

EVENTS OF THE DAY

News 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.

Society women of Denver have started a boycott on milliners.

An explosion in a coal mine at Indiana, Pennsylvania, killed eleven men.

The treasurer of a Massachusetts bank has confessed to embezzling over \$100,000.

Alleged frauds have been discovered in the registration for the coming election in Seattle.

It is alleged that food manufacturers all continue to use benzoate of soda in their products.

British Liberals have declared a relentless war on the Lords and will pursue it to the end.

The mayor of New York is trying to make each city employe show what he does to earn his salary.

A woman has been appointed police judge in Denver, and will hear the cases of women and children.

William Gohl, agent of the Sailors union of Seattle, is charged with many murders, and also incendiarism.

A bill has been introduced in parliament that persons unable to find employment must be supported out of the general taxes.

Eggs are arriving in Chicago at the rate of 1,800,000, per day from Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Missouri, Tennessee and Nebraska.

The Alaska steamer Farallon has been found wrecked on a reef off the Alaska coast. Five of her crew who went for help have not been heard from. The balance of the crew and passengers were rescued after camping nearly a month on shore.

Taft will speak in Chicago March 17. The University of Michigan at Seattle, will have a diet for one week.

Hamilton made a new speed record for aeroplanes of one mile in one minute and 27 seconds.

The Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry got into a bad tangle and will be gone over again from the start.

Damages of \$70,000 have been awarded a hat manufacturer in Connecticut, who sued the hatters union for boycotting.

A Los Angeles man willed his body to any physician who wished it, for scientific purposes, but no one claimed it and it was cremated.

For the second time in two years the medical supply department of the U. S. army at New York was burned out, with a loss of \$1,000,000.

A sinking steamer off the Atlantic coast sent wireless calls for aid and her captain and crew of 46 men were rescued just as the ship went down.

A San Francisco cornice worker fell from a three-story building, broke a 2x4 scantling on his way down, and landed on his feet without serious injury.

The Supreme court of the United States reached its 120th birthday.

A mine explosion in the Coahuila colliery in Mexico caused the death of 68 miners.

Commander Peary is trying to organize an expedition to seek the South Pole.

Clerks in the treasurer's office in Cook county, Ill., (Chicago) struck for increased pay for overtime.

Demands will be made for increase in wages of mechanics and shopmen on 27 railroads throughout the Southwest.

A shipment of 46 boxes of prehistoric bones has arrived in Berlin from the German East African exploring expedition.

Harriman's holdings in the Wells-Fargo Express company have been sold to the American Express company for \$23,450,000.

Prospects for the passage of a bill to raise additional money for the completion of government irrigation projects now under way grows brighter.

The United Mineworkers of America in convention adopted a new clause in their constitution providing for the dismissal of any delegate who should appear intoxicated on duty.

Sir George Drummond, senator, president of the Bank of Montreal, president of the Canada Sugar Refinery company and one of the foremost captains of industry in Canada, is dead, aged 81 years.

Looters in Paris are being shot on sight.

ADJOURN IN DEADLOCK.

Miners and Operators Unable to Reach Agreement.

Toledo, O., Feb. 7.—Unable to effect an organization because of the deadlock on the admission of miners' delegates from Illinois, the joint wage conference of the bituminous coal operators and miners of Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania adjourned tonight sine die.

No provision was made for another meeting. The adjournment, it is declared, does not mean necessarily a suspension of work at the expiration of the present contract, April 1.

This would affect all bituminous districts controlled by the United Mineworkers, as they decreed at their Indianapolis convention that no district should sign a wage scale until the scales for all districts were negotiated. Both sides have declared, however, that they will not recede on the Illinois proposition.

Some plan may be worked out to get the miners and operators together again before April 1. It may be a call for another convention or the selection of a representative scale committee. A meeting of the executive boards of the miners was called for tomorrow. The night session lasted only a short time.

As no one had anything to say, the futility of continuing the session was expressed by President Lewis. His suggestion for dividing the responsibility for adjournment was followed. A delegate from the miners moved to adjourn and one from the operators seconded it.

A call by states resulted in the only unanimous vote recorded in the meeting.

REICHSTAG HAS TREATY.

Friendly Spirit to Govern Tariff Administration.

Berlin, Feb. 7.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg today sent to the reichstag the following communication regarding the German-American tariff agreement:

"The American government has declared that the livestock question is withdrawn wholly from the negotiations, on the condition that the unlimited enjoyment of Germany's conventional tariff be conceded to the United States.

"It further agrees that the advantages of the American minimum tariff shall be extended unrestrictedly to Germany after March 31.

"That the customs administrative features of the existing tariff arrangement shall remain in force.

"That this extension of the minimum tariff to Germany secures to her treatment in accordance with the most favored nation clause.

"That the American customs administrative regulation shall be applied to German goods in a friendly and conciliatory spirit.

"That the present agreement respecting the labeling of wines shall remain in force; and

"That the customs administrative provisions respecting the marking of goods shall be applied in a friendly and conciliatory spirit."

Flood Cleanses Paris.

Paris, Feb. 7.—The fall of the river Seine was more rapid today. The appearance of the city is approaching the normal, but the subway system is still inoperative. Water remains in the tubes, which, after they have been emptied, must be cleaned and disinfected.

The progress toward the restoration of the lighting, telephone and telegraph lines is slow. The work of disinfection and other precautions against an epidemic of typhoid has been so thorough that some of the newspapers predict that Paris will not only escape contagion but will emerge from the flood cleaner than before.

The superintendent of sewers reports that from the examinations which he has been able to make, few of the sewer mains burst, the ruptures occurring in the branch pipes leading into buildings.

Despite the attempts of some of the opposition papers to make it appear that dissensions prevail among the various relief organizations, investigation indicates that all are co-operating with zeal. Foreign contributions to the relief fund today reached a total of about \$700,000.

"Spartan" Doctor Dead.

Long Beach, Cal., Feb. 7.—The strain of supporting a 200 pound patient, who had rolled off the operating table, burst a blood vessel in Dr. William Lawrence Woodruff's lungs yesterday and the surgeon died shortly afterwards. Dr. Woodruff's views on the simple life and Spartan methods of raising children had made his name known throughout the country. He first practiced his theories on his infant children, who thrived on coarse foods and ice baths, and the wearing of only a single garment.

To guard against disease germs in the dust, masks have been adopted by the New York street cleaning department for its sweepers.

SAVED BY WIRELESS

Call of Sinking Steamer Heard and Quickly Answered.

STEAMSHIP KENTUCKY IS LOST

Captain and Crew of 46 Men Saved by Steamer Which Picked Up Call for Help.

New York, Feb. 5.—Once more the wireless has averted disaster, for the "S. O. S." signal of distress, quickly flashing through the ether, this morning summoned help to a sinking steamer and tonight Captain Moon and his crew of 46 men are safe on board the Mallory liner Alamo, while their vessel, the steamer Kentucky is at the bottom of the sea off Cape Hatteras.

It is another case of disaster averted by wireless and told to the world by the same medium.

The Kentucky, a wooden vessel of 996 gross tonnage and 203 feet long, was bound from New York to the Pacific coast for use between Seattle and Alaska ports for the Alaska-Pacific Steamship company.

First news of the Kentucky's distress was received at the United Wireless company's station at Cape Hatteras at 11:30 o'clock this morning. There the operator heard the "S. O. S." and quickly followed by this message:

"We are sinking. Our latitude is 23:10; longitude 76:30."

Almost simultaneously the operator heard the steamer Alamo respond to the Kentucky's call for help, informing Captain Moore that the Alamo was making all speed to the sinking vessel's assistance.

Thereafter no message was received from the Kentucky, indicating that water had interfered with the power, putting her wireless apparatus out of commission.

The navy department at Washington in the meantime flashed wireless messages along the Atlantic coast, dispatching the battleship Louisiana, which was on a 24-hour speed trial cruise, and two revenue cutters, the Yamacraw and Seminole, to the scene, but at 5 o'clock word came from the Alamo that she had arrived first and had taken off all hands in safety.

This is the message as received in New York by the United Wireless company from its Cape Hatteras station:

"Latitude 32:46; longitude 76:28—Steamship Alamo has just taken Captain Moore and crew of 46 men from the sinking Kentucky. Water had already reached the fire room and the steamer will sink before midnight. The Alamo is now proceeding to Key West."

COAST ASKS PROTECTION.

Seaports Need 50 Submarines for Defence in Time of War.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Ten submarines a year for the next five years is the program of naval construction for the Pacific Coast defenses that has been prepared by the members of congress from the states of the Pacific Coast.

This will be insisted upon strongly at an early date before the house committee on naval affairs.

Delegations from Oregon, Washington and California have organized to press this claim. Representatives Hayes, of California; Ellis, of Oregon, and Humphrey, of Washington, were appointed by the Pacific Coast delegation to lay their plans before the naval committee. Mr. Hayes strengthened his position in his argument by quoting from the report of the naval board of strategy and other government documents.

"The Pacific Coast is in a defenseless condition," declared Representative Hayes. "In San Francisco Bay the current is so strong that it is next to impossible to protect the entrance to the harbor with mines."

Timber Deal is \$1,000,000.

Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 5.—Involving approximately \$1,000,000 and affecting 1,000,000,000 feet of spruce timber in British Columbia, a deal has just been closed here whereby a syndicate composed of James Hackett, Thomas Morgan and James Shields, of Aberdeen, and several Seattle men, disposed of their holdings to Swift & Co., Chicago packers. It is said the new owners will at once build a large pulp mill on the property. There is abundant water power at hand to furnish power.

Father of Sabs is 83.

Sawtelle, Cal., Feb. 5.—The birth of a girl was reported today from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Venum Westcott. The father is a veteran of the Civil war and 83 years of age; the mother is 28.

MERCURY AT ZERO.

Forty-Mile Breeze Drives People from Streets

New York, Feb. 8.—Intense cold, driven to the bone of man and beast by a cutting wind, gripped the East tonight. In New York City the mercury stood at one degree above zero at midnight, equaling the low record for the season.

A 40-mile gale swept New York and vicinity throughout the day and night, driving pedestrians indoors and causing great suffering to those who were exposed. Streets were practically deserted tonight.

An unidentified man was found frozen to death in Boston; a fisherman met a similar fate in Buffalo, while off Atlantic City a tramp steamer was forced to anchor because of the gale. Up-state in New York, a driving snow made conditions worse. At Utica the mercury was 14 below. The extreme cold drove hundreds of homeless men and women to the municipal lodging houses and docks for shelter.

At Buffalo three degrees below zero was registered at 8 o'clock last night, the lowest temperature in several years. There was a slight fall of snow. Herman Snyder, a fisherman, was found dead in his sled with his dogs two miles out on Lake Erie.

At Boston the mercury tumbled at the rate of two degrees an hour until, at midnight, the thermometers registered zero. The wind blew 26 miles an hour. One man was found frozen.

Philadelphia reported the thermometer seven degrees below zero tonight, the coldest of the winter. In Western Pennsylvania the temperature was two to 10 below zero.

BLAST BLOWS SEVEN TO ATOMS

Prominent Arizona Mining Men Die on Private Motor Car.

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 8.—Heedless of the warning of a foreman in charge of the big excavating operation along the line of the private motor road from Kelvin to the Ray copper mines, the motorman of a gasoline car containing six passengers, ran close to the excavation just as a sputtering fuse burned to a heavy charge of dynamite this afternoon, and the car and its seven occupants were blown to atoms.

The foreman had discovered a missed shot in the excavation at noon and before the motor car came in sight he had relighted the fuse.

As the car approached he signaled the motorman and warned him of the impending explosion. Motorman Lyall, evidently believing he could take his car past the charge to safety, before the explosion, paid no heed to the warning and started again at full speed.

Just as the car was passing the charge, the explosion came, and the car with its load of human freight was blown high in the air amid a great cloud of debris. The lives of all those inside the car were snuffed out in an instant. The dead men were all prominent in Arizona mining affairs.

INSURGENTS' WAY CLEAR

Revolutionists Free to Enter Managua, Says Message.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The way to Managua is now open to the revolutionists in Nicaragua, according to a cable received here today by Senor Castillo, representative of the Estrada government.

Senor Castillo has also been informed that C. Grandios, a leading merchant of Granada, has issued a proclamation calling upon all citizens to rally to the support of General Estrada.

Dr. Salomon Selva, prosecuting attorney for the government in the trials of the two Americans, Groce and Cannon, according to the same information, also has issued a proclamation in which he not only defends himself for his action in the case, but glories in the outcome of the trial.

Desert Land Issue Made.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Attorneys on both sides of the controversy for the final determination by the Supreme court of the United States for the long mooted question whether rights to desert land entries may be transferred before reclamation has been made. A case involving that point has been set for argument before the court on February 21. At the same time the court is to hear arguments as to whether it is a crime against the United States to graze sheep in a forest reservation without permission.

Harem To See Airships.

Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 8.—Egypt's aviation week opened at Heliopolis today under favorable wind conditions. The khedive was present and apparently took great interest in the flights. A feature of the meeting will be the presence of the ladies of the harem, for whom a stand has been reserved. Among the principal events will be a speed contest to the pyramids and return. In today's competitions the aeroplane of Gobron, the French aviator, caught fire, but Gobron was saved.

Of all the animals which are born and spend their lives in subterranean caverns, there are no birds, and but one mammal, the rat.

CIGARETTE GETS 68

Mexican Mine Explosion Caused by Violation of Rules

MINER HAD TO HAVE A SMOKE

Forty Injured are in Hospitals—Many Escaped Because Foul Air Could Not Reach Them.

Laredo, Texas, Feb. 3.—One of the greatest disasters in the history of Mexico mining took place today in the Palau coal mine, at Las Esperanzas, Mexico.

The toll of human life which paid the penalty of negligence on the part of some miner, according to the latest reports, is placed at 68. After an official report showing 53 dead, twelve additional bodies were recovered, bringing the total to 65, and three others have died in the hospital, making the grand total of victims thus far 68.

The explosion occurred in No. 3 shaft of the coal mine of the Esperanzas Mining company and is attributed to the ignition of gas from the flame of the cigarette of a miner. Smoking is contrary to the rules.

The miners, mostly Mexicans and Japanese, had assumed their places just after 7 o'clock. At 8:30 o'clock those at work above the ground heard a loud explosion and almost instantly a vast cloud of dust and smoke issued from the mouth of the mine. When the onlookers realized the meaning of the disaster, assistance was immediately forthcoming.

As soon as the air in the shaft could be purified sufficiently to permit rescuers to descend many volunteers were ready to risk their lives in an elevator to succor their stricken brothers below.

Cages were sent down, loaded to capacity with miners bent upon rescue. On the first and second levels everything was found intact and the men working in these places were safe. The rescue party went down to the third level and as soon as the air could be sufficiently cleared they entered the drifts and began a search for the dead and injured. Scattered about in various positions in the workings they found the bodies of the men suffocated.

The rescues worked in relays. After six hours' work 53 bodies had been removed to hospitals. The injured owe their escape to the fact that they were working where they were protected from the rush of foul air. State representatives sent a detailed report of the explosion and a deduction as to the probable cause to the governors of Coahuila and Saitillo. They instructed the local authorities to take such action as they deemed necessary and to investigate thoroughly the cause of the disaster.

The Palau mine is one of the best equipped coal mines in the Republic. It has an adequate ventilating system and is provided with electric lights. Mining officials are at a loss to account for the presence of mine damp in the workings.

Half of Force is Spared.

Drakesboro, Ky., Feb. 3.—Thirty-three miners are known to have been killed, two are missing and 15 are injured as a result of the explosion in the Browder coal mine near here yesterday. There were 100 men in the two wings of the mine at the time of the explosion, but the 50 in the west wing escaped uninjured. Those in the east wing felt the full force of the explosion. One or two of the injured are in a critical condition. Of the dead about half were white men, all Americans, and the remainder negroes.

Primero Victims Number 75

Primero, Colo., Feb. 3.—Monday's mine explosion in the main mine of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company claimed a total of 75 victims and left 35 widows and 65 fatherless children. These facts were determined late this afternoon, when the official canvass of the camp was completed and the names of the missing men checked with the company's pay roll. Fifty bodies have been recovered. No opinion was expressed as to the cause.

Board Discusses Claim.

The Hague, Feb. 3.—Before The Hague court of arbitration today representatives of the United States and Venezuela exchanged memoranda on the dispute regarding the claim of the Orinoco Steamship company against the government of Venezuela. The steamship company, a New Jersey corporation, filed a claim for the alleged arbitrary repudiation of certain concessions by the Castro government.

Wells Fargo Stock Sold.

New York, Feb. 3.—It was said in authoritative circles today that the American Express company had purchased the Southern Pacific Railroad company's holdings of stock in the Wells-Fargo Co., which is taken to indicate that a merger of the two express companies is under way.