

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.

The bank at Monrovia, Cal., has lost \$29,000, which mysteriously disappeared.

One man was killed and three persons injured in an automobile wreck in California.

Christmas was celebrated all over the United States by lavish gifts and feasts to poor.

The bribery of Pittsburg councilmen by bankers has been taken up by the government.

A crazy French Royalist tried to pull President Fallières' beard, and was promptly arrested.

An appeal may be made to Taft to pardon Gompers, Mitchell and Morris in case their appeal fails.

Claude Spreckels, the sugar king, is critically ill at his home in San Francisco, and it is feared he cannot survive.

The Chicago saloon question may be put to a referendum vote next April. The anti-saloon element is gaining in strength.

Oklahoma prisoners, who are confined in the Kansas penitentiary, complain of cruel treatment and an investigation is to be made.

A boy of 15 is under arrest at Mount Clemens, Mich., charged with stealing at least \$30,000 from postoffice boxes. He was caught while cashing a check.

Express companies were swamped with Christmas business.

Cogrove has so far recovered that he is able to walk a little.

Count Boni de Castellane lost his suit for possession of his children.

Hariman has been reported ill, but his physician says it was only a slight bilious attack.

The monitor Wyoming, now at Mare Island navy yard, will be changed to the Cheyenne.

Fire in Brooklyn drove hundreds into the streets, destroying an entire block of property, valued at \$1,000,000.

The steamer Stork sank in Hudson bay, taking down a cargo of fur valued at \$1,500,000. The crew all escaped.

The receiver of the old Panama Canal company declares the story of graft in the purchase of the property by the government a fable.

Ex-Senator Clark, of Montana, remembered his employees at Christmas by giving them turkeys. Between 10,000 and 12,000 birds were necessary.

Fire destroyed a great tenement building on West 127th street, New York. A number of people were injured and it is feared some were killed.

Secretary Root has signed an arbitration treaty with San Salvador.

A shortage of over \$7,000,000 in the city's money has been unearthed at Lisbon, Portugal.

The Japanese diet is in session. A member of the Constitutional party was elected speaker.

The supreme court has decided that Los Angeles has the right to regulate liquor establishments.

The cruiser Buffalo will leave San Francisco early in January with a battalion of marines, officers and men for Honolulu.

Two hundred thousand Chinook salmon eggs have been shipped from the government hatchery at Redding, Cal., to the Argentine Republic.

King Manuel, of Portugal, has charged Dr. W. Desperca de Lima, ex-minister of foreign affairs, to form a cabinet, the success of which, however, is doubtful.

The supreme court of California has denied a petition for a rehearing of the case of Mrs. Cornelia Botkin, now serving a life sentence for sending poisoned candy through the mail.

Chiefs of the native tribes of German Samoa are planning an uprising against the home government.

Seven of Pittsburg's councilmen have been arrested for grafting in connection with the city's affairs.

The Gary steel plant at Hammond, Ind., has started up. The plant cost \$25,000,000 and employs 25,000 men.

Two of the men who held up the O. R. & N. train near Portland are in jail, and one has made a confession.

The highest rank among 65 applicants before the California board of medical examiners was taken by Dr. A. W. Bowling, a blind man.

Evidence secured shows that Kierman got \$1,000,000 from the Fidelity Trusting scheme. This is the institution which Catholics throughout the country were interested in.

Bryan is lecturing in Pennsylvania. A red-hot senatorial fight is expected in Indiana.

The house committee is almost unanimous for free lumber.

The new Democratic governor of Nebraska opposes radical measures.

The president has vetoed the measure changing the Colorado boundary. Hill has secured an outlet to the Gulf by the purchase of the Colorado & Southern.

SIMON TAKES OATH.

Assumes Office of President of the Haytian Republic.

Port Au Prince, Dec. 22.—General Antoine Simon, the newly elected president of Hayti, took the oath of office at 10 o'clock this morning at the palace in the presence of foreign diplomats, the officers of the American and Italian warships and the Haytian officials of state. Senator Paulin, who presided at the session of congress which elected General Simon, president, officiated and demanded that the president respect the constitution and other laws of the republic.

General Hippolite, minister of the interior, who responded in behalf of General Simon, promised that every effort should be made to forward the agricultural and commercial interests of the country and to take measures to insure economy in carrying on the government.

Later, at the reception which was held, M. Carteron, the French minister, addressed the president on behalf of the diplomatic corps and officially presented the respects of the foreign ministers. M. Claud, minister of foreign affairs, gave assurances of the government's intention to maintain most cordial relations with all governments.

President Simon then attended a session at the cathedral, where the "Te Deum" was sung, after which he proceeded on horseback, followed by a brilliant escort, through the principal streets of the city, where he was acclaimed by all.

NAME DECEIVES MOTHERS.

Straus Declares Commercial Pasteurized Milk is Big Fraud.

New York, Dec. 22.—Nathan Straus, the New York philanthropist, best known, perhaps, for his free milk booths and Pasteurization crusade, is urging the passage by the next legislature of more stringent legislation in this state prohibiting the importation of cattle affected with tuberculosis. Also he hopes to prevent the use of the word "Pasteurization" unless it speaks for the scientific and not commercial method.

"Commercial Pasteurization," says Mr. Straus, "is a humbug and fraud. The germs are not killed, but the milk has been treated by a process which merely preserves it, and prevents it from souring. It actually does more harm than good, for it enables dishonest dealers to keep milk and market it when it is old and stale. It deceives mothers, who know that Pasteurized milk is good for their babies, and do not understand that commercially Pasteurized milk is only preserved milk."

"Unfortunately, most of the so-called Pasteurized milk sold in the city has been only commercially treated, and the use of the term 'Pasteurization' in connection with it should be forbidden by law."

TOYED WITH A FORTUNE.

Laborer's Child Amuses Himself With \$40,000 Diamond.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 21.—William Ahearn, a laborer, walked into the jewelry store of Louis A. Borscheim, having in his hand a rough diamond, half as large as a hen's egg, which he had picked up in a gravel pit near Denver.

For three months Ahearn carried the diamond around in his pocket without suspecting the true nature of the stone. Borscheim says the diamond is worth at least \$40,000, and probably more.

Ahearn worked in a gravel pit, and one day saw a stone so different from the others that he picked it up and carried it around as a pocket piece. Later he gave the stone to his little daughter to play with, and the child, in an effort to make it round so it would roll, struck it with a hammer and broke off a splinter. Ahearn, noting the clearness of the crystal, took the pieces to the jeweler, where the stone was pronounced a real diamond.

They Smuggled Chinese.

Los Angeles, Dec. 22.—After 10 minutes' deliberation a jury in the case of Francisco Chavez, Ygnacio Barrios and Salvador Armenta, charged with smuggling Chinese laborers across the border into this country from Mexico, today returned a verdict of guilty. The defense said the men were on their way from Calexico to San Bernardino, and had never seen the Chinamen until the latter were caught in the brush near them at Imperial Junction. Their story, however, lacked corroboration.

Orders Whiskey Destroyed.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 22.—The first case of seizure of whiskey under the pure food act which was put on trial here last fall, was today finally disposed of in the United States district court, when it was decreed that the whiskey seized, 50 barrels, be destroyed and that the makers, the Louisiana Distillery Company, of New Orleans, be required to give bond that they will not continue the sale of the liquor under "bourbon" whiskey brands. During the test the government declared that the whiskey was the product of molasses, and not bourbon whiskey.

Profit Sharing Started.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 22.—On January 1, Edward Morris, president of Morris & Co., packers, will give \$25,000 as the first installment toward a fund of \$500,000 which will put into operation a plan of profitsharing and old age pensions among 10,000 employees of the company. The plan worked out by Mr. Morris will call for an initial disbursement the first year of not less than \$100,000, it is expected, and this will be rapidly increased.

Herrick for the Treasury.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 21.—That former Governor Myron T. Herrick, of Ohio, is slated to become secretary of the treasury in the new administration is the latest report from the Taft camp today.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Saturday, December 19.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Both houses of congress adjourned today until January 4. During the two weeks' intermission many of the representatives and senators will return to their homes to spend the holidays. A number will remain at the capital to participate in the deliberations of minor committees, although the big tariff hearing, which has consumed five weeks of the time of the ways and means committee of the house, is practically ended.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Vice-President Fairbanks today announced a senatorial committee of Senators Knox, Lodge and Bacon to co-operate with a committee from the lower house in making preparations for the inauguration of President-elect Taft.

Sensor Flint, of California, today introduced a bill in congress for the establishment at South San Francisco of a naval base for the Pacific coast.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Representative Cushman, of Washington, has unsuccessfully attempted to get the house to consider his bill opening to homestead entry 1240 acres of land on Puget sound, now abandoned military reservations, occupied by 64 settlers.

The Southern Pacific railroad is granted the privilege of constructing a tunnel under the Fort Mason military reservation, in San Francisco, from its tracks to the wharf, in a bill which passed the house today. The bill has passed the senate, only the president's signature being required now to make it a law.

LECTURE TOUR FOR HENEY.

While Graft Prosecutor Rests He Will Tell How He Did It.

Washington, Dec. 26.—F. J. Heney, of San Francisco, the noted prosecutor of the alleged "graft" cases, who was shot about a month ago by Morris Haas, a former convict, during the trial of the Ruef case in San Francisco, reached Washington tonight, accompanied by Mrs. Heney.

Mr. Heney will call upon the president at the White House tomorrow. The principal purpose of his trip east, Mr. Heney said, when seen tonight by the Associated Press, was for rest and recreation. He added that his desire to see President Roosevelt before his departure for Africa also had induced him to make the trip.

Mr. Heney said he was in splendid health, except for a slight weakness, and that he had completely recovered from his wounds. With his wife he will spend a month at this side of the continent and during that time he will deliver a series of lectures.

Withdrawn Lands Restored.

Washington, Dec. 23.—More than 20,000 acres of vacant and unappropriated lands heretofore temporarily withdrawn for forest purposes near the Cache national forest, Utah, will become subject to settlement on February 23, according to an announcement at the general land office today. The lands lie in northern Utah, near Logan, in the Salt Lake City land district. They will not be subject to entry and filing until March 25.

Gudger Chief Justice.

Washington, Dec. 23.—H. H. Gudger, of North Carolina, will be appointed by President Roosevelt to be chief justice of the supreme court of the Panama canal zone for a term of six years, to succeed Dr. F. M. Duran, whose term expires January 1. It is understood that Secretary Wright has recommended to the president this appointment. Mr. Gudger is an associate justice of the canal zone supreme court.

Bacon to Succeed Root.

Washington, Dec. 24.—It has been decided that Assistant Secretary Bacon shall be secretary of state after January 16. It was announced at the White House today that the plans of Secretary Root had not been changed and that he would give up his portfolio about January 16, before he was balloted on for United States senator by the legislature of New York.

President Makes Appointments.

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Roosevelt today made the following appointments: Register of the land office at North Yakima, Wash., Harry Y. Saint; postmasters, William M. Brown, Lebanon, Or.; J. E. Bosley, Falls City, Or.; Merritt A. Baker, Weston, Or.; L. W. Shurtliff, Ogden, Utah; William P. Ely, Kelso, Wash.

Warships Leave Panama.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The Pacific fleet, which has been at Panama for several days, sailed today for Talcahuano, Chile. The Colorado remained at Panama in order to enable her to take on board Captain C. B. Moore, who will succeed Captain Edmund B. Underwood, who is ill at Mare island. She will sail December 29.

Dynamite Killed 21 Men.

Washington, Dec. 26.—According to the latest advices to the Isthmian Canal commission, there have been 21 deaths so far as the result of the premature explosion of dynamite at San Obispo December 17.

Jailed Charge d'Affaires.

Washington, Dec. 26.—A late charge d'affaires of Venezuela at Washington, whose name is not given in the department's advices, is among those imprisoned at Caracas as a result of the plot to assassinate Vice-President Gomez.

Warships for Venezuela.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The state department admitted today that the battleships Maine and North Carolina are en route to Venezuela.

PLAN MONSTER SHIPS.

Larger Than Any Yet Built or Even Designed Are Considered.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The navy department is considering the desirability of constructing monster battleships, bigger than anything yet built or even designed elsewhere. One plan presented by the naval board of construction calls for eight 14-inch guns and a displacement of 25,000 tons, while another plan provides for twelve 12-inch guns and a displacement of 20,000 tons. In the 14-inch gun ship the thickness of the turret, side and barbette armor will be thicker than in the 12-inch gun ship, giving better protection than the latter will enjoy.

Two designs have been prepared for the 14-inch gun ship. There have long been serious differences among naval experts regarding the advisability of using bigger guns than 14-inch, on account of the probability that the discharge of the bigger guns would seriously rock the ship. Moreover, it is known that under some conditions eight-inch guns, for instance, are more effective than 10-inch.

The navy department is pretty well committed to the all-big-gun-ship plan and congress may consider it favorably when the matter is properly presented. The speed of the new ships is intended to be from 20 1/2 to 20 3/4 knots an hour under trial conditions of load.

MAKE OVER NAVY.

Roosevelt Says If Root Will Boss Job It Can Be Done.

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Roosevelt is seriously contemplating his plan for the appointment of a special commission to reorganize the navy department by eliminating the bureau system. He finds that the enlargements of the membership of the general board which Secretary Newberry accomplished upon assuming his duties on December 1, and the appointment of Herbert L. Satterler, the well-known exponent of the president's naval theories, as assistant secretary of the navy, have fallen short of effecting the reforms which the three men had in mind.

Because of what he considers to be the pressing necessity of reorganization, and undismayed by the intimation that congress will not pass any such measure before the conclusion of his term of office, President Roosevelt is again sounding leading naval experts with a view of securing their co-operation.

The president told several of his callers today that, if Secretary Root would accept the chairmanship of this committee, the success of his plan would be guaranteed.

Give Names of Soldiers.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The following are the names of the soldiers who died in the Philippine islands of acute alcoholism, resulting from drinking methyl served to them as vino, a native drink: John Duffy, Edward C. Clark, Thomas W. Bing and Charles Delaney, of Company L, Eighteenth infantry, and Otto Kuppe, John J. Phelan, Frank L. Smith, James E. Curtis, Samuel E. Bramel, John O. Corbell and William Nickolas, of Company M, Eighteenth infantry.

Pulitzer Will Study Canal.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Word was received here tonight that Joseph Pulitzer, proprietor of the New York World, reached Hampton Roads this afternoon on his private yacht Liberty, en route for Panama, accompanied by several members of the staff of his paper. It is understood that Mr. Pulitzer intends to make a personal investigation of affairs on the Isthmus.

Works for Salary Raise.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Senator Bourne, of Oregon, author of a bill to increase the salary of the president of the United States to \$100,000 a year, and the salary of the vice-president to \$25,000, is making a strong campaign for his measure. He said today that he believed it would be passed by both houses of congress shortly after the holiday recess.

Increase in Minerals.

Washington, Dec. 23.—A remarkable increase in the value of mineral production since the beginning of the new century is announced in a report of the geological survey on the mineral resources of the United States. This includes all of the principal mineral products, representing an annual output of over \$2,000,000,000, an advance of more than 100 per cent in less than ten years.

Scouts Spread Civilization.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The value of the Philippine scouts as educators as well as pacification is shown in the annual report of Brigadier Clarence R. Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, which is published today. The scout service is commended by the chief as fostering higher standards of living among the Filipinos, and as extending American influence.

Root as Senator.

Washington, Dec. 22.—It was announced at the White House late this afternoon that it was understood that Elihu Root will resign as secretary of state if he is elected senator from New York, and that he will be succeeded by Assistant Secretary Robert Bacon. That Root will receive the New York toga is believed to be almost certain.

Sails for Unknown Port.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The battleship Maine sailed today from Hampton Roads under sealed orders. Information regarding the sudden departure of the vessel was refused at the navy department, but it is thought the warship has gone to Venezuelan waters.

PROTEST AGAINST RATES.

Californians Will Refuse to Pay Railroad Rates.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Shippers and importers of California are arranging to unite in a state-wide protest against the increase in transcontinental tariffs announced by the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroads as effective on January 1. Opposition will take the form of a score of mass meetings, held in the leading cities on December 30, when representatives of leading industries will set forth the grievances of the business men against the carriers. An executive committee appointed some weeks ago to deal with the question yesterday announced this method of procedure as more desirable than an appeal to the courts, which was regarded as productive of delay, or to the interstate commerce commission, which is powerless to take action until such rate changes have taken effect.

The attitude of the protestants was set forth yesterday in a statement by C. H. Bentley, president of the San Francisco chamber of commerce and a member of the executive committee, who said:

"We deem it unjust that the traffic managers should have arranged these rates, without consulting the shippers, and at a period most inopportune. We have canvassed the railroad situation thoroughly, and from the cost of fuel to the statement of earnings there is apparent no valid reason for such an increase of rates at this time."

SEEKING WAR INSTRUCTORS.

Berlin Paper Says Castro Will Add Army and Navy.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The Berlin Neueste Nachrichten yesterday printed an article "from a well-informed source" warning the German press against adopting an unfriendly attitude toward President Castro, of Venezuela. The writer says that Germany's business interests should cause the newspapers to refrain from offensive allusions, such as "ex-cowboy" and "president of a robber state."

Castro, the article continues, is considering a large addition to the equipment of both army and navy, and is thinking of placing the orders in Germany. The Venezuelan president is also seeking instructors for his military academy, recently established in Caracas, and is likely to give preference to officers from the German army. All this leads the Neueste Nachrichten writer to hope that Germany will strive to obtain a permanent influence politically and economically in Venezuela.

Many of the newspapers in their weekly political reviews deal with Senator Castro's visit in connection with the Venezuelan situation. The Tagblatt says:

"The German government cannot much longer show favor toward the president unless he gives assurances that Venezuela will fulfill the obligations."

A notable fact is that the semi-official Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung utterly ignores the presence of Senator Castro. Such a course has never before been adopted when the chief of a foreign state was visiting Germany, although in a private capacity.

SULTAN LIKE CRIMINAL.

Resembles Stage Shylock in Shabby Overcoat at Mosque.

Constantinople, Turkey, Dec. 19.—The scene before the mosque of St. Sofia at the opening of the Turkish parliament as the sultan reached the parliament house after his four-mile journey by land, exceeded anything that had been imagined beforehand. Thousands of persons were clustered on the roofs, pillars and buttresses of the ancient church, two mullahs even standing on the summit of the dome. Trees, windows and the flat roofs of houses were crowded with spectators. No other such multitude has gathered in Constantinople in 500 years, yet throughout the entire day no disorder whatever was observed.

There was a deadly hush when the sultan entered his box and everybody stood up. Bent and clad in a shabby overcoat, without a single decoration, the sultan bore a remarkable resemblance to a stage Shylock, and looked rather like a criminal in the dock than a ruler blessing his people.

Robbers' Rendezvous Found.

Riverside, Cal., Dec. 21.—Evidence in the hands of government secret service agents leads to the belief that an organized gang of postoffice robbers is making its headquarters at either San Bernardino or Colton. Officers are running down clues and believe they will soon apprehend the criminals. Scores of small postoffices in southern California have been robbed recently, and in almost every case the robbers' trails have let toward San Bernardino or Colton. Suspicious characters are being kept under surveillance.

Cosgrove Makes Strides.

Paso Robles Hot Springs, Cal., Dec. 21.—Governor-elect Cosgrove, of Washington, is making wonderful strides toward recovery. Yesterday morning he was well enough to be dressed, and chatted pleasantly with the physician. The governor is now so much advanced that his son, Howard Cosgrove, returned yesterday morning to Pomeroy, Wash., feeling confident that his father would be well enough to leave for Olympia before many weeks.

Wright Breaks Record.

Lemoore, France, Dec. 19.—Wilbur Wright, the American aviator, today broke previous distance and duration records for aeroplane flight, going 61 1/2 miles in one hour, 53 minutes, 50 seconds. Wright's feat was performed during a trial competition for the Michelin prize.

USURPER IN CHARGE

Gomez Turns Out Castro Cabinet and Appoints New.

REBELS ARE COWED BY FORCE

Country in Turmoil and Censorship Established—Gomez Acts in Self Defense.

Port of Spain, Dec. 22.—Vice-President J. Vincent Gomez, to whom General Cipriano Castro handed over the presidency on his departure for Europe, has established a new government in Venezuela. He has replaced the old ministry with a new body of men, who represent various factions in the state and who have figured prominently in various ways in the country's political history.

Not only has Dr. Jose de Jesus Paul disappeared from the councils of the nation, but Dr. Baldo, who is now traveling in Castro's suite abroad, also has been removed from his official position as minister of education. General Diego Ferren, the minister of war, has been superseded by General Redulo Olivares, who took a prominent part in crushing the revolutionists six years ago. A new governor of Caracas has been appointed.

Secret advices from Caracas, where the strictest censorship is being observed, indicate that the whole of Venezuela has been in a ferment ever since President Castro sailed, and that the crisis was reached a few days ago when it became necessary for Acting President Gomez to take decisive steps.

The revolutionary factions played a prominent part in the demonstration against the absent president. These were temporarily checked by a show of force, and later the revolutionary influence that threatened to sweep the country was overcome in a measure by promises that could not be held long in abeyance.

The establishment of a new government in Venezuela has been expected daily, and it is probable that it was the outcome of the demands which began almost the day that Castro sailed for Europe.

Gomez was far from secure. It was brought forcibly home to him that he must either withdraw from that office or cast aside those of Castro's ministers who still were trying to force the Castro rule upon the people. Apparently he chose the latter course.

He first declared the country in a state of defense, thereby securing control of the army, and then appointed a new cabinet.

On several other occasions when Castro has turned over the government to Vice-President Gomez it was freely predicted that Gomez would succeed Castro as president of the republic. He had many supporters in the anti-Castro camp, chief among those in favor of his candidacy being General Arando, the former minister of war, who worked earnestly to place Gomez in power.

Castro Goes to Hospital.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—President Castro of Venezuela removed yesterday to Dr. Israel's hospital, to undergo a course of treatment.

AMERICAN POMPEII FOUND.

Arizona Excavations Reveal a Buried City of Great Size.

Washington, Dec. 22.—An American Pompeii is gradually being brought to light, according to the annual report of Charles B. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

Under a special congressional appropriation, the work of excavating a prehistoric buried city at Casa Grande, near Florence, Ariz., has been conducted by Dr. J. Walter Fowkes. Already a number of structures have been discovered, but the largest one excavated during the year was a building 200 feet long with 11 rooms, the massive walls enclosing a plaza.

In the central room there is a seat called by the Pima Indians "The Seat of Montezuma." The ruins at Casa Grande were found to be very much more extensive than was anticipated.

Daring Bridge Planned.

New York, Dec. 22.—After the Pennsylvania railroad has advanced further with its terminal station and other improvements in this city, work will be started on a bridge from Point Morris, suburb of New York, in Queens county, to Long Island. The bridge is planned in many respects to be one of the most daring and remarkable engineering structures ever proposed. With the approaches it will be three miles long, and span the Hell Gate ship channel, with an enormous arch 1000 feet in the clear.

Mob Tears Up Tracks.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 22.—Enraged because the Lincoln Traction company refused to reduce the fare from 10 to 5 cents between Lincoln and Havelock, a suburb, where the Burlington shops are located, a mob of 150 men began tearing up the company's tracks at the latter place. The town mayor was appealed to, but was unable to stop the depredations. A telephone message at 3 A. M. states that an attempt is being made to burn the company's barns.

The San Francisco police commission has fixed blame on Captain Duke for not properly searching Haas when he was arrested, overlooking the revolver concealed in his shoe.

S. C. Lillis, a wealthy cattleman of Lemoore, Cal., has been sentenced to spend six months in jail and pay a fine of \$1,000 for illegally fencing large areas of government land.