

SUMMARY OF A WEEK'S EVENTS

Latest News of Interest
Boiled Down for the
Busy Man.

PERSONAL.

Vice-President Edward Van Wyck
Roussier of the New York Central
lines died at his home in Flushing, L. I., of a complication of diabetes, after an illness of several months.

The flight of Beatrice Aytha Baldwin Turnbull for a two-thirds share in the \$11,000,000 estate of the late J. J. Baldwin began before Judge Lyles and a jury in the superior court at Los Angeles, Cal.

Robert Charles Hanson of East Windsor, Conn., has been named as the head of the Christian Science church, claiming that Mrs. Eddy had commissioned him on August 13, 1890, as her successor.

Secretary of War Dickinson in his annual report to congress recommends that the government add to its aeronautical equipment. He hints that the United States is far behind other nations in providing airplanes for the use of its army.

Michael Fogarty, a housekeeper, is dead at Newburg, N. Y., as the result, the doctors say, of fright and nervous shock. He was held up at the point of recovery a few nights ago by two negroes.

Some of the most powerful families in Germany are sharing with apprehension lest Signora Maria Tarasconi, a dancer, be not prevented from publishing her memoirs. She threatens to expose incidents in the private lives of members of one of Germany's reigning families.

The victory of Manchuria has sent a memorial to Peking urging that the three provinces be thrown open to all nations. The purpose is to offset Japanese and Russian activity in Manchuria by the influx from other countries.

Mrs. Theodore P. Shonts, wife of the president of the Interborough Railway of New York city, who arrived aboard the liner Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, omitted to mention in her declaration that she had \$20,000 worth of new jewelry with her. This oversight caused the customs inspector to have the jewels sent to the appraiser's stores, where they will be held pending an investigation.

Kyrle Helke, the actor, is making plans with Charles Frohman and a steamship company in London to charter a steamship and make a tour around the world with a dramatic company.

GENERAL NEWS.

Conductors of the Boston "L" system will receive presents in token of appreciation. The presents will be given by the company to all the car boys giving instruction on how to breathe, how to twist the tongue and how to hold the mouth.

An unusual gift to Williams college has been announced. A fund of \$10,000 has been deposited with the college officials, the income of which is to be used to improve the quality of the dairy products served to the students.

President Taft sent to the senate the nomination of Associate Justice Edward Douglas White to be chief justice of the United States Supreme court and the senate immediately confirmed it. The president also sent to the following nominations: To be associate justices of the United States Supreme court, Judge Willis Van Devanter of Wyoming and Judge Joseph McKenna of Georgia.

Mrs. F. A. Hastings, seventy-six years old, a widow of Milwaukee, Wis., was hurried to death in her room in the Hotel Bristol, New York. She set fire to her clothing in attempting to light a candle.

The subcommittee of the senate which has been investigating the charges of bribery in connection with the election of Senator William Lorimer of Illinois has decided unanimously that the testimony does not prove any of the charges made. Following this action the subcommittee's report will be prepared for the full committee at once, and will be reported to the senate within a short time.

Reduction of the postal deficit from \$17,500,000 a year ago to \$5,488,568 was shown in the annual report by Postmaster General Hitchcock. There are heavy droughts in northern Portugal. The Souza river, normally a small stream, is a raging torrent 30 feet deep.

The United States closes another year in second place among the world's naval powers. The great navy building race between Germany and Great Britain has not yet brought the former country old ships and the United States in the number of battleships ahead.

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STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Grand Rapids—J. T. McPherson swallowed arsenic when he got mad at his wife. She tried his mouth open with a stove poker, poured liquid soap down his throat and he fainted.

A physician, who was called to save the man's life with a stomach pump and when the woman came to she refused to pay the bill on the ground that she poured the soap.

Grand Rapids—Abraham, 56, brought his six hungry children before health officer and asked to have them cared for. A year-old baby died of starvation on the way to a hospital.

The officers will recover, Shinto left to be recovered, for several days his family was in great need.

Saginaw—George Henderson, 18, was sentenced in the circuit court Monday to serve in the penitentiary for five years, with a recommendation of three years, in the Detroit house of correction for housebreaking.

Muskegon—Mrs. Ralph Pease, wife of one alleged slayer and Jacob Halper of Toledo stated that she will go on the stand and testify concerning her relations with the dead man.

Alma—While at work putting up a storm door in the firm of Linne, C. H. Barnes dropped dead. Mr. Barnes had been in ill health for some time, but engaged at his trade as a painter and carpenter. He lived in this city for years. He was fifty-eight years old and leaves a widow.

Ann Arbor—Gaylord Harris, said to be the wealthiest citizen of Saline, is dead, following three strokes of paralysis, the first one occurring several months ago. He was twice reported dead several weeks ago. He leaves the widow and a sister, Miss Minnie Harris, of Detroit.

Owosso—All the closed cars on the Owosso-Corunna electric line are in the repair shop, and an open car is being run through the snow drifts between the two places.

Jackson—Prison guards claim to have prevented a delivery by firing the bars in one cell block in a jail saved in two. All the convicts in that part of the prison are serving "good terms."

Little Creek—Frank Ulrich received a broken leg when a heavy casting fell on him. The next day his brother, Herman, fell off a ladder and had several ribs broken. Both are in the same hospital. They will recover.

Monmouth—"Th" brick mill built by two large dry kilns slatted, ice houses and tons of improved hives were destroyed by fire which swept the place of the Leisner family, the burning of which. The loss is estimated at \$50,000 with \$45,000 insurance.

Corunna—Because he was told that attorneys have charged divorcees exorbitant fees, Judge Stinner has announced that hereafter he will arbitrarily fix the amount which attorneys may charge in every divorce case that comes before him.

Port Huron—Miss Louisa Ditt, 40, of Braden has commenced suit for \$4,000 damages against Arthur Palmer, John Meier and Jesse Burger, Capital Hill farmers, alleging that her son became drunk in their saloons and was killed by a Great Trunk train and was killed.

Grand Rapids—Lottie Grykowsky, a kitchen girl in a local hotel, lies in a hospital in a dying condition, and Fred Cook, another employee of the hotel, is in jail charged with attempting to perform a criminal operation. The girl is unconscious and unable to make a statement.

Marshall—Roy Davenport, thirty-one, was sentenced to serve from one to fifteen years in Marquette prison for committing a crime against a girl, Minnie and Bertha Hackenberg, his sisters-in-law, are under arrest charged with perjury in connection with the case.

Marshall—Word has been received here of the marriage of Louis A. Bryan of Gary, Ind., and Miss Ethel Thayer of Chicago, ages fifty and twenty-two, respectively. The wedding occurred at the home of the bride, 2553 Washington boulevard, Chicago. The bride's father is an automobile dealer, and the wedding was the occasion of a reception given by the in-laws when the present Mr. Bryan nursed Bryan's former wife. Mr. Bryan is a former resident of Homer, 14 miles northeast of Marshall. He is a wealthy builder.

Ann Arbor—Since college opened this fall, there have been 65 lockers in Western gymnasium looted, and several hundred dollars' worth of considerable money taken from students.

Marshall—Edward Rapp, aged forty, is dead of typhoid fever at his home in Clarendon. He leaves an invalid wife.

Saginaw—Edward Bremer, a Pea Marguette shop hand, was caught between two cars and badly crushed. He may die.

St. Joseph—Judge Collidge has issued an order to all county officers to suppress gambling in their respective districts, and to put all gambling devices out of business.

Akron—Citizens of this village have resolved to incorporate and organize a village government. Thirty-two voted in Akron township and 21 in Fairview township, the parts of which will comprise the village boundaries. Out of the voters were 100 members of the village and 100 against. Five prominent citizens were elected as commissioners to prepare a charter just like the commission form of government, an idea which was not effected in this community with a voting strength of 100 citizens.

Gladwin—Mrs. C. H. Johnson of Hay township died from smallpox.

THRESHING RETURNS FROM WESTERN CANADA.

They Reveal Larger Averages of Wheat and Oats Than Anticipated.

The returns from the grain fields of Western Canada as revealed by the work of the threshers, show much larger yields than were expected as the crop was ripening. It is a little early yet to give an estimate of the crop as a whole, but individual yields collected from various points throughout Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta show that the farmers there as a whole have had reason to be thankful over the results. Excellent yields are reported from many portions of Manitoba and a large district of Saskatchewan has turned out well, while the central portion of Alberta is splendid. There will be shown at the land exposition at St. Louis a sample of the Marquette wheat—a new variety and one that appears to be well adapted to the soil and climate of Western Canada—that yielded 63 bushels to the acre. This yield and amount will be supported by affidavits from the growers. This wheat weighs well, and being a hard variety will find a ready market at the highest prices obtainable for a first-class article. It is interesting to point out that a yield of one hundred acres of this wheat would give its producers 6,300 bushels. Sold at 85 cents a bushel would give him \$5,355 an acre. Counting all the cost of interest at 12 per cent, an acre, getting the land ready for crop, seed, sowing, harvesting and marketing, the entire cost of production would not exceed \$8 an acre, leaving the handsome net profit of \$7 an acre. Is there any crop that would yield a better return than this, with the same labor and initial expense? Cotton fields will not do it, apple orchards with their great expense of cultivation and the risk to run from the various enemies of the fruit cannot begin to do it. While what is considered an exceptional case just now is presented, there is no doubt that this man's experience may be duplicated by others who care to follow his example. As has been said the growing of this wheat is but in its infancy, and wheat growing is still largely confined to other older varieties that do not yield as abundantly. Even where we have records before us of farmers who have grown 40, bushels to the acre, 35, 30, 25, and others again 25 bushels. Taking even 20 bushels, if some farmers report that amount, it is found that the returns from such a yield would be \$17 an acre. This wheat will cost to get to market, including all expenses, about \$5 an acre, and the farmer will still have a profit of about \$12 an acre. Certainly the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba are progressing, settlement is increasing and there is a general confidence all over the country. The social conditions are splendid, the climate is excellent, and there is every condition to make the settler satisfied. At the farming congress, held at Regina in October, wheat shown by the Alberta Government, took the silver cup, awarded by the Governor of the State. It completely outclassed all other specimens on exhibition, and it was but an ordinary selection, hundreds of fields in Alberta and Saskatchewan being able to duplicate it. There are still available thousands of homesteads, as well as large areas of first-class land—that is being offered for sale at low prices. The agent of the Canadian Government from whom the above facts have been learned expects that the rush to Canada will next year largely exceed the numbers who have gone this year.

Progress in Railroad Building.—"Yes," said the lady whose dress case is recovered with strange foreign labels, the way railroad building in Canada is a great improvement over what they were 50 years ago.

"But surely you had no experience as a traveler 50 years ago," says her friend.

"I don't mean that. But nowadays, don't you notice, when there is a wreck it is always held at some-point convenient to a cluster of farm houses where the victims can go for coffee and to get warm?"

Asking Too Much.—"The count has promised that he will never beat me, but if I marry him," said the beautiful belle.

"But he has promised to work for you," her father asked.

"Oh, papa, don't be unreasonable."

Fulfillment.—"Two great desires of my life have been gratified. One was to go to an airship," said the man.

"And the other?"

"To get safely back to earth."

Unusual.—"The captain of the football team is an unusual man," said the man.

"Yes, he didn't shed tears when his team lost."

A Card.—"We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50-cent note of Greene's Warehouse, No. 100, if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 50-cent note to prove satisfactory remedy, refunding Your Doctor's Bill. Dr. J. H. Drouillard, 100 Michigan."

Some who philosophize upon the market that we live in the age of the automobile. This is especially true of when after they pass thirty.