

HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK

Latest News Told in Briefest and Best Form.

Washington

Miss Julia C. Lathrop of Chicago, chief of the new children's bureau, took up temporary headquarters in the department of commerce and labor at Washington preparatory to organizing the bureau office staff and working force.

Postmaster General Hitchcock announced that on January 1 the post office department will put into general operation the parcel post system authorized in the postal appropriation bill. The government postal express business will be extended to more than a million miles of rural delivery and state route service.

All government employees are exempt from removal except on charges, after due notice, and with fair opportunity to be heard in their own defense, under a provision of the post office appropriation bill.

Colonel Roosevelt again declared not only his willingness but his eagerness to make public every scrap of evidence in his possession in regard to any action concerning the campaign funds raised for his election to the presidency in 1904 and the Standard Oil interests.

Senator Clapp, chairman of the special senate committee now investigating the subject of campaign contributions, said that he and his associates were looking forward to a more strenuous series of hearings when they reassembled in Washington on September 30 to take up the inquiry along the broad lines laid down in the Penrose resolution adopted by the senate.

Brig. Gen. Frank McIntyre, the new head of the bureau of insular affairs, will have as his first assignment of the war department, Maj. Charles G. Wallcut Jr., and Capt. Irving L. Hunt, Sixth infantry. Maj. Wallcut assumes rank of colonel and Captain Hunt that of major.

Domestic

A penny which he swallowed caused the death of Childs R. Stewart, sixteen months old, following an operation in a Pittsburgh hospital.

After being rescued from drowning Edward A. Sirtley went out on the river at Farmington in a canoe, upset and was drowned before help could reach him.

Provided with two pocket knives, one of which she declared was "sacred" and which she wanted to present to the president, Mrs. Carolyn Beers of Greenville, N. C., in the Southern hotel just as Mr. Taft was going to breakfast. The woman, who is believed to be insane, tried to crowd her way into the elevator with the president.

William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen company, one of the largest woolen manufacturers in the United States and the most prominent figure in the recent big textile strike in Lawrence, Mass., has been indicted on a charge of conspiracy to violate the laws of the United States to plant the dynamite that was used to plant the dynamite at the time of the strike, for the purpose of "discrediting the cause of the strikers."

The use of St. Paul schools and churches as polling places at elections in place of the booths now erected in that city is advocated by the Women's Civic league.

Charles Mertz, in a Stutz; Hugh Hughes, driving a Mercer; and Harry Radcliff, piloting a Mason, were the winners of the Illinois, Aurora and Jinks trophy events at the Elgin (Ill.) automobile races.

President Taft declared in a speech from the rear platform of his private car at Springfield, Mass., that he did not intend to take any further part in active politics.

A severe storm which raged over northwestern Wisconsin played havoc with buildings in many villages and damaged farm property to a large extent, besides demolishing telephone and telegraph service.

Lester Levine, twelve years old, of Kansas City, Mo., amused himself while swimming in the river there by crying "Help!" Three times he was "rescued." Suddenly the boy went down for a fourth time and believing he again was fooling he was rescued, was paid to his cry of help. The lad drowned.

His foot caught in the guy rope of a balloon, Chester Betts, aged four, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Betts, living in Flint, Mich., was carried 2,000 feet in the air and then dropped through the roof of a barn. The tragedy occurred at the fair grounds and 5,000 horrified spectators, including his parents, saw the poor plunge to death.

Mrs. George A. Pugh, wife of a prominent physician of Kenosha, Wis., met almost instant death in a collision between an automobile and a delivery wagon. The thrill of the wagon came through the glass shield of the automobile and pierced the flesh of Mrs. Pugh and tore a great hole in the heart.

The motion of Clarence S. Darrow's charges to dismiss the indictment against the chief counsel of the McNamara with the bribery of Robert Allen, the first juror chosen to try James B. McNamara, was denied by Presiding Judge Willis of the supreme court in Los Angeles, Cal.

Politics
The Kansas state Republican convention overruled the new state Republican committee in its demand that the Roosevelt presidential electors be removed from the Republican column of the Kansas ballot and that stand-pat electors be placed there instead.

Gov. Woodrow Wilson expressed himself as satisfied with the adoption of the Penrose resolution, calling for an investigation of all pre-convention campaign funds, and said that he would welcome an investigation of the fund used in bringing about his nomination at Baltimore.

Foreign
Warning has been issued to Guadalajara, Mexico, the second city in the republic, with a population of 160,000, that it is to be destroyed by a volcano. The warning is given in all newspapers and in the government department of the seismograph branch of the national observatory of Mexico City.

The largest motor driven vessel constructed to date, a tug of the Standard Oil company's German branch next year. It will have a carrying capacity of 15,000 tons and will be the largest tug steamer afloat. It is to be 425 feet long.

Rear Admiral W. H. H. Southard, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, is now in supreme command of the fleet in the Philippines. He has developed the forces along the railway line between Corinto and Managua and reported to the navy department that he intends to keep railway communication open between the capital and the port.

Conditions in the northwestern section of Chihuahua and in Sonora, Mexico, are hourly growing worse, according to dispatches to the department from Brigadier General Steever at El Paso, Texas. It is thought likely that the American commander will request more troops to handle the situation along the international line.

Funeral services for the founder of the Salvation Army, Gen. William Booth, were held at the great Olympia hall in London, and the body was buried in Abney Park cemetery. In accordance with the traditions of the organization, the services were without pomp or symbols of mourning, but were held out with moving fervor and impressiveness.

The pope is growing weaker daily and no stranger to the Vatican, the pope's mass for the reason that the prelate must celebrate the holy sacrifice in a sitting posture.

Persons
James Keir Hardie, Jr., son of James Keir Hardie, Socialist leader of England, married Miss Marion Stoddard in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Bishop Charles C. Gratton of the Fond du Lac (Wis.) Episcopal diocese, the leading high churchman in the United States, is dead after a week's illness.

According to Herman F. Snow, driver of a public automobile at Marblehead, Mass., J. Pierpont Morgan was \$10 to help the "Bull Moose" cause.

A crowd of more than 1,500 from Champlain county, N. Y., attended the funeral of Congressman W. B. McKinley in Champlain to welcome him home.

Justice Charles A. Blair of the Michigan state supreme court died at Lansing after several weeks' sickness. He was born in Jackson, Mich., in 1854, and was the son of John Blair, "Michigan's war governor."

JUSTICE A. BLAIR DIES IN LANSING

MEMBER OF STATE SUPREME COURT DIES OF BRIGHT'S DISEASE AFTER MONTHS OF SUFFERING.

WAS SON OF GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN IN WAR DAYS.

Was Appointed to High Court by Gov. Bliss—Attorney-General Kuhn Mentioned at Possible Successor.

Justice C. A. Blair, of the supreme court, died at his home in Lansing. Death followed several months' illness at his cottage near Grayling. After a falling trip with Justice McAlvey he went down with kidney trouble and his condition became so serious it was necessary for him to be removed to a hospital. About three weeks ago, he took a turn for the worse and was able to be removed to his own cottage and later to his home.

Justice Blair was appointed to the supreme bench by Gov. Bliss to fill vacancy. Previous to that he was attorney-general of the state. It was during his administration that the big legal fights with the railroads were carried on.

Justice Blair was a son of Gov. Austin Blair, who was at the head of the state during the civil war, and was known as "Michigan's war governor."

Justice Blair was in his fifty-eight year, having been born in Jackson, Mich., April 10, 1854.

Fraternity Congress Ends.
With the election of officers for the coming year and the appointment of a committee to compile resolutions for consolidation with the Associated Fraternities of America, the National Fraternity Congress closed its session at the Grand hotel in MacKinnon Island. A feature of the session was the presentation of a cut glass vase set by President D. P. Markey of Detroit.

The convention closed with no settlement of the place where the congress will meet next year, the decision being left to the executive committee. In all probability the congress will meet in Detroit.

The following officers were elected: President, J. D. Clark, Dayton, O.; vice-president, William Powers, Boston; secretary and treasurer, C. A. Gower, Lansing.

Small riot in Jackson Prison broke out. While the inmates of the Michigan state prison here were at breakfast an incident broke out among them, which was quickly quelled, but not until several Coffin men, who took after the prisoners' bill of fare, had been the target of nearly every plate and dish on the several long tables.

Coffin was cut about the head and badly bruised about the body before he succeeded in getting his rifle to flusade. He was dragged to safety by the guards.

The outbreak, it is said, followed complaints about the quality of food served in the prison.

Schooner Wrecked.
The 59-ton steamer Jule Larsen, bound from Spanish river to Sarnia, with lumber, was wrecked on the rocky ledge at the southeast end of Thunder Bay Island, Monday night. Five lives were in danger for a time, but remarkable work on the part of Capt. Parsons and the Thunder Bay Island life-guard averted a tragedy.

Mrs. Thomas Swanson, wife of the captain, and her two children were in the cabin. Her husband and brother had been struggling with the little craft on the deck above.

Mrs. Swanson with her children, aged four and six years, had been lying on a cot. When the vessel struck her children were torn from her side by the force of the crashing water and were washed about the cabin for several minutes before she could again get her arms around them.

STATE BRIEFS.

A. H. Babcock, drowned in Spring Lake near Grand Haven when a new hydroplane in which he and C. A. Williams were riding turned turtle. Babcock was a boat builder.

The Progressives of Arenac county have called a convention to be held in Standish, Mich., on Wednesday, candidate for governor, will be one of the speakers.

Dr. James C. Wilson died at the home of his wife, Mrs. William C. Wilson, in Flint, in the eightieth year of his age. He had been in failing health the last three years and an invalid for several months. His death was a great loss to the community.

William M. Bryant of Kalamazoo, who was commissioned to investigate the Michigan Good Roads association in Kalamazoo, Sept. 15-18, 1904, returned to Kalamazoo, Sept. 15-18, 1904, and will be in attendance. Plans are being made to bring several of the best of the good roads authorities of the country here.

The golden anniversary and forty-seventh annual reunion of the Twenty-third Michigan Volunteer Infantry will be held at the auditorium at Saginaw Sept. 17 and 18.

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July Death Rate Was 114 per 1,000. There were 2,818 deaths reported during the department of state during the month of July, 1912.

This number corresponds to an annual death rate of 11.4 per 1,000 estimated population.

A decrease of 34 deaths is noted as compared with the month of June. There were 644 deaths of infants under one year of age, 161 deaths of children aged 1 to 4 years, inclusive, and 758 deaths of elderly persons, aged 65 years and over.

Important causes of deaths were as follows: Pulmonary tuberculosis, 144; other forms of tuberculosis, 45; fever; 41; diphtheria and croup, 35; scarlet fever; 6; measles; 9; whooping cough; 24; pneumonia and bronchopneumonia; 41; diarrhea and enteritis, under 2 years of age, 131; meningitis, 30; influenza, 4; cancer, 193; violence, 23.

As compared with the month immediately preceding an increase is noted in the number of deaths reported from tuberculosis of organs or parts of the body other than of the lungs, diphtheria and croup, whooping cough, enteritis, cancer and violence. A slight decrease is noted in the number reported from tuberculosis of the lungs.

In addition to the above important causes of death there were two deaths reported from poliomyelitis, one from tetanus, one from hydrophobia and one from leprosy.

There were 5,477 births during the month of July. This number corresponds to an annual birth rate of 22.0 per 1,000.

A New Railroad.
Alpena's dream for a railroad from the west is about to be realized, as the chamber of commerce committee has a slight decrease in the number reported from tuberculosis of the lungs.

Work will be started immediately from Alpena to meet the construction crews working on the extension west of the Boyne City, Gaylord & Alpena R. R. Steel rails for immediate use are being loaded on a steamer at Buffalo. W. H. White of Boyne City, the principal owner of the road, said that the road will be ready to rush the work so that trains can be running by early winter.

About 300 men will be employed in the construction at this end of the road.

To Test Power of Railway Board.
The Detroit & Mackinac Island Co., has started suit in the federal court in Lansing against the state railroad commission, Frank Glitcher and the Churchill Lumber Co. The suit is regarded as important by the commission as the final decision will establish the right of the commission to regulate the rates on the Mackinac Island road, an interstate business.

Thilerson Calkins, aged 77, a prominent resident of Holly, died after a week's illness. Mr. Calkins had been a business 44 years, and was born in Lake Township, this county. He served as village president, and at the time of his death was president of the board of education.

The price of rice in Japan, according to mail advices, has advanced to a figure never before known. Failure of the crop in Siam and Burma because of the reason, and large shipments of wheat and flour from the North Pacific Coast to Japan are looked for. An advance of fifty cents to the Orient will be the place in September.

Mrs. Amy Wilson of Hillsdale was granted a divorce from the Rev. W. J. Wilson, whom she married 20 years ago, on the grounds of non-support. The testimony was given by Mrs. Wilson declaring that her husband had spent \$2,000, sent at various times by her millions of dollars, and was unable to support her.

Arrangements are being made to bring the body of James Ward Rogers, the America outlaw killed by English troops in Africa, to his childhood home for burial. His body was buried where he died in Africa, but his former wife, now a resident of Oakland, Cal., has sent word that just as soon as possible she will make arrangements to have the body brought to Plainfield.

THE MARKETS.

DETROIT—Cattle—Canners and bulls, active and trade higher; other grades 10c lower; extra 37-47 head steers (quotable), \$10.00-10.50; steers and calves, 1.00-1.20; 1.25-1.50; stock steers and heifers, 80c to 1.00, 1.00-1.05; 1.10-1.15; 1.20-1.25; 1.30-1.35; 1.40-1.45; 1.50-1.55; 1.60-1.65; 1.70-1.75; 1.80-1.85; 1.90-1.95; 2.00-2.05; 2.10-2.15; 2.20-2.25; 2.30-2.35; 2.40-2.45; 2.50-2.55; 2.60-2.65; 2.70-2.75; 2.80-2.85; 2.90-2.95; 3.00-3.05; 3.10-3.15; 3.20-3.25; 3.30-3.35; 3.40-3.45; 3.50-3.55; 3.60-3.65; 3.70-3.75; 3.80-3.85; 3.90-3.95; 4.00-4.05; 4.10-4.15; 4.20-4.25; 4.30-4.35; 4.40-4.45; 4.50-4.55; 4.60-4.65; 4.70-4.75; 4.80-4.85; 4.90-4.95; 5.00-5.05; 5.10-5.15; 5.20-5.25; 5.30-5.35; 5.40-5.45; 5.50-5.55; 5.60-5.65; 5.70-5.75; 5.80-5.85; 5.90-5.95; 6.00-6.05; 6.10-6.15; 6.20-6.25; 6.30-6.35; 6.40-6.45; 6.50-6.55; 6.60-6.65; 6.70-6.75; 6.80-6.85; 6.90-6.95; 7.00-7.05; 7.10-7.15; 7.20-7.25; 7.30-7.35; 7.40-7.45; 7.50-7.55; 7.60-7.65; 7.70-7.75; 7.80-7.85; 7.90-7.95; 8.00-8.05; 8.10-8.15; 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