

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 gas explosion at Redding, Cal., injured four persons and caused a fire.

Russia will make an attempt to secure rights to make and use the Wright aeroplane.

Railroads are preparing to substitute telephones for telegraph in the dispatching of trains.

Los Angeles business men have petitioned the president to keep the battleship fleet in the Pacific.

The inquest on Haas failed to solve the mystery of how he got the revolver with which he shot himself.

German statesmen are trying to delay the agitation against the kaiser. Von Buelow is anxious to retire.

The official returns have just been compiled in Missouri on the presidential vote. Taft received 346,915 and Bryan 345,889.

Judgment has just been given favorable against Cook County, Illinois, for \$100,000 damages caused by the strike riots of 1894.

The Iowa supreme court has just decided that the football year ends with Thanksgiving. A trainer was fined for salary on a broken contract.

Pacific coast hopmen want higher wages on hops.

English financiers are anxious to get Philippine railway bonds.

Germany doubts the kaiser's sincerity and the agitation to restrict his power continues.

The last edict of the dowager empress of China was an order for regents to continue.

Admiral Evans has become president of a new steamship company with its home office in Los Angeles.

Governor-elect Shallenberger of Nebraska sustained a broken ankle while being initiated into the Shriners.

Coeducation has been condemned by the university of Glasgow. There is too much flirting, say the college officers.

There is a bitter feud on in San Francisco between the police department and sheriff's office over the suite of Haas.

Warlike Moros are gathering for an attack on peaceful natives. Five companies of infantry have been sent to suppress them.

A RAF bribery witness committed suicide while on his way from France to Queenstown. He had been in Europe to escape arrest.

Peter von Vlissingen, the Chicago real estate man who confessed to \$200,000, got away with more than \$100,000, according to investigators.

Taft will form an entirely new cabinet.

Prince and Princess de Sagan deny they intend to separate.

Two men lost their lives in Kansas by a gas explosion.

Bryan says he will run again in 1912 in circumstances require.

Roosevelt gave a dinner to labor leaders, judges and government officials.

Illness is improving so rapidly that he expects to be back at work in a few weeks.

The new dowager empress of China has been forced by threats to submit to the regent.

RACE RIOT IN OKLAHOMA.

Eight Persons Are Killed and Ten Others Injured.

Oklmulgee, Okla., Nov. 17.—Eight persons were killed and ten others injured yesterday afternoon in a fight between Jim Deckard, a negro desperado, and local officers.

The disturbance began at the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad station, where Jim Deckard engaged in a fight with an Indian boy, Steve Grayson, and beat him into insensibility with a rock. Friends of Grayson notified the police, and when Policeman Klaber went to the station, Deckard fled to his house near by, barricaded himself in and when Klaber approached, Deckard shot and killed him.

Sheriff Robinson gathered a posse in a few minutes and hurried to the scene. Part of this posse was made up of a group of negroes, whom the sheriff commissioned as deputies.

As the posse approached the house Deckard opened fire with a rifle, firing as rapidly as he could load his weapon. Sheriff Robinson fell first, instantly killed.

Deckard's house was surrounded by a frenzied mob of armed men. Fire was set to a house just north of Deckard's, volleys were poured into Deckard's house, and he was shot down.

He was seen to roll over on the floor, strike a match and set fire to his own house, which was soon roaring furiously. His body was cremated.

Deckard evidently had a large quantity of ammunition stored in his house, for many cartridges exploded while the house was burning.

EMPRESS DOWAGER DEAD.

Three-Year-Old Pu Yi Put on Throne of Chinese Empire.

Peking, Nov. 17.—Tse Hsi An, the dowager empress of China, autocratic head of the government, which she had directed without successful interference since 1861, and without protest since 1881, died at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The announcement of the dowager empress' death was official, and followed closely upon the announcement that Hsiang Hsu, the emperor, had died Saturday at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, but it is believed the deaths occurred a considerable time before that set down in the official statement.

An edict issued at 8 o'clock Sunday morning placed upon the throne Prince Pu Yi, the 3-year-old son of Prince Chun, the regent of the empire, in accordance with a promise given by the dowager empress soon after the marriage of Prince Chun in 1903. An edict issued Friday made Prince Pu Yi heir presumptive.

The foreign legations were notified by the foreign board of the death of the emperor, and the succession of Prince Pu Yi. Troops have been in readiness for several days to quell any disorders that might arise on the death of Kwang Hsu. The possibility of uprisings was made greater because of the fact that the death of the dowager empress was known to be close at hand.

Two divisions of troops have been held in reserve, and these are now stationed in various quarters of the city. Twenty gendarmes were dispatched to guard the legations, but up to the present the duties of the forces have been slight.

DIES BEFORE TELLING MUCH.

Assassin Haas is Believed to Have Given Little Information.

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—From the best information obtainable it is believed that Detective Burns secured some sort of a rambling statement from Haas to the effect that he had been approached by persons who attempted to increase his resentment toward Heney by making remarks such as "I would not stand such treatment," etc.

It is also rumored that Detective Burns is shortly to make public the statements which Haas made to him during the day of sweating to which Haas was subjected just before he took his own life. Just what these disclosures will be and whether or not they will implicate anybody in a conspiracy cannot now be learned from the prosecution.

It is true, however, that Detective Burns at the time he was making an examination of the body of the dead man at the county jail, was heard to make remarks which indicated that his chain of evidence secured from Haas' statements was not nearly as conclusive as he had hoped, and that for that reason he deplored the act which made it impossible to secure any further statements.

Round-Up of Bison Fails.

Missoula, Mont., Nov. 17.—The strenuous work of the past two months on the Flathead reservation in rounding up and corralling the 250 bison of the Pablo herd, purchased by the Canadian government, has come to naught, and there will be no shipment of the animals to Canada this year. Despite all the precautions that had been taken to ensure the success of the drive, the enclosure into which the buffalo had been driven preparatory to loading them into cars at Ravalli proved insecure and the herd is now roaming at will on the reservation.

Reform School is Burned.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 17.—Five buildings of the Indiana state reformatory and nearly the entire plant of the Indiana Manufacturing company at Jeffersonville, Ind., across the Ohio river, were destroyed by fire late yesterday. The loss will total about \$250,000. There were no fatalities, the 1300 inmates of the reformatory remaining locked in their cells, a portion of them sending cheers through the grated windows as they watched the work of the firemen.

After Oil King.

New York, Nov. 16.—John D. Rockefeller will be subpoenaed to appear as a witness in the federal suit to dissolve the Standard Oil company of New Jersey. United States Marshal Henkle was given a subpoena today and ordered to serve it on the oil king. It is reported that Rockefeller will be a willing witness.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

GOES TO HIGHEST COURT.

Oil Octopus is Not Yet Shed of Its \$29,000,000 Case.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Following the recent action of the circuit court of appeals in Chicago in refusing the United States government a rehearing in the Standard Oil case, made famous by its \$29,000,000 fine, the department of justice decided tonight to take the case to the supreme court of the United States. The decision was reached after an all-day conference between Attorney General Bonaparte and government attorneys who have been engaged in the case.

Application will be made to the supreme court, when it reconvenes November 30, for a writ of certiorari, to bring up and review the action of the circuit court of appeals. In a statement issued by the department following the adjournment of the conference, it was said:

"It was found that a considerable number of changes had been made in the opinion of the court of appeals originally rendered, and that Judge Baker, of that court, had filed a separate concurring opinion which differed materially in its reasoning from that of Judge Grosscup.

"After careful consideration of all phases of the situation, it was decided that an application should be made to the supreme court of the United States, when it reconvenes November 30, for a writ of certiorari to bring up and review the action of the circuit court of appeals."

ORDERS WERE VIOLATED.

Lumber Representative Says Roads Ignore Rate Rulings.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Complaint was made to the interstate commerce commission today by A. P. Specht, of Seattle, on behalf of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association, that railroads, in their new lumber schedules, which became effective October 15, have established rates from the coast to Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri river points higher than those authorized by the commission.

Into this territory the commission authorized an advance over the old rate, to begin at the Pembina line and increase gradually until the Mississippi river was reached, and there the maximum increase should be only 5 cents.

Specht contends that the increase should be graduated, but cites the schedules to show that throughout most of this territory the roads have imposed the maximum rate; that it is points 300 miles west of the Mississippi river that are now compelled to pay the same rate as points on the river. He asks the commission to investigate the new tariffs and compel their revision in accordance with decisions rendered last summer.

Young Bob Gets Reprimand.

Washington, Nov. 21.—The official reprimand to Lieutenant Frank T. Evans, son of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, retired, that followed his conviction by general court martial because of misconduct while with the Atlantic fleet, was made public by Acting Secretary of the Navy Newberry today. The department's letter says in part:

"The department, for reasons obvious to the service, regards this as an especially deplorable case, and in publishing its disapproval of the conduct of Lieutenant Evans, refrains from expressing fully its condemnation of the actions of this officer on the occasion in question."

Bids on Coal for Fleets.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Bids were opened today for supplying 11,000 tons of coal to Panama, 11,000 tons to Magdalena bay for the use of the Pacific fleet, and about 20,000 tons to be delivered at Negro bay, Morocco, for the use of the Atlantic fleet, to be used on its return voyage after it leaves Oriental waters. There were eighteen bidders. The prices ranged from \$6 to \$6.50 a ton for delivery at Panama and Magdalena bay, and from \$4.20 to \$4.70 a ton for delivery at Negro bay.

Wants Decision Enforced.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Mrs. Mary F. Ness, of Eugene, Or., today asked the supreme court of the District of Columbia to issue a writ of mandamus against Secretary of the Interior Garfield to compel him to recognize and follow the decision of the United States circuit court of appeals for the seventh circuit, which held it unnecessary for her personally to inspect a tract of public land before making timber and stone entry thereon.

Tooters Free to Toot.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The Marine band will be free to play for a competence without regard to the statute providing that navy bands or members thereof shall not receive remuneration for furnishing music outside the limits of military posts when in connection with local civilian musicians. This is the effect of a decision rendered by the attorney general.

Farmers Meet President.

Washington, Nov. 18.—President Roosevelt today received at the White House about 500 farmers and their wives, who are here attending the convention of the National Grange. Patrons of Husbandry. The president refrained from making a speech.

Russell is Postmaster.

Washington, Nov. 19.—President Roosevelt late this afternoon signed the commission of George F. Russell to be postmaster at Seattle, succeeding George Stewart, recently removed. Russell was recommended by Senator Piles.

Duval Succeeds Weston.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Major General W. H. Duval has been selected to succeed Major General John P. Weston in command of the troops in the Philippines.

POSTOFFICE DEFICIT.

Postmaster General Recommends the Parcels Post as Cure.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Postmaster General George Von L. Meyer yesterday announced that the postal deficit for the last fiscal year was \$16,910,278.99, the greatest in the history of the country. He suggested that as a means of preventing a deficit a special local parcels post be inaugurated over rural free delivery routes. Postmaster General Meyer declared that the establishment of this parcels post would wipe out the deficit ultimately by making the rural free delivery routes self-supporting.

The postal receipts for the last fiscal year were \$191,476,660.41, and the expenditures were \$208,386,939.42. The receipts for the fiscal year 1908 exceeded those of the fiscal year 1907 by \$7,893,657.84.

The postal receipts for October, 1908, showed a general increase over the receipts for the same month last year. The statements of the receipts from the 50 largest postoffices in the United States show that New York received \$1,704,797.69 during this month, a 6 per cent increase over the receipts for the same month last year. San Francisco is high on the list, with \$192,698.06, an increase of nearly 6 per cent over October, 1907.

Shipments Are Doubled.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Statistics compiled by the department of commerce and labor show that Portland far outdistanced Puget sound in wheat exports during the ten months ending with October, and in that time more than doubled its own shipment for 1907. In the first ten months of last year Portland exported 5,380,050 bushels of wheat; during the past ten months 11,387,606. Combined exports of all Puget Sound ports for the past ten months was only 9,948,925 bushels.

Torney Succeeds O'Reilly.

Washington, Nov. 19.—The appointment of Colonel George H. Torney as surgeon-general of the army, to succeed Surgeon-General R. M. O'Reilly, was announced by the secretary of war today. Colonel Torney is now in charge of the general hospital at San Francisco. The vacancy in the surgeon-generalship will occur on January 14. The secretary of war stated that Colonel Torney's appointment was based on his splendid record as an administrative officer and as a surgeon.

Machine Guns for Army.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Each regiment of infantry and cavalry of the army will be provided with a machine gun company, if a recommendation made by Secretary Wright and approved by the president finds favor with congress. Each company will have six guns, which will be operated by ten men. This addition will increase the personnel of the army by 130 to 135 commissioned officers and about 2500 men.

Seattle Man is Ousted.

Washington, Nov. 17.—George M. Stewart, postmaster at Seattle, was today removed from office "for soliciting campaign contributions among employees of his office." Information as to when this offense was committed, from whom funds were solicited, in what campaign funds were solicited, and, in fact, all pertinent details, are suppressed by the postoffice department and by the civil service commission, on whose complaint Stewart was dismissed.

Utah Contract Awarded.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The navy department today awarded the contract for the building of the battleship Utah to the New York Shipbuilding company, of Camden, N. J. There were four bidders on this ship, the Camden company being the lowest bidder for a vessel of a speed of 20 1/2 knots. Its bid was \$3,946,000. As designed the displacement of the Utah will be about 21,825 tons.

After Fake Oil Company.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Federal agents at Oakland, Cal., at the direction of President Roosevelt are endeavoring to discover trace of the Roosevelt Oil company of that city, which has been flooding the mail with large stock offers with the unauthorized use of the president's name and accompanied by the use of his photograph, also unauthorized.

Fish Succeeded by Terry.

Washington, Nov. 19.—The president today appointed George S. Terry to be assistant treasurer of the United States at New York, in succession to Hamilton Fish. Mr. Terry served as assistant treasurer of the republican national committee under Treasurer George Sheldon. The assistant treasuryship of New York was first offered to Job E. Hedges, who declined the honor.

Oregon to Have Park.

Washington, Nov. 19.—The secretary of the interior has withdrawn from entry two small tracts in Clatsop County, Oregon, with a view to creating national parks. The withdrawn areas embrace Saddle mountain and Humbug mountain. The creation of parks can only be by congressional action.

Patrick Must Go to Prison.

Washington, Nov. 19.—The United States supreme court today dismissed the appeal of Albert T. Patrick, famous New York lawyer, who is in Sing Sing for the murder of William Marsh Rice. The court also dismissed an appeal on habeas corpus proceedings.

Hood River Rural Carriers.

Washington, Nov. 18.—John L. Stewart has been appointed regular, Grace Stewart substitute, rural carrier, route 1; Jim E. Mowers, regular, Frank C. Stout, substitute, route 2, at Hood River, Or.

HAAS TAKES LIFE.

Would-Be Assassin of Heney Shoots Himself in Jail.

San Francisco, Nov. 16.—Morris Haas, who attempted to assassinate F. J. Heney Saturday night, committed suicide by shooting himself through the middle of his forehead with a pistol he had concealed about his person.

It is reported by District Attorney Langdon that Haas made a confession and named the people who hired him to shoot Mr. Heney, but Mr. Langdon declares he will not divulge the names.

Haas went to bed at 8 o'clock at the county jail, and covered up his face with a blanket. At 8:40 a shot was heard from his cell, and when the guards entered, it was found that he had rolled out of bed and was lying dead on the floor with a bullet-hole in his forehead.

A 41-caliber single-shot derringer was grasped in his hand. His left trouser leg was pulled up and examination showed a mark on his leg where the weapon had rested while concealed in his left shoe. Haas wore gaiters with elastic sides, which made this possible.

After he had shot Mr. Heney Haas was searched by Police Captain Duke, Detective Burns and a police officer. After he had been taken to the county jail he was searched again, but at neither time were his shoes examined. Haas went to bed Friday night with his shoes on and again Saturday night, and when he was asked why he did this said that he would rather sleep with them on.

HENEY IMPROVES.

Rests Easy and Recovery is Assured by Physicians.

San Francisco, Nov. 16.—The condition of Francis J. Heney is still most satisfactory, and the attending surgeons report that he is making excellent progress on the road to recovery. He passed a comfortable night, sleeping most of the time, and rested easily yesterday.

How Haas secured the pistol with which he committed suicide is the question which is puzzling the police and special agents of the prosecution. Captain Duke says Haas had no other weapon when arrested, and Captain Kelly, in charge of the jail, says there was no opportunity for a pistol to have been passed to the prisoner in his cell.

Detective Burns is said to have worried some sort of admission from Haas that he was encouraged in his threat against Heney, but just how much of a statement was secured from the prisoner before he killed himself, the prosecution refuses to reveal.

Although the bullet has been located, embedded in the left jaw, about an inch in front of the ear, the surgeons have decided not to extract it until Mr. Heney gains more strength, as it has as yet given no trouble.

The swelling in the throat is less than at any time since the patient was taken to the hospital, and he is breathing normally.

San Francisco, Nov. 16.—At a meeting of citizens Saturday night, presided over by Mayor E. R. Taylor, resolutions were passed declaring unwavering allegiance to law and a determination to support the district attorney's office in securing the detection and conviction of criminals, high or low, and the full protection of the officers in the discharge of their duty.

The resolution also declared that, if the criminal law was found to be so framed as to permit the escape of civic malefactors, the law must be amended, and if the lax administration of the law was due to misinterpretation by judges, men should be placed upon the bench capable of construing the law.

The meeting was the most significant that has been held since the days of the vigilantes, and demonstrated that public sentiment is fully aroused and determined to bring an end to the demoralizing conditions of the last two years.

Quarantine Against Anthrax.

Helena, Mont., Nov. 16.—The governor has issued a modification of his recent quarantine proclamation prohibiting the importation into Montana from South Dakota of any domestic animals, and conditionally as respects North Dakota and Wyoming, on account of anthrax. The step is taken at the request of federal inspectors, who state that the authorities have the anthrax outbreak reasonably well in hand. Hereafter shipments from South Dakota will be permitted to enter Montana when accompanied by federal health certificates.

Lends Coal to France.

Mare Island, Cal., Nov. 14.—The French cruiser Catinet is filling her bunkers with 350 tons of coal from the United States navy yard here, loaned by the United States government after Captain H. Buchard of the warship had attempted to purchase the fuel in San Francisco. Failing to obtain his steaming supply from private companies, the French commander appealed to Commandant J. S. Phelps, of the navy yard, who in turn notified the navy department of the request. The department wired back its consent.

Careful Guard Over Trial.

San Francisco, Nov. 16.—When the trial of Abraham Ruef, so tragically interrupted by the shooting of District Attorney Francis J. Heney in the open courtroom by Morris Haas, is resumed today, more than a score of plain clothes detectives will mingle with the crowd, armed men will guard the corridors and in front of Carpenter's Hall, on Fulton street, and the streets in the vicinity of the building will be strongly patrolled.

Grand Duke Alexis Dead.

Paris, Nov. 16.—Grand Duke Alexis, uncle of the czar of Russia, died here Saturday morning after a brief illness. The grand duke had been ill for some time, but recently recovered his health sufficiently to plan a trip to England.

Snow in Middle West.

Chicago, Nov. 16.—Winter is here. Snow fell in Chicago yesterday, and in the afternoon lights were necessary in all the homes and offices to dispel the attendant darkness. The snowfall was general throughout the Middle West.

PANIC CLOSES BANKS

Thousands of Gendarmes Guard Streets of Peking.

PRINCE CHUN FEARS REFORMERS

Masses of China Just Awakening to Death of Emperor and Dowager Empress.

Peking, Nov. 17.—China is beginning to realize that the emperor and the dowager empress are dead. Prince Chun, regent of the empire, in fear of increasing excitement and revolutionary movements, has taken a firm grip on affairs and has adopted stringent measures that will result in the maintenance of peace for a time at least.

At noon 3000 gendarmes guarded the streets, and other military forces were held in readiness for any eventuality. Every precaution was taken to prevent a recurrence of the revolutionary tactics of last April and May, which were marked by widespread incendiarism. The foreign legations are under guard, special detachments of Chinese troops keeping watch at the approaches. The statement was made at the legations that there was no fear that the Chinese government would be unable to afford ample protection, but those within the legations were more alert than usual and seemingly anxious to have set at rest the doubts arising from the swift movement of events in the last few days.

There were many occurrences yesterday to add to the sinister aspect of affairs. Rumors were current for a time that the new dowager Yehonala and Yuan Shi Kai, the grand councillor, and one of the most powerful men in the empire, had committed suicide. Though there was no truth in these reports, they went far toward disturbing the Chinese and foreigners alike.

Serious runs on banks occurred yesterday and today, and 14 native banks closed. The crowds were wild with excitement, and toward the close of the day the police intervened and drove them back. One foreign concern, the Yokohama Specie bank, suffered a big run on its Tientsin notes, but the British, Russian and German institutions were not affected. It is probable that a number of native banks will be closed tomorrow, and it is believed that the government will step in and endeavor to stop the financial panic among the poorer classes.

BULLET IS REMOVED.

Prosecutor Stands Operation Well and Relies Rapidly.

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—After passing through a most successful operation for the removal of the bullet which was fired at him by Morris Haas during the Ruef trial last Friday, the condition of Francis J. Heney is reported by the doctors to be favorable in every way, and predictions of his ultimate recovery are made by his physicians. The operation followed the taking of X-ray photographs, which plainly showed the location of the leaden pellet in the muscles of the left lower maxillary. Chief Surgeon Terry, of the city hospital service, wielded the instruments, while Drs. Stillman, Moffat and Huntington assisted.

It was found that the bullet, which entered the right side of the head just in front of the ear, had passed downward, crossing the palate and striking the left lower jawbone, which was slightly splintered but not broken. The bullet was deflected backward by striking the bone, and lodged in the muscles of the jaw. Its removal necessitated the utmost surgical skill, as it lay close to the big blood vessels of the neck.

Mr. Heney rallied rapidly from the effects of the anesthetic, showing no ill effects from the drug or shock from the operation. He passed a quiet day and slept peacefully last night. At midnight it was said by his attendants that his condition was entirely favorable, and that hopes for his speedy recovery were entertained.

Asks Change of Venue.

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—With Judge Lawlor's courtroom thronged by policemen, special detectives, deputy sheriffs and other peace officers, while the streets about the building were guarded by mounted police and many patrolmen, the trial of Abraham Ruef was resumed yesterday after its interruption on Friday, when Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney was shot. As was expected, the defense asked the court immediately for a change of venue, declaring that Ruef could not obtain in this city fair and impartial trial.

War Clouds Grow Darker.

Vienna, Nov. 17.—The possibility of trouble between Austria-Hungary and Serbia has not yet been eliminated. A semi-official statement issued here yesterday states that the Austro-Hungarian government will be compelled to take decisive steps if the Serbian provocations do not cease. The dignity of the dual monarchy forbids it longer to tolerate Serbia's actions. A final decision as to the course of the government will be reached in a few days.

Australian Chinese Hint Foul Play.

Melbourne, Nov. 17.—The Sydney correspondent of the Age says that the Chinese reform party in that city has received a cablegram to the effect that the death of the Chinese emperor was due to foul play, and that it is feared a rebellion will break out.