

# NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

## HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Harriman has ordered expenses cut on all his lines.

Rockefeller has given \$600,000 more to Chicago university.

The condition of Emperor Francis Joseph is becoming more serious.

Reports received at Washington indicate that the Moorish rebellion is nearing a collapse.

The Russian council of ministers has appropriated \$9,520,000 for colonization purposes in Siberia.

Coal mines in Montana have been closed in order to give the railroads a chance to clear the blockaded tracks.

The railroads of the country have decided to stand a strike rather than make more concessions to labor unions.

Commander John D. Briggs, of the United States navy, is going insane. He was in command of the cruiser Baltimore when that vessel went ashore in the Philippines in 1904.

The O. R. & N. company has started proceedings to prevent the Washington railroad commission from enforcing the joint wheat rate between its lines and the Northern Pacific.

Emperor Francis Joseph is seriously ill, but much improved.

The Arctic steamer Frithjof has sunk with the crew of 16 off the coast of Iceland.

Cassie Chadwick, one of the most notorious swindlers in American history, is dead at the Ohio penitentiary.

The trial of John R. Walsh, former president of the Chicago National bank, has been postponed until November 12.

Less than 500 men were at work in the places of the 10,000 cotton handlers and loaders who are on strike at New Orleans.

A awful famine on the coast of Labrador has caused the natives to take to cannibalism and eight people are known to have been eaten.

The Austrian steamer Guilia from Trieste to New York, took fire during the passage and was only saved after heroic work. The vessel carried 763 passengers.

Over \$500,000 worth of merchandise has been stolen from the Burlington railroad between Chicago and Denver during the past year and 300 Italian laborers discharged for pillaging the freight cars.

Robert Bacon may become ambassador at Berlin.

The cholera outbreak is growing to alarming proportions at Tokio, Japan.

Butte has been reminded of the old days by a saloon being held up by masked men.

The anti-Roosevelt faction in the East is now booming a ticket of Cannon and Hughes.

General Nord Alexis, president of the republic of Hayti, is so dangerously ill that his recovery is doubtful.

Judge Lawlor at San Francisco has summoned 300 men from which the new Ford jury will be selected.

Railroads throughout the East claim they won't be able to improve their lines if passenger rates are reduced.

A London syndicate owns the Manhattan Oil company, of Ohio, and is closely affiliated with the Standard Oil.

The battleship Kentucky went aground near Norfolk, Va., but was floated again without damage to the vessel.

Oregon lumbermen have sued for injunction to prevent the putting into effect of higher freight rates on lumber to the East.

Massacre of Jews at Odessa, Russia, has been renewed.

Hughes is being boomed by New Yorkers for president.

The Hague conference has adopted compulsory arbitration.

C. W. Post, head of the National Citizens' alliance, says unions are worse than trusts.

Convicts on the way to Siberia attacked their guards. Twenty-two of the convicts were killed.

San Francisco officers are getting together new talesmen from which the second Ford jury will be selected.

A large band of Ecuadorian rebels have been defeated by a detachment of Peruvian police near the City of Piura, Peru.

## CAUSE TO WORRY.

**Vast Numbers of Japanese Pouring Across Canadian Line.**

Washington, Oct. 8.—Immigration of Japanese into America is increasing at so alarming a rate that it has been determined to adopt extraordinary measures to prevent the introduction into the United States not only of Japanese, but of other Asiatic coolie labor. One result of the trip of Secretary Straus has been to increase the force of immigration inspectors along the Canadian border, with a view to controlling the flood of Asiatic immigration.

It is known that more than double the number of Japanese have come into the United States thus far in the year 1907 than came here during the same period last year. Naturally, the figures of the government do not include the hundreds of Japanese who have come into the country surreptitiously. They have come across from the Canadian and Mexican borders, principally without hindrance, despite the means adopted by the government to prevent the introduction of Japanese laborers.

For many months the government has had immigration commissioners in Mexico and Canada. In practically every instance, the inspectors have reported that the Japanese who reach Canada or Mexico are bound for the United States. Inquiries in the Hawaiian islands have revealed organizations whose business it is to procure Japanese laborers to work in the United States. They not only provide the means, but pave the way by which Japanese may easily obtain entrance to this country through Mexico and Canada.

It is this sort of position that the government proposes to combat. In the appointment of what principally constitutes a patrol guard of the Northern and Southern borders of the country, Secretary Straus hopes to reduce the number of Asiatics who daily are coming across the borders in great and increasing numbers.

Returns from the Canadian immigration offices show that 8,286 Asiatics landed at the British Columbia ports of Victoria and Vancouver between January 1 and September 18, 1907. Of this number 2,872 were Hindus and 4811 Japanese, most of the latter reaching Canada from Honolulu. The remaining were Chinese, who paid admission fees of \$100 for the privilege of landing in Canada. The field of labor in that section of Canada is limited, and the investigations of the United States immigration inspectors have shown that most of the Japanese and Chinese expect ultimately to get into the United States.

## ROBBERS MAKE RICH HAUL.

**Alabama Bandits Steal Half Million and Escape.**

Seddon, Ala., Oct. 8.—Four masked robbers looted the First National bank of this town last night, shot and killed Sheriff John Williams and escaped on a hand car, north bound on the Southern railway. It is said the amount taken is \$775,250. The robbery and the killing of Sheriff Williams caused intense excitement and a posse started on the trail of the bandits soon after the crimes were committed.

The robbers were discovered at work about 10 o'clock, when a man passing the bank happened to peer through one of the darkened windows. Hastily giving the alarm he ran to notify Sheriff Williams. The official reached the bank just as the robbers, evidently scenting discovery, were about to leave. The sheriff called upon them to halt. Before he could locate them in the darkness they opened fire upon him and he was instantly killed. The crowd which had gathered was panicked and in the confusion the bandits escaped, running through the street with their booty and firing as they ran. Running north to the railway yards of the Southern railway, they procured a hand car, ran it down a heavy grade and escaped.

## Quakes Break the Cable.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 8.—A story came from Sitka, Alaska, today that the series of earthquake shocks felt west of that town is really responsible for the breaks in the government cable between Sitka and Valdez. No damage beyond frightening the natives was done until the cable was reported broken 300 miles from Valdez. The theory is advanced from Sitka that volcanic activity has changed the contour of the bottom of the sea along the 900 miles of cable between that town and Valdez.

## Hurry Battleships Around.

Philadelphia, Oct. 8.—Acting under orders issued by Secretary of the Navy Metcalf, every effort will be made to get League Island to place the four battleships there in condition to accompany the North Atlantic squadron around Cape Horn to Puget sound. The orders are positive that the battleships must be ready for sea duty by December 15.

## Smallpox in College Hospital.

Philadelphia, Oct. 8.—The university hospital of the University of Pennsylvania was quarantined tonight because it was discovered that Henry Yankun, a patient, had developed smallpox. About 200 patients and as many employees are shut up in the institution.

# NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

## TRIES TO JOB UNCLE SAM.

**Hartford Company Furnishes Poorer Paper Than It Agreed To.**

Washington, Oct. 10.—Postmaster General Meyer has suspended the payment of money due from his department to the Hartford Manufacturing company, of Hartford, Conn., and has submitted the matter to the attorney general for such further action as may be deemed proper.

The Hartford Manufacturing company, up to July last, supplied the stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers sold at the postoffices. Chemical analysis of samples have disclosed the fact that the composition of the envelope paper has been below the requirements of the contract, and according to the computations of the experts of the Postoffice department, the company has in the last four years wrongfully benefitted to the extent of about \$425,000.

One of the manufacturers who supplied paper to the company has admitted to the postmaster general's agents that his firm furnishes different and cheaper paper than specified in the contract and that it was made at the instance of the Hartford Manufacturing company.

**PILOT BUMPS PRESIDENT.**

Washington, Oct. 8.—President Roosevelt has now personal experience regarding the shallowness of the Mississippi river, according to a report which has reached Washington. The pilot who guided the executive's craft knows every sandbar in the big stream and it is said that he took precautions on the trip down to Memphis to bump a goodly portion of them just to show they were there. The president's safety was not endangered, it is explained, because the good steamer Mississippi is of the flat bottom variety common on the river and could not be tured over by a little gentle rocking. The president, when he landed at Memphis, it is stated, was familiar with the location of a large number of the obstructions to navigation between that place and Keokuk, Iowa. His experience is declared to have increased his interest in the needs of navigation and that, of course, was the object sought in giving him a few harmless bumps by a pilot who could do the job without getting stuck fast.

## TESTS BY GOVERNMENT.

**Forest Service Believes Western Hemlock Is Done Injustice.**

Washington, Oct. 9.—The forest service is experimenting with hemlock cut from the western slopes of the Oregon Cascades, and will endeavor to establish that timber as valuable for structural uses. Heretofore eastern lumber buyers have been prejudiced against western hemlock because they confused it with the eastern variety, which is not of the high quality of the western kind. Buyers here have refused to accept hemlock, and the forest service hopes to prove the strength of the timber by a series of tests which will show that it may be well utilized for structural and finishing work.

So far as the tests have been conducted the results are satisfactory, and the service men believe they will add to the assets of the North Pacific coast states by increasing the market value of their hemlock.

## Bumble Bees for Philippines.

Washington, Oct. 11.—In response to a rush order cabled from the Philippines, two cigar boxes of bumble bees are today hurrying across the country bound for the islands. The Philippine specialists of the agricultural department have been making exhaustive experiments in Luzon, in the cross fertilization of certain plants. Repeated tests with the common or busy bee showed it to be unequal to the task, but complete success crowned the efforts of the scientists when they tried the bumble bees. As the season in which the bumble bee can make himself useful in the fertilization is rapidly nearing an end in the Philippines, the experts yesterday cabled the department to rush the shipment.

## Wants More Submarines.

Washington, October 12.—Hoping that some company or individual will enter the field and build a satisfactory submarine, Secretary Metcalf has withheld about \$500,000 of the appropriation made by the last congress for such boats. Seven have been contracted for, and of those some will be assigned to the Pacific coast, but how many has not been determined. But one type of boat proved satisfactory in the tests held last spring at New York. One other builder whose boat did not come up to the requirements may decide to build one which will.

## Powder Trust Will Reply.

Wilmington, Del., Oct. 10.—Forty of forty-three defendants in the government suit to dissolve the so-called DuPont Powder trust have entered an appearance in the United States court here. In addition to companies throughout the country, including the E. I. DuPont de Nemours Powder company, of New Jersey, the defendants include Senator Henry A. DuPont, president of the company; Colman DuPont and numerous others. Federal Judge Archibald, of Scranton, Pa., will probably preside at the trial.

## Foreign Ships as Collars.

Washington, Oct. 8.—Secretary Metcalf has received from the attorney general an opinion on the general questions of the legality of the Navy department's chartering foreign vessels to carry coal for the American navy. Mr. Metcalf said that the awards for carrying the coal might be made tomorrow, which is regarded as indicating an opinion favorable to the department's attitude.

## 200 Acres More Restored.

Washington, Oct. 9.—There was restored to the public domain October 2 about 200 acres of land heretofore withdrawn for use in connection with the Unatilla irrigation project in Oregon.

## JURY DISAGREES.

**Ford Trial in San Francisco Must Be Heard Again.**

San Francisco, Oct. 7.—The jury which tried ex-Attorney General Tiryey L. Ford, general counsel for the United Railroads, on the felony charge of bribing Supervisor Thomas F. Loneragan in the sum of \$4,000 to vote for the trolley franchise in June, 1906, voted eight for acquittal and four for conviction and was discharged by Judge Lawlor, after having been out 18 hours.

Judge Lawlor informed counsel that the regular trial jury box having been exhausted in the trial of Ford, he will organize a panel of several hundred talesmen to serve for all cases coming before his department of the court.

This has the effect of doing away with the likelihood of special venires. As Ford is under heavy bond on the other indictments returned against him, he was given his freedom and will not be required to furnish fresh bonds in the present case until today. The case will come up for retrial Monday, October 14.

## CANCER CONTAGIOUS DISEASE.

**Evidence That Germs Remain in Walls for Many Years.**

Paris, Oct. 7.—Are certain houses infected with cancer? Are rooms inhabited by cancer patients liable to convey the disease years after the patient is dead? According to the researches of some doctors, the results of which have just been published, these questions must be answered in the affirmative. The strange coincidence had often been observed and pointed out by practitioners, even so far back as 20 and 30 years ago. A patient would die of cancer in a certain house. A year afterwards, or even longer, other persons come to live in the same house, and suddenly some member of the family is afflicted with the terrible disease. For years and years the same phenomenon recurs. One family removes after one or more of its members has succumbed to the illness, others succeed them, and become in turn victims of the same fatal affliction. The observations have been so frequent that the sanitary authorities in Paris have decided to study the matter thoroughly. A census has been taken of all the houses where cancer patients died during the last six months of the year 1906, and a careful watch will be kept over these houses. The list comprises 1,062 cases, and out of these it has already been observed that in 12 houses two successive cases occurred, not counting five old age asylums, where 26 deaths occurred from the same disease.

## MORE JAPANESE THAN EVER.

**President's Proclamation Does Not Have Desired Effect.**

Washington, Oct. 7.—The proclamation of the president, issued March 14, 1907, has not operated to retard the immigration of Japanese into the United States, as was expected. On the contrary, the influx of Japanese has been greater since the issuance of the proclamation than before. The annual report of Commissioner General Sargent, of the bureau of immigration, will show that during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1907, 30,824 Japanese entered the United States, and of that total 10,091 came in during March, April, May and June. This shows that the influx has been greater since the proclamation than before.

The president's proclamation was not intended to be a bar to all Japanese, but only those of the laboring classes—the coolies. Yet it is not reasonable to suppose that all the Japanese who came into the United States since March 14 have been of the educated classes; those prepared to engage in some profession. The investigations of the bureau of immigration show that fully 50 per cent of those coming here have taken up some manual occupation.

In addition to the Japanese shown on the returns of the immigration bureau, it is supposed that not a few gained unlawful access to this country through Mexico and Canada, but this number will be reduced if Canada enforces its law prohibiting the admission into that country of Japanese who do not bear passports.

## Send Poor Hindus Back.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 7.—It is possible that a large majority of the 500 Hindus who will arrive from the Orient tomorrow by the steamer Tartar will be immediately deported. They will if they have no more money to show than those who arrived a month ago. Dr. Munro, immigration health inspector, today received special instructions from Ottawa that if any of the new arrivals were likely to become charges on the public they should be deported at once. Dr. Munro declares that he interprets this liberally.

## More Honor For Taft.

Nagasaki, Oct. 7.—Secretary of War Taft on his arrival here this morning from Kobe on board the steamship Minnesota, was welcomed by the mayor and municipal officers and was banqueted by the municipality. The Minnesota will sail at midnight for Manila.

# JURORS WERE FIXED

## Serious Charge in Ford Trial at San Francisco.

## SPECIAL JURY TO INVESTIGATE

**Detective Burns Says Honest Jury Will Convict Ford and Sentences is Promised.**

San Francisco, Oct. 8.—The grand jury will meet today to investigate the charges that have been freely made that improper influences were used upon certain members of the jury that tried Tiryey L. Ford. It is hinted that a sensation will be sprung before the matter is dropped. Special Agent Burns refused to make any specific charges today, but said:

"Ford will be found guilty by an honest jury."

Earl Rogers, chief of counsel defending Ford, came back with a charge that the prosecution had made efforts to get friends on the jury. Mr. Rogers comes from the southern part of the state, where he is known as "the fighting attorney of Los Angeles." Mr. Burns says he will call the bluff and will give Mr. Rogers a chance to go before the grand jury.

Francis J. Heney is out of the city, on an automobile trip. He will return in time to conduct the investigation before the grand jury. He is absolutely unmoved by the failure of the Ford jury to agree and will place Ford on trial again next Monday. After the trial of Ford the prosecution will turn its attention to Patrick Calhoun.

The jurors in the Ford case who stood for acquittal have stated in interviews that the failure of the prosecution to call Abe Ruef to the stand influenced them more than anything else in their decision. The failure of the prosecution to call Ruef to the stand has completely mystified the defense. Ford's attorneys will therefore be as much in the dark as to the plans of the prosecution in the next trial, as they were in the last.

The expansion given the widest credence for the failure of Mr. Heney to call Ruef to the stand is that the prosecutors had a "tip" that the jury had been tampered with, and did not desire to reveal any more evidence at this trial than was necessary to prevent an acquittal.

## TWO MORE INDICTMENTS.

**Jury Returns Charges Against Southern Pacific, Pacific Mail.**

San Francisco, Oct. 8.—The United States grand jury today presented two supplementary indictments, one against the Southern Pacific company, and the other against the Pacific Mail Steamship company, charging them with violations of the interstate commerce law. Each indictment contains eight counts, which relate to shipments of matting from Kobe, Japan, to various points in the United States at rates lower than those mentioned in the schedule furnished the Interstate Commerce commission.

The Southern Pacific and the Pacific Mail Steamship company were allowed until October 21 to plead to the former indictments.

## DYNAMITE PLOT FOILED.

**Prominent Denver Men Marked by Unknown Assassins.**

Denver, Colo., Oct. 8.—That Governor Buchtel, David H. Moffat, banker, C. B. Kountze, Lawrence Phipps, the steel man, and Edward Chase, king of the Denver gambling syndicate, were doomed to die at the hands of dynamiters was the astonishing discovery made by accident late last night and reported to the police in time to prevent the killing of Mr. Chase and his family.

Enough of the deadly explosive was found by the police concealed near the Chase home to blow up the capital.

## Santa Fe Grants Increase.

Topeka, Oct. 8.—The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad announced today an increase in the wages of all telegraph operators on the system. This went into effect October 1. The increase came as a surprise to the men, the first knowledge they had of it being a voluntary announcement by the company. The increase varies from \$3.50 to \$4 per month. This is the second increase in wages the Santa Fe operators have had in the last 12 months, the increase being in that time about a per cent.

## Ober's Mayor's Decree.

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 8.—Mabel Bennett, daughter of the Fort Dodge mayor, who has been urging bachelors to marry, eloped last night with Noland Snow, a chauffeur, and they were married here today. Mayor Bennett recently issued a decree urging all bachelors to marry. Snow took him at his word.