

NEWS OF A 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

Representative Charles D. Carter of Oklahoma created a deal of excitement in the fashionable street, Washington, and incidentally gave a severe drubbing to four clerks in a department store when he was seen inspecting his eighteen-year-old daughter, Miss Italy Carter.

Several thousand babies from all parts of the country met in Washington to discuss the problem of getting work for the unemployed. The convention was called and presided over by James Eds How, the "millionaire bobo."

Domestic

The St. Lawrence river is so low at Cornwall, Ont., that in order to keep the water in the canal up to the required level it has been found necessary to shut off all water from the factories here.

In the presence of 6,000 people at a benefit exhibition for the widow of Dan A. Kramer, who was killed in the fall of an airplane in Chicago, July 14, Fred Hoeg, a Chicago aviator, plunged 50 feet to earth in a biplane at Peepert, Ill., sustaining serious injuries.

The arrest at Jersey City, N. J., of Thomas Parker, a three-time convict on a charge of assault and battery is believed to establish a record for the United States. Joseph R. Blumenthal charged that the child hurried stones at and hit him.

Daniel E. Garrison, Jr., of St. Louis, son of the vice-president of the Corrugated Steel Bar company of that city, was found dead in his room at the Waldorf Astoria from a self-inflicted bullet wound through his head.

Jennie Powell, eighty years old, is dead at her home in Edwardsville, Pa., from a mosquito bite, which she bitten on the arm a week ago and poisoned the wound by scratching it with her finger nails.

In a collision between a speeding street car and a skidding touring car the family of Emil R. Kienast, a wealthy manufacturer of Chicago, had an almost miraculous escape from death. Seven persons were injured in the accident. The condition of four is serious.

In the presence of 100,000 visitors a three-car train on the giant roller coaster at Coney Island, N. Y., jumped the track, hurling the occupants of one car over the side of the coaster eighty feet to the ground. Two women were instantly killed and two other women and one man seriously injured. Many others were slightly hurt.

Gov. Charles S. Deneen suffered a broken leg by jumping from his automobile in an effort to prevent a collision with a team of horses. He was in the path of the machine as it rolled backwards down a steep hill after the brakes had refused to work. The accident occurred near Farmington, 15 miles from Springfield, Ill.

The body of P. W. Wendenstrom, a Chicago auto owner and chauffeur, was found in the Fox river, near Cary, Ill. The man had been shot twice in the back of the head. The body when found was sewn in an improvised sack.

Postmen from all parts of the country participated in the grand convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers at Rochester, N. Y. Postmaster General Hitchcock, Governor Dix and the mayor of Rochester were among those who addressed the delegates.

A score of persons, after escaping injury in a wreck on the Long Island railway at Rockaway Beach were badly hurt in a punky scramble to get out of the wrecked car.

Two passengers, a tramp, and the conductor were killed, the fireman and conductor badly injured, and many passengers hurt by a collision between Erie and Pittsburgh passenger train No. 301, west-bound, and a freight at Docks Junction, Pa.

Alexander McLeod, professor of aviation at the Chicago School of Aviation took a fall of nearly 100 feet while instructing a class, and suffered a broken neck which the surgeons declare is almost certain to result in his death.

Rev. Hood Linn, who was convicted in the municipal court at Iola, Kansas, of immoral conduct, on charges brought by Mrs. Ella Ross, the woman whose husband's name he had on the streets, has decided to work on his \$50 fine on the municipal court plea.

A nation-wide strike of marble workers was announced by the officials of the International Marble Workers union in New York. The internationalists have decided to support the recently declared by the New York local union.

Seven men of Toledo, O., including several city officials, were drowned in the Maumee river, when the thirty-five foot launch Nemo, owned by Michael Mayer, was struck by the 500-foot freighter Phillip Munch.

Rodney J. Dingle, sergeant-at-arms of the last Ohio general assembly, is alleged to have confessed, revealing a bribery plot which involves many legislators. He also is said to have involved the lobbyists for many great corporations, saying that when efforts to bribe legislators failed, they forced submission by involving the members of the assembly in scandals, using women and vast amounts of liquor.

Nine persons were hurt, several seriously, at Edwardsville, Ill., when horses attached to a team which was in a parade became frightened at an aeroplane, ran away and dashed the vehicle against a telegraph pole.

Standing stanchly to his original story that a bearded highwayman shot his wife, pitilessly sacrificing the reputation of the British and discreetly ignoring utterly the story of his cousin Paul, Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., took the stand at Chesterfield Courthouse, Va., and played his part in the fight to save him from the electric chair.

Twelve persons, including eight Illinoisans, were slightly injured when two cars on east-bound Union Pacific passenger train No. 14 were damaged in a peculiar accident at Kersey, Col. The accident was caused by a mail sack, which was thrown from the train, striking a switchstand and breaking it.

The jury in the case of Paul Godel, the seventeen-year-old boy held charged with the murder of Dr. William H. Jackson in the Iroquois hotel, New York city, on July 26, returned a verdict of murder in the second degree.

Louis Keller, aged eighty, was sentenced to life imprisonment at Jansenville, Wis., for murdering Johanna Hilschke July 21. He shot the woman after a dispute over his attentions to her sixteen-year-old daughter.

Personal

Believing that he can make a livelihood better in commercial lines than in preaching the Gospel, Rev. Gerhart A. Wilson has resigned the pastorate of the First Congregational church, the wealthiest congregation in Swampscott, Mass., to go into the coal business.

Rev. J. J. Becker, recently of Allentown, Pa., died at his home at Springfield, Ohio, July 21. Mr. Becker was a graduate of Wittenberg Theological seminary and had held pastorates at Xenia, Ohio, Highland, Ind., and other places.

Nello Helmick, once the belle of Urbana, O., who was first prize in the national beauty contest held at the Chicago world's fair, died friendless in a New York hospital.

Former United States Senator Roger Q. Mills of Texas is dead at his home at Corsicana, Tex. Mr. Mills was born in Tolly, Kentucky, seventy-nine years ago.

Rev. S. Rice, a prominent Methodist clergyman at St. Louis, died at his home at St. Louis, Mo., July 21. He was a graduate of Wittenberg Theological seminary and had held pastorates at Xenia, Ohio, Highland, Ind., and other places.

Sporting

Before a crowd of 35,000 people, at Chicago, Frank Gotsch of Iowa successfully retained his title to the world's championship against George Heckenroth, the Hawaiian. Gotsch won the first fall in 14 minutes and 18 seconds with an inside leg hold and chancery. The 10th round was a fall in 5 minutes and 32 seconds with a toe hold, switched into a croch and half Nelson.

Attaining an altitude of 13,776 feet, Roland G. Garros, the marvelous monoplane operator, broke the world's record for the highest altitude, on August 20, Lincoln Beachy ascended 11,578 feet, the highest point attained before Garros's flight.

Foreign

Prince John Constantinoitch, son of Grand Duke Constantine Constantinoitch and Princess Helena, daughter of King Peter of Serbia, were married in the chapel of the big palace at Peterhof.

The governor of Zaranul penal settlement at Nerchinsk, Russia, was shot and killed by an unknown man. The assassin was arrested.

On behalf of the American people, Congressman Charles F. Brannan of St. Louis presented to Emperor William of Germany a statue of General von Steuben erected in Berlin.

General Zapata, commanding 1,100 rebels, was defeated by Frederico Madero, commanding 900 federals, at Chihuahua, in the state of Guerrero, Mexico. Fifty rebels were killed and 170 wounded. Fifteen federals were killed and 83 wounded.

Lieut. De Grally of the Eighth French cuirassiers, while making an aëroplane flight, Paris, was burned to death in mid-air. The disaster was caused by the explosion of the fuel tank, the burning fuel being scattered all over the machine.

RECENT ASSES OPEN FAIR

DETROIT MEN SEND WIRE TO WHITE HOUSE OUTLINING PROGRAM.

MAY SPEAK ON RECIPROCITY

Nation's Executive Has Been Asked to Attend the Opening of the Michigan Fair in Detroit September 18.

Lansing.—President Taft has been asked to open the Michigan state fair in Detroit—the opening of September 18, the first day of his visit to this state. Mayor Thompson, Milton McRae, president of the board of commerce, Secretary Stanley of the Bankers' club, and Congressman Smith of Pontiac were in conference at the Detroit club arranging a program for the president's visit. At the conclusion Mr. McRae sent a wire to the White House outlining the following schedule:

The presidential special will arrive in Detroit at 6:55 a. m., and will be met at the Michigan Grand station by the committee from the board of commerce. It is probable that there will be a dining car on the special for Mr. Taft and his party, but if there is not one will be attached here and at 7:05 the trip to Pontiac will begin. The local committee will accompany the president on the train, arriving in Pontiac at 8:30. A stay of an hour and a half will be made there.

On the return to Detroit, if the president is willing to visit the state fair, the special will stop there about 10:45. Thirty minutes have been allowed for an address at the fair grounds, and the run to the city will be finished about 12 o'clock.

At 12:30 the board of commerce luncheon will be held either at the Light Guard armory or at the Wayne Casino. There will be about 1,500 members of the board of commerce at the affair, and Gov. Chase S. Osborn, Senators Smith and Townsend and several of Michigan's congressmen are expected to present. In case the president intends to speak on reciprocity a number of prominent Canadian citizens from Windsor and vicinity will also be invited to attend. The luncheon and addresses will last until nearly 4:25, at which time the presidential party will leave for Bay City.

Faster Increase Shown in Cities.

Michigan urban population increased nearly eighteen times as rapidly as the rural population gained during the last decade, according to federal census statistics just made public. The percentage of the state's inhabitants classed as urban was 42.12 in 1910 compared with 23.39 in 1900. There were 35 counties in which the population living in rural territory decreased.

The population of the state classified as urban in 1910 is contained in 70 cities and nine villages. The total of the state consists of 357 cities and villages, of which 1,500 inhabitants and the unincorporated territory.

Over one-half of the state's increase was in cities of 100,000 inhabitants or more. The gain in such cities was 9.3 per cent. in 1910, 18.8 per cent. in 1900 and 20.5 per cent. in 1910. Detroit and Grand Rapids increased in population over three times as rapidly as the population of the state as a whole.

Michigan has 106 cities. Of the nine largest cities the highest increase in population of increase during the last decade, 194.2 per cent., and Saginaw the lowest, 19.3 per cent.

Wayne county, containing Detroit city, has the highest density, 857.4 persons per square mile, and Oscoda county the lowest, 3.8. Marquette county has the largest area (1,873 square miles), while Benzie county has the smallest land area (314 square miles) in the state.

The following table shows the population of Michigan at each federal census from 1810 to 1910 inclusive, and the increase during each decade, in comparison with the per cent. of increase for continental United States as a whole.

Table with 5 columns: Year, Population, Increase, Per cent., Per cent. of U. S. Increase. Rows for 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890, 1900, 1910.

Michigan Patents. William P. Airheart, Detroit, spring wheel; H. and J. H. Besser, Alpena, Michigan, machine for grinding; R. G. Cowley, machine for grinding; H. E. Coffin, Detroit, vehicle assembly stand; L. A. Corbett, Grand Rapids, tank valve; R. G. Anon, Flint, after; O. A. Eberhart, Grand Rapids, tank valve; R. G. Anon, Flint, after; O. A. Eberhart, Grand Rapids, tank valve; R. G. Anon, Flint, after; O. A. Eberhart, Grand Rapids, tank valve.

Caldwell Heads State Golfers.

In the sixth annual tournament of the Michigan State Golf league, which began at Grand Rapids, J. T. Wylie of the Saginaw Country club won the gold medal in the low quality championship flight with a score of 75. This equals the amateur record of the local links.

At the annual business session of the league the following officers were elected: President, A. B. Caldwell of Detroit; vice-president, John T. Duffy of Grand Rapids; secretary and treasurer, C. D. Bennett of Detroit. The next annual meeting will be held in Detroit on the Detroit Golf club's grounds.

During the year two clubs have been admitted to the league, Kalamazoo and the Elwood Hill club. The latter is near Pontiac, and is composed of Detroit golfers.

One of the features advanced at the annual session was the proposition to have public golf grounds in all municipalities, the same as the playground movement. The idea was launched by President Caldwell of Detroit and will probably take firm root throughout the state, as the league members are heartily in accord with it.

In the qualifying rounds the results were as follows: William Alder Smith, Jr., of Kent defeated Wylie Caldwell of Detroit; T. S. Stanley of the Highlands defeated Tom McBride of Kent; W. J. Penton of Grand Rapids defeated R. Jackson, Jr., of Detroit; Phil Strahan of Grand Rapids won over George B. Morley of Saginaw; Howard Lee, the state champion of Detroit, won over W. N. Miller of the Highlands; J. J. D. Standish, Jr., of Detroit won from Frank Smith of Ann Arbor; Bertram Smith of Saginaw defeated J. T. McMillan of the Detroit Country club.

Value of State Over Half Billion. Apparently the poverty piles of the various counties whose representatives appeared before the state board of equalization recently had little effect on that body, as the equalized value of the whole state has been lifted from \$737,100,000 to \$2,290,000,000, an increase of \$1,552,900,000, since the last meeting of the board in 1906.

However, this increase is \$675,553,822 less than the value placed on the state by the tax commission in its report filed with the board. It was the contention of the practically every representative that the board of equalization should not follow the dictates of the tax commission in this regard, as it was the unanimous opinion of every one interested in tax matters that the tax commission had gone slightly beyond the limit.

That the board of equalization reduced the values as placed by the tax commission is no surprise to those who have followed closely the progress of the state's equalization. In 1906 the state board of equalization placed a valuation of \$356,000,000 on Wayne county, but the total has increased to \$1,737,100,000, this year, an addition of \$1,381,100,000. In its returns to the auditor general, the board of supervisors placed the valuation of Wayne county at \$149,000,000, but after reviewing the report of the Wayne county board the state tax commission tilted the amount to \$1,737,100,000.

Therefore the present equalization of the richest county in the state is \$1,410,611 more than the supervisors would have placed, and \$1,285,611 more than the valuation of the state tax commission.

County Ought Be Good Reads Unit. Philip T. Colgrove, president of the Michigan State Good Roads association, gave the opening address of the annual convention to several hundred members who gathered in Representative.

"Just as long as we remain under the township system and continue the patch-work road business," he said, "we will come to stand the people's money and accomplish but little, if anything, if the time ever comes when we are to have permanent roads built by competent men to benefit the whole people, the sooner we adopt the county system the better."

The appropriations made by the legislature are collected from the taxable property of the whole state. Every county pays its share according to its assessed valuation. In six years the state has paid out over \$600,000 in award money. Is there any county that pays its share according to its assessed valuation?

Over 1,000 motor car owners are members of the association. Motor car manufacturers of the state have placed \$1,150 at the disposal of the association. President Colgrove recommends that a paid representative be selected in each county in Michigan to push the good roads movement.

Makes \$80,000 Selling Tax Lands. Selling tax lands seems to have been a pretty profitable business for the state according to a report showing that for the lands sold in the last 11 years the state secured \$80,000 more than the taxes assessed against the land. Under the law which authorizes the auditor general to deed to the land commissioner for sale, all delinquent tax lands which have been held for five years, the state has secured \$1,888,686.17 from the sale of such lands during the past 11 years.

The taxes originally assessed against these lands amounted to \$1,805,994.27. After the sales of each delinquent the state remains at the county wherein the land is located and taxed, the amount due it under the taxes assessed, so that the counties have received from the sale of these lands the sum of \$1,488,686.17, leaving a balance of \$379,717.59 for the state as its share in the deal.

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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.

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