

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.

Senator La Follette says the senate is going to be cleaned.

The fate of the Balkan conference depends on Germany's consent.

Two Mexican rebels have been found guilty of fomenting a revolt on American soil.

A premature explosion of dynamite at Douglas, Ariz., killed two men and injured eight others.

Great Northern earnings for the last fiscal year show a decrease of \$1,858,000 compared with the previous year.

A German military balloon exploded a mile in the air. The occupants fell in a tree and were uninjured.

Experts who have been going over the books of San Francisco have found a shortage of \$60,000 in the city treasury.

Senator Atkins says he knows nothing about the marriage of his daughter to the Duke of Abruzzi and considers the naval escort a good joke.

During the reception of the American fleet at Yokohama all the American admirals were carried around the deck of their vessels on the shoulders of Japanese admirals and captains.

Deaths in Luzon from the storm will reach 500.

Snow has drifted to a depth of 15 feet in Montana.

An epidemic of typhoid fever prevails at Montreal, Quebec.

A bogus German baron has been victimizing San Francisco people.

One death has been reported from Montana, following the severe blizzard.

Reno gamblers are putting up a hard fight to prevent being driven from the city.

Lieutenant Jeppson, who has been King Edward's messenger since 1901, is dead.

John W. Kern, Jr., son of the Democratic vice-presidential candidate, is seriously ill.

A New York thief, after robbing a jewelry store of valuable diamonds, escaped in an auto.

The greatest celebration in the history of Japan is being given in honor of the American fleet.

Diamonds equal to those of South Africa are said to have been found in Death valley, Arizona.

One hundred and fourteen thousand applications were received for the 6000 farms in the Rosebud, S. D., reservation just thrown open.

Women suffragists will meet at Seattle in 1909.

Chinese in Canada are raising a relief fund to send to China to help the starving.

French troops have had another engagement with Moors. The latter were defeated.

Immense crowds attended the funeral service of Bishop Potter. The services were very simple.

By the bursting of a steam pipe four men were cooked to death on a steam barge on Lake Michigan.

The king of Italy has approved the wedding of Miss Katherine Elkins and the Duke of Abruzzi, his nephew.

Chinese have started a boycott on the Hamburg-American steamship line, and refuse to either ship by this line or ride on its vessels.

Henry E. Reed, who was largely responsible for the success of the Lewis and Clark fair, has resigned as director of exploitation of the Seattle fair.

Governor Patterson, of Tennessee, has offered a reward of \$10,000 for the arrest of the persons guilty of the murder of Colonel Taylor and Captain Rankin.

A snow storm in Colorado has caused six deaths.

A tornado in New Mexico was the cause of four deaths.

Gamblers are making a desperate fight for life at Reno.

A South Dakota school teacher won first prize in the Rosebud land lottery.

Flathead Indians in Montana killed a game warden, who killed four as he lay dying.

The asylum superintendent says it is dangerous to move Thaw, as his condition has not improved.

A tornado blew a work car off the track near Sherman, Wyo., killing two men and injuring 28 others.

Rear-Admiral Sperry says the reception of the fleet in Japan surpasses all others and is undoubtedly sincere.

SERVIA IS AROUSED.

People Enraged by Austrian Outrage on Vukotics.

Belgrade, Oct. 21.—General Vukotics, an official of the Montenegrin government, arrived here yesterday at noon after an extraordinary experience at Agram, where he was arrested by Austro-Hungarian officials and detained for several hours. In an interview, the general said:

"On my arrival at Agram gendarmes entered my car, dragged me out and took me to the prefecture of police. I was then searched, and my purse, papers, in fact, everything I had, were taken from me. My baggage was also completely ransacked. I gave the gendarmes my name and explained my status as a special envoy to King Peter. I showed also the passport and safe conduct given me at the Austro-Hungarian legation at Cetinje, but all to no avail.

"Ultimately I was permitted to send a telegram to Baron von Aehrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, complaining of the treatment accorded me, which was in violation of international usage. After considerable delay an order arrived from Vienna instructing the police to release me, and this was done.

"I was detained at the police station for seven hours, and, as I lost my train connection, my journey was delayed altogether fourteen hours."

This occurrence has aroused again a bitter feeling toward Austria-Hungary on the part of the Serbians, and the people are greatly excited.

The general is the hero of the moment in Belgrade. A great crowd of students and others gathered in front of his hotel yesterday afternoon, and when the general entered his carriage to drive to the palace the students unharassed the horses and dragged the vehicle through the streets themselves. Meanwhile the mob shouted its approval of King Peter and Prince Nicholas and cursed Austria.

PREDICTS BIG WAR

Balkan Trouble Means Downfall of Turkey, Says Escaped Prince.

Chicago, Oct. 21.—Prince Shaban Bey Gotscha, leader of the Turkish revolutionists, upon whose head the sultan has placed a price of \$15,000, is living quietly in Chicago. Prince Shaban would become sovereign of Albania should that country be freed from Turkish rule. He believes the present Balkan situation is a crisis in European affairs that will result in the disintegration of the Ottoman empire.

"I predict a general European war as a result of the Balkan difficulties," said Prince Shaban.

Prince Shaban, who lives at 2122 Michigan avenue, was a leader in the organization of the revolutionist party in his province. He gathered an army of 12,000 men, which was defeated at the battle of Jackova in 1904. He evaded capture and fled to London.

RAISE FUND FOR CHINESE.

Countrymen in Victoria Get News of Loss of Crops by Floods.

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Michigan Fire is Spreading.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Oct. 21.—Hundreds of residents in this district who have been fighting forest fires today are depending upon showers predicted for tonight to give much needed relief. A 40-mile gale spread the fires in all directions today. It is reported that Suzar island, which has a population of 1000 persons, is ablaze almost from end to end. Near Tedour sixteen square miles have been burned over. Gladys, Eckerman, Shell Drake and Whitefish Point are surrounded. Brimley had a narrow escape today, but the fires were driven back.

Great Storm in Montana.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 21.—A heavy storm has cut Butte off from the north and west. Eastern Montana reports blizzards, delaying trains from five to ten hours. The unusual snow is believed to have caused loss to sheep.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

ENLARGE MINIDOKA TRACT.

Government Withdraws More Snake River Land.

Washington, Oct. 22.—The Minidoka irrigation project looks so good to government officials that they are making preliminary surveys with a view to materially enlarging the irrigation area on the north side of Snake river. As far as they have progressed these preliminary surveys have been entirely satisfactory, so satisfactory that the secretary of interior recently withdrew from all forms of entry 165,000 acres of land on the north bank of Snake river just east of Shoshone falls. The withdrawn land lies in townships 7, 8 and 9 south, ranges 18, 19 and 20 east. If it shall be later determined to irrigate this land, its withdrawal will prevent speculative entries.

The examinations now under way are not only with regard to the possibility of carrying water onto this land, but also as to the possibilities of increasing the amount of water in Snake river for irrigation purposes through construction of storage works on the headwaters of Snake river and its tributaries.

\$47,000 Will Cover Shortage.

Washington, Oct. 23.—Although the controller of currency yesterday received the report of Bank Examiner Gatech on the Farmers & Traders bank at La Grande, Or., he refuses to make any statements other than have already been published, holding the report as confidential, as are all reports of bank examiners. It is not believed that the shortage will exceed that already published—\$47,000. The face value of the bank's assets was \$196,231, and its liabilities, as far as ascertained, \$215,515.

Mann Declines Honor.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Giving as a controlling reason that his work in Boston is still unfinished, Rev. Dr. Alexander Mann, rector of Trinity Episcopal church of that city, has declined the position of bishop of Washington to succeed the late Bishop Henry N. Satterlee. Dr. Mann's declination is the third since the death of Bishop Satterlee about six months ago.

Fleet Goes to Panama.

Washington, Oct. 22.—When the Pacific fleet under command of Admiral Swinhorn leaves Magdalena bay about December 1 on its trip south, it will go first to Panama and then sail directly for Talcahuano, a distance of 3,300 miles. The other stops in South America, including Coquimbo and Callao, will be made on the return to the United States.

Court Wants No Politics.

Washington, Oct. 23.—The supreme court of the United States yesterday indicated disapproval of the efforts to bring that court into politics at this time by denying the motion to advance the hearing in the case of the Nobel state bank of Oklahoma against Governor Haskell and others, involving the constitutionality of the Oklahoma bank deposit guaranty law.

Fleet Leaves Honolulu.

Honolulu, Oct. 24.—The Pacific cruiser fleet, commanded by Rear Admiral Swinhorn, sailed at 9:15 o'clock Thursday morning, with the accompanying torpedo-boat destroyers in tow, for the Pacific coast. The cruisers will proceed to Magdalena bay for target practice, after which they will visit the west coast of South America.

Discontinue Fumigation.

Washington, Oct. 24.—In view of the improved conditions in San Francisco, Surgeon-General Wyman, of the public health and marine hospital service, has instructed his officers to discontinue the disinfection of outgoing vessels.

New Carriers for Oregon.

Washington, Oct. 21.—Rural carriers appointed to Oregon routes: Lorane, route 1, William Seals carrie, Charles Seals substitute; Medford, route 1, John E. Dent carrier, George E. Lindley substitute.

Fires in Adirondack Forests.

Utica, N. Y., Oct. 21.—Heavy winds in the central Adirondacks have picked up the fires which raged during the long drought and are driving them on as furiously as before.

Disease is Slaying Moors.

Washington, Oct. 23.—A virulent disease, highly contagious and fatal in every case, has broken out at Rabat, Morocco, and the Moorish authorities have been asked to take all quarantine precautions.

Slocum Sent to Puget Sound.

Washington, Oct. 23.—Commander G. R. Slocum, United States navy, has been ordered to Puget Sound navy yard for duty as ordnance officer.

BEGINS WORK ON MESSAGE.

President Consults Secretary Straus on Immigration Problems.

Washington, Oct. 30.—The president is busy holding conferences and working on his annual message to congress. He conferred on immigration matters with Secretary Straus and Robert Watchorn, commissioner of immigration at New York. Mr. Watchorn's visit revived speculation regarding the successor to the commissioner-general of immigration, the vacancy which it was recently announced at the white house would not be filled until after election.

The general political situation was reviewed at a conference between the president and Representative Loudenslager, secretary of the Republican congressional committee. Mr. Loudenslager said he told the president that the committee was getting plenty of activity, though not plenty of money, and that the Republican prospects were good.

PUNISH OFFICEHOLDERS.

Civil Service Men Suffer for Their Political Activity.

Washington, Oct. 24.—More punishment has been meted out as the result of charges of pernicious activity in the political campaign. The civil service commission today announced that J. H. Fordham, a deputy collector of internal revenue at Orangeburg, S. C., had been reprimanded and suspended without pay for 15 days for active participation in the Republican state convention at Columbia. Robert A. Stewart, temporary deputy collector, who was county chairman of the executive committee of Clarendon county, S. C., has been reprimanded. R. O. Pierce, an employe of the Mare Island navy yard, who announced his candidacy as supervisor in the first district, has been discharged. Clyde Xnock, a letter carrier at Independence, Kan., who became the independent candidate for the district court clerkship, has resigned to avoid dismissal.

Played Ryan's Son.

Washington, Oct. 20.—The record of a young man of Alexandria, Va., who masqueraded here for several days as the son of Thomas Fortune Ryan, the New York multi-millionaire, is being investigated by the police. The authorities have already discovered that he has a wife and children in the Virginia city, and that he was associated with a woman who is believed to be the wife of a New York stock broker. Detectives have discovered an alleged attempt by the young man to defraud a guest of the New Willard hotel by representing that valuable pictures could be bought by the payment of a deposit. The deposit, however, was not paid.

Mortgage on Western Pacific.

Oakland, Cal., Oct. 21.—The Western Pacific Railroad company today filed a \$25,000,000 second mortgage with the county recorder. The loan is secured from the Central Trust Company of New York City. The main line road from Salt Lake City to Oakland is given as security for the loan, which is to be used as a sinking fund. The mortgage runs for 44 years, bearing 5 per cent. The first mortgage was filed September 1, 1903, and was for a loan of \$60,000,000. This amount was secured from the Bowling Green Trust Company, of New York.

Wright Soon All Right.

Washington, Oct. 22.—Orville Wright, the aeronaut, who has been confined in the hospital at Fort Myer ever since the accident to his aeroplane on September 17, when Lieutenant Selfridge met his death, is rapidly recovering. He is expected to be able to move with the aid of crutches in a few days, and his sister, Miss Catherine Wright, plans to take him to their Dayton home by the end of next week. Wilbur Wright, now in France, will complete the tests of their aeroplane before the army board at Fort Myer, next spring.

Oil Company Blocked.

Washington, Oct. 21.—The supreme court of the United States denied the motion for a rehearing in the case of H. Pierce Clay, of the Waters-Pierce Oil company, of St. Louis. Pierce resisted an application for his removal to Texas in connection with the prosecution of his company on the charge of violating the Texas anti-trust laws.

Plan Welcome to Fleet.

Amoy, China, Oct. 24.—Admiral Sali, of the Chinese navy, and Mr. Sun, the provincial treasurer of the reception committee to welcome the battleship fleet to this port, have arrived here on the Chinese cruiser Fei Eng.

WHOLE FAMILIES DIE.

Devastated District in Michigan Covers 100 Square Miles.

Alpena, Mich., Oct. 19.—Out of the fire-swept district to the north of this city, where flames are spreading untold death and desolation unchecked, come advices which indicate that the number of dead will exceed 50 and may run up well toward 100. Early Saturday it was known that 23 had been sacrificed to the flames. Later advices confirmed this report and added 10 more to the list of victims. Today it is certain that the casualties will largely exceed every previous report.

In the vicinity of Metz, Bolton and Posen the fires have burned sufficiently to leave several hundred women and children camping with comparative safety in the open fields, but near this city Saturday night the fires became so threatening that Mayor McKnight called out a volunteer force of several hundred men with shovels to construct trenches in an effort to stem the progress of the flames toward this city. The same southwest wind that swept fires through the village of Metz is still blowing, with consequent great danger to villages and farms.

Fires are still raging uncontrolled through the counties of Sheboygan, Presque Isle, Alpena and Alcona, as well as in other scattered districts through northern Michigan. Diligent search has been begun to determine the full extent of the holocaust. It may take many days to reveal the tragedies that are likely to have occurred on isolated farms, with families fighting bravely to the last to save their lives and their modest homesteads.

The death list may not be fully known for a week. But it needs no elaborated details to determine that the property loss will run into the millions. Whole villages have been blotted off the map and logging camps by the dozen have been destroyed, with their entire season's output.

TURKEY WANTS WAR.

Mobilizes Army in Asia Minor to Fight Bulgaria.

Paris, Oct. 19.—The optimism prevailing in official circles up to the present time concerning the ability of the powers to maintain peace in eastern Europe was rudely shattered on receipt of a telegram from the French ambassador at Constantinople, M. Constans, announcing that Turkey had ordered the mobilization of her troops in Asia Minor, and it is believed that a few hours will determine the issue of peace or war.

This is regarded as Turkey's answer to Bulgaria's refusal to accord compensation for her independence and to the powers which arranged the program in London for the international conference.

Instructions have been hurriedly forwarded to the French representatives at Constantinople and Sofia to renew their counsels of peace and the other powers have sent similar instructions to their representatives in these cities, urging moderation on the part of Bulgaria and Turkey.

The fear among diplomats, however, is that intervention may come too late and that the Bulgarians, in their present state of excitement, may accept Turkey's act as one of provocation and advance across the frontier, when a collision between the armies would be inevitable and irreparable.

REVIVE SCHOOL QUESTION.

Chinese Demand Native Girls Be Admitted to White School.

San Francisco, Oct. 19.—An order by the board of education for the removal of ten Chinese school girls from one of the public schools of the city to an annex of the oriental school threatens to renew the Asiatic school complication of a year ago.

Soo Hoo Fong, a local Chinese merchant, through his attorneys has threatened to sue the members of the board of education if they remove his children from a school attended by white children, and others plan similar action.

Fong's attorneys claim their client and his wife were born in the United States and that the children were born here. They have a right to claim American citizenship with all privileges, they assert.

The secretary of the board has announced that the order directing the transfer would not be changed.

Kings Wins Over Welchers.

Kingston, Jamaica, Oct. 19.—The insurance companies are preparing to pay the thousands of dollars due on policies held by residents of this city whose homes and places of business were destroyed in the fire that preceded the earthquake of last January. The English court of appeals has decided that the fire which swept Kingston January 14 was not caused by the earthquake, but preceded it. The decision practically overrules the earthquake clause. The action of the court means that millions will become available to policy-holders.

Famous Soldier Dead.

Tokio, Oct. 19.—Field Marshal the Marquis Nodzu, the famous Japanese commander, who forced the passage of the Yalu river at the outbreak of the Japanese-Russian war and fought the fierce battle of Nanshan, in which he lost 3,500 men in order to beat the Russians back, is dead.

DEATH LIST GROWS

41 Known Fatalities in Michigan Forest Fires.

AT LEAST 1,700 ARE HOMELESS

Fate of 60 Families Camped on Lake Shore Remains in Doubt—Worst is Over.

Alpena, Mich., Oct. 20.—The certified known death list resulting from the forest fires in Presque Isle and Alpena counties stands at 41, with several persons still reported missing and a probability of severe loss of life in northern Pulaski and Krakow townships in Presque Isle county. At least 60 families were living near the shore of Lake Huron in the northern half of Pulaski and Krakow townships and nothing has been heard of them since the fire.

At Grand Lake a farmer and wife and four children are known to have taken refuge in a boat and nothing has since been heard from them.

A dozen school children sent home by the teachers have not been heard from. While big fires are still burning throughout the northern tier of counties, not a single village or town is now known to be in danger, and only the Hurst branch of the Detroit & Mackinac railroad is out of commission.

Some apprehension is felt for Grace Harbor, which is located on the shore of Lake Huron, northeast of here. No word has been received from there since the fire.

At the lowest estimate there are 1700 people homeless, and there is not even an adequate supply of water.

The Detroit & Mackinac Railroad company ordered 150 pumps sent into the fire district. The relief fund at Alpena has reached \$3000, and is growing rapidly.

MYSTERY ABOUT MAINE.

Warship Arrives Unannounced and Authorities Keep Quiet.

Portsmouth, N. H., Oct. 20.—The battleship Maine, one of the special service squadron that has preceded the Atlantic battleship fleet on its voyage around the world, arrived in the lower bay yesterday.

The Maine has been in wireless communication with the commandant of the yard here since Monday morning. The messages have caused considerable stir among the officials of the yard, who refuse to reveal their significance. For the first time this year, wireless operators have been forbidden to disclose the contents of the messages.

It is understood that the Maine will stay in port here for three weeks, and after a cruise will later return for a general refitting. During the present stay the vessel will go to the Kittery drydock to have her hull scraped.

The Maine and the Alabama sailed from Hampton Roads as units of the battleship fleet. They were detached from the fleet at San Francisco and sent ahead to prepare the way.

The Maine's last port was the Azores. The Alabama is expected to reach New York tomorrow. She left the Maine last Wednesday.

THOUSANDS ARE STARVING.

Floods Devastate Vast Area in China at Harvest Time.

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Guilty of Disrespect.

Yokohama, Oct. 20.—The court-martial that tried Lieutenant Frank T. Evans, of the battleship Louisiana, son of Rear-Admiral Evans, found he was not guilty of intoxication, but was guilty of disrespect to his superior officers and of leaving deck while he was on duty. The court's sentence was that he shall lose 150 numbers and receive a public reprimand. Rear-Admiral Sperry criticizes the sentence as inadequate and too lenient and says he approves it only in order that Lieutenant Evans shall not entirely escape punishment.

Three Shocks in Manila.

Manila, Oct. 20.—Two sharp earthquake shocks were felt here today, followed by a third, which was less severe. No damage was done in or about Manila, and as yet no report has been received from other points on the island. The first shock came at 10:50 A. M., the second at 1:40, and the third at 3:10 P. M.