

BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK TOLD IN CONDENSED FORM.

WORLD'S NEWS EPITOMIZED

Complete Review of Happenings of Greatest Interest From All Parts of World.

Southern.

Barreling himself in his cell, Will Thompson, who was hung at Louisville, Ga., at first stoutly refused to make preparation for the gallows. When the death summons came to him he armed himself with lumps of coal and scraps of iron he had taken from his cot, and swore that he would kill the first man who entered to take his Sheriff Smith, with his deputies, soon forced him into submission, threatening to shoot off his hands if he made further resistance.

The steamer Concordia, of Natchez, Miss., which was engaged in rescue work in the flooded sections of Tennessee and Concordia parishes, struck the iron railroad bridge at Clayton, La., and sank. Eleven negro refugees who were aboard the steamer were drowned when the boat went down.

Flood water from the trevasse near Gibson's Landing, La., has covered Harrisburg, but the rise is slow. The gap is now 2,500 feet wide, according to a report by Capt. C. O. Sherrill, United States engineer, who inspected the break. Government tugs, barges and the New Orleans and Northwestern railroad took hundreds of refugees to Natchez. The United States tugs Harengo and Tunica alone transported 750 persons and 1,500 head of stock.

The 4-year-old child of G. L. Wallace, at Bowman, crawled into a barn next to the warehouse in Bowman, set fire in some way to the building and was cremated. Until its crisp body was found it was not known the child was in the barn. When found it had the iron rims of a barrel around it, into which it had crawled trying to get away from the fire.

Following a comparatively quiet day in the strike situation in Asheville, N. C., a mob of three or four hundred men and boys attacked the lines of the Asheville Power and Light company, whose motormen and conductors went on strike for an advance in wages of 3 cents an hour. Several windows were broken by volleys of bricks and stones. The police charged the crowd on several occasions, making twelve arrests of men alleged to have been the ring-leaders.

Mrs. W. C. Wollenweider, who resides near Senoia, Ga., has a quilt with 5,500 patches or scraps, which she made in 1898. The scraps are, perhaps, the smallest ever put together in a quilt. Another unique relic in this community is a plush pocketbook owned by Frank Pope. The plush is covered with heads worked into leaves, fourteen colors of beads being used. The pocketbook was made by the Indians and presented to Mrs. Cobb before they left this county more than 100 years ago.

Witnessed by 1,000 spectators, Clan O'Hara, 400 strong, conducted the last rites over their loved ones who have passed over the great divide within the year just passed, and in many respects burial was the most impressive and spectacular that has ever taken place in Atlanta. Seven hearses containing the bodies of seven dead women of the clan passed in single file to West View cemetery, followed by carriages, automobiles and limousines, which contained the mourners. Loyalty to one another, and especially to their dead, is the keynote of their creed.

General

Mexican constitutionalists at San Dimas have forced Americans there to pay ransoms of 18,000 Mexican dollars and have confiscated their arms. Official reports from Mazatlan say great unrest prevails among American residents there, as the Hureta forces are said to be insufficient to protect property.

Ortie E. McManigal, confessed dynamiter, plans to have his appearance altered by surgery when he is released. It is reported his release from the county jail may be granted at any time, and McManigal hopes to so change himself that no one will know him as the man whose testimony sent the McNamara brothers and more than a score of labor officials to prison at Los Angeles, Cal.

At Jefferson City, Mo., the state supreme court issued an injunction restraining 183 fire insurance companies from terminating contracts now in force. The court did not restrain the companies from ceasing to write new business in the state.

Secretary Lane told Senator Kern that no man would be appointed commissioner of pensions who was not a civil war veteran. This would eliminate many candidates from getting the appointment.

A continuous flight of over 1,000 miles by aeroplane was completed in Holland by a French aviator.

The rupture is widening between the Chinese cabinet and the senate, regarding the loan of \$125,000,000 to be issued by Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia and Japan.

In Sacramento, Cal., the administration anti-alien holding bill, drawn by Attorney General Webb passed senate by a vote of 26 to 2, after nearly ten hours of debate. The only negative votes were cast by Senator Cartwright, Democrat, and Senator Wright, Republican. Governor Johnson will sign the alien bill as soon as it comes to him, reserving a "reasonable time" in which to listen to protests. "I have assured Mr. Bryan," he said, "that when the bill comes to me from the legislature I will wait a reasonable time for his protests. I cannot say how long."

Lawrence Lindbloom, a chauffeur, who in 1916 ran over and killed Joseph Weise in Chicago, was found guilty of murder and sentenced to fourteen years' imprisonment. The evidence showed he was driving about 35 miles an hour when the car struck Weise. In instructing the jury Judge Cooper said if it had been shown that Lindbloom was driving his machine in such a manner as to endanger human life they should find him guilty, whether the killing was accidental or intentional.

The British delegation now on its way to the United States for the celebration of the Anglo-American peace centenary may encounter some hostile demonstrations. Certain leaders of the extreme Irish and labor movements are advising their American friends to express opposition to the British mission. Suffragette leaders are appealing to American women to denounce any friendly dealings between the two countries until England gives the vote to women.

At Portland, Ore., land stipulated to be worth \$50,000,000 and estimated by experts to have a value of \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000, was ordered taken from the Southern Pacific Railroad company and returned to the federal government by Judge C. E. Wolverton in the United States district court.

A table of "Uncle Tom" Ellison's progeny, recast after the birth of a child to one of his granddaughters at Walnut, Ark., showed a surprising record. Ellison, 93 years old, has been married three times. The table showed that he was the father of fifty children; grandfather of 125 children; great-grandfather of 60 children; great-great-grandfather of 27 children.

In Chicago Anthony Morasco was so angered by Anna Forte's refusal to marry him, that he attacked the young woman, but the struggle did not last long, for a hatchet, said to have been wielded by Anna's brother, felled Antonio. He died instantly. The uproar alarmed Anna's mother, who discharged a revolver. It went through a window and hit Frank Alfonsa, a pedestrian. He is said to be mortally wounded.

It was announced in New York City at the apartments of Dr. Friedrich F. Friedmann that he had signed a contract for the disposition of his tuberculosis vaccine by a company through institutes to be established in every state. The contract, it is said, provides for the free treatment of the poor in all localities. No details of the financial end of the contract were made public.

Mrs. Nellie Paugh, 36 years old, threw her two sons, Donald, 12, and Delbert, 6, from a bridge into Deer creek and jumped into the stream, at Logansport, Ind. The mother and the younger boy were drowned, but Donald swam ashore. Before throwing the boys off the bridge the mother told them she was doing so because no one loved them.

Washington

Presentation by Edward T. Williams, charge de affairs of the American legation, of formal recognition by the United States of the Chinese republic was made an occasion of much ceremony in Peking. Troops lined the streets between the American legation and the winter place. Secretary Williams drove through in a presidential carriage with an escort of Chinese troops and accompanied by the staff of the legation.

The fiscal system of the United States governing deposits of federal funds in national banks was revolutionized by Secretary McAdoo, of the treasury department, with an announcement that all government depositaries, whether active or inactive, would be required to pay interest at the rate of 2 per cent per annum beginning June 1 upon deposits of the government.

President Wilson told callers he considered the controversy with Great Britain over the exemption of American coastwise shipping from payment of tolls through the Panama canal a very debatable one. The president gave no indication as to what his previous view had been but Democrats senators who talked with him had the idea that he opposed the exemption and favored the Root amendment to repeal it. When Mr. Wilson discussed the question he said he felt he should keep his mind absolutely open until some action was necessary.

A "war speech" in support of the proposed California anti-alien law, was delivered in the house by Representative Sisson of Mississippi. "If we must have war or submit to this indignity, I am for war," cried Mr. Sisson. "I am with the people of California in their efforts to prevent these aliens from acquiring land. I believe," said Mr. Sisson, "that no non-resident aliens should be allowed to hold a single foot of land in the territory of the United States. What would Washington say in answer to the question, war or submission? What would Jackson say? What would Cleveland say?"

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson VI.—Second Quarter. For May 11, 1913.

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Text of the Lesson, Gen. xii, 25-40. Memory Verses, 39, 40—Golden Text, I Pet. v, 5—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Pharaoh's third day birthday party of last lesson (xii, 29-33) suggests other third day incidents, and there are many, all pointing a pointed eye to the greatest of all third day events. His resurrection from the dead with all its benefits to believers to be fully enjoyed at our resurrections from the dead.

Now we have a third year story of sudden and marvelous exaltation from a dungeon to a throne, from a place of darkness and suffering to the most prominent place in the power of Pharaoh to grant, for we read, "It came to pass at the end of two full years" (xii, 1). Two years of forgetfulness on the part of the butler, two years of continued humiliation for Joseph, and then "it was enough," God's time of deliverance for His faithful servant had come.

Pharaoh's dreams, which all the wise men of Egypt could not interpret, led the butler to remember his faults and to speak to Pharaoh of the prisoner, the young Hebrew who was servant to the captain of the guard and who could and did correctly interpret dreams (xii, 9-13). Then was Joseph made to run out of the dungeon, having shaved himself and changed his raiment probably with more haste than he had ever done in his life before (verse 14 margin). If the messenger told Joseph why he was wanted we may imagine that possibly Joseph had visions of deliverance near at hand. As he stood before Pharaoh the king said that he had dreamed a dream which no one could interpret, but he had heard that Joseph could understand and interpret dreams.

In his reply Joseph acknowledged God, saying: "It is not in me. God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace" (verses 15, 16). Pharaoh then told Joseph his two dreams and added, "I told this unto the magicians, but there was none that could declare it unto me" (verse 24). We may easily imagine Joseph lifting up his heart to God as he listened to the king's recital of his dreams.

What a picture—a man who had been shut away from the world and all the wisdom of the world for years in the presence of a great king, but more consciously in the presence of the King of kings and in communion with Him and therefore knowing what all the wisdom of this world could not teach him! We see the same great lesson in the case of Daniel and his friends, for when all the wisdom of Babylon could neither tell the king his dream nor interpret the dream when he told it nor read even four words written by God Daniel by the Spirit of God could do all. The modern scholarship, so called, or the wisdom of this world is just as helpless today to understand the things of God, for they can only be known by the Spirit of God (I Cor. ii, 11). Joseph being a man in whom the Spirit of God was, he could by the Spirit interpret the dream to the king and saw as he told the king that God was showing Pharaoh what He was about to do.

He also told Pharaoh that inasmuch as the dream was doubled it was because the thing was established by God and that He would shortly bring it to pass, (verse 32). The king was so impressed by the supernatural power in this man that he at once promoted him to the highest place of power, saying, "Only in the throne will I be greater than thou" (verses 39, 40). Could anything be more thrilling than such words as those of verses 41 to 45 addressed by such a king to a man just out of prison? Read carefully and try and grasp the situation—yesterday in the dungeon, where he had been for years, today next to the king, ruler over all Egypt, clothed with royal apparel, riding in the second chariot, every knee bowing to him, and no one able to do anything without his permission! Consider his new name signifying "The man to whom secrets are revealed," and see him married to a princess (verse 45, margin).

Is it any wonder that he called his first son Manasseh, saying, "God hath made me forget all my toil," and his second Ephraim, saying, "God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction" (Verses 51, 52). And he was an Israelite! Oh, how the suggestions crowd in concerning Him to whom Nathaniel said, "Rabbi, thou art the Son of God. Thou art the King of Israel" (John I, 49). Then how wonderful that Joseph was just thirty years old! (Verse 46. Compare Luke iii, 23.) He was seventeen when his brethren sold him (xxvii, 2), so he had thirteen years of suffering. But he lived to be 110 (i, 26), so he had eighty years of exaltation, long enough to forget a lot of hard things. What will an eternity of glory mean compared with our brief time of trial here?

Some of Miss Habershon's typical suggestions on this chapter are his being raised up from the prison, his being filled with the Spirit, his dependence upon God, his wisdom, his authority, every knee bowing to him; his glory, his fruitfulness (Eccl. iv, 14; John v, 19, 20; xv, 5; xii, 24; Acts ii, 24; x, 38; Col. ii, 8; Phil. ii, 10; Isa. ix, 6, 7; iii, 11; Heb. iii, 6). Joseph alone had control of the corn. All had to go to him, and all countries came (John vi, 18; ii, 5; Amos viii, 11; Isa. xlix, 6).

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