

Briefly Told Happenings of the Past Week

Washington

The federal government's final effort to delay alien land owning legislation in California was made when Secretary Bryan, in the name of President Wilson, telegraphed Governor Johnson notifying him that the Japanese ambassador had earnestly protested against the bill passed by the California assembly and urging him to postpone action by withholding his signature.

The first authentic and official report of the federal government's investigation of the Fredonian tuberculosis vaccine, made public in Washington, declares the results of the health observations so far do "not justify that confidence in the remedy which has been inspired by widespread publicity."

No attention will be paid by the American government to the Huerta of Mexico, who definitely told Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson that only urgent business would be transacted with him until the United States recognized the de facto government.

Undoubtedly the largest winter wheat crop ever produced in the United States is indicated in the May report of the department of agriculture. The present high condition has been maintained only four times in the last forty years and the acreage has never been exceeded before.

The Underwood tariff bill, proclaimed by the Democratic party as the answer to its platform pledge to reduce the tariff downward, was passed by the house. The vote was 231 to 139, five Democrats voting against the bill and two Republicans voting for it. Four Progressives reported the measure and 14 opposed it.

Domestic

"Gifford Pinchot more than any other man has been responsible for tying up Alaska," said James F. Calbreath, secretary of the American Mining congress, before the senate committee on mining in Washington. He added that former President Roosevelt's executive order of 1906 withdrawing Alaska coal land from entry "warranted a revolution."

Representative H. Olin Young of Ishpeming, Mich., announced in the house his intention of resigning his seat. He discussed the contest initiated by William McDonald, a Progressive, saying 485 votes intended for McDonald had not been counted for him and he did not feel justified in holding his seat.

The \$10,000 reward offered by the state of California for the apprehension of the persons responsible for the dynamiting of the Times building in Los Angeles, is about to be paid. A bill appropriating that amount to satisfy the claim of William J. Burns was passed in the assembly and sent to the governor, having passed the senate.

The Missouri supreme court granted a rehearing in the matter proceedings against the Standard Oil company of Indiana and appointed John Montgomery of Sedalia commissioner to take testimony as to the good faith of the company in severing its connection with any trusts.

That the sentence of Dennis Jackson, a full blood Pottawatomie Indian, to the penitentiary for the murder of his wife and mother-in-law, be commuted from sixty to fifteen years is recommended by the Kansas penal board. His heroic conduct in three prison fires was the reason for the board's action.

Mrs. K. R. Ask, wife of a merchant of Skagway, Alaska, jumped overboard while the steamship Spokane was off Prince Rupert, B. C. She was found unconscious but alive on the beach and taken to a hospital.

Three children are dead and two others are dying in Lancashire, England, the result of the overheating of a kettle containing boiling pitch.

The state board of health took full control of the city of Canton, Mass., in an attempt to check an epidemic of tonsillitis. Within a few days 387 persons, about one to every ten of the population, were stricken. Thirteen cases proved fatal.

Lt. Richard Hill, U. S. N., was found dead with a bullet in his heart in his boarding house at Annapolis, Md. A revolver was lying beside him. While the shooting appears to be a case of suicide, no motive has been found.

A strike was declared on the street car lines of Cincinnati by executive division 627, Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees.

Army Aviator Lieut. J. D. Parks was killed when he fell at Santa Ana, Cal., in a slight from San Jose to Los Angeles. He had been 108 miles when the accident occurred. Lieutenant Parks was thirty-one years old, and graduated from the West Point Military academy in 1909.

Automobile bandits dynamited the safe of the Farmers' Savings bank at North Henderson, Ill., and escaped with about \$5,000 in currency and gold. The burglars did not stop for silver and left several hundred dollars' worth of it scattered about the floor. There were four men in the party.

The fire insurance suspension in Missouri has halted the building of a hundred cottages in the Blue Valley factory district of Kansas City. Real estate agents say inability to obtain insurance which would be acceptable to banks and loan agencies as security for loans has stopped the work.

Charles D. Hillis, chairman of the Republican national committee, issued a call for a meeting of the executive committee at the New Willard hotel, in Washington, on May 24. The meeting will consider the demand for a special national convention to change the basis of representation.

Charges of maladministration, reckless extravagance and undue expansion, induced by a spirit of monopolization and aggrandizement, were made before the Interstate commerce commission by Louis D. Brandeis of Boston against the officials of the New York, New Haven & Hartford and the Boston & Maine railroads.

Patrolman Thomas Campbell of the Denver police department was arrested by orders from Chief O'Neill and charged with having robbed a saloon. With him were arrested Francisco Corone and Cody McLaughlin, both of the saloon.

Foreign

A boiler explosion next door to the residence of Myron T. Herrick, United States ambassador in Paris, killed one and injured three workmen. The fence surrounding the ambassador's home caught fire, but little damage was done.

The volcano of Mount Vesuvius continues to show signs of increased activity. The earth tremors are the most severe which have occurred in this section in recent years, and the Romans are fearful of another eruption.

Twenty-five federal officers, including an infantry colonel and an artillery colonel, taken prisoners during the fighting about Guaymas, Mexico, were shot at a public execution by order of the constitutionalist commanders.

The worst typhoon since 1885 struck the Philippine Islands causing many deaths and wrecking several small steamers and numerous lighter craft. The known fatalities at sea are fifty-eight.

Senior Lieutenant George Von Sastrow of the German navy and two blue-jackets were drowned by the capsizing of the plannance of a torpedo boat off the island of Sylt.

County Arthur Pavlovitch Cassin, former Russian ambassador to the United States, is not dead. An error in a message sent from here to London caused false reports of the count's death to be cable to America.

An attempt to wreck the ancient and massive St. Paul's cathedral in London with a bomb was attributed to militant suffragettes. It was frustrated by the vanguard, who heard a ticking sound near the high altar and found a heavy parcel done up in brown paper.

Personal

Former Shelby M. Culom of Illinois is ill at his residence in Washington, and some apprehension is felt about his condition. He is suffering from severe cold and has been confined to his bed.

The Phelps Institute, a \$100,000 gift by Henry Phelps to the University of Pennsylvania for the study and the prevention of tuberculosis among the poor, has been dedicated. The degree of doctor of laws was conferred on Mr. Phelps.

For the first time since the dedication of the Soldiers' National cemetery in 1862 the Memorial day address at Gettysburg was given in the city of Gettysburg, Pa. An invitation to make the oration had been accepted by Congressman James Thomas of Heflin of Alabama.

William Haskell, one of the most brilliant Oriental scholars ever graduated from Yale, died at his home in New Haven, Conn. He was seventy-five years old. He had been a student at Yale for twelve years.

Miss Louise Wardell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wardell, former governor of Maryland, was married at Baltimore to Count Vladimir Ledochowski of Poland. The count is a Catholic, while Miss Wardell is a Protestant.

SPIRITUALISTS IN STATE MEETING

DETROIT CHOSEN FOR THE NEXT CONVENTION AND OFFICERS ELECTED.

ROAD BUILDING BEE FOR THE SHORE COUNTIES.

Other Important Michigan News of Statewide Interest Condensed for the Busy Reader.

The Michigan State Spiritualists' association, in its twentieth annual convention at Grand Rapids, voted to hold their convention next year in Detroit. The following officers were elected:

President, Samuel T. Penick, Detroit; vice president, Rev. Amanda Coffman Flower, Grand Rapids; secretary, John J. Shaffer, Detroit; treasurer, Major Fred J. Burns, Detroit; trustees, Mrs. Emma Now Hoyt, Battle Creek; Dr. O. O'Dell, Paw Paw; and Dr. Julia Walton, Jackson.

Great Road Building Bee.

The greatest "bee" Michigan has ever known will be held June 9, when hundreds of residents of the shore counties from Bay City to Mackinac City will turn out and do road work for a day, their object being to complete a continuous good road from one end of the district to the other. Over 4,000 days' work of men and teams have already been pledged by the farmers living along the route of the road. The township of Posey, in Presque Isle county, has taken the lead in this work, over 1,500 days having been pledged by its residents.

Inspection Dates Are Changed.

Orders have been received by the state militia department requiring the completion of the inspection of the Michigan national guard by the army inspectors by June 1. It has been necessary to change the dates of inspection for the upper peninsula companies and some of those in the lower peninsula, as the original inspection schedule carried the dates into June. An additional officer has been detailed to assist in the inspection and the companies affected are being notified.

New School for Traverse City.

Plans were put under way for the establishment of an educational institute in Traverse City, which will involve the expenditure of \$50,000, and within a few hours \$20,000, as subscribed by business men. Business, horticulture and agriculture will be the lines taught at first and other branches will be added. Plans for the building call for a capacity of 500 students, while an experiment farm will be provided near the city limits. A local business college will be merged with the new institution.

Only Resident Ministers May Marry.

Attorney General Grant Fellows has ruled that marriages must be performed by ministers and others competent to act, who are legal residents of the state and that persons imported for the purpose must acquire residence before officiating. Fellows jokingly declared that he believes in a high protective tariff and declares that the law might be amended so that "foreign" preachers could officiate in case the "consumer" is willing to pay a good-sized import tax.

State Officer Is Accused.

Frank C. Jordan, secretary of state of California, is charged with malfeasance in office by the joint legislative committee which recently investigated charges in his department. In its report to the legislature the committee recommended that the case be turned over to the attorney general. The collection of \$7,700, all of which he kept, it is said, for copies of automobile registrations furnished to insurance companies and others during the time Jordan has been head of the department, is the basis of the finding against him.

Two Drowned in Canoes.

Miss Annette Fredenburg, aged 19, of the city, and Clarence Howard, aged 20, of Burlington, were drowned in the Kalamazoo river, when the canoe in which they were returning from a picnic up the river capsized. Howard had never paddled a canoe until that morning.

A deal is pending, by which the Franklin house, Montague's three-story hotel, is to be transformed into a sanitarium.

Charles E. Johnson, who will receive his A. B. degree at the University of Michigan next month, has been chosen superintendent of the city schools of Comma, for next year, taking the place of E. C. Walworth, who goes to Mt. Pleasant.

Yeda Ben-Ezer, six-year-old daughter of John Ben, was burned to death and her sister, Emma, 6 years old, was fatally burned when their father's tent, in which he and the children were camping near Metropoli, burned. Their mother died two months ago.

MICHIGAN NEWS IN BRIEF

The lumber sheds and stock owned by R. B. Milliken were destroyed by fire at Dryden. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

The board of education here are considering the advisability of putting a four-years' agricultural course in the schools at Bad Axe.

Rev. H. F. Higgins, of Philadelphia, has accepted a call to the First Baptist church at Ithaca, and will begin his pastorate June 1.

Stephen H. Dowling, tailor, of Grand Rapids, received word that he had fallen for a fortune estimated at \$50,000, left him by a relative.

The state board of agriculture will offer two scholarships at the U. S. M. A. C. to the Michigan Agricultural society and the other to the Michigan horticultural society.

The 1913 Flint directory contains 19,000 names, indicating a population of approximately 46,000, and an increase of 7,000 inhabitants since the last federal census, three years ago.

The annual Stillman oratorical contest for Alhion college sophomores was won by Jacob J. Pokella, of Grand Rapids, who received a \$25 prize. Oris J. McIlvaine won the second prize.

Hundreds of Lutherans and clergymen of other interested gathered at the big seminary on Court street at Saginaw, and witnessed the laying of the cornerstone for the new \$25,000 dormitory.

Y. M. C. A. workers, backed by business men, of Flint, will begin a campaign next month for a \$10,000 association building here. It is said fully half of the necessary amount has already been assured.

In an effort to awaken interest in cleaning up of the city's streets and alleys, the Albion Civic league has arranged for an exhibition in two of the local theaters of pictures of the spots in the city that need cleaning.

Word was received at Ann Arbor that two U. of M. men had been awarded Harrison fellowships in history in the University of Pennsylvania. They are: Gilbert Barnes, Orem, Neb., and Vernon W. Crane, Tecumseh.

Ninety lodges of the I. O. O. F. of southern Michigan will hold their annual celebration at the Odd Fellows home grounds in Jackson, Aug. 6. It is expected the outing will be attended by 3,000 members of the order and their families.

The residence of Mrs. Dora Davis, on South University avenue, Ann Arbor, was destroyed by fire, with its contents, and Mrs. Davis was badly burned about the hands and face. Four persons in the house lost all their belongings.

For the second time in two years the Hanesman Cady Company's factory at Kalamazoo, has been destroyed by fire. Flames which are believed to have originated on the second floor of the structure, resulted in almost the total destruction of the building.

A resident of Muskegon for 52 years and actively connected with the lumbering industry of the city during all that time, George Woodman is dead. Mr. Woodman built the old Walworth hotel building, at that time one of the largest plants of its kind if the middle west.

Claiming that he has permanently lost the use of his right eye as the result of it being gouged out by a piece of flying iron from the wheel of a steam locomotive, the Dixon & Campbell digging machine, last summer, has begun a suit for \$35,000 against the firm.

Work will commence at once on rebuilding the upper dam, at Big Rapids, wrecked March 15 by ice and high water. The dam will be constructed of concrete and have an eight-foot head. It will cost \$40,000. The property is owned principally by the Big Rapids Water Power Co.

Lansing may have Sunday band concerts on the capital grounds and in the city parks during the summer. The pastors of the city have endorsed the idea and the Artillery band has asked an appropriation from the council to cover the expense of a series of concerts.

After June 1, Michigan will have an official inspector of bees. The legislature, upon an appropriation of \$1,500 for such an official, and F. McMillan, a graduate of Guelph, Ont., agricultural college, has been appointed to the place. He will work under the supervision of the U. S. A. C.

Nelson M. Sweet, a contractor of Jackson, was fatally injured in an automobile accident near Onsted, when his machine skidded off an embankment. Mr. Sweet sustained three fractured ribs and was injured internally. His wife and four children were with him, but were not badly hurt.

After being out 22 hours, the jury in the case of Marie Keithledge, against the city of Petoskey, returned a verdict for the plaintiff, allowing her \$1,000 and costs. The alleged injuries sustained when she fell through a walk that was undermined in a wash-out last spring.

CALIFORNIA HAS MANY NEW LAWS

LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS WITH RECORD FOR PROGRESSIVE MEASURE.

POLICIES OF GOV. JOHNSON ARE VICTORIOUS.

Prominent Among Acts Are Teachers' Pensions and Aid for Discharged Convicts' Wages to Be Paid to Convicts.

The fortieth California legislature has adjourned with a practically unbroken record of victory for the progressive majority in the carrying out of the administration policies outlined by Gov. Hiram W. Johnson.

There was a union of progressive republicans and Moosers to put the program through.

Among paternal legislation, the teachers' pension act and that providing aid for discharged convicts stand out. The latter also provides that wages shall be paid to convicts during their incarceration. Courts are restricted from fixing the term of a sentence for any crime except murder.

Balkan War at an End.

The Balkan war between Turkey and the states of the Balkan federation is at an end. The only thing which remains to be done now is the formal proclamation of a treaty of peace. The reply of the Balkan allies to the recent representations of the powers was handed in and it contains a definite promise on the part of the Balkan states and Greece to cease all hostilities until a peace treaty can be drawn.

More Violence by Suffragettes.

Another week of violence was ushered in by the militant suffragettes. Militants burned the Nottingham Boston Club. The loss is \$10,000. The police found evidence of incendiarism and a copy of the official organ of the Women's Social and Political union. The suffragette, was discovered near by. The structure contained many valuable things and other shifts.

Rabbit Serum Is Effective.

A marked improvement has been noted in the condition of 50 cancer victims at the Massachusetts Homeopathic hospital, who have been inoculated with the rabbit serum recently discovered by Dr. Howard W. Nowell, of Boston University. That is the substance of an announcement made by a committee of five physicians connected with the Evans memorial department of clinical research at the hospital. Within 48 to 96 hours after the first inoculation, says the report, all the patients were made so comfortable that opiates have been dispensed with.

"Woody Tiger" in White House.

The "Woody Tiger" made its official debut as the official toy of the Wilson administration. As this new monarch of childhood entered the front door of the White House escorted by Mrs. Wade Hampton, the proprietor of the novel idea, Teddy Bear and Billy Possum, mascots of previous times, looked on with brimming eyes.

The new toy is rather fierce looking and somewhat resembles a Princeton tiger in miniature.

Burns to Get Reward.

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Typhoon Kills Many on Islands.

At least 75 persons perished in a typhoon which struck the Philippine Islands. So far as the military authorities have learned no Americans lost their lives. Many boats were wrecked and the rice, sugar and tobacco crops have suffered.

Dr. Floyd W. Hicks, of Allegan, has been chosen Michigan delegate to the imperial council of the Good Samaritans, which will be held June 3 at Duluth, Minn.

After suffering a week from burns sustained while playing around a campfire, Bobbie, the 6-year-old son of Cornelius Wager, of Harbor Springs, is dead.

A man supposed to be James Gordon, aged about 35, was run over by a Michigan Central train at Ann Arbor and both his legs cut off. He died in the University hospital. There was nothing on his person to tell where his home was.

At the April election Brookfield township, Eaton county, voted to construct, two miles of good roads, but because the township board did not place the amount of the appropriation required on a ballot it will be necessary to hold a special election before the work can be started.

HAVE LONG DURATION OF LIFE

Salt Water Denizens Attain Immense Age, if Scientific Investigations Are Correct.

Water, particularly salt water, seems to conduce to longevity. There are gigantic mollusks and oysters whose age is assumed to be comparable only with that of the Cape Verde baobab tree and the big tree of California, which live for 5,000 years. Indeed, there appears no particular reason why mollusks should ever die. It is also true that, considering the sort of life it must lead, there seems no particular reason why it should ever have lived.

Sea anemones, again, delicate and sensitive though, when young, when seen in the rock pools, may attain great age. Sir John Dalyell, a Scottish naturalist, captured in 1828 a sea anemone of the liver-colored sort so common around our shores. Its age was then estimated at seven years. It flourished in Edinburgh until 1887, and was just attaining a vigorous and sober maturity, when, from some unknown cause, it died—London Mail.

Very Faint Criticism.

Children are not always grateful beings, and they are notably hard to entertain. At a birthday party a kindly natured adult had tolled hard in the effort to amuse the children by means of prior magic, ventriloquism, burlesque dancing and the like. The other adults present were highly amused, and some of the children deigned to chuckle mildly. The mother of the hostess, however, felt that the guests had not been rendered, so before announcing refreshments she took pains to thank the entertainer, and to call the attention of the youngsters to his gifts.

"At Blank is very funny, isn't he, children?" she concluded.

From the rear of the room came a small, shrill voice:

"Yesum, but not so funny as he thinks he is."

Paraphrasing the Immortals.

Tennyson's "Horn" and Scott's "Lichuan" were recited out for paraphrase at a girls' school. The conscientious students set to work with a dictionary. Here follow specimens of the results: To bicker down a valley—To have an undisciplined quarrel in a low place among the hills. He staid not for brake—"He never stopped for a mechanical contrivance to reduce speed by means of friction."

Neighboring.

Not long since a man moved into a certain village. After a week or so a friend called on him and asked how he liked his new home. "Pretty well," he said. "Have you called on your neighbors yet?" "No," he replied; "but I'm going to if any more of my wood is missing."

Quite So.

"Do you believe in the office seeking the man?"

"That depends altogether on the amount of his shortage."

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In accord with the eternal fitness of things, a man who stole a watch wound up in jail.

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What Ails You?

An illustration is respectfully drawn from the many cases of the liver and bowels, which are the most common ailments of the human body, and which are the most common causes of all the diseases of the human body. It is a fact that the liver and bowels are the most common causes of all the diseases of the human body, and it is a fact that the liver and bowels are the most common causes of all the diseases of the human body.

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