

REPORT NEWS NOTES OF A WEEK

LATEST HAPPENINGS THE WORLD
OVER TOLD IN ITEMIZED
FORM.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

Condensed into a Few Lines for the
Perusal of the Busy Man—
Latest Personal Infor-
mation.

Washington

Ten cents per capita is the maximum expenditure permitted to candidates for the United States senate and house of representatives in an amendment to the campaign publicity bill which passed the senate. No candidate for the position of senator, however, shall spend more than the total of \$10,000 to secure his election, while \$5,000 is the maximum expenditure for a candidate for the house.

Floyd W. Robison, an important member of the staff of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the department of agriculture, was just as developed, was dismissed by Secretary Wilson from the bureau June 30 on charges of insubordination.

All hope of pension legislation at this session of congress was dashed when Democratic Leader Underwood of the house of representatives expressed notice that such legislation would be taken up at the proper time at the regular session in December.

President Taft's administration was brought into the Louisa investigation in a new way when Governor Densen of Illinois testified that as early as August, 1909, Secretary of the Treasury MacVegh sent for him to ascertain for the president matters regarding the election of Senator Lorimer. This was about three months after Mr. Lorimer's election.

The senate by unanimous action has fixed the dates when a vote shall be taken on several important measures and it is believed by the leaders of the various factions that the special session of congress will adjourn about the end of August 7. The Canadian reciprocity measure will be belated for July 22.

After secret consideration of charges made by Delegate Wickersham of Alaska that Attorney General Wickersham deliberately permitted the state of limitations to run against agents of the government through perjury to the extent of \$50,000, the committee on judiciary at Washington has determined to report favorably a resolution of inquiry.

Letters and telegrams expressing confidence in Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the pure food expert of the department of agriculture, and urging President Taft to consider most carefully the charge made against him by the personnel of his department, and endorsed by Attorney General Wickersham, are pouring into the White House from all over the country.

Domestic

Officials of the National City bank of New York have notified the department of justice at Washington that they will aid any investigation the government wishes to make into the National City company, the security corporation recently organized by directors of the bank for the avowed purpose of holding bank stocks.

Judge Lawrence de Graaf of the district court at Des Moines, Ia., refused to grant an injunction to John J. Hammond of the citizens' committee against Michael Waldrop, a saloon keeper. The "ret" regard to this victory for them, as eighty-six saloons were affected by the verdict.

The cholera situation at quarantine is regarded by Dr. Alvin H. Doty, health officer of the port of New York, as being well in hand, but he does not conceal his apprehension that New York "is in the very midst of a threatened invasion of cholera."

Beside a newly-made grave at Lawton, Okla., Miss Nora Bikenbach and Isaac N. Upton were married by Rev. W. E. Humphreys. The pastor had been officiating at a funeral.

Increase in the tax valuation of the Baltimore & Ohio lines from \$18,601,573 to \$109,463,580 caused representatives of that system to complain that the factor employed by the tax commission of Ohio is deterring the value of the road was too high.

S. D. H. Hallock, sentenced to two years in the Leavenworth (Kan.) penitentiary for subornation of perjury in connection with the sale of Oklahoma lands, was released from prison, this sentence having been commuted by President Taft.

Jerry McCarthy, a convict, who escaped from the Minnesota penitentiary last March, sought a revolver and with Paulson Olinger at Minneapolis, in which both men were killed. Olinger saw McCarthy trying to break into a local drug store.

Former State Representative John S. Clark, Democrat of Vandallia, Ill., died in Rebeek hospital, St. Louis, following an operation for cancer of the liver. He voted for President Roosevelt, for United States senator.

About eight hundred real estate men were present in Denver when the convention of the National Association of Real Estate Exchanges was opened by President A. E. Taylor of Cleveland.

The center of population, according to announcements of the census bureau, is located at a point approximately four and one-quarter miles west of Unionville, Monroe county, Indiana. Its location at the time of the last census was six miles southeast of Columbus, Bartholomew county.

The entire public health machinery of the government has been put in motion to fight off the cholera invasion from Europe. All ships are being watched here and abroad and special instructions have been issued throughout the consular service to safeguard this country from the disease.

Justice Wright of the Supreme court of the District of Columbia overruled the motion of President Samuel Gompers, Vice-President John Mitchell and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor that the latest contempt order be dismissed on the ground that the report of the committee of lawyers submitted in the case was not legal.

One supposed robber was wounded, a woman captured and another man escaped in a battle with the police at Benton Harbor, Mich., after a furniture store safe had been blown open.

The steamer Mariposa, from San Francisco for Tahiti, reported by wireless telegraph that the British bark Puritan, from New Castle, N. S. W., for San Francisco, was abandoned, filling with water, in latitude 25 south, longitude 141 west. Part of the crew has been landed at Tahiti.

Mayor Emil Seidel of Milwaukee has served a summons in a suit for slander brought by Judge Franz C. Beachweller for remarks alleged to have been made by the mayor in a political speech March 23.

The annual convention of the National Editorial association opened in Detroit with President J. P. Beaumont of Santa Ana, Cal., in the chair.

A. J. Roberts, the aeronaut who started in his dirigible balloon from New York for Philadelphia, was found in an exhausted condition on the beach of Deal, near Asbury Park, N. J., having been compelled to swim more than a mile in a rough sea to shore.

Mrs. Margaret Klock Armour, widow of Simon B. Armour, the packer, has filed suit in the circuit court at Kansas City for \$142,000 against Miss Hattie E. Byrnes and cover pecuniations alleged to have been made by Miss Byrning while serving as companion and housekeeper to Mrs. A. J. Roberts.

Because he failed to do a back handspike, Edwin A. Kraft, a nine-year-old Brooklyn boy, is dying. He fell heavily on the back of his neck. The hospital surgeons found that his spinal column was fractured.

Theodore Roosevelt will be the star witness before the Stanley steel investigation committee at its meeting in New York, according to information received in Washington.

Fourteen small concerns doing a fire insurance business in Philadelphia were raided by Samuel W. McCulloch, state insurance commissioner. It is charged that the companies were started as a conspiracy to deceive.

In a call sent out by the federal council of churches more than 125,000 Protestant ministers are urged to preach on some phase of the labor question on Labor Sunday, September 3.

Chairman Norman E. Mack of the Democratic national committee appointed Roger C. Sullivan of Illinois, E. O. Wood of Michigan and E. Lynch of Minnesota to represent the Democratic national committee at the funeral of T. E. Ryan of Wisconsin at Waukesha, Wis.

The United States army has turned the searchlight on every arm of the service and is now concentrating on young officers to develop the war aeroplane.

Foreign

Thirty-two passengers and twenty members of the crew were drowned when the steamship Irma was struck by the steamer Diamant. The collision occurred in the estuary of the San Juan river, Costa Rica.

Sir Eldon Gorst, British agent, and official general in Egypt since 1907, is dead. He succeeded Lord Cromer as British agent in Egypt.

Frederick Townsend, Martin of New York has been elected as the only American member of the Reunion club by the small club in London. The organization has only 159 members.

The Canadian cabinet commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of death passed upon the Italian woman, Angelina Napoleone, for the murder of her husband at Salt. Mrs. Maria, Mrs. Napoleone killed her husband on April 16 last under unusual circumstances.

King George and Queen Mary arrived at Edinburgh, Scotland, and received by the mayor of the city. The king was bright with color, the decorations being the most elaborate that the present generation of Scotchmen has seen.

Joseph H. Taft, a cousin of President Taft, is dead at the home of his brother at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson. Death was caused by paralysis. Mr. Taft was an architect.

RAINS STAMP OUT AND CHECK FOREST FIRES

NORTHERN MICHIGAN BREATHES EASY AGAIN AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF FIGHTING FLAMES.

WORK OF RELIEVING AU SABLE AND OSCODA SUFFERERS GOES ON.

Investigation Shows That Earlier Reports of the Forest Fires in the Northern Part of the State Were Exaggerated.

Heavy showers rained over all the northern and eastern section of the fire zone in northern Michigan, falling within the greater gauger lay, Millersburg, Onaway and Tower experiencing drenching rains, while at Metz and Lachine local accompanied the rain.

The people of the devastated region received the rain with joy. Hymns were sung and prayers said. Men, women and children stood out in the open and let the drops soak them.

Investigation by correspondents who have been over the ground show that earlier reports of the forest fires in the northern part of the state were greatly exaggerated.

In Cheboygan and Presque Isle counties they were the worst, but even there they were not as bad as was feared at first.

About half the buildings in Millersburg were burned before a lucky change of wind saved the town. Tower also suffered, but the fire jumped past Onaway.

Millions of feet of sawed lumber at Waters were burned, but the town was not touched by fire. This fire was not the result of forest fire, but was caused by a spark from a locomotive. Nowhere else along the line of the Michigan Central from Bay City to Cheboygan are there fires to amount to anything.

Work of relief of refugees from stricken towns of Oscoda and Au Sable goes on, principally at East Tawas, where most of them are quartered. The discovery of the charred remains of one man at Oscoda raised the death list in the twin towns to four.

There have been no forest fires in Alcona county. Hillman, the chief city of Montmorency county, reported endangered, is found safe. The total forest fire damage in Montmorency county is probably \$50,000. There is no further danger here.

GOVERNOR APPOINTS MEN TO HANDLE RELIEF.

Gov. Osborn has appointed the following to compose a state commission to handle the fire relief work: George F. Booth, Milton McFar, Capt. Fred Alger, Henry Ford, Detroit; Clarence Cotton, Grand Rapids; Homer Bank, Bay City; George W. Wells, Saginaw; Frank Fletcher, Alpena; A. E. Packard, Charlotte; J. W. Laing, Montmorency; J. D. Dorr, Flint; J. E. Best, Ann Arbor; R. E. Oida, Lansing; Melvin P. L. Irish, Kalamazoo; Dr. W. H. Sawyer, Hillsdale; William Howey, Benton Harbor; John Carlton, Flint; John Grant, Manistee; Otto Powell, Soss; A. T. Woodruff, Bay City; Mayor James Laberg, East Tawas; C. W. Luce, East Tawas, and Albert S. Steiner, Lansing.

CITIZENS DECIDE TO REBUILD.

A grand spirit of gameness was shown by the citizens of Au Sable and Oscoda at a mass meeting and it was decided to rebuild and have only one city.

Several merchants announced that they would develop temporary structures and be doing business within 30 days.

Chas. B. Sawyer stated that Detroit was ready to do what it could, and stated that his road would be ready to raise whatever money was necessary for the people being summoned by the ringing of the school bell.

Relief supplies afford plenty of food and shelter and only clothing is needed. Only buildings left.

Four lives are known to have been lost and several more names may be added to the list of fatalities when the ruins are cleared away.

The large lumber and saw mills in the two towns were completely wiped out, the loss totaling \$1,000,000.

Military department of the state sends all the available tents to stricken cities, with detachment of hospital corps to care for the sick.

At a meeting of the public domain commission, called by Secretary of State Marshall, it was decided to raise whatever money was necessary for the protection of life and property in the state, as a result of the forest fire.

There is, of course, some question as to whether the auditors have the right to raise the money, as the money was called for by winds, and the auditors are willing to take a chance at this critical period.

Oscoda Loss \$250,000.

Five lumber camps were wiped out by fire in Oscoda county. The lumber railway lost 50 cars. Thirty farm houses and 1,000,000 feet of logs burned. The total loss in the county is reported at \$250,000.

The Stephens Co. lost its lumber at Waters was 20,000,000 feet, making a mile of ash heaps. Crops suffered considerably.

At Berryville a store building, several residences and a school house were burned.

A glazier, farmer, was burned out, and two farmers lost their barns and crops. Trowbridge, a place of five settlers, located two miles south of Wolverine, which was reported burnt, was saved by hard effort. No settlement or town in this vicinity is now in danger. In the east end a fire patrol is being maintained.

Among the timber losses a million feet of skidded logs between Wolverine and Legrand, and a half million loss east of Gaylord, both belonging to Kneeland & Bigelow, of Bay City.

Sunday's Rain Effectually Kills Fires. Rains continued Sunday throughout northeastern Michigan, effectually quenching the fire danger in the fire districts for some time to come.

Relief work at Oscoda and Au Sable, however, will be a big task. Free transportation has been suspended by the railroad and the fire is still nearly 1,000 men, women and children at the site of their former homes. The fire and loss company is urging the men to leave and seek work elsewhere as it can not re-insure the lumber loss in Presque Isle as its original plan.

\$200,000 Loss in Presque Isle County. The fire losses in Presque Isle county were along the railroad only. Roger City and its forest were never touched, but the people were ready to move out, thinking of the 1903 horror. The total loss in Presque Isle county is about \$200,000. All danger is over now.

Tower's Loss \$50,000. The loss at Tower was probably \$50,000, including 20 D. & M. railway cars. The fire mill was not touched, slight throughout the rest of Cheboygan county.

The Richmond Elevator company is restoring the Emmet roller mills for the purpose of converting it into a power elevator. The Grand Elevator Co. is estimated at \$1,500,000 in terms new elevators at Jeddido and Blaine.

Archibald Mitchell, who is wanted in Grand Rapids on a charge of manslaughter in connection with Dr. Walsh in the case of the death of Miss Hilda Gannon, who died following an operation for cancer in Arkansas, where he applied for work as a telegraph operator. Upon being brought back here he demanded an examination, and his bond was fixed at \$5,000.

\$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:

- 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 one year 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 covered 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 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
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.

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

Place your order with the Eccentric for your 1912 Calendars