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

ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

Complete Review of Happenings of Greatest Interest in All Parts of the Globe—Latest Home and Foreign Items.

Washington

The Cullingham coal claims in Alaska, which were at the bottom of the famous Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, were held illegal by Fred Bennett, commissioner of the general land office. This decision of the controversy, as the secretary of the interior, Walter L. Fisher, has approved the findings. There is possible only an appeal to the courts on the law points involved.

The Canadian reciprocity bill emerged from its first ordeal in the senate unscathed. The Root amendment, proposing a modification of the wood pulp and print paper section of the agreement, was defeated after seven hours of debate by an overwhelming vote.

A sensational turn in the Lorimer investigation was taken when Clarence S. Funk of Chicago, general manager of the International Harvester company, declared on the witness stand that he had been followed for months by detectives, and charged Edward Hines, president of the Edward Hines Lumber company, with setting the "shadows" on his trail.

Roger C. Sullivan, national committee man from Illinois, E. S. Conway, president of the W. W. Kimball Piano company; one of the Weyerhaeuser, and an unnamed man who had been named by Herman H. Kohlsatt, editor of the Chicago Record-Herald, as possible contributors to a \$100,000 Lorimer corruption fund of 1909 before the United States senate investigating committee.

Congress will be asked for \$10,000 for the proper entertainment by the United States of Admiral Togo, the famous Japanese naval officer, who will visit this country in connection with the coronation festivities in London.

Domestic

Deputy Surveyor Richard Parr, who has been investigating charges of smuggling made against Nathan Allen, another manufacturer of opium, at Wis., and John R. Collins, a coal operator of Nashville, Tenn., by Mrs. Helen Dwell Jenkins said that the case against those two men was the entering wedge in an investigation by which the government expects to uncover a smuggling scheme involving at least \$2,000,000. It is asserted that the man who managed the smuggling is a prominent New York banker.

Overseer Wilbur Glen Voliva and 183 other officials and members of the Christian Catholic church in Zion were indicted at Zion City, charged with perpetrating election frauds at the Zion City elections April 5 and 18, favoring in part the control of the church founded by the late John Alexander Dowdy.

Porto Ricans in New York numbering more than 3,000 have organized a club of their own, modeled after the social organizations of former residents of other states. It is called the Porto Rico alliance.

An endeavor to rid Worcester, Mass., of flies through a fly killing contest is under way and scores of children have entered the competition. Many prizes, aggregating more than \$600, are offered to the children producing the greatest number of dead flies.

American cut their imported champagne bill in two and adorned themselves with fewer diamonds to the extent of \$7,000,000 during the last eleven months than in the corresponding period last year.

The United States government will issue its first million dollar patent invention August 1 and the honor will go to an inventor who has been designated by President Taft.

The American Medical association meeting which began in Los Angeles with President John B. Murphy of Chicago in the chair attracted between three and four thousand physicians and surgeons and their families to the California city.

Fifty Hutchinson (Kan.) women began the digging of the excavation for the South Hutchinson Methodist church. They raised money enough to pay for the actual construction work, but not enough to pay laborers to dig the basement.

Charles McDonald, a chauffeur, who came to Memphis, Tenn., recently from Buffalo, N. Y., was killed and four persons sustained minor bruises as the result of an automobile accident there.

The committee on labor of the Connecticut general assembly will report favorably a bill to make it unlawful to employ any person for seven days a week, but not enough to pay laborers and domestic employes.

The Stanley hotel, built at a cost of \$400,000, at Estes Park, Colo., was partly wrecked by an explosion of gas. Eight persons were injured, one seriously.

The United States circuit court of the eighth district handed down an opinion at St. Louis that the purchase of the Southern Pacific railroad by the Union Pacific did not amount to a direct and substantial restraint of either interstate or international commerce.

The beer industry of the United States is to undergo a searching inquiry at the hands of the board of food and drug inspection. Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief chemist of the department of agriculture and chairman of the board, has given notice of a general hearing on beer in Washington July 31.

Dr. Alexander Aalto of Ashthabula, O., is willing to be hanged in place of Mrs. John Robinson of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., condemned to die on the gallows on August 9, one month after the expected birth of her fifth child. She was convicted of killing her husband, who tried to force her into white slavery. Doctor Aalto is a middle-aged bachelor.

Twenty persons were injured, some severely when a special train of Milwaukee Electric Line, loaded with members of the German Singing societies of Chicago on their way home from the Singing convention at Milwaukee, crashed into the rear end of another train, composed of two cars, near Waukegan, Ill.

A jury at Nashville, Tenn., returned a verdict of not guilty against Judge E. C. Goodpasture, charged with offering to bribe Representative J. Q. McDonald.

Justice Latham of the United States circuit court at New York City overruled the demurrer interposed by John B. Gleason of the suit against J. Edgar Hoover for a balance of \$60,000 for legal services rendered the defendant while on trial for the murder of Stanford White.

As a result of strike riots at Cleveland, O., eight persons were severely injured, scores suffered battered heads from policemen's clubs and thirty arrests were made. Ad Meinhelm, foreman of a garment factory, fearlessly appeared among a crowd of 200 strikers and the mob, and the mob was attacked by all who could reach him.

Many of the cotton mills in New England and the southern states will be shut down during the first week in July, according to information received in all parts of the country. The unsatisfactory state of the market and the independence day holiday are given as reasons.

By a decision of the probate court at New Haven, Conn., Yale loses a balance of \$20,000 to the estate of Amos G. Boeman for the education of colored students who planned to become Congressional ministers. The estate will go to a distant relative, Charles Beeman Hancock of Chicago.

Application for a writ of habeas corpus was made by attorneys for Charles W. Morse before Judge Newman at Atlanta, Ga., on the grounds that Morse was held in a prison erected solely for law and cannot be incarcerated lawfully in a prison erected solely for felons, and that the 15-year sentence is excessive.

Lacking two votes of the necessary three, the Deaneau waterway waterpower bill was defeated in the lower house of the Illinois legislature. The vote was 75 to 51, two short of conditions in this respect. The taking of the vote on the bill was attended by exciting scenes.

The grand lodge of Masons of Illinois and about 10,000 members of the order dedicated a new Masonic Orphan's home at La Grange, near Chicago.

Mrs. Wadsworth, who was Mary Queen of the actors, but who recently divorced James H. Wadsworth, was married to a Detroit millionaire, few ten miles with Aviator Frank Cook and made a Wright aeroplane at Detroit, Mich.

The American Academy of Medicine, specializing in medical sociology, began its annual meeting in Los Angeles, Mo., July 1.

An amateur won the grand American handicap shot at Columbus, Ohio. The lucky marksman is Harvey Dixon of Columbus, Ohio, who shot at twenty yards. He made one miss in hundred shots.

A north-bound Illinois Central passenger train was held up by three masked men on the outskirts of Memphis, Tenn., and the mail checks forced surrenders a regular mail pouch.

Personal

The congress of the Catholic Educational association opened in Chicago with 3,000 delegates present. The first time the sun took part in the deliberations.

As a result of a series of evangelistic meetings being conducted at Erie, Pa., by Rev. J. B. Sunday, a former baseball player, over 1,000 persons have been converted.

Foreign

Emperor William was entertained at luncheon on board the American battleship Louisiana by Admiral Bagder, commanding the second division of the Atlantic fleet.

A thief seized a handbag from Mrs. Mary Deet Longbrake, widow of Benjamin Harrison, at Venice, Italy. She screamed and the thief was arrested.

STATE NEWS

POORER COUNTIES DRAW MORE MONEY FROM THE STATE THAN THE RICHER ONES.

SAGINAW IS GIVEN MOST MICHIGAN HAS PAID OUT \$600,000 FOR THE EXTENSION OF GOOD ROADS DURING SIX YEARS—MANY APPLICATIONS FILED.

Lansing—Along with the gradual extension of good roads in the counties of the state, there are being brought about improved methods of constructing and repairing the ordinary dirt roads. It is stated by Highway Commissioner Ely of the state good roads department. The township commissioners are seeking expert advice from the department relative to building and maintaining their township roads, and the effect of this better treatment of county roads is becoming apparent.

One feature of the increase of good roads throughout the state, is said to be the manner in which the poorer counties of the state are leading the way in this improvement, drawing many more thousands dollars from the state for improved roads than the richer counties. The upper peninsula is far in the lead over the lower peninsula, although Saginaw, in the lower peninsula, leads all counties in the amount drawn from the state for good roads. Lenawee, Clinton and other southern Michigan counties are content to use the old fashioned road. Saginaw has drawn from the state \$72,508 in reward money. Bay county has drawn \$25,497; Delta, in the upper peninsula, \$18,732; Muskegon, \$23,973; Genesee, \$5,064; Ingham, \$4,083; Jackson, \$4,504; St. Clair, \$13,251; Kalamazoo, \$8,184; Kent, \$16,121. These figures cover the amount drawn since the state began paying a reward for good roads. In all the state has paid out \$600,000 for this purpose during the six years the department has been maintained. The expense of the department has been 12.7 of the amount appropriated, but only three per cent of the total amount which the state and counties have to pay for good roads, a percentage which will be below the average of expense of most of the other states.

Although most of the older and more conservative counties are slow to take up the improvement assistance from the state, yet the cause is going forward, but no counties have as yet determined upon a system which will let the establishment of trunk roads across the state. Wayne county is expending \$200,000 for good roads and an idea of the work which will be done in the county. Chief Clerk Randall of the department that while there were 645 applications for state aid in the county, the time Commissioner Ely took charge of the office two years ago, there are now on file 1,250 applications. In 1906, 10,000 miles of good roads built, in 1906, 40,000 miles, there were 80 miles, this figure doubling to 160 in 1908, and increasing to 214 in 1910. The state has 276 miles built, and it is estimated the construction this season will run to 250 miles, a total of 1,150 miles. The department has received of this amount 54.5 per cent are gravel roads, 43 per cent macadam and 25 per cent combination roads.

No Drop Likely in Phone Rates.

The telephone rates will not be reduced in Michigan as a result of the new act which goes into effect August 2. In conditions in this respect. The taking of the vote on the bill was attended by exciting scenes. The Wisconsin commission on public utilities. Members of that body to Messrs. C. C. Clegg and H. H. Clegg of the Michigan railway commission the other day that an increase rather than a decrease has been the rule in that state under the law placing rates under the jurisdiction of the commission and requiring physical connection between competing lines on the order to require one company to improve its system sufficiently to place it on par with the other, and the expense necessary to acquire an increase in rate. According to the experience of Wisconsin, it was not practicable to order a connection between a franchise system and a weak depreciable one, unless the latter was first improved.

State Convention of Eagles.

Muskegon's withdrawal from the contest for the 1912 state convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles resulted in an easy victory for Traverse City, that city drawing the strength of all of the northern Michigan delegations and nearly 1,000 delegates from Port Huron. Robert Graham of Grand Rapids was elected state president by a majority of four votes.

Other officers elected were: Vice-president, John McLaughlin, Calumet; secretary, William H. Graham, Lansing; treasurer, C. H. Tenney of Pontiac.

Foresters Go to Alpena in 1914.

The second triennial session of the High Court of Foresters of eastern Michigan came to a close at Saginaw when Alpena was awarded the session in 1914. The following officers were elected: High chief ranger, H. A. Savage, Saginaw; supreme chief ranger, Mrs. Moore, Bay City; supreme herald of the east, J. A. MacPherson, Alpena; supreme herald of the west, C. E. Phillips, East Tawas; supreme herald of the north, F. N. Grafting, supreme herald of the south, G. J. Hayden, Bay City.

G. A. R. Veterans Louis Ypsilanti. Capt. George W. Stone of Chaffee T. Foster post of Lansing, was elected state department commander of the G. A. R. on the first ballot. Of the 460 votes cast, Stone received 204. Captain Spillane of Detroit, 85, and Riley Jones of Saginaw, 65.

The result was a matter of surprise to all. It was realized that Stone had a strong backing but the Spillane faction was much in evidence and evidently thought it had a chance.

After the choice of commander, the convention hall emptied rapidly, the big majority of visitors left Ypsilanti. As is the custom, the Ypsilanti post was honored with the selection of senior vice-commander. Representative Rankin, one of the main workers in making the present encampment's success, was unanimously elected. J. J. Holmes, junior vice-commander of Holmes of Eaton Rapids was elected junior vice-commander. The other elective officers remain the same. Fayette Wyckoff of Lansing was re-appointed assistant adjutant general and Better Kinney of Lansing, assistant quartermaster general. Lt. H. Ives of Mason was elected delegate-at-large.

The W. R. C. elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Jennie Pierson, Ann Arbor; senior vice-president, Mrs. Eunice Garry, Ypsilanti; junior vice-president, Mrs. Cora B. Perham, Ionia; treasurer, Mrs. L. G. Sutherland, Ann Arbor; chaplain, Mrs. Emma Cole, Jackson; members of board, Mrs. Clara Wellington, Saginaw; Mrs. May Holly, Detroit; Mrs. Carrie E. Torrey, Grosse Ile; Mrs. Lid Hamilton, Dundee; Mrs. Eva Wheeler, Boone; delegate to national encampment at Boston in August, Mrs. Louise Elliot, Stanton.

The Ladies of the G. A. R. elected the following: President, Mrs. A. J. Jamison, Marine City; senior vice-president, Emma Moore, Benton Harbor; junior vice-president, Anne Harbort, Grayling; chaplain, Lydia Potter, Grayling; treasurer, Eva G. Hall, Benton Harbor; secretary, Lora A. Peterson, Detroit; members of board, M. Earle, Detroit; counsel of administration, Margaret Dixon, Detroit; Mrs. E. W. Holland; Mrs. Cora Rowe, Portland; delegate-at-large, Josephine Reese; delegates, Emma Whitaker, Detroit; Lora A. Peterson, Detroit; Alice Davis, Jackson.

Hinkley Law Is Excellent One.

Although the druggists of the state have not as yet evinced any inclination to comply with the provisions of the Hinkley law passed by the legislature requiring the use of special stoppers in bottles containing poisons, Dr. F. W. Shumway, secretary of the state board of health, declares that law is one of the best ever enacted during the session in which when enforced, will do much to protect human life from carelessness and mistakes.

Some druggists have dubbed the law "foot legislation," but Doctor Shumway points out that many persons have had their lives by taking poison accidentally only because of the law. The act goes into effect on November 1, 1911, and forbids the sale of poisons from the counter. The bottles are fitted with stoppers having a disk a serrated edge on top which will call attention either in daylight or in the dark to the fact that the bottle contains poison. Those having devices which they wish to use in accordance with the terms of the act, must be registered with the state board of health for the sale of poisons, that the bottles delivered to customers have a serrated edge, must file a sample with the state board of health for the purpose of the board finding the appliance complies with the terms of the act, samples will be furnished to any firm making application, the cost of such samples to be paid by the state.

The penalty clause of the act provides that any violator may be imprisoned for not less than three months nor more than one year, or fined not to exceed \$100, each sale or delivery to constitute a separate offense. The act does not apply to poisons sold in packages or receptacles not fitted with a cork or stopper.

Will Attempt to Knif New Law.

The new law providing a maximum rate in the state of 25 cents for express packages weighing not over five pounds and not over 100 miles, \$10, will not go into effect if the big express companies can prevent it. The companies are fighting the law, the capitol to the effect that the day the law goes into effect, August 2, the express companies will institute proceedings in some court in this state to secure a writ of mandamus to prevent the state railroad commission enforcing the law.

The companies have no intention, however, of opposing the Currie law, it is understood, and the railroad commission has agreed to file the schedule of rates which the law places in effect by the assistance of rate schedules prepared by the commission, with full accuracy and without the aid of any small importance, as the express companies are fighting rate laws in numerous other states.

Pontiac in Talons of Eagles.

The sixth annual convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles of Michigan opened at Pontiac. The committee on credentials was named and a public reception was held at the Howard theater. J. A. Fredenburgh president, and Mayor Lounsbury welcomed the visitors, assuring them the keys of the city had been thrown away, that the gates of the city swung on hinges and the front door was open. Responses were made by Past Grand President Frank E. Herring of South Bend, Ind.

Palmer After Violators.

In a letter written to Attorney General Kuhn, Insurance Commissioner Palmer charges that J. A. Bobler of Port Huron has been acting agent in Michigan for the Rockport Casualty company of Indianapolis without having obtained a certificate of authority from the state insurance department. The attorney general is requested to act against Bobler under the act which provides a penalty of a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$100 for this misdemeanor.

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- 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 hereafter.
- 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-year new subscriptions, 5,000 votes	5.00
Ten-year 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 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.

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ASK FOR COUPON

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W. H. HOGE & CO.
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ASK FOR COUPON

Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest
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