

ANALYSIS OF CURRENT EVENTS
Classified, Explained, No Sensationalism or Partisanship

COMMERCE and INDUSTRY

Commercial.

Grain Going East by Water.

The steamship Kauawha was chartered at Chicago last week to take a cargo of corn from Chicago to New York without breaking bulk. She will carry 75,000 bushels. The rate was to be \$1.25 for \$100 cargo valuation.

Decrease in Penn's Earnings.

Notwithstanding the semiannual dividend of 3 per cent declared by the Pennsylvania railroad, the directors of that system face a decrease of net earnings for the first three months of this year amounting to \$3,537,300. The gross earnings decreased \$1,930,000 and the expenses increased \$1,007,200. The increase in expenses was due to permanent improvements.

Diamonds Still Higher.

The De Beers selling syndicate has advanced the price of all grades of rough diamonds 5 per cent. This is the fifth advance since February, 1903, and makes a total increase of from 30 to 85 per cent on the output of the diamond monopoly. No ordinary trade conditions to justify these advances is discernible and the market at this season is unusually dull, especially in this country, which takes over half of the world's output of diamonds.

Clairton Plant Absorbed.

The United States Steel corporation has announced the purchase of the Clairton steel plant from the Crucible Steel company. The consideration to be paid is \$14,000,000.

Industrial.

Iowa's Agricultural Hero.

Professor P. G. Holden of the Iowa Agricultural college has been making a remarkable tour of the state on a special train at the expense of the railroads for the purpose of explaining to farmers how they can increase their corn yield by disregarding the small end of every seed ear, by testing all seed by a simple germinating process and by planting so as to average three and one-half kernels to the hill. He has proved that these precautions will add 50,000,000 bushels to the state yield.

Texas Quarantines Mexico.

The enforcement of a quarantine order against all persons from Mexico by the Texas state health officer for fear of yellow fever contagion has seriously crippled the passenger and freight traffic of the international railroads of that section. The Mexican government insists that Vera Cruz is the only place the disease now exists.

Cotton Acreage Increase.

The New York Journal of Commerce estimated, May 2, an increase of 10 per cent in the cotton acreage of this country in 1904.

Labor.

Strike of Vehicle Builders.

To enforce their demand for a nine hour workday and new wage scale 5,000 carriage and wagon builders of the New York district went on strike May 2. A minimum rate of \$21 a week for heavy work and from that down to \$16.15 for wheel riders was asked. Overtime was to be charged and only union men to be employed. This demand was made upon 600 manufacturers, including the makers of automobiles.

Lockout on the Santa Fe.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad locked out 2,400 machinists and their helpers May 2 at various points on its lines in anticipation of a strike which had been ordered on the same day. About 10,000 other men were thrown out of employment in consequence of the closed machine

shops.

On the following day the shops were reopened and all of the men who were willing to return under the old conditions were re-employed. An officer of the road said the fight was for the privilege of employing whom they pleased and that negotiations with the union had been broken off because it had shown itself powerless to maintain an agreement. The union leaders claim that they are not striking for a closed shop, but do want a fixed wage scale. Sympathetic strikes were expected.

Clothiers For Open Shop.

The associations of clothing manufacturers at New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Rochester all posted notices May 2, giving notice that thereafter the shops would be run on the open plan, but that no change in hours or wages would be made or any discrimination against union men.

Other May Day Movements.

The gauge of battle thrown down by the New York Metal Trades' association in favor of the "open shop" was taken up aggressively by the Brotherhood of Boliermakers and Iron Shipbuilders May 3, thus tying up all shipyards in that vicinity. About 5,000 workmen were affected and 2,000 helpers struck in sympathy. The public at both Boston and Chicago has been inconvenienced to some extent by the strike of bakers. Quantities of bread were shipped from Pittsburg to supply the Chicago trade. About 12,000 coal miners in the Panhandle district struck Monday because of the refusal of the operators to sign the proposed wage scale. The Pittsburg local of structural ironworkers and bridgemen ordered out its 600 men May 4 because a number of nonunion men had been put to work on a railroad bridge at Coral, Pa. This strike was expected to extend to an international movement against the American Bridge company. The members of the Chicago Teamsters' union were locked out May 4 by the employers, who were threatened with strikes. By thus preventing the delivery of material to contractors nearly all building operations in the city were brought to a standstill. About 2,000 picture frame workers at Chicago struck to resist a proposed return to the ten hour workday.

SOCIOLOGICAL

Atkinson's War Statistics.

Some instructive figures about the cost of modern war have been prepared by Edward Atkinson and published in the Congressional Record as an appendix to a speech by Senator Carmack. They show, among other things, that we spent \$920,000,000 on account of the recent war with Spain. Of this, \$900,000,000 went to what Mr. Atkinson calls "our criminal aggression" in the Philippines. He brings out the fact that the cost of our army and navy is now \$2.50 per capita annually as against \$1.10 per capita for the twenty years before 1898.

Women Cleaning Kalamazoo.

The Women's Civic Improvement league of Kalamazoo, Mich., has begun the cleaning up of the streets of that city under the personal direction of a woman street commissioner, the Rev. Caroline B. Crane, pastor of the People's church. Besides giving the business thoroughfares a thorough cleaning, the women have installed



Edward Atkinson.

metal refuse cans at the street corners, and these are to be cleaned daily. Printed notices have been circulated asking the public to co-operate in keeping the streets clean by putting waste matter in the cans and appealing to the gentlemen not to spit on the sidewalk or anywhere but in the gutter. Mrs. Crane is to be in charge of this work for an experimental period of three months.

To Pension All Citizens.

The Rev. Edward Everett Hale before a committee of the Massachusetts legislature advocated the proposed pension of \$2 a week for citizens of good character after their sixty-fifth year if they have paid their poll taxes for twenty-five years. He spoke of it as a species of compulsory insurance which would not pauperize the aged poor. He said the problem of the old man was the hardest which charities have to solve. Such a pension would enable old men to live independently with their own families.

SCIENTIFIC

Dr. Greth's Latest Flight.

Another trial of the airship constructed by Dr. August Greth was made at San Francisco May 2, when the inventor started on a journey to San Jose. He was accompanied by an engineer, and in the presence of a big crowd the ascent was made without difficulty. First a circular turn about a quarter of a mile in circumference was made, demonstrating the dirigibility of the ship. At a distance of eight miles out in the suburbs something went wrong with the machinery, which could not be fixed for lack of tools. Thereupon the descending fans were set in motion, and the airship came down gradually, allowing the occupants to alight at ease. The engine is an automobile machine of fifty horsepower.

Professor Bell's Kite Show.

Models of the kites invented by Alexander Graham Bell in the form of a tetrahedron, with which he aims to solve the problem of aerial flight, were exhibited by the inventor before the National Geographic society at Washington. In explanation of his efforts Dr. Bell said that the difficulty with an aeroplane built on horizontal lines was that the weight increased in greater ratio than the sustaining surface. With his kites the weight increased with the same proportion as the sustaining surface. He had found that a dozen of these cells joined together side by side would fly in a breeze, although he was as yet unable to explain why they did so. As soon as the principle is established he proposes to use a motor instead of the wind as a propelling power.

Mump Germs Discovered?

What is believed to be the germ of mumps has been discovered by Dr. Samuel Darling of the Baltimore City hospital. He has isolated the germ from a patient dead from mumps, which is unlike that of any other disease thus far discovered. It remains to be seen if it will produce a case of mumps.

Miscellaneous

Accidents.

Eight persons were killed and a score were injured when a fast train on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern railroad, running as a world's fair special, struck an open switch near Kimmswick, Mo., April 30.

By the collapse of the upper deck of the ferryboat Alonzo C. Church, crowded with sightseers, at St. Louis, May 1, three persons were killed and seventy-three were injured.

A number of lives were lost in Texas during the storms of May 2, 3 and 4. Railroads were crippled.

Deaths.

Samuel J. Parks, who attained national notoriety as a labor union grafter as walking delegate of the House-smiths' union of New York, died in Sing Sing prison May 4. He was thirty-eight years old.

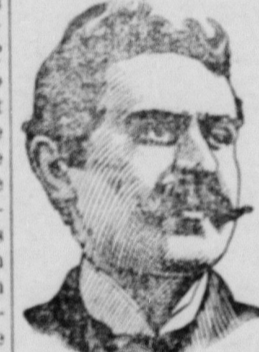
Ashbel P. Fitch, former congressman and city comptroller of New York, died at his home in that city May 4, aged fifty-six.

Edgar Fawcett, the American poet and novelist, died at London May 2, aged fifty-seven.

Antonin Dvorak, the famous Bohemian composer, died at Prague May 1, aged sixty-three.

Andrew Kirkpatrick, judge of the United States district court, famous as a jurist and joker, died at Newark, N. J., May 3, aged sixty.

Maurus Jokai, the famous Hungarian novelist and patriot, who fought against Austrians in 1848 and who has written over 100 volumes, died at Budapest May 5, aged seventy-nine.



Dr. August Greth.

COMMISSIONERS' SALE OF SEATED AND UNSEATED LANDS.

By virtue of the several Acts of Assembly relative to the sale of seated and unseated lands in the county of Centre, for taxes due and unpaid, the County Commissioners will offer the following tracts and properties at public sale at the Court House, Bellefonte, Pa., on

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1904, AT 10 A. M.

The sale will be adjourned from time to time until all properties have been sold. TERMS OF SALE:—The purchase price and cost of deed must be paid when the land is stricken off; otherwise it will be put up and sold at an adjourned sale.

Table listing land parcels with columns for Acres, Per., Warrantee, Supposed Owner, Taxes & Costs. Includes sections for BANNER TOWNSHIP, BOGGS TOWNSHIP, BURNSIDE TOWNSHIP, CURTIN TOWNSHIP, FERGUSON TOWNSHIP, HAINES TOWNSHIP, HARRIS TOWNSHIP, HOWARD TOWNSHIP, LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, MILES TOWNSHIP, POTTER TOWNSHIP, RUSH TOWNSHIP, SNOW SHOE TOWNSHIP, and SEATED LANDS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

To the Democratic Voters of Centre County: At the coming Democratic Primary Election to be held in Centre county, I will be a candidate for the nomination for Prothonotary, and I hereby respectfully solicit your votes. ARTUR G. KIMFORT. Linden Hall, Pa., Jan. 22, 1904.

I am a candidate for the office of District Attorney of Centre county, and respectfully solicit your vote and support at the Democratic Primaries, Saturday, May 29th, 1904. WM. GROH RUNKLE. Bellefonte, Pa., February 1st, 1904.

I will be a candidate for the Legislature this year. Believing that my record in the last session meets your approval, according to the usages of the party, I would respectfully solicit your support for a re-nomination. J. W. KEPLER. Pine Grove Mills, Feb. 9, 1904.

I will be a candidate for the Legislature at the next general election, subject to the decision of the democratic county convention. JOHN F. POTTER. Boggs Twp.

Please announce my name as a candidate for the nomination of Legislature, on the Democratic ticket, this year. JOHN NOLL. Bellefonte, Pa.

I will be a candidate for the nomination of Legislature, subject to the decision of the Democratic convention of Centre county. J. SWIRES. Philipsburg, April 9, 1904.

Please announce my name as a candidate for President Judge of the courts of Centre county, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention, June 7th, 1904. ELLIS L. ORVIS. Bellefonte, Pa., May 9.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

EXECUTORS NOTICE. Estate of HENRY YEAGER, late of Marion township. Letters testamentary upon said estate having been granted by the Register of Wills to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims, to present them for settlement. N. H. YEAGER, JAMES S. MARTIN, Executors, Walker, Pa.

Porto Rico Coffee

Just received a new invoice of Porto Rico Coffee. It is fine flavor and heavy body—use less of it. At 25c per lb it is the cheapest coffee on the market. Sechler & Co.

Our Soda Fountain

is open for the season of 1904. You all know the kind of drinks we sell—nothing too good for our customers. "Green's Chocolate" and "Fruited Creams" are household words in this community; if possible, they shall be better than ever this year. We extend to everyone a cordial invitation to call. Large glasses of Ice Cream Soda, Fruited Creams and Egg Drinks, 10c; 3 for 25c; 13 for \$1. Plain Soda 5c. GREEN'S Pharmacy Company, Bellefonte, Pa.

IT'S UP TO YOU

Wise men are taking forethought for the time to come. Summer is approaching, it seems scarcely creditable, but it is a fact. OUR STOCK OF SPRING SHOES AND OXFORDS

in Russia Calf and Patent Colt is yet full, but the inroads bring made upon it will tell shortly. Unquestionably the biggest choice is now. The styles are all in, the assortment unequalled and the prices extremely modest. Our Stetson and Walkover lines give the best results ever attained in Men's Shoes.

YEAGER & DAVIS THE SHOE MONEY SAVERS.

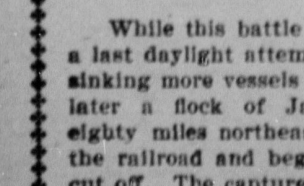
Advertisement for Shiloh's Consumption Cure, Raycycle, and Gerberich Bros. Includes text: 'The thousands of people who write to me, saying that Shiloh's Consumption Cure... The best, most durable, easiest running machine on the market. Is sold only in Centre county by Gerberich Bros. BELLEFONTE.'

Japanese Victories on Land and Sea.

The superb discipline and marvelous preparedness resulting from a united and patriotic people composed of simple, brave and self restrained individuals find impressive illustration in the progress made by Japan last week in her offensive campaign against Russia.

Briefly summarized, the first army under General Kuroki had marched across the Yalu river on pontoon bridges at two points, below and above the town of Wiju after five days of hot skirmishing aided by gunboats, and was ready at daylight of May 1 to cut a four mile swath into the entrenched ranks of Russian's bravest under General Sassulitch. The Russian account of their own bloody defeat in this battle by the Yalu shows that they had underestimated the Japanese artillery fire and infantry forces. The Russians first retreated from Chintiencheng across the Ai river and tried to hold the hills at Tablanfang. The Japs charged bayonets in face of a withering fire, while the columns of the right and left closed in on either flank, the Russians fleeing in utter rout to Fengwangcheng, leaving hundreds of their dead on the field and many men and guns in the hands of the pursuing Japanese. The latter lost several hundred men.

While this battle was in progress Admiral Togo was preparing for a last daylight attempt to seal up the Russian ships at Port Arthur by sinking more vessels in the channel. This he did May 2, and three days later a flock of Japanese transports anchored off Pitsewo, about eighty miles northeast of Port Arthur, and landed a big army to seize the railroad and begin an actual siege of the doomed stronghold thus cut off. The capture of Newchwang was expected to come next.



General Kuroki.