

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.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, has suffered a relapse and lies at death's door.

The national convention of bankers has declared against postal savings banks.

The high court of St. Petersburg is passing out wholesale sentences on the word of spies.

Y. Uchida, now Japanese ambassador to Austria, will be transferred to the United States.

Western Canada trades unions are making a fight against using Oriental labor on the railroads.

In a speech at Winona, Minn., President Taft declared the present tariff law the best the country ever had.

The steamer Nicholas, en route from Havana to Cienfuegos, went ashore on the Isle of Pines and 29 lives were lost.

The Great Northern and St. Paul promise a 56-hour schedule from Chicago to Seattle in the fight for mail contracts.

Dr. Cook says he has records which will prove he was at the Pole and will convince the skeptics as soon as he reaches the United States.

The Interstate Commerce commission will investigate the reasons for the Santa Fe withdrawing its offer to put on a fast mail train to the Pacific coast.

A temperance wave is sweeping over Germany.

London's new non-tip hotel is making a great hit.

The forest fires in Southern California continue to grow.

Governor Johnson's physicians announce that he will recover.

Mexicans attacked and stoned the Austrian consulate at Monterey.

The damage to the Portland Flouring mills plant is placed at \$300,000.

Peary says he will be glad to refer the Pole controversy to an arbitration court.

A new pretender to the Persian throne has appeared and troops have been sent to suppress him.

The Russian cabinet has decided that the czar is supreme in all matters relating to the army and navy.

Walter E. Clark, the new governor of Alaska, says there must be peace between the rival political parties.

Two Los Angeles men, both over 80, fought over a woman who is 75. One of the combatants is in the hospital.

Robbers attempted to hold up a Rio Grande train in Colorado, but did not succeed in getting into the express car.

The widow of Claus Spreckles has been awarded \$3,000,000 of her husband's estate.

It now seems as though the Chicago streetcar men will win their fight with the company.

William R. Wallace has been chosen for the Democratic candidate for mayor of Salt Lake.

James J. Hill says too many people are going to the cities instead of staying on the farm.

Thousands of acres of pasture and wood land has been burned over in Sonoma county, Cal., by forest fires.

Peary reiterates that he is the only white man who ever saw the Pole and promises to disprove Cook's claim.

David E. Thompson, United States ambassador to Mexico, has secured control of the Pan-American railroad, a line 244 miles long.

The port of Mulego, on the east coast of Lower California, was overwhelmed by a tidal wave September 4. Considerable property was destroyed.

Dewey says the United States needs a larger navy.

It is said the Harriman estate will not be divided.

The Peary-Cook controversy has grown very bitter in New York.

Rear Admiral Schley favors Cook, notwithstanding that Peary is a navy man.

Sweden has taken steps to end the labor war. Arbitration will be instituted upon.

The biennial convention of the national association of machinists is in session at Denver.

By the election of J. P. Morgan, Jr., as director in a Harriman bank, harmonious relations are shown to exist between the Morgan and the Kuhn-Loeb-Standard Oil group of financiers.

It is expected that 10,000 delegates will attend the Eagles' national convention at Omaha.

Cardinal Gibbons says that while he should like to see prohibition rule, he does not believe the present move will be successful.

FOREST FIRES RAGE.

Blaze Threatens Many Ranches and California Resorts.

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—Several thousand men are engaged in a dozen counties of this state in fighting numerous forest fires that threaten ranch and resort buildings, as well as many square miles of valuable timber lands. As a result of these conflagrations unusual heat prevails along the coast. Great damage already has been done to ranch houses and several groups of summer resort hotels and tent cottages have been destroyed.

The most serious fires reported today are in Northern Sonoma, Western Napa, Mendocino, Santa Cruz, Lake and Los Angeles counties. In Napa county, where Walter Springs was destroyed and the cottages and tent houses at Burk's sanitarium were badly damaged, the fire burned itself out today, but in the hills near Preston the flames are spreading.

In the vicinity of Ukiah the whole country is ablaze. Fire fighters are back firing to save the city from destruction. In the vicinity of Calistoga the conflagration that threatened that town last night has been controlled. A hundred men from St. Helena succeeded in saving suburban residents scattered through the foothills. Near Watsonville a fire has been burning for two days, spreading in the direction of Gilroy.

Rangers succeeded in saving the big trees. Thousands of acres in the foot hills west of Donovon valley, Lake county, have been swept by the flames, but they are now under control. For a time the oil region around Whittiers was in danger. Most of the fires so far reported originated at points where campers had left embers or from sparks from engines.

WOULD REFORM FINANCES.

President Opens Western Tour at Boston With Revelations.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 15.—President Taft yesterday began his tour of the country, by coming to this city from Beverly in an automobile, accompanied by Mrs. Taft, his daughter and Professor and Mrs. Louis Moore, and making a speech at the Boston Commercial club, which was devoted mainly to a discussion of financial reform.

The president revealed that the Monetary commission will recommend the establishment of a central bank and that Senator Aldrich intends to stump the country in order to arouse interest in his plan of financial reform. He also dwelt on the need of reform in the interstate commerce and anti-trust laws and strongly deprecated sectionalism, either between East or West or North or South.

The president said he was going to take his Western trip because he believed it would enable him to be a much more efficient president and make him better acquainted with the needs of that great section. He also outlined some of the matters to be submitted to the next congress.

SEPARATION IDEA GROWS.

Southern California Taxpayers Begin Spreading Propaganda.

Los Angeles, Sept. 15.—Members of executive committees appointed at a mass meeting of taxpayers in Symphony hall yesterday, will meet tomorrow to organize and issue a formal call for a conference to consider the formation of the state of South California.

Under the terms of the resolution the conference is to be held within 30 days. Although yesterday's meeting went on record as favoring state division, the conferences are to consider all phases of the question carefully, and to decide whether the formation of a new state is desirable. If it decides in favor of it, a convention is to be called, to which all counties and all the principal cities in Southern California will be asked to send delegates.

Boy of 80 Beats It in 10.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 15.—When Dr. B. W. Lawrence, 80 years old, lined up at the tape opposite the Holtenbeck home to go against time for 50 yards an inconsiderate youth yelled "Beat it, kid." The venerable anti-cigaerettist twiddled his white whiskers disdainfully and "beat it." He traveled that 50 yards in 10 seconds flat. The time was taken by two men, but not, of course, under sanction of the A. A. U. "I'll sign against anybody for Thanksgiving day," the aged physician said.

Canadian Scores Tariff.

Hamilton, Sept. 15.—The annual meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' association began here today. President R. Hobson characterizes the condition of the American senate as violation of the trust reposed in it by the people of the United States and barren of all desire to create closer trade relations with Canada. He called upon the Canadian government to take them at their word and bring into effect the surtax act of 1909.

Tidal Wave Sweeps Port.

Mexico City, Sept. 15.—The Port of Mulego, on the east coast of Lower California, was overwhelmed by a tidal wave September 4. There were several casualties and considerable property was destroyed. The tidal wave flooded the inland district for a distance of about two miles.

Mount Vesuvius in Action.

Rome, Sept. 15.—A dispatch from Portico, on the Bay of Naples, to the Giornale d'Italia says that Mount Vesuvius is active again. Guides report rumblings followed by slight seismic shocks. The small craters have been unusually active in the last few days.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

HEAR PACIFIC RATE CASES.

Full Interstate Commerce Will Sit on Coast in October.

Washington, Sept. 17.—The entire Interstate Commerce commission will visit the Pacific coast this fall and conduct hearings on all complaints of record from that section. The hearings will begin at Seattle, October 7, and after clearing the Washington docket, the commission will move to Portland on October 14, and to San Francisco four days later.

Among the questions to be heard are the allegation that various distributive rates in the Northwest are excessive. Testimony will also be taken on various complaints affecting the contemplated rearrangement of all transcontinental rates to Pacific coast points. Most of the large cities have entered complaints which will be heard. In most instances where time permits, the commission will hear arguments after hearing testimony.

Among cases on which testimony will be taken at Portland are: Oregon Railroad commission vs. O. R. & N. and other roads; Farmers' Co-operative & Educational union vs. Great Northern and others, and Astoria chamber of commerce vs. Great Northern.

At Seattle the commission will take up the following: Portland chamber of commerce vs. O. R. & N. and others; Transportation bureau, Seattle chamber of commerce, vs. Northern Pacific and others; Humboldt Steamship company vs. White Pass & Yukon route, of Alaska; F. S. Harmon vs. Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad, and Seattle Frog & Switch company vs. Northern Pacific.

At San Francisco a long docket is to be heard, the most important case being that of the Pacific Coast Jobbers' & Manufacturers' association vs. Southern Pacific and other roads.

Ballinger Denies Rumor.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Secretary Ballinger is suffering from sore throat today and on the advice of his physician is not at his office. He has been ordered to remain at home as quietly as possible and expects to be back at work in a day or two. He will depart for the West Saturday and will meet President Taft either at Denver or Helena. Secretary Ballinger denies the report that he contemplates resigning from the Taft cabinet, as published in yesterday's dispatches.

Confroversy in Congress Next.

Washington, Sept. 16.—No matter what the decision of President Taft may be in the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, that the row will be a subject for congressional investigation next winter is practically assured. A preliminary investigation of the principal features of the controversy will start in a few days, when the senate committee on Indian affairs junkets through the Northwest to inquire into conditions on the Indian reservations.

Land Withdrawn From Entry.

Washington, Sept. 16.—The secretary of the interior has withdrawn from entry southwest quarter of section 29, township 25 south, range 14 east, in Lake county, Oregon, until the geological survey can make an examination of the peculiar formation on this land, known as Fortrock. If this land mark is considered of sufficient importance, it will be permanently reserved as a national monument.

Hitchcock Coming West.

Washington, Sept. 15.—Postmaster General Hitchcock left Washington tonight on a trip to the Pacific coast, going by way of New York city. He will arrive in Seattle in time to be present at the Washington state postmasters' convention, September 20 and 21. He will attend also the conventions of the Oregon and Montana postmasters.

Irrigation Contract Awarded.

Washington, Sept. 18.—A contract has been awarded D. H. Traphagen, of Seattle, for the construction of that portion of the distribution system of the Tieton irrigation project on the Natches Ridge, Washington. The work involves the excavation of 117,700 cubic yards of material. The contract price was \$31,500.

Taft's Secretary at White House.

Washington, Sept. 18.—Fred W. Carpenter, secretary of the president, and Rudolph Forster, one of the assistants secretaries, who were at Beverly, Mass., have returned to Washington and assumed their duties at the White House. President Taft will at all time be in easy communication with Washington.

Spencer Eddy Resigns.

Washington, Sept. 18.—The State department today received the resignation of Spencer Eddy, of Illinois, minister to Roumania and Servia. Mr. Eddy's wife, is the daughter of John D. Spreckels, of San Diego. Ill health is given as the cause for Eddy's resignation.

He Defended John Surratt.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Judge W. F. Morris, former chief justice of the court of appeals for the District of Columbia, died today, aged 74 years. Judge Morris defended John H. Surratt, one of the alleged conspirators against President Lincoln.

DROP MALHEUR PROJECT.

No Funds Available to Continue Irrigation Work.

Washington, Sept. 18.—It was announced today that the government will not at the present time undertake the construction of the Malheur irrigation project.

Secretary Ballinger, though anxious to help settlers in the Malheur contract country, finds after a study of the entire irrigation situation, that the condition of the reclamation fund will not now justify the adoption of any new projects. Many millions of dollars, in addition to what is at present available, are needed to complete projects in course of construction and as the adoption of new projects would seriously interfere with finishing what has been heretofore undertaken, it has been decided temporarily to lay aside all applications for new work. This decision is approved by President Taft. The question whether or not the Malheur project shall be built by private enterprise has not been passed upon, and probably will depend largely upon the attitude of landowners. How long it will be before the Malheur project can be undertaken by the government is purely a matter of conjecture.

SHIPPERS GET REBATE.

Sensational Charges Made Against Atlantic Ocean Lines.

Washington, Sept. 14.—In official circles here more than ordinary interest is excited over the investigation in New York into the alleged illegal operations of some of the trans-Atlantic steamship lines, especially the Holland-American line.

The charges that these lines have entered into conspiracy with certain American railroad lines in restraint of trade, that rebates have been paid them by some railroads and that they have laid themselves liable to prosecution under the terms of the Sherman anti-trust act did not surprise those who had followed the proceedings in what was known as the Cosmopolitan shipping cases before the Interstate Commerce commission.

The commission dismissed the case on the ground that it had no authority to act. The evidence was turned over to the Department of Justice. Wade E. Ellis, assistant to the attorney general, expressed surprise that the matter had become public and declined to discuss it.

New Governor of Porto Rico.

Washington, Sept. 16.—It was announced tonight that the president would appoint George R. Colton, of the District of Columbia, as governor of Porto Rico. Mr. Colton first went to the Philippines as lieutenant colonel of a Nebraska regiment. After that he was made collector of customs at Manila. This office he now holds, having come home on leave of absence to assist the bureau of insular affairs in preparing the Philippine tariff bill.

Names Tariff Commission.

Beverly, Sept. 15.—President Taft yesterday announced the appointment of the new tariff commission: Chairman, Professor Henry C. Emery, of Yale; assistant secretary of the treasury, James B. Reynolds, of Boston; editor and publisher of the Breeders Gazette, Alvin H. Sanders, of Chicago. The commission is authorized to employ experts to investigate foreign and domestic tariffs. The announcement was made after a conference.

Consular Promotions.

Washington, Sept. 17.—The following promotions have been made in the consular service: David F. Wilbur, of New York, from consul general at Halifax to consul at Kobe, Japan; James W. Ragsdale, California, from consul at St. Petersburg to consul general at Halifax. Ragsdale entered the consular service at Tientsin, China, in 1897 and was transferred to St. Petersburg in 1908.

Show Disgust With Peary.

Washington, Sept. 15.—"Pole hunting is a sportsman's job; the scientific value of the discovery is very slight," said Henry W. Perkins, acting superintendent of the coast geodetic survey, today. All Washington replies: "If that is true, why, in heaven's name, can't the question of the victory be settled in a sportsmanlike manner?"

Are Railroads Overpaid?

Washington, Sept. 14.—It was announced today that Postmaster General Hitchcock will institute an inquiry to determine whether the \$50,000,000 which the government annually pays the railroads for carrying the mails is too much or too little for the service performed.

Governor Clark to Take Oath.

Washington, Sept. 14.—Walter E. Clark, of this city, will take the oath of office as governor of Alaska at Juneau October 1. He leaves for San Francisco tomorrow, where he will be banqueted by the commercial bodies of that city.

Orders Three Billion Postcards.

Washington, Sept. 14.—The contract for supplying 3,487,000,000 postal cards to his department in the next four years has been awarded by Postmaster General Hitchcock to the government printing office at the lowest bid, \$934,717.95.

AID IS NEEDED.

Appeal Made to America for Sufferers in Mexico.

Washington, Sept. 14.—Tales of great suffering in the flooded districts of Mexico as told in telegrams received at the State department today from Consul General Philip C. Hanna, brought forth another appeal tonight from the American Red Cross society for funds with which to "supply our unfortunate neighbors of Mexico with the necessities of life."

The loss of life and destruction of property is even greater than was at first supposed, and it is predicted that great physical suffering will prevail among the homeless during the fall and winter.

The destruction was greatest in the country and small towns between Monterey and Matamoras. Mr. Hanna says the American consul at Matamoras reports that place under water and a serious condition of affairs exists and that the railroads between Matamoras and Monterey have been washed out.

"We are sending supplies down the railroad as fast as it is opened," says Mr. Hanna.

He suggests that it might be possible for the American army in the Southwest to co-operate with the Mexican army and American and Mexican consuls in assisting Mexican towns.

"It is believed by many," Mr. Hanna said, "that more than 10,000 lives have been lost, and thousands are homeless."

OLD SETTLEMENT IN RUINS.

Storm Plays Havoc With Century-Old "Place of Peace."

La Paz, Baja California, Sept. 8. via Guaymas, Sept. 14.—La Paz, the oldest settlement of the California, is in ruins. The most terrific storm ever known has wrought havoc in and about the old pueblo. Seven lives are already known to be lost and the shore is strewn with wreckage from ships and boats in the roadstead. In many places the water is four feet deep in the streets and some of the thoroughfares are channels for raging torrents.

Communication with the outside world, except by a steamer, which has just stopped at the port, is cut off and the greatest misery exists, especially among the poor townspeople, the majority of whom have lost everything they had in the world.

From the country districts comes the news that the devastation there has been great. Without warning the cyclone burst on this "Place of Peace," accompanied by torrents of rain. The boats along shore and anchored in the bay were torn from their moorings and most of them were battered in collision or thrown upon the beach. The sky was overcast and many believed the end of the world at hand, and crowded the old mission church in a delirium of fear.

BOMB CASES ON TRIAL.

Sensational Disclosures Are Promised at Chicago.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—Sensational disclosures are promised in the trial of Vincent A. and Joseph Altman, charged with malicious mischief and arson. A score of witnesses will be brought by the state in an attempt to prove that both were guilty of causing the explosion and fire which wrecked the Standard Sash & Door company's plant, May 28, 1908, and their testimony, it is claimed, will throw considerable light on the entire series of bomb outrages which have taken place in Chicago in the last two years.

Secretary John J. Brittain, of the Amalgamated Carpenters' union, said today that members of the union would do all in their power to aid the defense. Assistant State Attorney Benjamin J. Short, who will have charge of the prosecution, said that the reason the "Bomb 31" case would not be heard first was that State's Attorney Wayman believed it was not as important a case as that of the Standard Sash & Door company's explosion and fire, and that the penalty was not so great.

"Conviction in the case to be tried first means a penalty of 29 years' imprisonment," he said, "while in the 'Bomb 31' case there is no arson charge and the penalty for the offense is only ten years."

Female Labor Law Attacked.

Chicago, Sept. 13.—Circuit Court Judge Tuthill has issued a writ restraining the state's attorney and the factory inspector from bringing suits against W. C. Ritchie & Co., paper box manufacturers, to punish that firm for working its women for more than 10 hours a day. The injunction was obtained by the lawyers of the Illinois Manufacturers' association. An appeal will be taken. If the ruling stands, the law prohibiting the employment of women for longer than 10 hours a day will be invalidated.

Strange Fish Caught.

New York, Sept. 13.—A fish, nine feet wide and 12 feet long, the first of its kind seen along this coast in 54 years, according to Captain Cook, who has been in the fishing trade at West End, Long Branch, for that length of time, was netted at the Highlands and brought ashore at Galilee, three miles north of here, by Captain Daniel Gaslin and his crew. One of its young was captured with the monstrosity. Both were alive when landed.

Scott to Seek South Pole.

London, Sept. 14.—Captain R. Scott, who commanded the "Discovery" expedition in 1902, will start next July on his Antarctic expedition. Captain Scott said today his plan included the use of three methods, sledge, traction by ponies and dogs and motor sled.

TAFT PACKS HIS GRIP

All Is Ready for Start on Long Western Tour.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES ARE CLOSED

Goes to Boston by Motor and Official Trip Starts From There—Chicago Next Stop.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 14.—President Taft gave up his golf game and all official business yesterday and devoted himself to preparing for the long Western trip, which will really have its beginning when he motors into Boston this afternoon to attend a chamber of commerce banquet. The president will pass the night in Boston, leaving there for Chicago at 10 a. m. Wednesday. Mrs. Taft expects to remain in Beverly until November 12, when the president plans to arrive here to take her back to Washington. The executive offices will close after the president leaves Beverly.

With the assistance of two servants the president packed his numerous grips and trunks.

The president also was busy yesterday assembling the numerous papers, documents and reference books which he will need in the preparation of his manuscript. Secretary Carpenter had collected most of these and it was the president's task to revise the list. The president had no official engagements.

Oscar Lawlor, assistant attorney general of the Interior department, was at Beverly and his presence led to a renewal of the report that the president may have something to say on the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy before he leaves for Boston.

LOVETT IS HEAD.

Elected Chairman Union Pacific Executive Committee.

New York, Sept. 14.—Ex-Judge Robert S. Lovett, chief counsel for the Union Pacific railroad, was yesterday elected chairman of the executive committee of the company, thereby becoming the successor of Edward H. Harriman in the control of the vast railroad and steamship systems which the financier built up. The Union Pacific still remains without a president, as Mr. Harriman occupied this position also. It is understood, however, that an operating man, probably L. F. Loree, president of the Delaware & Hudson, will be elected to the place at the annual meeting of the stockholders October 12.

At the same meeting where Mr. Lovett was elected to the chief executive position of the keystone road of the Harriman system, William Rockefeller and Jacob H. Schiff were elected members of the board of directors of the Union Pacific and were also appointed members of the executive committee. Messrs. Schiff and Rockefeller succeed Mr. Harriman and the late Henry H. Rogers as members of the board.

WOULD DIVIDE CALIFORNIA.

People of South Propose New State Because Taxes High.

Los Angeles, Sept. 14.—The South California State league was made a permanent organization at a mass meeting of citizens of Los Angeles, in Symphony hall today, with George N. Black as president and Herbert Burdette and B. A. Stephens as secretaries. The meeting was called by the Los Angeles Realty board to offer a protest against the recent action of the state board of equalization in raising the assessed valuation of the property of this county.

Many of those present at the meeting today wore badges inscribed "South California State League."

The wearing of these badges and many of the speeches made reflected a strong sentiment in favor of state division, and this was later crystallized in a set of resolutions passed by the meeting.

Opium Hidden Among Fish.

Marysville, Sept. 14.—Having received information that a large quantity of opium was being smuggled here from San Francisco, the police placed a watch on a Chinese store which was suspected. Officer Burroughs remained in hiding for five hours last night and finally was rewarded by catching several Chinese in the act of receiving a package marked "fish" from Wells, Fargo & Co. express. The men were arrested and the package was seized. It proved to contain a large amount of opium hidden among fish.

Immigrants Good Citizens.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—"The immigrant is a better American than the American himself. He has learned by experience in his native land to appreciate the freedom and advantages of the United States. He can understand the free life which the American takes merely as an individual." Dr. David Blaustein, superintendent of the Chicago Hebrew institute, speaking on America and the immigrant, thus expressed himself yesterday.

Knife for Governor Johnson.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 14.—Governor John A. Johnson will go to Rochester, Minn., this afternoon to undergo another operation as the result of an operation for appendicitis several years ago, which left several painful abscesses.