

# Summary of Most Important News Events

## Washington

President Wilson expressed himself freely on business conditions. He told his callers at the White House in Washington he does not believe there is any depression in general business in the United States, but that whatever depression exists radiates from railroad officials and related industries, including the steel business, and that the ordinary buying and selling of the nation has not been affected.

Without a dissenting vote the 207 members of the house present at Washington wrote into the Clayton anti-trust bill provision exempting labor and farmer organizations from prosecution under the Sherman law or other trust litigations as conspiracies in restraint of trade.

Secretary of the Interior Lane in a report to the house, and senate committee on territories strongly recommended the affairs of Alaska be put in the hands of a developing board of three members.

Secretary Bryan of Washington instructed Minister McMillin at Lima, Peru, to recognize the government of Oscar Benavides. In February this government recognized the provisional government.

The president at Washington was requested to limit his trust program at the present session of congress to the passage of the trade commission bill by a delegation from the Illinois Manufacturers' association, the Ohio Manufacturers' association and the National Vehicle and Implement Association of Manufacturers. President Wilson refused the request of his visitors, but said he was in sympathy with their purposes.

## Domestic

Detective Abel, after a tilt with Prosecutor Meyers at Newcastle, Ind., withdrew from the Winters' case, declaring he was through unless a special prosecutor was appointed to handle the evidence, which he declared warranted the filing of murder charges against Mrs. Winters and Cooper. In Chicago, along with Winters, Winters, were arrested and released.

Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa has been reappointed by the Republicans. S. H. Basler in leading the progressives for the senate, Congressman Maurice Connolly of Dubuque won the Democratic senatorial nomination. Gov. George W. Clark, Republican, has been reappointed. John T. Hamilton of Cedar Rapids, Democrat, was nominated for governor. George White, the Progressive nominee for governor, had no opposition.

A withdrawal order by which William H. Tait, while president of the United States, was exempted from entry government lands in California variously estimated in value at two hundred and fifty million to one billion dollars, was declared invalid in a decision of Judge Maurice T. Dooling of the United States district court of San Francisco.

J. R. Biggar, for many years foreign manager of the United States Express company, who has been absent closing up his foreign business of the company, returned to New York on the Carnarvon. He said that by June 30 all of the European offices of the company had been closed, and declared that eventually the parcel post business of all of the express companies out of business.

Receipt of a telegram at Newcastle, Ind., from Flaxley, O., aroused hope that Catherine Winters, who has been missing since March 29, 1913, has been found and there was a shadow of uncertainty over the proceedings against her father and stepmother, who were arrested Saturday in connection with her disappearance.

A severe wind and electrical storm, resembling a cyclone, hit Milwaukee and western suburbs and blew down a score of buildings in West Allis and Wauwatosa, demolishing fences, barns and other buildings on the state fair grounds, crippled delayed interurban traffic. The damage may run to \$500,000.

Forty-five days at hard labor in prison was the maximum of a sentence imposed by Judge Marth in Newark, N. J., on Charles Wolfinger, seventeen, whose record, according to the judge, "shows there is no room for maudlin sympathy in his case."

Dr. Joseph Kyle, president of Xenia Theological seminary, Xenia, O., was chosen moderator of the United Presbyterian general assembly, which convened at Newcastle, Pa., succeeding President R. M. Russell of Westminster college.

All of the 34 defendants in the "granite" cases, who were now in New York, were given until June 15 to have their lawyers to begin their prison sentences in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

Miss Glavin, the sixteen-year-old bride for the marriage of her brother, Jean Glavin, was acquitted at Herkimer, N. D., on the grounds of insanity. The jury was deadlocked nearly twenty-four hours.

The general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church, held at Kansas City, Mo., as discouraging the use of tobacco by ministers, candidates for the ministry and Sabbath school teachers.

Job R. De Stalder has resigned as United States minister to Uruguay.

Negotiations between western railroad and their locomotive engineers and firemen for new wage schedules were broken off at Chicago. Employers and employees conceded that unless something is accomplished in a few days, attempts to adjust their differences amicably were useless.

Theodore Roosevelt as president was ready to take measures equivalent to action in time of war," to end the great strike in the anthracite mines in 1902. Mr. Roosevelt to meet in New York City in the suit of Alexander T. Wales against John P. White, president of the United Mine Workers of America, for fees he alleges are due him.

Rene Thomas, driving for France and Delage against a field of the premier class and fastest of five national cars, created a new record at the Indianapolis speedway to win the international championship. His elapsed time was 6 hours 3 minutes 45 and 59-100 seconds.

Ex-Lieut. Charles Becker was sentenced to death by Justice Scales in the criminal branch of the supreme court at New York for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, who was shot to death on July 19, 1912. The execution was set by the court to take place in the week beginning July 6.

## Mexican War

A deadlock has been reached in the Mexican mediation conferences being held at Niagara Falls, Ont. This was admitted by Justice Joseph K. Lamar, one of the American delegates. The deadlock is said to have been caused by the resistance of the Huerta delegates and the A.-C. mediators to the admission of a representative of General Carranza to the conferences without the constitutionalist chief having agreed to an armistice.

The German steamers Bavaria and Ypiranga, which landed big cargoes of arms and munitions consigned to General Huerta at Puerto Mexico, were allowed to leave Vera Cruz after 1212 American authorities had imposed fines aggregating \$200,000.

The Mexican peace agreement proposed by the U. S. mediators does not prevent either General Huerta or General Carranza, the constitutionalist leader, from being a candidate for president at the next election. In the pact, it was learned at Washington.

It is understood at Washington that a representative of the constitutionalists, whose name is not disclosed, is on his way to Niagara Falls. It is believed his presence will have an important bearing on the last days of the peace conference.

The arms landed from the Hamburg-American liner Ypiranga were purchased in the United States, according to authoritative information received at Vera Cruz. They were shipped from New York consigned to Odessa, whence they were sent to Hamburg, placed on the Ypiranga and brought to Mexico.

Mexicans arriving at Vera Cruz from Mexico City reported that Jose Maria Lozano, former cabinet minister, and Querido Mobeau, formerly foreign minister, were not supposed to be holding the portfolio of commerce and industries, but are missing. Some circles in the capital credit rumors that the two ministers have been shot to death.

## Foreign

The collier Stordstad, which caused the sinking of the liner Empress of Ireland in the St. Lawrence river and cost 900 lives, was seized by admiralty court officers when it docked at Montreal. The seizure was made on behalf of the Canadian government, on a writ claiming \$2,000,000 damages. The master of the Stordstad denies the charge that he was responsible for the disaster.

Rimouski, Que., having done all that was possible for the living victims of the Empress of Ireland, is now relieving the dead. More than thirty bodies recovered from the St. Lawrence river have been brought to Rimouski. The bodies of the Lady Evelyn lived Rimouski with about three hundred bodies.

The most severe earthquake ever recorded on Australian seismographs was registered at the Riverview government observatory at Sydney, N. S. W., on the morning of the 22nd. The disturbance is believed to have occurred in the neighborhood of Friendly Islands in the South Pacific.

## Personal

Seven persons were dead and many homeless in different parts of Texas as a result of floods.

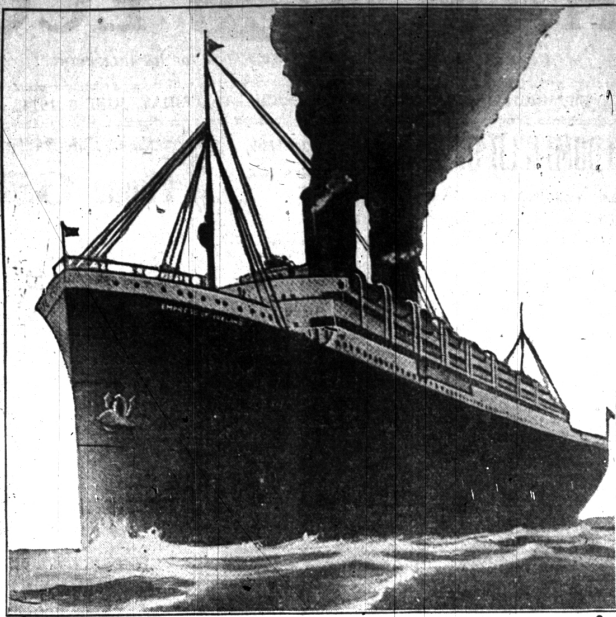
John N. Anhalt, the former Michigan attorney, convicted of offering a bribe to the United States marshal at St. Louis for the release of Harry K. Thaw, must serve his sentence in Sing Sing, according to the unanimous opinion of the appellate division at New York.

Harry Bunkstrom, an aeronaut, plunged 2,000 feet to death while attempting to balloon across the Atlantic, was rescued at Elitch's gardens, a Denver amusement park.

Sir Frederick Bird Black of Franklin, Pa., was nominated for warden of the grand commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

Word was received in St. Louis that Mrs. R. C. Keryns, wife of the former ambassador of the United States to Austria, died in Philadelphia.

# LOST OCEAN LINER EMPRESS OF IRELAND



## 069 PERICH IN SEA DISASTER

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Rimouski, Que., May 31.—Nine hundred and sixty-nine persons lost their lives Friday morning when the great Canadian Pacific twin screw liner Empress of Ireland was rammed amidships in a thick fog off Father Point in the St. Lawrence and sunk by the Norwegian collier Stordstad.

Four hundred and eighteen survivors were picked up from floating wreckage and two lifeboats.

Only 12 of the saved are women. Gathered piecemeal from survivors the horror of the time she was sinking was told.

Waters Quickly Engulf Ship.

The doomed ones had little time even to pray. They were engulfed by the onrushing waters that swallowed the big ship inside of nineteen minutes from the time she struck.

The wireless operators on the Empress, sticking to their posts to the last, had time only to send a few "S. O. S." calls for help when the riting wreckage and two lifeboats.

Survivors Tell of Fog.

It was foggy, according to survivors when the Empress of Ireland, a steel-hulled, steel-bulkheaded ship of more than eight thousand tons, left Montreal at 4:30 Thursday afternoon in command of H. G. Kendall of the Royal Naval Reserve, one of the most skilled of transatlantic navigators.

Out of the darkness, on the port side, soon after 2:30 in the morning there loomed the little Norwegian collier, not half the size of the Empress, but fated to be her destroyer.

Strikes Ship Amidships.

The steel-pointed prow of the Stordstad struck the liner amidships and then forged aft, ripping and tearing its way through the Empress of Ireland.

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that rent the water poured with the force of Niagara.

Reaching the stern of the big liner, the Stordstad staggered off in the darkness, her bow crumpled by the impact.

Carried to Bottom.

The Empress of Ireland recoiled almost on her starboard beam ended from the blow of the collier and passengers were flung from their berths against the walls of their staterooms.

Darkness Is Intense.

"On deck officers of the ship, partially dressed, were rushing about urging passengers to be calm. Sailors under orders were trying to launch the lifeboats.

Swarm to Deck.

Up they swarmed on deck in their night clothing to find the ship heeling away to port and the deck slanting at a degree that made it almost impossible to stand even clinging to railings.

Death Nemesis on Sea.

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"The collier, being only 200 feet long, did not reach up to the upper or topmost deck of our hull. Her bow cut under the upper deck and took a peeling of the side of our ship that allowed the water to rush into the lower decks. Then the liner heeled over, and even those in the superstructure deck rooms had no chance to save themselves. Hundreds of them must have been dumped out of their berths and slammed against the walls with stunning force."

Kendall Blames Collier.

"We then proceeded full speed," continued Capt. Kendall. After passing the point of collision I sighted the steamer Stordstad. She was on a starboard bow. At that time I saw a large section missing with fragments of the land and knew it was going to pass between the Stordstad and myself. The Stordstad was about two miles away at the time.

Blows Whistle as Warning.

"Then the fog came and the Stordstad's lights disappeared. I rang full speed astern on my engines and stopped my ship.

Lights Appear From Gloom.

"It was still foggy. About two minutes later the lights of the Stordstad and green lights. He would then be about one mile's length away from me. I thought to him through the megaphone to go full speed astern, and saw that the collision was inevitable; at the same time I put my engine full speed ahead with my helm hard astar, with the object of clearing the collision. The shock of the most at the same time he came right in and cut the Empress down in a line between the funnels.

Should Have Heard Call.

"What was the cause of the collision?" asked the coroner.

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MICHIGAN NEWS IN BRIEF

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# PEACE READY TO

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### WHEN PEACE IS RESTORED

Dictator Has Instructed His Representatives That He Will Not Stand in the Way of Any Settlement of Mexican Troubles.

Niagara Falls, Ont.—Gen. Huerta is preparing to resign. He Tuesday authorized his representatives at the mediation conference to announce to the world that "neither pride nor personal interest" would prevent his withdrawal when once Mexico is "politically pacified," and the events transpiring in this connection constituted that it can come to the support of public opinion in Mexico.

The Mexican delegates in their formal statement revealed that they had been instructed from the dictator to inform the mediators that Gen. Huerta's personality would not be an obstacle toward reaching a peaceful settlement. They stated in unequivocal terms that the infernal situation in Mexico was "necessarily bound up with the international questions," and that the world had acted them in coming to the mediation conference.

## RULING OF BOARD REVERSED

Supreme Court Finds That Accident Board Erred in P. M. Case.

Lansing, Mich.—The supreme court Monday decided against the industrial accident board in the case of Philip Limon v. the Pere Marquette railroad. Limon, while employed by the road, suffered the loss of a foot and was injured in other ways. The industrial accident board decided that the road should pay him one-half his weekly wage during the time of his disability caused by injuries other than the loss of a foot and one-half his weekly wage for 115 weeks for the loss of the foot.

The supreme court says that the ruling of the industrial accident board is erroneous and ordered that it be set aside and vacated. The court further says that the workmen's compensation law in terms of disability and that the road shall pay for either one injury or the other and not for both.

M. A. C. Draws All Its Funds.

Lansing, Mich.—The M. A. C. withdrew all funds due from the state treasury Tuesday, amounting of \$48,023. This action was taken in line with the recent decision of the supreme court, which gave the college the right to funds to its credit in the state treasury.

This amount, however, will have to tide the college over until July 1, when \$50,000 of federal funds become available, and the regular appropriation at the rate of the one-tenth mill tax.

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