

Current Events Related in Paragraphs

Washington

Col. Martin Michel Mulhall began before the senate lobby investigation committee at Washington his recital of the legislative activities of the National Association of Manufacturers. The story tells of a public-hearing and duplicity. Mulhall had not proceeded far enough in his tale to bring in the more drastic reductions than the original bill contained when adopted by the house of representatives.

At the request of Secretary Bryan, Secretary Garrison ordered Col. Edwin P. Brewer of the Fourteenth cavalry, Fort McIntosh, Tex., to demand the release of five Americans, together with the 350 cattle and 50 horses, held by Mexican revolutionists at Hidalgo, Mex.

All the "wars" that have been fought between labor and capital, all the efforts that have been made to obtain legislation which would profit them, and the tangled skein woven about their relations in the last decade are to be investigated by the senate. The senate lobby committee decided that the "wars" must be inquired into. Samuel Gompers will appear before the committee on July 25, and others will follow.

An investigation by the interstate commerce commission of the financial operations of New York Central lines was proposed in a resolution adopted by the senate at Washington. This action was taken without debate, when the resolution was introduced by Senator Norris of Nebraska.

The government crop report for July indicates bountiful crops of all the cereals, but the total production this year will be far below the grand total for last year, when the harvest was placed at \$29,000,000 bushels, compared with \$581,000,000 bushels a year ago.

David Lamar resumed the stand before the senate lobby committee at Washington at his taking up the recital of the motives back of his relations with Lauterbach. "I realize perfectly that my life and character are on trial," he began. He argued that his testimony and Lauterbach's had shown they were not engaged in any effort to get money from anyone.

Attorneys for Harry K. Thaw petitioned the supreme court at St. Paul to require the fidelity Title and Trust company, trustee for Thaw under the will of his father, to pay Harry \$50,000. The petition asserted that in the last five years Thaw has not been paid his share out of the income of the estate.

The twelfth international convention of the Baptist Young People opened in Brooklyn, N. Y., with a large attendance of delegates from the United States and Canada.

More than 20,000 persons assembled in Los Angeles to attend the annual convention of the International Christian Endeavor convention.

Appointment of a receiver for the Kentucky Refining company, a \$600,000 corporation located in Louisville, is asked in a petition filed in the United States district court at Fort Georgia, which set forth that in the aggregate they hold 236 shares of first preferred stock, are the complainants. Insolvency and speculation from the company's earnings are alleged.

Chen L. Martin saved his life and that of his passenger, Charles E. Butler, by a miraculous voyage to the surface of Lake Michigan from a height of 700 feet, near Muskegon, Mich.

The Italian consulate at New York advised that two agents of the Italian government have left for this country under the name of Porter Charlton and King back to Italy to stand trial there for the murder of his wife on their honeymoon at Lake Como, June 7, 1910.

Michael J. Young, Boston, Mass., and Charles Washmeister, Detroit, Mich., two of the alleged slayers of the received at the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kas., January 1, were released, their supererogatory bonds having been approved.

Katherine Burns, seventeen years old, who swallowed bichloride of mercury in a suicide pact with her father, her seventeen-year-old chum, two weeks ago, at Pittsburgh, following a confession involving two policemen, died.

There has been no settlement of the street car strike in Louisville, Ky., and excitement increases. Reports that all interurban lines are to be held up, that strikes and amputation of the cars, the company's barn, that Mayor Cassidy will take charge of the cars in the event of a general strike.

The wreck on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad on June 12 at Stamford, Conn., when six passengers were killed and 100 injured, was due to the negligence of the management of the railroad in putting in charge of train No. 5 an inexperienced and untrained engineer in this class of work, according to the report of Interstate Commerce Commissioner McChord.

The battleship Idaho attained the highest final merit in gunnery of the 21 vessels competing in the world's class during the last year and has been awarded the gunnery trophy.

Foreign

The Serbian commander, when he entered Belgrade, was informed that the Bulgarians arrested a bishop, two priests and more than one hundred Greek notables and herded them in the yard of the Bulgarian school, where they were mercilessly butchered by order of a Bulgarian officer.

A terrific storm is raging throughout Italy, and in many places the country has been devastated and the crops destroyed. It is accompanied by remarkably cold weather for the time of year, the temperature in Rome at noon falling below 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Such weather in the middle of July has not been recorded in Italy since the year 1312.

The report of a pistol fired from the strata in a gallery in a house of commons in London, caused a panic among the members. Simultaneously with the report pamphlets "rained" down. They bore the printed words: "Votes for women."

Mr. Humphreys Mackworth, the richest militant suffragette in England, was tried and found guilty of smashing letter boxes for the "causa" in London and was fined \$100.

The king of Roumania has declared war on Bulgaria. The Roumanian minister at Sofia has notified the Roumanian troops have crossed the Bulgarian frontier.

The most serious outrage of the many deeds of violence committed by militant suffragettes occurred when a bomb which had been mailed to William Redmond, M. P., exploded in Dublin postoffice. Eleven clerks were seriously hurt.

A sensation was created at Rome, Italy, by the suicide of the engineer, Giannina, who was a witness in the notorious graft disclosures in connection with the construction of the palace of justice, which cost millions more than the estimate.

The Fiasco of Paris, France, published in the official statistics of the Secra Rosa has reversed the refusal of the court of first instance to nullify Comte Boni de Castellane's marriage with Miss Anna Gould, now the Duchess de Tallrand. The decision will permit Boni Castellane to marry again.

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LETTERS TO THE STATE CAPITAL

EMPLOYES OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT BOARD MUST WAIT FOR PAY.

SUPREME COURT RULES ON THE DISPUTED POINT.

State Tax Commission Will Change Plan of Handling Work and Will Give Personal Attention to All Complaints.

[By Gurd M. Hayes.]
As the result of an opinion rendered by the supreme court, the commissioners and employes of the industrial accident board will have to wait until the next legislative convenes before they will be able to draw any pay for the services they rendered the state during the month of June, as the court refused to grant Commissioners Kinnane, Kennedy and McKee a writ of mandamus to compel Auditor General Fuller to deduct from last year's appropriation the money the accident board paid for rent and office fixtures.

The court complied with the demand for a writ of mandamus and Auditor General Fuller had been required to refund to the commission the money it paid for rent and office fixtures. The appropriation of \$25,000 which was authorized by the special session in 1912, would have been sufficient to have paid all expenses until the new appropriation was available July 1.

It was the contention of the industrial accident board that the legislative did not intend that the printing bills, rent and other expenses of the offices should be paid from the \$25,000 appropriation. "Such a construction, is, in our opinion, clearly unwarranted," says the court. The relation's office amounts to \$12,000 per annum, which they have expended for furniture some \$3,000 and that the cost of stationery and printing is about \$2,500 per annum. It is scarcely conceivable that the legislature intended to add to the sum specifically provided this additional amount—an amount more than 25 per cent in excess of the appropriation itself.

The court then points out that the board knew as early as September, 1912, when the act went into effect that it would be unable to pay expenses until July 1, 1913, and call within the appropriation, and keeps the attention of the commissioners to the fact that although the legislature was in session more than three months this year they made no attempt to secure a deficiency appropriation, which they might easily have done.

In his opinion the commission is of the opinion that the court's interpretation placed by the state by Attorney General Fellows and former Attorney General Wykes.

During the next few months a complete revision of the system of operating the state tax commission will go into effect and Commissioner Barnes and Carney believe that, by paying more individual attention to the work of the employes better results will be obtained for the people of the state of Michigan.

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CROP CONDITIONS IN WESTERN CANADA

ARE THE MOST PROMISING FOR MANY YEARS.

The deepest interest is attached to the condition of the grain crops in Western Canada, especially among the thousands in the United States who are financially interested in lands in that country. This interest is fully as great among those who have friends there following farming and the growing of grain.

The reports from Canadian government officials convey the information that the area under crop this year in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, will probably be as great as that of last year. Last fall the weather was such that there was not as much fall plowing as had been hoped for. The getting ready of land this spring made a considerable portion of the grain late in seeding.

Notwithstanding this, wheat, oats, barley and flax were got in in good shape, although from a week to ten days later than last year. On the 27th of June, in a report regarding crop conditions generally in Western Canada were: "Abundant sunshine with timely and copious rain throughout Western Canada gives every assurance of generous harvest. Climatic conditions in recent weeks have been absolutely ideal. Western correspondents agree in predicting every indication of a bumper crop under favorable conditions. Wheat should be headed out in Manitoba between July 10th and 12th, and in Saskatchewan and Alberta from 15th to 17th. The oat crop is looking well, although late and rather short in straw."

This is followed by report July 5th: "Crop conditions continue in same satisfactory condition as last week. Pleasant rains have fallen all over prairie provinces, followed by general, warm and splendid growing weather. Experts agree sufficient moisture for many weeks, while crop is ten to fifteen days late, prospects are extremely favorable and conditional upon reasonable weather for throughout Western Canada in 1913. Advertisement.

WOULD ASK FOR EXPLANATION

Not Ward to Imagine Uncomfortable Few Minutes for Chauffeur, the Victim of Joke.

A practical joke was played the other day in Washington. A man who has something of a reputation as a wag was the writer's companion, and we were making a reasonable start. They drew up, were three or four motor cars, among them a limousine with the chauffeur fast asleep. Evidently the mistress was inside the store.

Without a word the wag stole quickly up, and opening the motor car door carelessly, started it shut. In the moment the chauffeur straightened up. Then he stole a look over his shoulder and saw the wag standing, but in hand, apparently talking to some one inside the car.

"Thank you, yes, good-day," said the wag, and bowed himself gracefully away from the motor car as he went to look at the chauffeur and say "Home!"

"Yes, sir," honk honk! and off went the car. "Home!"

Where that "home" was, who the mistress of the carriage was, or what she did when she came out of the store, or what the chauffeur did when he stepped at the door of "home" and found the limousine empty, all that only the chauffeur and the lady know. —The Pathfinder.

ONE FATHER HAD OVERLOOKED

Small Girl Will Long Have Suspicion That Her Beloved Daddy Was Shirking Work.

"Father," said little Ruth, appealingly, "why don't you stay at home to work as other little girls' fathers do?" Father, who as the business manager of a great corporation, has to travel a good deal, was somewhat surprised at his little daughter. "I'd love to, Ruth," he answered, "but you see I have to earn a lot of money to take care of my little girl and her mother, and I can't get enough work to do here at home."

"Father," cried Ruth, reprovingly, "I don't believe you've ever tried hard enough! Why, I have seen a sign out, 'Man Wanted, lots and lots of work to do. One man over from our grocer's store this very morning.'" —Youth's Companion.

Domestic Breadmaking. With a fear of scarcity of bread through shortage of flour, one recalls Cobbett's view of the woman in the house who overtook her materials still lacked a loaf. "As to the art of making bread," he wrote, "it would be shocking indeed if that had to be taught by the means of a book. Every woman, high or low, ought to know how to make bread; if she do not she is a mere burden on the community. It is not so much to be thought that leaves made by the baker are things of their pure creation—things, too, in which no one else can participate. It is not so much to be thought that Cobbett's words, however, failed to touch the kitchen, for the "enormous evil" still exists!

Not a Warning. "I see Bill has fitted his car with a new lamp."

"Yes, Good looking, too."—Harvard Lampoon.

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