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AT HOME AND ABROAD

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

Washington

Plans for President Taft's coming trip through the west and to the Pacific coast practically are completed. The president probably will leave Beverabout November 1. He will go west about Semptember 1. He will go west through Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Nevada to the coast. Most of the big cities in these states, including Des Moines, Kansas City, Omaha, Denver and Salt Lake, will be visited, but the plans for the trip contemplate stops at scores of smaller places.

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Remarkable revelations of the work of Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh in eradicating gigantic frauds from the United States customs service and of the assistance given him by Chicago firms and citizens are contained in a document made public. The document is a stenographic record of a hearing in which Mr. MacVeagh testified before the house committee on expenditures.

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An investigation into the causes leading to the panic of 1907 and the benefits secured from it by persons or corporations was asked in a senate resolution offered by Senator Owen of Oklahoma. "I believe the panic of 1907 was brought about by a deliberate conspiracy for enrichment of those who engineered it," said Senator Owen.

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The extra session of congress came to an end Tuesday. President Taft was more than pleased with the work accomplished. He obtained the passage of the Canadian reciprocity agreement, the elimination from the statehood bill of the objectionable principle of the recall of judges; he approved the congressional reapportionment bill. The campaign publicity bill was passed.

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After three hours of bitter debate the house, by a vote of 227 to 139, failed to pass the Underwood-La Follette wool revision bill over President Taft's veto. The farmers' free list bill also failed to pass over the executive disapproval by a vote of 226 to 127. It requires a two-thirds majority to pass a measure over a veto.

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Secretary Wilson appeared before the congressional committee and condemned Doctor Wiley's demeanor, charging that he was oversensitive because his findings on pure food and drugs were not accepted as final, but were sometimes referred to the referee board of which Dr. Ira Remsen is chairman.

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The war department has given its consent, conditional on the approval of congress, for the use of portions of Presidio and Fort Mason, at San Francisco, Cal., for the Panama-Pacific exposition in 1915.

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Domestic

Steel men of Pittsburgh declare that William Ellis Corey, former head of the United States Steel corporation, will be the successor of the late John W. Gates as president of the Republic Iron and Steel company. It is pointed out that this move on the part of the Republic steel interests marks the beginning of the much-talked-of merger of the Republic, the Bethlehem and the Lackawanna companies.

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Mrs. Marjorie Burnes Love is a "tour fiusher" and she deserted her husband because he had lost his money when his brokerage concern went to the wall, according to Sidney C. Love's attorney, who argued at Baker, Ore., against the granting of a divorce to her.

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F. H. Martin of Stockton, Cal., was killed and five other persons were injured in an automobile accident near Lafayette, Colo., when the car fell over a 30-foot embankment.

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The movement to secure a pardon for Capt. Peter C. Hains, now serving a sentence in Sing Sing for the murder of William E. Annis, was launched by Aaron Berrman, an attorney of Brooklyn. Berrman will present to Governor Dix a petition signed by the jury which convicted the captain.

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When the twenty-fourth annual convention of the National Harness Manufacturers' association was opened at Cincinnati there were present more than 1,000 delegates from all parts of the United States.

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Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., of North Richmond, answered "Not guilty" to the indictment charging him with the murder of his wife, Louise Owen Beattie, which opened the trial now being held at Chesterfield, Va., at which his life is at stake.

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Eight dead, 125 injured and $150,000 property damage is the result of a tornado which caused devastation in North Dakota. The heaviest losses were caused at West Hope, Antler, Souris, Sherwood and the vicinity of Mohall and Loraine.

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Lewis W. Hoyell, manager of the Toledo Metal Wheel company of Toledo, O., arrived in New York to attend a convention. He had scarcely set foot on the soil of the metropolis when he was robbed of his pocketbook. A solitaire diamond ring, valued at $300 was taken from him a few minutes later.

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Daughters of the American Revolution gave a reception and dinner on the steamship George Washington in New York in honor of Congressman Richard Bartholdt of Missouri, who sailed in charge of a statue of Baron Von Steuben, which congress will present to the German government.

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After three years' exile among strangers in Caracas, Venezuela, two Syrian children, Susan and Lucien Lulu, are detained at Ellis Island, New York, prevented by the immigration officials from carrying out their plan to join their parents at Smithton, Pa. Their eyes show symptoms of trachoma.

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New York state and the middle west have a bumper apple crop this year for export shipments, according to the bulletin of the Boston chamber of commerce. The far west, Virginia and New England have fallen off somewhat, but New York and the middle west bring this year's average up to half as large again as last year.

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Ralph H. Ireland, a daring young auto driver, who expected to drive a racing car in the contest over the Elgin (Ill.) course, is dead. Frank O'Brien, his mechanician, was injured when their machine went into a ditch.

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Frank Crawford, thirty-five years old, an aeronaut whose home was at Anderson, Ind., fell from his balloon 600 feet at Marion, Ind., and met instant death.

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Many prominent insurance men and the insurance officials of nearly every state were present when the National Association of Insurance Commissioners met in annual session in Milwaukee.

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A pistol fight to the death occurred near Goat Rock, Ga. The combatants were Sam Gordon, a white man, and George Caldwell, a negro. The two bodies were found near each other about dusk.

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Edward Cannessa, a well-to-do Italian, is dead at his Brooklyn home as a result of his efforts to act as peacemaker between two of his friends who fired revolvers on each other in a quarrel over the hand of his daughter.

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Only nine copper companies in Michigan have made money in the last five years, according to a report made by Prof. J. R. Finlay, a New York engineer.

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Sporting

As a trumpeter blew "taps" on a bugle Lincoln Beachey slid two miles out of the sky before 375,000 pairs of eyes and landed in front of his hangar with a new world's record for altitude. He had descended 11,578 feet. He had eclipsed by 428 feet the world's record of 11,150 feet, made by Captain Felix in France, August 5. In its last hours Chicago's aviation meet had knocked into a cocked hat one of the most difficult international records to beat.

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Foreign

Jose Maria Villaverde, general manager of the conservative organ, Cuba, and his nephew, Manuel, a member of the editorial staff, were deported from Havana on the steamship Alfonso XIII., which sailed for Spain. This was done by virtue of a decree issued by President Gomez declaring them to be pernicious foreigners.

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It is reported at Teheran that Mohammed Ali Mirza, the former shah of Persia, who recently returned from exile in Russia and started an uprising to regain his throne, has been assassinated.

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A great wave of relief swept over Great Britain when the announcement was made from the board of trade offices that the railway strike had been settled and that the men would return to work immediately.

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The Mexican Catholic party indorsed the candidacy of Francisco I. Madero for the presidency and nominated Provisional President de la Barra for the vice-presidency.

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Personal

E. H. Sothern and Julia Marlowe were married in the registry office at Knightsbridge near London. The couple left the Hyde Park hotel, where they had been staying, and have gone on their honeymoon to Devonshire, where it is understood they have taken a house. Both Miss Marlowe and Mr. Sothern have been married before.

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Francis L. Robbins, millionaire coal operator and former president of the Pittsburgh Coal company of Pittsburgh, is seriously ill at Chicago, where he has been for the past ten days. He is suffering from cirrhosis of the liver and it is believed an operation will be necessary.

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The engagement of Lieut. Frank P. Lahm of the Seventh United States cavalry, widely known army aeronautic expert, and Miss Gertrude Jenner, of one of the oldest families in Mansfield, O., has just been announced.

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Col. Theodore Roosevelt is a grandfather. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore, Jr. Mother and child are reported in satisfactory health. Since their marriage the Roosevelts have made their home in San Francisco, Cal., where Mr. Roosevelt is engaged in business.

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John H. Osborne, one of the pioneers in the harvesting implement industry, is dead at Auburn, N. Y., of heart failure. He was seventy-nine years old. In his youth he fought under John Brown in Kansas.

MAKE SCHOOL BOYS FOREST RANGERS

WOULD HAVE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN THE PREVENTION OF FIRES.

PLANS OF GAME WARDEN

State Officer Declares Only Campaign of Education Among Rising Generation Will Prove Salvation of Settlers.

Lansing.—If the present plans of State Game Warden Oates materialize, a course of instruction in the prevention of forest fires will be placed in the curriculum of the district schools in the counties of the northern part of the state, where fires have been prevalent during the past few years. Superintendent of Public Instruction L. L. Wright will be asked to co-operate with Game Warden Oates in working out the scheme and it is hoped to get it started this fall.

Game Warden Oates would also make the boys in the district schools forest rangers. It is his idea to have each lad report every fire to the teacher of the school he attends, with the understanding that the teacher notify the nearest supervisor, who would bring the fire fighting forces of the county to the scene. For this service he would present the boy a souvenir medal of some sort.

From his recent experiences he declares that only a campaign of education among the rising generation will prove the salvation of the settlers in the fire district.

M. N. G. Praised by Army Officers.

Back to business for the citizen soldiers. Camp Osborn's life ended at Camp Osborn.

"The Michigan troops were in excellent form for their maneuvers and came up to expectations," declared reticent Maj. L. L. Durfee of the Fourth Regular cavalry, chief umpire at camps for the National Guard. The major is on the way to San Antonio and the Philippines, stopping en route at the state guard encampments. He complimented the Wolverine men after having seen the men of Pennsylvania and the eastern states go through their summer work.

"The Michigan men showed up even beyond my fondest expectations," stated Capt. F. L. Wells, Eleventh United States infantry, who is detailed as instructor for the militia of the state and who acted as taskmaster during the last ten days.

The men broke camp after one of the most successful maneuver periods any Michigan brigade has ever hiked through. It is the consensus of opinion along the regimental rows and along brigade row.

The regular army officers think that they have discovered a plan which works more good to the militiamen than any other yet attempted. During the maneuvers orders have been given for the Twenty-seventh regulars, sent up from Fort Sheridan, Ill., to scatter themselves individually among the militiamen. Heretofore regular troops brought to state encampments have had their companies kept intact. This led to an increase in the traditional rivalry between the regulars and militia and not to cooperation or good for the state fighters.

U. of M. Should Get More Money.

Regent Junius E. Beal has received a letter from a member of the state board of equalization in which the board member states that the annual income of the University of Michigan would be increased $185,000 if the assessed valuation of the state were equalized as it should be. The state board member says th estate's assessed valuation should be $3,000,000,000 instead of a billion and three-quarters, as now. He also expresses the opinion that the valuation of the iron mines should be boosted $99,000,000. Should all this be brought to pass the university would receive $865,000 a year.

Ingham county, the writer says, is assessed at only 20 per cent. of its valuation, and similar conditions exist in other counties.

Favors Union With U. of M.

"I see no reason why the affiliation of the Michigan Agricultural college and the Michigan College of Mines with the University of Michigan, as proposed by Governor Osborn, could not be brought about, and I am inclined to believe that it would be advantageous to all concerned," says President Jonathan L. Snyder of the Michigan Agricultural college, in discussing the expression recently made by the chief executive of the state, that the two institutions named should be made a part of the university and all put under one governing board.

Reunion of Old Twenty-Second.

Great preparations are being made to entertain the Twenty-second Michigan infantry regiment during its reunion August 31. The famous Michigan drum corps will be present and, after a dinner served by the women of the United Presbyterian church, a prize drill by the old settlers will be given. Col. John L. Clem, now chief quartermaster of the central division of the U. S. A., will attend. "Johnnie" Clem was the youngest boy in the army, joining when he was ten years old.

Druggists Nominate Officers.

At the meting of the nominating and executive committees of the Michigan Retail Druggists' association at Grand Rapids, a ticket was placed in nomination for the annual meeting of the association in Flint October 3 and 4. For president were nominated D. D. Alton of Fremont, T. C. Curtis of Flint and C. H. Jongejan of this city. For first vice-president, J. D. Gilleo of Pompeii, C. H. Koon of Muskegon and John A. Robinson of Lansing; for second vice-president, E. O. Miller of Traverse City.

Druggists Do Not Favor New Law.

A recent communication sent out by the state board of health relative to the provisions of a new law which requires special serrated disks upon all bottles containing poisons is not meeting the approval of local druggists. Some Lansing pharmacists state that it is just a money making scheme, and that the use of the stoppers will not prevent accidents any more than have corks.

"People will soon get into the habit of putting medicine that is not poison into these bottles with the new kind of corks," says one Lansing druggist. "Then when they hurriedly take medicine some time, they will forget which is the right bottle, and take the poison. The law will not keep folks from being careless."

According to the law a disk with a serrated edge must be placed on each cork, and when any one takes out the cork in light or darkness the sense of touch will tell that the bottle contains poison. It was thought by lawmakers that in this way accidents resulting from getting hold of the wrong bottle will be averted.

What peeves the druggists in many cities is that with each notice sent out are sample disks containing the advertisements of the maker and recommending the adoption of certain ones. The state pays the postage on the advertisement, and it is figured that the manufacturer is having a considerable portion of his expenses borne by the general public. Then, too, the druggists tell that they are abundantly able to make their own selections without being dictated to by the state board. As a general thing the law is looked upon by druggists as a piece of nonsense.

One druggist claims that the framers of the law arranged it so that the state would stand the expense of advertising a particular brand of bottle alarm and that druggists would be forced to buy it.

State Death Rate High for July.

According to the mortality report issued by the secretary of state, there were 3,141 deaths in the state during July. This number corresponds to an annual death rate of 13.0 per 1,000, estimated population. A considerable increase is noticed in the number of deaths returned for July, as compared with the month of June.

By ages there were 648 deaths of infants under one year of age, 171 deaths of children aged one to four years, inclusive, and 891 deaths of elderly persons aged sixty-five years and over.

Important causes of deaths were as follows: Tuberculosis of lungs, 170; other forms of tuberculosis, 35; typhoid fever, 45; diphtheria and croup, 22; scarlet fever, 9; measles, 22; whooping cough, 25; pneumonia, 59; diarrhea, enteritis, under two years of age, 232; meningitis, 40; influenza, 3; cancer, 171; violence, 312.

In addition to the above causes there were 67 deaths from drowning in the state during the month of July. There were also nine deaths from sunstroke, six deaths from tetanus, two deaths from poliomyelitis and one death from lightning.

The different state institutions reported deaths as follows: Traverse City hospital, 12; Kalamazoo hospital, 17; Soldiers' Home hospital, 7; Lapeer Home for Feeble Minded, 1; Newberry hospital, 4; Pontiac hospital, 16, and the Wayne county house, 20.

There were 504 births during July. This number corresponds to an annual birth rate of 20.7 per 1,000, estimated population. A decrease of 221 is noted in the number of births returned for July, as compared with June.

Mines to Escape Big Tax Boost.

From information that seems to be reliable, the report of Professor Findlay of New York will recommend to the state tax commission that the iron mines of the upper peninsula be assessed at nearly 400 per cent. more than they are at the present time, or approximately $100,000,000, instead of $25,000,000. Just what the state board of equalization will do with this report of course is not known, but it is believed they will not boost the four iron-producing counties, namely, Iron, Dickinson, Gogebic and Marquette, 400 per cent. in valuation. They will, however, according to present information, boost the valuation of these counties a great deal.

In discussing the proposal Auditor General Fuller brings to light some interesting facts. One is that if the state board of equalization boosts the valuation of the iron-producing counties, which seems probable, then the small taxpayer will be compelled to pay his share of the tax that should be justly apportioned to the iron mines. The assessment of the iron mines will be made by the local assessing officers before the report of the state board of equalization is made and unless the state tax commission takes a hand and orders a special re-assessment, which they will not have the time to do, the iron mine owners will escape a large tax for this year.

Urges State Strike Law.

The common council has unanimously passed a resolution which will be forwarded to Governor Osborn, urging him to incorporate in his call for a special session of the legislature the making of a state law to prevent men being brought from outside states or cities to fill strikers' places, without first being told of a strike prevailing. The resolution was drafted in the office of Mayor Ellis, who has attempted to show the necessity of such a law since the big furniture strike was inaugurated here.

U. of M. Aids Poor Patients.

It is the claim of medical men in the U. of M. that there are patients in various state institutions of Michigan who have been suffering for years because all has not been done for them in a medical way that could be done.

These sufferers are being gathered up and brought to the U. of M. for operations and treatments.

The Home for Feeble Minded at Lapeer was the first institution visited, and 15 of the inmates were sent down here for operations.

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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.

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 lock 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 yovng 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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