

Current Events Related in Paragraphs

Washington

Secretary Bryan's policy of lecturing in his vacation time involved the senate at Washington in a bitter controversy. It began when Senator Brainerd, ignoring the defeat of his resolution directed at Mr. Bryan's action, insisted upon being heard in severe criticism of the cabinet officer.

S. Wood McClure, Republican candidate for congress in the Sixth New Jersey district, told the senate lobby investigating committee that Martin M. Mulhall had perjured himself in his testimony before the committee. He denied that Mulhall had raised or spent money for him.

United States Consul Luther Ellisworth at Piedras Negras, Mexico, has reported to Washington the discovery of a plot to dynamite the American consulate and that his life is in imminent danger.

Formal decrees of the United States Supreme court in the Minnesota and Missouri state cases have been issued to the federal court in those states. In the cases won by the states the railroads were ordered to reimburse the state governments for the cost of litigation.

So acute has the Mexican situation become, so insistent are the demands from outside forces that the administration do something to check the merely prevailing theories of the Mexican republic, that President Wilson instructed Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson at Mexico City to call to Washington at once for a conference.

The American reply to the last two Jap notes on the California anti-land law was delivered by Secretary Bryan to Ambassador Chinda at Washington, who at once cabled it to Tokyo. As in the case of the preceding note, the contents were withheld from publication.

The largest water power permit ever issued by the department of agriculture was signed by Secretary Houston in Washington, granting rights to the Pacific Light and Power company of Los Angeles to operate power plants in the Sierra National forest. It will carry electric power 240 miles to Los Angeles and vicinity at 150,000 volts, said to be the highest commercial transmission ever attempted.

Domestic

Dig Four passenger train No. 1 plowed into the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern passenger train, between Perry and Madison, O., while the Lake Shore train was held up by a freight. It splintered the dining car to pieces and telescoped the next car, a Pullman, injuring 12 persons.

United States marines and sailors from the Pacific reserve fleet, most of the sailors wearing the name bands of the cruisers Colorado and California, started last night to "clean up the town," as they confessed it, by attacking the headquarters of the Socialists and the Industrial Workers of the World, at Seattle, Wash.

One child was killed, one was probably mortally injured and two others and their father, N. S. Adams, were less seriously hurt when the automobile in which the child was riding was struck by a north-bound Chicago Great Western passenger train at Earl Grove, Ia.

A mob of women of Yolo, McHenry county, Illinois, angered at the conduct of Mrs. John Richardson, wife of an invalid, rode Mrs. Richardson to the town of Yolo on a rail. Twelve women took part in the proceedings. William Dunlap, a brother-in-law of Richardson, left Yolo following the affair.

Sixty men, all prominent in the insurance field in the central west are suffering from what is declared to be ptomaine poisoning, symptoms of which manifested themselves immediately following a banquet given during an insurance convention in Milwaukee.

Blossom Browning paid a \$25 fine in Judge Crutchfield's court at Richmond, Va. for wearing a silk skirt, and declared she intended to go to New York at once "where people are not so prudish." She was charged with indecent exposure.

J. Elmer Vancil, wanted in Los Angeles, Cal., for robbery of C. J. B. Carson, a jeweler, formerly of New Bedford, Mass., was arrested at Los Angeles. The police say he has confessed the robbery of Carson.

R. A. Upton, pilot of the "Good Year," John Watts of the "Kansas City II," and H. E. Honeywell of the "Kansas City Post" were officially announced by the Aero Club of America as having won first, second and third places, respectively, in the recent balloon race from Kansas City to determine the American entrants for the international balloon races abroad next October.

The efforts of Louis A. Post, assistant secretary of the federal department of labor, to bring about a settlement of the strike of the Boston Park manufacturing plants at Boston controlled by Governor Foss have developed no changes in the attitude of either side. There is no indication of an early settlement.

Mount McKinley, the highest peak in North America, will be given the name of "Denali," an Indian word meaning "The Great One," if Archbishop of Boston, the Episcopal missionary, whose party was the first to reach the summit of the great peak, is able to prevail upon the national board of geographical names to make the change.

What is said to be the largest single gift ever made to the Young Men's Christian association in this city was announced by the Brooklyn association, whose party was the first to reach the summit of the great peak, is able to prevail upon the national board of geographical names to make the change.

Four deaths and a score of prostrations were the toll of heat in Kansas and western Missouri, where the mercury hovered at most points between 100 and 112 degrees.

Joined from his seat when his automobile struck a depression, Rev. Thomas O'Brien, assistant pastor at St. Patrick's Catholic church at Joliet, was saved from bleeding to death by a constable who held a severed artery together for two hours until a physician came.

Closer trade relations between American cities was advocated by Harry A. Wheeler, president of the National Chamber of Commerce, at a banquet which closed the visit of members of the executive committee of that organization at Portland, Ore.

Foreign

Bulgaria now is seeking through Italy to obtain peace terms from Rumania, but no progress appears to have been made toward negotiations and all three of her enemies are closing in on Bulgaria with the apparent determination to dictate peace when their armies occupy Sofia.

Lieutenant Stoll, an army aviator, died from the effects of injuries sustained in an aeroplane accident at the military aerodrome at Juterberg, Germany.

The new British post laureate is Dr. Robert Bridges of London, who was appointed by Premier Asquith to take the place of Mr. John Addington Symonds, who died in 1912. Besides being a poet and literary man, Dr. Bridges practiced medicine for many years. He is sixty-eight years old.

Another horrifying story of massacre was received at Saloniki, Turkey, from Dolran, 40 miles northwest of Salonki. The Mussulmans here have made a written declaration, countersigned by three local Bulgarian priests, that the Bulgarians slaughtered 30,000 Mussulmans who sought refuge in Dolran from the surrounding districts.

The betrothal is announced in London of Prince Arthur of Connaught and Princess Alexandra Victoria, the daughter of King George V.

Personal

Truman Chapman, twenty-two years old, of Hamilton, Ont., was rescued from the brink of the American falls by four men, one of whom took a desperate chance to reach him. Chapman, a student at the University of Toronto, was on the iron railing just above Prospect Point and was seen suddenly to topple backwards into the stream.

Ruth Duff, the second legislator on trial for bribery, was convicted at Webster Springs, W. Va.

Charles S. Mellen of New York tendered his resignation as president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company and all its allied or subsidiary lines, including the various railways, trolley lines and water lines which have become parts of the New Haven system under his management.

Inable to bear longer the sufferings from cancer of the throat, Dr. Thomas L. Doan of New York, at Naples, Italy, one of the best known educators in Italy, committed suicide by cutting his throat.

When his automobile turned turtle near Grafton, Wis., George Hoberg, thirty-five years old, millionaire owner of the Hoberg Mill company, met at most instant death, while three other occupants escaped death, or serious injury in a miraculous manner.

John Purroy Mitchell, recently appointed collector of the port of New York, announced that he was willing to accept the nomination for mayor on a fusion ticket, backed by some Democrats, Republicans and Progressives.

LETTER FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

INGHAM COUNTY LEADS IN THE
NUMBER OF AUTOMOBILES
PER CAPITA.

WAYNE COUNTY HAS TOTAL OF
NEARLY ELEVEN THOUSAND.

Edward Frensdorff Believes Jackson
Prison Will Eventually Become
Self-Sustaining—Prisoners
Like Farm Work.

(By Gurd W. Hayek.)

Although Wayne leads in the number of automobiles owned in any one particular section of the state, there are more motor cars owned in Ingham county, according to the population, than any other county in the state. According to statistics prepared by Secretary of State Martindale there were 1,295 licensed automobiles in Ingham county, July 1, which, according to the 1910 census is one machine for every 41 inhabitants. Estimating the average value of each machine owned in this county at \$1,000, the total value of the automobiles in Ingham county is \$1,295,000, but being to the fact that many high priced automobiles are owned in this city of Detroit.

When Secretary Martindale compiled the statistics July 1, Wayne county had 1,300 licensed automobiles, which is one registered automobile for every 46 of its 531,591 inhabitants. Although it is impossible to give an exact number at present, Secretary Martindale says that approximately 8,000 of the machines in Wayne county are owned in the city of Detroit. Estimating each car as being worth \$1,000, Wayne county's automobiles are worth \$10,000,000, but being to the fact that many high priced automobiles are owned in this city of Detroit, it is believed that this is a very low estimate and it is believed that actual figures might be considerably higher.

Although it is the second largest county in the state in population, Kent county is down in the list in the number of licensed cars per population. The last census gave Kent county 129,345 inhabitants and during the first six months of this year 2,633 licenses were granted to Kent county drivers. This at the rate of one for every 60 inhabitants. Branch county has one machine for every 45 inhabitants and Washtenaw one for every 47 inhabitants. In the list of counties, branch, Ingham, Houghton and Marquette are included in the list of counties in Secretary Martindale's compilation. Houghton county has one machine for every 270 inhabitants and Marquette has one for every 249 people. Jackson county has one machine for every 66 people.

Up to July 1 Secretary of State Martindale had issued 41,168 automobile licenses which is 13,199 more than for the same period in 1912. The number of motor vehicle licenses issued up to July 1, was 4,770 or 2,025 in excess of last year. During the first six months of the year 3,900 chauffeur's licenses were issued, which exceeds the number issued during the same period last year by 765. The number of automobile licenses issued in the 22 principal motor car counties of the state up to July 1, are as follows: Wayne 10,941, Saginaw 1,070, Houghton 628, St. Clair 513, 12, Alcona 485, Tuscola 473, Hillsdale 462, Marquette 383.

"We are particularly desirous that the managers of regular theaters, opera houses and academies of music should understand that they come under the 'theater' law, regulating the operation of moving picture shows, if they have any bookings, or contemplate making any bookings, by which they present to the public any entertainments involving the use of moving picture machines, using celluloid films, either as a whole program or any part of it," said Insurance Commissioner John T. Winship.

"This is true even if the theater, opera house or academy does not furnish the booth in which the picture machine is operated, or does not own one, and the pictures are shown from a portable booth that has already passed inspection and is licensed. The provisions of this law which regulates the arrangement of seats, aisles, and exits will operate to cause the building to be inspected for license. In other words, theaters and opera houses not engaged in the regular business of showing moving pictures, but which hold a license for the purpose of permitting a traveling exhibition, showing moving pictures of any kind, even as a part of a traveling show, notwithstanding the fact that the exhibitor may have a license for the portable booth that complies with the law, does not obviate the necessity of causing the building to measure up to requirements. Managers themselves, in making bookings should bear this in mind. The fire marshal bureau is making every effort to get a complete list of every theater, vaudeville or show house in which pictures are shown. It is a part of their own sworn duty to meet the requirements before an inspection appears, they will save the necessity of a subsequent inspection to determine whether they have complied with the law. Copies of the law have been sent out to all known managers of vaudeville or theaters but they can also be obtained by addressing the fire marshal's bureau.

As the result of the establishment of the big farm at Jackson prison, Edward Frensdorff of Hudson, one of the members of the board of control believes that in the course of a few years the big penal institution at Jackson will be almost self-sustaining and he points out that the influence on the prisoners is of inestimable value.

At the present time, according to Frensdorff, there are about 50 men, all of whom are "trusties" employed on the farm of 1,140 acres. This is approximately nine percent of the total population of the prison. Frensdorff says that nearly every "trusty" in the prison would like to secure a place on the farm crew, but it is impossible to utilize all the would be agriculturalists on 1,140 acres of land.

At the present time the convict farmers are gathering in their crops and it is necessary for them to work beyond their regular hours. It is said that the men are not opposed to this as it gives them an opportunity to make a little extra money in overtime hours. There are about 75 cows in the prison herd and the men inside the walls get their own supply of fresh milk and butter milk every day. From this standpoint of modern penology Mr. Frensdorff believes that the prison farm is one of the big factors in reforming some of the men deprived of their liberty by the state. As he points out, it was only a few years ago that the idea of allowing a convict to work outside the walls was almost unheard of, but Frensdorff says that other states are trying it with equal success and he believes that the day is at hand when every prison will own and operate a big farm. The cost of maintenance is small compared to the saving to the state. At the next session of the legislature it is believed that every prison in the state will be given appropriation to increase the acreage of their farms.

State Highway Commissioner Rogers has a large staff of draughtsmen working out the details of the trunkline highways to be constructed in Michigan in accordance with the provisions of the act passed at the last session of the legislature, but it is not believed that for a year at least the proposed system of trunkline highways will advance rapidly and if 100 miles of road are constructed in the next twelve months the highway department will feel that excellent progress has been made.

A 24-foot turnpike and a 16-foot metal track are included in the specifications of all trunkline highways laid out in that section of Michigan south of Grand Haven and Saginaw. In the northern counties the roads vary in width according to the district. Owing to the fact that it has three concrete roads accepted by the highway commission, Wayne county will receive a nice reward under the provisions of the new law. Completed roads on the trunkline route are also awarded additional credits of 50 percent of the original reward. This money is to be used for additional road construction.

State Treasurer Hawser's report for the fiscal year ending June 30, shows that the total receipts from all sources during the past twelve months amounted to \$11,424,472.25, while the total disbursements totaled \$10,166,448. When the totals were opened July 1, there was \$2,258,023.74 to the credit of the state. However, of this amount \$3,741,198.49 is credited to the primary school fund and \$1,000,000 to the fund among the various school districts this month.

The report shows that the state has been fully reimbursed for all moneys deposited in the State Savings bank at the time of Glazier's failure. The total receipts to the general fund were \$7,513,512.45 among which are the following items: state tax from county treasurers \$2,505,931.71; state paid Gar. Johnson more than two months ago, will become effective August 1, without interference from the electorate of the state through the referendum. Time for filing referendum petitions against laws passed at the last session expired Sunday, bringing an end to the threats against the Webb act that have filled the political atmosphere since May.

To Stop Gas Waste. Many millions of dollars will be saved to the United States through a stoppage in the waste of natural gas by the recent experiments conducted under the direction of experts from the bureau of mines. Tests just completed in the Oklahoma oil fields are said to have resulted in insuring a yearly saving to the state alone of at least \$15,000,000 by shutting off the escape of gas.

The Piers and Resort Co., of Monroe, has purchased the steamboat M. J. Hayes, now plying on the Saginaw river, and will put her into freight and passenger service between Toledo and Monroe.

W. L. Dillon, of Fort Wayne, Ind., has been awarded the contract for installing the new water works system in Olivet. The system is to cost \$14,500 and the mains are to be constructed of wood.

BULGARS ACCEPT TERMS OF PEACE

WAR AMONG BALKAN STATES IS
BROUGHT TO A CLOSE
BY ARMISTICE.

QUEENS ARE GIVEN CREDIT FOR
SUCCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS.

Advant of New Bulgarian Cabinet Also
Tends to End Hostilities—Im-
portant Territorial Conces-
sions Made to Rumania.

It is officially confirmed at Bucharest, Rumania, that Bulgaria has accepted the conditions laid down by Rumania and has also agreed to the terms of peace with Serbia and Greece.

Queen Eleanor of Bulgaria and Queen Elizabeth of Rumania, known as Carmen Sylva, are said to have had much to do with bringing about peace.

The advent of a new Bulgarian cabinet, comprising a coalition of the Liberal groups, seems to have done much to bring about peace.

When the new federal board of mediation met to organize and begin adjustment of the wide dispute between the eastern railroads and their union, it was convinced by the discovery that one of its members, Assistant Secretary Post of the department of labor, was legally barred from serving. The new board, unaltered by the change, was created, provides that in addition to the federal commissioner, the members shall be officials of the government who have been appointed to their original offices with the constitution of the senate. The assistant secretary of labor does not come under that classification.

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The factory of the New England Fireworks company, at Winchester, Mass., went up in a puff of smoke, the result of an explosion, carrying with it Manager Ernest Horrell and three workmen. Horrell was thought to have been killed when portions of his clothing, his eyeglass case, and some coins were found in the vicinity. But a searching party discovered him in a clump of bushes a mile from the scene of the explosion, and found him in a state of unconsciousness. A member who had happened there, was taken to the hospital, but was later sent home. The workmen were badly burned.

Cheaper Funerals for Chicago.

The high cost of dying is to be lowered in Chicago with the advent of motor buses, each large enough to contain the casket and four or five ordinary size. The funeral coach will have a compartment to the right of the chauffeur's seat for the coffin and above it a place for flowers. Near the driver will be the minister and undertaker and there will be accommodations for 27 mourners. One of the principal items in the cost of funerals is transportation. The funeral coach, it is said, will reduce this cost by \$20.

Webb Law to Become Effective.

The Webb anti-labor law, passed by the legislature last year, and signed by Gov. Johnson more than two months ago, will become effective August 1, without interference from the electorate of the state through the referendum. Time for filing referendum petitions against laws passed at the last session expired Sunday, bringing an end to the threats against the Webb act that have filled the political atmosphere since May.

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WOLVERINE NEWS BRIEVITIES

Detroit—Elaborate arrangements have been completed for the entertainment of 1,500 delegates to the twenty-first national convention of the Walter league, July 20 to 24, at representatives of 125 societies, distributed all over the country will gather in Detroit. Devotions will be held at the opening service Sunday at Trinity German Evangelical Lutheran church, Grand avenue and River street, shortly after two o'clock Sunday afternoon. Monday the business sessions will be held and questions of importance to the organization discussed. Mayor Marx will deliver address of welcome.

Saginaw—The eighth annual convention of the Michigan Retail Jewelers' association opened with an address of welcome by Mayor A. W. Townsend and in response by Robert I. Weibing, president of the Detroit Jewelers' Board of Trade. Interesting reports were presented by the officers, and President Hugh Connolly, Detroit, delivered his annual address. The delegates went for a car ride and in the evening there was a public reception of the costly exhibit valued at thousands of dollars.

Ironia—P. J. Toney, an Ironia grocer, knocked himself and his barn room and turned on the gas. The family sent for the sheriff, who gained entrance with a ladder and found Heaney on the floor, unconscious. A doctor revived him. Heaney said he did not want to live. Financial troubles are supposed to have caused his despondency. He came here a year ago from Middleville and bought the Fleming grocery. Five in the basement of the store damaged the stock.

Flint—Two pioneers of Flint died. William S. Pierson, who had lived in this county ever since he was born in Mt. Morris township in 1841, dropped dead in a buggy while out with his son. Mrs. Mary Andrews died at the home of her son, James. She was sixty-two years old, and had lived here 71 years.

Muskegon—With a bullet lodged in the center of his liver, where doctors dare not remove it, Theodore Cieski, a Hungarian, was released from Hackley hospital after one of the most surprising recoveries in the history of the institution. When Cieski was brought to the hospital four weeks ago after being shot by John Stepan, physicians said he had no chance to recover. An operation was performed in an effort to remove the bullet, but the doctors decided it would be fatal to cut open the organ.

Potosky—Unexpectedly giving in to the demands of the striking G. R. & J. switchmen, the company gave them two and one-half cents a day more than was asked and three men who walked out returned to work. The men asked for \$1.50 bet will get \$1.92 1/2 a day.

Flint—Thomas W. Linford, one of the few survivors of the famous "Charge of the Light Brigade" at Balaclava during the Crimean war, died here of old age. He was born in England in 1832 and served seven years in the British army. He came here from Germany seven years ago.

Lansing—Insurance Commissioner John T. Winship has appointed Frederick Grogan of Dearborn as assistant actuary in the insurance department. Fred W. Head of Grand Rapids has been appointed actuarial clerk, while A. E. Maynard of Clare and Charles L. Walker of Grand Rapids have been selected as inspectors in the fire marshal's department.

Bay City—At a meeting of church people, called by the Young Women's Christian association, it was decided to appeal to Governor Peritz to have the segregated district of Bay City wiped out. This action follows the declaration of Mayor Hine and the police commission of the council to abolish the social evil. The meeting was presided over by Rev. George Elliott, pastor of the First Methodist church. Rev. Victor Brown, Doctor Elliott, Mrs. May L. Baker and G. B. Johnson were named as a committee to take the matter up with the governor.

Jackson—Darwood R. Gillespie, thirty years old, a city fireman, was killed on top of an electric light pole while his wife sat in an automobile beneath, a helpless witness to the tragedy. Gillespie had been summoned to adjust some wire trouble by the board of public works, for whom he works, and had just reached the top of the pole when a flash of lightning struck from the body, the shock tossing him over the wire where he hung until the arrival of the fire department.

Alpena—Two bullets were fired through the front window of Trinity Episcopal parish house just after Sunday school had been dismissed. One bullet narrowly missed the head of Harry Lamp, the sexton, and the second bullet whizzed by Miss Holmes, one of the teachers.

Sturgis—As the result of being hit on the head with a piece of bone by a burglar three months ago, William Merritt, eighty-five years old, died. His daughter was struck at the same time, but recovered.