



NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM OVER WORLD

HAPPENINGS IN OUR OWN AND OTHER COUNTRIES BRIEFLY TOLD.

SHORT ITEMS FOR BUSY MEN

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

Fred Bissell of Lansing, Kan., who confessed to the murder of the 13-year-old Dinsmore girl, seeks to justify his crime by the statement that the mother of the little girl had refused to marry him.

Harry G. Hawker made a world's altitude record in an aeroplane at Brooklands, England. Hawker ascended to a height of 24,408 feet.

George Zeller is in the hospital at Decatur, Ill., from a bullet wound inflicted by a holdup man.

Winston Churchill was elected president and Theodore Roosevelt vice-president of the Authors' League at the annual meeting.

Two fugitives Joe and Dave Smith, who resisted arrest by a sheriff's posse, were slain when they opened fire on the officers at Murkogue, Ok.

"I kill myself because I have stooped to kiss the degraded woman who has wrecked my life," wrote Ralph Lane, 23, who committed suicide at New Orleans.

The charge of being an undesirable alien, which was preferred against Antonio I. Villareal in an effort to cause his deportation, has been dismissed.

A truck train under Capt. James W. Furlough made a record run in to the base, 129 miles from Colonia Dublin, in a little more than 11 hours.

The state department has inquired of the Turkish government whether Abraham I. Elkus of New York would be acceptable as American ambassador.

The Honduras navy, consisting of one war vessel, went on the block and was sold at auction to J. W. Steele of Galveston.

From figures furnished by the New York chamber of commerce, the British have lost 736 merchant vessels since the beginning of the war.

May 21 is to be observed by hundreds of churches throughout the country as "Humane Sunday."

The week of May 15-20 is to be known as "Be Kind to Animals Week."

Miss Martha H. Andrews, a member of an old New York family, who died in February, bequeathed the bulk of her estate, valued at \$1,500,000, to religious, educational and charitable institutions.

Determined to aid in checking the theft of automobiles in Illinois, the state board of pardons has announced that hereafter such offenders will be required to serve the full time of any indeterminate sentence.

The faculty of Dartmouth college has recommended that credit toward a degree be given to undergraduates who attend a military training camp next summer.

Mrs. Julia C. Marsh, whose divorce proceedings against her husband, Forrest Marsh, an investment broker of New York, are in charge of a referee, committed suicide by inhaling gas.

Bar silver was quoted at 71 1/2 cents an ounce, the highest price in almost a decade.

The Norwegian steamship Strommaas, bound for Lubeck, Germany, with a cargo of herring from Norway, has been blown up and sunk off Gjedser, Denmark.

The price-cutting war of the Chicago taxicab companies has resulted in a further reduction of the rates.

H. B. Owsley's public sale of fine registered Jersey cattle at Palmyra, Mo., netted nearly \$7,000.

Japanese swordsmen have received orders to supply 5,000 of their best swords to the entente allies.

Joseph Patterson of Terling, Ill., captured eight cub wolves on his farm, the mother escaping after resisting an attack with a club.

Pope Benedict has expressed his disapproval of the political disturbances in southern Ireland and has called to Dublin for particulars.

The bank at Alicia, Ark., was robbed by gypsies. While they engaged the attention of the cashier a 7-year-old girl seized the money and gave it to a companion who fled on horseback.

An oil promoter giving the name of Joseph Barnes was arrested by Police Chief Hay at Wichita, Kan., for jumping a \$20,000 bond.

The losses by the Bulgarian army during the war are estimated by Bulgarian reports received in Athens to amount to \$7,000 killed and 50,000 wounded and missing.

Rev. Newell Dwight Hills, noted Brooklyn pastor, has been sued for slander in the sum of \$50,000 by his nephew, Harry M. Hills of Portland, Ore.

While John H. Busch of Wakefield, Mass., was picking at a souvenir shell from the battleship Maine the shell exploded and killed him and injured his young son.

The funeral of Mrs. John Barr McCutcheon, mother of John T. McCutcheon, the cartoonist, the novelist, was held at Lafayette, Ind.

Hugo, the tallest man in the world, is dead in New York with pneumonia. He was 8 feet 4 inches tall.

John Peterson of New York built the detachable motorboat Ekasperation in the front room of his apartment. It is 15 feet long and 6 feet wide. He will launch it from his second-story window.

Fire in the business district of Washington, D. C., destroyed the general office of the Southern railway.

A robber held up and bound Cashier A. Walter Koehler of the Copperfield (Utah) State bank and took \$4,500 in cash.

Billy Sunday has closed his eight weeks' campaign in Baltimore, and among the trail hitters was "Home Run" Baker of the New York American league baseball team.

The Postal Telegraph company was fined \$1,000 in the criminal court in Butte, Mont., on conviction of transmitting information on which racing bets were made.

To test the new Florida law making it illegal for white persons to teach negroes, three nuns were placed under technical arrest. The charges were brought by several negroes.

Contraband cocaine valued at more than \$5,000 was found in the coal bunkers of the United States army transport Logan.

Senator Shafroth of Colorado made a strong plea in the senate for action on woman's suffrage during this session.

Military training will be an elective course next fall at Throop College of Technology, in California.

A British coal and oil station is to be established on Fanning Island, an English possession in the mid-Pacific.

The New York police are searching for Miss Doris Ponty, a Sunday school teacher, who has been missing from her home since April 2.

Flurries of snow fell in central Texas on the 28th, when the temperature reached 40 degrees.

There were at least 683 industrial accidents in New York state in every working day from July 1, 1914, to Jan. 1, 1916, according to Commissioner Archer of the state industrial commission.

The state department was advised that British Ambassador Spring-Rice had received an anonymous letter threatening his life if Sir Roger Casement received ill treatment at the hands of the British government.

A petition asking the appointment of a receiver for the Guardian Trust company, capitalized at \$2,500,000, has been filed in the Kansas City federal court by attorneys representing minority stockholders of Chicago.

Federal Judge W. T. Burns reissued the order to burn the 527 birds of paradise feathers, valued at \$9,000, agents seized from a New York importer.

Scores of letters have been received from residents of Florida at the state department telling of attempts of alleged German spies to obtain information regarding the coast fortifications of the state.

War bread has just appeared on breakfast tables in Holland for the first time.

The Japanese government has repaid to the American Red Cross \$365 expended last summer for the relief of the destitute on the island of Rota, in the Pacific Ladrones islands.

The army bill, the first of the administration's preparedness measures, is being reviewed by the joint congressional conferees.

An opinion rendered by Judge Gilham in the cattle court holds that the state prohibition law forbidding the sale of "malt liquor" includes all liquids of malt origin or containing malt extracts.

Gen. Severino Coniceros and his command of Villa bandits have surrendered to the military commander in Durango City.

A bolt cast from a speeding Pennsylvania express train as it passed New Brunswick, N. J., station struck and killed Walter Moore, 23 years old.

Henry Morgenthau, American ambassador to Turkey, has tendered his resignation and it probably will be accepted.

The Chattanooga banks, public offices and the schools closed during the funeral of John A. Patten, Wine of Cardui manufacturer, who died in Chicago while defending a libel suit.

MOTHERS' MEETING

New Officers Elected at State Congress in Session at Columbia.

MRS. W. H. JOBE PRESIDENT

Kansas City Woman Unanimously Chosen to Head Organization—Next Meeting in St. Louis.

Mrs. Walter H. Jobe of Kansas City was unanimously elected president of the Missouri Mothers' Congress at Columbus recently. Mrs. Jobe has been second vice-president of the organization for the last two years and president of the Kansas City Council of Mothers' Clubs for the last year.

The election of the other officers was the occasion of much spirited rivalry between factions, in which St. Louis and Kansas City women were the leaders. Other officers elected were:

First vice-president, Mrs. Norman Windsor, St. Louis; second vice-president, Mrs. E. W. Arnold, Kirksville; third vice-president, Mrs. A. L. Yinking, Independence; fourth vice-president, Mrs. L. D. Rosenhauger, Springfield; fifth vice-president, Mrs. M. J. Hale, Monett; corresponding secretary, Mrs. George Siemens, Kansas City; recording secretary, Mrs. B. C. Hunt, Columbia; treasurer, Mrs. E. A. McKay, Springfield; auditor, Mrs. Bertha Bless, Weston; historian, Mrs. John S. Farrington, Springfield.

Mrs. J. B. McBride of Springfield, outgoing president, was elected honorary president. St. Louis is considered as the most likely place for next year's meeting.

The congress decided that "better mothers and better babies" was far more important than the question of woman's suffrage. Adopting the former as their slogan, they side-tracked their suffrage question when it was introduced in the form of a resolution inflicting it.

Cocklebur Leaves Kill Hogs. Dr. Ralph Graham, inspector in charge of the United States hog cholera station at Sedalia, has found that in a number of cases where hogs had died suddenly death was the result of cocklebur poison. Dr. Graham says the first two oblong leaves of the cocklebur are poisonous at this time of the year, when vegetation is young and tender, and that hogs will eat a sufficient quantity of these leaves to cause death. Usually death occurs from this poisoning in a very short time. The hogs generally die squealing.

William Jewell Wins in Oratory. Seven institutions were represented in the annual state peace oratorical contest. The judges, Editor R. K. Mauldin, Ben Toled of Kansas City and Prof. L. B. Morgan of Kansas City, Kan., gave first place to G. V. Price of William Jewell college.

Saline County Capitalist Dead. Chastain G. Page, banker and capitalist, is dead at Marshall. He was born in Madison county, Virginia, in 1825, but had lived in Marshall almost continuously since 1856. He was chairman of the board of directors of the Wood & Huston bank, a founder of the Rea & Page Milling Company and an extensive Saline county landholder.

Killed in Neosho Yards. J. P. Puly of St. Paul, Minn., was killed and Ashbury Phillips and E. E. Phillips of Shady Point, Ok., were injured by a switch engine at Neosho the other day.

A \$25,000 Fire Near Moberly. Fire recently destroyed A. L. Bennett's drug store, G. A. Baker's grocery and J. L. Polson's mill at Cairo seven miles north of Moberly. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

St. Joseph Traction Head Dead. O. L. Bocock, who had been superintendent of the St. Joseph Street Railway lines twelve years, is dead in a sanitarium there. He was 36 years old.

School Dug Dandelions. As a part of the program of "clean-up week" which was observed in Trenton April 17-22, the students of the high school joined in a "dandelion day." The entire student body was dismissed early and set to work digging the pests from the campus.

Plans Community House. Carrollton is considering the erection of a community house this year. Architects' plans are being made for it. The building would house a gymnasium, reading rooms and farm bureau, and would have a convention hall seating 2,000.

Goes Back to M. U. as Professor. Announcement was made recently that Prof. Charles W. Leaphart of the University of Montana has been appointed acting professor of law in the Missouri university for the session of 1916-17. Professor Leaphart is a graduate of the Missouri university.

Joplin Ex-Postmaster Dies. Daniel K. Wenrich, former postmaster of Joplin, is dead in Battle Creek, Mich., according to telegrams received at Joplin. He was the father of Percy Wenrich, the composer.

STATE OWES M. U. \$86,000

President A. Ross Hill Believes Missouri Treasury is Bankrupt—Salaries Long Past Due.

Dr. A. Ross Hill, president of the Missouri state university, told a reporter at St. Louis that the state treasury is bankrupt and the officials at Jefferson City were trying to conceal the fact.

"We are now about three months in arrears at the state university in the payment of salaries of the faculty," said President Hill. "In all, we are about \$86,000 behind in the payment of expenses from the general revenue fund. R. B. Price of Columbia, treasurer of the university, has been paying our salary vouchers for the state and advancing the money on his own account.

"We might as well admit the fact. The state is bankrupt and the officials at Jefferson City are trying to conceal it, despite the statement of one of the candidates for governor at Columbia that the state has sufficient money to meet its necessary expenses.

"Governor Major, some time ago, asked us to curtail our expenditures within a minimum fixed by him and we have done so, but despite this, we have not been able to get money for the university when due from the state. The vouchers are not turned down by the state, but are just held up, that's all. We are going along the best we can under the circumstances, hoping for the best, but we do not know what the biennial period is going to show in the way of state finances."

President Hill said the present arrangements for paying the expenses of the university may not continue, and the federal government may cut off the funds appropriated for the college of agriculture because the state has not paid its part.

MASONIC TREASURER DEAD

A. C. Stewart Stricken With Acute Indigestion While En Route to Home in St. Louis.

Alphonse Chase Stewart, thirty-three degree Mason, and treasurer of the Missouri grand lodge, who was stricken with acute indigestion on a train coming from Kansas City, died at St. Luke's hospital in St. Louis. He was a son of Lieut. Gen. Alexander B. Stewart of the Confederate army, and as a cadet was attached to his father's staff in the war.

Mr. Stewart was born in Lebanon, Tenn., August 27, 1848. In 1871 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Smith of Winchester, Tenn. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. George Williams, and son, Doctor S. Smith Stewart, who were at his bedside. Mr. Stewart was counsel of the St. Louis Union Trust company; member of a prominent law firm; a well known figure in the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and wealthy. From 1904 to 1908 he was president of the St. Louis police board.

No one on the train recognized as Mr. Stewart the man who suddenly lurched from his seat and fell unconscious to the floor as the train pulled out of Hawk Point. Strangely, it was Patrolman John S. Broyles, who was appointed to the force in 1909 by Mr. Stewart, who recognized the attorney when the train reached the Union Station. Because of the police rules, Broyles was compelled to place his former superior in a city ambulance and have him sent to the city dispensary. From the dispensary the family and friends of the stricken man were notified, a private ambulance was called and Mr. Stewart was conveyed to St. Luke's hospital.

Miller County Voted Road Bonds. Miller county recently voted \$30,000 in bonds in aid of the cross state highway. Practically every voter in Lincoln and Grand townships turned out to vote and the good roads proposal carried by a good margin.

Couple Wed 60 Years. Mr. and Mrs. James A. Davis, two of the oldest residents of Grundy county, celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding at their home in Brimston recently. About one hundred and fifty neighbors gathered at their home for dinner.

Calls Missouri Charter Meeting. The chamber of commerce has been advised by Walter Williams, dean of the Missouri School of Journalism, that he has called a meeting of the committees and persons interested in the movement for a new constitution for Missouri, to be held in Sedalia Saturday, May 13.

Bolt of Calico From Sky. In the recent storm at Hume hailstones featuring six inches in circumference were picked up and a bolt of calico fell in James Harris' chicken lot in the north part of the city. It was quite a lucky call for Mrs. Harris when the price of calico is considered. It is supposed that the calico was taken up in the clouds in the path of the tornado south of there.

Married a Half Century. Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Koehner celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at Tipton. Mr. Koehner is 78 years old and Mrs. Koehner is 69. They have eight children. Mr. Koehner is a veteran of the Civil war.

Falling Derrick Injures Five. Five men were injured, two probably fatally, when a hooper and derrick at the Imperial mine near Joplin collapsed recently. They were working in the mill and were caught by falling debris.

CEDARS of LEBANON



ONE OF THE MOST PERFECT SPECIMENS

THE cedar forests which once clothed the seaward slopes of the Syrian highlands were the "glory of Lebanon" but the remnant of those primeval forests which supplied timber for Babylonian temples, and were a profitable possession of Hiram, the Phoenician king, are only a sad reminder of a glory that has departed.

The cedars have lost their claim to be the pride of Lebanon; barren grandeur and beauty of color are in these days the leading characteristics of these delightful mountains, for naked rock and sterile scree now reign where once dark forests thrived. Yet sufficient remains to show what Lebanon must have been in the old days; a mockery, no doubt, of their ancient splendor, but on the other hand an interesting relic and a valuable heritage. Living trees such as these, which their most sanguine admirers claim to have been contemporary with Solomon, must be reckoned as one of the historic treasures of the world. Not only does their fame rest upon traditional grounds; their beauty of form and power of growth have been extolled in psalm and verse by the bards of many lands, while their shadowy groves in still earlier days were the object of veneration.

The primitive nature worshippers could not have chosen a finer ideal than this giant tree—perfect in every moment of its existence, an emblem of beauty, strength and vitality.

It is easy to understand the admiration that the cedars evoked in their native land. To the inhabitants of the otherwise barren Lebanon, to the wanderers in the hill country of Palestine, these trees must have been miracles of creation. These people only knew the delicate palm, the gnarled olive and stunted scrub oak; compared with these the gigantic boles and spreading arms of the lordly cedar were indeed a mystery. In any land it is a tree that attracts attention; but in such a naked, treeless country as Syria and Palestine it is especially appreciated. Small wonder that it became "the tree of the Lord" and a symbol of power. The eastern mind could find no better simile for expressing greatness, grandeur, excellence of character or loftiness of purpose. The might of the Assyrian empire was likened to the cedar in words too wonderful to be left unquoted: "Behold, the Assyrian was a cedar in Lebanon with fair branches, and with a shadowing shroud, and of an high stature; and his top was among the thick boughs. The waters made him great... therefore his height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long because of the multitude of waters, when he shot forth."

"All the fowls of heaven made their nests in his boughs, and under his branches did all the beasts of the field bring forth their young, and under his shadow dwelt all great nations. "Thus was he fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches; for his root was by great waters. "The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him; the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the chestnut trees were not like his branches, nor any tree in the garden of God was like him in his beauty. "I have made him fair by the multitude of his branches; so that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied him."

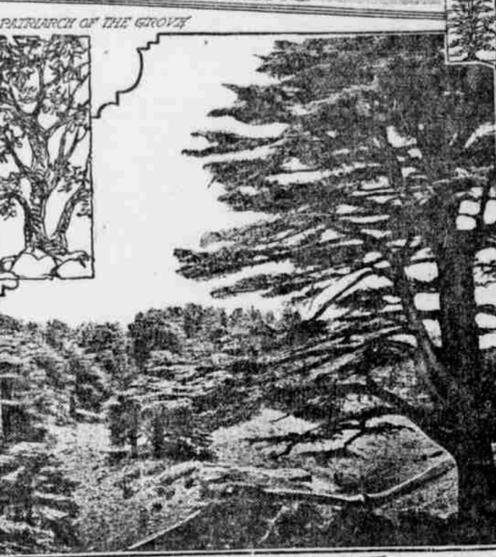
Again: the success of the good man

CONDENSATIONS

The tallest man in the world is not above criticism. Seaweed offers a prolific source of fuel oil when present supplies are exhausted, according to an English scientist, who has obtained seven gallons from a ton of vegetable matter. Physicians have decided that several forms of nervous diseases, sometimes dangerously severe, can be caused by persons standing up and holding straps while riding in street cars.



A PATRIARCH OF THE GROVE



OVERLOOKING THE BAKER'S GROVE

is guaranteed by the promise that "he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon." And when the earth is shrouded in misfortune and tragedy, the metaphor used is: "Lebanon is ashamed and hewn down."

But the cedar has fallen on bad days; it has not escaped the curse that has settled on to those fair lands. The blight of desiccation, the ravages of unthinking and unworthy guardians, the canker of a stagnant government, have all done their share in the destruction of what was once the glory of an historic land.

In the days of yore the cedars were not carefully guarded relics, but actually formed the source of a lucrative timber business. As long ago as 2450 B. C. we know that the contractors of the Babylonian kings brought cedars from the Amanus Mountains, in northern Syria, to the Euphrates, whence they floated them down to their destination. Even as late as 1000 B. C. they must have been very plentiful, for Solomon raised a levy of 30,000 slaves in the Land of Israel for the sole purpose of hewing timber in Lebanon.

The supply, no doubt, gradually decreased as the population increased and the rainfall diminished. The uncontrolled destruction of the forests went on without interruption, so that in the absence of regeneration their doom was sealed. What is left of the former glory of Lebanon is but a few isolated and comparatively insignificant groves. In point of fact, there are today five distinct groups of cedars, but the most famous of these does not possess above 400 trees, all told; and of these there is a very small proportion of real patriarchs. The actual geographical distribution of this cedar is not limited to the Lebanon. It also exists on the Amanus mountains, in northern Syria, and on the Taurus range, in Asia Minor; while Cedrus Libani is really only a local form of a large family which thrives in the Himalaya as the cedar, and in North Africa as the Algerian cedar. As a matter of fact, the Lebanon cedars do not bear comparison when brought into contrast with others of their kind; but the romance of their environment and their historical

Handicapping Sally. "Jane, don't you want our Sally to get married?" "To be sure I do, Hiram!" "Then why do you keep tellin' everybody that she's the very pictur' o' what you was when you was her age?"—Browning's Magazine. Its Proper Place. Florist—Did you ship that order of elephants' ears on the branch express? Assistant—No, sir; I thought it better to send them on the trunk line.