

# EVENTS OF THE DAY

## Newly 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.

Peary says he will prove Cook was never at the Pole.

Harriman lines are not likely to have any more one-man power.

Canadians are determined to re-open the Bering sea sealing question.

Harriman stocks did not drop on the stock exchange as was expected.

Lord Roseberry has left the British Radical party and joined the Liberals.

The first drawing in the Cuban national lottery yielded the government \$100,000,000.

Latest advices say 10,000 lives were lost in the earthquake which destroyed Aspalco, Mexico.

Chicago carmen are again endeavoring to arrange for arbitration with the streetcar company.

The situation in Northern Mexico is still serious and there is much suffering among the people.

Unusual building operations throughout the United States is reported for August. Portland shows an increase of 25 per cent.

J. P. Morgan has offered financial aid to Explorer Cook.

Wireless messages from the Pacific fleet report it near Honolulu.

A movement has been started to unite St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Harriman's fortune is variously estimated from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

British people are inclined to favor Cook against Peary after reading the latter's story.

During his trip through the West Taft will explain the new tariff bill in his speeches.

Government suits involving title to oil land in California will be delayed by the death of Harriman.

The party of Japanese business men visiting the Coast express surprise at the magnitude of the country.

Cook has sent for Eskimos to aid in proving that he reached the Pole, but they may not reach this country before spring.

There is much speculation as to Harriman's successor... Three men are named in this connection, J. C. Stubbs, R. S. Lovett, and Julius Krutchnitt.

The Southern Pacific is to enter the transcontinental speed contest.

The volcano of Akutan, Aleutian Islands, Alaska, is in violent eruption.

Lord Northcliffe says Germany is actively preparing for war with Great Britain.

Wealthy capitalists have been arrested for coal land frauds in Wyoming.

Tom Johnson has been nominated for mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, by the Democrats.

It is said President Taft will sustain Secretary Ballinger and that Pinchot will have to go.

Offers for Cook's lectures and books have been doubled by the controversy over who was first at the pole.

Senator Mitchell's heirs have won the suit to escape paying the fine against him by the government just before his death.

The first test of the direct primary in Cincinnati ended in defeat for Taft's brother-in-law, W. C. Herron, candidate for vice mayor.

An agitation is on in Japan for naval expansion.

Clyde Fitch, the American playwright, is dead.

Another slight earthquake shock has been felt in Mexico.

An aviator fell 1,000 feet at Chicago and though badly injured, still lives.

Actors in Chicago have gone on strike for better pay.

Japan and China have signed a treaty for the settlement of the Manchurian dispute.

An Eastern woman has just had a hat made from the skins of eight rattlesnakes.

The Pressed Steel Car company, of Pittsburgh, has granted the demands of its striking employes.

Estimates of the population of the United States vary greatly, but the average seems about 95,000,000.

The deficit of the German imperial government for 1908 is said to amount to \$30,500,000.

Two colored men have been hanged by a mob at Malcolm, Ala., for murdering the sheriff.

Explorer Cook says he has data to convince the most skeptical that he was actually at the North Pole.

Map grape pickers in California have demanded an increase in wages and may be replaced by Hindus.

## PEARY DOUBTS COOK.

### Says He Was Never Out of Sight of Land in North.

New York, Sept. 8.—The following dispatch was received here early today: "India Harbor, Labrador, by wireless, via Cape Ray, Sept. 8.—Melville E. Stone, Associated Press: 'I have nailed the Stars and Stripes to the North Pole. This is authoritative and correct. 'Cook's story should not be taken too seriously. The two Eskimos who accompanied Cook say he went no distance north and not out of sight of land. Other members of the tribe corroborate their story. (Signed) 'Commander Robert E. Peary.'"

Peary Has Added Nothing.

Christiana, Sept. 8.—Captain Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the Northwest passage, said today: "It is quite evident that Peary discovered no trace of Cook in the continually drifting ice. Peary probably, as he planned, made his dash from a more eastern point than Dr. Cook, but many circumstances may have arisen to cause a change."

"Do you think that Peary obtained more valuable scientific results than Cook?" Captain Amundsen was asked. "Probably not," he replied. "They were equally equipped with only absolutely necessary instruments. Geographically, their achievements are of great importance, and it is very important also that the two reports be compared."

Heroism Displayed at Hotel Fire in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Sept. 8.—More than 60 persons were saved from death by patrolmen yesterday when a fire that broke out in the Vendome hotel on Pacific and Montgomery avenues in the Barbary coast district, practically gutted the structure, doing damage estimated at \$60,000. In addition to the destruction of the hotel several places adjoining were damaged slightly.

The fire was first discovered by Policeman J. J. Manion. By the time the fire fighters had arrived the flames were eating their way through the first floor of the building. At the risk of their lives a squad of policemen went into the hotel and succeeded in arousing the sleeping occupants and leading them to safety.

When the guests were awakened many of them became panic stricken and refused to go down the stairway, up which great rolls of black oil smoke belched from the burning tanks in the basement. As a result the firemen and policemen were compelled to carry a number of women down extension ladders raised to the windows of the second, third and fourth floors.

Meanwhile the hosemen worked their way into the basement of the hotel and fought the oil fire. Several were overcome but none were injured.

It is believed the fire was caused by an explosion of gas which accumulated in the oil tanks in the basement.

Roosevelt to Dig Canal.

New Orleans, Sept. 8.—Former President Roosevelt is to take charge of the work of pushing the Panama canal to completion, according to a report current in official circles in Panama. This statement was made here today by T. W. Harrison, of Columbus. Harrison is attached to the engineering department of the canal, and has just arrived here. He declared that President Taft was not dissatisfied with the present canal administration, but had already arranged for Colonel Roosevelt to take charge of the work when he returns from his hunting trip in Africa.

More Floods in Mexico.

Mexico City, Sept. 8.—Scores of persons are believed to have lost their lives as the result of a second flood which descended upon Tula yesterday just as it was slowly recovering from the effects of the first deluge. Many rich plantations are in ruins and the property loss will run into the thousands. The food supply is also running low and conditions are becoming desperate. The exact number who met death in the second flood cannot be ascertained at this time, but it is feared that the total will be heavy.

Deluge in Kansas Capital.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 8.—This city is flooded today as the result of the heaviest rain ever recorded in this vicinity. The street cars have been put out of commission. The water in the streets is from three inches to three feet in depth. The rain began late yesterday and continued throughout last night and today. At 10 o'clock this morning the official rain gauge showed that 8.7 inches had fallen. All the streams in this section are swollen.

Foreign Capital for Peru.

Washington, Sept. 9.—Leslie Coombs, the United States minister at Lima, Peru, has reported to the State department under recent date that a London syndicate composed of the Bank of London and Peru, the London Bank of South America & Mexico, W. R. Grace & Co., and Baring Brothers, sharing with the German bank and Spitzer, of Paris, have taken some \$1,500,000 of the bonds of the Electric Tram & Electric Lighting company.

Rear Admiral Sperry to Retire.

Washington, Sept. 7.—Rear Admiral Sperry, who was in command of the American battleship fleet on the memorable cruise from San Francisco to the Philippines and through the Suez canal to Hampton Roads, will be placed on the retired list tomorrow. He then will have reached the age limit of 62 years. The admiral is now on duty at the naval war college at Newport.

# NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

## VACANCIES ARE LIKELY.

Justices Harlan and Moody in Poor Health and May Retire.

Washington, Sept. 10.—When the Supreme court of the United States convenes for the October term it is probable that two of the chairs upon the bench, those that have been occupied by Justices Harlan and Moody, will be vacant.

Justice Harlan is eligible for retirement, but until recently his health has been exceptionally robust for one of his age. It is reported that he is likely to go from his summer home at Murray bay to California to recuperate, and that unless a change of climate restores his health he will retire.

Justice Moody, who recently suffered a severe attack, does not recover, it is stated.

Reports concerning the condition of Justice Day are not reassuring. Chief Justice Fuller is eligible for retirement.

President Taft will, it is believed, have within a short time the designation of at least one Supreme court justice.

Governor Hughes, of New York, and Justice Lurton, of Tennessee, are among the prominent lawyers mentioned for the first vacancy.

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Government Sets Aside Nearly 65,000,000 Acres as Homesteads.

Washington, Sept. 7.—According to a statement issued today by the secretary of the interior, almost 65,000,000 acres of land has been designated as subject to entry under the enlarged homestead act, providing for dry farm claims of 320 acres instead of 160 acres.

The land thus designated is distributed as follows: Colorado, 20,250,000 acres; Montana, 26,000,000; New Mexico, 1,550,000; Oregon, 1,300,000; Washington, 3,500,000; Wyoming, 11,900,000.

Large areas in Utah have also been designated under the special provision of section 6 of the act exempting from residence.

The lands are non-mineral, non-timbered, not susceptible to irrigation and, because of insufficient rainfall, will not produce remunerative crops unless cultivated by some method such as "dry farming." Residence must be established on the land by the entrymen within six months from date of filing and be continued, together with cultivation and improvement of the land, for five years.

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## TUBERCULOSIS INCREASES.

### Nathan Straus Says Plague is Gaining Against Fight.

Budapest, Sept. 7.—Nathan Straus, the New York philanthropist, who on Tuesday appealed to the International Medical congress to stop the spreading of disease that results from the use of infected milk, today submitted detailed figures to that body to prove that tuberculosis, instead of being conquered, is on the increase.

He cited the official vital statistics of New York city, which was credited by Dr. Robert Koch with leading the whole world in the fight against tuberculosis. He showed that the increasing skill of the physicians in treating tuberculosis had reduced the death rate from this disease in proportion to the population from 2.42 per 1,000 in 1902 to 2.39 per 1,000 in 1907, and 2.29 in 1908, but he showed that the number of deaths from tuberculosis in proportion to the total number of deaths from all causes had increased from 13.04 per cent. in 1902 to 13.90 in 1908.

ROBBERED MAILS WHOLESALE.

### Man and Woman Caught in Chicago Head Big Gang.

Chicago, Sept. 7.—In the arrest of Allen Posner, 26 years old, and a young woman giving her name as Emily Snyder, 20 years old, who are in custody at the Harrison street police station, Postoffice Inspector Stuart believes he has part of a gang of mail thieves who have been operating in Chicago and other cities. Two men are being sought as accomplices of Posner and the Snyder girl in the theft of letters and chashing of checks found in stolen mail. Posner and a man named Gray and another man whose name is being kept secret are said to be under indictment in New York for a \$1,000 theft of jewelry. The Snyder girl is said to have come to Chicago with Posner four months ago.

It is charged that the pair operated by stealing letters from residence mail boxes after delivery by letter carriers. Posner is declared to have admitted cashing a number of stolen checks. According to the postal authorities, Posner and his associates stole \$1,000 worth of jewelry and other valuables which were brought to Chicago.

MORE MEXICAN FLOODS.

### Cloudburst Floods Rivers and Overflows Fertile Valleys.

Mexico City, Sept. 7.—A special dispatch received here from Morelia says that floods yesterday ruined a large section of the Zamora district. A terrible cloudburst in the mountains caused rivers and streams to overflow and miles of fertile valleys are under water.

Further details have been received here of the flood that swept the town of Tula, in the state of Tamaulipas, last Saturday. A wave between 45 and 50 feet high engulfed the lower half of the town. Two hundred houses and the San Juan bridge were carried away and many lives were lost. The storm raged for three days.

Terrible as are the conditions at Monterey, the correspondent declares they are just as bad at Tula and vicinity.

The entire northeastern section of the state is said to have been laid waste. Railroad and telegraphic communication was destroyed and the population of Tula, some 7,000 persons, was cut off from the rest of the nation for four days. It will be six or eight months before the highways can be restored. Thirty bodies have been recovered and many bodies of shepherds and mountaineers are being washed down into the valley below.

Cholera Loses Terrors.

Paris, Sept. 7.—Serum and vaccine for treatment of cholera has been discovered by Dr. Salambini, working under the direction of Professor Metchnikoff and Dr. Pierce Roux. Their serum has been tried in Russia in desperate cases and reduced the death rate, which was 50 per cent, to below 23 per cent. The vaccine is prepared by taking bacilli from the body of a cholera patient and making a culture thereof, which is injected subcutaneously into healthy persons. Local infection follows and immunity results.

Greek Princes Removed.

Athens, Sept. 7.—King George today will sign a decree placing Crown Prince Constantine and Prince Nicholas, at their own request, on the unattached list of the army and granting the other princes in the army two or three years' leave of absence to study abroad. Brigadier General Smolenski will replace Crown Prince Constantine as commander in chief and Colonel Cortbas will be appointed commander of the army corps at Athens.

Tornado Wipes Out Town.

Catania, Sicily, Sept. 7.—The village of Scordia was about wiped out today by a tornado. Five persons were killed and 50 injured. One hundred houses were completely demolished and many others unroofed. The tornado was accompanied by a torrential rain. The population took refuge in houses on the Quarter Santa Maria, where the statue of Santa Maria Maggiora fell, adding terror to the superstitious element.

Tennessee Stays Dry.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 7.—The legislative act prohibiting wholesale as well as retail sale of liquor in the state was upheld except as regards sales for shipment outside of the state, in an opinion handed down in Chancery court today by Chancellor T. M. McConnell.



He—What did you discuss at your debating club this afternoon? She—Nothing. We just talked.

Magistrate—Are you a friend of the prisoner? Buxom Witness—No, I'm his mother-in-law.—New York World.

"Say something to the little boy," said Bobbie's mother. "Say, kid," said Bobbie, obediently, "kin you fight yet?"

"I hear you spent your vacation with friends." "We were friends during the first week."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Are you going to take the late train to Chicago?" "No, the engineer of the train is going to do that."—Baltimore American.

Customer—Give me a bottle of Dope's Stomach Bitters. Druggist—We haven't any in stock, madam, but here's something just as bad.

"There are two sides to every question," said the broad minded man. "Yes," answered Senator Sorghum; "a winning side and a losing side."

"Why did you leave your last place?" asked the boss. "I got six months off for good behavior," answered the job seeker.—Chicago Daily News.

Prospective Best Man—Got the marriage license yet? Prospective Bridegroom—No; I'm not going to get that until the last thing. She may go back on me.

Beas—So you're engaged? Well, well! As for me, I wouldn't marry the best man on earth. Jess—You couldn't—I've got him.—Cleveland Leader.

Scott—I remember reading of a very rich man who said he'd sooner be poor. Mott—Yes, and probably you remember, reading somewhere that all men are liars.

"I can't understand why Brown should have failed." "Ner can I. I always thought he was going finely. He often came to me for advice."—Detroit Free Press.

"Did you have a good time at the Sunday school picnic, Bobby?" "I should say so," answered Bobby, enthusiastically. "There was three fights."—Buffalo Express.

"Why, Ethel, what's the matter?" asked her mother, as the little one almost choked at the dinner table. "I got a piece of bread head first down my cough pipe," explained Ethel.

"I never have no luck." "Neither do I," responded the other citizen. "Therefore I keep out of enterprises requiring large gobs of luck to be a success."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"We," remarked the young married woman, "try to see how few quarrels we can have in a year." "We," said the old married woman, "try to see how few cooks."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Judge—How did the trouble begin? Witness—It began, yo' honah, when de chairman of de entertainment committee swatted de secretary over de bald wif de lovin' cup.—Boston Transcript.

Sillicus—We should all strive to bear each other's burdens. Cynicus—Yes, most of us seem to think we could bear each other's burdens more easily than we could our own.—Philadelphia Record.

Bessie—Oh, Mabel! I am in an awful dilemma! I've quarreled with Harry and he wants me to send his ring back. Mabel—That's too bad. Bessie—But that isn't the point. I've forgotten which is his ring.—Kansas City Journal.

"What was the date of the Union of the Crowns?" asked the school inspector and the answer was "1603." "Right. And why was this date an important one for you to remember?" "Because you were sure to ask for it," returned the little victim of cramming.

De Quiz—Did he have any luck fishing? De Whiz—Well, he says he caught a number of fish, many of which would weigh three pounds. De Quiz—Yes, I guess it would take a great many of the fish he caught to weigh three pounds.—Chicago Daily News.

Little Bobby—Papa, did you ever see a cyclone carrying houses around up in the air, and cows and horses and wagons upside down? Papa—No, my son. Little Bobby—Did you ever see a sea serpent? Papa—No, my son. Little Bobby—I should think it 'ud be tiresome to live so long and never see anything.

"You ran into this man at thirty miles an hour and knocked him forty feet," said the court. "That, or a little better, I suppose," answered the chauffeur. "Why didn't you slow down?" "Mere precaution, your honor. Once I shut off speed and hit a man so gently that he was able to climb into the machine and give me a lick- 'ng."

"Your husband'll be all right now," said the doctor, rubbing his hands with evident self-satisfaction. "What yer mean?" demanded the weeping wife. "You told me he wouldn't live a fortnight." "Well, I'm going to cure him after all," said the doctor, "surely you're glad to hear such unexpected news?" The woman wrinkled her brows. "Put me in a bit of an 'ole," she said. "I've bin and sold all his clothes for his funeral!"