

IMPORTANT NEWS NOTES OF A WEEK

LATEST HAPPENINGS THE WORLD OVER TOLD IN ITEMIZED FORM.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

Condensed into a Few Lines for the Perusal of the Busy Man—Latest Personal Information.

Washington

The full certified records of the legislative investigation of the election of United States Senator Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin...

President Taft departed from the national capital for his new cottage at Beverly, Mass. Mrs. Taft, Charlie Taft, Miss Della Torrey, the president's aunt, of Millbury, Mass., and Mrs. A. W. Butt accompanied him.

The expected report from the bureau of corporations on the United States Steel corporation, recently submitted to President Taft, was made public at Washington. The report makes no recommendations and is almost wholly narrative in form.

Dr. D. F. Dumas, mayor of Cass Lake, Minn., was held to await the action of the grand jury at his preliminary hearing for complicity in the arson plot at Popoksy.

George H. Earle, Jr., of Philadelphia, renewed his attack upon former President Theodore Roosevelt before the house "angar trust" investigating committee at Washington.

According to a report at Newcastle, Pa., 2,500 workmen on the Erie and Lake Erie & Ohio railroad system will receive an advance in pay July 1.

Sweeping down from an immense height in a shower of rain, Lincoln Beachey in his biplane passed over the Horseshoe falls at Niagara, under the steel arch bridge, on down the gorge almost to the whirlpool rapids.

An investigation to determine whether the International Harvester company has violated the anti-trust association laws is being conducted in a resolution introduced by Michael A. Lobock of Nebraska.

A threat of prosecution of witnesses for perjury was made by Senator Kenyon in the midst of the examination of Edward Hines by the Lorimer investigation committee at Washington.

The Canadian reciprocity bill was subjected to a riddling fire in the United States senate, the chief cannoners being Senators Cummins and Brewster.

Immediate discharge of United States Consul William H. Michael, at Galvesta, and Thomas Morrison, disbursing clerk of the state department, is the result of recent investigation of the Day portrait fraud.

United States Senator Francis Warren of Wyoming was married to Miss Clara Lee Baron Morgan in the little ball room of the Hotel Gotham in New York city.

Mrs. John Laughman, widow of a Civil war veteran, former popular candidate for congress, was killed by a street car at Rister park, a suburb of South Bend, Ind.

John W. Gates, who had arranged to sail for America with Mrs. Gates and Lord Cowdry, has been obliged to postpone his departure owing to his serious illness.

The board of regents of the University of Michigan announced that Robert Campbell, Port Huron, Mich., treasurer of the university in place of George Baker, resigned.

Lord Kinnaird presided over an enormous gathering at the Metropolitan tabernacle in London to welcome the new party of "Yellow Backs."

A fast mail passenger train on the Philadelphia & Erie railroad was held up five miles from Erie, Pa., by a band of six dozen masked men.

Judge Denison in the United States circuit court adjudged the American Free company of Muskegon, Mich., bankrupt. This is the concern of which Frank J. Jones, in full charge of the ferry, was president.

Robert Swanson, a Canadian, was burned at the stake by Mexican bandits near Fort Sumner, N.M., June 16, because he refused to reveal the hiding place of a large amount of money that had been left in his care by a Mexican railroad.

CONFERENCE OF STATE MINISTERS

WILL BE HELD BEGINNING JULY TENTH AND LASTING FIVE DAYS.

AT AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Many of Michigan's Pastors With County Chargo Are Expected to Attend—Helpful Addresses to Be Given at East Lansing.

East Lansing—Many of Michigan's ministers with county charges will attend the conference which will be held at M. A. C. beginning July 10 and lasting five days.

These gurus take to the food of other persons, leaving them in quantities. On every spot of food that has been touched by a fly which has fed on typhoid discharges, a colony of bacteria begins to grow with huge rapidity.

One single footprint of a house fly was found to have left 85,000,000 spores. The average number of bacteria per fly found by Eaten and Mason in experiments with 414 flies which had fed at cow stalls, garbage barrels, pig pens, etc., was 1,000,000.

As for the wholesome country, doctors have shown that practically all of the terribly prevalent typhoid is home, not so much water, but by flies. Flies thus gather germs; they leave them in milk or butter, for transportation to crowded cities.

Another country minister who has also made good and is coming to the "conference" is Rev. Charles O. Berles, whose charge is near McClintock, Pa. Also coming is Prof. A. B. Graham of the Ohio State University.

For exhibition at state fair. At a meeting of the manufacturers committee of the board of commerce at Detroit, the principal subject was a discussion on the advisability of holding an industrial exhibition in connection with the state fair, which is to be held in Detroit in 1917.

Not only did the committee endorse the project, but they also agreed to send the state fair association a circular exhibiting for the show this fall. Letters will be written by the committee of forty or fifty Detroit manufacturers, giving them first opportunity to secure space at the exhibition, which is rapidly filling up.

The board of commerce committee fully appreciates the advertising value of such an exhibit, and is very anxious to make a deep impression on the state fair management, so as to make it possible to have a building erected for industrial exhibits annually. This will undoubtedly be done if the exhibitors fall in a success along industrial lines.

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GANG HOLD UP EXPRESS NEAR ERIE

\$45,000 STAKE INSPIRES THE TRAIN CREW TO FIGHT OFF THE BANDITS.

PASSENGERS IN PANIC; TWO SHOT AND TWO INJURED.

The Hold-up Was One of the Most Daring Ever Attempted East of the Mississippi River.

One of the most desperate train robberies that ever has taken place in the west occurred on the Philadelphia & Erie railroad at an isolated spot five miles from Erie, Pa.

An hour after the hold-up the train was brought into Erie. The passengers were panic-stricken. Half a dozen women passengers, who had fainted during the robbery, together with a score of other hysterical condition, had to be given medical attention.

Not a Trace of the Bandits. Although there were at least 10 men and possibly 12, connected with the robbery, not a trace of them has been found.

The robbery was crude. But what lacked in cleverness was made up in daring. The bandits used revolvers with the utmost freedom, firing indiscriminately around the cars of the train, and at any person who showed himself.

Shortly after the train passed Belle Valley, the last telegraph station on the main before Erie is reached, the engineer saw an obstruction across the track. The train was rounding a sharp curve and the speed had been reduced.

The sudden stopping and subsequent jar when the train hit the obstruction, threw the passengers and members of the crew, except the engineer and fireman, the impression that the train had collided head-on with another train.

Covered With Revolvers. The engineer and fireman, however, knew that an attempt had been made to wreck the train, and swung down from the car to investigate. As they reached the ground they were covered with revolvers by two of the bandits.

Engineer Carey immediately closed in on one of the men. The engineer's counter was one of many in clients. Other members of the band had been replying to volleys sent from the engine.

Talking in the situation at a glance, Beck opened fire for five minutes after the train had stopped. He stood in the doorway of the mail car. He dropped finally with a bullet through his side.

At this juncture several of the bandits climbed into the mail car and began cutting open the mail sacks. While thus engaged, Bemis, the brakeman, burst in the rear door of the mail car from one of the coaches.

His appearance was met with a volley and Bemis fell, stunned by a bullet through his arm. One of the robbers dragged Bemis to the platform and kicked him off the car.

Conductor Rooney had only four car loads in the train. He fired at all of them at the bandits nearest him, but without effect. While he stood dazed and undecided a stone hurled at him by one of the men struck him on the head. As he fell another stone hit him in the back.

Recovering from the blow, he crawled out of sight of the train. Then getting to his feet he ran for nearly a mile to a farmhouse, where he got help from a neighbor, and a marine band of the railroad officials in Erie.

Make Gum Mighty Fortress. "A Gibraltar of the Pacific" to the United States, the supremacy of that ocean, and what the island of Guam will be, if plans now under consideration by the United States are carried out, were discussed by Rear-Admiral Alfred Mahan, U. S. N., retired, who is considered one of the greatest of living naval strategists.

Guam is 3,300 miles west of Honolulu, 5,000 miles from San Francisco, and about 10,000 miles from New York. At present there are no fortifications there. The United States maintains at Guam a naval station with U. S. S. Supply as station ship, and a marine barracks. The island was seized and annexed during the war with Spain.

The big huckleberry marshes in Jackson county promise a big crop. It is believed the yield will approximate 10,000 bushels.

Letting Will Be Put in a few days to residents of the upper peninsula asking their opinion as to the advisability of an excursion to Detroit and back to the state capital by the Detroit Chamber of Commerce to the peninsula. On the last trip of the Detroiters to the peninsula an invitation was extended to the residents of that place by President McRae, and they have been favorable to the proposition, ever since.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Wyandotte.—A match dropped carelessly on the floor, caused the death of Mrs. William Schave. The woman was cleaning house in her home at Wyandotte, assisted by her fourteen-year-old daughter.

Three Rivers.—Great preparations are being made for the eighth annual state encampment of the U. S. W. V., which will meet here in July. This is the state encampment and about 200 delegates from all over Michigan are expected.

Port Huron.—One of the most destructive fires that has visited this city for many years occurred in the center of the downtown business district and it is estimated that \$100,000 will just cover the loss.

Grand Rapids.—Another batch of imported workers, with whom the furniture manufacturers seem to be having trouble, arrived here from Chicago and went to work in the Sligh plant.

South Haven.—Fire originating in the kitchen ignited the Seaside hotel at Bangor, ten miles from here, entailing a loss of \$3,500, partly covered by insurance.

Lansing.—The hearing of the case of the Germania Refining company against Auditor General O. B. Fuller, before the state, is in progress before Judge West in the circuit court.

Escanaba.—Caught in the act of "head lifting" a deer by Herman Leisner, deputy state game warden, Moses LaPorte and Joseph Reno have been fined on a plea of guilt.

Lansing.—Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Betz of Grand Rapids and Mrs. William, Lotz of Holt were fatally injured when the buggy in which they were driving was struck by an interurban car.

Kalamazoo.—The bodies of Luther Hale and his son Truman, who were drowned while fishing in Hamilton lake, were recovered. The bodies were found near together and in about 100 feet of water.

Ypsilanti.—Charles W. Evans, a milk dealer of Detroit, was killed at Detroit, being struck by a west-bound interurban car. The platform of the waiting room at Detroit is connected to the west-bound track. If it is thought Evans was sitting on the platform and did not notice the car approaching.

Petokey.—Driving home from a field on his mowing machine William M. Eckler of Clarion, dropped dead, aged fifty-two. Three years ago he was afflicted with tuberculosis, his father's funeral he said: "Three years from today you will take me to the cemetery." A widow and two children survive.

Escanaba.—The eight-year-old son of Joseph Bruner of Spalding was drowned in the river at that place while bathing, being seized with cramps.