



NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM OVER WORLD

HAPPENINGS IN OUR OWN AND OTHER COUNTRIES BRIEFLY TOLD.

SHORT ITEMS FOR BUSY MEN

Week's News Condensations Reviewed Without Comment—All Nations Find Something to Edify and Instruct.

Gen. Carranza and the de facto government of Mexico are to be given full opportunity to run to earth the murderers of American citizens at Santa Ysabel.

A Danish sailing vessel that is 129 years old, but is still in sound condition, put into West Hurtlepool recently.

The fifth regiment, Ohio national guard, which has been on strike duty at Youngstown, O., returned home.

The Belgian spy Cels, who denounced Edith Cavell, the English nurse who was executed at Brussels some time ago by the Germans, was assassinated.

Eduardo Suarez Mujica, ambassador from Chile, has tendered his resignation to his home government, it became known in Washington.

Mrs. Philip N. Moore of St. Louis was elected president of the National Council of Women.

Yeggs blew the vault of the Midway & James Banking company at Clayton, Ala., getting away with only about \$200.

Peter Mohr, a young German soldier who escaped from a French prison camp, arrived in New York as a stow-away on the American steamer Virginia.

What is believed to be the world's largest single shipment of butter—744,000 pounds, or 372 tons—is on its way to New York, consigned by a Chicago firm to the Russian government.

The works of art in the galleries at Nancy have been transferred by the city authorities to Troyens.

Gov. Hayes of Arkansas has granted a sixth respite to Clarence Dewain and Joe Strong, each 21 years old, who had been sentenced to be electrocuted for the murder of an aged merchant at Benton, Ark.

Senator Tillman introduced a bill to impose a maximum penalty of \$500 fine and 18 months' imprisonment for common carriers, amusement resort owners and hotels refusing accommodations to uniformed enlisted men of the navy and marine corps when the applicants are sober, orderly and willing to pay.

Theodore Roosevelt is aflame with indignation over the latest reports of Mexican outrages, and has sent a demand to the president to take such steps as will forever insure the safety of Americans in any part of the world.

The Alabama circuit court of appeals held that beneficiaries of a man hanged for murder cannot collect his insurance policy.

Secretary of State Schmal received a telegram from Elihu Root saying he was not a candidate for the presidential nomination, and asked that his name be kept off the Minnesota ballot.

A robber who had obtained \$500 in the First State bank here failed to lock the cashier securely in the vault. The cashier released himself and with a rifle bullet broke the leg of the horse on which the robber was fleeing.

Four persons were injured and a number of houses were destroyed by a tornado which swept Madison Station, Tenn.

Matthew A. Schmidt, convicted of complicity in the destruction of the Los Angeles Times building by dynamite, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Albert C. Long was found dead by his father-in-law in his garage at Chicago. The place was filled with gas fumes and his death was attributed to pettoforia.

The proposed bond issue of \$400,000 for the establishment of a municipal electric lighting system at Springfield, Mo.

Five stores were destroyed at Ottumwa, Ia., by fire in the heart of the retail district, with a loss of \$500,000.

Angelo Sarko, only brother of the late Pope Pius, is dead at the age of 73 years. For years he was the postmaster of the village of Braze.

Schedules of the St. L. & S. F. rail-way canceling its joint rates with the C. E. I. & P. on grain from points in Oklahoma to New Orleans were suspended until May 9.

Ten whales, weighing from 1,900 to 5,000 pounds each, were washed ashore at Cape Hatteras Monday night.

Relatives in Philadelphia of John Ulrich, who was shot in Joliet, Ill., by Mrs. Lillian Pfeiffer, a waitress, are willing to forgive him if he recovers.

The new international hotel at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., was burned, causing a loss estimated at \$250,000.

Mme. E. Lanet, wife of the French minister to Brazil, whose death in Rio Janeiro is announced, was Miss Amy McKee, the daughter of Mrs. Sam Bell McKee of Oakland, Cal.

Emperor William has conferred the iron cross on Frau Skolkof of Gleiwitz for disclosing a bomb plot, the work of a spy. She is the first woman to receive the iron cross.

The Dwight and Chicopee (Mass.) mills, manufacturers of cotton goods, have granted a 5 per cent increase in pay to their 6,000 employes.

Cooper county, Mo., outside of the city of Booneville, voted saloons by a majority of approximately 250 votes.

For the third time Gov. Dunne has sent a letter to the sheriff of Jackson county asking what arrangements had been made for the execution of Elston Scott, the murderer sentenced to hang on Jan. 21. This would indicate another reprieve.

Illinois formally returned to the city of New Orleans the flag carried by Gen. Andrew Jackson's troops at the battle of New Orleans, which was captured by an Illinois regiment from Confederates during the civil war.

Miss Percy Haswell was injured at a matinee performance at Allentown, Pa., when she fell from a stage balcony in the production of "Romeo and Juliet," striking the floor head first after a drop of 12 feet.

The jury empaneled to try County Attorney J. W. Crow of McAlester, Ok., on charges of drunkenness and malfeasance in office disagreed.

Recent observations of Saturn show a remarkable change in the color and brightness of the planet's ball, which is darker than the rings.

Maj. Gen. William C. Gorgas, who waged successful war against the yellow fever scourge in Panama, received a gold medal from the Geographic society of Chicago for his distinguished service to humanity.

The Lewis theater, at Independence, Mo., burned with a loss of \$50,000. The fire is believed to have started from the furnace.

Cologne Gazette and other German newspapers are demanding the immediate recall of Edward Higgins, American consul at Stuttgart, on the ground that he has expressed anti-German sentiments.

President Wilson possibly may put the question of national defense before the country in a series of speeches as one means of getting the necessary legislation through congress.

Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, has left The Hague for Brussels. He is to make the trip in his automobile.

Porter Charlton, the American who was released from prison recently after serving a brief term for killing his wife, will leave Naples for New York.

Mrs. Susan Davis is dead at Hickman, Ky., as a result of a rat bite. The rat bit her on the ankle.

President Wilson is opposed to compulsory military service, Chairman Hay told the house committee on military affairs.

The Rome correspondent of the Star says the illegitimate son of the late King Milan of Serbia has been proclaimed king of Serbia at Belgrade by the Austrian and German authorities.

Maryland, after having had a Republican governor and two Democratic legislatures during the last four years, returned to Democracy in all branches of the state government.

Mrs. Frank Basso is dead as the result of being shot in the head by her husband at their home near West Frankfort, Ill. Basso escaped.

President Wilson accepted an invitation to speak at the annual dinner of the chamber of commerce of the United States Feb. 10.

The South Wales Miners' federation, the strongest labor union in the United Kingdom, will vote on a resolution declaring in favor of a national strike against conscription.

Justice Hughes has denied an application for a writ of error through which it was sought to have the supreme court review the conviction of Hans Schmidt, under sentence to be electrocuted at Sing Sing prison for the murder of Anna Amuller in New York.

For the fourth time Elston Scott, the negro sentenced to hang at Murphysboro on Jan. 21, was reprieved by Gov. Dunne. The execution is now set for March 10.

Lieut. Joseph E. McDonald, U. S. A., was killed by a snowslide at Mammoth Hot Springs, near Fort Yellowstone, Wyo.

The petition of Mrs. Claude Graham-White, wife of the aviator, for restoration of her conjugal rights, has been granted in London.

BEAT LIGHT BONDS

Proposal for a Municipal Plant at Springfield Failed to Get Enough Votes.

RAIN KEPT MANY FROM POLLS

A Total of 3,948 Ballots Were Cast, 2,051 For and 1,897 Against the Proposition.

The proposal to issue \$400,000 bonds for a municipal lighting plant in Springfield was defeated at the special election held recently, lacking 581 votes of the necessary two-thirds. The vote was 2,051 for the bonds and 1,897 against.

The vote was only normal, a heavy rain throughout the day keeping many from the polls. A stiff campaign, consisting of advertising and mass meetings, had been waged by both sides and an extra large vote was expected, as the registration several days ago broke all records for a special election registration.

Members of the citizens' committee which waged the fight for the municipal plant are satisfied at the result. They say the fight is only started and the proposal will be submitted to the voters again within sixty days.

Ask Larger Light Plant.

Convinced that cheap electric power is a necessity for a town which wishes to grow and prosper, the city council of Higginsville has decided to submit to the voters a proposal to issue bonds to enlarge the municipal power plant that power and light can be furnished at from 1 and 1 1/2 cents a kilowatt up. The present rates are from 5 to 10 cents. The municipal power plant is Higginsville's most valuable possession. It not only pays its own way, but annually turns a large profit into the city treasury, enabling the city to meet any other obligations without levying taxes, and also furnishes free street lights.

Two to Hospital Jobs.

At the monthly meeting of the board of managers of State Hospital No. 2, John F. Minor was superseded as steward by Jacob L. Bretz and Dr. C. M. Kimberlin of Clarksville was appointed assistant physician to take the place of Dr. C. L. Woolsey of Braymer.

Will Advertise Ozark Fruits. By vote of the members of the Ozark Fruit Growers Association, in session at Monett, the millions of fruit packages it markets annually will hereafter bear a uniform label, advertising Ozark products. A publicity department was also created.

Bennett Again Dairy Commissioner.

The state board of agriculture has re-elected E. G. Bennett of Carthage state dairy commissioner, for a term of four years at an annual salary of \$2,000.

Given Bichloride by Mistake.

A. E. Tinpane of Chanute, Kas., a traveling man, was given bichloride of mercury at Carthage by his wife, who thought the poison was medicine. Physicians say Tinpane will die.

Cooper County Went Dry.

Cooper county, outside of Booneville, was voted into the dry column by a majority of 275 the other day. Booneville voted to remain wet about a month ago.

Montgomery Judge Dead.

Judge Fred Lichte, 73 years old, for twelve years presiding judge of Montgomery county and an active Republican, died recently.

Judge Upheld Cigarettes.

Opponents of the cigarette at Columbia received a knockout blow when Judge Samuel Davis of Marshall granted a permanent injunction restraining the city from enforcing the anti-cigarette ordinance passed in October.

Bevier Preacher Dead.

The Rev. R. J. Mathews, 75 years old, pastor of the Congregational church at Bevier, is dead. He had been in the ministry for nearly a half century, occupying parsonages in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kansas and Missouri. He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

Joplin's Oldest Resident Dies.

Dr. H. J. Freeman, the oldest resident of Joplin, is dead. He had lived there sixty years and was 85 years old.

May Cut Time to Chicago.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, seeking a shorter and faster route between Chicago and Kansas City, is believed to be making plans to build a line from Monroe City to Moberly, thus affording a more direct route.

BOYS AND GIRLS WIN PRIZES

Jackson County Again Gets State Shield Sweepstakes—List of Individual Prize Winners.

The state shield sweepstakes prize, the county trophy for stock judging and the grand prize in home economics all went to Jackson county in the boys and girls' club contests which closed recently. This is the second year Jackson county has won the state shield. The individual first prize winners in the various contests were as follows:

Hog judging, Joe Wogan, Buchanan county; poultry judging, Russell Powell, Jackson county; beef cattle judging, Carroll Moss, Marion county; draft horse judging, Joe Wogan, Buchanan county; dairy cattle judging, Howell Brezentine, Jackson county; sheep judging, Robert Jewett, Cooper county; apron judging, Ida May Reese, Boone county; acre corn contest, Oscar Linhart, Scott county; biscuit making, Pauline Weaver, Jackson county; bread judging, Helen Loranee, Carroll county; buttonhole making, Marie Yanke, Jackson county; corn stringing (two in team), Verna Groom and Dorothy Ehle, Jackson county; judging canned goods, Josephine Allen, Cooper county; ciphering match, Pauline Weaver, Jackson county; fudge making, Anna Windsor, Cooper county; corn judging, Everett Allen, Jackson county; patching, Mary Ward, Davies county; stocking darning, Clara Wilson, Cooper county; spelling match, Frank Warner, Jackson county; best club work, Sidney Kelmach, Boone county.

The total attendance this year was 129. Boone county led in attendance with forty-two, Jackson county was second with thirty-two and Buchanan county third with nineteen.

CATCH SIX IN PERJURY NET

A St. Joseph Man, His Attorneys and a Physician in Damage Suit are Under Arrest.

George A. Callicut, a railroad brakeman, was arrested at St. Joseph recently on a charge of perjury in a damage suit against the Rock Island Railroad. Soon afterward Dr. M. J. Farber, Callicut's physician; Goldman and Liberman, his attorneys; Harry Callicut, his brother, and Thomas Hicks, a law student, were arrested on charges of perjury. All except George Callicut were released on bond.

At the time George Callicut was arrested he was disguised as a woman and was carrying coal into the house where he lives with his wife and several children. The arrests were made by deputy sheriffs and Rock Island detectives, who had been watching the Callicut home ever since the night before.

In the circuit court last summer the brakeman was awarded judgment against the Rock Island for \$10,000 as damages for personal injuries alleged to have been sustained by falling from a box car. Callicut was carried into court on a stretcher and his attorneys and his physician insisted that he was paralyzed from the hips down. Other doctors who examined him said they did not believe there was anything wrong with him. When a jury gave the brakeman judgment the railroad company appealed. The case is pending in the supreme court.

Judge W. W. Gath Dead.

Judge Walter W. Gath, 68 years old, one of the oldest of Columbia's native born citizens, died there the other night. He had filled a number of public offices and many high officers in the Masonic lodge.

A Missouri Woman is 99.

Mrs. Nancy Radley of Marshall celebrated her ninety-ninth birthday recently. She has been a resident of Saline county for fifty-five years and a Christian Scientist twenty-six years.

Laid Two Eggs in an Hour.

Queenie B., a white Leghorn hen, owned by T. H. Buckingham of St. Joseph, established what is believed to be a world's record in egg laying when she laid two eggs within one hour. The record was made at the Buchanan County Poultry Show. One of the eggs has a shell that is soft, but both are normal size. The hen has a record of more than two hundred eggs a year. Queenie B. was a year old last September.

Mason Enters Lists Again.

James H. Mason of Springfield, Republican nominee for attorney general in 1912, has announced his candidacy for the same nomination in the 1916 primaries. He was inducted into the Green County Bar Association recently.

Tannery to Cost 7 Million.

A tannery which, when completed, will cost 7 million dollars and will employ between four thousand and five thousand men, is to be erected at St. Louis by the International Shoe company, it was announced by officials of that concern recently.

Fire Drove 200 From School.

More than two hundred children were in the school building at Kearney when a fire starting from the furnace threatened the building, but they were marched out without injury to anyone. The fire was extinguished without much damage.

Crossley for Lieutenant-Governor.

Wallace Crossley of Warrensburg, state senator from the Sixteenth district the other day announced his candidacy for lieutenant-governor on the Democratic ticket.

HOUSTON Uncle Sam's Big Farmer

THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE MAKES DREAMS COME TRUE. HE IS A SCIENTIST WHO SCORNS GUESSWORK METHODS AND BELIEVES THAT AMERICAN FARMS OF THE FUTURE WILL BE THIS WORLD'S GARDEN SPOTS.

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By EDWARD B. CLARK.

HOUSTON is a man who is big enough to have the truth told about him.

These were the words of a friend, a confidant and an admirer of David Franklin Houston, secretary of agriculture in the cabinet of Woodrow Wilson.

The secretary's friend had no thought of small traits in the character of Mr. Houston. What he meant was that certain things which have been dwelt upon by critics of the temperament and the methods of work of Mr. Houston should be set forth so that the proper light might fall upon them and thus lay bare the facts to eye and mind.

David Franklin has been criticized. Why? Well, the answer isn't hard. He is an idealist who believes that his idealism can be realized only after the proof has been adduced that it really is idealism. Consequently Mr. Houston is not a dreamer of dreams whose fabrics are baseless. He is of Scotch blood and is hard headed, and as a result a good many of the visionaries of the country who see glory gilding the castles which they rear in the air, cannot understand why the secretary of agriculture does not instantly see the domes and minarets of their fancy's building "burning with the splendor of noonday."

The department of agriculture, since Mr. Houston took hold of it, has broadened the fields of its endeavors. Many things have been done. Some of them are things which the dreamers of the years have urged should be done. Everything bearing a trace of the imprint of worthiness that has been suggested has been subjected to the test of critical analysis. Some of the dreamers have been disappointed because this thing or that thing has not been done, but they may know that the test has been applied and that the proof of lasting worthiness has been lacking.

There seems to be a sort of general impression that Secretary Houston is a cold man. The presumption of his coldness comes unquestionably from the fact that he is so intensely self-reliant and analytical. The visionaries go to him bubbling over with their dreams of what can be done to bring the millennium of their desires to farm and field. They are so convinced that the vision they have seen from the mountain tops is real that they count the man who listens but declines instant and exuberant acceptance of the truth of their dreams, as a man who is cold and unresponsive. Little do they know, at any rate for a long time, that some of these dream recitals are pondered and studied and that if they bear up under the study plans are laid to make them a reality.

Coldness is an exterior thing. A thermos bottle may be cold to the touch and yet have plenty of heat inside. The man who said that Secretary Houston was big enough to have the truth told about him also said that the secretary is a volcano, a seemingly slumbering one, perhaps, but one which has within it the potentialities which one usually ascribes to Vesuvius and the other peaks of fire. Men who know the secretary cannot understand why he is called cold. The reason is simply that he is cold to the representation of things whose worth cannot be proved.

There is another view of Secretary Houston which is taken by some men who do not get next to him, or perhaps better, into him. Generally speaking, a man who has no sense of humor is an impossible man. Some persons think that the secretary of agriculture lacks appreciation of real humor. While Mr. Houston is of Scotch descent, Sydney Smith's joke about the necessity of a surgical operation before you can get a joke into a Scotchman's skull has no application to the case of David F. Houston. He is fonder of good stories and fonder of telling them than perhaps any other man in the president's cabinet. It is said of him, however, that, true to his temperament, he analyzes a story to find out first whether it has humor's real ingredients before he will accept it as one worth retelling. In this way the secretary avoids the fate of the man who tells stories at which other people laugh only because they feel that they must do so in order to be complimentary to the raconteur.

To a Washington correspondent who has been watching things fairly closely in the agricultural department, because of an innate liking for things agricultural, the chief thing to stand out prominently since Mr. Houston laid hand on authority is the "tremendous amplification" of works which were in little more than suggestive form when one administration of the department was succeeded by another. Secretary Houston found a lot of good things in tentative form in the agricultural department when he first entered office. He submitted the tentative projects of his predecessor to his usual analysis and those which he found good he adapted as soon as the study of them was complete.

The growth of the activities of the agricultural department of the United States since Mr. Houston has taken hold is of the kind usually called phenomenal. There is no attempt on the part of the secretary or any of his subordinates to take away from preceding administrations the credit for initiative. What was found to be good has been accepted as good, and what is more, has been put into operation. Beyond this the department has initiated and carried into action many plans of its own which at one time were thought to be impossible of success. It is in taking the thing said to be impossible, in testing it and in either proving or disproving its worth, that the present secretary excels.

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F. Houston overmuch? Well, the proof or the disproof of the validity of the praise is to be found everywhere through the farming regions of the United States. Nobody knows better than the present-day farmer what Mr. Houston has tried to do and has done. Every housewife on the farm will make answer to the question as to whether praise has been wrongly placed or not. The records are written over every field in the United States. Their pages easily are turned and the print is large.

The secretary of agriculture is a blunt man when bluntness is an essential to imparting a lesson. He does not believe in mollifying men with soft words when hard words are necessary. Politicians do not get any great amount of satisfaction out of him when they are seeking their own ends. Here is a story in point that was written by Arthur W. Page.

"A member of congress from the middle West asked the secretary to get rid of the department agent who was at work in his district. The secretary refused. But that did not end the matter. A local attack hampered the work. The secretary investigated the situation, satisfied himself that the agent was not at fault, and then wrote to the member of congress that the work could not be done properly while this attack was going on, and that under the circumstances the department would withdraw from the district altogether."

"He mailed a copy of this letter to the governor of the state and to the rest of the congressional delegates from that state. They immediately notified him that it would not be necessary to withdraw the agent. The state legislature went even further, and passed a unanimous resolution endorsing the agricultural department's work in the state."

Now it must be understood that when some members of congress cannot do what they like in the way of influencing the heads of the government departments they can resort, if they want to, to the petty revenge of opposing necessary appropriations for enlarging the good work of the department whose secretary has incensed them. Secretary Houston never seems to have worried much about the appropriation matter as it might be affected by the action of men who "knew what they wanted and couldn't get it."

The truth is that the motives of men usually are made plain when it comes to antagonizing good work, and most men are afraid to have their motives turned to the sun. The result is that courageous secretaries of departments in Washington usually have no trouble because they have dared to stand out against purely political importunities.

David Franklin Houston was absolutely unknown in political circles when President Wilson called him to Washington. He was known, however, to educators and to scientific men generally all over the United States.

CONDENSATIONS

Fewer people under twenty and more people over forty-five are now employed in various industries than was the case ten years ago. Italian scientists recently recorded a temperature of 135 in the victim of a lung disease, the highest figure ever known in a human being. The first half pint of milk at a milk-creamery contains only 1.07 per cent of cream, while the last half pint contains 10.30 per cent.

POSTSCRIPTS

An Italian scientist has developed a method of identification of individuals by means of veins in their hands. Post-compressed and formed into sheets, in replacing cork in Germany as an insulating material against heat and cold. Sylvester Long-Lance, who was appointed to West Point, is the first full-blooded Cherokee Indian who has been so honored. Only 33-13 per cent out of every 100 men that apply for enlistment in the United States navy are accepted.

Japan has found valuable deposits of coal on an island in Nagasaki harbor and close to its Sasebo naval station. A fruit corer with a spiral blade has been invented with which a person can remove as much of the fruit as desired. The germ of smaltop, discovered by a German scientist, is so small that it passes through the most minute filters.