

WEEK'S NEWS BY TICK AND FLASH

What interests the World Chron- iced by Telegraph and Cable.

DANCE AT FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Washington Looms Large as a Center of Interest—Legislatures Busy in Many States—The Lights and Shadows of the News.

Washington

The Senate Committee on census disapproved on President Wilson's nomination of George W. Harris, of Georgia, as director of the census.

A. B. Kaufman, publisher of a Westerville (Pa.) newspaper, who gave evidence of a pooling agreement between the Stanley Steel Trust Investigating Committee, complained that the steel interests had driven him into bankruptcy by a "practical boycott."

Secretary Bryan left for California to confer with Governor Johnson and the Legislature on the proposed Anti-Alien Land bill.

President Wilson approved the Senate's bill, abolishing involuntary servitude and establishing the efficiency of the American seamen.

Personal

Dr. Charles W. Eliot, has received the tender from Governor Foss of the chairmanship of the State Commission to investigate the white slave traffic in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Samarell, whom her husband called a "marble bride," won a decree of separation, the court deciding she had been undeservedly accused.

Joseph H. Witman, 69 years old, a leather manufacturer, died in Philadelphia of heart disease. He was a director of the Northwestern National Bank and the Northern Trust Co.

George R. Carter, former Governor of Hawaii, arrived at San Francisco on his way to Washington to oppose the proposed reduction of duty on sugar.

Sporting

Barney Oldfield made a world's automobile record at Los Angeles, lowering the former record of 47 and 85-100 seconds to 46 2-5 seconds for a mile on dirt track.

The Detroit Baseball Club released Fletcher Boehler to St. Joseph, West-ern League, and Outfielder Powell to Providence, of International League.

Eiteher William Powell and Infield-er Michael Berghamer were sold to the Cincinnati Nationals by the Chi- cago Nationals. It is understood Tink- er claimed them at the waiver price.

Walter Johnson pitched twenty-sev- en innings during his three first games, and in that time the huge total of one run was scored off him.

General

Nearly 123 grain boats are held fast in the ice at Soo, Mich.

Refusing to work with non-union men, 3,000 colliery employes at Shamo- n struck.

Three leaders of the L. W. W. were indicted, it was said, in Paterson, N. J. But the authorities refused to com- mence the report.

Swift & Co. issued a pamphlet urg- ing the people to eat more mutton and less beef in order to keep the prices down.

Steamship companies operating on the Great Lakes have raised passen- ger rates 25 cents owing to an increase in expenses.

Steamship statistics show that Por- tugal and Russians are entering California from Hawaii at the rate of 20 a week.

The animal industry bureau at Washington issued 3,467 certificates for pure breeding horses imported during 1912.

The transport Manila at Mare Is- land, California, captured at Manila Bay in 1898, has been condemned and will be offered for sale.

Mrs. Charlotte Despard, a militant suffrage leader, arrested while try- ing to hold a meeting in London, was sentenced to 14 days imprisonment in default of \$25 fine.

Mrs. Clarence Le Bus of Lexington, Ky., entertained society folk of New York and other cities at a race meet- ing held on her own private race track.

Mrs. Katherine Kerigan sued for di- vorce in Jersey City on the ground that her husband, a coachman, was too friendly with his employer's wife, Mrs. Arthur T. Mahon of Midland Park, N. J.

A bill was introduced in the Massa- chusetts Senate to prohibit the manu- facture of "explosive" golf balls.

Claus Spreckels' Rudolph Spreckels and Mrs. Emma C. Ferris will not have to pay the \$100,000 inheritance tax de- manded by the State Controller on \$500,000 of property conveyed to them by their mother, according to a ruling of the Supreme Court.

When Jack Johnson, the negro pugil- ist, appeared to pay his \$1,000 fine for smuggling, and learned that costs amounted to \$740, he protested and asked for a delay to appeal against the costs.

Dr. A. S. Draper, New York State Commissioner of Education, is dead.

The powers warned King Nicholas of Montenegro to give up Scutari.

A cage containing 12 men fell in a mine near Butte, Mont., killing them.

Matilda Wayne, a negro scrub- woman of Oyster Bay, L. I., left an estate of \$50,000.

Demanding more pay, 250 truck drivers in Rochester, N. Y., have gone on strike.

The seventeen I. W. W. members in jail at Colorado Springs for vagrancy refused to work out their sentences.

Mrs. A. M. Colvert, ninety-year-old niece of President Lincoln's mother, is dead at Idaho Springs, Col.

The German embassy has again chosen Newport as its summer head- quarters.

Five deaths have resulted from the bubonic plague in Manila since Janu- ary 1.

Henry Clay Pierce testified in St. Louis that he had been the victim of misplaced confidence to the extent of nearly \$7,000,000.

A bill providing free admission of all exhibits imported for the Panama Fair, was introduced in the House by Representative Kentner, of California.

Loans by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad to President Mel- lon totaled \$14,000,000, according to testimony given in Boston.

The Honor Legion of the Police De- partment of New York City will be presented with the stand of colors given by Vincent Astor on May 9.

President Wilson announced he will be unable to attend the congress of Governors at Colorado Springs on Au- gust 26.

The Canadian Pacific Railroad will build a double-track tunnel through Rogers Pass, British Columbia, at a cost of \$8,000,000.

The marine barracks at Sitka, Alaska, have been abandoned by the Navy Department, and will be used as a home for indigent prospectors.

More than 60,000 Pittsburgh school children marched through the streets, refusing to attend school until Super- intendent S. L. Heeter was removed.

G. A. Leach, a lineman working at Hanover, Pa., was injured by a light- ning stroke which struck a telephone wire at Gettysburg, Pa., 12 miles away.

Robert Fowler, an American aviator, flew from the Atlantic to the Pacific across the Isthmus, carrying a photog- rapher.

The 1,500 telegraphers in the em- ploy of the New Haven Railroad re- ceived a wage advance of seven per cent.

Mystery surrounds the death at Colorado Springs, of young Miss Con- ger, niece of the late Minister to China.

Dr. W. E. Fernald, superintendent of the Waverly, Mass., State Hospital for the Feeble Minded, states that fifty per cent of the men and women sent to prisons are feeble minded.

"Jack" Johnson, the negro pugilist, was fined \$1,000 and compelled to forfeit a diamond necklace valued at \$2,000 in Chicago for smuggling the neck- lace into this country.

James Crinn, Nelson W. Greenhut's chauffeur, was instantly killed when a motor car he was testing hit a tele- graph pole at Springfield, L. I. His as- sistant, Thomas Conroy, was mortally injured.

The Boston Chamber of Commerce and Governor Foss have placed the William McKinley Memorial Hospital, with headquarters in New York, on the blacklist, asserting it has failed to carry out the purpose for which it was incorporated.

Two persons were killed, two others perhaps fatally injured and two more cut and bruised by an explosion of dynamite which destroyed the home of Michael Petron near Uniontown, Pa. The dead are Michael Petron, 35 years old, and Joseph Petron, 28.

Foreign

The French budget for 1913 shows a \$40,000,000 deficit.

Duentsz, a German aviator, was killed near Johannsthal by falling from his aeroplane.

The new Italian battleship Dullia was launched at Naples in the pres- ence of the King and Queen.

The London Jockey Club has warned off W. H. Schwind, a horse trainer for Lewisohn, for conspiring to run horses in a way to mislead handicappers.

Gilbert, the French aviator, flew from Villacoublay, France to Vittoria, Spain, 720 miles, in 10 hours 23 min- utes.

Satisfactory progress is reported by the surgeon in attendance on the Duchess of Connaught, wife of the Governor-General of Canada.

An Austrian naval division is said to have left Trieste with 10,000 men to occupy Montenegrin ports and march on Cetinje.

An 18-year-old youth named Walkow and an unidentified girl jumped from the top of the north tower of the cathedral at Antwerp. They were in- stantly killed.

British Ambassador James Bryce gave up his office at Washington, which he held for more than six years, and left for New York, where he will leave for a trip to Yokohama, Japan.

George Weltzel, American Minister to Nicaragua, is on his way to Panama City, to sail for New York.

Herr Kohler, a German, was sent- enced to seven and one-half years for spying on German fortifications at Leipzig for the French and Russian governments.

German chauvinistic papers blamed the corruption in their War Office on the "Americanization" of their nation, and in revenge ridiculed Mr. Bryan's universal peace suggestions and blamed the Krupp Munitionsfabrik scandal on the lure of the Adolphus Busch money for the German Princes.

THE LAND OF THE SKY.

BY H. B. BRUMBAUGH.

Why there is a place so named, is not for us to explain, but there is a place, and the name is significant, when conditions are seen and understood. Neither is it disappointing when seen, but you are made to feel that it only half tells its story. The told half is in the sky, while the untold is earthly and equally beautiful.

The land of the sky is located in Northwestern North Carolina, on a large plateau in the Southern Appa- lachian Mountains containing thou- sands and thousands of acres of land, over two thousand feet above sea level, edged around by a large num- ber of mountains and knobs, point- ing skyward to heights of six thou- sand feet and upward. Thus an in- land basin it formed, affording all manner of possibilities for life's en- joyments. This plateau is well sup- plied with rivers, fountains and springs of soft pure water, that are resorted to, and successfully used, for all kinds of physical ailments. With pure, sweet and health-giving water, an uncontaminated, life-invigorating air, and a fertile soil, it ought to be a place to be desired, and will be, as it becomes better known.

At the late District Meetings, held by the Brethren churches in the Eastern and Southern States, one member from each District was appointed to form a committee to look up a suitable location for holding our Annual Conference, when held in the East and South.

At a meeting of this committee, held at Hagerstown, Md., we were met by representatives from a num- ber of different points that felt they had inducements to offer our people, for holding such meetings. Among them were Salford E. Coher, of Asheville, N. C., and H. E. Wearnick, of the Southern R. R. Co. So kindly and urgent was the appeal made by them, that the committee con- cluded to accept the very liberal offer made by them. February 24th the following members of the commit- tee met at Washington, D. C.; A. B. Barnhart, M. C. Swigart, C. D. Bonsack, P. S. Thomas, Wm. Howe, I. W. Taylor, and the writer. Brother P. S. Miller, was added to our party at Lynchburg, by the way. At 5:45 p. m. we were taken to the Southern Pullman train, where we were to sleep and eat till we reached our objective point, Asheville, N. C.

The first part of our trip was pleasant, but being made in the night time, we had not the pleasure of seeing any thing by the way.

Early in the morning we stopped at Hickory, N. C., where we had a very excellent breakfast served. Here we had our first taste of south- ern hospitality and cooking and our decision was, "Very good." Hickory is a bustling city of about 6,000 popu- lation; altitude, 1,174 feet. It is beautifully located, has good schools, a Lutheran Theological Institution, and good hotels. It is a popular re- sort for hunters, surrounded by pro- ductive farm land and fine scenery.

After a layover of one hour, we continued our journey skyward, and in the upclimbing, we passed over many horsehoe curves, and viewed spouting geysers, dashing waterfalls and varied scenery. We were to feel that our famous Allegheny Mountain, "Horse Shoe Bend" is completely crowded into the shade.

There we have only one but here they have so many—at least it so seems—that we lose track of them and fail in the count. We formerly prided ourselves in believing that we had, at our command a fairly good supply of adjectives for descriptive purposes, but we soon found our- selves empty and dumbfounded, as we took the backward look at the wondrous scene over which we passed and the unexpected glorious view which opened up to us, as we reached the summit. Surely, said we, "This is the Land of the Sky!"

But what did we find as we reached the often described elevation of this great mountain range? A vast ex- pane of barren sand, covered over with scrub oak, dwarf pine, huckle- berry bush and hills and rocks? No, indeed. Instead, we have a vast plateau of undulating, fertile land, only waiting for the systematic farm- ers to scratch its surface and place the seed, and await a harvest of some twenty, some sixty, and some even a hundred fold. To us the quality of this land was a constant surprise—there being wheat, rye, oats and corn galore. And of fruits, what shall we say? All that is need- ed is planting and cultivating, to reap a rich harvest. But apples, apples, the apple belt of the world—single orchards yielding as high as twenty-five thousand bushels in one season, from the golden yellow to the most dazzling red, so crisp and melt- ing that the sight of them would be a temptation to a much better Eve than Father Adam ever knew. We are not guessing, or speaking on the authority of the slick- tongued agent of the "experimen- tal farm"—made to sell the surrounding poverty-stricken barrens, but we had the pleasure of seeing

the large orchards, the healthy, growing trees by the thousands and the pleasure of eating, in full mea- sure, the crisp, luscious fruit to our full satisfaction; and the filling of our grips, to make us happy by the way, and some to bring along home. Well, so far so good, and it was good all the way.

What, do you suppose, induced these southern brethren to tempt us to go down among them and spy out the land? Well, the Brethren have at least several commendable points of reputation—being good farmers, industrious, honest temper- ate and law-abiding citizens. This is the kind of citizens that these people wish to have move in among them. Hence the inducement they offered us to come down and see how they do. The same is true of the railroads. The better farmers, fruit growers, gardeners, business men, citizens—and good men and women—they can encourage to move among them, the more there will be for their rail- roads to haul. On their part, they believe that they have the good things there to make good people, happy, successful and prosperous so that, in filling up this goodly land with the right kind of men and women, the benefit thus accru- ing will be mutual, a square deal, and no disappointments to follow.

In addition to fertile and product- ive soil, they have the purest of water to drink, health-promoting air to breathe and a moral atmosphere. The State is dry as to alcoholic bev- erages; large and fine public houses, without a bar or a saloon, are to be seen anywhere. We asked one of the landlords how it was that their hotels could succeed so well without running drinking dens, when our hotel men tell us that they can not run respectable hotels without selling whiskey. The answer was; "Oh that's all 'bosh'!" It is the other way. We could not run respectable houses by having a crowd of drunk- en bum hanging around, swearing and disturbing the peace and pleasure.

It is because of the high moral standard of the people that the good and the religious are seeking homes here for themselves and for their children. Here it is that the Bap- tists, Methodist and Presbyterians are buying large tracts of land, from twelve to thirty hundred or more acres and laying them out in small plots and lots. Here they build good roads, streets, houses hotels and auditoriums, thus forming communi- ties of their own and other good peo- ple, and preventing from the start, the invasion of bad people. These places we had the pleasure of seeing, and were more than pleased with the idea. It gives a religious tone to the country that cannot help but be conducive to the moral and reli- gious uplift of the people. These places are offered to us as being suit- able for holding our Annual Confer- ence. And why not? To hold one of our meetings at such a place, un- der the conditions that are offered, would prove a splendid mission- ary scheme—one that we could possi- bly unite upon. It would afford an opportunity to thou- sands of our people to see this goodly land, and thus help to occupy it for our Lord as we should. The standing offer there is, "Come and see". There are a number of other things that we expected to speak of, and may do so in the future.

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