

EPITOME OF A WEEK'S NEWS

Most Important Happenings Told in Brief.

PERSONAL.

That Capt. Robert E. Perry came within 15 miles of the north pole—near enough to establish his claim of having been at the spot—is the decision of the National house committee on naval affairs, which recommended that Captain Perry be retired with the rank of rear admiral.

A crowd of 25,000 cheering spectators saw a new American endurance record in aviation set at San Francisco when Phillip G. O. Perry remained aloft in his Wright biplane for 3 hours 29 minutes and 49 1/2 seconds.

Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance society and former secretary of the navy, died suddenly at the Hotel Seymour, New York city, where he had come previously to keep a business engagement. Apoplexy caused death.

Rupert E. Smith, the aviator, accomplished a new feat in aerial navigation at San Francisco by flying from land in a curving biplane and alighting on the deck of a warship anchored in San Francisco bay. He started at once on the return flight and finished it successfully.

Henry Cabot Lodge was re-elected by the Massachusetts legislature his seat in the United States senate for the fourth time by the margin of six votes, two of which came from Democrats.

Franklin D. Roosevelt was unanimously selected by the caucus of the Democratic members-elect as his party's candidate for speaker of the house of representatives in the second session. The caucus decided to take from the speaker all power to name committees, entrusting that duty to the ways and means committee.

GENERAL NEWS.

Following increased activity in the Honduran government, thirty American bluejackets from the United States cruiser Tacoma and twenty English seamen from the first-class cruiser Britannia were landed at Colon, Honduras, and started building barricades for the protection of subjects of the two countries in the event of an attack on the town by Honduran revolutionaries.

Five millions of Americans have book worm. This is the fact of primary importance disclosed through the investigation of the origin and progress of the bookworm by the crops of experts of the Rockefeller commission.

In response to the request of Haiti, the American government has provided its good offices to both Haiti and Santo Domingo in a friendly effort to bring about a settlement of the territorial dispute which is seriously threatening the peace of the two countries.

Declaring that the right of the United States to fortify the Panama canal is incontestable, and championing a policy looking to that end, President Taft opened an active campaign on that subject at the annual meeting of the Pan-American society in New York city. The president believes that the present session of congress will appropriate \$5,000,000 to begin the work.

Almost complete returns show the ratification of the constitution of New Mexico, as framed by the constitutional convention by a majority of approximately 18,000.

Coal and coke exports from the United States in 1910 aggregated \$45,000,000 in value and in addition to this more than \$20,000,000 worth was supplied to vessels engaged in the foreign trade.

Protesting against certain declarations on the battleship Utah, Mrs. H. O. Owen, a Washington spoke of Brigham Young as a "treacherous rebel."

After almost three days of argument on the subject the executive council of the American Federation of Labor at Washington decided to grant a charter to the Western Federation of Miners on equal terms with the one now held by the United Mine Workers of America.

It is announced that King Victor Emmanuel of Italy has subscribed \$1,000,000 for the annual fund of the proposed Yord charity schools for Italian immigrants in New York city, and, in addition, will send a gift of 20 Italians to teach in the schools.

To exclude hydrophobia dog, Edwin L. Norris of Montana has issued a proclamation establishing a quarantine against all dogs from Oregon and other counties in Washington and Idaho.

To provide sustenance for the men who are expected to engage in a general strike at Los Angeles, the city of Los Angeles has decided to set up a relief fund to provide food for the strikers.

The secretary of the navy made public the names of the officers of his flagship, the Minnesota, at Guantanamo.

The commission of fine arts, which was asked by President Taft to decide whether the District of Columbia should be allowed to build a reformatory near Mount Vernon, has decided that it sees no objection to such action on aesthetic grounds.

The war department does not view with favor the project for a joint expedition of the National Guard of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, and possibly of Iowa, in September next at Lake Okauch, near St. Joseph, Mo.

Mrs. Ella Service, bass singer, twenty-two years old, fell dying into the arms of Rev. R. S. Smith at the rectory of Rev. James Roman Catholic church, St. Francis, Mo. She died a few minutes before the young woman had swallowed carbolic acid.

Attorney Charles E. Brethel was acquitted at Chicago of the charge of having bribed a juror in his efforts to prove Lee O. Nelson, former majority leader of the legislature, not guilty of purchasing votes for his election of William Lorimer to the United States senate.

Officers of Canadian and American express companies, after a conference at New York, announced a reduction in through rates soon to take effect for all traffic between the United States and many of Canada.

Andrew Carnegie announced at New York city that he had given another \$100,000 to the endowment fund of the Carnegie library at Washington.

This latest contribution increases the total of Mr. Carnegie's gifts to the institution to \$250,000.

New Orleans was the first round of the fight for the location of the Panama exposition, when the exposition committee of the house at Washington by a vote of 9 to 6, decided in favor of it as the site for the fair to celebrate the opening of the Panama canal in 1915.

The police of Washington are looking for Mrs. Adelle W. Wade, a former school teacher, who is alleged to have fled from a hotel in the city after the seizure of capital out of \$10,000 or more by an entirely new name.

War between Haiti and Santo Domingo appears inevitable. Dominican troops have been ordered to march on the Haitian southern frontier, and are marching on Salinas, Haiti.

The steam schooner Lakme, traversed and in distress, was sighted on the coast of Honduras, where it was taken in tow by a tug.

Two gifts of \$5,000 each to the Washington National Academy of Sciences are announced. One is from Henry R. Winton, and the other from Mrs. Edward N. Gibbs.

A committee representing a variety of interests in the state, including the state legislature, the word "daytime" will no longer be used in reference to these state institutions. It suggests the use of "hospital" and also suggests the word "time."

The island town of Port Sal, 50 miles off the coast of Honduras, has been taken by the revolutionary forces under Manuel Bonilla, and a check upon Cuba is expected at any time.

The Sangamon (Ill.) county grand jury has begun an investigation of the charges of graft in Springfield city affairs. A recent investigation shows a shortage of \$22,000.

A recommendation for the establishment of Massachusetts of school savings banks, with the idea of encouraging children in the schools to form the habit of saving money is embodied in a report of Bank Commissioner to the state legislature.

It is announced that President Taft, Governor Dix and Mayor Gaynor will sit at the same table on the evening of Washington's birthday as guests of the "Palace" restaurant at Waldorf-Astoria, New York.

Miles Polinder (Rep.) was elected United States senator by the Washington legislature in joint session.

One hundred and thirty-five pauper children, aged from 2 to 16, were saved from death by the promptness of attendants and druggists when the Schuylkill Valley home at Philadelphia was struck by fire.

James E. Martine, New Jersey candidate for United States senator, is ill at Plainfield, N. J., of grip, accompanied by an abscess in the head.

Gov. John H. Aldrich, in a statement addressed to the New York State Agricultural society, announced that he will encourage the teaching of scientific agriculture in high schools and common schools throughout New York state.

Political corruption and vote selling and buying in Verillion county, Illinois, may be revealed as the result of the telling of a narrative by the leading bankers of Danville, before the grand jury to testify concerning the \$27,000 shortage of former County Treasurer Hardy.

The Japanese supreme court, which sentenced at Tokyo twenty-three men and one woman to death who were charged with conspiring to overthrow the throne and forming a plot to murder the crown prince and government officials of the empire.

THE THINGS DONE AT STATE CAPITOL

EMPLOYEES IN THE SENATE NUMBER FIFTY-SIX, WHO SERVE THIRTY-ONE SENATORS.

THE STATE FAIR COMES FOR SOME CONSIDERATION AS TO WHO SHOULD RUN IT.

Social Events and Other Things of Note at the Capital of the State.

(By Abby Gardner.)

Gov. Osborn once more cracked the whip around the ears of the senate when he sent in a special message pertaining against the large number of employees the senators have. With but 31 senators in their seats, they have employed 56 men and women to work for them. This the governor declares is too many, and urges that the force be cut down to not to exceed 25. The message and its recommendations were referred to the committee on state affairs, of which Senator Kline is chairman. The disposition of the senators is not to make any cut in the employees since each of them has brought down one or two men or girls in payment of political debts.

Senator Frank D. Scott, of Alpena, does not believe in the large number of employees, and furthermore does not believe in boys under the school age working in the senate. Several of the pages in the senate are but 10 or 12 years old and under the state law should be in school. Senator Scott holds that if the laws are to be observed anywhere it should be in the house, which he believes. Therefore he has asked that all those young pages be dismissed. One of them is the son of Senator Coffin of Bay City. The resolution was referred to the committee on state affairs.

Senator George of Ludington, supported Senator Scott's resolution, and also proposing that the pages in the senate be sent from the Ludington School for Boys situated at Ludington. It is his argument that these boys would be better disciplined and receive advantages of good education by being employed in the senate chamber. His resolution went to the committee on state affairs also.

Senator Moriarty, commonly called "Moral Mike," offers an interesting explanation to the governor for the large number of employees around the senate. Asked by the governor why so many were needed, Mike responds: "When the senate is in session, we must have somebody to make a quorum in the senate."

But, says the governor, that would not be a manœuvre of a law clerk to keep many employees standing around idly.

Gov. Osborn runs a saw mill on a political basis, responds Mike.

Senator Scott of Alpena is not satisfied with the way the senate is being run in the interests of the people of the state. He declares the state has been appropriating \$10,000 a year for this institution, which is a private corporation and for the interests of a few, while the agricultural interests receive no benefit.

Mike says that a committee be appointed to investigate the fair with a view to having it run by the state. In this connection, he says that the state has received \$2,000 a year from the state, and again, now ready to ask an appropriation of \$10,000 a year, starting there. This is more than thirty with all three cities pulling for appropriations, and the trading of the state and the trading of the state.

The junket proposition is still in the air. The senate received a letter from the governor looking for an evasion of the action. Any resolutions providing for investigation by committees are promptly declared out of order by Speaker Baker. The house stands for a committee to make the investigations. The senate has a different plan, a resolution by Senator White, of Berrien, provides that the members of the finance and appropriation committee of the senate and the members of the committee of the house shall make the investigations. To this the house will not agree, so at present, it is no outlet for any sort of visitation on the state institutions.

Mrs. Hunter Russell and Mrs. Fred Rowe of Grand Rapids are the only lobbyists working in good style thus far this session. These two women are ardent suffragettes, and have been busy on the floor of the house and senate in the interests of the bill introduced in the house by Rep. D. A. Green, of Pontiac, and in the senate by Senator Mapes, of Grand Rapids. The bills have been reported out with a favorable recommendation and are now up to the committee of the whole for passage.

In many cities water companies, electric light companies and gas companies have trouble due to persons tapping their pipes and wires. Rep. Yapple, of Kalamazoo, where they have been so much trouble, has introduced a bill in the house making such work a felony.

Rep. Org. of Wayne, insists on the thorough investigation of the various state institutions for punishment, correction and reformatory purposes, and their methods of punishment for breaches of discipline. He has introduced a bill prohibiting corporal punishment in all such institutions, and cites many instances that have come to his notice of what he calls brutality.

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Rep. Stewart, of Kent, has introduced a bill in the house permitting sheriffs to hold more than two terms.

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Senator Murtha (Dem.) of Wayne, took a bump at Governor Osborn when the appointment of Laveton T. Hemans (Democratic candidate for governor) for member of the railroad commission came up for confirmation. Senator Murtha offered a resolution calling upon the governor to prove the charges made against Mr. Hemans in the campaign before he was confirmed. He declared if the charges were true Hemans was not a fit man for the job. He styled the governor a "political cad" and "the greatest fakir in the universe." His resolution was tabled with only himself and Senator Lee (Dem.) of Wayne, voting with him.

The good thing which the insurance department has formerly been likely to disappear with the present legislature. Heretofore the commissioner of insurance has been paid a salary of \$2,000 and received a retainer fee amounting to from \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year. Bills have been introduced in both the house and senate to fix the salary of the commissioner at \$2,500, and compelling him to turn into the state treasury the fees he now receives.

The state board of pharmacists has heretofore been supreme and has authority on the matter of licenses for pharmacists. Lately, however, it has been taken from druggists without the druggists having an opportunity to be heard and the action has been taken by the board of pharmacy. The board of pharmacy has introduced a bill in the house giving to druggists the right to be heard on the matter of the decisions of the board of pharmacists.

The social season at the capital was Tuesday, Jan. 21, with a dancing party given in Masonic temple by Mr. and Mrs. William Donovan, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Luther L. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Shawway, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Johnson. The party is soon to be given by the Knights Templar. To these functions the members of official life in Lansing are the guests.

Rep. Taylor, of Kent, has a scheme for giving hunters a chance at some sort of bird club, at the same time protecting them. The bill provides that every alternate year there shall be an open season for quail and quail, and every alternate year there shall be an open season for quail and quail. The bill is to limit the number of participants to be held in possession at 20 instead of 50, as now, and will permit but five to be killed in one day.

Senator Frank D. Scott, of Alpena, is quite likely to be a candidate for the office of governor in the coming year. He is a member of the House of Representatives and a member of the House of Representatives. He is a member of the House of Representatives and a member of the House of Representatives.

Rep. Verder, of Kent, has introduced a bill in the house providing for a voters' retirement fund. This means that a teacher who has taught for a full term in the house of representatives shall be entitled to a pension of \$100 a year for the remainder of his life. The bill is to be introduced in the house of representatives.

Many of the bills have been having all sorts of troubles ever since they were introduced in the house of representatives. Some of the bills have been introduced in the house of representatives and some of the bills have been introduced in the house of representatives.

In the hope of encouraging special schools for defective children, those who are unable to keep up with the regular school, the governor, Senator Mapes has introduced a bill in the senate providing that there be taken from the primary school \$500 a year for more teacher and principal employed in such special schools.

The amendment to the federal constitution to provide for an income tax will in all probability be ratified by the Michigan legislature. The bill provides that the income tax shall be levied on the income of the individual and on the income of the corporation.

William A. Cotton, member of the state board of education, has tendered his resignation to Gov. Osborn. The governor will make an appointment to fill the vacancy in due time, although the election to this body takes place this spring.

As a protection to the employees of freight trains, Rep. Org. has introduced a bill in the house providing that after 1914 all cabooses must have double trucks, steps and other safety appliances as any passenger-carrying coach has.

In counties of more than 5,000 population, the judges of probate must, beginning with 1914, be regularly elected by the voters of the county.

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NEWS OF MICHIGAN

Calumet.—Mrs. Hjalmer Olson, age forty, ended her life in the office of the prosecuting attorney of Houghton county, Mich., by drinking three ounces of carbolic acid. The woman and her husband lived with the husband's relatives. She was arrested after a home row was called. Her husband refused to take her back home. Olson and the assistant prosecutor were in the office when the woman drank the acid in the office.

Kalamazoo.—Representatives of ten Pythian lodges of Cadillac, Charlevoix, Central Lake, Copemish, Elk Rapids, Gaylord, Kalamazoo, Manistee, Marquette and Traverse City met here and organized the Northern Michigan Pythian league. The object of the organization is to promote the general welfare of the order and bring the various lodges into a closer fraternal union.

Flint.—Dr. E. K. Keller, health officer of Detroit, appeared in the trial of Health Officer Patterson of this city, who is charged with negligence in the discharge of his duty. The charge was brought after Doctor Patterson had escorted a smallpox patient through the streets. Doctor Keller said on the stand that he believed Doctor Patterson's action justifiable.

Clyde.—A team of horses, valued at \$60, belonging to Flynn Bros. of this village, were drowned when they backed into a ditch in the lee of a log house, where the firm has a crew of men cutting ice.

Bay City.—Daniel Murphy, forty, a deaf mute employed in a local factory, was struck and instantly killed by a second section of the Detroit-bound Pere Marquette train. Murphy was walking home. He was single and lived with his brother and sister.

Grand Rapids.—Deceased of eight accidents in which he had suffered a concussion of the brain and a horse was killed and a cutter wrecked. Mayor Ellis has ordered the police department to stop street coasting in this city. If officials will send all the city officers will send all the city officers.

Lansing.—The state teachers' reading circle board met here and adopted a tentative list of books for work in the state. Later in the year other books for reading matter will be chosen.

Kalamazoo.—A fire, believed by the police to have been of incendiary origin, did \$10,000 damage at the plant of the King Paper company, and for a time threatened to destroy the whole factory. The water supply was cut off by the city a few days ago when the firm refused to install a fire alarm.

Sault Ste. Marie.—James T. Bennett, former representative in the state legislature from the Alpena district, was called on to resign his seat. He was county treasurer for four years ago. It is claimed Bennett accepted the checks of the New E. Maxson business man, for taxes. The checks were repudiated by the banks when presented for payment. Bennett deposited his personal check for the amount, but it was never cashed.

Flint.—Flourance Myrtle Dean Pratt was divorced by her husband, and two hours later married Ralph E. Johnson. The parties came from Canada.

Owosso.—The debate between the Michigan Telephone company and its hundreds of farmer subscribers in the county over the rate in annual rates from \$12 to \$15 continues to simmer. The farmers have appointed township officers to organize the farmers.

The company declared 65 per cent of its rural subscribers are already paying \$15, and there is no discrimination against those now asked to stand the large dollar rates. The company further declares its cost sheets show that the maintenance of each rural telephone a year amounts to between \$13 and \$14, so that all phones operated at less than \$15 are a source of loss on direct business, though perhaps adding to the total volume of business.

Saginaw.—Mrs. Wm. Kimberly, of Saginaw, failed to recover \$10,000 worth of liquor in a circus court case involving her brother, R. A. Kimberly, of Flint. She sued the Michigan Bonding Co. and Paddy Carroll, who is said to have furnished the liquor which led Kimberly to fall in the river.

Lansing.—Nellie, the 15-year-old daughter of Ed Redman, living in East Lansing, has been missing since she went on direct business, though her father was in vain. It is said she was slightly reprimanded by her parents Monday, and disappeared the same evening. Both the police and sheriff's offices are looking for her.

Hillsdale.—After being out two hours, a jury found Ferris Halstead guilty of assault to do great bodily harm. Halstead, a section foreman on the Detroit and Milwaukee railroad at Center, November 1 had an altercation with Seymour Roberts, a section hand, and assaulted him with a shovel, inflicting two deep scalp wounds and breaking one arm. He has been arrested and is being held in jail.

Flint.—Mrs. Emma Brown, of Van Buren county's pioneers, died at the age of 95 years.

The Modest Model.

The last full-sized house, though a complete very good appearance, was extremely modest.

"She once posed for me," said a Boston painter the other day. "But she hesitated a long time before consenting. To urge her on I said: 'Don't be afraid! I'll do the justice, madam!'"

"Ah," she answered, "it is justice I ask for at your hands. It is mercy."

Not Just Off the Shelf.

Little Margaret has the childlike trait of curiosity, especially in regard to the age of her elders.

"How old do you think I am, dear?" counter-queried the spinster aunt to whom the child had put the impudent query. The little girl tossed earnestly before replying:

"Well, I don't know, Aunt Alice, but you don't look new!"

INSIDE HISTORY.

Some Self-Explanatory Letters.

Battle Creek, Mich., Jan. 7. Dr. E. L. Pratt.

My Dear Doctor:

"Owing to some disagreement with magazine several years ago they have become quite vituperative, and of late have publicly charged me with falsehoods, my statements that we have genuine constitutional letters."

"It has been our rule to refrain from publishing the names either of farmers or physicians who have written to us in a complimentary way, and we have declined to accede to the demand of attorneys that we turn these letters over to them."

"I am asking a few men whom I know to reproduce some of their letters, over their signatures in order to refute the falsehoods."

"We have hundreds of letters from physicians, but I cannot find the one that you wrote to me in 1906 among the very best, particularly in view of the fact that it recognizes the work I have been trying to do partly through the little book, 'The Road to Wellville.'"

"I do not get enlightenment to sell the little thought which is more important than the kind of food, but I have taken considerable pains to extend to humanity such facts as may have come to me on this subject."

"In order that your mind may be refreshed I am herewith enclosing a copy of your good letter, also a copy of the little book, and if you will give me the privilege of printing this over your signature I will accompany the printing with an explanation as to why you permitted its use in publication in order to refute falsehoods, and under that method of treatment I feel, so far as I know, there would be no breach of the code of ethics."

"I trust this winter weather is finding you well contented and enjoying the fruits that are sure to bring you."

"With all best wishes, I am, Yours very truly,

C. W. POTTER.

Dr. Pratt, who is one of the most prominent and skillful surgeons in America, very kindly granted our request in the cause of truth and justice.

Chicago, Aug. 21, 1913.

Mr. C. W. Potter, Battle Creek, Mich.

My Dear Sir:

I write to express my personal appreciation of one of your business methods, that of accompanying each package of your Grape-Nut production with that little booklet, 'The Road to Wellville.' A more appropriate, clear headed and effective presentation of health-giving suggestions has never been presented to me.

"Grape-Nuts is a good food in itself, but the food contained in this little article is still better stuff. I could say the practice because I know that the bread and strenuousness, the constant graft and other types of thievery and malicious mischief generally can never be brought by legislative action.

The only hope for the betterment of the race lies in individual soul culture.

"In taking a step in this direction, your process has been so original and unique that it will set a pace for other concerns until finally the whole country gets dowered with genuine, practical Christianity.

"I shall do all that lies in my power to aid in the spreading of Grape-Nut, not so much for the sake of the food itself, so far, the accompanying suggestions.

"Visiting Battle Creek the other day with a friend, Dr. Kelly of Boston, while I was consulting with Mr. Gregory, my friend visited your factories and came away greatly amazed, not only at the luxurious furnishings of the offices, but at the cleanliness of the equipment of the place, but with the sweet spirit of courtesy and kindness that seemed to fill the air with a spiritual ozone that was good to breathe.

"The principles expressed in the little booklet, 'The Road to Wellville,' I will know are practical and they work in business of all kinds, including sanctuaries, as well as fairly good homes. Time is done."

"I know you will not regard this offer of appreciation as an intruding one. It is simply the salutation of good fellowship to a man of a man who, although he has never been drawn to you by the kinship of thought.

"The only thing that makes a man tire forever in the hearts of his countrymen is his lack of good deeds. Your position in this respect is an enviable one and I wish to extend my congratulations.

Yours respectfully,

E. H. PRATT.