

## Current Events Related in Paragraphs

### Washington

Dr. W. D. Bigelow, assistant chief of the bureau of chemistry, whose name figured frequently in the controversy which followed the resignation of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, left the government service.

President and Mrs. Wilson intend to continue the custom of holding garden parties weekly on the south lawn of the White House. The first party will be given May 3.

### Domestic

Herbert Kaufman, whose genius as a writer has won him distinction, was divorced in the New York supreme court by Helen Herber Kaufman. A private agreement was made concerning the alimony she is to receive. The decree was granted on statutory grounds.

George V. Dearing, former clerk in the Detroit bank, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the Detroit house of correction for misapplying the bank's funds. Dearing is the third member of his family to receive a prison term in connection with the failure of the bank.

A workman at the Frankfort arsenal of the federal government in Philadelphia was killed when hundreds of pounds of powder exploded in one of the buildings. The shock rocked houses in the vicinity and many persons believed an earthquake had occurred.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the oil plant of the Standard Oil Company at Batesburg, S. C. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

It is said that 4,000 men in Pittsburgh voted to strike May 1, unless they are granted 60 cents an hour for an eight hour work day, with a half holiday each Saturday.

When James Tanner, aged twenty-four, was walking along Washington street, near Third street, Springfield, Ill., with Adele Foster, divorced wife of Ben Kirkin, aged twenty-six, Kirkin is alleged to have made an insulting remark to the young woman. Tanner shot Kirkin through the heart, killing him, then surrendered to the police.

Gail Borden, the millionaire condensed milk manufacturer of New York and his wife, Mrs. Borden, are in seclusion in Boston. Miss Borden is said to be in a highly nervous state, caused by her experiences since her dramatic escape from the sanitarium at Pompton, N. J., and her flight to this city.

The Lake St. John levee on the west bank of the Mississippi river, twelve miles north of Ferriday, La., broke despite all efforts to hold back the waters. An area of about 900 square miles will be flooded shortly and more than 100,000 persons will be driven from their homes.

Robert O. Fowler, an American aviator, made a brilliant ascent across the isthmus from Panama beach to Colon. Fowler drove a hydro-aeroplane and carried a passenger. Fowler's motor slipped over the Cristobal, but he came down easily and gracefully.

Telephone reports from Amadeo, Cal., are that Game Warden Frank P. Cady and another warden were seriously wounded in a fight with eleven Indians near Liberty.

The United States, as owner of the Panama canal, has the right to fix tolls as it pleased, and the neutrality of the waterway applies to its users only and not to the United States. This was the view expressed by Richard Olney, former secretary of state, whose speech was read before a meeting of the American Society of International Law in Washington.

Orin B. McKelvey, confessed gambler and shiftless villain against the Baltimore brokers, who has been a prisoner since April, 1911, will be released within thirty days.

W. W. Lathrop, master of the Eastern States bank of Baltimore City, Md., closed by the state banking department, is being indicted by a grand jury, charged with making a false statement as to the condition of the bank.

An old and grinning woman was seized in a room by the police and taken to the police station. She was charged with the murder of a man who had been killed in a room at the police station. She was released after a short time.

Irwin Fraser and Francisco Grando, murderers, were hanged in the county jail at Socorro, N. M.

In a recall election—the first ever held in San Francisco—Police Judge Charles Weller was removed from the bench by the voters. The movement against Weller grew directly out of his action in reducing the bail of a man charged with attacking a girl, allowing the man to escape.

Women entertainers were barred from Kansas City cabaret cafes by an order issued by Wentworth E. Griffin, chief of police.

Floyd Sheets, aged nineteen years, the street car bandit and murderer, was charged with the killing of Ernest Baldori, a Davenport (Ia.) grocer, who offered resistance when he was held up in his store and imprisoned when he was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Two men were taken alive from the Cincinnati mine of the Mooningha River Co. by the U. S. army. The men were taken from a cave where they had been hiding after the explosion that killed 96 miners, the two men, Charles Crawl and Philip Logie, each thirty-six years of age, were brought to the surface almost unconscious.

Mrs. Callie Scott Appelbaum was found not guilty of the charge of slaying her husband by a jury in the criminal division of the superior court in Atlanta, Ga.

### Foreign

The Balkan situation has developed most dangerously owing to Montenegro's continued belligerent attitude regarding Scutari. Austrian troops are moving towards the Montenegrin frontier, where 60,000 are already assembled, while the greater part of the Montenegrin forces have left Scutari for the north apparently to oppose the Austrian advance.

The trial trips of the Hamburg American liner Imperator have been indefinitely postponed. The hearings of one of her turbines ran hot during a speed trial, necessitating the dismantling of the turbine. The company hopes to resume the trials May 15.

Enad Pasha, Turkish defender of Scutari, declared himself king of Albania and the Tirana chancellery after notifying the governments at London, Paris and St. Petersburg in advance.

The revenue cutter Unalga has been ordered to stop at Kodiak, Alaska, for an investigation of the conditions on Kodiak island, where natives were made destitute by the eruption of Katmai volcano last June.

The famous race horse, White Knight, was sold in London, Eng., to a foreign buyer for \$100,000. The figure is believed to be a record price for a single horse.

Gen. Von Heering, the German war minister, tendered his resignation to the kaiser, owing to the Krupp armament scandal exposed by Herr Liebknecht, socialist member of the reichstag from Potsdam.

"Take immediate combined action to turn the Montenegrins out of Scutari or we shall do it alone," declares a circular note sent by the Austro-Hungarian government to the powers. The note is virtually an ultimatum. "Scutari is from today Montenegro," the note says, "and the default reply of King Nicholas to the invitation to surrender the hard-won Turkish citadel."

### Personal

James Bryce, British ambassador, laid down the office he has held in Washington more than six years and left for New York to begin his trip home. On Monday he will meet his successor, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, now on his voyage across the Atlantic. Then Mr. Bryce and Mrs. Bryce will go overland to San Francisco to sail for Yokohama May 3, touching at Honolulu.

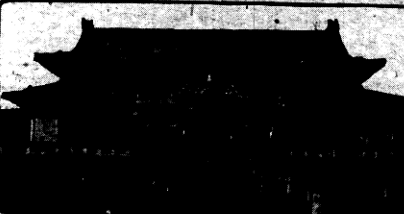
Miss Helen Tate, daughter of former President William Howard Taft, visited in Washington for the first time since the inauguration of President Wilson, when she acted as a bridesmaid at the wedding of Miss Alice Appleton Meyer, daughter of former Secretary of the Navy George V. L. Meyer, to Lieut. Raymond P. Rogers, U. S. N. The wedding occurred at high noon in St. John's church.

John D. Rockefeller has returned to his Pocomoke Hills home for the spring season, and he is in great good form.

Joseph M. Davies of Madison, Wis., secretary of the Democratic national committee, has declined to be governor general of the Philippines and has been selected for commissioner of corporations to succeed Luther O. Conn, Jr.

Former President Taft assisted in the celebration of the 27th anniversary of the founding of New Haven, Conn., when he played an oak nut game with the little colony band at 100.

## PAY LAST HONORS TO EMPRESS OF CHINA



The picture shows the Tai Ho Tien in the first courtyard of the Forbidden City. It shows the altar, arch of honor and the crowds of people wishing to have three times before the picture of the late empress on the altar inside the building.

## \$7,000,000 WAS LOST

OIL MAGNATE MEETS CHARGES BY CLAIMING CONFIDENCE WAS MISPLACED.

### FINANCIAL DEAL IN DETAIL

Henry Clay Pierce on Witness Stand Asserts That Senator Joseph Bailey Was the Recipient of Securities as Assignee.

St. Louis, April 28.—Testifying here Friday before Special Commissioner Muehich in the suit of the National Bank of Commerce to recover from his securities alleged to be worth \$1,500,000, which had been pledged with the bank, Henry Clay Pierce told how he had become involved in the Tennessee Central railway deal to the extent of nearly \$7,000,000 through financial transactions engineered by officers of the bank. He blamed his misadventure mainly on what he termed misplaced confidence in late J. C. Van Blarcom, president of the bank.

Pierce testified regarding the connection of former Senator Joseph Bailey of Texas, that it was his understanding that the \$1,500,000 stock of the Nashville Terminal company, which the National Bank of Commerce seeks to recover, was turned over to United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas, as assignee of the Tennessee Construction company, after the loan for which was pledged had been paid.

He said: "In 1901 or 1902, I was forced into a larger interest in the Tennessee Central enterprise than other individual subscribers to the syndicate, when my son-in-law, Richard, in my absence and without my knowledge, signed my name to a guarantee to buy \$1,500,000 of the first mortgage bonds of the railway. Since the collapse of the syndicate it has been necessary for me to advance over \$4,000,000 in cash to the Tennessee Central railway to pay its expenses."

"After the syndicate collapsed, Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas, was made the assignee of the Tennessee Construction company and all of its properties were turned over to him. He was authorized to take charge of the affairs of the company and wind them up."

"Senator Bailey sold over \$4,000,000 worth of property of the company, and it was my understanding that from the sale of these properties the loan at the Bank of Commerce, for which the Nashville Terminal stock was pledged, was paid and that the stock then went back to Bailey as his own property."

"The stock was later pledged to the Standard Trust company of New York by Senator Bailey, and remained for three years. It was finally delivered to Eben Richards, on my order, after the trust company had notified me that it had no further claim to it."

### CHANGES P. O. SAVINGS PLAN

Bureau Gives Survey to Third Assistant Postmaster-General to Open Way for Improvements.

Washington, April 28.—An order transferring the postal savings system, which since its creation has been a separate bureau under the direction of the postmaster-general, to the bureau of the third assistant postmaster-general, effective May 1, was issued by Postmaster-General Burleson.

"Under the new arrangement," said Mr. Burleson in a statement, "the operation of the system in conjunction with the other financial activities of the department will not only avoid the duplication of similar work and make possible substantial economies in administration, but will open the way for important improvements and extensions."

Identify Cathedral Soldiers. Antwerp, April 28.—The cathedral soldiers who committed suicide by hanging off the clock tower of Notre Dame cathedral were natives of Antwerp and were sent to the front by the German command.

Police Embusade Picked. Antwerp, April 28.—The police embusade of the St. Louis Police Relief association, who was notified of the kidnapping of their son, was released from the postmaster's hands by the police.

## NEW WAR IS FEARED

TROUBLE BETWEEN ALLIES SEEN SOON AS PEACE IS SIGNED.

Montenegrin Army Marches Northward After Partially Evacuating Scutari.

London, April 30.—The mystery surrounding events in the Balkans is becoming deeper. No further news has been received of Enad Pasha's exploit in Albania and the situation at Saloniki is difficult to understand. A dispatch from Saloniki of current date confirms the report that orders were given for the Bulgars to evacuate the province occupied by the Greeks, but that later these orders were countermanded and that official attempts were made to pretend they were never given. A Bucharest dispatch to the Daily Telegraph expressed the opinion that immediately peace is signed between the allies and Turkey a new war will commence between Serbia, Bulgaria and Greece.

Austrian troops are moving towards the Montenegrin frontier where 60,000 are already assembled, while the greater part of the Montenegrin forces have left Scutari for the north apparently to oppose the Austrian advance.

London, April 30.—A circular note sent by the Austro-Hungarian government to the powers, Thursday, declared, "Take immediate combined action to turn the Montenegrins out of Scutari or we shall do it alone." Austria-Hungary declares she cannot permit the Montenegrins to flout the decision of the great powers.

### MISS BORDEN FOUND AGAIN

Millionaire and Daughter Now in Seclusion in Boston Suburb.

Boston, April 29.—Gail Borden, the millionaire milk dealer of New York, and his daughter Honoria are in seclusion in a Boston suburb, recovering from the strain of the seventeen-year-old girl's mysterious escape.

Miss Borden is said to be in a highly nervous state caused by her experiences since her dramatic escape from the sanitarium at Pompton, N. J., and her flight to this city.

Miss Borden was located at a hotel where she was staying with two girl friends and was asked to return to her father. She promptly consented. Mr. Borden was waiting for the girl when she arrived. Later it was said that the reconciliation was complete. A person authorized to speak for Mr. Borden's daughter has been restored to him by the ill advised and foolish persons who assisted her to fraud his authority. The case is simply that of an uneducated girl who found the study in discipline her father had laid out for her distasteful.

### WILSON PICKS COMPTROLLER

George E. Downey Named by President for Treasury Place of Assistant Postmaster-General.

Washington, April 30.—President Wilson sent to the senate Monday the nomination of George E. Downey of Indiana to be comptroller of treasury. He also sent in the nominations of Lewis T. Erwin to be United States marshal for the Fourth district of Alaska and James McInnis to be postmaster at Paterson, N. J.

### JOSEPH E. DAVIES GIVEN JOB

Wisconsin Democrat Is Named Commissioner of Corporations by President Wilson.

Washington, April 30.—Joseph E. Davies of Madison, Wis., secretary of the Democratic national committee, has declined to be governor general of the Philippines and has been selected by the senate for commissioner of corporations to succeed Luther O. Conn, Jr.

King Expels Non-Catholics. Madrid, Spain, April 28.—A decree ordering the expulsion of non-Catholics from the kingdom of Spain, including the Spanish public schools, but exempting the children of non-Catholics from expulsion, was signed by Alfonso XIII.

Fire at the New Haven. London, April 28.—The famous race horse, White Knight, was killed in a fire at the New Haven race track. The fire was caused by a single lamp. White Knight is noted as one of the greatest "cuppers."

## AUSTRIA'S LAST SAY

FRANCIS JOSEPH GIVES MONTE-NEGRO 24 HOURS TO EVACUATE SCUTARI.

60,000 SOLDIERS ARE READY

Troops Are Massed Along the Montenegrin Frontier. Awaiting Outcome of Ultimatum—Diplomats Regard Situation as Acutely Serious.

London, May 1.—Wednesday morning Austria-Hungary delivered a twenty-four-hour ultimatum to Montenegro, commanding King Nicholas to surrender and evacuate Scutari by Thursday. If this is not complied with Austria will immediately declare war against Montenegro and begin the movement of troops across the Albanian and Montenegrin frontiers. This decision was semi-officially announced Tuesday night in Vienna by Count von Berchtold, foreign minister, following his two-hour conference with Emperor Francis Joseph.

Austria's declaration takes immediate independent action was announced in the following official dispatch received in London.

"Austria-Hungary, noting that the ambassador's conference produced no results, has decided to take matters in her own hands and carry out the decision of the powers that Scutari must be evacuated."

Upon receipt of this message Sir Edward Grey, British secretary of state, called a hurried meeting of the foreign ambassadors in London.

It was learned also that Italy has made a strong protest in Vienna against Austria acting alone against King Nicholas and that during the day Italy has brought much pressure to bear upon Montenegro to induce King Nicholas to surrender Scutari. Dispatches from Vienna show that no effort has been made during the day to disguise the seriousness of the situation in Vienna. The aged emperor, Francis Joseph, has declared that Europe has forced him to go to war. The government is known to be making preparations for a real war. Everywhere throughout the empire troops are on the move. Within another day more than 60,000 Austrian troops will be mobilized along the Montenegrin frontier.

In diplomatic circles here it is felt that Austria's decision ended the Scutari must be evacuated and it is not denied that this unexpected move has given a serious turn to the Balkan situation.

### S. P. CO. LOSES \$30,000,000

Railroad's Land Forfeited to the Federal Government—Will Be Opened for Settlement.

Portland, Ore., May 1.—The court orders that a decree be entered for letting those lands to the United States government, and that the government recover its costs and disbursements in this case.

By this simple statement of Judge C. E. Wolverton of the federal district court Tuesday in the presence of a few attorneys, land stipulated to be worth \$30,000,000 was taken from the Southern Pacific company and returned to the federal government. Justice Wolverton's decision ended in the lower courts the greatest land case the federal government has yet prosecuted. An acreage aggregating slightly more than 1,500,000 acres, for which the people of Oregon have been clamoring insistently the past decade, was declared the property of the federal government, to be opened for settlement or purchase by the people, if congress so desires.

### MEN IMPRISONED FOR FRAUD

J. R. Markley and Isiah Miller Fined \$100,000 Each and Sent to Penitentiary.

Philadelphia, May 1.—Judge Witmer in the United States court Tuesday refused a new trial to the convicted promoters and officers of the International Lumber and Development company and imposed sentences upon the five men. John R. Markley and Isiah Miller of Chicago, promoters of the company, were fined \$10,000 each and sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment; William H. Armstrong, Jr., of Philadelphia, a former business manager of the company, was fined \$10,000 and given two years in prison; Col. Alfred G. Stewart of Mason City, a director, was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

Fifteen Hired Horse Burns. Lexington, Ky., May 1.—Fifteen world-famous American and English-bred thoroughbred mares, each with foal by her side, were burned to death in a fire, which destroyed a barn at the Kingston Block farm Tuesday.

Call Five Power Loan Void. Peking, China, May 1.—The senate passed a resolution Tuesday declaring the government and declaring the \$100,000,000 power loan null and void because of the failure to refer it to the senate for approval.

Catch Unwarranted Operation. Marshfield, Wis., May 1.—Frank Smith of Marshfield, Wis., was arrested Tuesday for the removal of successive growth of the orchards owned by him.

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