

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

At a meeting of the United States
senate committee on privileges and
elections, Senators Dillingham, Gamble,
Jones and Kenyon, Republicans, and
Fletcher, Johnston, Kern and Lee,
Democrats, were designated as the
special committee to conduct the pro-
posed re-investigation into the Lorimer
charges.

Public hearings on the Canadian
reciprocity bill were concluded by the
United States senate finance committee,
representatives of the American
Newspaper Publishers' association and
of the Associated Press being the last
to appear before the committee.

R. H. Gary, chairman of the United
States steel corporation directors, told
the house committee investigating
the steel industry that enforcement
of public safety and government control
of corporations must come, even at the
price. He said he believed the Sherman
anti-trust law was too archaic to deal
with modern situations and never
could fully prevent great combinations
of capital.

A lively controversy over the executive's
right to withhold confidential
papers from a congressional investigating
committee was precipitated by a
flat refusal of Secretary of State
Taft, on the instruction of President
Taft, to lay before the house committee
on expenditures in the state de-
partment books showing the record of
the payment for the portrait of
ex-Secretary of State Day.

The senate of the United States
passed the resolution offered by Sen-
ator Martin of Virginia, directing the
standing committee on privileges and
elections for the second time to as-
certain if corrupt methods were used
in the election of William Lorimer as
senator from Illinois, and to probe into
the world-famous "fund" which
the Illinois assembly. The vote was
86 to 30.

Criminal prosecution of the officials
of the Standard Oil company, the
American Tobacco company and their
constituent companies is proposed in
a concurrent resolution introduced by
Senator Pomeroy of Ohio. The resolu-
tion would instruct the attorney
general to proceed against the offi-
cials at once under the recent de-
cisions of the Supreme court.

Domestic

Colonel Joseph Garrard, U. S. A.,
commanding the cavalry post at Fort
Myer, Va., was severely reprimanded
by the secretary of war, under orders
from President Taft, for reporting ad-
versely an application of Frank Bloor,
a private of the Third field artillery,
for the right to take assignments for
promotion to commissioned grade on
the ground of Jewish parentage.

Investigation of conditions in the
lumber industry was begun by a
special federal grand jury impaneled
by Judge Landis' court at Chicago. The
main inquiry will be into the evidence
which will warrant criminal
prosecution of big lumber dealers,
started in a manner to assure the
greatest secrecy.

The army transport Buford sailed
from San Francisco for Honolulu,
Guam and Manila, with 780 army and
navy recruits for the island stations.

Six hundred hotel men from all
parts of the United States and Canada
are attending the annual meeting of
the Hotel Men's Mutual Benefit as-
sociation in Boston.

Lightning drove George H. Hutton,
a clerk, to commit suicide in Madison-
ville, a suburb of Chicago, during a
ten years Hutton had been subjected
to shocks due to noise and during a
storm shot himself in the head, dying
a few minutes later.

Cardinal Gibbons celebrated in Balti-
more his golden jubilee as archbishop
and silver jubilee as a cardinal. The
exercises were attended by President
Taft, Speaker Clark, Chief Justice
White, Mr. Roosevelt and the great
strong of other distinguished men.

In a stage coach runaway on the
steep grade between the big tree
grove at Waukesha and the floor of
Yosemite valley, R. C. Loring of Al-
bany, Pa., was killed, his wife and
three women were seriously injured
and several persons were slightly hurt.

Conspiracy is charged in restricting
bids on supplies for the Puget navy
yard and the assignment of the award
by the Powell Metal company to the
Great Western company of Wash.
Several arrests have been made.

Representative Owen J. Evans of
Canton, Stark county, Ohio, created
one of the biggest sensations of the
legislative history session by appear-
ing before Judge Kinkaid of the criminal
court at Columbus and pleading
guilty to the charge of receiving a
bribe of \$100 on the salary loan bill.
He was fined \$500.

In using his wife for divorce H. R.
Smith of McKinney, Tex., gives as
grounds for the action that Mrs.
Smith is strongly opposed to Senator
J. W. Bailey, while he is a supporter
of the senator.

In a stage coach runaway in the
Yosemite valley one man was killed,
three women were seriously injured
and seven other persons sustained
minor injuries. R. S. Llesnering of
Albany, Pa., is the man who lost
his life.

Trevor Arnett, comptroller of the
University of Chicago, who is investi-
gating the University of Minnesota's
financial system, has found a deficit
of \$1,000,000. It is alleged that
Cashier Iren is held, following a story
that he was robbed of \$13,000.

The constitutionality of the penal
sections of the Sherman anti-trust law
were attacked before Judge George A.
Carpenter in the United States district
court at Chicago by attorneys for the
indicted beef packers in their final ef-
fort to escape trial on the charge of
being a criminal combination in re-
straint of trade.

President Taft, in a speech before
the Western Economic society at Chi-
cago, declared that the principal op-
position to the Canadian reciprocity
agreement came not from the farmer,
but from the lumber trust and from
American manufacturers of print pa-
per.

The mammoth lake passenger
steamer Northwest, owned by the
Northern Steamship company, was
damaged to the extent of nearly \$600-
000 by fire at Buffalo, N. Y. Nothing
but her steel remains. Her sister
ship, Northland, was badly scorched
No one was injured.

Postal savings banks have been so
well received and patronized by the
public wherever they have been estab-
lished that the general manager of the
system has decided to extend the sys-
tem from 100 to 150 offices a week.

Railroads cannot limit their liability
for baggage lost in transit in New
York state when the traveler is not
asked in advance as to his value, ac-
cording to the decision of the state su-
preme court.

The bitter trial of 60 grains of
strychnine in less than a pint of milk
sent Mrs. Ralph Rafel, the young
mother of a six-month-old baby at
Los Angeles, Cal., from death by poi-
son. Her husband, who was arrested
after the murder, was acquitted.

Expressing the belief that anti-fru-
strum was in which the United States
navy will be decided largely
by battles on the sea, Assistant Sec-
retary of the Navy Withrop in an ad-
dress to the graduates of the Annapolis
naval academy said he was im-
pressed strongly with the necessity of
maintaining a navy sufficient in power
to resist any possible danger of
losing control of the sea.

Personal

The general convention of the
Church of the New Jerusalem opened
in Chicago with meetings of the coun-
cil of ministers.

Miss Mary Mannering, the actress
was married in her apartments in
the Presada, New York city, to Fred-
erick O. Wadsworth, a wealthy man-
ufacturer and clubman of Detroit,
Mich.

An inventory of the estate of David
H. Moffatt, filed in the superior court,
shows that the testator died pos-
sessed of property worth more
than \$15,000,000.

Queen Dowager Margherita granted
an audience to Mrs. Heloise Durant
Rose, the American authoress, in
Rome, and said she would probably
visit the United States in the autumn.

Charles F. Tuttle, Cincinnati, brother
of resident Taft, was presented to
King George at Buckingham palace by
Whitehall Reid, the American am-
bassador.

Foreign

The thousand anniversary of the
establishment of the city of Not-
manby, with Rollo as its first duke,
was celebrated by a great fete in
Rosen. Delegates from all parts of
the world were present.

In a secluded place on the road
over which Sultan Mehmed will pass
on his tour of Macedonia has been
found large stores of dynamite and
bomb-making apparatus.

Gen. Francisco I. Madero departed
for Mexico City without knowing that
an attempt, which almost succeeded,
was being made to assassinate him
at the customs house at Juarez.
Cruz Rey, former mayor of the
city of Juarez, was arrested and
a bomb was found upon him.

John Dillon, a liberal member of
the British parliament for East Mayo,
was dangerously injured on the head
and back in an automobile accident
near Dundalk, Ireland.

Nearly one million persons witnessed
the dedication at Rome of a mag-
nificent monument to King Victor
Emmanuel II. The monument, which
is the most colossal structure of the
kind in the world, when completed,
will cost \$20,000,000 and will have
represented 39 years' work.

STATE CAPITAL
CHANGES OCCUR

PROMOTIONS AND RETIREMENTS
TAKE PLACE IN THREE DE-
PARTMENTS.

MANNING SUCCEEDS DONOVAN

A. C. Carton Elected Secretary of the
Public Domain Commission and
Commissioner of Immigration
at a Salary of \$2,500.

Lausing—Changes took place in the
staffs of three state departments
through the retirement of some of-
ficials and the promotions and ap-
pointments to fill vacancies.

In the banking department, Chief
Clerk A. E. Manning succeeds Wil-
liam Donovan as deputy commissioner.
Max Socha of Menominee, a clerk
in the department, is promoted to be
chief clerk.

In the insurance department, Deputy
M. O. Rowland severs his connection
to become attorney for the National
Fire insurance company of Detroit;
Herbert P. Orr, actuary in the de-
partment, has been promoted, and
Walter Otto succeeds from chief clerk
to position of actuary. Bert Grove of
Detroit, now of the auditor general's
department, has been appointed chief
clerk.

Another change is the resignation
of E. E. Englehart as examiner. He
will be succeeded by F. O. Gulliver,
former secretary of the state tax
commission and member of the state
senate. Mr. Englehart has been an
examiner in the department for four
years. He will establish offices here
and engage in auditing for the several
insurance companies of this state.

E. C. Carton was elected secretary
of the public domain commission and
commissioner of immigration at a sal-
ary of \$2,500 under the new act, by
the public domain commission at its
annual meeting. Secretary of State F.
C. Martindale was elected chairman of
the commission to succeed A. J. Do-
herty. Glen K. H. H. H. H. H. H. H.
Rapida, state trespass agent, will suc-
ceed Mr. Carton as deputy land com-
missioner.

It is generally understood that on
July 1 Maj. W. R. Oates, secretary to
Governor Osborn, will leave the ex-
ecutive office to become state game
and fish warden. DeWitt N. Travis
of Flint will succeed Major Oates.

Commission Makes New Ruling.

The state securities commission,
composed of Banking Commissioner
Doyle, Attorney General Kuhn and
Secretary of State F. C. Martindale,
held in Lansing, ruled that the
mortgage securing a bond issue exe-
cuted by any corporation of any char-
acter must pay for the payment on
retirement of at least 20 per cent.
of the total bonds issued within the
first five years of the period specified
for the retirement of the bonds; and
of the equal percentage of the bal-
ance of such bonds must be re-
tired each year of such period there-
after; that such companies must
furnish certified copies of franchises
and all proceedings in connection
therewith.

In view of the present depression,
the changes that have taken place
within the last three years in bulk
freight business on the great lakes
and in the increase of vessel tonnage
and facilities for loading and unload-
ing, resulting in greatly increased
carrying capacity and a consequent
settlement over the commodities to
be carried, it is a question whether
or not the securities commission will
approve any further issues of bonds
on steamships.

Tax Commission Pleases Osborn.

Governor Osborn is satisfied that a
great deal is to be accomplished in
making more satisfactory the tax
system of the state. Of course, he
still believes that the solution of the
tax problem is the payment of the
state taxes by corporation income
tax, but he is saying very little about
that just now.

"I am sure the new commission for
the investigation of the problem will
do effective work," said the gov-
ernor. "It has a big opportunity and
I think the men who comprise the
commission will give the work the
necessary thought and attention to as-
sure results."

The re-appraisal of the mining prop-
erty of the state by a non-partisan
expert will be of great assist-
ance to the board of equalization and
the work of independent bodies who
are gathering property tax statistics
and equalizers in arriving at a fair
apportionment of the state taxes."

Two More Postal Savings Banks.

Three northern Michigan towns
now have branches of the United
States postal savings bank—Houghton,
Houghton and Iron Mountain. The
plan has worked out so well at the
Houghton branch that it was de-
cided to extend it to Calumet. It is
believed that thousands of the mining
classes who fear to deposit in the reg-
ular bank and deal themselves with
the protection of Uncle Sam for their
money in the postal banks. This has
been found true at Houghton.

Osborn's Veto Won't Be Tested.

Prison Air Purer Than in Hospital.

Governor Osborn has received
a copy of a letter from C. L.
Wernicke, member of the board of
control of Jackson prison, and the
original of which was sent to Warden
Stimmons of the prison. In his letter
Mr. Wernicke says:

"I was glad to note the report cov-
ering the examination of the air in the
cell blocks, from which it appears that
the best block is no worse than the
west block, and that the conditions in
both blocks can be improved by prop-
er attention to ventilation by way of
the windows. I am specially gratified
to find that the average conditions in
both blocks shows the air to be better
than in certain university buildings,
including the nurses' hospital."

"The bacteria in the air differ wide-
ly in different cells in both blocks, and
are governed almost entirely by the
degree of cleanliness maintained. This
is a matter entirely within your
control, and should have careful at-
tention from time to time.

"On the whole, this report abso-
lutely disproves, so far as hygienic
conditions are concerned, the clamor
and unfavorable publicity which has
been going the rounds of the press
and which has actuated the minds of
good people all over the state, and
reduces the matter of just criticism
solely to the size of the cells them-
selves, which are admittedly small.
If your calculations and experiments
recently undertaken, whereby two
cells are made into one, prove to be
feasible, this last criticism can also
be overcome."

Puts Restriction on Investment.

Banking Commissioner E. H. Doyle,
chairman of the state securities com-
mission, which passes upon the bonds
proposed as investment for savings
deposits, announced an important
ruling by the commission.

It is held that bonds of electric rail-
roads, street railways, gas or electric
light or power companies are not to
be included for the payment and retirement
of at least 20 per cent. of the total
of the issue within the first five years
of the period specified for the pay-
ment and retirement of all bonds, and
an equal percentage of the balance of
such bonds must be retired each year
of such period thereafter. Also that
such companies must furnish certified
copies of their franchises and all pro-
ceedings in connection therewith. The
ruling also says:

"In view of the present depression
and the changes that have taken place
in the last three years in the
bulk freight business on the great
lakes, and in the increase of vessel
tonnage and the improved facilities
for loading and unloading, resulting in
greatly increased carrying capacity
and excess of vessel tonnage over the
commodities to be carried, it is a
question whether the securities com-
mission will approve any further is-
sues of bonds on steamships."

Postal Men Elect Officers.

The Michigan Association of Letter
Carriers and Michigan branch of the
National Association of Postal Clerks
met in annual convention at Flint.
There were 200 delegates in attend-
ance. Officers were elected as follows:
Postals: President, Hazen
to S. J. Jackson; first vice-president,
William H. W. Wadsworth; second
vice-president, Maude Moe, Jackson;
Secretary, William E. Shuttler, Trav-
ers; Treasurer, Fred Troit, Muskegon;
Michigan chairman, James H. H. H. H.
Louis Grobe, Flint; chairman, grand
association committee, Clara Houston, Gar-
field.

Letter carriers: President, F. W.
Wells, Kalamazoo; vice-president,
Charles P. Coates, Flint; secretary,
William C. Walter, Bay City; treasurer,
Fred C. Crandall, Bay City; chaplain,
W. F. Putnam, Niles; delegate-at-large,
Gus Sott, Ann Arbor; executive board,
E. R. Tott, Jackson; J. W. Watson,
Muskegon.

The post office clerks will meet in
Bay City next year. The letter car-
riers probably will meet at Saginaw.

U. of M. Alumni Organized.

A Gratiot County Alumni association
of the University of Michigan was
organized at the home of Judge Kelley
S. Searle. President Hutchins of the
state university was present, and in
an address outlined the aims and
purpose of the movement. He pointed
out that Michigan must become an
educated institution if she hopes to main-
tain her present high rank among the
great universities of the country. It
is the hope of President Hutchins to
organize every county in the state into
organizations similar to the Gratiot
county body. Anyone who has ever
attended Michigan or who has children
there is eligible.

At a convention and by-laws were
drawn up and adopted and the fol-
lowing officers elected: President,
Judge Searle, Ithaca; vice-president,
Dr. A. W. Wheeler, Ithaca; secretary,
and treasurer, Prof. F. E. Ellsworth,
Alma.

Will Work at Houghton.

J. R. Finlay, to whom has been in-
trusted the important work of making
a revaluation of the mining properties
of Michigan, has selected Houghton as
his headquarters for the work. Mr.
Finlay said that 80 per cent. of the
mining properties of the state of
Michigan are located in the upper
peninsula and as Houghton is a cen-
tral point in the state he has de-
cided that he can direct the work bet-
ter from there than he could from
Lansing.

State is Redistricted.

\$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 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
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.

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 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.

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.

Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest
Five \$106.00 Piano due bills Value \$500.00
Oce 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.

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.

Birm'gham Eccentric
Place your order with the Eccentric
for your 1912 Calendars