob Lambert, St. Louis, deputy grand master; Van Fremont Boor, Kansas City, grand senior warden; Chesley A. Mossman, St. Joseph, grand junior warden; John R. Parson, St. Louis, grand secretary, and Alphonso C. Stewart of St. Louis, grand treasurer.

C. C. Bigger of Laclede, by reason of his retirement from the office of grand master, becomes past grand master.

Negro Methodists Elect. Kansas City.—The Northwest Missouri Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church was attended by eighty ministers, Bishop H. Blankton Parks of Chicago presiding. S. S. Pitcher was elected secretary with C. W. Newton and R. C. Davis, assistant secretaries. Rev. J. C. Caldwell of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of Allen Christian Endeavor, and W. A. Lewis, D. D., Nashville, secretary of Allen Christian Endeavor League, were introduced and made addresses.

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Taft's Three Points

PRESIDENT SHOWN AS STANDPATTER OF FIRST WATER.

In Effect the Chief Executive Declares His Opinion That the People Are Incapable of Deciding Tariff Question.

In his preliminary talks and addresses in the east and in his vote messages, President Taft indicated the points he would seek to emphasize in the course of his western trip—that is, in connection with tariff discussion.

Those talks, addresses and messages show that he bases his policy and program on three assertions.

The first is, that he will deal with the tariff on the basis of recommendations by a board appointed by himself and responsible to nobody but himself.

Second, he is opposed to all tariff legislation not in accord with the Republican national platform.

And, third, congress is incompetent to exercise proper judgment on tariff matters.

Last November, the people sent to congress a new lot of representatives, especially charged to carry into effect the popular demand for tariff revision. Mr. Taft pronounces the people incapable of deciding on such policies and scorns the men selected to carry them into effect—though gratefully welcoming their aid in connection with his pet projects.

He stands pat on the pat in servile adherence to party platform heresies.

He announces adherence to no plans or policies not formulated by his personally conducted tariff board.

These are the three points of his propaganda in the west. He grows weaker and weaker, all the time, in the estimation and support of the people.

Must Cut Out the Graft. No revision of the tariff would be "scientific" except a revision that would take out the graft. Any tariff designed to raise prices instead of being designed to raise revenue is a graft measure—it is so by the law of its being and can be the saying graft also.

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Champ Clark's Reply

Champ Clark's reply to President Taft, reduced to its essence, amounts to this:

"We Democrats were put in power on our pledge to give the people relief from tariff exactions. We did our best to keep faith. We helped the president put through the reciprocity bill because it meant lower duties. We united with progressive Republicans in other tariff legislation for the benefit of the people."

"We stand for the best interest of the masses; he stands for a handful of protected tariff barons and by his veto enables them to continue to levy unjust and exorbitant tribute upon the consumers of the land."

Baldly, that is the issue as it now stands. And on that issue there can be no question what the verdict of the people must be.

Thehides of prairie dogs are to be used for making gloves. It is reasonable, therefore, to expect American prairie dog raisers to immediately apply for a high tariff on prairie dogs.

Explanations at Syracuse and Erie. At Syracuse Mr. Taft's explanation of why he vetoed the lower-cost-of-living bills consisted mostly of statistics showing why it was necessary to spend some money each year to disseminate information to farmers on the subject of scientific agriculture.

At Erie Mr. Taft's explanation of why he vetoed the lower-cost-of-living bills consisted mostly of telling how he will compromise with the senate on the question of arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France.

Prof. D. H. Doane to Wed. Columbia.—The engagement of Prof. D. H. Doane of the faculty of the Agricultural college of the University of Missouri, and Miss Euloh Grant of Shelby, Mo., a student in arts and science, has been announced.

Capt. Mansur Quits Bank. Chillicothe.—Capt. W. H. Mansur, for thirty years president of the Bank of Chillicothe, sold his interest to H. A. Tompkins of Warsaw, Mo. Mr. Tompkins was elected president and his son cashier.