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NEWS OF THE WEEK IN CONDENSED FORM

RECORD OF MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS TOLD IN BRIEFEST MANNER POSSIBLE.

AT HOME AND ABROAD

happenings That are Making History—Information Gathered From All Quarters of the Globe and Given in a Few Lines.

Washington

The national monetary commission, which is headed by former Secretary of the Treasury, Charles D. Igoe, and the Republican leader of the senate, must wind up its affairs by January 3 next. It is the house takes favorable action on the measure passed by the senate, limiting the commission's life to that date.

The tariff revisionists made considerable progress in congress. The house, by a vote of 206 to 90, without a Democrat breaking the party alignment, adopted the conference report on the wool tariff, revision bill and rushed it over to the senate, where it was hung up on the calendar for passage. The measure imposes a flat and ad valorem duty of 29 per cent. on all raw wools.

The election of Senator Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin is to be investigated by the United States senate to determine whether it was brought about by bribery and corruption. This action was unanimously decided by the United States senate following the submission of a recommendation to that effect by the committee on privileges and elections.

So dry have the national forests in districts five and six embracing Washington, Oregon, California and part of Nevada become, that officials of the forest service are very apprehensive lest any minute a fire which a telegram announcing a serious conflagration.

The senate confirmed the president's recent nominations making changes in the diplomatic corps. They include the ambassador to Germany, Italy and Japan and the ministers to the Balkan States, Cuba, Belgium, Argentina and the Netherlands.

A story of "inquisitorial methods" in the department of agriculture and of "humiliating experiences" to which officials in the bureau of chemistry were subjected by Solicitor McCabe of that department was recited to the Moss committee of the house of representatives.

If a bill introduced to the senate by Senator Cullom of Illinois is enacted into law, the national highway will become the center of a wheel of seven great national highways passing through every state in the union.

Domestic

Many persons were injured, but none fatally, when a fire broke out in a building at Pittsburgh, Pa., on Saturday night. The fire, which was caused by a gas leak, destroyed a large amount of property and caused considerable damage to the building.

Advices received in Minneapolis indicate that torrential rains in the central part of Minnesota wrought great damage to property and made railroading extremely arduous. At Austin the worst flood since 1908 is reported. The Red Cedar river is said to be on a rampage.

The biennial meeting of the Royal Caledonian of Scottish Clans, opened in Boston, Roy. Chief, John Hill of St. Louis presiding.

A true bill charging murder in the first degree was returned by the grand jury of the Chesterfield circuit court in Virginia against Henry Clay Beatty of Richmond. He will be tried for his life as the alleged murderer of his young wife, victim of the Midwestern turpentine tragedy of July 18.

Kirkland, Ohio, will be revisited this week by the hosts of the Latter Day Saints, descendants of the Mormons, who settled the Ohio town and built the stone Mormon temple there in the '30s.

Charles Bennett, twenty years old of Newark, N. J., a parachute jumper, was probably mortally injured when he fell 1,500 feet and plunged through the skylight over the dining room of the Marlborough-Blenheim hotel at Atlantic City.

Too much poetry, too many kisses, too much love, too many smiles and too little work made Wentworth Carter of Kansas City a smit husband. Mrs. Carter told Judge Potter recently and the judge was convinced enough to give her a divorce.

Congressman Ollie James of Kentucky, Dr. Harvey W. Wiley and Col. Henry Watterson have been asked to act as a jury to decide a controversy between Albert Small and S. H. Jewett, New Yorkers, as to the proper method of making a mint julep.

Thirty tons of antiquities dug from the ruins of several ancient Egyptian cities were unloaded in New York from a German freighter. The shipment was consigned to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and represents several years' work.

After being imprisoned for fifty hours in a gaolway, the first coal mine, near Ashland, Pa., two men were rescued, while a third was found dead. All three were caught by the caving of the mine roof.

Thirty thousand miners are expected to attend the great national mine safety demonstration to be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., October 26 and 27, under the auspices of the federal bureau of mines, the American Red Cross, the Pittsburgh Coal Operators' association and the United Mine Workers of America.

Judge John R. Hazel in United States district court at Buffalo, N. Y., held that the Standard Oil company must stand trial at the next regular term on an indictment of 143 counts, charging acceptance of rebates from the Pennsylvania Railroad company and the New York Central Railroad company on shipments of petroleum from Olean, N. Y., to Burlington, Vt. in violation of the Elkins law.

The fifty-fifth annual meeting of the International Typographic union was called to order in San Francisco by President James M. Lynch of Indianapolis.

Thirty-five hundred women of New York entered on "self-denial week," pledged to abstain from luxuries and turn the money saved into the suffragist fund.

Sporting

Harry N. Atwood, the Boston aviator, flew in Chicago from St. Louis in his biplane. Having arrived, he circled aerially the lake front before alighting, to the cheers of thousands. He completed the aeroplane dash across the prairie of Illinois in five hours and thirty-four minutes of flying time, the distance traveled being 411 miles. The average speed of the journey was 56 miles an hour.

Ublan, 1-534, set a new world's record at Cleveland Grand Circuit race for a half mile to wagon by a trotter, going the distance in 0:56.4. The former record was 0:59 set by Major Delmar at Glenview, July 21, 1906.

Foreign

The body of Jameson Lee Finney, the American actor who lost his life in the fire at the Carlton hotel in London last Wednesday evening, was announced after a preliminary autopsy. Present included Mr and Mrs. William Faversham and Miss Ada Dwyer.

By a vote of 241 to 100 the house of commons passed a resolution authorizing \$1,260,000 for the payment of members' salaries for the coming year. This action was taken pursuant to the resolution passed August 10 providing for an annual salary of \$2,000 for each member.

The troops were compelled to fire on a mob of strikers at Liverpool. Bayonet charges also were made upon the disorderly element. After the rioters had wrecked property in Great Homer street, the district troops were called out and ordered to fire. Several rioters were fired. Six soldiers and two policemen were injured. The rioters' casualties among the rioters is not known.

Joseph Israels, the famous Dutch painter, is dead at The Hague. He was born at Groningen in 1824. Israels studied at Amsterdam under Kruseman and at Paris where he was among his principal works are "The Fugals" and "Alone in the Woods."

With furious street battles in Liverpool came the news of meetings of the railways employees at Liverpool, Manchester, Bristol, Sheffield and other centers where threats were made of a general strike of all railway men, transport workers and dockers unless existing disputes are settled promptly and satisfactorily.

Fire on the Queensland docks at Antwerp, where stored, did damage amounting to \$1,000,000. Immense quantities of salt-petre were destroyed.

Personal

Secretary of the Interior, Walter L. Fisher arrived at Portland, Ore., and will embark for Alaska. Secretary Fisher says he will pass two weeks in Alaska.

The world, both in and out of society, may at any time learn that the world's most famous detective is for his bride-elect and himself to be married quickly and as secretly as possible.

W. J. Calhoun, American minister to China, sailed from Southampton for New York on the steamer Kronprinzessin Cecilie. Passengers on the Olympic sailing for New York included J. Pierpont Morgan.

Mrs. Ida Nelson, mother of Battling Nelson, one-time lightweight champion of the world, was killed by a fast mail train at the Burnham station near Chicago. She stepped from a train at the depot just as the mail train passed.

Vice-President Sherman, whose son, Capt. Thomas M. Sherman, is on duty with the militia at Pine Camp, N. Y., was offered to give two hours of his day from Utica at his expense to be distributed among the troops.

Whether or not Peary's Park, in Columbus, Ind., was named after the triple explorer, Dr. Cook's expedition some fame evidently fell to Quinn along the coincidence, as he admitted in his train crowd there at the Chautauque.

SELLERS SUFFER LOSS

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ARE LOST TO THE CITY PRODUCER ON ACCOUNT OF WEATHER.

BULLETIN WILL BE ISSUED

Commissioner G. M. Dams Gives Some Valuable Advice and Suggestions on Care of the Cow-Housewife Has Suffered.

Lansing—in a bulletin which will be issued within a few days by the Michigan dairy and food department, Commissioner G. M. Dams gives some valuable advice and suggestions on the care of milk in hot weather as follows:

"The abnormal hot weather, in the summer of 1911 has already caused the loss of thousands of dollars to the city milk producer and condenser patron on account of sour milk. In addition the housewife has suffered the loss of milk and the safety of infantile diseases from the same source. The milk distributor is likewise a sufferer from the same causes. It is the purpose of this article to point out how these losses might be avoided. The responsibility does not lie with any one class; ignorance and neglect of all combined make these losses possible.

"Let us get down to the fundamental principles as to the causes of sour milk. Sour milk is caused, to be plain, by dirt and warmth.

"In the University of Michigan can be found a sample of milk ten years old which still sweet. The milk was this brought about. The milk was absolutely clean. First, the cow's udder and teats were washed clean with water. Next, the milk pail and milk's hands were likewise treated, also his clothing. The milk was placed in a sterilized glass jar which had been washed and kept in a cool place. How can we explain this? It has been found that sour milk is caused by certain bacteria which are on the cow's hair, on the teats and udder and on the milk's hands and clothes. In the dust in the air, in fact, they cling to everything that falls into the milk they begin to breed and develop lactic acid which sours the milk. The more dirt that gets in the milk the more bacteria gets in. The more bacteria gets in the quicker the milk will sour. It is necessary, however, for milk to be warm. The warmer the milk the quicker it will sour and the quicker the milk will sour. Kept under 45 degrees milk will not sour as the lactic acid bacteria will not breed. The chemist has proved these facts; how shall we put them to practical use in the dairy?"

Mine Valuations Get Big Increase

According to unofficial reports, the assessed valuations of northern Michigan mining property will be boosted as a result of the investigation made by Prof. J. R. Finley, who was engaged by the state tax commission to make a valuation of the various properties of the Michigan state. The report will recommend that the valuations of the iron mines be increased approximately 100,000,000. They are now assessed at about \$200,000,000. The new figures, it is said, place the value at \$125,000,000.

It is an increase in valuation would be greater than ever made before in any one class of property, and in case the engineer boosts the iron mines' value four times, there will be a hard fight and protest before the state tax commission and the state board of equalization.

Mr. Finley, who has been employed by the public utilities commission of New York, was engaged by the tax commission under authority granted by a bill introduced by Senator White at the last session.

It is understood that while he recommends a boost on practically every iron property, he does not recommend that he also recommends that in a number of cases the valuations on copper mines be reduced. The coal mines of the state are also to come in for a raise.

Canned Fruits for Convicts. Peaches and cranberries, any rate, peaches, will be one of the tempting delicacies which Landlord Nathan Simpson of the Michigan state prison will feed his 700 convict guests in the winter. The snow may fly and prices may soar but there will be no shrinkage of the prison menu and canned fruits and berries will be the principal gastronomic delights. This epicurean dream will be made possible the last of the month and the small dining factory located midway between the kitchen and storeroom. Five thousand large fruit cans have been ordered.

Michigan Patents.

Michigan patents issued: J. D. Beebe, Detroit, tin forming machine; Leon Champion, Tallmadge, cattle stanchion; T. P. Chabhorn, Saginaw, bearing for travel; Frank W. Clark, Grand Rapids, resilient wheel; F. E. Conan, Waldron, Michigan; A. L. East, Dowagiac, box; John E. Gault, A. C. Grider, St. Joseph, knockdown berry box; G. W. Fish, Kalamazoo, milk mixer; J. P. Jackson, railway sifter; R. S. Gehlert and J. C. Cleider, Detroit, transmission gearing.

Soldiers Leave for Port Huron.

In heavy marching order Company A, Second Infantry, and Battery A, field artillery, accompanied its train for Port Huron to attend the annual state encampment of ten days' duration, was under the command of Major. None of the engineering or romance of war days characterized their going. Company A boarded its train early this morning without a band of interested spectators was at the Grand Trunk depot.

State Gains in Manufacture.

A preliminary statement of the general results of the thirtieth United States census of manufactures of the state of Michigan has been issued by Census Director Durand. It includes a summary comparing the figures for 1904 and 1909, by state totals, prepared under the direction of William M. Stuart, chief statistician for manufactures, bureau of the census.

The summary for the state shows increases in all the items of the census of 1909 as compared with that for 1904. These are exhibited in percentage order, as follows:

Number of salaried officials and clerks, 28 per cent.; capital, 13 per cent.; cost of materials used and value of products, 60 per cent. each; value added by manufacture, 59 per cent.; salaries and wages, 56 per cent.; miscellaneous expenses, 50 per cent.; primary horse power, 36 per cent.; average number of wage earners, 32 per cent. and number of establishments, 23 per cent.

There were 9,159 manufacturing establishments in 1909, and 7,446 in 1904, an increase of 1,713, or 23 per cent. The capital invested, as reported in 1909, was \$53,547,000, a gain of \$216,053,000, or 73 per cent. over \$33,784,000 in 1904. The average capital per establishment was approximately \$5,840 in 1909 and \$4,500 in 1904. In the census it should be stated that in the census schedule the inquiry concerning capital invested calls for the total amount both owned and borrowed and invested in the business, but does not include the value of rented property, plant, or equipment which was employed in the conduct of the manufacturing enterprises.

The cost of materials used was \$26,812,000 in 1909, as against \$23,081,000 in 1904, an increase of \$3,731,000, or 60 per cent. The average cost of materials per establishment was approximately \$400 in 1909 and \$310 in 1904. In the cost of materials, however, does not include unused materials and supplies bought in excess of what was used during a subsequent period.

The value of products was \$65,100,000 in 1909 and \$49,210,000 in 1904, an increase of \$15,890,000, or 60 per cent. The average per establishment was approximately \$7,000 in 1909 and \$6,500 in 1904.

Good Roads Men Are Coming.

Secretary M. F. Gray of the Lansing Business Men's association has completed a study of the Michigan Colgraves of Hastings, president of the Michigan State Good Roads association, and has received the assurance that the annual meeting of that organization will be held in Lansing August 31 and September 1.

Several other cities were bidding for the location of the meeting, but Lansing had the advantage inasmuch as the state highway department is located in Lansing and the convention will be held in representative hall, and some of the best automobile road building from Ohio, Wisconsin and Indiana will be among the speakers.

The state highway department will give a practical demonstration of road building at marionette and much valuable information will be given to the various highway committees who are expected to attend the convention. The Lansing Business Men's association was required to guarantee music, programs, etc., will be necessary to solicit funds among the members. The funds will be asked to give any large amount. At least 100 automobiles have been promised for the delegates during their stay in Lansing.

Plan to Build Sample Roads.

Secretary T. M. Satter of the Michigan Good Roads association of Jackson states the state highway department has offered to build samples of the different kinds of streets in Michigan. Competent road builders will be sent into every county, city and village to organize associations to build sample roads, asking each merchant to pledge a certain amount of every mile of road road built within ten miles of his store; to secure a similar pledge from every automobile owner and also from rural mail carriers.

It is figured that by this method 200 miles of road will be built. The farmer will have to pay only about 20 per cent of the cost, the balance being paid by the state award and by the State Good Roads association.

Michigan Corporations.

New companies filing articles of incorporation with the state are: Pride of St. Clair County, capacity, Capax, \$1,000; Anson A. Wolcott Milling company, Mt. Clemens, \$10,000; Berry County Grange association, St. Joseph, \$10,000; the Schurr Amusement company, De Witt, \$5,000; stockholders, Louis T. Schurr, Grand Rapids, \$10,000; C. H. Hardy M. Anderson and Frank A. Kelly; Standard Woodens Mills company (foreign), Des Moines, Ia., and Michigan, \$20,000.

Governor Osborn Welcomed.

Escorted by General Abbey and his staff and the regular army officers in camp, and unattended by a star of gold lace colonels, Gov. Chase S. Osborn, in whose honor the state camp is named, rode into camp smiling and repeatedly removing his hat to the thousands of cheering who greeted him. This is the first time a governor of Michigan has ever arrived in camp without a personal staff of political militiamen.

\$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 hereafter.
- 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. THE 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 for \$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 for 5.00
Ten-year new subscriptions, 12,500 votes for 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 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 is shown.

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.

ASK FOR COUPON
Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest
Electric Flat Iron Value \$5.50
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.

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.

ASK FOR COUPON
Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest
Chafing Dish Value \$5.00
Donated by
W. H. HOGG & CO.
General Hardware
We give a 25-vote Coupon with each \$1 cash purchase.

ASK FOR COUPON
Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest
Five \$106.00 Piano due bills Value \$500.00
Five \$100.00 Note Due Bills
Donated by the
Birm'gham Eccentric

Place your order with the Eccentric for your 1912 Calendars