

DOINGS OF THE WORLD

A Classified and Comprehensive Account of the History-Making Events In All Lines of Thought and Action From Week to Week, Showing the Trend of Civilization Without Partisanship or Sensationalism -- Entertaining, Instructive and Valuable For Future Reference.

POLITICAL

Philadelphia Gas Steal.

Notwithstanding that the Edward B. Smith & Co. syndicate of capitalists had posted a bid of \$25,000,000 cash, together with \$20,000,000 of improvements, one-third profits for ten years, one-half profits for sixty-five years and the option of reducing the price of gas to 80 cents or less, for the lease of the gas plant owned by the city of Philadelphia, the city council accepted the "machine" bid of the United Gas Improvement company on May 18 by an overwhelming majority. This action was taken in spite of a popular demonstration of indignant citizens who assembled at the city hall in response to a call of the committee of nine. The U. G. I. bid was amended in the common council so as to provide for a slight reduction in the price of gas, beginning at 95 cents in 1911 and decreasing to 80 cents in 1956.

It was generally understood that Mayor Weaver would veto this measure, but that the councils would then pass it over his veto.

Foreign Canal Supplies.

The announced determination of the Panama canal commission, presumably with the advice and consent of the president, to buy its supplies for the canal work in the cheapest market without special regard to the interests of American producers has already caused a divergence of opinion among members of the president's official family. Some members of the cabinet are opposed to this policy not only on account of American industries, but for party considerations. One official was quoted as saying that Democrats and Socialists in the next campaign would raise the cry of government ownership of all public utilities with much greater effect if the government should undertake to operate a railroad and steamship line in direct competition with private parties.

It was asserted that Secretary Taft's motive in authorizing the cheapest market policy was to compel the attention of congress, as during the last session his recommendation that the policy of the commission be defined was ignored. The action of the administration was believed to have been stimulated by a recent statement of President Ramsey of the Washash before the senate committee when he asserted that the steel rail pool was selling for \$20 a ton in Canada the same rails which bring \$28 a ton in this country.

Report on Santa Fe Rebates. Commissioner Prouty of the Interstate commerce commission has rendered the report of the commission as to the alleged unlawful rates in the transportation of coal by the Acheson, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad company. He says that the laws have been grossly and continually violated by this company during the past five years so as to close the markets for coal to shippers competing with the Colorado Fuel and Iron company. He declares further that the Santa Fe and Colorado Fuel were virtually partners in this business. In connection with this report attention has been drawn to the fact that during the period referred to Secretary of the Navy Morton was second vice president of the Acheson and vice president of the Colorado Fuel.

President to Pay His Way. President Roosevelt has caused it to be made known that henceforth he will accept no complimentary transportation from railroads or other common carriers and that he will by force of his personal example try to discourage the practice among public officers of accepting passes. This decision recalls the recent remark of President Stickney of the Chicago Great Western that the president would do this if he realized that he was transgressing the law in accepting the courtesy of free transportation. The president also announced that he was paying the transportation bills of his recent western trip, amounting to something over \$3,000.

La Follette Gets Rate Law. When the Wisconsin senate, on May 18, passed the bill providing for an ap-

pointive railroad commission with power to fix rates for freight and passenger transportation, Governor La Follette won his long fight, as the assembly was known to be strongly in favor of the measure.

Cheaper Gas For Boston.

The Massachusetts legislature voted without opposition to fix the price of gas for Boston at 90 cents a thousand feet and the capitalization of the Consolidated Gas company at \$15,126,000. The governor is expected to sign the bill.

Commissioner Prouty Testifies.

The senate committee on interstate commerce has continued its hearings. Judge Prouty of the interstate commerce commission declared that some sort of control over rates was necessary because competition had practically ceased through the unification of all corporations. He said that six great systems practically controlled the entire mileage of the country. He would not take away their power to make rates, and power could not be given to the courts. His plan would be to create a separate body to have control of railroad rates, with branches in all great rate making centers.

EXECUTIVE

125 Jolo Natives Killed.

It is reported from Manila that the forces of General Wood have pacified the island of Jolo by killing the entire band of 125 followers of Datto Palas. The American losses were three killed and seventeen wounded.

The Bowen-Loomis Controversy.

Minister Bowen has returned from Caracas to face a rigid investigation into his alleged connection with the newspaper account of the charges against Assistant Secretary of State Loomis. Mr. Bowen took the position that he had not made any direct charges against Mr. Loomis, but that he merely transmitted to the department the gossip of the Venezuelan capital concerning a transaction between Loomis and the asphalt trust. Mr. Bowen said that two of the papers connected with the case had disappeared from the state department files.

A New Forest Reserve.

President Roosevelt has decided to set aside about 1,000,000 acres of land in Idaho as a forest reserve on recommendation of Senator Dubois and Chief Forester Pinchot of the department of agriculture.

Knee Breeches For Militiamen.

General Miles has recommended in favor of cocked hats and knee breeches, a revival of the old Continental uniform, for the entire militia of Massachusetts, to be worn on parade occasions. His belief is that this would inspire respect and raise patriotic interest of both troops and citizens. Governor Douglas is said to approve of the idea.

LEGAL-CRIMINAL

Judge on Patterson Trial.

General discussion of the Nan Patterson murder trial has been revived by the remarkable comments of Supreme Court Justice Davis, who presided at the first trial and the mistrial of Miss Patterson. His remarks were made at the banquet of the Phi Delta Phi club at New York. "In the second trial before me," he said, referring to Miss Patterson, "the moment she went on the stand it was obvious that she was telling falsehoods from the beginning to the end. The very air was charged with the fact that she was lying. Yet she was a woman. She was young. It was the right of the public to sympathize with her. People seemed to know that she was not telling the truth, and the great public of New York said: 'Why should she not lie? Let her lie. Let her get the benefit of her lies.' In the light of the last disagreement I feel sure that the majority of the people believe that the pistol that killed Caesar Young was held by Nan Patterson, discharged by her and was bought by J. Morgan Smith in an attempt to get money from Caesar Young. I do not mean to say that she took the pistol from the reticule and shot him in the side, but I do believe that she had the pistol and showed it to Caesar Young. An argument followed, and he took hold of it. In the conversation and subsequent struggle the pistol went off and he was killed. I believe that if she told the story on the witness stand at the second trial as it really happened the second jury would have acquitted her."

In a newspaper interview Miss Patterson expressed surprise at Justice Davis' comment and reiterated her denial of having had the revolver or of having killed Caesar Young. It was reported that she had signed a contract with Hurlig & Seaman to appear in vaudeville for \$2,000 a week.

May Free Life Prisoners.

Miss Mary Philbrook, a woman lawyer of New Jersey, has raised the constitutional question as to the powers of the court of pardons, which threatens to really free life prisoners in that state. In conversation with Governor Stokes on May 18 as counsel for one Libbie Garrabant, who has served thirty years in prison, her death sentence having been commuted to life imprisonment, Miss Philbrook said that in the constitution the court of pardons had no right to commute a sentence of death and that by so doing it had usurped the powers of the trial court. There is no life sentence in New Jersey except that resulting from the commutation of the death penalty.

Antismony by Armour Rebates.

Testimony brought out by the Interstate commerce commission at Chicago has started public officials by showing the systematic juggling of transportation bills and the granting of rebates

by Armour private car lines. District Attorney Morrison of Chicago was called upon to summon the witnesses for the grand jury.

Before the senate committee on interstate commerce President Robbins of the Armour car lines admitted that he had twenty or thirty exclusive contracts involving a monopoly of fruit transportation with railroads in the west and south. Producers and shippers had to accept the Armour rates, but since the company was private he believed it was not subject to the interstate commerce laws.

Wood's Defense Collapses.

George H. Wood, the New York contractor, tried at Somerville, N. J., for the murder of George Williams, a grocer of Watchung, who was found dead in his sleigh on a country road Feb. 2, decided to allow his counsel to plead guilty of murder in the second degree after having told a strange story of mental derangement at the time the murder was committed. Exceptional interest attached to the case on account of this remarkable line of defense at first



George H. Wood.

put forward, and noted experts on mental disease were called to testify pro and con as to the credibility of Wood's story, the main feature of which was that he was pursued and tempted by an evil faced creature, which he called "the little black man," presumably the creature of his diseased mind. He told also of two other mythical characters named Wolf and Mack, but later confessed that these were real companions. The prisoner's plea was accepted partly because the prosecution was unable to establish a motive for the crime. Judge Garretson imposed the maximum sentence of thirty years' imprisonment.

Hyde Suit Against Alexander.

President Alexander of the Equitable has been served with papers in the suit of Vice President Hyde to compel an accounting of the trusteeship of the Hyde estate. In his complaint he charged that Alexander had spread lying reports about him and made formal denials of the various charges of extravagance and misappropriation.

FOREIGN

Germany Denies Seizure.

The report that German troops had occupied Haichu, in the southern province of Shantung, China, and that the German flag had been raised was denied officially by the German authorities at Berlin. The story is attributed to the fact that German gunboats were taking soundings near that port.

Emperor William Misquoted.

Emperor William of Germany telegraphed to the czar of Russia disclaiming the utterances attributed to him with reference to the Russian defeat at Mukden, in which he was said to have referred to the disintegration of the Russian troops and described the Japanese as the "scourge of God." At Berlin the originators of this version of the emperor's speeches have been prosecuted for leze majesty.

French Cabinet Sustained.

The French chamber of deputies voted May 15, 445 to 74, in favor of adjourning all discussion of the subject of neutrality in the far east after Prime Minister Rouvier had refused to answer or discuss the questions put by Socialist deputies. M. Rouvier said that all had been done that was possible to maintain neutrality.

Austria Raises Its Tariff.

The new tariff bill for Austria-Hungary, which has passed the lower house of reichsrath, has the effect of increasing duties on all importations from every country without discrimination. The bill now goes to the upper house and thence to the emperor before it can become a law. It will also have to be passed by the Hungarian parliament.

Russian Fleets United.

France formally notified Japan that the Russian warships were at last clear from Indo-Chinese waters. Rojestvensky had effected a junction with the second division under Nebogtoff, and the combined fleets were reported May 19 to be moving northward toward the point near Formosa where the Japanese ships under Togo were supposed to lie in wait.

EDUCATIONAL

Jewels Left For Library.

During the laying of the cornerstone of the new library building at the Stanford university on May 15 the fact was brought out that Mrs. Stanford shortly before her death had bequeathed her collection of jewels, valued at \$1,000,000, to the university for the purpose of buying books for the library. This large fund will soon bring the Stanford library into the first class.

Work of Philanthropy School.

Edward T. Devine, director of the new school of philanthropy at Columbia, which was endowed with \$250,000 by John S. Kennedy and which is to open with the beginning of the next school year, has formulated his plans for the courses of study. This will include the preparation of students for any form of social service, professional or volunteer. Among the positions which offer the best rewards are those of investigator, district agent, registrar, secretary, etc. in relief and charity organizations.

Gems In Verse

An Armful of Joy.
Care is a feather and grief is a bubble—
Armful of joy in a world full of trouble!
Bright as if skies
Made the blue of his eyes,
With red lips that know not the meaning
Of sighs.

He weeps not the future, he knows not the past,
Yet he knows there are loving arms holding him fast;
His pillow of rest
Is a mother's dear breast,
And that's the sweet pillow he's loving the best!

Blue skies and balmy blossoms above him,
Roses for playmates and lilies to love him!
Walk, little feet,
In life's rosiest street
Till with roses of heaven these earth roses meet!
—Atlanta Constitution.

The Stranger on the Hill.
Between broad fields of wheat and corn
Is the lowly home where I was born.
The peach tree leans against the wall,
And the woodbine wanders over all;
There is the shaded doorway still,
But a stranger's foot has crossed the sill.

There is the barn, and as of yore
I can smell the hay from the open door
And see the busy swallows throng
And hear the peewee's mournful song,
But the stranger comes—oh, painful proof—
His sheaves are piled to the heated roof.

There is the orchard, the very trees,
Where my childhood knew long hours of ease,
And when the shadowy moments run
Till my life imbibed more shade than sun,
The swing from the boughs still sweeps the air,
But the stranger's children are swinging there!

There bubbles the shady spring below,
With its bulrush brook where the hazels grow;
'Twas there I found the calamus root
And watched the minnow poise and shoot
And heard the robin lay his wing—
But the stranger's bucket is at the spring.

Oh, ye who daily cross the sill,
Step lightly, for I love it still,
And when you crowd the old barn eaves,
Then think what countless harvest sheaves
Have passed within that scented door
To gladden eyes that are no more.

Deal kindly with these orchard trees,
And when your children crowd their
Sweetest fruit they shall impart,
As if old memories stirred their heart;
To youthful sport still leave the swing,
And in sweet reverence hold the spring.

The barn, the trees, the brook, the birds,
The meadows with their loving herds,
The woodbine on the cottage wall—
My heart still lingers with them all,
Ye strangers on my native hill,
Step lightly, for I love it still.
—Thomas Buchanan Read.

Uninteresting People.
They live in a quiet sort of a way
In a quiet sort of a street;
They don't meet a great many people nor
Impress the people they meet;
The newspapers never mention their
Names.

The world doesn't care what they do,
They never go in for anything much,
And their intimate friends are few.

He never has had a favorite club,
Though somebody said he might,
For a flat little nose on the window pane
Awaits him every night,
And eight little fingers and two little
Thumbs.

Undo all the work of the comb
As he sits in the quietest sort of a way
In his quietest sort of a home.

She doesn't belong to a woman's club,
She hasn't a single fad,
She spends her time with a blue-eyed lass
And a mischievous little lad;
She never unraveled the problem of life,
She doesn't know lots of things;
She plays with the "kids" and works all
Day.

And most of the time she sings.
He isn't like most other husbands at all;
She isn't like most other wives,
And they never attempt to make a change
In the course of their quiet lives,
But once in a while they dress the "kids"
And go to spend the day
In a nice little quiet country spot
In a nice little quiet way.
—Maurice Brown Kirby in Collier's Weekly.

Friendship.
A ruddy drop of manly blood
The surging sea outweighs,
The world uncertain comes and goes,
The lover rooted stays,
I fancied he was fed—
And, after many a year,
Glowed unexhausted kindness,
Like daily sunrise there,
My careful heart was free again,
Oh, friend, my bosom said,
Through thee alone the sky is arched,
Through thee the rose is red;
All things through thee take nobler
Form.

And look beyond the earth;
The mill round of our fate appears
A sun path in thy worth,
Me, too, thy nobleness has taught
To master my despair;
The fountains of my hidden life
Are through thy friendship fair.
—Emerson.

The Joy of God.
I thank thee, too, that thou hast made
Joy to abound;
So many gentle thoughts and deeds
Circling us round,
That in the darkest spot of earth
Some love is found.

I thank thee more that all our joy
Is touched with pain,
That shadows fall on brightest hours,
That thorns remain;
So that earth's bliss may be our guide
And not our chain.

For thou, who knowest, Lord, how soon
Our weak heart clings,
Hast given us joys tender and true,
But all with wings—
So that we see, gleaming on high,
Diviner things.
—Adelaide A. Procter.

Joy Enough.
There's joy enough, good people, when the
furrows feel the frost
An' the lily's lookin' lonesome an' the
violet's feelin' lost,
When the blue smoke's curlin' upward
from the cabin on the hill
An' the heart is makin' music, though the
mokin' birds are still!

There's joy enough, good people, for the
winter's sweets are sown
As thickly as the flowers in the gardens
love has known!
The stars still light the darkness, the sun
shines across the day,
An' we sing the night to mornin', an'
we're happy as the May!
—Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution.

Hospitality in Children.
Hospitality should be encouraged in children as far as it is within the means of the parents to do so. Let them have their little teas and anniversary parties. It will help them to develop this trait and will give them an opportunity to put into practice amenities of social life which they are expected to observe in later life. There is nothing more excellent to behold than a child with easy, gracious manners, free from shyness and without boldness.

Orange Jelly.
Take a quart of water, the fruit of two oranges, the juice of two citrons and two oranges, a half pound of sugar and two ounces of gelatin. Put on the fire and stir constantly until it boils. Add the beaten whites of two eggs and let the mixture stand for ten minutes on the stove without boiling. Strain through a cloth to insure the jelly being clear.

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