

EVENTS OF THE DAY

New 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.

New York customs officials have been arrested for under-weighting figs.

A baboon attacked and nearly killed his keeper in an animal show in Portland.

Federal inquiry into the burning of the steamer St. Croix fails to discover the cause.

The Philadelphia National League baseball club has been sold to a syndicate for \$350,000.

A New Yorker wrote 1505 words in 15 minutes on a typewriter from copy he had never seen before.

Chile will accept the arbitration of King Edward in the Alsop claim dispute with the United States.

Guards on the Sellwood ferry rescued two persons from a wrecked houseboat drifting down the Willamette.

Dr. Cook is suffering from nervous prostration, after preparing his records for inspection of Copenhagen university.

Steamer Argo was blown on the sands at the entrance to Tillamook bay, and three persons were lost and several others injured.

The government is unable to get any word from its minister at Managua, Nicaragua, and it is believed President Diaz is intercepting dispatches.

Violent storms are sweeping the Great Lakes.

Senator Borah will ask congress to investigate Ballinger-Pinchot feud.

Fire broke out anew in the St. Paul mine, and rescue work is suspended.

The government is preparing to send marines to Nicaragua on short notice.

Friends of Astor still continue to search for the missing yacht Nourmahal.

British Liberals believe that a fight to the finish on English lords has begun.

Standard Oil company will undertake the repeal of the Sherman anti-trust law.

A Chinese letter-writer has warned the mayor of Portland that a long war is likely to begin at any time.

The government has ordered a rigid investigation into the St. Croix disaster. Much damage suits may follow.

Taft will prosecute the sugar trust to a finish in spite of the statute of limitations, under which they claim immunity.

Lack of American beef in Germany may cause a campaign for the readmission of American canned meats under a very low tariff.

Excessive rains have produced flood conditions throughout the Willamette and Columbia valleys, and much damage has resulted.

Colonel Astor's yacht Nourmahal is reported safe at San Juan harbor.

Senator Borah says the forestry bureau usurps the functions of congress.

Football has, so far this year, claimed 36 dead and 216 injured, most of the latter being maimed for life.

Another day's search in the St. Paul mine revealed 47 dead bodies, but no indication of any more living.

Four hundred and fifty lords will assemble to vote on the final acceptance or rejection of the British budget.

Recent court decision against Standard oil is said to be only a theoretical defeat, and will result in no practical loss.

Isthmian canal commission reports the big ditch half finished, and estimates the cost will be double the original estimate.

No lives were lost in the burning of the steamer St. Croix, but many were injured and great suffering prevailed. The ship is a total loss.

An Ohio banker and party of four have completed a 1,300-mile trip in row-boats down the Colorado river. They obtained many photographs of prehistoric Indian hieroglyphics.

A Kansas hen laid an egg bearing the lettering "Drought 1911."

It is reported that there are 200,000 unemployed in New York city.

St. Louis women took forcible possession of the streetcars of that city and cleaned them up.

Samuel Gompers has been unanimously re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor.

A submerged wreck on the Atlantic coast is thought to be the missing yacht of Colonel Astor.

A fight to a finish for traffic is about to begin between the Pennsylvania railroad and the New York Central lines.

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St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 23.—In an opinion written by Judge Walter H. Sanborn of St. Paul, and concurred in by Judges Vandeventer, Hook and Adams, with a special concurring opinion by Judge Hook, the United States circuit court for the eastern district of Missouri today handed down an opinion declaring the Standard Oil company of New Jersey an illegal combination operating in restraint of trade and ordered its dissolution.

The opinion was filed simultaneously in St. Louis and in St. Paul.

In this decision the government of the United States gains a sweeping victory. According to Frank B. Kellogg, special prosecutor, the government has won every point for which it contended.

The decree filed by Judge Sanborn is comprehensive and enjoins the Standard company, its directors, officers, agents, servants and employees from voting any stock in any of the subsidiary companies, and from exercising or attempting to exercise any control over the acts of these subsidiary companies.

The subsidiary companies are enjoined from declaring or paying any dividends to the Standard company and from permitting the latter company to vote any stock in, or direct the policy of the subsidiary companies.

But the defendants are not prohibited from distributing, rateably to the shareholders of the principal company the shares to which they are equitably entitled in the stocks of the defendant corporations that are parties to the combination.

The defendants are enjoined from continuing or carrying into further effect the combination adjudged to be illegal and from entering into any like combination, the effect of which is to restrain commerce in petroleum or to prolong the unlawful monopoly.

The case will be appealed direct to the supreme court of the United States, the judges who signed the decree are in effect the judges of the United States circuit court of appeals, although they were sitting for the purpose of trying this case as the circuit court for the eastern district of Missouri.

The decree becomes effective in 30 days, when no doubt a stay will be granted for the purpose of an appeal. When the decree takes effect, unless a stay is granted, an injunction will issue restraining the Standard Oil company from a further continuance of its business under its present formation.

It appears from the concurring opinion written by Judge Hook that the company cannot do business under any other form with the object of stifling competition. He says on this subject that it is thought that with the end of the combination the monopoly will naturally disappear, but should it not do so and the members of the combination retire from it, except one who might perpetuate the monopoly by the aggregation of the physical properties and instrumentalities, it would constitute a violation of the decree of the court.

In the trial the point was made that the Standard Oil company was a sufficient corporation in that it, by reason of economy in operation, reduced the price of its product. This, Judge Hook holds, can have no weight.

URGED TO USE BIG STICK.

London Wants Taft to Keep Peace in Central America.

London, Nov. 23.—Nothing could be more agreeable to Europe, so far as Central American affairs are concerned, than such a turn of events on the Nicaraguan coast as would give Washington good grounds for drastic action.

"It is to be hoped," says the London Review, "that Mr. Roosevelt did not take the 'big stick' with him to Africa, and that President Taft knows where to lay his hands on it."

"There may be two opinions as to the expediency of wielding it in internal concerns, such as corporation aggressiveness, like the Standard oil, and corporation iniquity, like the American sugar. That is for the Washington administration to say."

"But if the United States is to enforce the Monroe doctrine and maintain the hegemony of the western world, the plainest of plain duties to the rest of the universe requires that the brawling Latin states near the isthmus be flogged into some sense of discipline."

Drought in 1911 Predicted.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 23.—The helpful hen, famed in Kansas song and story, is responsible for a "phenomenon" that is stirring the state from the Missouri river to the Colorado border. It is all about an egg that was laid out in Republic county, June 11 of this year. Early in the forenoon of that day Mrs. Ralph Fullen responded to the daily cackle of Biddy, and went out to the chicken house to gather eggs. Imbedded in the shell of one were ominous characters which spelled out "Drought, 1911."

Home to Cost \$1,000,000.

New York, Nov. 23.—Contracts for the construction of a country house at Port Washington, Long Island, have been confirmed by Howard Gould. The attorney general will punish all guilty in the sugar trust case.

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Taft Begins Trustees Duties.

Hampton, Va., Nov. 23.—President Taft today took up his duties as a member of the board of trustees of Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute. The president in an address praised the work of industrial schools like Hampton and Tuskegee.

Cable for Assistant Secretary.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Benjamin S. Cable, a Chicago attorney, will succeed Ormsby McHarg as assistant secretary of commerce and labor, according to a statement made today by Senator Culom of Illinois.

Target Moving Eight Knots Is Hit Three Out of Four by Company.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Reports of excellent shooting at long range by coast artillery companies continue to reach the war department. A remarkable record was made by the 115th company at Fort Rosecrans, Cal., on October 20.

Four shots were fired from a battery of two 10-inch guns at a target 30 feet high by 60 feet long, which was moving at the rate of eight miles an hour at a distance of about five miles from the battery firing. All four shots were fired in an interval of one minute and 20 seconds and passed through a rectangle nine feet high by 42 feet wide. Only three hits were scored on the target, as one of the shots passed four yards to the left of it.

The 52d company, at Fort Robman, Mass., on October 20, fired four shots from an eight-inch battery at a 30x60-foot material target, which was moving at the rate of five miles an hour at a distance of about four miles from the firing battery. All four shots were hits and the first shot cut the raft of the material target in two.

FAVORS PRIVATE CAPITAL.

Senate Committee Would Nullify Irrigation Law.

Washington, Nov. 27.—In advance of the report of the senate committee on irrigation comes the statement that the majority will favor emasculation of the national irrigation law, so as to give to private capital the privilege of developing all possible reclamation projects.

A minority of the committee, among them Senator Chamberlain, is expected to oppose any such plan. Private business interests are said to be back of this movement, which Ballinger endorsed in a speech before the National Irrigation congress at Spokane in August.

The plan involves indorsement of the proposed \$30,000,000 bond issue, to complete projects now under way, with the gradual withdrawal of the government from all localities where private parties desire to execute reclamation projects.

Intimations already received point to a bitter warfare over such a proposal.

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Moving Pictures to Teach Farming.

Washington, Nov. 25.—The federal department of agriculture has sent an agent to Ithaca to get a series of motion pictures of the poultry farm conducted by the New York state college of agriculture. The pictures were made for educational purposes, and next winter farming audiences in many states will see the Cornell hens strutting about the poultry yard, students lugging straw to the hen houses, disinfecting the pens, filling the feed hoppers in the poultry range, filling the lamps in the incubators, and in general doing all of the work that goes on in a well managed, scientific poultry yard.

Deschutes Power Held.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Secretary Ballinger today withdrew from entry 3262 acres of land along the upper Deschutes River for protection of power sites.

The withdrawal is ordered providing Congress enacts legislation for the control or disposal of the lands.

The land withdrawn is the waterway in connection with which charge has been made in granting rights of way to the Hill and Harriman railroads through the Deschutes Canyon. Ballinger had rendered construction of a power plant in the canyon impossible.

Dedicate Tablet to Gridley.

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 27.—Many prominent representatives of the United States navy came to Annapolis today to take part in ceremonies attending the dedication of a tablet in Bancroft hall of the United States Naval Academy in memory of Captain Charles V. Gridley, who commanded Admiral Dewey's flagship at the battle of Manila Bay and to whom the admiral gave the famous order: "When you are ready, Gridley, fire."

The tablet is of golden bronze, 3½ x 2½ feet.

Officers Are Re-Elected.

Washington, Nov. 24.—After electing as its officers those who served last year, the convention of the National Association of Railway Commissioners today adjourned to meet next year in Washington. A resolution recommending legislation to limit the issue of stocks and bonds of railroads engaged in interstate commerce was adopted.

There was a spirited discussion as to whether state or federal control was contemplated. The resolution left this an open question.

News Gratifies Washington.

Washington, Nov. 23.—While the officials of the state department have not been officially advised of the reported willingness of the Chilean government to submit the Alsop claim to arbitration at The Hague, they are gratified at the news to that effect contained in the Associated Press dispatches. Senor Cruz, the Chilean minister, refused today to discuss the matter.

Reparation Not Expected.

Managua, Nicaragua, Nov. 25.—Not having notification on the subject, the Nicaraguan government expressed doubt that demand for reparation would be made by the United States on account of the execution of the two Americans, Grace and Cannon, for the reason, it is pointed out, that the action of Nicaragua was according to law.

Taft Snubs Suffragette.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Mrs. Philip Snowden, wife of a Liberal member of Parliament and noted as the most beautiful suffragette, tried to see President Taft today. She failed. Mrs. Snowden left the White House announcing that she would endeavor again tomorrow to run the gauntlet that had shut her off.

Work on Gunboats Hurried.

Portsmouth, N. H., Nov. 25.—Naval rush orders were received here today in connection with the outfitting of the gunboats Paducah and Dubuque, both of which have been preparing to return to their stations in the Caribbean Sea.

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NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

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WILEY PURSES MILLERS.

Portland Company Is Made Subject of Circular.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Dr. Wiley, the government pure food expert, is pursuing another Portland manufacturing concern, the Acme Mills company, which was accused, tried and convicted of putting on the market a foodstuff bearing a misleading label, "Iowa Rolled Oats M