

EVENTS OF THE DAY

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TWO HEMISPHERES.

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting to Our Many Readers.

The Pacific Northwest will produce a record crop of prunes.

Chinese intrigue in Korea makes Japan more determined for war.

Kentucky Republicans will nominate Morris B. Belknap for governor.

The next congress will be asked to make an appropriation for a national art gallery.

United States Judge George Gray, of Delaware, is the latest Democratic candidate for president.

The Western federation of miners has issued an appeal for help in fighting for an eight-hour day.

Russia regards the stand of the United States on the Manchurian question with surprise and resentment.

An attempt was made to blow up the home of Judge R. T. Miller, of Iron Mountain, Mich., with dynamite.

One of the leaders in the assassination of the late king of Serbia has been promoted to a place in the war department.

Pension Commissioner Ware has ordered Agent Terry to come to Oregon to collect Indian war rolls, so all veterans can get pensions.

H. D. Watson, of Pittsburg, who has, for the past two months, been preparing a brief in the Alaskan boundary case, has finished his work and sailed for London.

Italians are betting on who will be the next Pope.

Mrs. Blaine is past recovery and the end may come at any time.

Manchurian war talk in China is greater than for three years.

Ex-President Caro, of Colombia, is doing all in his power to defeat the Panama canal treaty.

The Jewish population of Crocow, Galicia, is expecting an anti-Jewish persecution similar to those at Kishinef.

Fred Ames, ex-chief of police of Minneapolis, has been sentenced to the penitentiary for six and a half years for grafting.

Oregon will ask congress for \$700,000 for the Lewis and Clark fair. Congressional representatives have agreed to do all in their power to secure the appropriation.

The American gun boat Bancroft has gone to Venezuela to investigate the alleged seizure of American merchantmen by both the government forces and the insurgents operating in the vicinity of Ciudad Boliva.

Europeans who would like to see trouble between Russia and the United States will petition the czar to make representations to Washington, asking the authorities to take steps to suppress the increasing outrages on negroes.

Another operation on the Pope may be necessary.

The German meat bill is proving a boomerang.

A race war is on at Sour Lake, Texas and all negroes have had to flee.

Cape Town has just had the most severe earthquake shock in 20 years.

Christian Endeavorers are holding their 21st annual convention at Denver.

General James Longstreet, while seriously ill, is not in a dangerous condition.

The postal department announces better mail service for the west after July 17.

King Edward in welcoming American officers urged closer relations with the United States.

President Loubet has left England for Rome. His visit was the cause of a great demonstration.

Rome papers say Cardinal Gibbons cannot be pope because he would be for the Americans only.

President Roosevelt will let the Manchurian matter rest until the Jewish petition is out of the way.

Fred Ames, ex chief of police of Minneapolis, has again been placed under arrest on the charge of forgery.

The committee on constitution of the National Manufacturers' association would raise a fund of \$1,500,000 with which to fight unions.

Pope Leo is still alive, but his end is near.

Russia is laying a telegraphic cable from An Tung to Yon Gam Pho, China.

The number of American troops in the Philippines is to be reduced.

Mrs. J. G. Blaine, widow of the statesman, is ill at her home in Augusta, Maine.

Harlan W. Brush, of New York, has been appointed United States consul at Milan Italy.

The steel trust earned \$1,162,530 less during the quarter just ended than during the same period last year.

Colombia wants more money for the Panama canal route and thinks Uncle Sam stingy for not offering more.

PAYNE WANTS TO RETIRE.

Postmaster General Will Not Go Until He Can Quit With Honor.

Washington, July 14.—Postmaster General Payne said today that at the end of the investigation in his department was in sight, and he added he was glad of it. There is every indication that Payne desires to retire from the cabinet, and it will not be surprising if he does so during the coming winter, provided the affairs of the post-office department are straightened out by that time.

Mr. Payne is in very bad health, and his condition today is regarded as far more serious than it was four months ago. The strain attendant upon the investigation has told on him, and he needs rest. His retirement will carry no political significance. It may be said that if the postmaster general had not been resting under criticisms more or less severe, he would have relinquished his cabinet office some time ago. He is merely determined to remain until he can retire with honor. The postmaster general suffers a great deal from acute indigestion, quite frequently being unable to leave his hotel. On more than one occasion he has suffered severe attacks, and in his present physical condition is unable to shoulder the immense responsibility of his important office as he would like.

Nevertheless he has determined not to shirk his duty under such circumstances as those now prevailing in his department. He has acted conservatively, but with great energy whenever evidences of wrongdoing appeared, and he has no intention now of relaxing his efforts to thoroughly reform the methods of transacting postal business. His course has met with the full approval of President Roosevelt.

SMUGGLERS IN SILK.

Captain Harris, United States Engineer, Caught by Customs Officers.

San Francisco, July 14.—Another sensational seizure of contraband goods was made today by the custom officers of this port. This time it is an officer of the United States engineer corps who has been caught in the meshes of the law. Captain William H. Harts, who has been on duty in the Philippines in the engineer service of the army for several years, returned to the continent yesterday on the transport Thomas. He was accompanied by his wife. When he came off the vessel he was asked if he had any dutiable articles in his baggage, and he replied that he had none. He was the last of the travelers to be examined, and the officers had to send for him several times before he answered the summons. His manner, when he did come, and his evident reluctance to make a declaration, caused suspicion, and today an especially critical examination of his baggage was made. It was found that he had about a dozen trunks and that in these, wrapped in skirts and other articles of apparel, were large numbers of bolts of silk, quantities of embroidery, drawn work and costly Japanese ware. A valuation of \$500 was placed on the smuggled articles. Under the law the goods will be confiscated and Captain Harts will be liable to a fine of three times their value. It will probably cost him several thousand dollars to get out of the scrape.

HE DEFIES DEATH.

Recovery of Pope Leo Is Now Considered as Possible.

Rome, July 13.—At 9:15 o'clock this morning the doctors issued the following bulletin regarding the condition of the pope:

"Up to midnight the pontiff remained tranquil, but afterwards he experienced agitated intervals. A physical examination of the thorax shows no change since day before yesterday. The action of the kidneys continues slight, and the general condition of his holiness is somewhat depressed. His pulse is 82, respiration 32 and temperature 36. Mazzoni, Lapponi."

Rome, July 13.—The condition of the pope was stationary during the night. He slept at intervals, but not entirely tranquil.

Czar May Give In.

New York, July 14.—The American Kishinef petition is causing grave discussion between the czar's two all powerful ministers, De Witte and Plehve, and, according to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the World, the rivalry between them may result in the petition being received. De Witte is extremely friendly to the United States and is said to regard any weakening of the good relations as a grave error in policy. He is reported to be using his influence toward paving the way for the reception of the petition.

Cook Is Recovering.

New York, July 14.—Rear Admiral Francis A. Cook, who commanded the cruiser Brooklyn during the battle of Santiago, is slowly recovering from a long illness in the naval hospital, Brooklyn. He was attacked by the grip early last September, and the disease seriously affected his heart and kidneys. Prior to this attack, Admiral Cook has been on the sick list but once in all his 40 years of service, and that happened when he sprained an ankle.

Wireless Telegraphy Not a Success.

Honolulu, July 14.—The system of wireless telegraphy, which has been in service for some time between several islands of the Hawaiian group, has not given satisfactory results. The system has lately been placed in the hands of a trust company, with a view to its financial and operating improvement. To give further encouragement the government will give the new owners a subsidy of \$1,000 a month, beginning August 1.

HEAT KILLS MANY

NEW YORK HAS THIRTY-EIGHT DEATHS IN ONE DAY.

Eighty-Three Prostrations Reported—People Sleep on Park Benches to Secure Relief From Heated Buildings—Other Eastern Cities Suffer and Prostrations are Numerous.

New York, July 13.—Thirty-eight deaths and 83 prostrations in and around New York and Brooklyn tell the story of today's heat. It was the hottest July day in the history of the local weather bureau, the highest previous record being 91 degrees, recorded July 10, 1880.

The early threat of a temperature that would break all records, however, was not fulfilled. The record of 94 degrees, the high weather mark of the year, was reached today at 20 minutes past 1 o'clock, without signs of relief. But by 2 o'clock the temperature had fallen two degrees, where it remained during the next two hours. Fortunately the humidity was only 46 per cent when the temperature stood at 94, and increased but slowly from that time during the afternoon, as the heat subsided. At 8 o'clock it was 65 per cent, but by that time the temperature had fallen to 86 degrees. Between 5 and 7 o'clock the temperature fell seven degrees following a thunder storm southeast of the city. The city had been sweltering so long in the hot wave, however, that it was hours before the offices and tenements began to feel the effects of the cooler weather.

In the streets the cooling process was difficult, men, women and children crowding the walks to recover from the heat of the day. Many slept on the park benches and, where the police would permit it, in the grass.

There was intense heat throughout the state today. At Albany there were many prostrations, and one child died. Several prostrations occurred at Middletown.

POPE STILL LIVES.

Danger Not Passed and Death May Come at Any Minute.

Rome, July 11.—Another operation, performed yesterday, has brought further relief to Pope Leo, and by it the possibility of his life being prolonged was increased, but it can hardly be said that the operation improved his chances of recovery. News just received from the Vatican says the pope is now lying in a restless condition after having had a good sleep during the early hours of this morning. As an immediate result of yesterday's operation, the pope spent a quiet and almost painless day, with, for his age, a normal temperature, which only more strikingly exhibited his strength of constitution and intellect.

At the examination last evening the doctors could not perceive any regathering of serum in the pleural cavity, but it was feared that the presence of serum would be detected today, thus rendering necessary, perhaps, another operation in a few days.

TRAIN HITS WAGON.

By Balking of Mules, Five People are Killed and Four Injured.

Cincinnati, July 11.—A west bound train on the Pennsylvania railroad from Columbus tonight struck a wagon containing nine people at a crossing near Redcomb Junction, eight miles from this place. Five people were killed and four injured.

J. C. Copenhagen, accompanied by his five children, Grace Lemmick, Wilma Booth and Charles Johnson, neighbors of Copenhagen, were going to Madisonville, where the latter intended to purchase supplies for his boarding house, which he conducted near Redcomb Junction. On reaching the crossing they failed to observe the train and started over the track. The engineer blew his whistle, but the mules became frightened and stopped, leaving the wagon on the track. The engineer was unable to come to a stop, and the train struck the wagon, completely demolishing it and tossing the occupants in all directions. Four were killed outright and the other died two hours later.

For Open River.

Washington, July 13.—The special board of engineers to report on the improvement needed at The Dalles will report for a continuous ship canal and urge an appropriation of \$8,000,000 to \$12,000,000. Ex-Representative Moody thoroughly impressed on the board the overcoming of the obstacle of the Columbia, and set forth that in the removing thereof the future of a great empire was involved. It is quite probable that the board will make two estimates one based on the present traffic, and that to accrue after river is opened.

Large Dock Burned.

New York, July 13.—The new pier of the Scandinavian-American line, at the foot of Seventeenth street, Hoboken, was destroyed by fire today, and for the second time within three years the line is without a pier. It is believed the loss will amount to almost \$500,000. The dock alone cost \$200,000 to build. On the pier was a large part of a cargo destined for Europe, which was to be shipped on the Island, and this was destroyed, causing a loss of over \$300,000.

Fire From Spontaneous Combustion.

Milwaukee, July 13.—Spontaneous combustion in grain started a fire in the American masting company's malt-house at an early hour today that caused from \$60,000 to \$75,000 loss. The building is from five to seven stories high.

IN THE BALANCE.

Pope's Life May End at Any Moment—Doctors Give Up.

Rome, July 10, 2 a. m.—Another day of alternate hopes and fears has passed, and Pope Leo's life still hangs in the balance. Beginning with renewed hopes, the day closed with the scales tending slowly but surely downward. How long this agonizing period of suspense will last not even the attending doctors dare to say.

No night bulletin was issued, but at 1:25 this morning it was learned from Dr. Mazzoni that the condition of the pontiff had not changed since the issue of the evening bulletin at 7:30 o'clock, which announced that the patient's state was grave, at which hour Dr. Lapponi had declared his fear that there was no hope, but the end might not come during the night.

The mere fact of the consultation in itself gave rise to the gloomiest forebodings. Indeed, this was the first actual consultation, as the previous frequent meetings of the doctors were not regarded as formal consultations. Today, however, Dr. Rossini, the distinguished specialist of the Bacelli school, was called in a consultation lasting two hours, during which every phase of the patient's case was minutely gone over. The conclusions announced in the 7:30 bulletin showed that liquid is again gathering in the pleural cavity, and that the pope's general condition is very grave.

Following the issuance of this bulletin, the doctors freely expressed their personal convictions regarding the extreme gravity of the case. Dr. Lapponi said, without qualification, that the patient's condition was beyond hope. He did not expect a final collapse tonight, but rather a gradual sinking until the end came. How long the sufferer may last the doctors will not venture any prediction. Ordinary calculations, they say, fail to apply in this extraordinary case. One of them remarked today:

"Here is a man almost 100 years old retaining all his mental and most of his physical faculties, and bravely combating the approach of death. Although the conditions change from hour to hour, the essential conditions of mental alertness and physical vigor continue unbroken. Never yet has there been the slightest lapse into incoherency."

USE MONEY TO BEAT BILL.

Chinese Tactics Against Manila Opium Measure Are Exposed.

Manila, July 11.—Representatives of the Chinese chamber of commerce and the Evangelical Union, argued for six hours today in opposing the opium bill at the public discussion of that measure on the occasion of its third reading. The Chinese advocated that there be no change in the present indiscriminate sale of opium, with additional government supervision of its importation. The Evangelical Union delegates urged the prohibition of the sale of opium by the United States commission, and expressed the most sensational conditions prevailing, alleging that the Chinese are tampering with the newspapers and raising a fund destined to be used in bringing about the defeat of the bill.

The object of the opium bill is to create an opium monopoly in the archipelago and sell it to the highest bidder. It is based on the theory that it will restrict the use of the drug to Chinese, who have used it all their lives and prevent its indiscriminate sale to Americans and Filipinos, many of whom are falling victims to the use of opium.

Sales of the drug are to be controlled by a concessionary, who may acquire the right to sell opium in the islands by bidding for the privilege every three years. There are provisions for licenses and control of the traffic.

Delay on Dredge.

Washington, July 11.—Captain Sanford, of the engineer corps, who has supervision of the work on the transport Grant, now being converted into a sea dredge for use on the Columbia river bar reports to the war department that dredging operations will not be commenced before September 15. The Mare Island navy yard is ahead of its schedule with its work, but there has been further delay on the pumps. One set of the pumping machinery is not ready for shipment, but the remainder will not be ready for several days.

Saw Fugitive Logan.

Knoxville, Tenn., July 11.—A letter received here today from L. C. Houch, an attorney of this city, from Lithia Springs, Ga., states that he saw and conversed with Harry Logan, the Montana train robber, who escaped from the Knox county jail June 27, in Atlanta last Saturday. He states further that Logan enjoined him to say nothing about the meeting until five days had elapsed. He inferred from Logan's conversation that he intended to sail.

Die From Heat.

New York, July 11.—There were six deaths from heat today in New York, six in Brooklyn, and fully 40 prostrations. It was the hottest day since July 2, 1891, when it was 99 degrees. Today it ran to 94 degrees. News from all over the state indicates severe if not record breaking heat conditions. Among the temperatures reported are: Saratoga, 90; Kingston, 100; Utica, 94; Schenectady, 94; Syracuse, 96.

PLANNING FOR WAR

HIGH RUSSIAN OFFICERS ARE IN SECRET CONFERENCE.

Czar Evidently Intends to Hold the Manchurian Position and Fight Japan If It is Assured of No Aid—War Feeling Among the Japanese is Increasing and Trouble is Expected.

Kin Chan, opposite Niu Chwang, Manchuria, July 10.—All the prominent Russian officials in China, Manchuria and Korea are attending the conference at Port Arthur. Among them are Minister of War Kurepatkin, Admiral Alexieff, the Russian ministers at Peking and Seoul, the political agents in China and Korea, including M. Pokotiloff, recently Russian financial representative at Peking, General Dessino, the military agent in China, the civil and military officials at Muekden, Harbin and Kirin, and the administrator of Niu Chwang.

The proceedings at the conference are enveloped in profound secrecy. It is popularly supposed that the Russian officials are considering war questions. The commercial foreign officers at Niu Chwang and Port Arthur believe that the possibility of war is increasing steadily.

Japan War Fever Higher.

Kin Chan, Manchuria, July 10.—The war feeling among the Japanese in China is intensifying. The Russian civil administrators, with the governor-general of Niu Chwang, have commenced the erection of a government building, designed to hold all the Russian offices, including the telegraph and telephone departments, in the center of the foreign settlement, partly on land ceded by the Chinese, according to the Russian explanation, and partly on the public square, about which the foreign consulates are congregated. The residents of other nationalities are preparing to protest against this encroachment on the public square.

A Russian company yesterday completed the purchase of the river tug business here. This is regarded as an important step towards Russian control of the harbor, as the new company is apparently acting in behalf of the Russian government, Russia having out small commercial interests here. The British company had four boats, and the Russians have imported two more. All six vessels are armed and commanded by Russian officers. The crews are composed of soldiers.

POPE FEELS HE IS WEAKER.

Desires to Work, But Physicians Persuade Him to Abandon Idea.

Rome, July 9, 1:30 p. m.—As was indicated in the morning bulletin, the Pope's condition today is not so favorable as it was last night, due to the fact that the operation of yesterday has not accomplished what the doctors wished. Though inflammation of the lungs is decreasing, the patient's general condition does not improve, and there is a tendency towards a radical change for the worse. The pontiff is very weak and even chloroform seems to have lost its power to give the sufferer the relief of tranquil rest. Besides, what depresses the Pope is the difficulty he is experiencing in breathing. At times he appears to be on the point of strangulation, and then his breathing gradually becomes weaker until his heart apparently stops.

Another great preoccupation of the doctors is the derangement of the patient's kidneys, as a result of which blood poisoning is feared. The outlook is now that the Pope's life may perhaps be prolonged more than could have been expected 36 hours ago, but hopes of his recovery are still very small.

The intense anxiety regarding the Pontiff's condition which is felt throughout the United States is shown by the receipt of a very large number of telegrams from eminent American prelates and lay Catholics in America, making anxious inquiries and expressing the hope that the prayers for his recovery will be answered.

Examines Alaska Charts.

Washington, D. C., July 10.—Joseph W. Pope, the Canadian expert in connection with the Alaskan boundary controversy, called at the state department today and paid his respects to Acting Secretary Loomis. Mr. Pope comes by direction of his government to examine the originals of some of the important charts presented by the American side in support of its case, and Secretary Loomis courteously placed a room in the State Department at his service. Mr. Pope entered at once upon the examination of the charts.

Santo Domingo to Float a Loan.

New York, July 10.—General Juan Isidoro Jimenez, ex-president of the Dominican republic, who has just arrived here, is reported to be trying to float a government loan either here or abroad. He was appointed fiscal agent to the United States and Europe by General Wosly Gill, the new president of Santo Domingo. General Jimenez refuses, however, to talk about his mission. All he would say was that Santo Domingo is getting along well under the new government.

Strikers May Come Back.

Denver, July 10.—The expected attempt to resume work at the Globe smelter was not made this morning, but official announcement was made today that work will be resumed tomorrow. The announcement says that all old employees, except such as may have taken part in any riotous demonstrations during the recent strike, will be allowed to take their old places. Everything has been quiet at the smelters today.

TO WATER GREAT AREA.

Malheur Butte Ditch is to Be Completed This Year.

Ontario, Or., July 9.—The Malheur butte irrigation ditch, which was in process of construction last fall, owing to certain conditions was not completed as expected, and the work suspended for a time. A deal has just been consummated between the Artesian Springs water and land company, which formerly owned the reservoirs and the ditch, and a number of substantial businessmen of Weiser, Idaho, by which the latter are to have a controlling interest in the ditch and reservoirs. The consideration is \$45,000, and a perpetual water right to 3,000 acres of land under the ditch.

About 70 per cent of the work on the ditches has been completed and the work remaining to be done will begin in this coming August, and will be rapidly pushed to completion, and the opinion is confidently expressed that by next spring it will be in use. The estimated cost of what remains to be done is \$30,000.

The Malheur butte ditch, when complete, will be 23 miles in length, extending from near Vale to Dead Ox Flat and covering all the territory on the west side of the Malheur river from Vale to and including Dead Ox Flat. This ditch will connect by means of Willow creek and another ditch above Vale 15 miles in length with three large reservoirs which will supply water during the entire season in which water is needed. These three reservoirs, which contain about 1,600 acres of water, have irrigation duty of 35,000 acres when completed. They are more than half completed, and sufficient water is stored in this section to cover all the land in cultivation under the ditch, and as the reclamation of land continues the reservoirs will be replenished until enough water is stored to cover the entire acreage under the ditch. These reservoirs are natural sites, and by the expenditure of about \$15,000 have been placed in condition for use. The water is stored in them in the winter and early spring from Upper Willow creek and a system of springs, thus utilizing the vast quantity of water which has formerly gone to waste and converting thousands of acres of sagebrush into alfalfa fields.

DIE IN TRAIN WRECK.

Twenty-Three Killed and Nine Injured in Collision.

Washington, July 9.—Twenty four persons were killed and three injured in a head-on collision on the Virginia Midland division of the Southern railway at Rockfish, Va., this afternoon. The passenger train which left Washington at 11:15 A. M. today for Atlanta, Ga., dashed into a local freight which was standing on the main line of the road at that point, wrecking both engines and the baggage and express cars of the passenger train. The baggage car and the second class passenger coach immediately following it were telescoped. The coach was occupied mostly by colored people.

The trainmen, under a doctor's direction, cut through the panels of the baggage car and took out 20 of the dead. Probably a score of the injured were removed. A special train which went from here to the scene of the wreck returned to the city about 8 o'clock, bringing some of the dead and most of the injured.

Most of the immigrants were Austrians, and were bound for points as far distant as California.

The freight train was in charge of Conductor Brubeck and Engineer Hale, and at the time of the accident was on the return run from Lynchburg to Charlottesville. Rockfish station is midway between these two points and the track there is a single one. Engineer Hale had orders to get out of the way of the fast passenger train, but, for some reason, which has not yet been explained, he had overstayed his time, and had failed to take a siding so that the passenger train could pass. The trains came together with a horrible crash, and a fearful scene of panic ensued when the occupants of the cars realized what had occurred. The passenger train was made up of an express car, a baggage car, two day coaches and two Pullman cars.

Short Line is Turned Over.

Salt Lake City, July 9.—At midnight tonight that part of the Oregon Short Line railroad system south of Salt Lake City, was formally turned over to the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake City railroad, and becomes part of the system Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, and associates are building to Southern California. Word was received at the headquarters of the Salt Lake road today that all the details of the transfer of the road and rolling stock had been completed and notifying the officials to take charge at midnight.

Cowed by Militia.

Evansville, Ind., July 9.—After the carnage of last night, Evansville is tonight obeying the orders of the mayor and the people are keeping off the streets. There are nine dead, one dying, three others fatally hurt and 21 more or less injured. Four died today. Eight companies of militia and one battery are in Evansville. The 400 soldiers are armed with rifles, and the light battery has a Gatling gun.

Wright Finally Gives In.

New York, July 9.—Whittaker Wright, the London financier and promoter, who was arrested last March, charged with fraud as a director of the London & Globe finance company, and has since been in jail pending extradition proceedings, today formally waived all rights and agreed to be voluntarily extradited to England by the British authorities.