

EVENTS OF THE DAY

News Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

PREPARED FOR THE BUSY READER

Less important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

Leslie Carter, one-time capitalist and promoter of Chicago, is dead.

Cholera in Manila will prevent the reception of the fleet as planned.

Fire at Oakland, Cal., destroyed almost an entire block, entailing a loss of \$100,000.

The wind has died down and danger from the Eureka, Cal., forest fires has greatly abated.

J. E. W. Clark, an Alaskan, is on a visit to Pacific coast cities and has just seen his first trolley car.

The epidemic of cholera at Manila seems to be under control. The daily average of new cases has fallen below 20.

Roosevelt has refused to grant a petition to stop Sunday baseball in the army, declaring that the game is fine exercise for the men.

A combination has been formed by Pacific and Atlantic steamship companies to secure European trade in competition with the transcontinental railroads.

Representatives from the principal cities of the Pacific coast have started on a trip to Japan to cultivate the friendly relations of the brown business men and offset anti-Japanese sentiment.

Thaw has been summoned to Pittsburgh for contempt in connection with his bankruptcy proceedings. This is said to be a part of the scheme to liberate him.

Charges of bribery are being made in Indiana's local option fight.

Rockefeller had a narrow escape from injury in an automobile accident.

Eastern Oregon has had its first snow. Only a flurry lasting a few minutes fell.

Portland is to close up its red light district, and extra police have been provided for the purpose.

A fire believed to be of incendiary origin destroyed \$100,000 worth of property at Redding, Cal.

Wu Ting Fang, Chinese minister to the United States, is to be replaced by November. Chung Men Yew is to be his successor.

The French bark Vendee, from Portland for the United Kingdom, has gone ashore off the California coast, and may be a total loss. She carried wheat.

General Bell, while in the Yellowstone park, rode 300 miles on horseback averaging 100 miles a day, thus proving his fitness, according to the Roosevelt test.

As special officers were about to raid a counterfeiter's den near Seattle, the building took fire and burned. One man was caught with bar metal on his person.

By the explosion of a gun at Toujan 11 French sailors were killed and a cruiser badly damaged.

Hearst may run for governor of New York on the Independent ticket.

A thousand small fires surround Lakes Superior and Huron and the western part of Lake Michigan. Many settlements are cut off from communication and their fate is in doubt.

Authorities believe that the vigorous methods employed have checked the spread of cholera in the Philippines.

Fire destroyed the plant of the Portland Mill & Fixture company at Portland, entailing a loss of \$35,000.

The legislative halls of Indiana was the scene of a small riot until police interfered. Local option was the trouble.

Charles Oliver, special detective, has been sent to jail for two days for approaching a juror in one of the Reuf cases.

Germany objects to France receiving preference over any other power in Moroccan affairs.

A mob at Ft. Gaines, Ga., hanged a negro who assaulted an officer.

STEAMER ON ROCKS.

Star of Bengal Loses 110 of Crew and Big Salmon Cargo.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 23.—Advices last night from Alaska by the United States signal corps say that 110 men, including nine whites, were drowned in the wreck of the American bark Star of Bengal, on Coronation island, west of the Prince of Wales archipelago.

Twenty-seven of the vessel's crew and passengers were saved. The Star of Bengal belonged to the Alaska Packers' association, and was on her way to San Francisco with a cargo of 54,000 cases of salmon.

In addition to her crew she carried 100 Chinese and Japanese who were employed in the canneries of the company and taken aboard at Fort Wrangel.

The Star of Bengal took aboard cargo at Fort Wrangel, consisting of canned salmon, and started down Summer strait in tow of the tug Hattie Gage and Kayak. As the vessel neared the open sea, where the sailing craft would have sea room to work off shore, the wind was steadily freshening, blowing on shore.

The tugs struggled valiantly to keep the ship clear of the rocks, but the wind drove it down on the rocks lining the shore of Coronation island, which lies at the mouth of Iphigenia bay, and to save themselves from destruction the steam vessels were forced to cast off the lines and head out to sea.

The Star of Bengal went onto the rocks in such a position that the tugs could not get near enough to give any assistance, and the Gage headed for Fort Wrangel with news of the disaster.

RUSSIANS DIE BY HUNDREDS

Official Reports Don't Account for All Cholera Victims.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 23.—Up to noon yesterday the municipal hospitals reported for the preceding 24 hours 417 cholera cases and 176 deaths. There is a total of 1587 patients in the various hospitals.

That the municipal statistics are incomplete is conclusively proved by the number of interments. At one cemetery they aggregated 424 for the last three days, or within 20 of the total number of deaths reported.

The cholera dead are being interred at Preobrazhenskoe, which is about one hour distance on the railroad. A train of several coaches, carrying the mourners and a dozen freight cars with the dead in rude coffins, goes daily to the place. The scenes are heart-rending in the chapel, where service is conducted uninterruptedly night and day.

The scarcity of gravediggers has caused a painful delay in the past few days. 150 coffins containing bodies now being stored in the adjoining woodshed. Some of the mourners have been waiting their turn for several days.

Pennsylvania Fires Checked.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 22.—Reports received yesterday from Ashtola, near Johnston, where a forest fire has been raging for several days, are to the effect that the fire is now under control. At Ashtola 10,000,000 feet of logs were burned, and at Arrow, near by, 6,000,000 feet were destroyed. Yesterday heavy clouds of smoke hung over Windber, Johnstown and intermediate points.

Late last night another fire started in the Hayden woods, near Greensburg. Yesterday the flames were spreading rapidly.

In practically all the churches Sunday special prayers were offered up that the drouth in western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and West Virginia might be ended.

President Off for Washington.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 24.—President Roosevelt has abandoned his "summer capital" and returned to Washington for the work of the winter, much to the regret of the townspeople. President and Mrs. Roosevelt were accompanied to the depot by a large crowd of people, and the president made a little speech from the rear platform of the train. This is probably the last time that Roosevelt will ever reside at Oyster Bay as president of the United States.

Will Experiment in Forestry.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Forest experiment stations will soon be established in a number of the national forest states of the west, according to plans which have just been completed by the national forestry service. An experiment station has already been established on the Cococine national forest, in the southwest, with headquarters at Flagstaff, Ariz.

Minnesota's Loss Heavy.

Washington, Sept. 26.—R. W. Pullman, the government expert, who has been devoting much of his time recently to an investigation of losses growing out of forest fires, declared today the losses in Minnesota alone will be about \$10,000,000. He has made no report on fires in other parts of the country.

Loss Is \$1,000,000 Daily.

Washington, Sept. 24.—Dr. W. J. McGee, of the federal survey, who has returned to this city from the Adirondacks, says the damage being done in that section by the forest fires is \$1,000,000 a day.

Wright Still Improving.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Orville Wright, who was seriously injured Thursday in the aeroplane accident, which caused the death of Lieutenant Thomas E. Selfridge, continues to improve.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

CANADIANS SEAL POACHERS.

Captain of Revenue Cutter Bear So Declares in Report.

Washington, Sept. 26.—That Canadian fishermen have been engaged during the past summer in seal poaching in Alaskan waters in violation of the agreement between the United States and Great Britain, is the substance of a report of Captain Bertholf, of the United States revenue cutter Bear, to the treasury department yesterday. Captain Bertholf mentions the schooner Thomas H. Bayard as the alleged offender in this report, and an investigation has been started.

According to Captain Bertholf's report, the information was obtained from fishermen at Sanborn Harbor, Alaska. They allege that the Bayard had 28 seal skins aboard in July of this year.

Captain Bertholf has been patrolling the sealing waters with the Bear all summer. He captured about 30 Japanese a few weeks ago for alleged seal poaching in American waters. His report was made the subject of a conference between the members of the state and treasury departments yesterday, and it is likely that Great Britain will be called upon to take action.

PROBE SMALL COMBINE.

General Electric Company Not Subject of Federal Inquiry.

Washington, Sept. 22.—When a report that the government was investigating the General Electric company as a trust was brought to the attention of the department of justice Saturday, it was stated that it is a fact that inquiry was being made into certain comparatively small electrical material dealers who are charged with constituting a trust.

Nothing has been heard from any of the department subsidiaries about the General Electric Company being connected with the matter. Regret was expressed at the department that reports should be published on the subject at this time, as it was declared no proceedings of any kind may be taken.

Lecture Bank Examiners.

Washington, Sept. 23.—"I say to you emphatically that your work must be improved. Embezzlements have failed of discovery, defalcations and dishonesty have been concealed from you, and in many cases you have failed to correctly or even approximately estimate the value of the paper and securities held by the banks." This was the declaration made yesterday by Controller of the Currency Lawrence O. Murray in addressing the conference of national bank examiners, representing practically all of the territory east of Ohio.

Guard Fleet From Cholera.

Washington, Sept. 26.—Secretary Metcalf sent today the following dispatch to the naval station at Cavite, to be delivered to Admiral Sperry when the battleship fleet reaches that place: "The cholera has appeared in the Philippines. If you find it approaching epidemic or danger of getting it aboard ship, restrict visiting the ship, except on business, or prohibit altogether the officers and men, and permit no visitors aboard while at Manila or Cavite until return from Yokohama."

Torpedo Practice Ended.

Washington, Sept. 22.—The navy department has ordered the torpedo boats Goldsborough, Rowan, Fox and Davis to hold target practice in Drakes bay, near San Francisco. The vessels will then proceed to San Diego, arriving there not later than October 24, and then joining the Pacific fleet for a cruise to the southward.

Cholera May Spoil Reception.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Communication between shore and the vessels of Admiral Sperry's fleet when they reach Manila will be governed entirely by cholera situation. If it is believed that serious danger of communicating exists, shore leave for the men will be prohibited.

Wright Still Improving.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Orville Wright, the aeroplane pilot, who has been at the Fort Myer Hospital since the aeroplane accident, in which he was injured and Lieutenant Selfridge killed, continues to improve.

Approves Newberg Bank Change.

Washington, Sept. 22.—The controller of the currency has approved the conversion of the Bank of Newberg, Or., into the United States National Bank of Newberg, with \$50,000 capital.

New Postmaster at Enterprise.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Ben Wethers has been appointed postmaster at Enterprise, Or., to succeed W. T. Bell, resigned. This is a presidential office.

New Rural Carrier at Hood River.

Washington, Sept. 25.—William H. Raichew has been appointed regular, Mary A. Raichew substitute, rural carrier, route No. 2, at Hood River.

MAY SURPASS ALASKA.

Mining Expert Says Philippines Are Rich in Gold.

Washington, Sept. 24.—The Philippines may surpass Alaska in gold production within the next few years. "There is a surprise in store for those disposed to look upon the Philippines as a 'useless acquisition,'" says A. Heise, a mining engineer of Manila, who is now in Washington. "Before the Spanish conquest gold dust in considerable quantities was exported from the Philippines to China, and since American occupation the work of prospecting has made wonderful strides. Next year gold to the value of \$1,000,000 will be taken out, and the installation of improved machinery will soon make possible a production of at least \$5,000,000 annually."

"Ore bodies now in sight will yield \$100,000,000. There is every reason to believe that as mining operations progress greater and richer deposits of the precious metal will be uncovered. It will not be long before the Philippines will take a leading position in gold producing."

Retire American Drøyfus.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Secretary of War Wright yesterday announced that Colonel William F. Stewart, now at Fort Grant, Ariz., had been ordered to appear before the retiring board here. If Colonel Stewart is found to be unfit for service, he will be compelled to retire from the army. The action of the secretary of war was taken on receiving reports from Fort Grant that Colonel Stewart was unfit to take the 90-mile ride.

Ready for Launching.

Washington, Sept. 23.—According to reports received at the navy department yesterday, work on the North Dakota, the new battleship now under construction at Fore River, Mass., is nearing completion, and will be ready for launching within the next two months. The North Dakota is designed to be one of the speediest battleships afloat, and will be surpassed by few war vessels of the world.

Pacific Fleet Is Scattered.

Washington, Sept. 24.—The cruiser California, of Admiral Swinburne's Pacific fleet, is expected at Suava, Java island, today. Near Pago Pago the cruiser Tennessee, in command of Rear Admiral Sebree, and the destroyers Wasp, Whipple and Hopkins will leave the fleet for a visit to Apia for two days, in response to an invitation from the German authorities there.

May Try to Save Aeon.

Washington, Sept. 23.—The captain of the American transport Solace, which is to go from Samoa to rescue the shipwrecked crew and passengers of the British ship Aeon, has been instructed by Secretary Metcalf to make an inquiry regarding the possibility of saving the vessel. This course is taken at the request of the insurance underwriters in England through their agent at Baltimore.

Gather for Tuberculosis Congress.

Washington, Sept. 25.—The delegates who are gathering here for the international congress on tuberculosis, whose sessions begin on Monday next, are taking great interest in the exhibits which are open to the public at the National museum. All day yesterday there were demonstrations by those in charge of the different state exhibits. These were accompanied by moving pictures and lectures.

Plan Present for Kaiser.

Berlin, Sept. 21.—The rumors prevailing regarding the existence of profitable diamond fields in German Southwest and Southeast Africa are about to receive confirmation. The colonial secretary, Herr von Derauburg, will on his return from Africa present the kaiser with a golden casket full of rough diamonds from the German colonies. The casket, which has been manufactured by a Cape Town jeweler, is five inches long and two inches wide. The lid of the box is inset with seven large diamonds.

Wolves Kill Little Girl.

Ely, Minn., Sept. 21.—The young daughter of Peter Kobe, a homesteader living in the wild section along the Little Fork river, northern Minnesota, was attacked by a pack of wolves while going on an errand to a neighbor with her young brother and was killed and partly devoured. The boy escaped, and, running home, gave the alarm. The mother hastened to the scene of the tragedy and found the horribly mutilated remains of her child.

Heads Off Hill's Road.

Winnipeg, Sept. 21.—By the purchase of the Alberta Irrigation company's line in South Alberta for \$20,000,000, the Canadian Pacific railroad intends making the Crow's Nest Pass the main line to the Pacific coast to head off the Great Northern, which road, it is said, has been trying to get control of this railway for years.

NEGLECTS GRAND CANAL.

China Laying Up Trouble for Future, Says Critic.

Shanghai, Sept. 21.—A writer in the North China Herald protests against the ruin which is being allowed to overtake the great triumph of engineering, the Grand Canal of China. The government, he points out, is allowing the canal to go to decay. The lower stretches have within the past few months been allowed to become the habitat of organized and aggressive river pirates, who fire into steam launches and plunder passenger boats and cargo boats indiscriminately. In the upper regions of the canal there is, on the other hand, a constant shortage of water, or so much that it cannot be utilized. A more perfect provision by nature of vast natural dams in the great lakes of southwest Shantung and northern Kaingsu it would be difficult to find anywhere, but they are either unused or misused.

The writer goes on to allude to the silting-up of the erratic Yellow river, which is now in many places as much above the level of all the surrounding country as the second story of a house above the ground. Those who know best, he says, predict another tremendous calamity from this source in the not distant future. Then there will be exclamations of surprise that it did not come sooner, and howls for funds for "relief." Millions of Chinese will be impoverished, hundreds of thousands of them will be rendered homeless, and tens of thousands of them drowned and starved.

IOWA SYSTEM NOT LEGAL.

Federal Court Strikes at Evasion of Prohibition Law.

Davenport, Ia., Sept. 21.—According to a decision rendered Saturday by Judge Smith McPherson, of the United States circuit court, the Iowa mult law system, under which saloons are now operating, is illegal. Judge McPherson further declares the Iowa mult law is no license system and that there has been no license system in Iowa for the last quarter of a century, and for that time there has never been a lawful sale of liquor as a beverage within the state of Iowa. He further holds that no person under any circumstances, can lawfully sell liquor as a beverage in Iowa. The decision was made in a suit of the United Breweries Companies of Chicago vs. the Civic Federation of Davenport. The complainants charged the federation with a conspiracy, and sought to enjoin them from abating property on which a saloon had been closed. Judge McPherson denied the application for a writ of injunction. Under the mult law Iowa saloonkeepers have been paying \$600 annually as a tax, with the understanding that it legalized their sale of intoxicating liquors and gave them relief from the old prohibitory law, which is still on the statute books.

Sleep Almost Impossible to Citizens During Military Maneuvers.

Paris, Sept. 21.—Sleep in Paris has been almost out of the question these last nights, and Parisians and their American and other foreign visitors are getting a very good idea of what it feels like to be in a besieged city. The French military maneuvers this year are on a larger scale than ever before, more than 100,000 men taking part in them, and every effort has been made to keep the conditions as nearly as possible to those of actual warfare. A supposed German army is endeavoring to repeat what the Prussians did in 1870-71, while a French army is defending the city with bulldog-like tenacity.

This is why you drink your absinthe amidst the thunder of guns which roar and belch fire from every fort in the triple line of defenses which surrounds Paris like a wall of steel, and fond though the French are of military display and the smell of powder, they begin to wish it was all over, that they might eat and sleep in peace.

City at Mercy of Disease.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 22.—The cholera continues to increase rapidly in St. Petersburg. The efforts of the authorities to stop the sale of liquor between Saturday and Monday and the other preventive measures taken have had but little if any effect in checking the spread of the epidemic. Between noon of Sunday and noon of Monday the municipal hospitals reported 380 cases and 153 deaths, and the addition of the statistics from the military and suburban hospitals for this same period will swell this total to truly formidable proportions.

Open Grand Trunk Road.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 22.—Alfred W. Smithers, of London, vice-president of the Grand Trunk railway, assisted by Charles M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Pacific, yesterday officially opened the Grand Trunk Pacific railway's third transcontinental railway across Canada, which is now completed from Winnipeg to Battle River, 666 miles, and is ready to handle traffic that distance. The road will be completed to Edmonton, a distance of 1000 miles.

Fear Fuel Famines.

Reno, Nev., Sept. 22.—Fuel merchants throughout the state are preparing to lay in a supply of coal and wood to prevent the possibility of a fuel famine such as was experienced last year. The Southern Pacific company has sent out a warning.

CHINA IS STRICKEN

Cholera Epidemic in Cities Is Killing Hundreds.

MORE CASES APPEAR IN MANILA

Rigid Inspection Discovers Many Concealed Cases—Army Fighting Disease in Philippines.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Reports to the public health service show that cholera is epidemic in Amoy and Hankow, China, claiming at the latter place 60 victims per day. The disease is also prevalent at Shanghai, Su-chow, Nungchow, Ningpo and Nankin.

Governor General Smith, of the Philippines, sent the following dispatch to the bureau of insular affairs under today's date:

"For the 24 hours beginning 8 A. M. September 19, 43 cases of cholera; on September 20, 59 cases. It is believed increase was due to putting on 200 inspectors, who discovered hidden cases. Cold rains also served to increase the number of cases. Have whole police force of Manila now on house-to-house canvass. Tomorrow 200 constabulary will be put to work, if necessary. Increased inspection today and cold rains may result in large number of cases.

"At 6 P. M. today we had 35 cases." Marine hospital service advises show that during the past month cholera has appeared in various provinces, cases and deaths occurring in Santa Barbara, Jarov, Port of Iloilo, Barotaz and Dumangas.

Mail advices say that the disease is clearing up rapidly in the provinces which were first affected. The cases in the provinces affected later remain about stationary.

KEEP CASTRO FOR LIFE.

President's Partisans Start Movement to Prolong His Rule.

Caracas, via Willemstead, Curacao, Sept. 22.—Partisans of President Castro in recent speeches have initiated a movement to proclaim Castro president of Venezuela for life.

Baron Zieckendorff, German minister, presented the answer of the Netherlands government to the last Venezuelan note to Foreign Minister Paul, three days ago. Yesterday the minister took it to Valencia and delivered it to President Castro, who is still enjoying himself with banquets and balls in the inland city. The contents of this last Dutch note are carefully guarded, but there is good reason to believe that it is not an ultimatum.

Baron Zieckendorff, who has acted diplomatically for the Netherlands since the rupture with Venezuela, will attempt to persuade President Castro to yield sufficiently to avoid a conflict, as Germany, it is held here, desires that the Venezuelan status quo be maintained.

FEARS OPEN REVOLT.

Monarchical Party in Portugal Storing Arms in Convents.

Lisbon, Sept. 22.—Insistent declarations that a revolutionary outbreak in Portugal is impending continue to make their appearance in the local newspapers, and a new feature of these reports is the statement that the monarchical extremists, realizing that the Republicans are arming for a revolt, are making ready for their defense by storing secretly large quantities of arms in the convents of Lisbon, where the authorities dare not penetrate.

The movement is said to be supported actively by the clerical party. One of the monarchical organs says that 17,000 persons have enlisted for the purpose of attacking and destroying the offices of the Republican newspapers, and the Republicans declare if this is done they will retaliate by starting a general riot and revolution.

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