

SUMMARY OF A WEEK'S EVENTS

Latest News of Interest
Boiled Down for the
Busy Man.

Washington

President Taft emphatically denied to White House callers that members of his cabinet were urging him to dismiss Postmaster General Hitchcock from his official family. The president made it clear that he did not place the slightest credence in stories that Mr. Hitchcock was disloyal to him.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley is held "not guilty" of conspiracy to evade the law in a report filed with the house of representatives by the committee which conducted an investigation into the charges on which President Taft was asked to dismiss the nation's chief chemist from the government service.

Beer is a commodity and railroads must carry it, when offered to transport, from one state into "dry" portions of another state, regardless of the laws of the latter state. The Supreme court of the United States has issued this ruling regarding proposed shipment from Indiana into "dry" Kentucky counties.

A bill proposing a revision of the steel schedule of the Payne tariff law was introduced in the house by Representative Underwood with the approval of the Democratic members of the house committee on ways and means. The bill changes all duties from specific to ad valorem and proposes reductions in the various rates of 35 to 75 per cent. from the Payne law rates.

The Supreme court of the United States has announced it would take a recess from January 29 to February 19.

When the senate committee inquiring into the election of Senator William Lorimer of Illinois resumes its session the allegations will be reviewed at Regina, Canada, had received \$1,500 for his testimony in behalf of the senator.

Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa, progressive Republican, announced his presidential nomination in a statement in which he says that he is a full man to urge before the Chicago convention he will accept their decision.

Promoters of fraudulent schemes who had obtained \$7,000,000 from the fiscal year ending June 30 last, according to the annual report of Robert S. Sharp, chief inspector of the postoffice department at Washington. This showing is the most remarkable in the history of the department.

Senator Isaac Stephenson was a victor in his fight to hold his seat as senator from Wisconsin when the Heyburn subcommittee, which has been investigating his election, decided by a unanimous vote that there was no evidence of corruption and bribery made against the senator had not been proved.

Cuban patriotism has prevented another intervention in the island republic by the United States. After a conference at Washington and one in Havana, President Taft declared that he did not believe the United States would be called on to send troops to Cuba.

Domestic

Dr. Harry Elgin Webster of Chicago, slayer of his wife, Beatrice Webster, was sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge Richard S. Farrand at Oregon, Ill. As the last words fell from the judge's lips the prisoner sank into his chair murmuring "Thank God." Dr. Webster collapsed from the strain of waiting for the sentence.

An appeal to consumers and retailers of meats issued by a committee of the New York, charges that a number of prominent produce and poultry dealers in New York have entered into a combination to control the dressed poultry market of the country.

Governor McGovern will investigate conditions at Black River Falls, Wis., to determine whether an appeal session of the legislature should be called to provide relief for the district recently devastated by floods.

William B. Nason, cashier of the defunct Market Street bank of San Francisco, was sentenced to five years in San Quentin prison.

William H. Tabor, former president of the American State Bank of Terre Haute, Ind., said to be short about \$25,000, has been indicted on nine counts.

Judge Collier of Indianapolis, Ind., decided that Mrs. Leona Batty had made fraudulent claims to being the mother of a child she asked her divorced husband to support.

Perry Hazelton of St. Louis, a cadet at the Missouri Military academy at Mexico, Mo., was accidentally shot and killed by Thomas Broughton, a cadet, also of St. Louis.

Three hundred people were thrown into a panic by the explosion of a moving picture theater at the American Picture theater at Barberton, O. No one was seriously injured.

The Key West extension of the Florida East Coast railway, which for 150 miles, was formally opened, a large party of Americans and foreign notables participating in the ceremony.

Mrs. Virginia Reckart, aged forty-five, was crushed to death at Fairmont, W. Va., by a runaway trolley car.

Senator Filburn Root in an address before the New York State Bar association stanchly defended both the state and federal courts of the country and denounced the principle underlying the recall of judges.

Rev. William Roberts, a Presbyterian pastor at Iron Mountain, Mich., has received a letter from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals threatening him with death unless he ceases his prosecutions against saloonkeepers.

In an address before the New Haven board of chamber of commerce on the topic of "False Patriotism," Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas made a bitter attack on William Jennings Bryan and a William Randolph Hearst.

A movement against fortune hunters, crystal gazers and palm readers is under way in New York and several soothsayers, unable to find their niche, have been caught in the net.

During the first fifteen days of January the fire and burglar companies of the city of Chicago lost \$15,000,000 in losses, according to statistics prepared by a Hartford (Conn.) company.

Foreign

The situation in China has entered upon a new and puzzling phase, as Premier Yuan Shi Kai has failed in his attempt to bring about the abdication of the throne.

Russian troops are rapidly occupying the province of Azerbaijan, which is in northwestern Persia, bordering Turkish territory. Seven Russian military posts have been established on the 120-mile stretch of road between this city and Khol.

More than one thousand men were killed or wounded in a battle at Nagasaki, Japan, on an army supply expedition to the Quilo government and a force of Guayaquil troops supporting the provisional government proclaimed by General Montero.

The dispute in the Manchester (England) cotton trade, which culminated in a lockout affecting about 300,000 men, has been settled. All the mills are to be reopened.

The Hill-Inn Winslow Hall was wrecked on the Buchanan Rocks on the coast of Aberdeenshire, carrying 63 of her crew of 570 men. The men sank into his chair murmuring "Thank God." Dr. Webster collapsed from the strain of waiting for the sentence.

Enemies of John Mitchell in the convention of the United Mine Workers of America at Indianapolis failed in an effort to put the organization on record as censuring Mitchell for his attitude toward the "National Civic Federation.

NEWS FROM PARTS OF MICHIGAN

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PROSPERITY INCREASING

Exports 600 Millions Over Imports in the United States.

The exports from the United States for the calendar year 1911, amounting to \$2,092,373,141, exceeded the total of any preceding year, according to a report made by the bureau of statistics, in Taft's department of commerce and labor. This shows improving prosperity for this country.

The value of imports was \$1,522,801,861, a larger total than in any year with the exception of 1910, which amounted to \$1,652,001,151. This decrease of imports under last year is another prosperity sign from the producers standpoint.

The excess of exports over imports was \$569,441,280, a larger excess than in any year since 1908, when the total was \$255,000,000.

The dutiable imports were \$728,481,025 in value and those free of duty \$794,400,256, the share entering of duty here being 51.82 per cent of the total.

Potatoes Take Place of Wheat.
Citizens of the United States consume an average of almost one and one-half barrels of wheat per year. The report of the government in connection with a report on the wheat supply and distribution of the country, just issued, shows that they figure this on a basis of 4 1/2 bushels of wheat to a barrel of flour.

The average of all varieties of flour is a per capita consumption of about 5.3 bushels of wheat.

The people of the far west were the greatest consumers of wheat, their average being six bushels a person. Next come the people of the northern central states, with an average of five bushels per capita.

Then the northern central states of the Mississippi valley with 2.6 bushels; the north Atlantic states, with 2.2 bushels; the south central states, with 1.7, and the south Atlantic with 1.6.

The smaller consumption in the south is accounted for by the fact that cornmeal is an important substitute for wheat flour. In some of the heavy producing states, such as Michigan, Wisconsin and Maine, potatoes are another substitute.

LATE WIRE BULLETINS.
Former United States Senator William E. Mason announced his candidacy for nomination as congressman at large from Illinois on the Republican ticket.

Fire wrecked the interior of the Roman Catholic church of the Nativity in New York, an old landmark on Second avenue. A leading gas pipe caused the fire.

The report of the betrayal of Princess Victoria Louise, the daughter of Emperor Frederick of Prussia, to the Grand Duke Adolph Frederick of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, is semi-officially denied.

William Watson, English poet, will be the American chief of guest at the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens in New York city, Feb. 7.

Fifteen high schools in New York state are now giving a four-year course in agriculture and 23 other high schools have 108 "extensive" courses along the line.

The Henry Cabot Lodge bill, providing for the institution of a professional school of arts and letters, has been reintroduced in congress by Rep. Stephen T. Hays of New York.

Henry Clay Howard, the American minister in Lima, Peru, was a banquet in honor of Frederick Pezet, the new Peruvian minister to the United States. A number of diplomats were present. Senor Pezet will start shortly for his post at Washington.

The American bark Digo completed a voyage from San Francisco to New York without once having been spoken in all the five months she had been at sea. The ship's master brought a charge of her merchandise.

MANCHUS GETTING READY TO FIGHT

REACTIONARIES IN COMPLETE CONTROL; ALL HOPE OF PEACE IS OVER.

PREMIER YUAN SHI KAI HAS ABANDONED HIS TASK.

War Preparations Have Been Actively Resumed by the Throne After Breaking Off of Negotiations for Peace.

The affairs of state at Peking are now in the undisputed possession of the Manchu reactionaries, and Yuan Shi Kai has abandoned his task, according to advices received by the American consul at Puen Tsin and reported from that city by the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company. The dispatch adds:

"The situation at Peking has undergone an extraordinary change. The Manchu family has reversed its policy and abandoned all thought of abdication. Yuan Shi Kai has stepped aside and the throne control has passed to the Manchu general, Yin Tchang, who was credited a few days ago with recommending a general massacre of the Chinese by the Manchus."

Yin Tchang assumes an attitude of firmness toward the revolutionary leaders and is said to be preparing to resume hostilities. It is reported that all negotiations which have been going on with a view to abdication have been summarily broken off.

"The emperor was, however, carefully weighing the opinions expressed by the princes of the imperial clan and leading Manchu officials during a conference at the palace, is inclined to think that the resumption of hostilities is the only solution of the present situation."

This statement was made in the North China Daily News, which always is regarded as an organ of the foreign board in Peking.

It is understood that Premier Yuan Shi Kai has agreed to fight for the throne. It is believed that he will await an attack by the rebels.

The foreign legations, on the other hand, consider that the abdication of the throne has been decided only for a time.

Socialists Sweep German Empire.
The election of Emperor Wilhelm the Socialists, who are against the "divine right of kings," gained 27 more seats in the re-election in the empire.

The Kaiser took an active part in urging the defeat of the Socialists. Late returns give the Socialists a total of 27 seats and the national Liberals, Radicals and Socialists together a total of 174.

Of the 32 seats which will be contested in the Reichstag, the most generous estimate apparently cannot give the "bloc" more than 10, making the total 186, 13 more than a majority.

The most sensational event of the re-election was the winning by the Socialists of Cologne, the "Garden of Eden" which has been in the uninterrupted possession of the clericals since the founding of the empire.

The re-election, which was convoked for Feb. 12, the election in the new Reichstag will be completed on Thursday, when the remaining 22 second ballots will take place.

Roads Must Take Bep Shipments.
Liquor interests won a far-reaching victory in the supreme court by a decision that railroads must carry liquor, when offered for transportation in "dry" counties of another state.

The decision affected particularly shipments from Indiana into Kentucky.

Justice Lurton, who announced the court's decision, also laid down some limitations on the liquor interests' interstate commerce commission. He upheld the action of shippers in going before judicial tribunals to test the validity of laws rather than to the commission.

THE HOME LIFE OF THE SETTLER

WESTERN CANADA AFFORDS ALL THE COMFORTS AND MANY OF THE LUXURIES.

A young lady of Wisconsin secured a certificate of the Altruistic office of the Canadian Government, and on presenting this to the ticket agent of the railway at the Canadian boundary line she secured a ticket at a reduced rate which carried her to Edmonton, Alberta, from which point, about forty miles, she had friends. This was a couple of years ago, and the young lady is now married to one of the promising young farmers of the district.

In writing of her trip to the Milwaukee representatives of the Canadian Government she says: "I enjoyed my trip up here very much, and expect to go out to our homestead in the Pembina district next spring. To the housewife the information that she has 'put up twelve quarts of raspberries' is important, as they 'picked them themselves' and they might have picked ten times the quantity if they had required them, for there is no country where wild fruit grows in such abundance. The letter goes on to say, and this is interesting from a woman's standpoint, 'the country is very beautiful.' Speaking of the friends with whom she went up to live, she says: 'They certainly have a beautiful farm and house—Gibby has been there about four years, also going from Wisconsin—they have about twenty acres of oats and barley, five acres alfalfa, three acres potatoes and I don't know how many vegetables. I think they have about forty acres under cultivation altogether. They are now draining a slough which they will afterwards plow and put into fall wheat. They also have a large herd of cattle, and Mrs. C. has about 100 chickens. They make on an average of 20 pounds of butter every week. I never saw such grand cream."

"These people are enjoying life in Alberta; they have a splendid climate, excellent prospects, and are happy that they are part and parcel in the working out of the upper half of a new country, that will take its place amongst the progressive countries of the century. Numbers of letters that express satisfaction as extreme as the one quoted appear in literature sent out by the Canadian government and which may be had on application to any of its agents."

Valor and Discretion.
"What is the difference between valor and discretion?" remarked Mrs. Brown, looking up from the paper in which she had been reading the leading article on the operations of Tripoli.

"Valor," replied Brown, "is having into the ear of a champion pugilist the assertion that he is a ruffian who could knock out a man."

"And discretion?"

"Is doing it over the telephone."

DISGUISED WITH CRUSTS
"Some time ago I was taken with eczema from the top of my head to my waist. It began with scales on my waist. I suffered untold itching and burning, and could not sleep. I greatly disguised with scales and crusts. My skin looked as if they had been most out of with a razor, and my neck was perfectly raw. I suffered untold agony and pain. I tried to get doctors who said I had eczema, but it would not be cured. I then tried other remedies to no avail. At last, I tried a set of Cuticura Remedies, and within a few days the itching and burning ceased, and the scales and crusts fell off. I therefore I cannot praise them too highly."

"I suffered with eczema about ten months, but am now entirely cured. I believe Cuticura Remedies are the best skin cure there is. (Signed) Mrs. J. J. Shaffer, R. F. D. 1, Box 8, Dancy, Miss., Oct. 27, 1910."

Dr. Webster Gets Life for Murder.
Dr. Harry Webster of Chicago was sentenced to life imprisonment in the case of the murder of Mrs. Bessie Kent Webster last October.

In pronouncing sentence the court reviewed the crime and declared that "no greater continuing punishment could be inflicted upon a young, intelligent man than to imprison him for life."

Four R. R. Officials Killed.
Four prominent railroad officials, including J. H. Harahan, former president of the Illinois Central railroad, riding in a private car attached to the rear of Illinois Central local train 25, were killed, and three, trainmen were injured seriously when the Illinois Central Panama limited crashed into the car on the night of Oct. 10.

The private car was the only wood coach on the two trains. The others were steel. None of the passengers was hurt.

Fire Destroyed the Masonic Temple.
A fire destroyed the Masonic temple and two stores in Grand Forks, N. D. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Balloting Separately.
The two houses of the Michigan legislature are to ballot separately. James C. Yarmadan to succeed United States Senator Leroy Percy, whose term expires in March, 1912.

In an action the election will be held. Yarmadan defeated Mr. Percy in last summer's primaries.

Chorus Girl Reparts.
Fizzle-O, you're such a much! Zaza, you don't see any Pittsburg millionaire's picture on your bureau, either—Christmas Puck.

Important to Mothers.
Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, as a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Fletcher* in Use For Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria. It's easier to secure a patent than it is to 'cover' it into cash.

WEEKS CURED IN 20 DAYS
The following will return to health in 14 DAYS after using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.
Many a self-made man, merely offers an explanation that doesn't explain.