

EVENTS OF THE DAY

Newsy 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.

Louis James, the noted actor, died of heart failure at Helena, Montana.

Charles K. Hamilton, in a Curtiss biplane, gave many thrilling and successful flights in Portland.

Jacob Schiff, a banker who loaned much money to Japan, says the United States must fight Japan soon.

John Redmond has won almost a complete victory over the house of lords in the English parliament.

A letter from Martha Washington and one from Mrs. Abraham Lincoln have been found in a dark attic in the house of representatives.

W. H. Eccles, manager of the Oregon Lumber company, which has been indicted for timber land frauds, says he has no fear of the outcome.

A veteran in the California Soldiers' home attempted suicide on learning that his wife, son and daughter were killed in the avalanche at Mace, Idaho.

Four hundred Russian emigrants in Honolulu have been attacked by diphtheria, and refuse to remain, saying promises made to them have not been kept.

The great Italian singer Caruso is being threatened by Black Hand letters, but declares he has no fear of them and is making every effort to apprehend the writers.

An old California Indian fighter of the early 50s called on Taft and greatly interested him with accounts of early wars. The president will see to it that about 70 of the Indian war veterans receive good pensions.

Sympathetic strikes in Philadelphia have involved over 100,000 workers in various trades, and the trouble is growing steadily. It is said to have started by the preemptory discharge, for no honest cause, of about 500 union street car employes.

A New York woman has been conducting a school for shoplifters.

Nicaraguan rebels are planning to force intervention by the United States.

Twenty-three miners were killed by an accidental explosion in the Treadwell mine.

The Federal government will renew its attack on the sugar trust under the Sherman law.

A New York man is trying to buy some big daily paper and install Roosevelt as editor in chief.

British Columbia government will try to import from England many girls to be employed as house servants.

Gaynor, mayor of New York, says no one man can run any large city without special training and preparation.

An avalanche destroyed 12 of the 16 buildings composing the mining camp of Skookum, 20 miles north of Roslyn, Wash. One man was killed.

Deputies have given up trying to capture the Quinault Indian who murdered two of his tribe and then barricaded himself on a mountain.

A mob in Dallas, Texas, took a negro from the courtroom where he was being tried, beat him to death and hung his body from a festival arch.

The O. R. & N. is the only line in the West or Northwest now open, and all trains of the Union Pacific, Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Milwaukee are using that line.

Merchants of the principal cities in Tahiti have petitioned the governor not to allow tourists to land. This is believed to be the only place of importance in the civilized world that does not want tourists.

A mysterious airship was seen flying all around Mt. Shasta, and performing feats before unheard of. It is believed to belong to some inventor who has built it during the past winter at some secluded spot in the mountains.

Floods at Zanesville and Warren, Ohio, have rendered thousands of people homeless.

Butte engineers are deserting their union and the collapse of the strike seems at hand.

Oklahoma has passed a new election law which cuts down the negro vote by prescribing certain qualifications.

Japan wants credit for helping China avoid serious trouble on the Tibetan frontier, and says China made a great mistake.

HISTORIC RELICS FOUND.

Letters of Martha Washington and Mrs. Lincoln Come to Light.

Washington, March 7.—In an unlighted corner of the attic of the house of representatives, the committee on accounts has rescued a large number of letters and documents of the early days of the republic. Among them are letters from Washington, Jefferson, Lafayette, Jay and Monroe.

To two of them a peculiar sentimental interest attaches. These are letters written by Martha Washington and Mary Todd Lincoln, the former concerning the proposed removal of the body of her husband from Mount Vernon to a crypt in the capitol, and the other applying to the government for a pension. Both are addressed to the speaker of the house. The house today voted an appropriation of \$2,500 to have these historic papers cared for and deposited in the library of congress as "the house of representatives collection." The two letters are as follows:

"To the Honorable Speaker of the House, Sir: While I feel the keenest anguish over the late dispensation of divine providence, I cannot be insensible of the mournful tributes, respect and veneration which are paid the memory of my dear deceased husband. And as his best services and most anxious wishes were always devoted to the welfare and happiness of the country, to know that they were truly appreciated and gratefully remembered affords me no inconsiderable consolation.

Taught by the greatest example, which I had so long before me, never to oppose my private wishes to the public will, I must consent to the request made by congress which you have the good wishes to transmit to me, and in doing this I need not—can not—say what a sacrifice of individual feeling I make to a sense of public duty.

With grateful acknowledgment and unfeigned thanks for the personal respect and evidences of condolence expressed by congress and yourself, I remain very respectfully sir, your most obedient servant,

MARTHA WASHINGTON.
Mount Vernon, Va., 1779."

The letter from Mrs. Lincoln is as follows:

"To the Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives, Sir: I herewith most respectfully present to the honorable house of representatives an application for a pension. I am a widow of a president of the United States, whose life was sacrificed in his country's service. That sad calamity has very greatly impaired my health and, by the advice of my physician, I have come over to Germany to try the mineral waters and during the winter to go to Italy.

But my financial means do not permit me to take advantage of the urgent advice given me, nor can I live in a style becoming a widow of the chief magistrate of a nation, although I live as economically as I possibly can.

In consideration of the great services my dearly beloved husband has rendered to the United States, and of the fearful loss I have sustained by his untimely death, his martyrdom, I may say, I respectfully submit to your honorable body this petition, hoping that a yearly pension may be granted me so that I may have less pecuniary care.

I remain very respectfully,
MRS. A. LINCOLN.
Frankfort, Germany."

Mrs. Lincoln was granted a pension of \$5,000 a year.

New Minister to China in Training.

Chicago, March 7.—Forty Chinese students entertained William J. Calhoun, the newly appointed minister to China, at luncheon today at the King Joy Lo restaurant. The new minister listened gravely to many suave expressions of Oriental good will and as gravely consumed a dinner of infinite variety, served in mandarin style. Although the luncheon lasted two hours and a half, it was said to be more of an afternoon tea as compared with the real state dinner which Mr. Calhoun will be expected to grace beyond the Pacific.

Zeppelin Will Seek Pole.

Hamburg, March 7.—The Zeppelin North Pole expedition committee met here today under the direction of Prince Henry, of Prussia. Count Zeppelin was present. The summer will be devoted to a primary expedition for the purpose of studying the ice conditions. The expedition will start for Spitzbergen July 1. A Norwegian ice steamer will be used for the purpose of forcing an entrance into the polar ice and the expedition will return at the end of August. An airship will be taken for summer use.

Farman Breaks Record.

Mourmelon, France, March 7.—Henry Farman today established a new world's record for aeroplane flight with two passengers, remaining in the air for one hour and ten minutes.

SENATOR PLATT DIES

Noted Politician Succumbs to Attack of Brights' Disease.

WELCOMES FAMILY, THEN EXPIRES

Had Been Sufferer for Over a Year, But Refused to Last to Give Up Business Affairs.

New York, March 8.—Thomas Collier Platt, formerly United States Senator from New York and for years a national figure in Republican politics, died at 3:45 this afternoon in the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Abele, on West Eleventh street, from whom he had rented three rooms for the last four years. Mrs. Abele had been his nurse.

Dr. Paul Auterbridge, his physician, said tonight that the cause of death was chronic and acute Bright's disease. The body was removed tonight to the home of Frank H. Platt, a son, and will be taken to Oswego, New York, the senator's birthplace, where it will be buried. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at the Presbyterian church in Oswego.

The end was startlingly sudden. An hour before the senator died his two sons, Frank and Edward, with their families, and his son, Harry, with the latter's daughter Charlotte and son Sherman, had left the house after their usual daily visit. The senator said at that time he felt very well and thought he would read the papers.

At 2 o'clock he was taken with a fainting spell and Dr. Auterbridge was called hurriedly. The family was notified and returned in haste. Mr. Platt recovered from his first lapse, but sank into unconsciousness again at 3:30 and died at 3:45 o'clock. The relatives were all at the bedside.

PREDICTS JAPANESE WAR.

Banker Schiff Who Loaned Japan Money Says She is Enemy.

New York, March 7.—"As one who helped to finance the late war of Japan against Russia," said Jacob H. Schiff this afternoon, "I say it has developed during the last few weeks that Japan has joined hands with that enemy of all mankind, Russia."

Mr. Schiff was speaking at a luncheon given by the Republican club.

"Russia and Japan," he continued, "have evidently one purpose at present—to keep the great Chinese empire stifled."

"If we are not careful, if we do not show the right statesmanship, and if we have not back of it the great moral force of the American people to defeat that purpose, we shall be drawn into trouble."

"The most difficult problem the nation has to deal with," continued Mr. Schiff, "is the problem of the Far East. I am sorry to have to say it, but we are in danger of war over this same question. As a friend of Japan, one who helped to finance her late war, I regret this conclusion, but it is inevitable."

"The Pacific," said Judge Mayer Sulzberger, of Philadelphia, who preceded Mr. Schiff, and whose remarks occasioned his declaration, "is now the commercial center of the world. On its eastern shores dwell the oldest civilizations. Heretofore we white men have said 'we are Caucasians and they are yellow men,' and we have expected them to bow to us accordingly. This they are not going to do. A conflict is inevitable."

"An empire were 400,000,000 people managed to exist is governed by no mean statesmanship. Can they teach us or can we teach them? This question will precipitate the trouble."

"The imminent question is Japan. She wants everything but she is not to be allowed to get everything. The controversy over this question of dominance is coming before the people of this country, and coming soon."

Pinchot Given Gold Medal.

New York, March 8.—A gold medal in recognition of his services in conserving the woodlands of the country was presented to Gifford Pinchot, ex-chief forester of the United States, at the dinner of the Campfire club of America. "Even if I am no longer connected with the government," said Mr. Pinchot, in expressing his appreciation for the medal, "I shall take the same position with regard to conservation as I have done heretofore. I shall do my best to aid in preserving the forests and the game of this country."

Vesuvius is Again Active.

Naples, March 8.—Vesuvius has suddenly become active again. For 24 hours there has been a continuous eruption of red hot stones and ashes, accompanied by internal detonations. Several fissures have opened, from which gas and lava are emerging in great quantities.

SLIDE KILLS SIXTY TO 100 WORKMEN ON ROTARY

Two Crews Buried in Rogers Pass—One Avalanche is Being Cleared When Second Comes.

Seattle, March 5.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Revelstoke, B. C., says that between 60 and 100 lives were lost in a snowslide that buried two rotary crews in Rogers Pass, two miles east of Glacier, at 1 o'clock this morning.

A small slide occurred at 6 o'clock and the men were clearing the line when the second avalanche swept down the mountain and engulfed both crews. Details of the disaster are lacking.

Rescue parties have been sent out from Revelstoke.

Without warning a second tremendous slide rushed down on the crew. It swept the rotary and all the men far down into the canyon below.

Only three of the rotary crew survive.

BEGIN SYMPATHETIC STRIKE.

Philadelphia Prepares for Renewed Hostilities—Two Shot.

Philadelphia, March 5.—Between 50,000 and 70,000 union workers on strike, 100 different branches of industry affected and a renewal of rioting, in which two men were shot, is the situation that confronts Philadelphians early today.

The police are apprehensive of the outcome. Director Clay, however, declares that he has enough men to crush any uprising.

The Rapid Transit company announces that every effort will be made to maintain trolley service. Cars will be dispatched at as nearly regular intervals as possible, and the service will be increased if police protection is given.

Philadelphia, March 5.—Encouraged by messages of sympathy and offers of assistance from labor unions from all parts of the country, the union workers of many trades ceased work at midnight and inaugurated what promises to be one of the greatest sympathetic strikes in the history of organized labor.

The Committee of Ten says that at least 85,000 organized workers, as well as many unorganized men, have ceased work.

Promptly at midnight union orchestras playing in the leading hotels and cafes picked up their instruments and started for home.

Union cabbdrivers and chauffeurs also abandoned their posts, and the hotel and railroad cab and automobile service was badly crippled. The drivers of both taxicab companies in the city are members of a union and refused to take out their machines after midnight.

The Committee of Ten remained in session at its headquarters all night, receiving reports from the local unions.

The labor leaders refused to comment on the report that the police would prevent the demonstration planned for tomorrow afternoon in Independence Square.

Although the labor leaders are receiving moral support from their fellow workmen in all parts of the country, many associations of employers have sent letters and telegrams to the officials of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company and the city officials, commending their position and urging them to stand firm in their determination not to recognize the union.

Slide Kills Six Laborers.

Seattle, March 5.—Six laborers are reported to have been killed by an avalanche that destroyed Cascade, a small station east of the Cascade tunnel. The report was brought to Seattle by Ed Clark, a section man who has been working in the mountains. He said that he walked through Cascade this morning and that everything had been wiped out but a cook shack. Two men at the scene told him of the death of the six laborers, whose names are not known. The Great Northern has received no report of an avalanche at Cascade, but it is known that several bad slides have occurred on the east slope of the mountains. All communication with that section has been cut off.

Red Men Blew Out the Gas.

Washington, March 5.—One of the most picturesque chieftains in the Indian race and his nephew, both members of the Chippewa tribe, in Minnesota, was found dead in a local hotel today, victims of asphyxiation. The dead chief was Pay-Baum-Wa-Cha-Waish-Kung, more than 95 years old, and his unfortunate companion was A-Ne-Way-Way-Aush. It is believed one of the red men blew out the gas. This was the second visit of the chief to the capital of the "Great Father," his first being nearly 44 years ago.

Louis James is Stricken.

Helena, Mont., March 5.—Louis James, the actor, was stricken with heart failure in his dressing room at the Helena theater tonight and for several hours his life was despaired of. Later it was reported that his condition was slightly improved.

DEATHS REACH 88?

Two Passenger Cars in Splinters, Others Completely Buried.

18 BODIES FOUND; 70 MISSING

Floods Working Havoc in Cities of Northern and Eastern Washington—Bridges Gone.

Wellington Avalanche Casualty List

Passengers: dead, 9; missing, 39; rescued, 9.
Employees: Dead, 9; missing, 31; rescued, 10.

Other Slides' Toll Is Great.

Mace, Idaho: Dead, 14; injured, 40.
Burke, Idaho: Dead, 5; many injured.
Carbonate Hill, Idaho: Dead, 2; injured, 6.
Dorsey, Idaho: Dead, 2.
Adair, Idaho: Dead, 1.
Milan, Wash.: Dead, 1; injured, 12.

Spokane, Wash., March 3.—It is rumored in Spokane that a second avalanche at Scenic Pass, covered the rescuers engaged in taking out the bodies, thus causing further loss of life. The rumor, though persistent, cannot be verified on account of interruption in wire communication.

Everett, Wash., March 3.—The Great Northern railway tonight gave out a list of the known dead, missing and rescued in the avalanche at Wellington, from which it appears possible that the total number of dead may reach 88.

Nine passengers and nine employees are known to be dead and 39 passengers and 31 railroad employees are missing.

FLOODS IN NORTHWEST WORST IN TWENTY YEARS

Seattle—Melting snows in mountains have produced worst flood in 20 years.

Pullman—Water ten feet deep in streets; city without light or fuel.

Colfax—City faces fuel famine; schools compelled to close.

Ellensburg—One thousand tons of hay damaged; Yakima river rising rapidly.

Aberdeen—Floods of last winter repeated; Union Pacific bridge being constructed over Chehalis river, carried away for fourth time.

Kelso—Cowlitz booms break and thousands of dollars worth of logs are carried to sea. Crest of flood believed to have been reached.

The Dalles—Mill creek higher than for 30 years.

WRONG VIEWS OF THE CENSUS.

No Harm Can Come to Any Person Who Answers the Questions.

Washington, D. C., March 3.—Letters from the census supervisors to the United States census bureau show the erroneous apprehension of a considerable element of the population concerning their answers to the enumerators' questions in the next census.

It is emphatically declared, by the statement, that the information sought from the people of the United States is used solely for general statistical purposes. It will neither be published nor used in any other way to disclose facts regarding any individual or enterprise. The census, it goes on to say, is not, never has been, and cannot be employed to obtain information that can be used in any way in the assessment of property for purposes of taxation or the collection of taxes, either national, state or local; or for deportation proceedings, extradition measures, army or navy conscription, internal-revenue investigations, compulsory school attendance, child-labor law prosecutions, quarantine regulations, or in any way affect the life, liberty, or property of any person.

Mrs. Sage is Importuned.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 3.—Mrs. Russel Sage, widow of the great financier, signaled her visit to Pasadena by a gift today of \$1,000 to the Pasadena hospital. Additional interest attaches to her generous recognition of the institution's needs because it was unsolicited and unexpected. Since her arrival in California, Mrs. Sage has been deluged with requests for donations to various charitable organizations, but it is stated that in all cases other than the one reported today she has found it necessary to refuse.

Morgan and Ryan to Quit.

New York, March 3.—The board of directors of the National Bank of Commerce of New York today elected J. P. Morgan, Jr., Henry P. Davison and Allan A. Ryan directors in place of J. P. Morgan, H. C. Deming and Thomas F. Ryan, resigned.