

THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY FARMER

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 Foreign Items.

Washington

Investigation of an alleged "grab" of valuable waterfront lands by Controller Jay Alaska, by the Morgan-Guggenheim interests is being made by a congressional committee in Washington. This is regarded by many as the key to a transportation situation which may carry it out of control of the Alaska coal fields.

A resolution has been introduced by Representative Lindbergh of Minnesota, proposing an investigation by a house committee of all members to determine if there exists a combination of financiers in the United States operating in restraint of trade.

The first tariff vote of the senate was taken with the result of a victory for the amendment proposed by the amendment of Senator Cummins of Iowa to the Canadian reciprocity bill, adding meat to the free list proposed in the measure. The amendment was defeated, 41 to 32.

Published charges that the president had been indicted by his grand jury Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and Richard S. Ryan of New York, a representative of the Guggenheim interests, to return to the public domain lands surrounding Controller Jay Alaska.

Congressman Norris of Nebraska, in a letter addressed to the Nebraska Republican Union, has made the assertion that Charles D. Hiles, secretary to President Taft, is acting as the head of a "suppressed news" and issues "ungrounded and false" statements as to sentiment concerning presidential candidates.

Domestic

Rhinel Barrymore, the actress, who is playing at Los Angeles, Cal., took steps to sue for divorce in New York from Russell Griswold Coak, a young man, with whom she has been married less than two years ago. The papers were taken up by a special agent to return to be filed immediately upon his arrival.

A family automobile party, touring from Portland to San Francisco, came to grief near Crescent City, Ore., when the machine's fuel tank exploded, fatally burning Miss Myrna Kelly and seriously injuring her brother, Harry Kelly, two little brothers, for whose protection she gave her life.

In a speech at the International Christian Endeavor convention at Atlantic City, N. J., President Taft said his negotiations for the arbitration treaty between Great Britain and the United States have reached a point where there is no doubt as to the signing of the agreement.

Believing that her husband is being pursued by Indian mystics, who desire the return of a marvelous jewel, she has possessed, Mrs. Josephine Swartz of Chester, England, arrived in Boston on the night of her sixtieth day of her search which she carried her to India and across the continent to Boston.

President Ackerman of the New Jersey senate has turned over to Governor Wilson the checks he received from the state contractors' demand for services as acting governor.

Three members of the crew of the steamer John Mitchell of the Great Lakes, who were missing when the steamer William H. Mack of Cleveland arrived at South St. Marie, Mich., with the surviving passengers and crew, were rescued by the Mitchell carried in Lake Erie. The Mitchell carried the wife and daughter of Steward Clemens and seven passengers from Cleveland.

Following the death by drowning of its president and general manager, James Pettit, the Peavy Grain company of Chicago has notified its agents and customers that it has decided to retire from the commission business.

Twenty-five thousand people saw eight gas balloons start from Kansas City, Mo., in the national endurance race. The first balloon to go down was the Kansas City piloted by Capt. H. W. Honeywell of St. Louis and John B. Keane of Kansas City.

J. D. Hill, a banker, was killed, Mrs. Hill and Charles Hill were probably killed in the same automobile accident. Mrs. Hill and Charles Hill, Jr., were severely hurt at Annapolis, Md., when an automobile in which they were riding crashed.

With cries of "hang him!" a mob of several hundred persons gathered in Mansfield, Ohio, threatened to wreak summary vengeance upon Harvey Mickens, a negro, accused of having committed a crime over the body of a ten-year-old white girl. The negro was spirited away to the county jail at Canton.

Enormous crop losses have occurred during the last thirty days as the result of drought and record-breaking temperatures all over the country. The wheat crop will be short for the total \$2,000,000. Oats are short 155,000,000 bushels for the same crop. The corn crop will be short for the corn crop will not be an average.

George F. Keller, president of the Crags and Canon Securities company of Denver, was perhaps fatally injured when he was thrown from a horse owned by a friend of his, when they were out for a fifteen-foot embankment at Arvada, Col.

Frank J. Vinson, forty-eight years old, author of the Brown-Ketchum iron works, member and former director of the Cuyahoga county board, died when his automobile plunged over a fifteen-foot embankment at Arvada, Col.

The Imperial Council of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine met in Rochester, N. Y., where most elaborate preparations had been made to entertain the nobles and their wives gathered there from every state in the union and from Canada and Mexico.

Two girls, giving the names of Mary Johnson and Clara Peterson of Scott's Bluff, arrested in Thermopylae, Colo. They had beaten their way from Scott's Bluff on freight trains.

The government will renew the fight to separate the great coal carrying railroads from their virtual control of the coal fields. This is provided in the new clause of the interstate commerce law. A test case against the Lehigh Valley railroad was filed in the United States court at Philadelphia.

Rewards aggregating \$1,050 are outstanding for the capture of W. H. Wolfe, believed to be the murderer of the two young children of W. H. Overman, who were killed at their home near Calisto, Cal.

Personal

The resignation of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university of New York, from the board of trustees of the National Educational association, which was accepted by the board of directors, J. Stanley Brown of Joliet, Ill., was elected to succeed Doctor Butler.

Justice Frank A. Hooker of Lansing, Mich., a member of the Michigan supreme court, was appointed to the New York Central station at Auburn, N. Y.

Rev. Paul D. Drake, pastor of the Unitarian church at Beverly, Mass., and widely known as President Taft's "summer pastor," was appointed to the Unitarian church of Sacramento, Calif.

Rev. John H. Dietrich, who resigned the pastorate of St. Mark's Reformed church in Pittsburg, when the Allegheny classic discharged him with failing to preach in accordance with the creed of the reformed church, was elected to unite with the Unitarian church.

Mrs. Malvina Drummond, who was married to the architect of the new residence in Carlton House terrace, London. For two years the place has been in the hands of architects, who have converted it into a palace.

The international Christian Endeavor convention opened at Atlantic City, N. J., with a record-breaking attendance. President Taft and many other prominent men took up the week's program as speakers.

About 15,000 teachers assembled in San Francisco for the annual convention of the National Educational association, which began with a session of the national council.

Foreign

Because Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson did not interrupt his meal to study when the band played "America" July 4 at the presidential breakfast in Mexico City there is a movement to ask for his recall.

The committee stage of the veto bill for the curtailment of the powers of the lords was concluded in the house of lords in London. Although numerous amendments were proposed by independent members, all were withdrawn or rejected.

Eight men were killed and more than fifteen wounded in a political riot at Oaxaca, Mexico. Partisans of Benito Juarez were in the streets, and the mercantile establishment of Diaz Bros., relatives of Gen. Felix Diaz, the opposition candidate.

The Poltava, second of the four Russian battleships of the Dreadnought type, built in June, 1905, was launched in the dry dock at St. Petersburg on the anniversary of the battle of Poltava. The vessel is of 23,000 tons.

Lieut. Conan, whose racing name is Andre Beaumont, won the 1,000 mile international circuit race at Vincennes, Ind., when he was in France. As he had won the Paris to Rome contest, Conan brings added glory to the French navy, of which he is an officer.

Alarming reports of revolutionary activity in Cuba have been broadcast from the Cuban province. Discontent is said to be rampant in the rural and urban districts in Cuba and Puerto Rico.

LOS ANGELES GREAT LOSS OF LIFE IS FEARED, Alpena Also Suffers, Flames Sweeping in From Outskirts Destroying Property Valued at Half a Million Dollars.

Cities of Osceola and Au Sable, lying across from each other at the mouth of the Au Sable river, completely wiped out by a fire which is building left standing, and many lives may have been lost, so rapidly did the flames sweep through the towns.

City of Alpena swept by fire which causes half a million dollars loss, with danger not yet over.

Both these fires started by forest and brush fires in the vicinity, being swept by high winds that burst the stub piles, whence flames spread with tremendous rapidity and fierceness.

All over the northern half of the state forests and fields are so dry from the recent long hot spell that fires are springing up everywhere.

High winds are prevalent, and are fanning these fires into conflagrations that are likely to cause the loss of thousands upon thousands of dollars, and may result in great loss of life, as was the case in the forest fires in Presque Isle county in September, 1903.

Fires have cut off all wire communication on the Detroit & Mackinac railroad north of Osceola.

All along the line of the Michigan Central in the northern part of the lower peninsula are streets and houses surrounded. Bridges have been burned, as well as many freight cars on sidings.

East Tawas, Mich., July 11—Osceola and Au Sable were wiped off the map this afternoon by fire.

Forest fires northwest of the towns were swept into the slaty yards west of Au Sable by the fierce gale which was blowing, and in spite of everything that could be done the business section and most of the residential district were destroyed.

No business place is standing in Osceola tonight. The two mills of the H. M. Louisa Sons' company were burned, together with about 2,000 feet of lumber piles on the wharf.

During the evening the wind changed and swept the flames down into Au Sable, and it is expected that every building in that town will be burned to a cinder.

Hundreds of people are homeless and have nothing except what they had on when they escaped. The fierce rush of the flames drove the people into the streets, and many of the homeless people will be brought here to be cared for.

It is impossible to estimate the loss, but it will mount into millions, as practically the whole of the town of Au Sable is wiped out and every industry in the town is gone, and the citizens are left without a means of livelihood.

The charitable citizens are doing all they can to care for them until such time as they can get on their feet.

Hundreds of the people driven from their homes by the fire took refuge on board the steamer that was in the harbor, and many of them were taken to the town of Alpena.

Many more were taken on board the regular northbound passenger steamer, and the fire was extinguished by means of abandoned spur tracks, and the heat from the flames was intense, as those on board the train, who were taken to Alpena, reported.

Until they had passed out of the boat zone, the flames were mounting a hundred feet into the air and reaching like a furnace. Everything had been swept away, and the destruction was complete. The work of the fire was so rapid that it is believed that it was the work of but a few seconds.

Village of Lewiston, on Michigan Central, is in Serious Danger

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MICHIGAN CROP REPORT.

Hessian Fly Cuts Down Wheat Crop Two Bushels Per Acre.

The monthly crop report issued by the Michigan Department of Agriculture has the following to say relative to farm crops and fruits:

Wheat—The average excellent condition of wheat for April and May is about 20 bushels per acre, but the average for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre. The average yield for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre. The average yield for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre.

Barley—The average excellent condition of barley for April and May is about 20 bushels per acre, but the average for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre. The average yield for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre.

Oats—The average excellent condition of oats for April and May is about 20 bushels per acre, but the average for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre. The average yield for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre.

Corn—The average excellent condition of corn for April and May is about 20 bushels per acre, but the average for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre. The average yield for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre.

Potatoes—The average excellent condition of potatoes for April and May is about 20 bushels per acre, but the average for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre. The average yield for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre.

Apples—The average excellent condition of apples for April and May is about 20 bushels per acre, but the average for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre. The average yield for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre.

Oranges—The average excellent condition of oranges for April and May is about 20 bushels per acre, but the average for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre. The average yield for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre.

Strawberries—The average excellent condition of strawberries for April and May is about 20 bushels per acre, but the average for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre. The average yield for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre.

Cherries—The average excellent condition of cherries for April and May is about 20 bushels per acre, but the average for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre. The average yield for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre.

Plums—The average excellent condition of plums for April and May is about 20 bushels per acre, but the average for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre. The average yield for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre.

Peaches—The average excellent condition of peaches for April and May is about 20 bushels per acre, but the average for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre. The average yield for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre.

Apricots—The average excellent condition of apricots for April and May is about 20 bushels per acre, but the average for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre. The average yield for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre.

Almonds—The average excellent condition of almonds for April and May is about 20 bushels per acre, but the average for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre. The average yield for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre.

Pistachios—The average excellent condition of pistachios for April and May is about 20 bushels per acre, but the average for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre. The average yield for the entire season is about 15 bushels per acre.

MEANS MUCH TO STATE SHIPPERS

Railroads Agree to General Interchange of Sidings and Terminals.

At a conference of railway chiefs with the state railway commission it was agreed that the facilities of one railway for transferring freight from another line to sidings should be made available to the other lines. The agreement is of great importance to the shippers, as it will mean that the roads will accept shipments in cars from one line to another, and that the same cars will be used for the entire trip.

Shippers in several cities have filed complaints with the commission regarding the attitude of railroads regarding transfers of their cars. Charles L. Johnson, Chicago capitalist, charged with the fact that J. M. Jones of Muskegon, in Grand Rapids, had been out of the Grand Rapids, and he says he will fight for exoneration.

THE MARKETS

LIVE STOCK

DETROIT—Cattle—Market for butchering, \$1.00 to \$1.10; for stock, \$1.20 to \$1.30. Hogs—Market for butchering, \$4.00 to \$4.50; for stock, \$4.50 to \$5.00. Sheep—Market for butchering, \$1.00 to \$1.10; for stock, \$1.20 to \$1.30. Poultry—Market for butchering, \$1.00 to \$1.10; for stock, \$1.20 to \$1.30.

GRAIN

WHEAT—Cash and July No. 2 red, \$1.00 to \$1.10. Corn—Cash and July No. 2 yellow, \$1.00 to \$1.10. Oats—Cash and July No. 2 white, \$1.00 to \$1.10. Barley—Cash and July No. 2, \$1.00 to \$1.10. Rye—Cash and July No. 2, \$1.00 to \$1.10.

PRODUCE

EGGS—Market for fresh, \$1.00 to \$1.10. Butter—Market for fresh, \$1.00 to \$1.10. Cheese—Market for fresh, \$1.00 to \$1.10. Lard—Market for fresh, \$1.00 to \$1.10. Tallow—Market for fresh, \$1.00 to \$1.10.

FARM PRODUCTS

Wool—Market for fresh, \$1.00 to \$1.10. Hides—Market for fresh, \$1.00 to \$1.10. Skins—Market for fresh, \$1.00 to \$1.10. Bones—Market for fresh, \$1.00 to \$1.10. Manure—Market for fresh, \$1.00 to \$1.10.

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