

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.

A heat prostration is reported from New York.
Four persons were cremated by forest fires near Hurst, Mich.

The program of the Balkan conference is provoking many protests.

Strikes in the paper mills of the East may cause a paper famine at election.

Roosevelt is to visit England and France on his return from the African tour.

Sixty people were rescued at La Roche, Mich., after spending a night in burning forests.

Smoke is so dense on the Great Lakes from forest fires that navigation is almost impossible.

Forest fires have again broken out in Chippewa county, Michigan, and are threatening in the extreme.

The American fleet encountered a terrible typhoon off the island of Luzon. One man was lost overboard.

An American aeroplane has been wrecked in England and the inventor hurt. Demonstrations of the machine were being given before army men.

A colored woman has been arrested at Oakland for robbing Southern Pacific dining cars. Officers watched and saw her pick up a bag of supplies which had been thrown from the dining car by her confederate.

A Mississippi mob of black men hung another colored man.

Thaw may yet testify in the bankruptcy proceedings against him.

The trial of Charles Morse, who wrecked a New York bank, has begun.

The Pacific cruiser fleet has left Honolulu for Magdalena bay for target practice.

Great Britain, France and Russia have agreed on a program for the Balkan conference.

Bulgaria says she is ready to give Turkey a cash consideration for the loss of territory.

There is much activity on board English war vessels, as the result of the Balkan trouble.

A Seattle man received 60,000 volts of electricity and lives. If he recovers, however, he will probably lose his hands and feet.

A third balloon, which was taking part in the international races at Berlin, has fallen into the North sea. The occupants were rescued.

Six men were instantly killed and 21 others injured by the explosion of a massed charge of dynamite near Fort Collins, Col. They were all Greek and Mexican laborers.

District Attorney Jerome is after New York gamblers.

The Pacific fleet has reached Honolulu on its way home.

Pacific coast business men in Japan are receiving a warm welcome.

Many Servians in America are preparing to go home to fight if necessary.

The crown prince of Serbia threatens to attempt an overthrow of King Peter.

Great Britain proposes financial aid to Turkey in compensation for lost territory.

Neither of the two great political parties are receiving very large campaign contributions.

Governor Folk of Missouri, declares the United States is more in need of reform than is Missouri.

PREY TO GAMBLERS.

Thousands of Land Seekers Are Left Penniless in South Dakota.

Dallas, S. D., Oct. 13.—It is estimated that 1,000 land-seekers who have come to Dallas and Gregory have lost their money at gaming tables and are "broke." Many more who have lost all their ready cash have been forced to telegraph for money.

Nearly 60,000 persons have registered at these two points already and nearly as many more are expected before the period of registration closes. Hundreds return as quick as they have registered, but thousands have remained for the drawing.

Gamblers have operated their games without restraint and are said to have made remarkable winnings. They run pell mell 24 hours a day, with the games as strong at daybreak as when the sun sets.

To be broke in this country means something to a man, because he is without friends, generally, and at a time when it is not easy to make new ones. Every outgoing train carries many men who have lost their money and risk their lives riding on brake beams.

No land opening has ever brought more people, and they all come with money. Those who have the gambling spirit stick to the roulette and faro tables, with the result that several hundred are living on charity until they can get out of the country.

LONDON CENTER OF INTEREST.

St. Petersburg Watching Outcome of Conference in England.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 13.—The center of interest in the Near East crisis has been transferred to London, and the Russian foreign office is marking time in its negotiations with other powers concerning the convocation of a congress until the outcome of the conferences between M. Iswolsky, Sir Edward Grey and King Edward are known.

Emperor Nicholas has decided to leave the letter of Emperor Francis Joseph unanswered until M. Iswolsky returns to St. Petersburg. Count Berchtold, the Austrian ambassador, was closeted with M. Tcharykoff, the acting foreign minister, the entire afternoon. At the close of the interview he reiterated the statement that Austria would refuse to participate in a congress unless the Bosnia question was excluded from this program.

The question of the recognition of Bulgarian independence has for the time being dropped out of sight, but Russia has assured Bulgaria that she will support her pretensions before the congress.

The foreign office has received from a score of cities in Turkey telegrams protesting against the Austro-Hungarian-Bulgarian action, which have been adopted at mass meetings held under the auspices of the Young Turks. The telegrams are identical in text, showing a certain origin.

JAPANESE GREETING WARM.

Yokohama Turns Out to Do Honor to San Francisco Business Men.

Yokohama, Oct. 13.—Yokohama is a blaze of color with American and Japanese flags flying from every building, in honor of the delegation of Pacific Coast business men who arrived at 7 o'clock on the Japanese liner Tenyo Maru from San Francisco. The visitors were greeted at the dock by a crowd which numbered hundreds of representative business men of Japan, assembled from the cities of Tokio, Osaka and Kyoto.

The officially prepared program of entertainment for the Americans commenced as soon as they stepped ashore, and every day of their stay in Japan will be completely filled with receptions and sightseeing trips arranged by their Japanese hosts. On Thursday the Americans will be the guests of Count Komura, minister of foreign affairs, at a luncheon in honor of the visitors.

The Tenyo Maru had an excellent trip across the Pacific.

Chicago Air Very Dirty.

Chicago, Oct. 13.—The health department, in a report just issued, states that the dust and soot in the atmosphere of Chicago, as shown by tests just taken, is three times as great as that in the atmosphere of London. Samples of the air taken at a height of 40 feet above the street level at four points of the city were subjected to analysis. The report says: "This excess may be partly attributed to the long continued drought. The dirt had not been washed out of the air for some time previous to the collection of specimens."

Bank Cashier is Accused.

Denver, Oct. 13.—Charged with a shortage of \$80,000 and with having received deposits when he knew his bank was insolvent, Aaron G. Pratt, cashier of the Hammondsport State Bank, of Hammondsport, N. Y., left Denver for the east in custody of Sheriff H. W. Billington and Deputy K. C. Bennett, of Hammondsport. He was arrested at Longmont, Colo., where he was interested in irrigation enterprises, and he waived extradition proceedings.

Austria Still Reaching Out.

London, Oct. 13.—The Daily Mail's Belgrade correspondent says that the fall of the Serbian ministry is imminent and that a coalition cabinet will be formed. He also states that the Austrians are preparing to seize two islands in the Drina river on the Servo-Bosnian frontier. Rumors of war, he says, have caused a run on the Belgrade banks.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

ISSUES REPORT ON CROPS.

Department of Agriculture Sends Out Supplemental Bulletin.

Washington, Oct. 15.—A supplemental report on crop conditions has been issued by the department of agriculture. Besides giving the crop figures announced previously, it gives the following:

Condition per cent aged apples, 48.4; cranberries, 58.3; grapes, 83.9; hops, quality, 92.6; peanuts, 85.4; sorghum, 84.3; sugar beets, 85.4; sugar cane, 89.6; sweet potatoes, 85.5.

The preliminary estimate of rye total production is given as 30,921,000 bushels, against 31,566,000 for 1907, and hay, 67,743,000 tons, against 63,677,000 last year.

The production estimates on a basis of 100 representing a full crop include: Beans, dry, 79; cabbage, 73.5; clover seed, 90.8; hemp, 85.2; hops, pounds per acre, 1,064.8; onions, 83.4; tomatoes, 80.2; watermelons, 79.7.

The average condition of seventeen important crops representing nearly 90 per cent of the value of all farm crops, weighed according to their relative importance, was on October 1 for the United States 77.8, against 79.7 September 1.

Workmen Favor Private Yards.

Washington, Oct. 17.—A special committee representing 5000 unemployed workmen formerly with the Bethlehem steel works, is preparing to visit President Roosevelt next Monday. The committee will endeavor to convince the president that the prosperity of thousands of workmen would be assured if more government contracts went to private firms than to the navy yard. President Roosevelt was appealed to yesterday by Representative J. D. Broadhead to enlarge the scope of private contracts for government construction work, on the plea that many idle men would be given work. Broadhead arranged for the workmen's committee to see the president.

New Cattle Rate.

Washington, Oct. 17.—The sweeping reduction of from 4 to 5 cents per 100 pounds on range cattle shipments, which the interstate commerce commission had ordered on August 27, of this year, went into effect today. The order was the result of an investigation made by the commission in consequence of a protest of the Texas cattle raisers against the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad and a great many other western and southwestern roads, which had advanced the rates on range cattle last spring. The order, which went into effect today, applies to 59 railroads in the western and southwestern parts of the country.

Hospital Gets \$1,000,000.

New York, Oct. 16.—It was announced today that James S. Kennedy, the New York banker, had given \$1,000,000 to the Presbyterian hospital of this city, of which he is president. The money is to be used in construction of buildings. Other gifts made by Mr. Kennedy and previously announced are \$500,000 to Columbia university, \$300,000 for a building of the United Charities and \$250,000 to the School of Philanthropy.

Cruisers Reach Hawaii.

Honolulu, Oct. 15.—The Pacific fleet, commanded by Rear-Admiral Swinburne, has arrived at this port on its return from Samoa. The cruisers, which sailed from Pago Pago on October 3, entered the harbor at 11:30 o'clock in the morning and immediately began coaling preparatory to their return to the California coast. The fleet was delayed at Pago Pago by the tardiness of the chartered colliers Strathyre and Strathaven.

Mexican Ambassador Resigns.

Mexico City, Oct. 16.—The Mexican foreign office has confirmed the resignation of Enrique C. Creel as ambassador to the United States. Senator Creel for some time past has held the double position of governor of the state of Chihuahua and ambassador at Washington. His successor in the post at Washington, which is the highest in the Mexican diplomatic service, has not yet been decided upon.

May Kill LP's Biographer.

Pekin, Oct. 16.—Madame Lien, wife of the biographer of the late Li Hung Chang, has been arrested in Shanghai on imperial order. The reason for the action is found in the fact that Madame Lien has of late been making brave efforts to clear the character of a female teacher, who was beheaded last year charged with revolutionary activity. Madame Lien is a Chinese woman of education.

Roads Improve Service.

Washington, Oct. 13.—Franklin Lane, of the interstate commerce commission, opened the proceedings of the annual convention of the National Association of Railway Commissioners. He stated that during the present year practically all American railroads had been able to furnish transportation facilities within a reasonable time.

Hands Off, Says Judge.

Davenport, Ia., Oct. 16.—Judge Smith McPherson, in the United States court, today gave a final decision in the case of the United Breweries against the Civic Federation of Davenport. He declared the Iowa liquor statute a quasi criminal law and said that the federal court had no power to interfere with its enforcement by state courts.

GOVERNMENT FIGHTS DUST.

Officials Trying to Make Roads Suitable for All Purposes.

Washington, Oct. 17.—"Dust Preventives," by Prevost Hubbard, issued as Bulletin No. 34, United States office of public roads, is the latest contribution to literature on road construction and maintenance. Mr. Hubbard's paper has been prepared to meet the growing demand by road engineers for specific information on the important subject of dust prevention. He has made a research of all literature on the subject, supplementing this with the results of actual experiments made by the office of public roads.

Interest has been recently reawakened in the problem of the prevention of dust on country highways, the well-nigh universal use of the automobile being responsible for the additional study and experiments. Road engineers are now agreed that the automobile, when moving at a high speed, is destructive to macadam roads, the broad soft tires lifting the rock dust and scattering it over adjacent fields.

AWAITS RIGHT MOMENT.

Roosevelt Said to Have Plan to Settle Balkan Trouble.

Washington, Oct. 13.—President Roosevelt is watching the Balkan situation closely. Instructions, it is said in diplomatic circles, have been sent to every American diplomatic agent in the Balkan peninsula, and in all Europe, to report daily on the progress of affairs.

When the right moment arrives President Roosevelt will have a plan of arbitration ready to submit to the powers, declare the friends of the chief executive.

The visit of Charles S. Francis, American ambassador at Vienna, who is at home on a vacation, to President Roosevelt recently is taken to mean that the president will have something to suggest to Emperor Franz Josef when the time arrives.

New Stamp Issue.

Washington, Oct. 15.—The bureau of engraving and printing is preparing to issue the new postage stamps, designs for which have been completed at the suggestion of Postmaster-General Meyer. The new stamps are to be the most simple printed by the government for years. They will be of the following denominations: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15 and 50-cent and \$1. The \$2 and \$5 denominations now in use will not be reprinted.

The printing of the 2-cent denomination is to be begun at once, and it is thought they will be ready for distribution some time in November.

The stamps are very simple in design. The lettering is in straight lines. At the top are the words, "U. S. Postage," and at the bottom the words, "Two Cents," or according to the denomination. The 1-cent stamps contain the head of Franklin and all the others the head of Washington. The heads are all profiles. The colors are the reds and blues of early stamps.

Make Them Go to School.

Washington, Oct. 14.—In his annual report just made public, Commissioner of Education E. E. Brown recommends compulsory school attendance by the native children of Alaska. He says: "Experience has shown that in many sections of Alaska regularity of attendance in the public schools for natives cannot be maintained without a legal penalty for truancy. The passage of a bill requiring the attendance of all children of school age unless mentally or physically disqualified is desirable."

Diplomats Are Uneasy.

Washington, Oct. 14.—Never since the United States began in a modest way to boast a corps of diplomatic agents at its capital has so much unrest been observed in this august body of foreigners as at the present time. A general shift of envoys is imminent as the result of the presidential election. Germany is to send a new ambassador, but he will not be named until the kaiser knows whom he is to please in his choice of representatives.

Cross of Honor for King.

Washington, Oct. 14.—Victor Emmanuel III, king of Italy, will be awarded an American cross of honor at a ceremony to be held in this city, October 15. The board of governors of the American Cross of Honor association will convene here on that date and make the award to the king, who was elected an honorary member of the order last February, and who accepted by letter May 31, 1908.

12,000 Deaths This Year.

Washington, Oct. 13.—Approximately 12,000 deaths from cholera in the Philippines since January 1 of this year are announced in a detailed report made to the public health service by Chief Quarantine Officer McClintick, at Manila. The report says that cases of cholera continue to be reported in the Philippines, but the disease shows little tendency toward spreading.

In Honor of Bryce.

Washington, Oct. 14.—Ambassador Bryce has gone to Boston to attend a banquet to be given in his honor by the British organizations of that city. The occasion will be the first appearance of the British ambassador before the people of New England.

Stewart is Out.

Washington, Oct. 14.—President Roosevelt has approved the report of the retiring board recommending the retirement of Colonel William F. Stewart, the Fort Grant exile, from the army.

SPITZBERGEN IN DISPUTE.

Conference to Be Called to Settle Ownership of Land.

Berlin, Oct. 12.—An international conference will be summoned in the near future to regulate the future of Spitzbergen, and it is expected that delegates will attend from Great Britain, the United States, France, Russia, Germany, Sweden and Norway. The Norwegian government, which has taken the initiative in proposing the conference, desires to safeguard the rights of the Norwegian fishermen who work along the coasts of Spitzbergen by an international agreement.

The Norwegian fishermen and hunters were for a long time undisputed masters of Spitzbergen and enjoyed unlimited freedom in following their occupations. Recently, however, two mining companies, one financed by British and Norwegian capital and the other financed by American and Norwegian capital, have begun operations in Advent Bay and both companies have annexed enormous areas of land, and have prohibited Norwegian fishermen and hunters from trespassing on these territories. It is expected that Norway will lay claim to the possession of Spitzbergen by virtue of the prior rights of Norwegian fishermen and hunters, but in this case it is expected that Sweden will raise a counter claim on the ground that Swedish scientific expeditions have been mainly instrumental in opening Spitzbergen to the outside world.

PUT POACHERS TO DEATH.

Russians Make Short Work of Japanese Seal Butchers.

San Francisco, Oct. 12.—The United States gunboat Yorktown, which has arrived here after a cruise in Alaskan waters, confirms the news of the summary execution of several Japanese seal poachers by the Russian authorities on the Komandorsky islands. After a speedy trial on charges of piracy, the men were convicted and put to death.

Two Japanese schooners, with their crews, found sealing within the three-mile limit by the revenue cutter Bear, were taken to Valdez. Following the custom of previous seasons, it is thought the men will be allowed to go free.

Lieutenant-Commander Pollock, of the Yorktown, which has been doing police duty around the Pribilof islands, states that the rookeries there are covered with dead and dying pups. Their mothers had been killed at sea and the young left to perish.

During the season the Yorktown encountered 11 Japanese sealers, but none was within the three-mile limit. While off Cape St. Elias the Yorktown was in a terrific gale, and was compelled to heave to for 36 hours. The gunboat was washed from stem to stern, and one of her lifeboats was carried away. This was the same gale in which the bark Star of Bengal was wrecked on Coronation island, with the loss of 111 men.

TRY WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

Apparatus to Connect Admiralty Office With Ships at Sea.

London, Oct. 12.—The De Forest system of wireless telephony is shortly to be put to the test by the admiralty, who will endeavor to communicate by wireless telephony with the channel fleet from the admiralty offices in St. James Park.

The experiments, which may extend over some weeks, are expected to demonstrate the possibility of the officials in London keeping in touch with the warships at sea and also of the ships communicating with the land station.

Wireless telephony over long distances has already been shown to be possible by the invention of Mr. Poulsen, the famous Danish inventor. By means of powerful arc lamps of a special form continuous electrical waves can be sent from one place to another impressed with the effects of speech in such a way that these impressions can be reconverted into speech at the receiving station.

The electrical waves are bent out of shape so to speak, by the telephone connected with the transmitting apparatus, and these modified waves are capable of carrying the impression to the receiving apparatus.

Not Aggressive, Says Serbia.

Budapest, Oct. 12.—Serbia has replied to the Austro-Hungarian demand for an explanation of her purpose in summoning the reserves to the colors by granting that this step has no aggressive character. Speaking at Saturday's session of the Austro-Hungarian delegation, Foreign Minister von Aehrenthal expressed the belief that he would be able to carry through the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina peacefully. He said that already he was negotiating with some of the powers with the view of smoothing out difficulties.

Austria's Patience Strained.

Paris, Oct. 12.—Official advices received here represented the situation between Serbia and Austria-Hungary as extremely critical. Austria-Hungary has served notice that she will not tolerate further provocation and that she is prepared for eventualities should the Skupschitina declare war or make an aggressive move. The fifteenth Austro-Hungarian army corps occupied the frontier along the Danube, and river gunboats are concentrating at Semlin.

Acquits Mob Leader.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 12.—The jury in the case of Ernest Humphrey, one of the alleged mob leaders indicted for malicious destruction of property on August 15 last, has returned a verdict of not guilty. This is the third case growing out of the recent race riot in which a verdict of not guilty has been returned.

JOIN IN CONFERENCE

Great Britain Gets in Line With Other Powers.

ACTION WAS A GREAT SURPRISE

Russia Would Rather Keep Straits of Dardanelles Closed Until New Navy is Completed.

London, Oct. 13.—M. Iswolsky, the Russian foreign minister, has succeeded in impressing upon Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary for foreign affairs, the necessity that not only should a conference of the powers be held to settle the crisis in the Near East, but this conference should take under advisement other questions besides those involved in the annexation by Austria of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the declaration of Bulgarian independence.

This change of front on the part of Great Britain, which has caused great surprise, was announced by the foreign office at the conclusion of a long conference between Sir Edward Grey and M. Iswolsky, after a meeting of the cabinet, in which Sir Edward set forth the position he had taken and explained the views of the Russian minister.

It is doubtful whether Russia is anxious to reopen the Dardanelles for the present, for, if this is done, it must be for all nations, and Russia is not likely to desire that while her fleet is weak.

The point in her previous stand Great Britain is continuing to insist upon, apparently, is that no modification of a treaty can be permitted without the consent of all parties to that treaty, and at her proposal the powers have instructed their ambassadors at Constantinople to affirm this principle. What end can be served by this is not stated by the foreign office, but it can hardly be expected that either Bulgaria or Austria-Hungary will consent to restore the legal status in Bulgaria and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

FIGHT WITH MANIAC.

Policemen Tussle With Crazy Man on Tall Tower.

New York, Oct. 13.—Joseph Krats, an insane man of Brooklyn, who in an attempt to throw himself into the East river Sunday fought desperately with seven policemen on the dizzy top of a Williamsburg bridge tower, yesterday morning gave attendants and physicians at the Eastern District Hospital a furious fight. He burst the canvas strait-jacket into which he had been forced and with maniacal fury assailed nurses and others in charge.

After a prolonged contest he was overpowered and bound. Later he calmed down and was taken before a court, charged with attempted suicide.

The magistrate, in committing him to the observation ward of Kings County Hospital, praised Policeman Clarence Smith, who had followed the crazed man in his climb to the tower's narrow top and after an awful hand-to-hand conflict, during which Krats got out a razor, subdued him and summoned assistance. The magistrate said: "Heroes like you deserve special recognition. You are a brave man."

PLEADS FOR LARGER NAVY.

Senator Lodge Says Pacific Coast Must Be Protected.

Boston, Oct. 13.—Declaring that Japan was ready to make insulting demands on the United States, did she dare, and that the only way to guard against them was to increase the American navy, United States Senator Lodge launched into a strong and vigorous plea for a bigger and better navy at a Republican ratification meeting last night, held under the auspices of the Republican club of Massachusetts.

"What we want to look out for is our navy," insisted the speaker. "We should protect both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and it is the policy of the Republican party to do this."

Nicholas Ready to Fight.

Cettinje, Montenegro, Oct. 13.—The Montenegrin National Assembly opened here yesterday in extraordinary session. The war fever resulting from the annexation by Austria-Hungary of Bosnia and Herzegovina has been strengthened by a bellicose message to parliament from Prince Nicholas, who declared that the annexation of these two provinces had inflicted a crying wrong upon the people of Montenegro, and that the people were prepared to sacrifice their last drop of blood unless the peaceful endeavors now on foot resulted in righting the grievance.

Ready for Rosebud Drawing.

Dallas, S. D., Oct. 13.—Two 8-year-old girls will draw the envelopes containing the names of winners in the Rosebud land lottery next Monday morning, according to the official announcement. The applications will be placed in a box on a platform, the sides of which will be covered with wire netting, and the little girls, in the sight of all, will draw the winners. According to the estimate of Judge Witten, between 110,000 and 120,000 applicants will register.

All Except Austria Join.

Constantinople, Oct. 13.—The German and Italian ambassadors yesterday made the same declaration to the porte against the infringement of treaties without consent of the signatories as has already been made by the British, French and Russian ambassadors. Austria still holds aloof.