

**BRIEF NEWS NOTES
FOR THE BUSY MAN**

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

ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

Washington
That the late H. O. Havemeyer, president of the American Sugar Refining company, exercised full control over the company while owning only 2,000 shares of stock valued at \$200,000 out of a total of \$90,000,000, was the statement made before the house investigating committee at Washington by E. E. Atkins, vice-president and acting head of the corporation.

By vote of 64 to 24, the United States senate passed the resolution submitting to the states an amendment to the Constitution for the popular election of United States senators. The Bristol amendment, which reserves to the federal government the right to control the electoral process in the states, was adopted before the final vote, 44 to 44, with Vice-President Sherman casting the deciding vote.

Attorney General Wickersham reported to the house of representatives that he did not consider it compatible with public interest to state whether his department is preparing criminal action against the American Tobacco company officers. Representative Byrns of Tennessee immediately introduced a resolution to direct the attorney general to immediately begin the prosecution.

The electric chair will be substituted for hanging for capital offenses in the District of Columbia if a bill introduced by Representative Caleb Powers of Kentucky becomes a law. The Canadian reciprocity bill was acted on by the senate finance committee and will be reported to the upper house of congress without recommendation. The Root amendment to the print paper and wood pulp provision was adopted by the committee by a vote of 8 to 4.

Legislation to replace the Sherman antitrust law so to protect property interests and the people's welfare was urged by Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel corporation, in his concluding testimony in the house so-called "steel monopoly" investigating committee.

By unanimous vote the United States senate approved the action of the committee on privileges and elections in naming a subcommittee of eight to conduct the new Lorimer investigation. The subcommittee is clothed with wide authority and will begin work immediately.

Domestic
The forty-fifth annual encampment of the Department of Illinois, G. A. R., and meetings of allied organizations began at Joliet.

Officials of the Big Four railroad, according to Charles W. Bur, attorney for Edgar S. Cooke of Chicago, who is being tried at Cincinnati for embezzling \$4,000 from the road, are making a scapegoat of Cooke to protect the company from punishment for rebating.

Fred N. Webster, special officer of the government, reached Chicago and served subpoenas on a number of Chicagoans, who are ordered to appear in Washington and give testimony in the Lorimer investigation before the senate committee having the matter in charge.

Harvesting of what is on in central Missouri. The grain is, in excellent condition. The average yield is estimated at fifteen bushels to the acre.

A rash has begun from Nome, Alaska, to Ruby creek, where the Kuskoowik river districts, where gold strikes are reported. The spring cholera in the Nome district is estimated at \$400,000.

Frank G. Jones, president of the American Electric Fuse company at Muskegon, Mich., was arrested on a warrant sworn out by officers of the Old National bank of Grand Rapids, charging him with obtaining \$50,000 under false pretenses.

Santa Fe's crash train, California Limited, met head-on with a light engine near Domingo, 35 miles from Albuquerque, N. M., resulting in the death of J. W. Green of Las Vegas, N. M., the engineer of the light engine; the fatal scalding of Ray C. Flower, fireman of the limited; and the injuring of 15 or 20 passengers.

Good for breast cancer promise by girl his own age fifteen-year-old Paul Hagen of Coopersburg, Pa., committed suicide by drowning in the Lehigh.

Of a crew of ten men six were saved when the barge J. D. Marhall was wrecked off shore ten miles west of Michigan City (Ind.) earlier after springing two leaks. A cargo of 400 yards of sand was on deck and it is believed to have shifted, causing the boat to turn turtle.

"If I should be elected president, Senor De La Baha will be minister of foreign affairs," said the secretary will be minister of war in my cabinet," said Francisco I. Madero following a visit to the border with De La Baha and Reyes, both men have consented to accept Cio's portfolio.

An attempt to blow and rob the safe of the bank of Seaton, Ill., ten miles west of Monmouth, resulted in a fire which destroyed a whole block of buildings in the business part of town and caused one death. The body of the man killed was found in the ruins and is believed to be that of one of the robbers.

Three members of the Ohio general assembly and an attorney were indicted in bribery charges by the grand jury at Columbus, which adjourned for an indefinite period subject to call. Its investigation of legislative bribery is not completed, but it will not be resumed for the present.

The United States Steel corporation has just acquired another company of the J. N. Bassett-Presley company of Cleveland, O., one of the largest jobbing concerns of finished steel products in the United States. The consideration is said to have been in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000.

Sporting
Billy Papke, the American fighter, knocked out Jim Sullivan, the English champion, in the ninth round of their 20-round battle at London. This victory crowns Papke as the middle weight champion of the world.

Personal
George E. Matthews, president of the J. N. Matthews company, publishers of the Buffalo Express, died at his home, Palisade-on-Hudson, N. Y. He was fifty-six years old.

David T. Dennon, president of the First National bank of Marshalltown, Iowa, fell dead of heart disease at Cincinnati, where he went to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law.

Judge John J. Jenkins, who left Porto Rico April 1 on two months' leave of absence to recuperate at his northern home, died at Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Carrie E. Natton, 18 years old, who gained celebrity by her use of a hatchet in the cause of prohibition, died of peritonitis in the Evergreen sanitarium at Parkersburg, Kan. She was admitted to the sanitarium January 22 suffering from nervous breakdown.

Private cablegrams received in New York city announce the death of Mrs. Mary Kingdon, the mother of Mrs. George Kingdon in Park, Mrs. Kingdon had been in bad health for the past two or three years.

One of the returning passengers of the Mauretania, which docked in New York, was Col. William Brownell Mellish of Cincinnati, grand master of the Knights Templar of the United States.

Mrs. J. H. Wayland, wife of the editor of the Appeal to Reason, published at Girard, Kan., died of injuries received in an automobile accident near Girard.

Foreign
Two Colombians who in the summer of 1907 secured \$2,000,000 for the first American vice-consul at Cartagena, were sentenced to imprisonment, one for fourteen years and the other for six years.

The second turbine, battleship of the German navy, was launched at Hamburg, being christened by Princess Auguste Wilhelmine. The vessel was named the Frederick the Great.

The first of the great state functions associated with the coronation of King George V. of England was witnessed at Windsor castle, where the prince of Wales was invested with the insignia of the Order of the Garter.

**STATE SECURE
TAX ON MORTGAGES**

AUDITOR GENERAL FULLER DECLARES EVERY CENT WILL BE TURNED IN.

MORE WORK AND NO PAY

County Treasurers Are Not Pleaded With the New Law, Because It Contains No Provision for Compensation for Extra Service

Lansing—Auditor General Fuller is of the opinion the state will secure practically every cent coming to it under the new law providing for a specific tax on mortgages. He states that the provisions of the bill are such that holders of mortgages must necessarily pay their taxes, splitting the clause which requires the holders to have a certificate from county treasurers showing that the tax has been paid, before they can cancel the mortgage or foreclose on it.

County treasurers are not so well pleased as they might be with the new law, in view of the fact that it contains no provision for compensation for the extra service they are called upon to perform. The law requires them to act as a definite part of the payment of the tax, in the case of mortgages at present in force, the owners of which wish to pay the specific tax in order to avoid paying the ad valorem tax. There is also the certificate to issue for all mortgages on which the tax is paid, and the tax money to handle and remit one-half to the state.

Several treasurers have written to the auditor general asking him to advise them relative to their compensation, but he has not been able to reply with an assurance of plethoric figures, as he is being worked out by the auditing department for account for the tax. A system is proposed under which the treasurer will record the tax on a book containing a carbon copy sheet, and this sheet will be forwarded to the auditor general with each month's collection.

To Care for Homeless Children.

Under new laws the state's supervision over neglected, homeless and dependent children promises to be much more efficient and Secretary M. T. Murray of the state board of correction and charities expects ultimately to work out a system by which state officers will keep in touch with every one of these unfortunate children until their future is definitely arranged.

The new laws require reports from county agents and probation officers relative to children coming under their jurisdiction, and it is made mandatory that institutions placing out children, first secure the approval of the state board of correction and the agents must make reports to the board relative to the treatment of the children.

Under another law the day of placing minors in county jails is at an end. As revised by the legislature, counties are prohibited from using lock-ups for such places for children, and must provide families to take charge of the minors, or provide a detention building, especially for them. As this makes it a misdemeanor for any person to violate the act, it is not believed that any municipal or county official will take a chance on disobeying its terms.

Gets Conscience Money.
Deputy State Treasurer Haarer received two dollars' "conscience money" from someone who evidently had secured that amount from the state treasury fund at some time and had since decided he had no right to retain the money. In an envelope with two counters and a receipt of paper on which was written, "Kindly credit the state militia fund with two dollars." The letter was mailed from Detroit. The money will turn the money over to Maj. W. G. Rogers, quartermaster general.

New Michigan Corporations.
The following companies have filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state: Grand Rapids Pearl Button company, Grand Rapids, \$10,000; Fruit Belt Land corporation, Manistee, \$25,000; Wagonwains Motor company, Detroit, \$100,000; principal stockholders, William G. Wagonwains, E. P. Gray, James W. Ballentine; Judge Durand Clara company, Detroit, \$100,000; principal stockholder, Abraham Davis; Isabella County Farmers' Grain company, Mount Pleasant, \$20,000.

Michigan Patents.
Sherman Tallop, Detroit, the top box soldier; Lewis Aspinwall, Jackson, coin foundation and section hollow box; Glesson J. Barrett, Grand Rapids, transfer mechanism for adding machines; Wm. Fred G. Bowen, Detroit, lamp; Christian Dejonghe, Zeeland, silo; John D. Foster, East St. Louis, machine; Edward J. Frost, Jackson, adjustable bearing; William A. Hatcher, Grand Rapids, game apparatus.

Food Chemist to Return to State.
Floyd W. Robison, former state analyst in dairy and food department, who is now connected in a similar capacity with the federal service, will shortly return to Michigan and become director of the dairy and food department of the Detroit testing laboratory. Mr. Robison became prominent as a food chemist during his service for the state owing to his ability in proving adulterations in many foodstuffs which the manufacturers believed could not be detected. He also served as expert witness for the federal government in many of its most important adulteration cases and was generally considered an exceptionally efficient public servant in driving various adulterations out of the market.

He is well known throughout the state because of his activity in denouncing spurious products, as well as his lectures before farmer organizations relative to matters of interest to them. It is not understood that he will sever entirely his connection with the federal service, but will, in his work in Michigan endeavor to aid manufacturers to come in line with the federal government in many of its most important adulteration cases and was generally considered an exceptionally efficient public servant in driving various adulterations out of the market.

The three members of the state railroad commission, C. J. Glasgow, G. W. Dickinson and Lawton W. Hemann, arrived at Alpena and are holding court in the city hall council chamber in the case of the Churchill Lumber company against the Detroit & Mackinac Railway company.

Several weeks ago the lumber company secured an injunction in the Alpena circuit court compelling the railroad to switch log trains in the local yard on a track next to the river, where the logs could be most easily unloaded for conveyance to the Churchill mill. The injunction was issued pending a final hearing in the case before the railroad commission. The railroad meanwhile applied to the circuit court for an order for the circuit judge to show cause why writ of mandamus should not be issued, compelling him to release the railroad from the injunction. This order was denied.

All the head officials of the railroad and many prominent lumbermen are attending the hearing, which promises to continue several days as only one witness, President Kimball of the lumber company, was heard.

Port Huron City to Be Military Camp.

General orders issued from the assistant general's department say that every branch in the state's military service must report at the annual encampment at Port Huron August 2 to 18. This includes the infantry brigade, the first cavalry, battery A, signal corps, hospital corps and engineers' regiments.

This will be the first time in several years that all arms of the service have been assembled at the same time at one camp. Section 4 of the orders reads: "The commanding officer, first brigade, will report there with his staff and staff officers, August 8 and will assume command of the camp. He is authorized to extend his jurisdiction one mile around same during this period in accordance with section 21, M. L., and will issue all necessary orders and instructions and will be held responsible for the maintaining of order and discipline within the camp and its surroundings including the city of Port Huron, in so far as the troops are concerned."

Bankers to Attend State Meeting.

The Michigan Bankers' association convention in Detroit promises to be well attended with more than three hundred state bankers scheduled to arrive in Detroit and many guests of money from other states.

Robert W. Bonnyog of Denver, a member of the monetary commission, is one of the speakers. Among the outside bankers expected are: Ledyard Cogswell, president of the New York State Bank, Albany, N. Y.; Charles D. Buckner, secretary of the First New York National; Louis G. Kaufman, president of the Chatham & Phoenix National, New York; Charles Sabin, vice-president of the Guaranty Trust Co., New York; and George M. Reynolds, president of the Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago; and Roger I. Wykes of Grand Michigan.

Superintendent Calls Conference.

L. L. Wright, state superintendent of public instruction, announces that he has called a conference of a number of the leading instructors of physical culture in the state, for June 20, to take up the question of a course of instruction for the schools of this state in physical culture. The provisions of the act passed by the legislature. After all phases of the subject have been discussed with the speakers, Mr. Wright will address school officers relative to the matter.

Go to Port Huron Next.

At the annual state convention of the Michigan Bill Posters and Distributors' association, held at Kalamazoo, Port Huron was selected as the next meeting place and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, L. R. Bennett, Port Huron; vice-president, W. R. Solomon, Jackson; secretary, H. C. Walker, Detroit; treasurer, E. R. Smith, Battle Creek.

Several addresses were made by speakers from outside the state on subjects of interest to the bill posters. Appoints Militia Officers. Governor Osborn made the following appointments in the M. N. G., all being promotions: Harry W. Berrystrom, Grand Rapids, second lieutenant, company G, second infantry; George H. Bancroft, Cheboygan, first lieutenant, company K, second infantry; Frank P. Dumbucke, Lansing, first lieutenant, company E, second infantry; Martin C. Clippert, Lansing, captain, company B, second infantry; Emil B. Ganser, Grand Rapids, company G, second infantry.

**\$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 Contributed the Following Valuable Prizes Printed Below, and Will Give the Eccentric Prize Vote Coupons

Rules and Regulations Governing Contest Are as Follows:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- VOTES CLASSED**—Votes will be issued in the following denominations:
New subscriptions, 600 votes \$ 1.00
Renewals, 500 votes for 1.00
Renewals, more than one year, 600 votes for 1.00
Back subscriptions, 400 votes for 1.00
Five-years new subscriptions, 5,000 votes 5.00
Ten-years new subscriptions, 12,500 votes 10.00
- 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 or 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 and 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 Flour 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. N. Gixton
Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes, Gent's Furnishings
We give a 25-vote Coupon with each \$1 cash purchase.
ASK FOR COUPON

Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest
Chaffing 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

Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest
Five \$100.00 Piano due bills Value \$500.00
Five \$100.00 Piano Due Bills
Donated by the
Birm'gham Eccentric

Place your order with the Eccentric for your 1912 Calendars