

## Current Events Related in Paragraphs

### Washington

Col. Martin Michael Mulhall began before the senate today investigation committee at Washington his recital of the legislative activities of the National Association of Manufacturers. The story tells of double-dealing and duplicity. Mulhall had not proceeded far enough in his tale to bring in the names of congressmen who had claimed to have controlled for the N. A. M.

The Underwood-Simmons tariff bill, which was introduced in the senate at Washington, is unique in the history of American tariff-making, in that a senate committee recommended even more drastic reductions than the original bill contained when adopted by the house of representatives.

At the request of Secretary Bryan, Secretary Garrison ordered Col. Edwin Brewer of the Fourteenth cavalry at Fort McIntosh, Tex., to demand the release of five Americans, together with the 150 cattle and 50 horses, held by Mexican revolutionaries at Hidalgo, Mex.

All the "wars" that have been fought between labor and capital; all the efforts that both have made to obtain legislation which would protect them, and the tangled skein woven about their relations in the last decade are to be investigated by congress. The senate labor committee will inquire into the "wars" that must be fought. Samuel Gompers will appear before the committee on July 25, and others will follow.

An investigation by the Interstate commerce commission of the financial operations of New York Central lines was proposed in a resolution adopted by the senate at Washington. The action was taken without debate when the resolution was introduced by Senator Norris of Nebraska.

The government crop report for July indicates bountiful crops of all the cereals, but the total production this year will be far below the grand total for last year, when there were record yields of nearly all the leading grains. Compared with other years, however, the present crop promise is good. The total yield of the leading cereals is placed at 4,928,000,000 bushels, compared with 5,561,600,000 bushels a year ago.

David Lamar resumed the stand before the senate lobby committee at Washington at his taking up the matter of the motive back of his relations with Lauterbach. "I realize perfectly that my life and character are on trial," he began. He argued that his testimony and Lauterbach's had shown they were not engaged in any effort to get money from anyone.

### Domestic

Attorneys for Harry K. Thaw petitioned the orphan's court at Pittsburgh to require the Fidelity Title and Trust company, trustee for Thaw, to return the will of his father, to pay Harry \$30,000. The petition asserts that in the last five years Thaw had not been paid his share out of the income of the estate.

The twelfth international convention of the Baptist World Convention opened in Brooklyn, N. Y., with a large attendance of delegates from the United States and Canada.

More than 20,000 persons assembled in Los Angeles to attend the sessions of the international Christian Endeavor convention.

Appointment of a receiver for the Kentucky Refining company, a \$500,000 corporation located in Louisville, is asked in a petition filed in the United States district court. Four Georgia banks, which set forth that in the aggregate they hold 236 shares of the preferred stock, are the complainants. Insolvency and speculation with the company's earnings are alleged.

Glenn L. Martin saved his life and that of his passenger, Charles H. Duff, by a miraculous volplane to the surface of Lake Michigan from a height of 700 feet, near Muskegon, Mich.

The Italian consulate at New York advised that two agents of the Italian government have left for this country to get Porter, Charlton and take him back Italy to stand trial there for the murder of his wife on their honeymoon at Lake Como June 7, 1910.

Michael J. Rourke, Boston, Mass., and Charles W. Wachsmuth, Detroit, two of the alleged dynamiters received at the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kas., January 1, were released, their supersedeas bonds having been approved.

There has been no settlement of the street car strike in Louisville, Ky., and excitement increases. Reports that all interurban lines are to be closed up, that strikes and immunities are involved, in the company's hands, that Mayor Cassidy will take charge of the cars in the event of a general strike.

The wreck on the New York, New Haven & Hartford road, at Stamford, Conn., when six passengers were killed and 22 injured, was due to the negligence of the management of the railroad in putting its choice of train No. 23 on an engine inexperienced and untrained in this class of work, according to the report of the Interstate Commerce Commissioner McCord.

The battleship Idaho attained the highest final merit in gunnery of the 21 vessels competing in the battleship class during the first year and has been awarded the gunnery trophy.

### Foreign

The Serbian commander, when he entered Dembriar, was informed that the Bulgarians arrested a bishop, two priests and more than one hundred Greek notables and ordered them to the village of Surlaga, a Bulgarian school, where they were mercilessly butchered by order of a Bulgarian officer.

A terrific storm is raging throughout Italy, and in many places the country has been devastated and the crops destroyed. It is accompanied by remarkably cold weather for the time of year, the temperature in Rome at noon falling below 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Such weather in the middle of July has not been recorded in Italy since the year 1312.

The report of a pistol fired from the strangers' gallery in the house of commons, in London, caused a panic among the members. Simultaneously with the report, a bullet was fired down. They bore the printed words: "Votes for women."

Mrs. Humphreys Blackworth, the richest milliner in England, in London, was tried and found guilty of smashing letter boxes for the "cause" in London and was fined \$100.

The king of Roumania has declared war on Bulgaria. The Roumanian minister at Sofia has been recalled. Roumanian troops have crossed the Bulgarian frontier.

The most serious outrage of the many deeds of violence committed by militant suffragettes occurred when a bomb which had been mailed to William Reuter, P. M., exploded in the Dublin postoffice. Eleven clerks were seriously hurt.

A sensation was caused at Rome, Italy, by the suicide of the engineer, Ginorianni, who was a witness in the notorious graft disclosures in connection with the construction of the palace of justice, in which cost millions more than the estimate.

The Figaro of Paris, France, published a Rome special stating that the Sacra Rota has reversed the ruling of the court of first instance to permit Comte Dote of Castellane's marriage with Miss Anna Goud, now the Duchess de Tallrand. The decision will permit Dote Castellane to marry again.

The Daily Express publishes the rumor that Turkey has made an offer to the United States to enter into an alliance against Bulgaria. Father Michel, superior of the French Catholic mission at Kilkish, confirms reports that Bulgarian irregulars burned to death 700 men belonging to Kilkish by imprisoning them in a mosque under which they exploded bombs, setting the building on fire.

### Personal

James Gordon, twenty-five, a machinist, was convicted of murder in the second degree at Indianapolis, Ind., and sentenced to life imprisonment. His insanity plea failed to impress the jury. He killed his sister.

Jim Flynn, heavyweight pugilist, who is making a trip from Kansas City to St. Louis in his auto, was arrested at Columbia, Mo., by the local police for exceeding the speed law.

Elmer Hodson, twenty-five, of Cleveland, O., made his seventh attempt at suicide by swallowing bichloride of mercury. Hodson was discovered by his wife a few minutes after he had taken the poison. He will recover.

Displaying the same indomitable will and courage that has sustained him during his military confinement, Joseph Swain, president of Swainbore college, was elected president of the National Educational association by a unanimous vote at Salt Lake City, Utah.

William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic national committee, who is regarded as the probable Democratic ambassador to France, was operating under a doctor's order to enter a hospital in Paris. The operation was quite successful.

The New Jersey court of pardons, with Governor Fidler presiding, pardoned Charles T. Davenport of Mercer county, who was sentenced in 1906 to serve 15 years for the attempted murder, with poisoned candy, of his little daughter.

## LETTER FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

EMPLOYEES OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT BOARD MUST WAIT FOR PAY.

SUPREME COURT RULES ON THE DISPUTED POINT.

State Tax Commission Will Change Plan of Handling Work and Will Give Personal Attention to All Complaints.

[By Gurd M. Hayes.]

As the result of an opinion rendered by the supreme court, the contention of the industrial accident board and its employees will have to wait until the next legislative convenes before they will be able to draw any pay for the services they rendered the state during the month of June, as the court refused to grant compensation. The board, headed by Commissioner Kinna, Kennedy and Deever, a writ of mandamus to compel Auditor General Fuller to deduct from last year's appropriation the money the accident board paid for rent and office fixtures. Had the court complied with the demand for a writ of mandamus and Auditor General Fuller had been required to refund to the commission the money it paid for rent and office fixtures, the appropriation of \$25,000 which was authorized by the special session in 1912, would have been sufficient to have paid all expenses until the new appropriation was available July 1.

It was the contention of the industrial accident board that the legislature did not intend that the printing bills, rent and cost of fitting up the offices should be paid from the \$25,000 appropriation. "Such a construction, in our opinion, clearly unwarranted," said the court. "The relation of the commission to the legislature shows that the rent for their offices amounts to \$1,200 per annum; that they have expended for furniture some \$3,000 and that the cost of stationery and printing is about \$3,500 per annum. It is scarcely conceivable that the legislature intended to add to the sum specifically provided this additional amount—an amount more than 25 per cent in excess of the appropriation itself."

The court then points out that the board knew as early as September, 1912, when the act went into effect that it would be impossible to pay expenses until July 1, 1913, and keep within the appropriation, and calls the attention of the commission to the fact that although the legislature was in session more than three months this year they made no attempt to secure a deficiency appropriation, which they might easily have obtained. The court upholds the interpretation placed on the statute by Attorney General Fellows and former Attorney General Wykes.

During the next few months a complete revision of the system of operating the state tax commission will go into effect and Commissioners Barnes and Curney believe that by paying the employees of the state tax commission the employees better results will be obtained for the people of the state of Michigan.

The commissioners announce that they will give individual attention to the needs of the field men and instead of leaving the correction of assessments to subordinates to a large extent, they will supervise it personally. A bureau of complaints will be established and those who have a grievance will be sure of receiving immediate attention. The commissioners claim that no complaint will be too small or too unimportant to receive the consideration of the commission. Some changes are contemplated in the rules governing the operations of the field men. Commissioners Barnes says that hereafter a field man will be required to inform people that they are agents of the state tax commission and that efforts to secure the collection of taxes by intimidation by misrepresentation will not be tolerated. George G. Winans, of Hamburg, son of ex-Governor Winans, and democratic candidate for state highway commissioner at the last election, has been appointed a member of the examining staff of the commission. However, the new administration has made comparatively few changes in the department as a majority of the employees appointed during Governor Osborn's term of office have been retained.

At the present time there are about 70 men on the pay roll of the commission. About three-fourths of this number are field men who have been employed in the appraisal of property in the various counties of the state. Last year an army of 18,824 men and women was employed as teachers in the public schools of Michigan and the aggregate wages paid in 1912 amounted to \$9,852,828.67, according to statistics taken from the annual report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction L. L. Wright.

The report shows that 10,237 teachers were employed in the graded schools of the state, while the ungraded schools retained 7,717 instructors.

That women are rapidly monopolizing the teaching profession in this state is shown by the fact that the 18,824 teachers in the public schools of Michigan 16,116 are women and 2,708 are men.

It is estimated that there are 68,291 pupils in the private and parochial schools of the state. There are 443 teachers of these schools in Michigan giving employment to 1,662 teachers. However, in making the compilation for the report Superintendent Wright puts the private and parochial schools in a separate list.

Superintendent Wright says there are 491,235 pupils in the graded schools of the state and 304,162 in the ungraded schools, making a total of 795,455, as compared to 783,780 in 1911. The report shows 7,522 school districts in the state. The 43 county normal training schools graduated 497 teachers last year. The two rural high schools were attended by 35 pupils while the two county agricultural school had an enrollment of 64 last year.

There are 8,668 school houses in Michigan, 19 having been added to the list last year, while the total value of the public school property is placed at \$4,520,747. The total receipts amounted to \$10,139,383.21 while the net expenditures totaled \$15,720,270.68. There are 6,077 school libraries. Superintendent Wright says there are 1,240 districts furnishing free text books.

Chairman Lawton T. Hemans, of the state railroad commission, would like very much to know the attitude of the United States attorney general and the members of the interstate commerce commission relative to proposition pending in this state to merge the lines of the telephone company into one line and thus save state of the instruments from paying for double service.

Chairman Hemans made a trip to Washington to interview the government officials on this subject, but stated upon his return to Lansing, that he was treated kindly but was given little information.

For some time, according to Commissioner Hemans the Michigan State Telephone company has been willing to sell to the independent companies in communities where the independent concerns are strongest, and would like to secure control of lines in other places where the Bell interests have been strong.

However, as Commissioner Hemans points out the companies are afraid to proceed, and the commission does not want to approve such mergers, until it is determined that the federal government will not object to the deal as a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law and state prosecutions. Just what the attitude of the present administration is towards the so-called telephone mergers is a question that remains unanswered.

According to the monthly crop report issued by Secretary of State Martindale, this year's yield of wheat in Michigan will be the smallest in years. The various crop correspondents in Michigan who gather statistics for the state department have as yet made no discouraging reports as far as the wheat crop is concerned and it is estimated that the average yield per acre in the state will not exceed 14.63. The average estimated yield of rye is 13.81 bushels per acre.

The condition of corn is placed at 67, potatoes 88, sugar beets 90 and clover 77. The following table of percentages gives the average in regard to fruit in the state: Apples 58, peaches 53, pears 53, plums 56, grapes 56 and raspberries and blackberries 76.

The estimated acreage of the principal farm crops grown in Michigan for 1913 follows: Wheat 70,556, rye 1,600, corn 1,606,656, 1,126,556, barley 32,955, buckwheat 61,762, beans 42,239 peas 64,886, potatoes 356,586, sugar beets 78,731, hay and forage 3,236,734, apples 2,240,035, pears 9,022, peaches 23,254, plums 3,726, grapes 1,601, strawberries 5,874, raspberries and blackberries 9,856.

Richard D. O'Keefe, of Port Huron, has been appointed inspector in the state highway department by Highway Commissioner Rogers. O'Keefe has been sergeant-at-arms in the senate during the past two sessions of the legislature.

The state railroad commission has issued an order authorizing the Mineral Range railroad to issue \$115,000 in corporate bonds. The Grand Trunk Western railroad has been granted permission to issue \$332,020.47 in bonds. Two years ago this road was authorized to sell \$7,339,615.09 worth of bonds at 95 per cent of their par value, but there was a mishap in the value of the bonds and 91 was the best that could be obtained. The latest order by the commission is to permit the road to realize the difference.

Deputy State Fire Marshal Sam Robinson has served notice on the proprietors of four moving picture theatres at Albion that they must improve their fire protection by being permanently closed. Robinson has two inspectors on the road and is doing considerable work along this line. An effort will be made to inspect all theatres in the state.

## MANY KILLED AND HURT IN WRECK

BOYS' PULLING WHISTLE CORD.

OVER TWO HUNDRED PASSENGERS INJURED.

Electric Train Near Los Angeles Crashes Full Speed Into Cars Ahead Telescoping Two and Wrecking Another.

To needless youths who played with the train whistle is attributed the loss of 12 lives and the injury of some 200 persons near Los Angeles, when a freight train collided, telescoping two cars and wrecking another at Vineyard station, near the city limits. Many of the injured will die.

Three trains loaded with excursionists to the beach at Venice, 10 miles from Los Angeles, had stopped at a curve, where a switch is turned. The last train began moving forward while the two in front remained at a standstill.

Carol Bartholomew, conductor of the last car of the center train, jumped to the track with his light to flag the approaching train. Some young passengers, pulled the whistle in spite of this. It was said by railroad men, was interpreted by the motorman of the oncoming train as the signal to proceed.

With a crash of breaking glass, splintering timbers and the cries of passengers, the motor car of the last train drove into the rear of the center train. The motorman of the moving train had given full speed. A curve had prevented his seeing the standing cars.

Strike Riots in Kentucky.

An attempt to run street cars in Lexington resulted in general rioting in which many workmen were injured, some of them probably fatally. The first car started from the barns, manned by strike-breakers and guarded by deputy sheriffs, was attacked by strike sympathizers who burned the car, disarmed the officers and threw the strike-breakers in the street. Every car that was run downtown was boarded by union sympathizers and the crews were roughly handled. The police were siding with the strikers and made but few arrests. Governor McCreary has been asked to send state troops to Lexington.

Congregation Visits Other Church.

"We have been preaching Christianity for an union for years; it is time we were taking some practical steps toward cultivating the spirit of union," declared Judge H. C. Barnett in the Fairview church at Frankfort, Ind. He then proposed that the entire congregation go across the street to the Presbyterian church and worship, as an evidence of good will between Christian brethren. All the 250 members of the congregation fell in with the plan, and headed by the pastor, Rev. William J. Wright, crossed to the other church. They were given a hearty welcome.

Four Killed in Ohio.

Four persons were killed and a score of others hurt when Baltimore & Ohio passenger train No. 15, the Wheeling Express, westbound, crashed into a Cambridge & Beverlyville interurban street car at a crossing in East Cambridge, Ohio. The street car was demolished. The dead are: Fred Rabiner, 26, and Dora Fairchild, 32; Cambridge, O.; Edward McNeely, of Columbus, O.; and William Carter, of Indianapolis, Ind., who died at the city hospital two hours after the accident.

Mr. Bryan Needs the Money.

William Jennings Bryan, secretary of state, who delivered a lecture at Hendersonville, N. C., declared that he was forced to lecture that he might live decently, the salary paid by the United States government not being sufficient for his needs. Thousands of persons were present when the secretary made his statement. He also declared that there never would be another democratic convention, and that candidates in the future would be chosen by preferential primaries.

Eight Drowned Near Boston.

Grattan Moxon, first officer of the White Star Line steamship Cymric, and Capt. Arthur G. Ayres, superintendent of the Sailors' home at Charlestown, together with six men, were drowned in a collision with the Boston & Maine railroad, were drowned in the outer harbor when the ship Alberta capsized. Six other men of the party on the Alberta were rescued.

The Detroit, Monroe & Toledo electric line has established an all night service. Express and freight cars will only run from 8 p. m. till 8 a. m., leaving the line closed during the day. State Insurance Commissioner Winslow has appointed William A. Stewart, of Port Huron, chief clerk of the department, to succeed Bert Grove, who has held that position for several years. Mr. Stewart, formerly was chief clerk of the Grand Trunk road, and was at one time chief clerk of the White Star Line.

## CROP CONDITIONS IN WESTERN CANADA

ARE THE MOST PROMISING FOR MANY YEARS.

The deepest interest is attached to the condition of the crop in the West, Canada, especially among the thousands in the United States who are financially interested in lands in that country. "This interest is fully as great among those who have friends there following farming and the growing of grain."

The reports from Canadian government officials convey also information that the area under crop this year in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta will probably be no greater than that of last year. Last fall the weather was such that there was not as much fall plowing as had been hoped for. The getting ready of land this spring made a considerable portion of the grain late in seeding. Notwithstanding this, wheat, oats, barley and flax were got in good shape, although from a week to ten days later than last year. On the 27th of June the reports regarding crop conditions generally in Western Canada were: "Abundant sunshine with timely and copious rain throughout the season has given every assurance of generous harvest. Climate conditions in recent weeks have been absolutely ideal. Western correspondents agree in predicting very satisfactory of a bumper crop under favorable conditions. Wheat should be headed out in Manitoba between July 10th and 15th, and in Saskatchewan and Alberta from 15th to 17th. The oat crop is looking well, although late and rather short in straw."

This is followed by a report July 8th: "Crop conditions continue in same satisfactory condition. The oat crop is looking well, although late and rather short in straw. Wheat should be headed out in Manitoba between July 10th and 15th, and in Saskatchewan and Alberta from 15th to 17th. The oat crop is looking well, although late and rather short in straw."

There is, therefore, the best reason to anticipate most magnificent crops throughout Western Canada in 1913—Advertisement.

## NO EVIDENCE OF STATEMENT

Foreman of Jury Had Claimed They Had One Mind, but Losing Lawyer Wanted to Be Shown.

Counsel for the prisoner looked hopefully at the faces of the jurors as they filed into their seats, and listened hopefully as the foreman announced that they had agreed. His client had enjoyed ample provocation for the assault upon the person of Tobias Jones; but the jurors were uniformly Tobias' friends and he was assured.

"The jury is all of one mind," your honor," the foreman said. "We had the prisoner guilty."

"You hear the verdict, counsel," remarked the judge. "The jury is all of one mind. Have you anything to ask of the court before sentence is pronounced?"

"Yes, your honor," replied counsel, still hopefully: "for the purposes of the appeal which my client will take, it would be of material assistance to learn which of the jurors announced that he had reached this verdict in possession of the one mind you are so careful to mention."—New York Evening Post.

Miss Kate.

"Here's some fish from the dealer's, marked C. O. D."

"Then it isn't ours. I ordered shad."

"Almost as many women's heads are turned by flattery as by peroxide."

## FOUND A WAY

To Be Clear of Coffee Troubles.

"Hubbard and myself both had the coffee habit, and finally my stomach and kidneys got in such a bad way that he was compelled to give up a good position that he had held for years. He was too sick to work. His skin was yellow, and there didn't seem to be anything in his body that was not affected."

"I told him I felt sure his sickness was due to coffee and after some discussion he decided to give it up. It was a struggle, because of the powerful habit. One day he heard about Postum and concluded to try it and then it was easy to leave off coffee."

"His fearful headaches grew less frequent, his complexion began to clear, kidneys grew better until at last he was a new man altogether, as a result of leaving off coffee and taking up Postum. Then I began to drink it too."

"Although I was never as bad off as my husband, I was always very nervous and never at any time very strong, only weighing 95 lbs. before I began to use Postum. Now I weigh 115 lbs. and can do as much work as any man I know."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.—for booklet, "The Road to Wellville."