# EVENTS OF THE DAY

legsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

## PREPARED FOR THE BUSY READER

Less Important but Not Less Intaresting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

The courts have decided that the of fortune shall go to a niece, Custro has left Berlin on account of

large number of beggars bothering The United States sent \$1,000,626 ash to the Italian earthquake suf-

Prince Ferdinand has asked the powto recognize the independence of

Gastians have been appointed for a man prince of the royal family be-

e of his extravagances. A sumber of the Danish royal famwere on the cruiser which was med by a freight steamer.

Fifty villages and 50,000 acres of ad are under water in Prussia as a alt of the Elbe river being out of its

Trains cannot get across the Rocky tains in Colorado on account of beavy snow. All roads have large Charles Nagel, Missouri. gs of men at work.

Grand Duke Vladimir is said to have n involved in a conspiracy to apint a regency for the czar and an intigation had just started when he

An immense irrigation scheme is med in New Mexico which will the world will be built to store the

sild a railroad in Canada.

Gevernor Gillett will sign the bill sing all California racetracks,

A permanent tariff reform organiza-m has been formed at Indianapolis.

Three San Francisco firemen were gared while rescuing Chinese from a ming building. English and Soctch suffragettes

usted a riot in an attempt to inter-ew Premier Asquith, The Kansas legislature has passed a ill prohibiting the sale of liquor by

uggists except as used in prescrip-

The California senate has gone on nd as favoring election of United

in session at Shanghai, China, in an 1903. desver to devise plans to stop the e of the drug.

Frequent quarrels between opposing tioneys mark the progress of the albun trial in San Francisco. The ry is not yet complete and 12 special

ites have been exhausted. The opening of the Portland gate-15, so that passenger traffic from the at could go to the Sound over Harriat lines to Portland and from there sador a sufficient Hill roads, would affect railroads today.

oghout the United States. King Edward has opened the British

Explosion of gas in an English coal the cost 180 lives.

the Port Townsend police.

KingA Ifonso is determined to make have been sent to our people." fight in Wright's aeroplane. Governor Norris has signed the bill

ishing pool rooms in Montana. The senate is likely to recommend at half the navy be kept in the Pa-

An attempt to revive the anti-Jap hoolb ill in the California legislature

At the present rate a month will be

quired to secure a jury in the Calthe California house has passed a farbidding boys seeing cockfights,

nefights or horseraces. Vice President Fairbanks plans

ves office, going west. The chief of police of Sparks, Nev., s publicly whipped by a woman be-

use of an alleged slander. Los Angeles will hold a special elec-

a in March to choose a successor to yor Harper under the recall act. Austria is making secret prepara-

as for a war with Servia, A Mexican at Guadalajara has just

Women suffragist leaders are preling to again storm parliament.

Chicago business men have protested tongress against a duty on coffee. A San Francisco woman has secured

,000 damages for seven hours' false The Maya Indians, of Mexico, are

ng troublel and troops have been dered to the scene. Rocks in the Santa Barbara channel

we a menace to navigation.

WORKS ON CABINET

Taft Says Most of His Advisers Have Been Tentatively Solicited.

Washington, Feb. 16,-As soon as President-elect Taft finds a suitable man for secretary of war, his cabinet will be complete; that is, tentatively complete. It will be subject to change any time before the 4th of March, if conditions arise which, in the opinion of Mr. Taft, justify modification.

But it can be said on the authority of one of Mr. Taft's closest advisers, that eight of the nine cabinet officers have been conditionally chosen, and seven out of the eight have signified their willingness to enter the cabinet if the formal tender is made.

It should also be said that, aside from the state and postoffice portfolios, none of the cabinet offices have as yet been finally and formally disposed of, and the incoming president can, without the slightest breach of good faith, make any changes in his present programme which to him seem proper. The selections so far are:

Secretary of State-Philander C. Knox, Pennsylvania.

Secretary of the Treasury George M. Reynolds, Illinois, or some other Illinois man.

Attorney General-George W. Wickersham, New York. Postmaster General - Frank H.

Hitchcock, Massachusetts. Secretary of the Navy-George von L. Meyer, Massachusetts.

Secretary of the Interior-Richard A. Ballinger, Washington. Secretary of Agriculture - James Wilson, Iowa.

Secretary of Commerce and Labor-

#### NIAGARA FALLS DRY.

Ice Piles Up on American Side and fic place mentioned." Two Men Cross on Rocks.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 16 .-Only a tiny rivulet, not deep or swift enough to carry a pulp log over the ater 500,000 acres. The largest dam brink, is flowing over the American side of Niagara Falls. northeast wind which has blown since Hill has incorporated a company to Friday, has held back the water and allowed the ice to gain a footbold. Two employes of the American reservation walked from Prospect Point nearly to Bath island this morning.

A great wall of ice runs from the head of Goat island to the American mainland, through which only tiny streams are able to trickle. This wall has even encroached on the Canadian channel, extending out some 200 feet beyond the Third Sister island and greatly diminishing the flow over the Horseshoe. Only the very apex of the Canadian falls is left, and that is robbed of half of its flow. The gorge below is choked and the rapids have lost their fury, while the whirlpool is

barely in motion. This is only the third time that this combination of wind and ice has thus altes senators by direct vote of the affected the falls since the white man discussed. Various attacks on the came here. The other occasions were The International opium conference on March 29, 1848, and on March 22,

## ITALY THANKS AMERICA.

quake Sufferers.

Baltimore, Feb. 16 .- "My government has many things for which to thank the people of America since the earthquake in Southern Italy," said Baron des Planches, the Italian ambassador at Washington, in an interview

"Besides the great monetary assistance and the sympathy we have received, we are grateful for the scientific information which we have received and the valuable hints which have been given us by the United States geological survey. This information will be Soldiers at Fort Worden, Wash., beat of more lasting benefit to Italy than even the great sums of money that

> Messina was going to rebuild, he said, but profiting by the lessons of the San Francisco disaster, it would be done on different lines.

## Wheat Men in Combine.

Hastings, Neb., Feb. 16.-Organization of the Winter Wheatgrowers' association of Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma was completed Saturday at the close of a three days' mass meeting of farmers of the three states. The purpose is to control the price of winter wheat. About 200 farmers signed a be fixed at a delegate convention, except after 30 days' notice to the direc-Paround the world, as soon as He tors and failure to get the agreed price. A fund of \$500 was raised to push the work of organization.

Down With All Trusts.

Des Moines, Ir., Feb. 16.-The most sweeping anti-trust law ever drafted in Iowa will be introduced in the house today. Its purpose is to stamp out the grocers' trust, the coal dealers' and the ice trusts, and even the doctors' in the penitentiary for not less than one year, nor for more than ten years, is bill at the present session, provided for persons convicted of violating the law.

## Storms in Middle West.

Chicago, Feb. 16 .- A heavy fall of sleet and snow, driven by a high wind, attended ever since he has been in river and harbor bill, scon to be reportinterferred with transportation and seriously interrupted wire communication over a large portion of the Lake by the members of the congregation. at the mouth of the Columbia river, Michigan district today. The storm After a few remarks, in which he spoke \$200,000 for repairing and operating was general through the central West. of the pleasure he had found in attend- the dredge Chinook. \$100,000 for con-Northern Illinois, Northern Indiana, ing the services there, and referred tinuing improvement of the Portland- lows of the state constitutional amend- 1,000 inhabitants. Her majesty per-

## PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS IN BRIEF

Friday, February 19. bill, appropriating \$106,635,050, was session. passsed by the senate today. There was little discussion upon the measure except upon the senate amendment appropriating \$350,000 for the construction of roads in Alaska, which was agreed upon. On motion of Mr. Warren an amendment appropriating \$127,-000 to construct a national roadway from the national cemetery at St. Louis to Jefferson barracks was agreed to. A senate amendment added \$4,-910,056 to the amount carried by the measure as it passed the house. Of that total \$1,248,010 was to increase the pay of various enlisted men and \$1,500,000 was for the construction of barracks and quarters.

Washington, Feb. 19.-Two more disputes between the president and ongress were revived today when the house committee on appropriations reported the sundry civil appropriation bill. One was in regard to the limitation of the use of the secret service of the Treasury department. The other was the appropriation for the examination of accounts of railroads under section 20 of the Hepburn rate law. The bill, the largest of all the general supply bills, carries an appropriation of \$137,220,007, or \$2,000,000 less

than the estimate. The house this afternoon adopted an amendment to the fortification bill appropriating \$250,000 for the fortification of the harbor at San Pedro, Cal. The amendment provides that the money be expended "for the reclamation of land to be used for fortifications," but there was no specification as to the amount of land and "no spe-

Thursday, February 18.

Washington, Feb. 18 .-- An acrid exchange of words took place in the senbody in handling appropriation bills, and Penrose, chairman of the committee on postoffices and postroads, who ations of over \$232,000,000.

Washington, Feb. 18.-The controversy over the legislative appropriation bill, in connection with the salary of the secretary of state and regarding the ineligibility of Senator Knox for that office, was settled in the house of was sent to conference and the committee was authorized to consider the salary provision as if in disagreement. This gives the committee power to reduce the pay from \$12,000, to \$8,000, its former figure.

The bill codifying and amending the penal laws of the United States was Various att house rules were made by Hubbard and Hepburn of Iowa. The latter asserted that members had betrayed their trust and prostrated themselves at the feet of the speaker, who, he said, had been made a tyrant. The bill was Grateful for Aid Rendered to Earth- pending when the house took a recess until tomorrow.

Wednesday, February 17.

Washington, Feb. 17 .- The naval bill, carrying total appropriations of about \$136,000,000, was passed today by the senate after being under consideration for three days. The bill was changed by the restoration of the house provisions for two battleships of 26,000 tons displacement, to cost \$6,-000,000 each.

An ineffectual effort was made to defeat the amendment for restoring bills seven have not been acted on by marine corps to battleships and cruisers, which was placed in the measure while the senate was proceeding in the committee of the whole.

Senator La Follette addressed the senate upon his amendment to create a commission to consider a plan for consolidating the work of the navy in a smaller number of yards or stations. He said no senator who had a navy yard in his state should be made a member of the committee on naval affairs, but Mesers. Frye, Flint and others suggested that if such a policy were generally adopted in the committee on commerce, agriculture, etc., the result would become ridiculous.

Washington, Feb. 17.-An attempt pledge agreeing not to sell their next to abolish capital punishment under year's crop for less than the price to Federal laws today blocked the conclusion of consideration of the penal code bill in the house, sitting in committee of the whole. The most important amendment incorporated in the bill was one to regulate interstate shipment of intoxicating liquors.

Tuesday, February 16.

red today by the senate to the committee on territories after considerable trust. The latter are charged with maneuvering on the floor, and the dis-

The committee will meet on Friday mails.

Farewell to His Church. Washington, Feb. 18 .- In the little

to consider the bill, but it is not be-Washington, Feb. 19.-The army lieved it will be reported during this

> Washington, Feb. 16 .- This being still the legislative day of yesterday, the house today, for the most part, devoted itself to consideration of bills under suspension of the rules. A number were passed, among them being: Requiring the equipment of ocean-going vessels with wireless apparatus.

Providing for the reorganization and enlistment of the naval academy band. Creating an additional judgeship for the Western district of Washington.

Amending the interstate commerc laws to make it a misdemeanor for any interstate carrier to make any false entry or record pertaining to its busi-

Enlarging the membership of the Interstate Commerce commission from seven to nine. Authorizing the secretary of agricul-

ture to declare a quarantine against the importation of disecsed nursery stock affected with injurious insects. The Indian appropriation bill, carry-

ing an appropriation of \$11.751,000,

Monday, February .15.

was passed.

Washington, Feb. 15.-Complying with a recommendation made by the conference on the care of dependent children, which met in this city January 25, President Roosevelt today sent to congress a special message urging the creation of a children's bureau within the department of the interior, and legislation to make the recommendations of the conference directly effective in the District of Columbia and the territories.

Washington, Feb. 15.-The house provision in the naval bill that no part ate today between La Follette, who of the appropriatoion for powder should was criticising the methods of that be paid to any trust or monopoly, "except in the event of an emergency, was the subject of considerable criticism in the senate today. That it was was in charge of the postoffice bill, for the purpose of hoodwinking the which was passed, carrying approppri- public and would not really affect the purchase of powder to any appreciable extent was charged by Cummins.

The senate materially amended provision making a lump appropriation for the pay of the clerical, drafting, inspection and messenger force at navy yards and naval stations and other stations and offices under the Navy departrepresentatives today when the bill ment. The entire question will go to conference.

> of Arizona and New Mexico for separete statehood was rewarded today so the two territories.

party question. Both sides, he declar- hour and a half start of the officers. ed, were now rallying to fulfill party pledges.

Saturday, February 13.

these great supply bills regularly en- were used in doing this. acted at each session and today, the 13th of the month, there are 11 of these measures yet to be passed by the senate in the 13 days remaining of this Government Engineers Una imous for congress on which they can be considered and enacted into law. Of these

While 15 legislative days remain, not including March 4, when congress must adjourn at noon, one of these days must be devoted to eulogies and another to the pas age of bills providing for the re-enlistment of soldiers of the having shot up Brownsville.

for general debate.

Lamar, of Florida, argued for the Madden, of Illinois, referred to inof Wisconsin, delivererd an eulogy of Lincoln. Washburn, of Massachusetts, anti-trust law in order that it might be Washington, Feb. 16.—The Mexico less burdensome. Hayes, of Califorand Arizona statehood bill, which nia, attacked the rules of the house. passed the house yesterday, was refer- Langley, of Kentucky, criticised the administration of affairs of the Choctaw Indians. Sherman, of New York, explained the provisions of the Indian fixing excessive prices. Imprisonment cussion informally of a number of sug- bill, while Foster, of Vermont, pleaded gestions looking to the pasage of the for an adjustment of postal rates as affecting merchandise sent through the

Grace Reformed church, which he has to items heretofore enumerated, the Washington, President Roosevelt to- ed to the house, will carry \$500,000 for night was given a farewell reception continuation of the work on the jetty

MAY STOP DIGGING.

Secretary Garfield Threatens to Sus pend Klamath Work,

Washington, Feb. 15 .- J. Newell, of the reclamation service, stated today that orders had been issued to shut down work on the Klamath irrigation project, pending adjustment of differnces between the government and the settlers. This announcement follows a decision by Secretary Garfield that WORSE THAN THAT AT MESSINA settlers must pay the annual maintenance charge of 75 cents per acre, beginning May I next, and must make per acre for the water right, the first water payment falling due May 1,

Many settlers have announced that they cannot pay \$30 per acre for water, but, as this is the actual proportionate cost of building the project, the secretary cannot accept less. He requested the Water Users' association to inform him what it is willing to do under the circumstances, but as it has not made reply, he felt obliged to stop further construction until satisfactory agree ment is reached. The settlers, under the first unit of the project, which is completed, will be furnished water this coming season, if they pay the maintenance charge, but, unless there is a speedy agreement, construction of the Clear lake reservoir will not be carried forward and the second unit of the project will remain undeveloped.

Meantime, Engineer Murphy, in charge of the Klamath project, has been called to Washington and will be succeeded by W. W. Slecht.

F. W. Hanna, another reclamation engineer, has been sent to resume the preliminary work of the Malheur project and, if the Klamath controversy is not adjusted, work may be concentrated at Malheur.

#### ROBBERS SECURE \$35,000.

Daring Early Morning Holdup Carried Out Near Denver.

Denver, Feb. 15 .- That the hold-up of the westbound Denver & Rio Grande this morning, was the work of three instead of two robbers and that the vince was engulfed. robbery of the mail car gave them a loot of possibly \$35,000, are indicated by the investigation of the railroad and police officials today. So far no tangible clew to the identity or whereabouts of the robbers has been found, but it seems probable that the men came to Denver and are now hiding in this city.

The exact amount secured by the robbers cannot be ascertained. It is known, however, that the registered mail sack from Colorade Springs to of Hecate strait and Dixon entrance. Denver was empty and that little of value was in the Pueblo-Denver sack. The sack from Portland, Colo., to Denver, however, contained \$400 of money Washington. Feb. 15.—The struggle order funds consigned to the Denver

far as the house of representatives is originality and daring. It took place which contain the best halibut grounds concerned, when that body, under sus- within eight miles of Denver, within on the coast. American vessels were pension of rules, unanimously passed less than two miles of Fort Logan, the not molested so long as they kept outthe bill granting separate statehood to United States military reservation, side the three-mile limit. and at a spot where habitations are Hamilton, of Michigan, having the plentiful. Yet so thorough was the measure in charge, spoke briefly in work of the robbers and so well were trade from C. M. Hays, president of support of it. He said it was not a their plans laid that they had fully an the Grand Trunk Pacific railway,

indicates that a third man and possibly a fourth were engaged in the robbery; that a rubber-tired buggy was in waiting for the actual hold-ups and that Washington, Feb. 13.-The ominous torpedoes and red signal fires were Hecate strait, as well as Dixon enfigure "13" dominated in the status of used unsuccessfully in an attempt to the regular general appropriation bills stop the train before the automatic in congress today. There are 13 of revolvers of the two men on the train

ALL FAVOR LOCKS.

Present Canal Plan.

Washington, Feb. 15. - Colonel George W. Goethals, chairman of the Isthmian Canal commission, and the members of the board of engineers appointed by President Roosevelt, who went to Panama with President-elect Taft, reached Washington today. The board will report unanimously in favor 25th regiment, who were charged with of continuing the lock plan. Colonel Goethals said:

"I repeat what I said to you a year ago, and that is that the canal will be Washington, Feb. 13 .- A variety of completed and ships will be traversing subjects was discussed in the house of it by February 1, 1915. Work on the representatives today. The Indian ap- waterway is going ahead splendidly. I propriation bill technically was under am to appear before the house commit- the Japanese, and is said to be patternconsideration, but many members tee on apropriations Monday, when I availed themselves of the opportunity will be prepared to give an estimate of protest from President Roosevelt,

what the canal will cost. "In my judgment, the character of amendment of the railroad rate law, the canal to be built has not changed and Africans, Mongolians and persons saying the law was insufficient to cover in the least. The most acceptable the cases included in its provisions. plan is that of the lock canal, which is that now under construction. Any creases in freight rates since the danger of ships bumping into the gates freight law went into effect. Murphy, or other parts of the locks, about which or had changed their votes. A strong some apprehension has been expressed. will be entirely averted by electrical passed at its re-reading tomorrow. favored a modification of the Sherman devices by which the vessels will be kept under control at all times."

Plan Disaster Warnings.

has been presented to the Russian charged against Charles P. Snell, grow-Meteoroloigeal Congress, in session ing out of the case of the government here, on the use of seismographs to against Dr. E. B. Perrin and John A. prevent mine disasters. These disas- Benson, was begun today, but so many ters are usually preceded for several novel points were raised that Judge days by alight movements of the strata Shortall continued it until Friday. The by which explosive gases are released district attorney declared he had no or which indicate coming earth slides. \$500,000 for Columbia.

Washington, Feb. 17.—In addition give ample warning of disasters arising from these two causes.

Not Satisfied With Law.

Socks in the Santa Barbara channel in the San

## TREMBLOR IN PERSIA

Sixty Villages Ruined and Many People Are Killed.

ten equal annual payments of \$3 each Big Shock Came January 23, but Report Just Gets Out-Gulf Swallowed Cities.

> Teheran, Persia, Feb. 18.-The mystery of the great earthquake recorded on instruments in various parts of the world on January 28 is solved today by reports that 60 villages were destroyed and 6,000 persons lost their lives in an earthquake in the province of Luristan in western Persia. The tremblor occurred on January 23, but owing to delays by the provisional authorities news of the quake did not reach the

> capital until today. According to the records of the local seismograph violent earthquake shocks were recorded on January 23 and re-ports were received from other observatories of earth waves but the location of the disturbance could not be deter-

> mined. The government has issued orders to the various departments requesting further information as to the necessity of food, clothing and medical supplies. Seismic instruments showed that the tremblor was more violent than that

occurring in Sicily and Calabria in Southern Italy. At least 12,000 cattle were killed. Refugees are still flocking to Burijurs, according to late dispatches. The quake covered an enormous area which was sparsely populated but it is reported that the general loss of life was passenger train, near Denver, at 3:15 along the shore of the Persian gulf where nearly every village in the pro-

### ENGLAND CLAIMS STRAITS.

Close Canadian Halibut Grounds to American Fisherman.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 18 .- Vancouver fishing interests were surprised today to learn that the Dominion government has decided, under the treaty of London, to lay claim to the waters Heretofore these waters, which lie between the Queen Charlotte islands and the mainland of British Columbia,

have been regarded as open sea. American halibut fishing steamers by the score frequent these straits, The robbery was remarkable for its which are 50 to 70 miles wide, and

Tonight the following telegram was received by the, Vancouver board of whose western terminus is Prince Ru-Search of the vicinity of the hold-up pert: "The Dominion government is now building a vessel and proposes to rent another, providing the protection called for. The minister of fisheries also states that it is now conceded that

trance, belong to Canada." Mr. Hays' statement is regarded as official. If Canada enforces this preposition, scores of halibut vessels from Seattle and Tacoma will be excluded from the best fishing grounds in the north. The New England Fishing company will also probably be forced to operate its American - vessels out of some American port, instead of from Vancouver, as at present.

## MONTANA STILL ANTI-JAP.

While Miscegenation Bill Fails, Land

Measure May Succeed. Helena, Mont., Feb. 18.-The house. on its third reading, by a vote of 32 to 24, rejected today the senate miscegenation bill. Clayberg introduced the bill in the house which would prevent, after five years, the holding of lands in Montana by aliens. It is aimed at ed after the measure which caused a

The miscegenation bill, which forbids intermarriage between Caucasians of African or Mongolian descent, was recommended by the house yesterday in committee of the whole, but many who had favored it were absent today. effort will be made to have the bill

Refuses to Prosecute.

San Francisco, Feb. 18.-The preliminary hearing in the police court of St. Petersburg, Feb. 15.-A report the seven counts of perjury jurisdiction and United States District

Queen to Rebuild Town.

Rome, Feb. 18.—Queen Helena has decided to undertake with her own Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 15.—A peti- private funds the reconstruction of a tion signed by 10,000 names was re- town upon the outskirts of Messins, on ceived by Senator B. Cosson today ask- the hill where the lighthouse stood, ing for resubmission to the voters of The new community will start with