

CHOLERA STRIKES RUSSIA'S RULERS

High and Low Suffer in St. Petersburg from Dread Disease.

Many Victims Found in the Schools—Court Councillor Stricken While Entertaining Guests—Dead Arrive at Cemeteries Faster Than the Sextons Can Bury Them.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 24.—Asiatic cholera is spreading so rapidly that it has invaded the families of the aristocracy and merchants, and one case has been discovered in the palace of Prince Alexander of Oldenburg, a cousin of the emperor. Schools have become infected and the deaths are so numerous that the sextons cannot bury the bodies as fast as they arrive at the cemeteries.

Twenty-four cases have been reported in the town of Peterhof. The imperial family is expected to return soon to Peterhof palace from its cruise in Finnish waters.

The disease has broken out among the cadets at Pavlovsk military academy, one of the most important higher military schools in the empire. Forty students have been sent to hospitals, and two deaths already have been announced. Several attendants at the academy also have been stricken. The academy has been closed and the remaining cadets sent into camp at Krasnnoe-Selo.

Among the cases reported in St. Petersburg yesterday was that of Count Councillor Nechiporenko, who was stricken while entertaining a party of guests. Two prominent merchants, several officials of the various ministries and other members of the better classes in the capital are down with the disease.

A servant in the second military school has developed the cholera, and measures are being taken to prevent an outbreak in this institution. The disease was conveyed to these two schools in the rations served to the students.

The accumulation of corpses at the graveyards continues. There were 92 unburied bodies at the Preobrazhenskoe cemetery yesterday morning, and the regular mortuary train brought down 146 more. The sextons are able to inter only 120 bodies a day.

The report for the 24 hours ending at noon yesterday shows 136 cases and 157 deaths in St. Petersburg, an increase of 19 cases and a decrease of 18 deaths, as compared with Tuesday's statistics.

TUGBOAT MEN CURVED.

Captain of Star of Bengal Says Crew Could Have Been Saved.

Wrangel, Alaska, Sept. 24.—One hundred and ten whites and Chinese were swept to death when the canyery bark Star of Bengal broke to pieces on Coronation island. Twenty-seven, including Captain Wagner, were rescued, and are now here, physical and mental wrecks from the terrible exposure and hardships which they underwent.

The seafaring annals of the Pacific coast have no more horrid record than the destruction of the ill-fated bark and the deaths of the men who were carried away while two tugs stood by.

"Those tugboat captains should be sent to prison for cowardice," gasped Captain Wagner as he was brought ashore. Unable to sit up and with voice sunk to a hoarse whisper, the captain of the wrecked bark cursed the masters of the Hattie Gage and Kayak as cowards, who, he said, stood by and saw human being perish by the score when they could have saved every one of them.

Scobbing like a child, the captain of the Bengal told how his vessel was allowed to drift on the rocks while these tugs stood by without making an effort to rescue her until she broke into three pieces.

"They cut loose from us and ran like the cowards they are and let us go to certain death. We were in 10 fathoms of water. The wind was not blowing hard, and they could have held on to us as well as not. We were in plenty of water for four hours while they were standing by, and we hoped every minute that they would come alongside. For four long despairing hours we burned blue lights, hoping against hope, and those cowards hung off in fear and saw good men swept away. We blew upon the rocks and pounded to pieces. Something hit me and when I came to I was on the beach."

Kansas Warns Rail Magnates.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 24.—Alleging that the Missouri Pacific tracks in this state are in such poor condition that the line is unsafe, the state railway commission has notified George J. Gould and E. H. Harriman that repairs must be made immediately. The commissioners remind Gould of promises to repair the road which have been made in the past by his company, and warn him that mere words will not be acceptable in future. The board threatens to send inspectors and publish weekly reports of the defects found.

Cuban Attacks Diplomat.

Havana, Sept. 24.—J. Cornell Tarler, charge d'affaires of the American legation, in the absence of Minister Morgan, was assaulted by a Cuban in a restaurant in this city last night. The assault was unprovoked, and several Cubans were concerned in it. One of them, without giving Mr. Tarler a chance to rise from his seat, struck him in the face, cutting him severely over the right eye. The assailant escaped, but his arrest is expected.

Plague Again Raging.

Willemsstad, Curacao, Sept. 24.—Letters received here from Curacao announce a fresh outbreak of the bubonic plague in the Venezuelan capital. Several deaths have occurred among people of the better class.

TWO MEN BURNED.

Fatilities Follow Forest Fires Near Eureka, California.

Eureka, Cal., Sept. 25.—A strong wind fanned forest fires to the north of this city that wiped out the town of Luffenholz from the map last night, and that were again raging with added force, and the greatest destruction during the progress of the fire was recorded during the day.

The plant of the Little River Redwood Lumber company is burning and all that protects the town of Fieldbrook is 100 yards of green timber, which may ward off the flames, although the residents are preparing to flee with their household goods.

The fire devastated a stretch of timber over 30 miles long and from four to five miles wide, burning houses, mostly squatter settlements, thousands of cords of wood and many thousands of acres of timber land. The plant of the Little River Redwood Lumber company, now reported burning, is valued at \$1,000,000, exclusive of timber, of which there is several thousand acres.

Two deaths have been recorded. A body found, at first thought to be that of A. Carlson, has now been identified as that of Frank White-more, while another charred corpse found at Trinidad has not been identified.

Fire is now going inland up Little River at a furious pace. At noon the wind was blowing the flames through sparse timber that was once logged off or denuded of its big trees, but so fast are they traveling that there is no doubt they will again get into thick timber at the head of Little river, when the damage will be hard to estimate. If fire once gets into this timber, there will be no stopping it until it reaches the Trinity county line, unless the wind changes or a heavy rain falls.

ROCKEFELLER AS AUTHOR.

Oil King Makes Denial of Accusations Against Him.

New York, Sept. 25.—John D. Rockefeller appears for the first time in the role of an author in a series of articles on "Some Random Reminiscences of Men and Events," the first of which will appear on Friday in the October issue of "The World's Work."

Mr. Rockefeller gives as a reason for speaking now that "if a tenth of the things that have been said are true, then dozens of able and faithful men who have been associated with me, many of whom have passed away, must have been guilty of grave faults. For myself, I had decided to say nothing, hoping that after my death the truth would gradually come to the surface and posterity would do strict justice; but while I live and can testify to certain things, it seems fair that I should refer to some points which I hope will help to set forth several much discussed happenings in a new light. I am convinced that they have not been fully understood."

"It has been said that I forced the men who became my partners in the oil business to join with me. I would not have been so short-sighted. If it were true that I followed such tactics, I ask, would it have been possible to make of such men life-long companions?"

Mr. Rockefeller speaks of the development of the Standard Oil company and says that the plan of selling direct to the consumer and the exceptionally rapid growth of the business "bred a certain antagonism which I suppose could not have been avoided."

STORM DAMAGES PROPERTY

Severe Results from Rainfall and Electrical Tempest in California.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 25.—A storm of unprecedented extent and duration for this time of year visited this city and the surrounding counties the past 48 hours, the rainfall amounting to several inches in some places and the electrical display which accompanied the storm resulting in considerable property damage, particularly at Bakersfield, where a ranch-house was struck and destroyed.

A cloudburst in the Kern river oil fields caused the loss of a great quantity of oil, which escaped to the irrigation ditches. At San Luis Obispo a barn was struck by lightning, destroying it and so terrifying the horses that six had to be shot.

Local Option Wins Point.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 25.—Local optionists made a stand in the house yesterday, and won a signal victory over their opponents, who have been working persistently to gain an advantage over the anti-liquor forces. The bill was advanced to a second reading after a vote which showed 51 to 49 in favor of the local optionists. The close vote does not fully signify the full extent of the victory, for there were many powerful influences exerted against the anti-liquor men. An effort was made to kill the bill by indefinite postponement.

Wright Makes Good Trip.

Lemans, France, Sept. 25.—Wilbur Wright made a successful flight yesterday afternoon against a wind that was blowing at the rate of about 18 miles an hour. He remained up for a fraction more than 34 minutes, covering officially 39 kilometers (24 miles), which is about half a kilometer more than the distance made for the Michelin prize on Monday. In reality Mr. Wright covered about 35 miles, the force of the wind obliging him to make wide turns.

Carnegie's Gift \$1,250,000.

London, Sept. 25.—Encouraged by the success that has attended the establishment of his "hero fund" in America, Andrew Carnegie has decided to found a similar fund in his native land. To this end he is about to hand over to trustees the sum of \$1,250,000.

HAPPENINGS GATHERED IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON, D. C.

CANADIANS SEAL POACHERS.

Captain of Revenue Cutter Bear So Declares in Report.

Washington, Sept. 26.—That Canadian fishermen have been engaged during the past summer in seal poaching in Alaskan waters in violation of the agreement between the United States and Great Britain, is the substance of a report of Captain Bertholf, of the United States revenue cutter Bear, to the treasury department yesterday. Captain Bertholf mentions the schooner Thomas H. Bayard as the alleged offender in this report, and an investigation has been started.

According to Captain Bertholf's report, the information was obtained from fishermen at Sanborn Harbor, Alaska. They allege that the Bayard had 28 seal skins aboard in July of this year.

Captain Bertholf has been patrolling the sealing waters with the Bear all summer. He captured about 30 Japanese a few weeks ago for alleged seal poaching in American waters. His report was made the subject of a conference between the members of the state and treasury departments yesterday, and it is likely that Great Britain will be called upon to take action.

MAY SURPASS ALASKA.

Mining Expert Says Philippines Are Rich in Gold.

Washington, Sept. 24.—The Philippines may surpass Alaska in gold production within the next few years. "There is a surprise in store for those disposed to look upon the Philippines as a 'useless acquisition,'" says A. Heise, a mining engineer of Manila, who is now in Washington. "Before the Spanish conquest gold dust in considerable quantities was exported from the Philippines to China, and since American occupation the work of prospecting has made wonderful strides. Next year gold to the value of \$1,000,000 will be taken out, and the installation of improved machinery will soon make possible a production of at least \$5,000,000 annually."

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PROBE SMALL COMBINE.

General Electric Company Not Subject of Federal Inquiry.

Washington, Sept. 22.—When a report that the government was investigating the General Electric company as a trust was brought to the attention of the department of justice Saturday, it was stated that it is a fact that inquiry was being made into certain comparatively small electrical material dealers who are charged with constituting a trust.

Nothing has been heard from any of the department's subordinates about the General Electric Company being connected with the matter. Regret was expressed at the department that reports should be published on the subject at this time, as it was declared no proceedings of any kind may be taken.

The inquiry was yet unfinished, and it was feared that a premature publication may impede its progress.

Lecture Bank Examiners.

Washington, Sept. 23.—"I say to you emphatically that your work must be improved. Embezzlements have failed of discovery, defalcations and dishonesty have been concealed from you, and in many cases you have failed to correctly or even approximately estimate the value of the paper and securities held by the banks." This was the declaration made yesterday by Controller of the Currency Lawrence O. Murray in addressing the conference of national bank examiners, representing practically all of the territory east of Ohio.

Guard Fleet from Cholera.

Washington, Sept. 26.—Secretary Metcalf sent today the following dispatch to the naval station at Cavite, to be delivered to Admiral Sperry when the battleship fleet reaches that place: "The cholera has appeared in the Philippines. If you find it approaching epidemic or danger of getting it aboard ship, restrict visiting the ship, except on business, or prohibit altogether the officers and men, and permit no visitors aboard while at Manila or Cavite until return from Yokohama."

President Off for Washington.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 24.—President Roosevelt has abandoned his "summer capital" and returned to Washington for the work of the winter, much to the regret of the townspeople. President and Mrs. Roosevelt were accompanied to the depot by a large crowd of people, and the president made a little speech from the rear platform of the train. This is probably the last time that Roosevelt will ever reside at Oyster Bay as president of the United States.

Will Experiment in Forestry.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Forest experiment stations will soon be established in a number of the national forest states of the west, according to plans which have just been completed by the national forestry service. An experiment station has already been established on the Cococine national forest, in the southwest, with headquarters at Flagstaff, Ariz.

Minnesota's Loss Heavy.

Washington, Sept. 26.—R. W. Pullman, the government expert, who has been devoting much of his time recently to an investigation of losses growing out of forest fires, declared today the losses in Minnesota alone will be about \$10,000,000. He has made no report on fires in other parts of the country.

Loss Is \$1,000,000 Daily.

Washington, Sept. 24.—Dr. W. J. McGee, of the federal survey, who has returned to this city from the Adirondacks, says the damage being done in that section by the forest fires is \$1,000,000 a day.

Wright Still Improving.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Orville Wright, who was seriously injured Thursday in the aeroplane accident, which caused the death of Lieutenant Thomas E. Selfridge, continues to improve.

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Retire American Dreyfus.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Secretary of War Wright yesterday announced that Colonel William F. Stewart, now at Fort Grant, Ariz., had been ordered to appear before the retiring board here. If Colonel Stewart is found to be unfit for service, he will be compelled to retire from the army. The action of the secretary of war was taken on receiving reports from Fort Grant that Colonel Stewart was unfit to take the 90-mile ride.

Ready for Launching.

Washington, Sept. 23.—According to reports received at the navy department yesterday, work on the North Dakota, the new battleship now under construction at Fore River, Mass., is nearing completion, and will be ready for launching within the next two months. The North Dakota is designed to be one of the speediest battleships afloat, and will be surpassed by few war vessels of the world.

Pacific Fleet Is Scattered.

Washington, Sept. 24.—The cruiser California, of Admiral Swinburne's Pacific fleet, is expected at Suava, Java island, today. Near Pago Pago the cruiser Tennessee, in command of Rear Admiral Seebree, and the destroyers Wasp, Whipple and Hopkins will leave the fleet for a visit to Apia for two days, in response to an invitation from the German authorities there.

May Try to Save Aeon.

Washington, Sept. 23.—The captain of the American transport Solace, which is to go from Samoa to rescue the shipwrecked crew and passengers of the British ship Aeon, has been instructed by Secretary Metcalf to make an inquiry regarding the possibility of saving the vessel. This course is taken at the request of the insurance underwriters in England through their agent at Baltimore.

Gather for Tuberculosis Congress.

Washington, Sept. 25.—The delegates who are gathering here for the international congress on tuberculosis, whose sessions begin on Monday next, are taking great interest in the exhibits which are open to the public at the National museum. All day yesterday there were demonstrations by those in charge of the different state exhibits. These were accompanied by moving pictures and lectures.

Torpedo Practice Ended.

Washington, Sept. 22.—The navy department has ordered the torpedo boats Goldsborough, Rowan, Fox and Davis to hold target practice in Drakes bay, near San Francisco. The vessels will then proceed to San Diego, arriving there not later than October 24, and then joining the Pacific fleet for a cruise to the southward.

Cholera May Spoil Reception.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Communication between shore and the vessels of Admiral Sperry's fleet when they reach Manila will be governed entirely by cholera situation. If it is believed that serious danger of communicating exists, shore leave for the men will be prohibited.

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STEAMER ON ROCKS.

Star of Bengal Loses 110 of Crew and Big Salmon Cargo.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 23.—Advices last night from Alaska by the United States signal corps say that 110 men, including nine whites, were drowned in the wreck of the American bark Star of Bengal, on Coronation island, west of the Prince of Wales archipelago.

Twenty-seven of the vessel's crew and passengers were saved. The Star of Bengal belonged to the Alaska Packers' association, and was on her way to San Francisco with a cargo of 54,000 cases of salmon.

In addition to her crew she carried 100 Chinese and Japanese who were employed in the canneries of the company and taken aboard at Fort Wrangel.

The Star of Bengal took aboard cargo at Fort Wrangel, consisting of canned salmon, and started down Summer strait in tow of the tugs Hattie Gage and Kayak. As the vessels neared the open sea, where the sailing craft would have sea room to work off shore, the wind was steadily freshening, blowing on shore. The tugs struggled valiantly to keep the ship clear of the rocks, but the wind drove it down on the rocks lining the shore of Coronation island, which lies at the mouth of Iphigenia bay, and to save themselves from destruction the steam vessels were forced to cast off the lines and head out to sea.

The Star of Bengal went onto the rocks in such a position that the tugs could not get near enough to give any assistance, and the Gage headed for Fort Wrangel with news of the disaster.

RUSSIANS DIE BY HUNDREDS

Official Reports Don't Account for All Cholera Victims.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 23.—Up to noon yesterday the municipal hospitals reported for the preceding 24 hours 417 cholera cases and 176 deaths. There is a total of 1587 patients in the various hospitals.

That the municipal statistics are incomplete is conclusively proved by the number of interments. At one cemetery they aggregated 424 for the last three days, or within 20 of the total number of deaths reported.

The cholera dead are being interred at Preobrazhenskoe, which is about one hour distance on the railroad. A train of several coaches, carrying the mourners and a dozen freight cars with the dead in rude coffins, goes daily to the place. The scenes are heart-rending in the chapel, where service is conducted uninterruptedly night and day.

The scarcity of gravediggers has caused a painful delay in the past few days. 150 coffins containing bodies now being stored in the adjoining woodshed. Some of the mourners have been waiting their turn for several days.

Pennsylvania Fires Checked.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 22.—Reports received yesterday from Ashtola, near Johnston, where a forest fire has been raging for several days, are to the effect that the fire is now under control. At Ashtola 10,000,000 feet of logs were burned, and at Arrow, near by, 6,000,000 feet were destroyed. Yesterday heavy clouds of smoke hung over Windber, Johnston and intermediate points.

Late last night another fire started in the Hayden woods, near Greensburg. Yesterday the flames were spreading rapidly.

In practically all the churches Sunday special prayers were offered up that the drought in western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and West Virginia might be ended.

Forget Jungle Story.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—For the first time since the appearance of Upton Sinclair's packing house expose, "The Jungle," the British government yesterday contracted for an order of American meat, closing a contract with Libby, McNeil & Libby, packers, for 5,000,000 pounds of fresh beef. According to the contract, which was made through Thomas Arskine, British consul at Chicago, the price to be paid for the consignment of meat is \$500,000. Erskine requested the submission of bids for several million pounds of canned meats.

Fire Peril Again Greater.

Calumet, Mich., Sept. 23.—With the forest fires in northern Michigan fanned by high winds, the condition on the Canadian shore is worse than it has been in the past three weeks. The fires are gaining in velocity about Flucan, Niagara and Loreto and in the vicinity of Norway, Rockland and Mass City, and the situation is critical. Trains through Delta county crowded with refugees fleeing from the threatened district into Escanaba and Menominee.

Adirondack Towns in Peril

New York, Sept. 23.—Alarm is felt in many sections of the state because of the rapid spread of the big forest fires that have been burning for many days in the Adirondacks. According to dispatches received by the Associated Press here last night, dangerous fires are burning in some score of places, and a number of small towns and summer resorts are threatened.

Cholera on Transport.

San Francisco, Sept. 23.—Cable dispatches from Manila report that a case of cholera broke out on the transport Sheridan shortly after her departure from that port on September 15. The vessel put back to port and is now in quarantine.

Fear Fuel Famine.

Reno, Nev., Sept. 22.—Fuel merchants throughout the state are preparing to lay in a supply of coal and wood to prevent the possibility of a fuel famine such as was experienced last year. The Southern Pacific company has sent out a warning.

CHOLERA IN PHILIPPINES

Spreads to Islands from China, Where It Is a Raging Epidemic.

Rigid Inspection Reveals Many Cases Which Were Concealed—Army Is Fighting Disease—Hundreds Dying in Chinese Cities Daily—Weather Conditions Poor.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Reports to the public health service show that cholera is epidemic in Amoy and Hankow, China, claiming at the latter place 60 victims per day. The disease is also prevalent at Shanghai, Su-chow, Nungchow, Ningpo and Nankin.

Governor General Smith, of the Philippines, sent the following dispatch to the bureau of insular affairs under today's date:

"For the 24 hours beginning 8 A. M. September 19, 43 cases of cholera; on September 20, 59 cases. It is believed increase was due to putting on 200 inspectors, who discovered hidden cases. Cold rains also served to increase the number of cases. Have whole police force of Manila now on house-to-house canvass. Tomorrow 200 constabulary will be put to work, if necessary. Increased inspection today and cold rains may result in large number of cases."

"At 6 P. M. today we had 35 cases."

Marine hospital service advices show that during the past month cholera has appeared in various provinces, cases and deaths occurring in Santa Barbara, Jarov, Port of Iloilo, Barotaz and Dumangas.

Mail advices say that the disease is clearing up rapidly in the provinces which were first affected. The cases in the provinces affected later remain about stationary.

KEEP CASTRO FOR LIFE.

President's Partisans Start Movement to Prolong His Rule.

Caracas, via Willemsstad, Curacao, Sept. 22.—Partisans of President Castro in recent speeches have initiated a movement to proclaim Castro president of Venezuela for life.

Baron Zieckendorff, German minister, presented the answer of the Netherlands government to the last Venezuelan note to Foreign Minister Paul, three days ago. Yesterday the minister took it to Valencia and delivered it to President Castro, who is still enjoying himself with banquets and balls in the inland city. The contents of this last Dutch note are carefully guarded, but there is good reason to believe that it is not an ultimatum.

Baron Zieckendorff, who has acted diplomatically for the Netherlands since the rupture with Venezuela, will attempt to persuade President Castro to yield sufficiently to avoid a conflict, as Germany, it is held here, desires that the Venezuelan status quo be maintained.

FEARS OPEN REVOLT.

Monarchical Party in Portugal Storing Arms in Convents.

Lisbon, Sept. 22.—Insistent declarations that a revolutionary outbreak in Portugal is impending continue to make their appearance in the local newspapers, and a new feature of these reports is the statement that the monarchical extremists, realizing that the Republicans are arming for a revolt, are making ready for their defense by storing secretly large quantities of arms in the convents of Lisbon, where the authorities dare not penetrate.

The movement is said to be supported actively by the "old" party. One of the monarchical organs says that 17,000 persons have enlisted for the purpose of attacking and destroying the offices of the Republican newspapers, and the Republicans declare if this is done they will retaliate by starting a general riot and revolution.

City at Mercy of Disease.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 22.—The cholera continues to increase rapidly in St. Petersburg. The efforts of the authorities to stop the sale of liquor between Saturday and Monday and the other preventive measures taken have had but little if any effect in checking the spread of the epidemic. Between noon of Sunday and noon of Monday the municipal hospitals reported 380 cases and 155 deaths, and the addition of the statistics from the military and suburban hospitals for this same period will swell this total to truly formidable proportions.

Open Grand Trunk Road.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 22.—Alfred W. Smithers, of London, vice-president of the Grand Trunk railway, assisted by Charles M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Pacific, yesterday officially opened the Grand Trunk Pacific railway's third transcontinental railway across Canada, which is now completed from Winnipeg to Battle River, 666 miles, and is ready to handle traffic that distance. The road will be completed to Edmonton, a distance of 1000 miles.

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