

EVENTS OF THE DAY

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form.

Hoodlums at Victor, Colo., attacked Governor Roosevelt.

Conger will not yet begin negotiations with the Chinese commission.

Buffalo, N. Y., is made the eighth city of the United States by the new census, having passed Cincinnati and San Francisco.

The Parkland Fishing & Packing Company has been incorporated with a capital of \$30,000. Its headquarters will be Parkland, Pierce county, Wash.

A passenger train on the Fort Worth & Rio Grande railroad ran into a wash out near Rock Creek, Texas. One person was killed and eight badly injured.

George F. Drew, the first Democratic governor of Florida after the war, died at his home at Jacksonville, aged 73 years. Two hours before his death his wife died from the effects of a stroke of apoplexy.

News has been received of hurricane at Offord, Ireland, September 20. The wind, it is said, blew 120 miles an hour. Nearly all the fishing smacks were driven ashore, houses were rased and several persons were killed. There was great destruction of property.

The Republic Iron & Steel Company's works in East St. Louis, Ill., known as the Tudor Iron Works, have resumed operations after a suspension of two months on account of the failure to agree upon a wage scale. An agreement has now been reached and signed for the ensuing year, and upwards of 800 men are at work.

A Winnipeg, Manitoba, special says: C. E. Stevens, a Methodist missionary at Oxford House, in the district of Kowateen, in a letter dated September 10, 1900, states that during the late winter and early spring of this year between 20 and 30 Indians of the Saulteau tribe, residing near Andy Lake, died of starvation. Rabbits and deer have fed this people, and although they ate even the bark of trees, they were not able to sustain life.

A large timber-land deal was completed at Albany, Or., by the filing in the office of the county recorder a deed from W. H. Stimson, of Los Angeles, Cal., to Theodore O. Withers, of La Crosse, Wis., conveying about 4,500 acres of timber land in the southern part of the county for the consideration of \$40,000. Two other deeds of 160 acres each were filed in favor of Withers, the consideration being approximately \$10 an acre, a high price for timber land, indicating an increased demand for such property.

Germany is about to declare war on China.

General John M. Palmer, of Illinois, is dead.

Galveston appeals for help to rebuild the city.

Four persons were killed by a tornado in an Iowa town.

Epidemic of smallpox at Nome has been stamped out.

Von Waldsee will demand the surrender of leaders of the outrages.

American troops, except a legion guard, are ordered from China to Manila.

Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, opened the Republican campaign in Illinois, with a speech in Chicago.

Senator Caffery, of Louisiana, has officially declined the presidential nomination by the National party.

At Torre Haute, Ind., The Abbott broke the world's trotting record of 2:03 1/4, held by Alix, making the mile in 2:03 1/4.

Another death from bubonic plague was reported at Glasgow, making the seventh since the outbreak. Only 40 persons are now under observation.

Prince Henry, of Prussia, is now commander-in-chief of the First German squadron, succeeding Vice-Admiral Hoffman, who has been relieved from the post.

The Austrian press bitterly condemns the attitude of the United States towards China, attributing to the course of the Washington government "the arrogant defiance with which China is treating the allies."

The Isthmian canal commission stated that it would be able to submit a report to congress sufficiently comprehensive to serve as a basis for the action of that body at the approaching session, if it should be desirable to act.

Dispatches announce that among the missionaries killed by Chinese in the massacre in Funnan province were Bishop Fantomall and Father Quirine, of the Roman Catholic church. It was said that the bishop died after the most awful torture.

It is reported that Chicago and London firms will invest \$20,000,000 in Colorado mines.

Spirit distillers and distributors have formed a co-operative association embracing all the distilleries in the United States.

A Victoria (B. C.) dispatch says that the money has been subscribed for a new railroad from the Great Lakes to the Pacific coast with a branch line to Dawson.

Swift & Co., the big Chicago packing firm, has leased the extensive New York plant of the Eastman Company.

The month of August was the hottest August on record, according to the weather authorities in the East.

Of all the line and staff generals in the United States army at present only two, Ludlow and J. M. Wilson, are graduates of West Point.

Lincoln, Neb., made the boast that it has the largest creamery in the world. The institution turns out 30,000 pounds of butter every day.

LATER NEWS.

British recapture their guns from the Boers.

Bryan made a dozen speeches in Minnesota.

The pope favors the American policy in the Philippines.

Germany denies any agreement with France and Russia.

Many business men will join excursion to Walla Walla.

Roosevelt spoke to 30,000 or 40,000 Nebraskans in McCook.

Idaho miners convicted of conspiracy to obstruct mail train during big strike of 1899.

Washington stockmen confer with Commissioner Hermann regarding grazing on forest reserves.

The population of the city of Los Angeles, Cal., according to the census of 1900, is 103,479, an increase of 32,048, or 103.35 per cent since 1890.

Within a radius of 12 miles of Sumpster, Or., six lumber mills are in operation. The timber in that district is of splendid quality and there is an active market for it.

John E. Hudson, president of the American Bell Telephone Company, died suddenly in the Boston & Maine railroad station at Beverly, Mass., while waiting for a train.

The 700 employees of the Reading Iron Company, of Danville, Pa., decided today to accept the 35 per cent reduction in their wages, to take effect October, and against which they struck.

The Austrian steamer Lloyd has sailed from Lourenco Marques, having on board 400 Transvaal refugees, part of them being Irish-Americans. All their expenses have been paid by the Transvaal government. Each man received 30 shillings and will be paid \$42.50 on landing at any port which may be selected by them.

Captain J. V. Henry, of Quincy, Ill., who has just resigned as assistant postmaster, was arrested for the alleged embezzlement of \$3,500, funds of the National Railway Mail Service Benevolent Association, of which he has been secretary and treasurer since its organization. Henry had given the association a bond of \$10,000.

Sim Loop was killed at Canby, Or., by being run over by a logging wagon. The accident occurred one-half mile from Brown's saw mill, where he was employed. He was driving a heavily loaded four-horse logging wagon down a steep grade, when the brake failed to work, and the horses ran away. The driver jumped, but was caught under the load. Deceased was 25 years old. Two of the horses were killed outright.

Const von Waldsee has arrived at Tien Tsin.

The Chinese government has ordered the degradation of Prince Tuan.

Germany want Waldsee to offer a reward for the head of Prince Tuan.

An audience of 20,000 people was addressed by Roosevelt in Kansas City, Mo.

Governor Sayers says he has received \$672,476 for aid of Texas sufferers.

To date, 2,339 bodies have been officially reported found at Galveston, Texas.

The postoffice at Mesa, 13 miles from Phoenix, Arizona, was robbed of \$1,000 in stamps and \$200 in cash.

Thomas G. Sherman, the famous lawyer and single-tax advocate, died at his home in New York, aged 66.

W. Burke Cochran spoke against expansion in the Coliseum in Chicago before an audience of 12,000 persons.

Imperial statistics show that 544,283 children below 14 years of age are engaged in industrial pursuits in Germany.

Lieutenant-General Miles in his annual report renews his recommendation for the further use of the automobile in the army.

The plant of the Illinois Steel Company at Joliet, Ill., has been shut down owing to a lack of orders. Two thousand men are affected.

The population of St. Joseph, Mo., according to the United States census, is 102,978, against 52,324 in 1890, an increase of 96,654, or 96.81 per cent.

A city detective of Cleveland, Ohio, was shot and instantly killed while trying to put a stop to a shooting affray between union and nonunion molders.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, the total number of postage stamps of all kinds issued in the United States, including ordinary stamps, postage due stamps, stamped envelopes and postal cards, reached the enormous total of 5,333,000,000, valued at \$98,000,000—an increase of 400,000,000 stamps over the preceding year.

General MacArthur recently issued the following general order for the betterment of the government of the city of Manila: "Existing orders requiring residents of their homes after 10 o'clock P. M., are hereby amended to extend the hour to 11 P. M., after which hour the streets will be cleared by the police. Saloons will be closed at 10 P. M., and the sale of liquor prohibited after that hour."

The great world's fair that was announced for Brussels in 1905, has been abandoned because of the failure of the Paris exposition.

The new year at West Point began with 434 caulets on the rolls, the largest number by 60 that was ever at the academy.

British capitalists have acquired options on more than 1,000,000 acres of oil fields in northern Wyoming and in the Klondike and Douglas island and a few nuggets from Nome.

This year's apple crop in North America is expected to be the largest ever known. The horticultural statisticians predict from 80,000,000 to 100,000,000 barrels, which will be a supply of more than one barrel for every inhabitant of the United States.

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PUNISHMENT OF HIGH CHINESE

Notwithstanding the Edicts War Preparations are Still Reported—Shan Hai Captured by the Allies.

London, Oct. 2.—Beyond a number of imperial edicts, which throw into still worse confusion the complicated Chinese situation, there is little in today's news to arrest attention. From Shanghai comes an unconfirmed report that the allies have seized Shan Hai Kwan.

All the news with regard to the edicts emanates from Shanghai. According to the edicts, in addition to the edicts ordering Grand Councillor Kuo Kang to offer oblations before the Confucius temple and the edict directing that Li Hung Chang's entire plan be followed in regard to the punishment of the princes and high ministers of state responsible for the anti-foreign outrages, and the decree ordering that funeral honors be paid in Peking and Tokio to the remains of Sugiyama Akira, the murdered chancellor of the Japanese legation, Emperor Kwang Hsu has addressed further letters to the czar and mikado renewing his request for their aid in the peace negotiations.

Various opinions are expressed as to the importance of the edicts. The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post says: "The severe punishment ordered by Emperor Kwang Hsu will only mean a money fine. There are traces of Li Hung Chang's hand under American influence in the edicts." On the other hand, the Standard's Shanghai correspondent remarks: "The emperor now realizes the true nature of the crisis. After consulting the emperor's summoned the court dignitaries and after their assembly, through which he remained silent, the emperor in a loud voice delivered a tirade lasting a couple of hours against the courtiers. Then in an angry voice he dismissed them. After this the decrees were issued."

While these have been promulgated, the feverish war preparations are still reported from Shanghai, and new appointments have been made to the Chinese army and navy.

MINERS' PAY RAISED.

An Advance of 10 Per Cent in the Anthracite Coal Region.

Philadelphia, Oct. 2.—An offer of an increase of 10 per cent in miners' wages was today made by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, and this move, it is stated, will be followed by similar notices at every colliery in the anthracite region.

It is expected by the operators that this increase in wages will be satisfactory to the men, and they believe many strikers will take advantage of the offer and return to work. Mining operations will in this way be given an impetus, and the operators expect there will be a gradual resumption until the collieries will again have their full complement of employees.

The Philadelphia & Reading Company operates 39 collieries, and of these 27 have been shut down owing to insufficient working force.

Whether the miners will accept the offer of the company and return to sufficient numbers to operate the mines cannot be foretold tonight. Reports received from several points in the Schuylkill region, where the Reading collieries are located, rather indicate that the miners will follow the instructions of their organization officials and remain away.

President Mitchell, of the Mineworkers, received no notice of the intention of the operators to offer the increase in wages, and the intimation is thus given that the miners' organization will receive no recognition from the operators.

Shot Down in the Street.

Omaha, Oct. 2.—A special to the Omaha-Herald from Beatrice, Neb., says: W. J. Hurn was probably fatally shot this afternoon by Dr. W. P. Lee, one of the most prominent physicians in the state. The two men were in separate apartments in the Davis block. As Hurn was passing Lee's door, the physician mentioned a bill against Hurn for some reason, and Hurn struck at Dr. Lee, but missed him. Dr. Lee drew a revolver and fired, Hurn staggering back into his wife's arms shot in the right breast. The bullet entered the lungs, and Hurn is not expected to live through the night. Dr. Lee gave himself up and was released on bail.

Two Killed in a Wreck.

Guthrie, Oct. 2.—The Santa Fe through express for Kansas City was wrecked 15 miles south of here this afternoon by spreading rails, and the baggage and express cars derailed, the smoker thrown off and turned up and down the day coaches partly derailed. Two people were killed and a dozen or more injured—all passengers in the smoker.

Woman Commits Suicide.

Seattle, Oct. 2.—Elizabeth A. Langley, 24 years