

BRIEF NEWS NOTES  
FOR THE BUSY MAN

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

ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

Complete Review of Happenings of  
Greatest Interest From All Parts of  
the Globe—Latest Home and For-  
eign Items.

Washington

Postmaster General Hitchcock has  
designated 47 additional savings de-  
positories, making a total of 176 that  
have been created to date. The office  
succeed will be made ready to receive  
deposits on Monday, June 12.

Work will begin immediately on  
the construction of the new \$1,000,000  
temple for the Scottish Rite Maso-  
ns in Washington. President Taft  
will lay the corner stone in Octo-  
ber.

Secretary of War Jacob McGarack  
Dickinson of Tennessee, the Demo-  
cratic member of President Taft's  
cabinet, has resigned. Henry L. Stimson  
of New York, recently defeated  
Republican candidate for governor  
that state, has been given the war  
portfolio. In the letters exchanged  
between the president and Mr. Dick-  
inson no reasons, other than that of  
pressing private affairs, is given for  
the secretary's retirement.

Through Secretary of State Knox,  
President Taft authorized United  
States Ambassador Lane Wilson in  
Mexico City to deny in the most pos-  
sible terms "all foolish stories" of  
intervention in Mexico by the United  
States.

A treaty between the United States  
and Canada to prevent the further  
pollution of the great lakes is proposed  
by a resolution introduced in the  
national house of representatives by  
Representative Sulzer of New York.

Domestic

At least a score of policemen were  
injured and many members of a mob  
of 3,000 injured furniture workers  
and sympathizers were slain at the  
plant of the Widom's Furniture  
company at Grand Rapids, Mich.  
Several of the injured may die. City  
troops dispersed the mob with  
streams of water.

The Supreme court of the United  
States set aside the sentences of im-  
prisonment against President Samuel  
Comstock, Vice-President John Mitchell  
and Secretary Frank Morrison of the  
American Federation of Labor, im-  
posed by the District of Columbia  
Supreme court for contempt in the  
Shacka boycott case. The court decid-  
ed that the officials had been errone-  
ously sentenced.

The government won its case in the  
Supreme court of the United States  
against the Standard Oil company of  
New Jersey, it being held that it is  
a conspiracy and monopoly in viola-  
tion of the Sherman law, and in  
violation of the decree of the lower  
court was affirmed, although the time  
for the combines dissolution was ex-  
tended from one to six months.

Elgin, Ill., and the entire country  
resounded are aroused over the dis-  
covery of the unidentified body of a  
woman four miles south of Elgin  
brutally murdered, her skull battered  
to pieces, her throat slashed and  
her clothing set on fire, resulting in  
the burning of her body.

In going after a patient the Indian-  
apolis city hospital ambulance was  
struck by a street car at East Tenth  
street, killing Dr. Andrew G. Cooper,  
an father and injuring Miss Gladys  
Freeland, a nurse.

The wealth produced on farms of  
the United States was \$3,926,000,000  
during 1910, as estimated by the de-  
partment of agriculture in a statement  
just issued. This is an increase of  
\$104,000,000 over 1909.

An action sale by the government  
of 2,000 acres of unalienated land in  
the Seminole, Creek and Cherokee  
nations was begun at Wewoka, Okla.  
Not more than 150 acres will be sold  
to one person.

What was declared to have been  
the largest Lutheran devotion since  
since the days of Martin Luther  
was held in the Coliseum at St. Louis,  
16,000 persons gathering to celebrate  
the one hundredth anniversary of the  
birth of Rev. Dr. C. F. W. Walker.

Experts from the United States, for  
the first time in any two-year pe-  
riod, passed the two billion dollar  
mark, being \$2,615,748,500, for the  
year ending with April, according to  
figures prepared by the department  
of commerce and labor.

American and Canadian opposi-  
tion law, to affect American authors  
and publishers who are protected in  
Canada by only British copyright  
laws introduced in the house of rep-  
resentatives by the department of  
agriculture.

The "skylark highway," extending  
to the top of the Royal George, near  
Genoa City, Col., and which in many  
places was blasted from solid granite  
by convict labor, was dedicated by  
Governor Shaffert.

The government is holding out at-  
tractive inducements to ambitious  
young men and women to become  
teachers in the Philippine island  
schools. Examinations are to be held  
August 30 and 31.

The national field council of the  
Volunteers of America, composed of  
several officers of the organization,  
opened its fifteenth anniversary con-  
vention in Cleveland, Gen. Hallington  
Booth addressed a mass meeting.

The United Confederate Veterans  
and allied organizations opened their  
annual meetings in Little Rock, Ark.

Eight men, including one member of  
the state legislature, big labor lead-  
ers, and a prominent attorney, were  
arrested at Denver, Col., charged  
with conspiracy to commit perjury and  
abduction. The arrests are the result  
of the recent impeachment proceed-  
ings brought against District Judge  
Whitford before the state legislature  
several weeks ago.

John Dietz, the "outlaw of Camer-  
on," was found guilty of murder in  
the first degree by a jury at Hayward,  
Cal., for the killing of Deputy Sheriff  
George Hark at the final battle at the  
Diets homestead on October 8 last.  
He was sentenced to life imprisonment  
at hard labor. Dietz's wife and  
children, who were on trial with  
him, were acquitted.

The government of the United  
States will not recognize revolution as  
a means of enforcing increased wages  
to employees of the government. This  
was the substance of a speech by  
President Taft addressing the tenth  
annual convention of the Brotherhood  
of Railroad Trainmen in Harrisburg,  
Pa. Several thousand delegates heard  
the address and seemed to like it.

James A. Patten, the Chicago bro-  
ker, who has given \$250,000 to aid in  
the fight against tuberculosis, was  
dealt a second blow by the scourge in  
the death of his son, Beverley De-  
wilde Patten, seventeen years old. The  
boy's uncle, George Patten, died last  
September of the same disease.

Walker E. Durvae, who lived nearly  
twenty years with a broken neck, is  
dead at his home in Upper Montclair,  
N. J., his forty-fourth year. He  
broke his neck in August, 1899, by  
jumping from the casino at Glen Cove  
landing, slitting on his head in the  
sand in three feet of water.

The department of justice is pre-  
paring to bring the best combine case  
to an early trial. Senator Keener of  
Iowa will be in charge of the prosecu-  
tion. When he resigned as assistant  
to the attorney general he offered his  
services free at the collection of 2,100  
specimens illustrating the life and cus-  
toms of the tribe.

Divorce with alimony of \$100,000  
has been awarded Mrs. Henry Lord  
Wheeler, wife of the Yale professor.  
She charged that her husband allow-  
ed in the largest recorded in a  
Connecticut court. Wheeler is the  
first Yale professor from whom a di-  
vorce has been obtained.

At the annual meeting of the British  
Iron and Steel institute in London the  
Carnegie research scholarship of \$500  
was awarded to R. M. Keeney of Colo-  
rado.

Miss Emile B. Grigby, ward of the  
late Charles T. Yerkes, sailed to take  
up what is expected to be her per-  
manent residence in London. Her  
magnificent household in New York  
was virtually stripped of its art treas-  
ures and wonderful furnishings.

Miss Phoebe W. Cozins, in late  
years recognized throughout the United  
States as the leader of her sex  
against women suffrage, attended  
the Terminal hotel in St. Louis,  
with scarcely enough money to buy  
her luncheon.

Rear Admiral William C. Gibson,  
retired, is dead at his home in Brook-  
lyn from a complication of ailments.  
Rear Admiral Gibson was raised  
Admiral Gibson entered the navy during  
the Civil war.

The fight in the British house of  
commons over the veto bill, to curtail  
powers of the house of lords, ended  
when the measure was carried on its  
third reading, 362 to 241.

Prince Katsura, premier and min-  
ister of finance, is leading a movement  
to obtain a fund of \$10,000 to be used  
for the relief of the sick and poor of  
Japan.

During thunderstorms throughout  
Germany lightning killed eight per-  
sons, and near New York reminded a  
natural gas well which had been  
capped recently with the greatest diffi-  
culty.

King George started the festivities  
of the coronation season by dedicating  
the magnificent Victoria memorial  
near Buckingham palace. The emper-  
or and empress of Germany and Prince  
Victoria Louise were his guests.

The possession of Juarez has  
brought such governmental responses  
and ill-will to the insurgents that pro-  
visional president Francisco I. Madero  
appointed the following cabinet: Dr.  
August Gomez, minister of foreign  
relations; Gustavo Madero, finance;  
Yusef Venustiano Carron, war; Fred  
Vasco Gomez, interior; Phil  
Bauer, justice, and Juan Sanchez Al-  
cala, secretary of the president.

The corpses of Vienna and Budapest  
are depressed because of renewed re-  
ports of Emperor Franz's falling  
illness.

READY RECIPE  
SAV THEY WILL CUT THE STATE  
FAIR IF DETROITERS ARGUE  
FOR RECIPROCIITY.

MICHIGAN FARMERS MAKE  
STRONG FIGHT AGAINST  
THE MEASURE.

N. P. Hull, Master of Michigan  
Grange, Ex-Gov. Warner, Dr.  
Snyder and Others Spoke  
Against Reciprocity.

The Michigan state fair has been  
dragged into the Canadian reciprocity  
issue by the Wolverine farmers who  
are in Washington to fight the meas-  
ure, and it is said that should a  
delegation come from Detroit to fight  
for reciprocity, the farmers of the  
state will retaliate by voiding the  
state fair in Detroit next September.  
President Snyder of the Michigan  
Agricultural college declares he  
doubt of any very strong pro-reciprocity  
argument from Detroiters.  
Detroit needs the farmers, the college  
president insists, but the farm-  
er can get along without Detroit, as  
other cities in Michigan can supply  
the farmer's needs. Other members  
of the farmer delegation take the  
same view, and speak of reprisals  
against the Michigan metropolis if it  
takes what the farmers believe is a  
"selfish stand for its own supplies."  
The Michigan metropolis is the  
point is made that Canadian reciprocity  
will put cereals in the free list.  
With the liquor interests versus the  
"drys" drawn into the reciprocity  
fight the contest is admitted here to  
take on new angles.

On the other side of the argument  
Senator Stone spring a sensation  
while the Michigan farmers, by asking  
that a subpoena be issued compelling  
the appearance of the law firm of Allen  
& Graham of New York, and di-  
recting it to produce all the anti-reciprocity  
literature it has printed or written.

Mr. Hull declared the firm was em-  
ployed by the grangers, and a stormy  
argument followed. Senator Stone re-  
marked that if nothing was the matter there  
should be no objection to the law-  
yers coming and Hull said he had not  
had no objection, but would have the  
lawyers come without a subpoena.  
Editorial comment of the Michigan  
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Slayer and Victim Buried in One  
Grave.

The last wish of Casey Van Lieren,  
of Luther, who shot his wife and  
daughter and took his own life, is  
that he be buried with the victims in one  
grave. His wife, with Van Lieren  
on left an unfinished note, before  
blowing his brains out asking par-  
ents for the death of the parents of  
Mrs. Van Lieren objected, finally  
relented. The funeral was the largest  
ever held in Luther.

STATE BRIEFS.

When a dose of carbolic acid failed  
to end his life, Albert J. King of  
Newaygo shot himself three times in  
the breast, and is still living.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL MONEY

Wayne, Kent, Marquette, Saginaw and  
St. Clair Counties Head List.

Table with 2 columns: County Name, Amount.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

A treaty between Japan and Spain  
signed in Madrid in 1907, which  
gives to the Spaniards in the Philip-  
pines, Spanish minister of foreign af-  
fairs, and M. Arakawa, the Japanese  
minister of foreign affairs.

The state board of railroad commis-  
sioners has refused to permit the Mis-  
sour, Kansas & Texas railroad com-  
pany to issue \$100,000 in bonds on  
the ground that the proposition is too  
indefinite.

Dr. Augustus A. H. Strang, for  
29 years president of the Rochester  
Theological seminary, announced at a  
special meeting of his board of trustees  
that at the end of next year he would  
resign the presidency.

After nearly 60 years of oblivion,  
the memory of Miss Anna Maria  
American woman publicist was hon-  
ored when a tombstone was erected  
on her grave in Congressional cem-  
etery in Washington.

The first aero-taxi will be put into  
service in a week or two at Lacerino,  
Switzerland. The machine is a bi-  
plane, fitted with a "wind mill" tax-  
imeter. Passengers will be carried at  
a rate per kilometre.

President Taft formally nominated  
to the senate Henry L. Stimson, of  
Michigan, to be secretary of war,  
and C. S. Millington of Herkimer,  
N. Y., to be assistant treasurer of the  
United States.

The Columbia reorganization per-  
mits of Panama, Dr. Carlos Mendoza,  
a famous writer of the Georgia, pre-  
sident in up after four months' work,  
to enter to negotiate a treaty.

Gen. Chas. Hamilton, 41, civil war  
veteran, died of a mysterious disease  
near the close of the war, is dead  
in Bangor, Me. He was the son of  
Hamilton Hamilton, vice president  
in Abraham Lincoln's first term.

In consequence of the recent the-  
atrical fire in Edinburgh, the king has  
canceled his music ball engagement  
in that city. He had promised to  
attend one of the music halls on the  
occasion of his approaching visit to  
the Scotch capital.

President Taft has posed in his Ma-  
sonic apron for the first time in Wash-  
ington. The picture is to be given to  
the drama lodge of Masons. That lodge has  
famous portraits of George Washington  
and wasted one of Mr. Taft to  
put by its side.

The damage done to timber in the  
Dauphin district of Manitoba, by a  
fire is unprecedented. The range  
country is covered by fire July 20  
last, in extent from the prairie west-  
ward includes Riding, Duck and Por-  
cupine mountains, and the timber  
buried will total millions of feet.

President Taft has withdrawn  
from entry 22,000 acres of coal land  
in Western Wyoming. The reclassification  
as to its coal value, under the ex-  
isting regulations. Under the old reg-  
ulations this land was classified as  
values smaller than under the new  
regulations, and it also rated lower  
than adjacent lands of like value.

The Russian government has sent  
M. Zaitsev, and M. Fenenko, high of-  
ficials of the ministry of justice, to  
Kiev to investigate the mysterious  
murder of the Christian boy, Yush-  
chinsky, whose death has caused  
thefts to be made of a massacre of  
Jews in that city.

\$1,000  
in Prizes.

To be distributed by the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC in its great prize  
voting contest, the Capital Prize to be an elegant

\$400.00  
OAKLAND PIANO

The Progressive Merchants of Birmingham Have Con-  
tributed the Following Valuable Prizes Printed  
Below, and Will Give the Eccentric  
Prize Vote Coupons

Rules and Regulations Governing Contest  
Are as Follows:

- 1. ANNOUNCEMENT—The Piano and Popular Ladies' Voting Contest will be conducted fairly and honestly on business principles, with justice and fairness to all concerned. With the above principles the contest will be an assured success.
2. PRIZES—The capital prize will be an Oakland Piano. Also other valuable prizes will be given to the amount of several hundred dollars, which are announced herewith.
3. CANDIDATES—Young ladies in this and adjoining towns are eligible to enter this contest, and the party receiving the largest number of votes shall receive the beautiful \$400.00 Oakland Piano, and other premiums will be distributed in accordance with contestants' standing at the final count.
4. TIE IN VOTES—Should any of the contestants tie in votes, The Publisher's Music Company will award a prize similar in accordance with standing at the final count.
5. VOTES CLASSIFIED—Votes will be issued in the following denominations:
New subscriptions, 600 votes. \$1.00
Renewals, 500 votes for 1 year. 1.00
Renewals, more than one year, 600 votes for 1 year. 1.00
Back subscriptions, 400 votes for 1 year. 1.00
Five-years new subscriptions, 5,000 votes. 5.00
Ten-years new subscriptions, 12,500 votes. 10.00

6. INSTRUCTIONS—Results as to standing of votes will be issued after 30 days. No votes will be accepted at less than regular price of paper concerned in this contest. No one connected with this paper will be allowed to become a candidate in this contest or work for contestant.

Votes after being taken cannot be transferred to another. Be sure you know whom you are going to vote for before coming to the ballot box, as the editor or any one will positively not give you any information on the subject. The keys to the government ballot box shall be in possession of the awarding committee during the contest.

For the first 30 days this paper will run a 25-vote coupon which can be voted free for any lady contestant.

Contest to run not less than 90 days. Closing of contest will be announced 25 days in advance of closing. The right to postpone date of closing is reserved if sufficient cause should occur.

The contest shall close on a day which will be announced later. Ten days prior to closing contest the judges will carefully look over seal ballot box and take the same to the Bank, where the same will be kept in a place where the voting can be done during business hours and locked in a vault at night until close of contest, when the judges will take charge and count same and announce the young ladies winning in their turn.

The last 10 days all voting must be done in sealed box at Bank. Put your coupons in a sealed envelope, which will be furnished you and put same in ballot box. This will give every one a fair and square deal.

Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest  
Towel Bars, Soap Dishes, Bath Seats, etc. Value \$10.00  
Donated by  
Wilkinson Bassett  
Plumbing, Heating and Sheet Metal Work  
We give a 25-vote Coupon with each \$1 cash purchase.  
ASK FOR COUPON  
Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest  
Electric Flat Iron Value \$5.00  
Donated by  
HUSTON HARDWARE COMPANY  
General Hardware  
We give a 25-vote Coupon with each \$1 cash purchase.  
ASK FOR COUPON  
Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest  
One Barrel Birmingham Floor Value \$5.00  
Donated by  
COBB-STANLEY-HARRIS COMPANY  
Groceries and Drugs  
We give a 25-vote Coupon with each \$1 cash purchase.  
ASK FOR COUPON

Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest  
One Pair Ladies' Shoes Value \$5.00  
Donated by  
V. Nixon  
Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes, Gents' Furnishings  
We give a 25-vote Coupon with each \$1 cash purchase.  
ASK FOR COUPON  
Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest  
Chafing Dish Value \$5.00  
Donated by  
W. H. HOGE & CO.  
General Hardware  
We give a 25-vote Coupon with each \$1 cash purchase.  
ASK FOR COUPON  
Five \$100.00 Piano due bills Value \$500.00  
Donated by  
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Donated by  
Birm'gham Eccentric

Place your order with the Eccentric  
for your 1912 Calendars