



WEEK'S NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

HAPPENINGS OF THE SEVEN PAST DAYS ARE BRIEFLY TOLD HERE.

FROM AROUND THE PLANET

Dispatches From Our Own and Foreign Countries Are Here Given in Short Meter for Busy Readers.

The Sixty-third congress broke all records in the volume of proceedings in the Congressional Record. The average congress, according to reports of debates, runs about 12,000 pages, while the recent body talked 32,000 pages.

Miss Josephine Redding, a San Francisco girl, who is a trained nurse in the Red Cross service of the French army, has been awarded the cross of the Legion of Honor by the French government.

Police dragged the river at Port Madison, Ia., in the hope of finding the body of Andrew Grayford, city clerk, who disappeared from his home recently.

The Chicago Grand Opera company filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, scheduling liabilities of \$264,400 and assets of \$61,500.

Nearly half a million tons have been added to the American merchant marine since the law admitting foreign-built vessels to American registry was passed.

Policeman Joseph Carroll was shot through the arm and one of three burglars captured in a street battle with robbers who were caught in the store of Freeman Bros.

A Central News dispatch from Lisbon states that Deputy Henrique Cardoso was assassinated as he entered the Democratic club to attend a political meeting.

Municipal taxes in Berlin have been increased 125 per cent since the war began.

A bill incorporating the Ellen Wilson Memorial home in eastern District of Columbia has passed the senate.

Fire destroyed the ice plant of the Central Illinois Service company, at Marion, Ill., causing a loss of \$100,000.

Increased passenger rates on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad in Massachusetts went into effect March 1.

The Rev. James Morrison Darnell, charged with violating the Mann act, was indicted by the federal grand jury at Milwaukee, Wis.

Two young girls were killed and a woman seriously injured in a grade crossing accident at Jewel, Ind., when Pennsylvania train No. 19, north-bound, struck the automobile in which they were riding.

Frank Shilling shot and killed Grover Starkey at Lepanto, Ark., when the latter cautioned him against making a disturbance, and then shot the boy's father.

Mrs. L. A. Haller of Carriere, Miss., was attempting to burn the grass off of a field of the Haller suburban home, her clothing caught fire and she was burned to death.

A skull and various other bones of the human body were found in the stomach of a 12-foot shark killed at Miami, Fla.

An indorsement of President Wilson's European war policy was tabled in the Iowa senate by a vote of 28 to 9.

Six thousand dollars deducted from the salaries of representatives in congress absent during the closing days of the last session was restored to the absentees by a resolution passed by the house.

An acceptance of a bet to drink a quart of whiskey resulted in the death of William Pfeil, 17, in a patrol wagon while being rushed to St. Agnes hospital, Philadelphia.

After thoroughly condemning the lobby register as "ridiculous," the Texas senate discarded it. The lower house, however, continues to require representatives of special interests to register.

All heads of households in Berlin were ordered to furnish to the government an estimate of the amount of flour they have on hand.

Inquiry into the American land question to its labor and capital aspects will be begun by the federal industrial relations commission in a public hearing at Dallas, Tex., March 15.

The Roosevelt, Admiral Peary's Arctic ship, will be taken over by the bureau of fisheries, to be used in connection with the fisheries service in Alaskan waters.

Mrs. Mary Miller, 85, is dead in Greenwich, Conn. She never rode on a trolley car or on a railroad train.

Henry Fontorno, private banker of Chicago, whose bank next to a police station was robbed of \$9,500 Feb. 17, was arrested on four warrants charging larceny by bailment.

John A. Brewer, blind, of Herrin, Ill., was sentenced in the federal court of two years at Leavenworth on a charge of using the mails to defraud. He admitted having sent bogus references to a mail order house.

Ferdinand N. Batcher was killed by his alarm clock. Batcher was a retired mechanical engineer of Chicago. For some time he had been suffering from heart disease and the sudden awakening finished him.

Cheng Hsu Henry Wang of Shanghai, a judge in the academic class at Yale, won the Ten Eyck prize in public speaking.

The official figures show that Robert M. Sweitzer, candidate for the Democratic nomination for mayor of Chicago in the recent primary, defeated Mayor Carter H. Harrison by 79,186 votes.

The crew of the trawler Sapphire, which struck a mine in the North sea, was landed at Hull.

Mrs. Russell Sage has distributed \$50,000 among six public institutions in Syracuse, the gifts being in memory of her mother.

The building of the new Italian superdreadnaught Marc Antonio Colonna was begun. The new ship will have a normal displacement of 39,000 tons.

More than \$1,000,000 has been spent at the exposition the first 10 days. The sum includes the purchase of season tickets.

Woman suffrage and state-wide prohibition will come before the voters of South Dakota at the general election in November, 1916.

Following action determined upon several days ago in New York, a receivership for the Great Western railroad, a Gould line, was requested by the Equitable Trust company of New York before United States District Judge Van Fleet.

O. W. Harker, cashier of the Johnson City (Ill.) National bank, and E. J. Froelich of Chicago pleaded not guilty in the federal court to indictments charging them with wrecking the bank.

Bugs are the direct reason why 112 pupils in public school No. 12, at Paterson, N. J., have been given a vacation. Winged insects infested the school in such numbers this year that study became impossible.

John Treadwell, formerly interested in mining on the Pacific coast, who went into bankruptcy last November, with liabilities of more than \$2,000,000 and assets of unknown value, has received a discharge from the court.

The Sawyer racing bill, creating a racing commission and legalizing pari mutuel machines, was passed by the Arkansas legislature, 45 to 45. The bill now goes to the governor.

Oswin J. O'Brien of Jersey City, N. J., placed a \$125,000 fortune in trust for two years, after which time he must prove to the supreme court that he has been temperate. On this condition his wife withdrew proceedings to have him declared incompetent.

Legislators freely express the opinion that a bill intended to combine the two cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis will fail. Jealousy between the two is thought to be the cause.

President Wilson on the last day of congress was called upon to sign bills appropriating nearly \$1,000,000,000.

A clubhouse for subway "moles" is to be erected in City Hall square, in New York City, by contractors, and will have cardrooms, shower baths and banks.

Not content with adding to the high cost of Broadway's necessities, all 15-cent drinks have been advanced to cost 15 cents straight instead of two for a quarter in New York.

T. R. H. Smith, president of the First State bank of Las Cruces, N. M., was arrested after the grand jury had returned an indictment against him in connection with the failure of the bank.

The Groer anti-liquor bill has been sent to conference by the North Carolina legislature. The measure forbids the delivery of alcoholic liquor or any ingredient used in the manufacture of liquor to the state.

The price of beer throughout Austria has been raised two heller (two-fifths of a cent) per glass. The increase was received with protests everywhere.

Because she had always expressed a wish to find a pearl in an oyster, a well-known New York physician had a \$100 pearl placed in a plate of oysters ordered by his wife at the Hotel Astor. However, she did not chew the gem-laden bivalve and unwittingly swallowed the pearl.

It is reported from Vienna that Emperor Francis Joseph has ordered that all the gardens surrounding the imperial palace be used for the raising of cabbages to provide food for the people.

2 GIRLS DISROBED AND HORSEWHIPPED

FILE SUIT FOR \$10,000 DAMAGES AGAINST 36 WELL-KNOWN MEN.

SELF-STYLED REGULATORS

Special Term of Court Has Been Called to Try "Possum" Hunters—Open Threats Made to Wreak vengeance.

Rockport, Ky.—Feeling is running high in Butler county as the result of damage suits filed here by Louella and Katherine Webster, members of a well-known Kentucky family, who alleged they were attacked in their homes by a band of "possum hunters," blindfolded, dragged into the cold and then disrobed by the regulators, who afterward applied the lash to their bare backs. The suits are for \$10,000 each and are against 36 wealthy Butler county men.

Persons in the litte court were stirred by the pitiable sight of the two women when the suits were filed. Between pots they told how they had been mistreated. After the hearing, they were taken back to their homes and shoved across the threshold, where they remained until found by relatives.

Trials Set for March 30. A special term of the Butler circuit court has been called for March 30 to try the men indicted by the recent grand jury. It is likely the damage suits will be tried at this term of court. Among the defendants are Jacob Scrum and J. A. Gardiner.

Open threats were made here recently in connection with the outrages committed by the "possum hunters," who have caused a reign of terror in this section of Kentucky for more than six months. Additional deputies will be stationed at the courthouse when the trials are called.

GOETHALS WANTS TO RETIRE

Requests That Younger Man Take His Place, Opposed Own Promotion Over Civilians.

Panama Canal Zone.—Maj. Gen. G. W. Goethals, governor of the Panama Canal zone, in a speech at the annual banquet of the Society of the Chagres, announced his probable retirement as governor within a year. He said he had requested that he be relieved in favor of a younger man and that the request undoubtedly would be granted.

Gov. Goethals declared that he had been opposed to his own promotion, together with other officers, when civilian canal employees had been overlooked. In the course of his speech the governor stated that he had opposed charging employees rent for their living quarters.

France Promulgates U. S. Treaty. Paris, France.—The treaty signed at Washington Sept. 15, 1914, to facilitate the settlement of disputes which may arise between France and the United States was officially promulgated here.

Bread Prices Drop. New York.—The expected drop in the price of bread, which was raised by the big bakers on Feb. 10 from 4 cents to 5 cents a loaf wholesale, and from 5 cents to 6 cents retail, will start Monday.

Lusitania Safe in Port. Liverpool.—Moving through the mist in total darkness, the big Lusitania, from New York, entered port, extraordinary precautions having been taken to guard against German submarines. The Lusitania brought 475 passengers, of whom 120 were in the first cabin.

Asks Parole. Springfield, Ill.—Charles Taylor, an old-time burglar and housebreaker, who has spent 31 years in the Chester and Joliet penitentiaries in Illinois, thinks now that he is entitled to a parole, and in a letter to the state board of pardons has asked permission to do the last year of a 20-year sentence outside the prison walls.

Fugitive Shoots Four Policemen. Wilmington, Del.—One policeman dead, two probably mortally wounded, and a fourth policeman and two citizens slightly injured is the result of a running battle here with two men who were trying to escape arrest were captured, wounded, and held as suspicious characters. Both finally were captured after one of them had been shot twice and slightly wounded.

Accused of Huge Theft. Wichita, Kan.—Tipton Cox, former president of the Cox-Bledgett Dry Goods Company, and Thomas Bledgett, former treasurer of the concern, were arrested, charged with the embezzlement of \$84,000, and the alteration of the records of the company.

Killed in Powder Plant. Haskell, N. J.—Four men were killed and one was seriously injured in an explosion of gunpowder in one of the buildings of the plant of the Dupont Powder Works at this place.

MILLER IS MARSHAL

Judge Van Valkenburgh Names a Temporary Successor to E. C. Bland.

HAD HELD THE OFFICE BEFORE

Adjournment of Congress Ended Term of Wilson's Appointee for the Western District of Missouri.

Henry Miller has been appointed temporary United States marshal for the Western district of Missouri by Judge A. S. Van Valkenburgh, acting under instructions from Washington, to the effect that a temporary appointment was necessary. The term of Ewing C. Bland, recess appointee since December, expired with the adjournment of Congress, leaving the district without a marshal. Mr. Miller held the position after the resignation of A. J. Martin in February, 1914, until December, when Bland was appointed by the President.

W. N. Collins, postmaster by the same sort of an appointment, holds over in his position by a regulation in the postal department, requiring that the incumbent must remain in office until a successor is provided, whether his appointment has been confirmed by Congress or not. Mr. Collins is "resting easy," his pay continuing until the President sees fit to call Bland's appointment was not confirmed by Congress.

All the deputies and office assistants in this district received new commissions when Judge Bland went into office, as a recess appointee of the president. These commissions were in force until the adjournment of congress. The entire force will now be recommissioned, and the business of the court will proceed as usual.

A LARGE ESTATE INVOLVED

Grandson of Late T. B. Holland, a Springfield Banker, Files Suit to Contest Will.

A suit to contest the will of the late T. B. Holland, which disposed of property worth more than a million dollars, was filed in the circuit court at Springfield recently by Grady Holland Sanford against other heirs of the Holland estate. The petition alleges that the will was procured by improper influence of the defendants, especially the widow, Bertonia A. Holland, who obtained property valued at approximately five hundred thousand dollars.

The petition also charges that Holland's mind at the time of the signing of the will, June 17, 1913, had become so impaired by age and worry that he did not comprehend what he was signing. Holland received a large sum by reason of his marriage to his first wife, Matilda Dade, the contestant's grandmother, of whom Grady Sanford is the only heir. The will distributed the property as follows: Mrs. Bertonia Holland, widow, \$500,000; Bertha Simmons, \$100,000; Louise Jarrett, \$200,000; Charles Holland, wife and children, \$230,000; and Grady Holland Sanford, \$62,500.

Colonel Elijah Gates Dies. Colonel Elijah Gates, former state treasurer of Missouri, died at his home in St. Joseph, age 88 years. During the Civil war Colonel Gates commanded a Missouri cavalry company. He was elected state treasurer in 1878 and served four years. President Cleveland appointed him United States marshal for the Western district of Missouri in 1884 and he held that office four years.

University Instructor Dies. Mrs. F. E. Smith, instructor in the training school for nurses at the University of Missouri and member of the state examination board for nurses, is dead of pneumonia. She was 65 years old.

Shriners Welcome Guest. More than 1,000 Shriners of southwest Missouri gathered at Springfield to pay honor to Dr. Frederick R. Smith of Rochester, N. Y., imperial potentate of the Shriners of North America. It was the first time an imperial potentate had visited Springfield.

Long Idle Mine Brings \$20,000. The Sunflower mine, located in the Alta mining camp near Carthage, has been sold by C. H. Brett of Carthage to James Smith of Webb City for \$20,000. The property recently was reopened after being idle for several years.

Brakeman Killed in Moberly. Frank H. Tiquin, Wabash freight brakeman, 55 years old, was killed in the Brunswick yards recently by his own train.

Signs Shot into Place. A sign which shoots signs into place has been invented, which, in appearance, is not unlike a shotgun. The sign, which is discharged, is rolled tightly about a heavy stick and a cord is attached to a tack which is temporarily fastened, point out, at one end of the sign. The other end of the string is fastened to the top of the sign. When the instrument is loaded with one of these and the trigger pulled, heavy springs furnish the propelling force, which sends the roll endwise

A BANDIT GIVES HIMSELF UP

John Wilkerson, Who Robbed Williamsville Bank, Saw Brother Drown Before Surrendering.

After evading two posses all night, seeing his brother drowned and being wounded himself, John Wilkerson of Greenville, ten miles from Williamsville, stopped at a farm house just south of Mills Springs, at 10 o'clock in the morning and asked that the sheriff be called to arrest him for robbing the Williamsville State Bank. After he had been arrested he confessed, it is said. He told how he and his brother, Frank, had planned the robbery.

Frank was shot as they tried to swim across Black River. About the middle of the river John could no longer hold his brother above the water. He saw he would either have to drop him or both would drown. After he let his brother go he seized a snag and watched his brother go down. Frank had been shot in the arm and leg by the constable and his leg and arm were broken.

The president, the cashier and three directors, one of them a woman, of the Williamsville State Bank were locked in the bank vault by the two masked robbers, who escaped with loot of about \$1,500 cash. Bloodhounds and a large posse immediately started in pursuit of the men.

The robbers entered the bank during a meeting of the board of directors. In locking the directors in the vault the robbers overlooked a large amount of cash stored there. They took all the money in sight at the cashier's cage.

Veteran Butler Editor Dies.

O. D. Austin, veteran editor of the Bates County Record, at Butler, is dead. Mr. Austin was probably the oldest editor in point of service in Missouri. He established the paper there in 1867. He was a native of Ohio and was a clerk in the treasury department during the Civil war and was at Ford's theater the night Lincoln was shot. He served as postmaster of Butler during the Hayes, Garfield and Harrison administrations. Two children survive, Ed. S. Austin, secretary of the Jefferson City Commercial club, and Mrs. Nellie Henry, wife of Probate Judge Henry. The funeral services were held by the Masonic lodge.

Stop Traffic for the Kids!

Traffic policemen were ordered, at the instigation of Miss Charlotte Rumbold, a playground commissioner who has been sought by New York this year, to prevent traffic on certain streets in the congested district of St. Louis from 3:30 to 4:30 o'clock each afternoon so that children of the poor may play in the streets. If the experiment proves successful some of the cross streets will be closed to traffic entirely after school hours and on school holidays, except in winter months.

Big Peach Crop Expected.

The peach crop of the Ozark region has withstood the winter in fine condition and, according to indications, will afford a bumper yield, growers say. Buds in southwest Missouri and northern Arkansas have not been injured. Interest in that locality is divided between the strawberry and peach crops, and the outlook now is also favorable for a big strawberry yield. Many new berry fields have been planted since last season, and the various associations now are making plans to market the berries.

Costly Blaze in Conway.

Fire in the south part of the business section of Conway, Laclede county, laid in ruins two big buildings and a lumber yard with the offices of the latter concern. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. Bucket brigades saved other buildings.

All His.

"How much does Rogers get a week?" "All he earns; he's a bachelor."—Boston Evening Transcript.

A Good Camel Will Travel 100 Miles a Day for Ten Days.

Early Doctor Dead.

Dr. William W. Mosby, one of the pioneer residents and oldest doctor in that part of the state, is dead at his home in Richmond. Doctor Mosby was born in Scott County, Ky., June 1, 1824. In 1828 he came to Missouri with his parents. He was graduated from the medical department of Transylvania University, class of 1845. He immediately located in Richmond to practice. He was regimental surgeon with the rank of major under Col. John C. Hale of the Fourth Regiment in the Civil war. In 1862 he was elected to the state senate from that district. He served in this office two terms.

Missouri Wood to Army.

The United States government is seeking walnut with which to make army rifle stocks. Recently W. H. Naylor of Boone County shipped a carload of walnut to a St. Louis firm, which is handling the lumber for the government. The United States has issued an order to agents to buy all the walnut lumber available. One carload of lumber makes 13,630 rifle stocks.

Test.

Tommy—What is a square meal? Freddy—it's one when you kin feel the corners stickin' you.

Patience—I see a man in Kansas City named Kern has just taken his sixth wife.

BROUGHT ALL INTO COURT

Indictments Too Hastily Issued Caused Some Commotion When Interests Appeared.

The Green Bag reports the recent effort of Judge Wallace of the Kansas City criminal court to enforce rigidly the Sunday blue laws. He had ordered the indictment and arrest of all keepers of shops, stores and parks, as well as all actors and other performers. One of the places of amusement was a hippodrome of wild animals, and in its zeal the grand jury had indicted a number of actors at this place on information furnished by witnesses employed there. Warrants were issued and the marshal was directed to bring the indicted ones before the bar. "Call Mary Garden," said the judge. "Mary Garden!" yelled the deputy marshal.

There was an appreciable delay, and then suddenly the door opened and into the crowded court room came two men dragging, at the end of powerful chains, an angry lioness, who expressed her disapproval of the situation by emitting a deafening roar.

When the stampede was stopped and order restored the overenthusiastic judge found that he had caused the indictment of some hundred or more animals, including lions, tigers, leopards, hyenas, dogs, cats and pigs, all of which were at the court house entrance creating such a disturbance that the whole neighborhood had gone into a state of siege.—New York Sun.

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"Steal or Kill?"

Traffic in the downtown district of St. Louis was blocked for half an hour the other day when Frank Witt, a machinist out of work, paraded the streets wearing the following sandwich sign:

"Chief Young wants 300 more policemen to stop the increasing crimes. 'What shall I do?' 'No work, no money, four motherless children to feed. 'Shall I steal, commit highway robbery or kill myself and children?' 'One thousand are in the same position in this city today. 'Enormous luxury; enormous poverty. 'What shall I do?' 'The sign,' said Witt in jail, 'was the only way of attracting attention in the hope of getting a job. I've tried everything else. My wife died recently.

A True Bourbon.

In the unregenerate past, when our fair land lay in drunken stupor under the heel of the demon rum, a teacher of chemistry in one of the southern colleges was quizzing his class on the subject of the preceding lecture, which was "water," and happened to call upon a student from Kentucky, one Johnson.

"Johnson," he said, "name the principal properties of water." "Well, sir," said Johnson, briskly and confidently, "it's poisonous!"—New York Evening Post.

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Strolling down Fifth Avenue, the New Yorker lights a FATIMA. Progressive young men everywhere buy three times as many FATIMAS as any other 15c cigarette.



TRACTS CLEARED OF MALARIA

Gratifying Progress Has Been Made by Those Interested in Conquering the Disease.

Malaria, to which children are susceptible, has been made largely a preventable disease by a study of the mosquito carrier, its breeding places and natural history, and by inoculation experiments on animals and man. It was proved by Italian observers that the mosquito disseminates bird malaria in the same manner as in the human subject.

The final upshot of these investigations has been that large tracts of hitherto waste and dangerous land have been rendered safe and productive. A widespread cause of debilitating sickness, and even of death, has thus been removed.

In such areas the saddest sight has been the stunted, anemic children, with enlarged livers and spleens, the evidences of chronic malarial poisoning, that can now be obviated by putting modern knowledge into effect.

Unchivalrous. Two farmers, attired in corduroys and gaiters, were strolling through a picture gallery, where they looked, and apparently felt, decidedly out of place. But at last they brought up before a picture which really seemed to please them—a portrait of a lovely girl with a particularly ugly bulldog.

"This is something nice, Dick," said one. "What is it called?" "Dick referred to the catalogue. "Beauty and the Beast," he said. The other man looked closer at the bulldog.

"Ah!" he sighed appreciatively, "he is a beauty, too!"—London Tit-Bits.

Too Long. Bacon—in a costly watch that has been made for exhibition purposes there is a wheel that makes a revolution but once in four years, operating a dial that shows the years, months and days.

Egbert—Never do in South America. They could never wait four years for a revolution down there.

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Do You Face the Day's Work With Vim and Energy?

Morning is the time when workers need food that will not overload the stomach, but give strength and mental vigor for the day.

Much depends on the start. For one can't be keen and alert on a heavy, indigestible breakfast.

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