WEEK'S NEWS

Summarized for Very Busy Readers

Washington

Opening of Alaskan coal lands under a leasing plan was proposed in a bill agreed upon by the senate public lands committee at Washington, which combines several measures that have been under consideration.

A nine-year-old boy, dying of heart trouble, was brought to the White House at Washington to have his desire to see and be smiled upon by the president of the United States granted. He is Harry Winthrop Davis, son of Mrs. A. L. Davis of Sewickley, Pa.

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Preliminary steps were taken by the postoffice department at Washington to perfect its plan for reducing the cost of living by having the parcel post carry farm products directly to the door of the consumer. Ten cities were selected to begin the work of establishing direct connections between producer and consumer.

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Elihu Root's attitude toward South America combines the idealism of Henry Clay and the utilitarianism of James G. Blaine and has come to be generally accepted as the foreign policy of the United States in this hemisphere, said Robert B. Baron, former ambassador to France.

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"There is no evidence here of any $10,000 fund," said Senator Overman, chairman of the senate lobby committee at Washington, at the conclusion of the committee's investigation of reports that such a sum was being used by representatives of prison labor contractors to defeat the pending Hughes bill.

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Woodrow Wilson unhoosened himself to the members of the National Press club of Washington, telling them in a frank, conversational way how he felt as president of the United States, how difficult it was for him to imagine himself as the chief executive with the formal amenities of the position, and how he had managed to be as free as the ordinary individual without the restraints of his office.

Domestic

In reply to reports that he intended to retire, Judge Emory Speer of the United States district court of Georgia declared that if the committee which investigated his judicial conduct withdrew the charges he might accept retirement on the same terms as on reaching the age limit—seventy.

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For the purpose of bringing about comprehensive work on the roadways of Illinois, Governor Dunne issued a proclamation designating Wednesday, April 15, as "road day."

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The steam whaler Herman has started from San Francisco for the Arctic ocean in search of the exploration ship Karluk, which has been lost for several months.

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Richmond, Ind., voted "wet" in the local option election. The total vote is 75 of 79 precincts was 3,218 "wet," and 2,042 "dry."

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Difficulties which may lead to a serious strike exist between the coal mine operators and miners developed in the conference held at Chicago. The miners, who had demanded a six per cent increase, acceded to the demands of the operators to sign the existing agreement for another two years.

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Judge Sanborn of St. Louis approved the agreement by which the receivers of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad cancel all indebtedness of nearly six million six hundred thousand dollars against the road and relinquish ownership of two valuable cities in Louisiana to the syndicate that promoted them.

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Members of the Democratic state committee were told in speeches by William Church Osborn and Governor Glynn at Albany, N. Y., it was their duty to the party to work for a conventional convention in 1913 at the next session election on April 7. Charles F. Murphy occupied a front seat at the meeting, but he did not meet the governor.

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John Norris, widely known newspaper man, formerly business manager of the New York Times and leader of the American Newspaper Publishers' association's campaign for free paper and anti-pulp, died at his home in Brooklyn.

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Passage of the Alaska railroad bill by congress was celebrated at Seattle, Wash., and at many points in Alaska. In Seattle a long parade, the most picturesque ever seen there, moved through the principal streets.

Detention of women in police stations and in the various New York city prisons will be done away with by the building of a $450,000 detention home and court for women, plans for which were made public by Katherine B. Davis, commissioner of the department of corrections.

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Damages to the amount of $1,000 were awarded to Mrs. Irene Morrison at Milwaukee in a suit for $10,000 against five members of the Wisconsin state fair board of 1910 for injuries received when Archie Hotery's aeroplane fell into the crowd in front of the grand stand.

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A bloodstained lock of Abraham Lincoln's hair and a number of relics and mementos intimately related to the history of the United States were offered the Metropolitan Museum of Art in the will of Gen. James Grant Wilson, filed for probate in New York.

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Four buildings in the business section of Sidney, O., were destroyed by fire, with a loss estimated at $150,000. The buildings were occupied by two dry goods stores, a department store, a clothing store and a number of smaller shops.

Mexican Revolt

Mexican rebels under command of General Villa captured Torreon. The former bandit leader is now the absolute master of northern Mexico. There are only meager federal forces to resist his occupation of Monterey and Saltillo and Tampico on the east and Chihuahua on the west. Fifteen hundred federals were slain.

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According to an official report from Captain Winterborn, commanding United States troopers along the border near Del Rio, Tex., only two of his men had a part in the battle with a band of rebels in which a dozen were slain. Mexicans were slain and several wounded, officer of the American soldiers was hurt.

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The kidnaping of an American, Charles Ballard, took place near Carrizo Springs, Tex. Ballard was tied by the Mexicans and hauled across the border, but while the party was crossing the Rio Grande he escaped by diving. Ballard's captors fired at him without effect several times and then fled.

Personal

A cable message confirmatory of previous reports that Theodore Roosevelt had met with an accident in Brazil was received at the American Museum of Natural History in New York in response to an inquiry sent by the museum to United States Consul Frederell at Para.

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Dr Amos P Wilder, former United States consul at Shanghai, China, says the Chinese republic will not last because it has foreign supervision of the finances.

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Emil Seidel, former Socialist mayor of Milwaukee, and Gerhard Dading, prohibitionist, will be nominated in the race for the mayoralty nomination, David S Rose announced.

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After a week's boredom "Mother" Mary Jones again is a military prisoner in the Colorado strike zone.

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A gift of $50,000 from John D Rockefeller will be used by the International Young Men's Christian Association college at Springfield, Mass., has been announced at Boston.

Foreign

Great indignation is expressed by the Turkish Chamber of Deputies at the attack of the Lahorites on the king in parliament for the Punjab legislative army shown in Ulster England has not witnessed in a hundred years such an extensive display of loyalty to the throne, which has traditionally kept out of party contests.

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Natives in the south of Malekula island of the New Hebrides group have murdered and eaten six natives, teach ers from the Walla Island mission station.

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King George of Great Britain, by breaking the Ulster home rule deadlock strates the power of the British monarchy has not declined since his advent on the throne. The revolt of officers in the British army, caused primarily by Carson commanders refusing to their services, Premier Asquith and Secretary of War Seely, in the house of commons explained that the resignation of officers was due to a misunderstanding as to Gen Sir Arthur Paget of orders transmitted to him.

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VAST AMOUNT OF WORK TO BE DONE

THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COMMISSION MUST CLASSIFY INDUSTRIES AND FIX RATES.

LAW OPERATIVE JUNE 15

Act Abolishes Fellow-Servant Rule, the Assumption of Risks and Plea of Contributory Negligence.

(Special Franklort Correspondence.)

Frankfort—The workmen's compensation act passed by Gen. Assembly will become operative June 15. The commission, which is to arbitrate the claims of workmen injured in the industrial employment and the dependents of those killed in industrial accidents, is composed of Atty. Gen. James Garnett, Commissioner of Agriculture, Labor W. Newman and Insurance Commissioner M. C. Rankin, ex-officio. The positions under the commission already are filled.

The commission has a vast amount of work to do before the act is in full operation. They must classify industries, according to hazards and perform employment; assess them on a basis of their pay rolls to create a fund for operating the commission; for paying claims, and look after the investment of the fund created by the act. It probably is the most exacting duty ever placed on any official.

The compensation is graded, according to the injury received, from $5 to $15 per week, the maximum being $15. The law for permanent disability or death is the only beneficiaries recognized in the latter case being dependents.

The act abolishes the fellow-servant rule, the assumption of risks and the rule of contributory negligence. The board of arbitration consists of the commissioner of agriculture, labor and insurance commissioner. The board fixes a month each out of the compensation fund.

The measure contains a provision that if any clause or section of the bill is found to be unconstitutional it will not affect the constitutionality of other sections. The fund is raised by a tax on the pay roll of all companies operating its provisions. The tax is graduated according to the hazard of the industry.

The largest tax is $1.25 a month for each $100 of the pay roll.

Many requests have been made for copies of the workmen's compensation act since Governor Stanley affixed to have the bill printed at once, so that they can be obtained from the state librarian.

Lieutenant Governor's Position.

Lieutenant Governor Edward J. Richardson's construction of new bill appropriating $10,000 quarterly to the State Tuberculosis Home in Owen County, was not signed by him, it was due to the fact that both bills were presented to him for his signature.

The bill was declared to have been invalidated by the lack of Lieut Gov. Richardson's signature when it was signed by Gov McCreary, and the present annual appropriation of $175 per capita will remain in effect. The fiat sum of $10,000 was asked as a matter of convenience, and was based on the average cost of maintenance for several years.

At the final session of the legislature I remarked until 5 o'clock in the morning to sign all bills that were on my desk," declared Mr. McCreary, "and I did not leave the capitol building until I was through. I signed no other bills for me to sign. If the Lieutenant Governor felt inclined to sign my name it was due to its not having been signed by me."

Mr. McCreary declared that this bill was one which he could not have partially interested, and that he had had it placed on the senate calendar to insure the passage.

No Extra Session.

Gov. McCreary will not call an extra session of the legislature to pass the new and taxation bill. Confirming the statement issued from his office on the measure that he would not ask for an extraordinary session, Governor Cox McCreary repeated the statement to Speaker Claude Terrell and the Democratic house caucus chairman, Elwood Hamilton.

Speaker Terrell and Representative Hamilton called on Gov. McCreary and requested to him that inasmuch as the members of this legislature were familiar with the revenue and taxation measure proposed by the State Tax Commission, it would be more likely to pass a bill than any other legislature Gov. McCreary said that he would call an extra session for that purpose because he did not believe the legislature would pass the bill, after failed of passage, after 60 days' consideration.

Panama Fund By Subscription.

A state commission to secure contributions from Kentucky citizens and corporations for a fund of $10,000 to give the state proper representation at the Panama-Pacific exposition was announced in a letter to Gov. McCreary by Senator Joseph Bristow of Kansas, author. Mr. Knight calls attention to the failure of the general assembly to provide for a state appropriation for the exhibit, and says the fund should have been successful in obtaining needed funds through contributions.

Mailing Telegram, Negligent.

Reversing the Kenton circuit court in the case of Jesse Bridges against the Western Union, in which judgment had been entered for the company, the court of appeals held: "If the agent of the company had made no effort to deliver the telegram beyond depositing it in the postoffice on Sunday, it was negligent." A message was sent her that her brother in Boone county was ill. The substitute agent mailed the telegram, which he received on Sunday. Before Mrs. Bridges son got the message her brother died.

Inspection Itinerary.

Capt. George H. McMasters, of the Third Infantry, U. S. A., stationed at Ft. Ontario, has been detailed by the war department to conduct the inspection of the organized militia of Kentucky. The inspection will start March 23 and conclude May 1.

Staff and Infantry, Louisville, March 24; Companies E and F, First Infantry, Louisville, March 25, and Companies G and H, First Infantry, Louisville, March 26.

The date for the inspection of the following companies:

Company F, Vine Grove, March 27; Company I, Leitchfield, March 28; Company H, Hartford, March 31; Company C, Livermore, March 31; Company K, Owensboro, April 1; Company K, Owensboro, April 2; Company B, Madisonville, April 4; Company G, Earlington, April 4; headquarters, band and Company D, Hopkinsville, April 7; Company M, Murray, April 8; Company A, Bowling Green, April 10.

Company L, Glasgow, April 11, Company, will be inspected April 11; Company E, Cave City, April 14; Company M, April 24; Company M, First Infantry, Richmond, April 28, and Company L, First Infantry, Berea, April 29.

The dates for the inspection of the Maxton on the west.

Band and Company K, Ashland, April 14; Company F, Jackson, April 15; Company F, Jackson, April 16; Company I, Booneville, April 17; Company I, Booneville, April 20; Company A, London, April 21; Company A, London, April 22; Company B, Somerset, April 23; Company G, Somerset, April 27; Company L, Frankfort, May 1.

Will Try Out Prison Farm.

The state prison commission is expected to put into effect its plan for a prison farm system for two years. Bill 231, now in the house of representatives, will lease land adjoining the two state prisons and take options on other tracts of land to be followed by a lease on employers. All prisoners not under contract will be employed in domestic service and farming on the lease taken advantage of the compensation act.

Carry Emergency Clauses.

Twenty-one bills passed by the general assembly carry emergency clauses, which make them operative without any delay after signature by the governor. They are the bills creating the Kentucky tuberculosis home; that a fund be set aside for the erection of a building for the state board attending the time of holding circuit court in Bell and Harlan counties; creating an additional police court in Louisville; changing the time of holding circuit court in the Twenty-third district; providing for the manner of pay for filing certificates for the appointment of a stenographer to the circuit judge in Louisville; providing for county aid in building roads; providing for the election of the new parole law; the bill authorizing the state prison commission of contractors to collect state insurance premiums; the bill for the revenue measure; re-enacting the industrial insurance law, creating a new state fuel book commission; requiring the state auditor to make a monthly statement of expense accounts; reducing railroad passenger fare to 2½ cents per mile; providing for the appointment of a stenographer to the workmen's compensation board; providing for county aid in building roads; providing for the election of the new parole law; the bill authorizing the state prison commission of contractors to collect state insurance premiums