

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.

Some of the most influential Dutch papers urge war with Venezuela.

The czar has lectured Prince George, of Serbia, for making warlike lectures.

General Corbin says fool women like Mrs. Hains cause much trouble in the army.

The body of a young German, half devoured by coyotes, has been found near Los Angeles.

Two colliers have left New York for San Francisco and a 13,000-mile race is on between them.

The Chinese war junk Whang Ho left San Francisco March 8 for New York and has not been heard from since.

Officials of two large Boston structural steel companies have paid fines of \$1,000 each for collusion in contracts.

Governor Pattison, of Tennessee, says it is now known who murdered Colonel Rankin and punishment will follow.

Most of the Japanese emigration companies have suspended, it is said because of the restriction on Japanese going to America.

A sailing vessel has just arrived at Victoria, B. C., which came from the Atlantic by way of Cape of Good Hope because the weather was too rough to make it around Cape Horn.

The second squadron of the battleship fleet has arrived at Amoy, China.

One of New York's four hundred gives as a lady's limit one pint of champagne at dinner.

Los Angeles high school boys have been suspended for branding with acid initiates into a school society.

Rockefeller declares he will continue the development of his life's plans and abhors the idea of a vacation.

President Eliot, of Harvard university, declares himself to be a moderate drinker and opposes prohibition.

John Burns, an English labor leader, has angered the British labor party by comparison of British and American workmen.

Dan Crawford, 10 years ago one of the wealthiest men in Reno, has been convicted of being a common drunk and vagrant.

A fire panic caused several girl employes of offices in a 11-story Cincinnati building to leap to the ground. Ten were injured.

The North Dakota Supreme court has decided unconstitutional the pledge feature of the primary law of that state by which members of the legislature are bound to vote for the senatorial candidate receiving the highest vote by the people.

Holland expects to blockade Venezuelan ports.

One death has resulted in Utah from football this season.

The torpedo boat flotilla has left San Diego for Magdalena bay.

A Yreka, Cal., murderer locked up his jailer and escaped to the hills.

Pennsylvania railroad officials admit giving the Standard Oil a secret rate.

One county in South Carolina and three in Ohio have voted for prohibition.

The newspapers of Japan still contain much comment laudatory of the American fleet.

Austria and Bulgaria have both made concessions that assure the Balkan conference.

Lord Curzon, formerly viceroy of India, has been reduced to poverty by extravagance and speculations.

One night rider has confessed to taking part in the Reel-out lake murder, implicating a number of prominent men.

Deadly fumes from Mexico's great oil well fire, 60 miles from Tampico, have killed more than a score of workmen during the past few days. The company has spent more than \$1,000,000 in extinguishing the flames.

Los Angeles has passed an ordinance barring fake fortune tellers.

Castro says he will not give in to Netherlands and is ready to fight at any time.

A large wharf and two vessels were burned at St. Johns, N. F. The loss is placed at \$500,000.

OBJECTS TO ANNEXATION.

Russia Fears Austria Would Want More Territory.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 27.—No announcement was made today by the foreign office as to the progress of the negotiations at Berlin between M. Iswolsky, the Russian foreign minister, and Prince von Buelow, the German chancellor. The conference, so far as can be learned, has scored no definite results, and will be continued.

Advices from Berlin, however, have in no wise lessened the confidence here that the proposed international congress will ultimately be accepted by Germany, although negotiations are apt to be continued for some time after the return of M. Iswolsky. The invitation to take part in the congress therefore, will be correspondingly delayed.

M. Iswolsky, interviewed by the Novoe Vremya's Berlin correspondent today, declared that Austria's action was a blow at vital Slav interests and that the indignation of the Russian press and public could easily be understood, but he asked the public to suspend judgment with regard to his activity in this connection until his return to Russia, when he hoped with the emperor's permission to make a statement before the duma. It is reported that the Octoberists in the duma have decided to support the foreign minister, but President Khomykoff in an interview said that Russia should refuse to recognize the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which was a mere prelude to further aggressions on the part of Austria-Hungary.

MAY MAR RECEPTION.

Authorities Fear Trouble at Amoy When Fleet Arrives.

Amoy, China, Oct. 27.—Discovery of a revolutionist plot is causing great uneasiness to Chinese government officials.

Fears are entertained that the ramifications of this plot may be far reaching. The object of the rebels, it is said, was to assassinate high Chinese officials during the festivities of the forthcoming reception to the American fleet, the conspirators hoping that the officials would appear in public in a body on that occasion.

Extraordinary precautions are being taken and will be extended during the stay of the fleet here, and particularly during the functions. Viceroy Song, of Fukien province, who arrived here yesterday on the cruiser Hai Yung, spent the night aboard the ship.

Order and perfect system are being rapidly established at the reception grounds where the recent typhoon wrought destruction. Bamboo structures have replaced the ruined buildings, and the original plans for the entertainment of the officers and men of the American fleet are likely to be carried out in full. It had been intended to install a wireless telegraph system, but this probably will not be done, as there is no expert here to carry out the work.

SEVEN CHOLERA CASES.

Disease Makes Fresh Start Among Natives in Manila.

Manila, Oct. 27.—Seven new cases of cholera were reported in this city for the day ending Sunday night. The slight increase in the spread of the disease is ascribed by the authorities to the many gatherings of the people on Saturday night and Sunday, and the feasts that accompanied the assemblies. The situation is not considered to be grave, as the health department feels that it has the epidemic well under control, expressing no alarm over the increase.

It is probable that the government will further restrict the gatherings of the natives, and also the sale of dangerous foods. It is believed that the cockpits located in the suburbs of the city, where it is difficult to maintain a strict watch over the sale of footstuffs, are responsible for the slight increase in the number of cholera cases noted at each week-end.

Leaves Sheep to Perish.

Medicine Hat, Saskatchewan, Oct. 27.—The first trains since November 19 reached Medicine Hat from the East Sunday evening. Riders got in from the district, stretching to the United States border, with fearful tales of hardships created by the storm. Donald Cameron, a shepherd, with two others, were caught and forced to leave their sheep to perish and seek safety themselves. Cameron became exhausted and died after being 60 hours without sleep or nourishment, the other two reached safely.

Revolt in Corea at End.

Tokio, Oct. 27.—The so-called insurrection in Corea is practically ended. The troops are still on active duty, but the insurgents have dwindled to merely a disorderly element. Two-thirds of the Japanese troops in North China will be withdrawn in a few days.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

WOULD LOSE REVENUE.

Revenue Bureau Opposes American Wines in Medicines.

Washington, Oct. 29.—The internal revenue bureau is strongly opposed to the contention of the California grape growers for a reversal of the committee's ruling of March 25, 1908, which prohibits the use of fortified American sweet wines in the manufacture of proprietary medicines or compounds. To do so, in the opinion of officials, would be to violate the law and to deprive the government of many millions in revenue annually. This would be accomplished, it is pointed out, by the general substitution in the manufacture of proprietary medicines, etc., of non-taxable sweet wines, which have been reinforced by the addition of a preservative acid, of non-taxable grape brandy for spirits which are taxed \$1.10 per gallon. The purpose of the law which does not require a tax to be paid on grape brandy when used for this specific purpose is said to have been solely for the encouragement of the grape and sweet wine industries.

Commissioner Capers has received a letter from Senator Perkins, of California, advocating the reversal, and transmitting a copy of a resolution recently adopted by the Manufacturers' and Producers' association of California, and the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress at San Francisco. It also urges the reversal of the objectionable ruling.

Big Scores in Practice.

Manila, Oct. 30.—While the scores and figures of the cruiser and gunboat squadron made in target and battle practice, which has just been concluded, will not be made public until they arrive at the Navy department at Washington, it has been announced that all previous records have been broken. The Rainbow led in the gunboat squadron, exceeding all the scores made by the Wilmington, present holder of the trophy.

Millions for Deep Channel.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—The proposed deep water channel in Illinois can be constructed in six years and fully paid for out of its water power earnings in 11 years thereafter, according to estimates submitted by Engineer Lyman E. Cooley. If the voters approve the \$20,000,000 bond issue next Tuesday, he said, the state will be able to make the best paying public investment that opportunity ever offered.

Negro Soldier in Hurry.

Washington, Oct. 30.—The attorneys for Oscar W. Reid, one of the negro soldiers who were discharged from the army on account of alleged participation in the Brownsville affair, endeavored today to have the Supreme court advance the hearing of his case. The case was decided against Reid in the United States Circuit court for the Southern district of New York.

Willet Will Defend Dodd.

Mare Island Navy Yard, Cal., Oct. 31.—A telegram was received here today from the Navy department at Washington authorizing Paymaster P. J. Willet, who had been ordered to join the Solace, to remain at the navy yard until the conclusion of the court-martial of Lieutenant E. H. Dodd. The hearing of the case will now be completed as rapidly as possible.

Exceeds Contract Speed.

Newport, R. I., Oct. 27.—The cruiser Chester came in from sea today after two days of endurance test off the coast in very rough conditions. The cruiser exceeded her contract speed, made 23 knots an hour for 12 hours with the wind blowing more than 40 miles an hour and 26 knots an hour for four hours under somewhat less severe conditions.

Buffalo Leaves Bremerton.

Navy Yard, Puget Sound, Wash., Oct. 29.—The auxiliary cruiser Buffalo, which arrived here Saturday with a draft of enlisted men for the cruiser Charleston, will leave today for Mare Island and from there will proceed to Panama. The ship makes regular trips between Pacific coast yards and the isthmus carrying service men and naval supplies.

Mining Stock Tabooed.

Washington, Oct. 29.—In order to keep the organization free from the suspicion of evasion of legal requirements, George Otis Smith, director of the geological survey, has issued an order prohibiting members of the survey from owning stock in any mining company, the property of which is in the United States or Alaska.

Cabinet Meeting Short-Handed.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Today's cabinet meeting was of short duration, only the secretary of the treasury being present. The other seven members are making campaign speeches in behalf of Judge Taft, while Secretary Metcalf is ill.

VERDICT WAS COMPROMISE.

Plea on Which Hyde and Schneider Ask New Trial.

Washington, Oct. 31.—The arguments for a new trial asked for by Frederick A. Hyde and Joost H. Schneider, who were convicted last spring of conspiracy in connection with land frauds in the West, were taken under advisement today by Justice Stafford, of the Criminal court of the District of Columbia.

Counsel for the convicted men considered that the verdict was the result of a compromise, some of the jurors who favored conviction of all four of the defendants who were tried (Hyde, Schneider, Benson and Dimond) voting to acquit Dimond in exchange for the votes of the other jurors, who were inclined to acquit all.

The prosecution asserted that compromise verdicts were being rendered daily by juries. The defense charged that the court had erred in telling the jury that one of the defendants might be convicted of conspiracy.

PLANS FOR GREATER NAVY.

President, in Message, Will Ask for Many Additions.

Washington, Oct. 27.—The president will ask congress in his annual message, it is said, to grant four battleships annually. He adheres to his belief that this is necessary. The president will also urge additional appropriations for the completion of a naval base at Pearl harbor and of the Hawaiian coast defenses, and he will probably ask for increased facilities at Mare island for handling naval vessels. Another thing the president will ask congress for is adequate provision for equipping and defending the naval base at Guantanamo, where the Navy department has planned great yards. The location of this naval depot is in the vicinity of the Panama canal and is regarded as of strategic importance.

Strict With Sailors.

Manila, Oct. 28.—Sailors of the American fleet will not be permitted shore leave after 10 o'clock at night nor allowed to drink water from native wells during the stay of the American fleet here, according to a rule promulgated today. The first squadron of the fleet is expected to reach here November 1. The second squadron, under Admiral Emory, which went to Amoy, China, is expected to arrive November 8. The order issued today states that although the health officials expect to have the cholera stamped out completely by the time the fleet arrives, they will take no chances.

Only Congress Can Reinstate.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Secretary Wright said today that nothing could be done in the matter of reinstating Mingo Sanders, formerly sergeant of the Twenty-fifth infantry, who, with his battalion, was dismissed from the army without honor, for alleged participation in the Brownsville disorders. The only way now open for his reinstatement, the secretary said, was by special act of congress.

Wright All Right Again.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Orville Wright, the aeronaut, will leave Fort Meyer hospital for his home at Dayton, Ohio, on Saturday, if his condition continues to improve. His sister, Miss Catherine Wright, who has nursed him at the army hospital, will accompany him. Mr. Wright desires to vote, even though it may be necessary to carry him to the polls.

Warships Leave Japan.

Washington, Oct. 28.—A cablegram to the Navy department from Admiral Sperry reports the departure of the fleet from Yokohama. The first squadron of battleships will return to Manila, where they are due October 31. The second squadron is now enroute to Amoy, China, where it is expected to arrive next Thursday.

Frank Kiggins Dies Suddenly.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Frank Kiggins, of Tennessee, chief examiner of the civil service commission, died suddenly Monday of uraemic convulsions. John Kiggins, of Vancouver, B. C., is a brother.

Government Buys Silver.

Washington, Oct. 27.—The Treasury department today bought 7,500 ounces of silver for delivery at New Orleans and 50,000 ounces for delivery at Denver at 51.670 cents per fine ounce.

Whistler at Fort Worden.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Colonel Garland N. Whistler has been assigned to Fort Worden, Wash., and in command of the artillery district of Puget sound.

Rural Carriers at Oakland.

Washington, Oct. 27.—K. L. Thornton has been appointed regular, Jeremiah L. Thornton substitute, rural carrier on the route at Oakland, Ore.

MINING CONGRESS CALLED.

Eleventh Annual Convention to Meet in Pittsburg.

Denver, Oct. 26.—The executive committee of the American Mining congress yesterday issued the official call for the 11th annual convention to be held in Pittsburg December 2, 3, 4 and 5, 1908. A special effort is contemplated looking to the final enactment of the bill for the creation of a bureau of mines, now on the calendar of the United States senate for third reading.

Particular attention is called to the work of congress in making investigations relating to the protection of the lives of miners; proposals for the elimination of fraudulent mining stock operations; the relations between customs smelters and the ore producer; Federal aid for mining schools and experiment stations; the exploitation of the rare mineral resources of the country; the conservation of mineral resources; the timber and water supply, and the unification of the mining laws of the several states, are the particular subjects which will be under discussion. It is announced the convention will be an open forum for the discussion of all mining subjects.

The call invites the president of the United States, the governors and heads of commercial bodies to appoint delegates. A special feature of the body will be a coal mine gas testing plant, now in course of construction in Pittsburg, under an appropriation made during the last session of congress, which will then be completed.

ENORMOUS LOSS IN COAL.

Trade Loses \$1,500,000 Weekly by Cotton Lockout.

London, Oct. 26.—The shutting down of 500 mills as the result of the cotton trade lock out has reduced the consumption of engine coal by 700,000 tons per week. Calculated at \$2 per ton, this represents a loss of trade amounting to \$1,500,000 a week.

Oldham, the center of the spinning industry, is the first of the cotton towns to feel the pinch of the lockout. Of the 320 mills in the town only 20 are now working. It is not the operatives who have their lock out pay from their unions to fall back on who are beginning to feel the pressure of the industrial warfare, but the shopkeepers, particularly at the small shops, who depended on the custom of the mill girls.

No one has the heart to buy anything short of actual necessities. No new dresses are being made in Oldham just now, and dressmakers are reducing the number of their workroom hands, and the milliners' shops, of which the female cotton operative was the generous patron, are deserted.

The situation was discussed at a meeting of the distress committee last night and the mayor has summoned a special meeting of the council for tonight, when a deputation from the distress committee will make suggestions for providing relief work.

GAMBLERS WIN.

Reno Votes to Continue Wide Open Town as Before.

Reno, Nev., Oct. 26.—Reno will remain a wide open town for some time to come, according to the result of the city election held here Saturday, when the gambling element won by a majority of 566 votes out of a total of about 3,100 votes cast. The election was on a city ordinance to forbid the running of gambling games under license in the city of Reno. The ordinance was put to the city vote upon the petition of the Anti-Gambling league, who made a red hot fight at the polls.

The league opened headquarters about two months ago and has worked diligently ever since, holding mass meetings and spreading literature broadcast and through the mails. The gambling fraternity worked quietly, but the result shows they worked effectively. The defeat of the ordinance is partly due to the feeling that gambling should be stopped throughout the state and not alone in Reno. The fight will be carried into the legislature at the coming session.

Moros Battle With Laborers.

Manila, Oct. 26.—Nine Filipino laborers and their American superintendent were killed in a desperate fight with a band of Moros on the Shepherds sugar plantation near Iligan on the island of Mindanao last week, according to news that reached here today from the island. The men were working on the plantation and were taken off their guard by the Moro warriors. The laborers lost heavily before they repulsed the attacking party in a final rally. The Moros are reported to have lost 20 killed and many more wounded.

Nicaragua Is Laid Waste.

Managua, Nicaragua, Oct. 26.—A great storm has prevailed throughout Nicaragua since yesterday morning. Heavy losses are reported, but, as all the telegraph and telephone communications have been interrupted and the railroad badly damaged, it is impossible to state how far reaching the storm has been.

LAURIER IS ELECTED

Premier's Majority Safe, Though Slightly Reduced.

CONTESTS TO BE ORDER OF DAY

Conservatives Lose Out in Ontario, Where They Expected Their Heaviest Gains.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 27.—Elections for the Federal house of commons were held yesterday throughout Canada. Of the 221 constituencies in the dominion only two—Rouville, Ont., and South York, Ont.—returned members by acclamation. In all the others, with the exception of five, which will hold their elections later, there were contests.

The returns show that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the present premier, who in the last house had a majority of 66, will be returned to the house for another five years, with a majority of between 55 and 60.

French Canadian Quebec remained loyal to the premier, electing a membership almost solidly Liberal.

Ontario, where the Conservatives expected to make their heaviest gains, did not come up to the opposition's expectations. The returns indicate an almost evenly divided membership, compared with 39 Liberals and 47 Conservatives in the last house.

Nova Scotia, which at the last general elections in 1904 returned a solid Liberal phalanx, gives the Conservative party several seats.

R. L. Borden, leader of the Conservatives, was elected by a substantial majority in Halifax, which supported him four years ago. All the ministers have been re-elected with the exception of William Templeton, of Victoria, B. C., minister of inland revenue, who lost by five votes.

ARREST 14 NIGHT RIDERS.

Sixty-One Now Held in Connection With Reel Foot Outrage.

Camp Reno, Reel Foot Lake, Tenn., Oct. 27.—Fourteen prisoners were brought into camp today in connection with recent night rider outrages in this section. This makes a total of 61 now in custody here. Three mounted scouting parties went out and two of them returned. The third will not be back before tomorrow night. The detachment headed by Major R. E. Martin is prepared to go to Obion tonight to search for the mysterious masked men who were reported to have been seen near that town. After communicating with several people Colonel Tatum decided that the story was without foundation and recalled the orders.

Both Union City and Samburg, where the soldiers are camped, were the centers of interest today in the night rider troubles. A special term of the County court convened at Union City today and all of the evidence in the Reel Foot lake case was laid before the jury.

WAIT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Decision on Star of Bengal Wreck May Have Serious Results.

San Francisco, Oct. 27.—The inspectors of hulls and boilers, who have been investigating the wreck of the ship Star of Bengal, which went ashore on the Alaskan coast some weeks ago, 111 lives being lost, finished taking testimony yesterday and took the case under advisement.

Captain Wagner, of the Bengal, has filed charges of cowardice against the tug captains for their action in cutting his ship loose and it is expected that the decision of the inspectors will bear weight in the proceedings resulting from these charges. It is stated here that the United States District attorney of Alaska will bring Captain Wagner's charges against the captains of the Kayak and Hattie Gage before the Federal grand jury.

Calls Will Forgery.

New York, Oct. 27.—Declaring the signature in a will disposing of about \$1,000,000 a forgery, the will being that of Ambrose Burbank, who died in 1904, Dr. Alfred H. Hamilton, of Auburn, N. Y., a handwriting expert, created a sensation in the suit against Caleb H. Burbank, a nephew of the testator, during the trial in the United States Circuit court here today. The nephew is executor of the estate and was named residuary legatee, in addition to receiving a direct bequest of \$600,000.

Think Castro Is Bluffing.

Willemstad, Oct. 27.—According to letters received here, the people of Venezuela are confident of a prompt settlement of the dispute between that country and Holland. The refusal of President Castro to revoke the decree of May 14 is regarded as a bluff to distract attention from the doings of the revolutionists.