

EVENTS OF THE DAY

News Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

PREPARED FOR THE BUSY READER

Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

Castro is believed to have deserted Venezuela forever. The international naval conference is in session at London. The prosecution has completed its evidence in the Ruef trial. A Pittsburgh broker is charged with forging bonds for \$600,000. Elks of New York City are to spend \$1,000,000 on a new clubhouse. A steamer and two docks burned at Portland, Me., loss, \$250,000. Montenegro has attacked an Austrian fort, and Austria is hurrying troops to the scene. Adjutant General Ainsworth reports that desertions in the army are on the decrease. A Los Angeles man has been arrested for having dies for counterfeiting money. A Chicago grand jury reports wholesale election frauds, particularly direct primary. Physicians hold out some hope for the recovery of Governor-elect Casagrande of Washington. The Union Pacific has reduced its running time between Omaha and Portland two and one-half hours. Admiral Evans wants to present Admiral Byrd with a house at Los Angeles, but he has taken warning from the Dewey incident and declined. Mrs. Yerkes Mizner has started a contest of Yerkes' will. The Y. M. C. A. has erected a fine building at Seoul, Korea. An imperial edict has been issued in China guaranteeing a constitution in nine years. Los Angeles civil service employees have been forbidden to visit race tracks to witness races. Two miners were killed and three fatally injured in an explosion of gas in a West Virginia coal mine. Miss Elkins is said to have killed Abruzzi because she preferred Lieutenant Andrews, of the navy. Railroads and coal companies have been convicted of conspiracy in restraint of trade at Salt Lake City. Rabbi Wise attacked New York judges for hounding Croker on the occasion of his visit to this country. In the Standard Oil dissolution case Archbold has forgotten almost everything in connection with the company's business. A Chicago man imported a lot of rugs and other articles, placing a value of \$1,000 on them. Chicago customs officials have seized them as they were worth \$15,000. Thaw's lawyers continue to fight to secure his release. Minnesota, Montana and the Dakotas are having zero weather. A Columbus, Ohio, city official has been convicted of grafting. At the municipal elections just held in Massachusetts, several cities went dry. The floods in Arkansas have not subsided. The property loss will be enormous. The government inquiry into the Harriman merger has begun at New York. Four persons are dead as a result of the crush at Emperor Francis Joseph's diamond jubilee. Radicals will cause a storm in the German reichstag by a move to limit the kaiser's power. Many election frauds have been uncovered in Missouri and indictments are expected to follow. The Pillsbury-Washburn Milling company, of Minneapolis, which failed some time ago, is to be reorganized. The government of Hayti appears to be going to pieces before General Simon, leader of the rebels, reaches the capital. Revenue officials at San Francisco have received orders from Washington to prohibit the importation of opium for smoking. Samuel L. Clemens has just celebrated his 73d birthday. Two Japanese steamers collided off Chefoo and 700 lives are reported lost. Two Philadelphia men engaged in a pistol duel and two bystanders were wounded. At a conference of Pennsylvania Baptist ministers Roosevelt was severely censured.

AUSTRIA-TURKEY AFFAIR.

Austrian Ambassador Threatens to Go Home and Tension is Serious. London, Dec. 1.—A dispatch to the Times from Constantinople says that the tension between Austria and Turkey is becoming more serious. The departure of the Austrian ambassador, Marquis Pallavicini, will mean the complete rupture of negotiations. It is difficult to see how this can be avoided by Turkey while Austria maintains her demand for suppression of the boycott by active interference of the porte. Under the new regime this is impossible, as even if the government issued orders to that effect they would not be obeyed. The heads of the guilds concerned have told the grand vizier that the boycott will be persisted in so long as Austria persists in her present attitude. A dispatch to the Times from Vienna says the emperor's determination to maintain peace is a hopeful sign. There are rumors that Marquis Pallavicini is not likely to leave Constantinople and there is much speculation concerning the long audience which the emperor granted today to Count Julius Andrássy, the Hungarian minister of the interior, in view of the fact that Count Andrássy was the only Hungarian minister with the courage to oppose the policy of the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and predict its probable consequences.

CHINESE CUT WAY OUT.

Twenty-One Make Easy Escape From Detention Shed. San Francisco, Dec. 1.—Twenty-one out of 116 Chinese held at the Pacific Mail dock, pending the decision of the immigration officials as to whether or not they were entitled to enter the United States, escaped from the detention shed at Second and Brannan streets about 12 o'clock last night. Four of them were recaptured in Chinatown today and returned to the shed. Immigrant officials, the local police and the officers of the Pacific Mail Steamship company are prosecuting a vigorous search for the others. The Orientals cut the heavy wire netting over one of the windows, sawed through two iron bars and set down a water pipe. A night watchman discovered the open windows a few minutes after the Chinese had "laned" without the approval of the immigration officers. This is the second time that Chinese have escaped from the rickety old detention shed. Last September four of them awaiting deportation, sawed their way to liberty through the roof. Sensational charges made at the time by a peity officer of the Inner Mongol that Chinese were being landed by the process of substitution, led to an investigation, which, however, did not disclose anything tending to support the charges.

TRY ALL CASES AT ONCE.

Move to Consolidate Hearing of 35 Springfield Rioters. Springfield, Ill., Dec. 1.—If plans now under consideration by public prosecutors of Sangamon county are realized, one of the biggest cases in the history of the country will be called for trial in the Circuit court here early next year. It is probable that at the court will be asked if all the cases against alleged rioters in the August outbreak in Springfield may be tried at once. If the court consents, indictments against the 35 defendants, charged in conspiracy, will be asked of the next grand jury and the cases will be tried in a consolidated hearing with 35 defendants, a score of lawyers for the defense and probably three or four prosecutors. The plan is offered in the interest of economy. Five cases already have been tried without a conviction and it is estimated that a separate hearing will cost the county \$10,000. Denver Has Heaviest Snow. Denver, Dec. 1.—Beginning last night and continuing until late this afternoon, the eastern portion of Colorado was visited by one of the heaviest falls of snow ever experienced in this section, at some points a new record being established. In this city tramway officials declare the snow was the hardest they have ever been compelled to fight against, although the weather report of the actual precipitation here is only .96 inch. Every form of snow-plow owned by the tramway company was pressed into service.

Mission is of Diplomacy.

Basee Terre, Island of Guadeloupe, Dec. 1.—President Castro, of Venezuela, arrived here today aboard the steamer Guadeloupe, on his way to Bordeaux. In reply to interviewers, President Castro declared that the object of his journey was to settle some diplomatic business with the French government.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

ADVANCE IN RATES.

Old Equipment Will Cause Railroads to Seek Relief From Shippers. Washington, Dec. 5.—Shortage of rolling stock caused by the failure of the railroads to keep up their equipment during the recent financial stringency will result in sweeping advances in rates, according to the statement of members of the interstate commerce commission. "I have no doubt," said one of the commissioners in explaining the situation, "that an attempt will be made all along the line to push up rates in every possible way. The railroads have cultivated the impression that they are not receiving sufficient money to maintain their efficiency and to give good service and pay their stockholders anything." As soon as business revives the railroads all over the country are going to find themselves short of equipment. For two years they have bought no rolling stock to speak of, and they have not kept their old equipment in repair. "The railroad managers will soon begin announcing that they must get more money to lay tracks and buy cars and that to advance rates is the only means of getting the needed cash. Whether they will be permitted to enforce their highest rates is something the commission cannot pass on now." "Already the advances have begun. The commission has before it one case which involves an advance in rates in all the southeast. There is another case which involves advances in the southwest."

Site Prices Too High.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Winthrop has intimated that the prices asked for the four sites in San Francisco suggested as locations for the new subtreasury, were too steep; higher than business conditions in that city warranted and more money than the Federal government proposed to pay. The choice of one of these four sites may be swayed by the alacrity with which the owners of the property take the hint and reduce their figures. The new subtreasury will be a four-story structure of classic design, constructed of stone and concrete.

Uncle Sam to Keep Aloof.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The United States government has no present intention of intervening in Haytian affairs. This statement is made on the best of authority. The situation on the island is an internal one and as far as known here it is to deal entirely with the people. The Haytian situation is not complicated by the position of the work of "emigrados," which obtains so frequently in Central American revolutions. President Nord Alexis has been in power a number of years and for the time being at least there is no ground for American intervention.

Navy's Vital Need.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The possibility of the great Atlantic battleship fleet, strong and powerful as it is, is weak and helpless because of lack of coal, is shown in the report of Admiral Cowles, chief of the bureau of equipment, to the Navy department. According to the report the cruise of the fleet shows the need of more colliers. Had there been foreign complications or a combination of foreign shipowners the fleet might have remained helpless in some foreign port.

China's Envoys at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Tang Shao Yi, special envoy of the Chinese government, and Prince Tsai Fu, together with attaches and secretaries belonging to the official suite, 19 Chinese students, attendants and servants, have arrived here on their mission to thank President Roosevelt for the remittance of \$1,000,000 of the Boxer indemnity fund. The visitors occupy a house prepared particularly for their reception.

Damages Awarded Paper Mill Men.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane gave a decision today awarding reparation to American lumber manufacturers and others on account of the imposition of unjust freight charges by the Southern Pacific from the paper mills in Oregon to Queen Junction, Pa., because of the carriers' inability to supply cars of the size ordered by the shippers.

Hitchcock for Postmaster.

Washington, Dec. 2.—While both President-elect Taft and Frank H. Hitchcock today reiterated their statement that no announcement had been authorized, it is generally believed that Hitchcock will be the new postmaster general.

Keefe Commissioner of Immigration.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Daniel J. Keefe, of Detroit, president of the Longshoremen's union, has accepted the position of commissioner general of immigration.

MAKES NEW RECORD.

Government Printing Office Did Much Campaign Work. Washington, Dec. 3.—The government printing office was an important factor in the recent presidential campaign. This institution turned out for the Republican and Democratic parties 7,418,700 copies of speeches delivered in congress, surpassing all previous records by 3,000,000 copies. The total weight of campaign speeches printed since the beginning of the Sixtieth congress exceeds 400,000 pounds, or about 14 carloads. The printed sheets would completely cover 45 square acres of ground, and if each page could be laid end to end a bicycle track 947 miles long could be obtained. The number of words contained in this year's run of speeches has been roughly estimated at 230 billion. With the newspaper calculation of four readers to each copy, this would require the assimilation of nearly a trillion words. The printing of speeches in the government printing office for members of the senate and house of representatives has been reduced to an exact science through years of experience. The printing is paid for by the member of congress drawing the requisition, but the mailing is done by frank, at public expense.

MARRIAGE PROVES FAILURE.

Federal Statistics Show One Divorce for Every 12 Weddings. Washington, Dec. 1.—A higher divorce rate in the United States than any of the foreign countries where statistics are available is announced by the census bureau, which, in a bulletin just issued, says that at least one marriage in 12 in this country ultimately terminates in divorce. Divorce is now two and one-half times as common, compared with the married population as it was 40 years ago. Utah and Connecticut are the only two states showing a decreased divorce rate for the past 20 years.

Feel Need of Uncle Sam.

Washington, Dec. 4.—"To keep her relations with the United States of the most friendly character is the keynote of Japan's policy." This is the statement of John C. Laughlin, secretary of the United States commission to the Tokyo exposition, on who has just returned from his trip to Japan and who today commented on the treaty which in the last few days has drawn the two nations closer than ever before. "The people of Japan," he said, "realize that they need the aid of the United States to insure them against aggression."

Condemnation Suits for Ground.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The Federal court in Hawaii will soon begin condemnation suits for possession of land for a new military post at Waikiki. The post will be made the headquarters of the coast artillery branch of the army. Prices for the property have been agreed upon and no trouble is expected. It is believed the government will place dredges on the submerged lands and use the material taken from the bay for new boat building.

Let Fleet Go On Around.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Senator Flint, of California, announced today after a conference with the president, that he would take no part in a movement to keep the battleship fleet in the Pacific waters. The senator said: "The president's aim was to send the fleet around the world. It is now on its way home. No reason has arisen why the journey should not be completed." Senator Flint said the president favored more ships for the Pacific.

Fleet to Put on Paint.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The Navy department has ordered that war color be applied to those naval vessels on the west coast of the United States. Accordingly a slate color will be applied to the West Virginia, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Tennessee, Washington, California, South Dakota, St. Louis, Oregon, Buffalo, Milwaukee and Rainbow. The ships' forces will do the painting.

Assistant Secretary Saterlee.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Herbert L. Saterlee, of New York, has been tendered the post of assistant secretary of the navy, which was made vacant by Truman H. Newberry becoming secretary of the navy. Saterlee is reputed wealthy. He is a relative of J. P. Morgan.

Denies Petroleum Report.

Washington, Dec. 4.—"Alleged Oil Prospects in Nevada" is the title of the preliminary report issued today by the United States geological survey, which effectually disposes of claims made in certain quarters that the sections investigated abounded in petroleum veins.

THOUSANDS HOMELESS.

Rapid Rise of Oklahoma River Causes Great Damage. Guthrie, Okla., Nov. 30.—As a result of a 48-hour downpour in the valley of the Cottonwood river and its tributaries, the Cottonwood overflowed here yesterday afternoon. Several hundred homes are partially under water in West Guthrie, and 3,000 persons are homeless. The river at 6 o'clock last night was one foot higher than ever before in its history and rising 12 inches an hour. Hundreds of people who refused to get out of the flood district, believing that the river would not rise as rapidly as it did, fired shots of distress during the night, and hundreds of boats with rescuers brought the tardy ones to places of safety. It is believed that a few persons are still in their homes. So rapid was the rise in the Cottonwood that 20 heads of cattle in the affected district were drowned before they could be got out of the waters. Streetcar service is completely at a standstill. The city's water plant is under water. Five thousand dollars' worth of cotton belonging to the Farmers' Oil mill was washed away, and 2,000 bales are still in the water. The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe roundhouse and shops are inundated. All railroad trains in and out of Guthrie have been annulled. Near Seward, Okla., the Santa Fe tracks are out and the railroad bridge at Red Rock has been washed out. The Missouri, Kansas & Texas and the Fort Smith & Western railroads report many miles of track out near this city. The Denver, End and Gulf train is waterbound at Crescent. The Eastern Oklahoma railroad trains are being held at Stillwater. According to reports reaching this city, many miles of track on these two roads are either washed out or so completely under water that it is impossible to move trains.

FINCH KILLS FISHER.

Oregon Bar Prosecutor Shot by Disbarred Lawyer. Portland, Nov. 30.—Attorney Ralph B. Fisher, prosecutor for the grievance committee of the Oregon State Bar association, was shot and killed almost instantly at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon by Attorney J. A. Finch, who had been recently disbarred as the result of charges of drunkenness that were prosecuted by Mr. Fisher. The tragedy occurred in Mr. Fisher's private office, 322 Mowbray building, Third and Morrison streets. Miss Vera Burkhardt, Mr. Fisher's stenographer, was the only witness, and she fled screaming from the room. The assassin emerged deliberately from the room where lay his victim, walked down the corridor and was about to take the elevator when seized by Dr. H. F. Leonard, who detained him. Finch was at once taken into the office from which sulphurous smoke was still pouring, and looked down upon the prostrate form that he had slain. He grazed coolly and apparently unmoved upon the bleeding figure, uttered not a word, turned and walked out in the custody of the officers. "I wouldn't speak to him, and I'll get the rest of the bunch," Finch said to one of the officers who rode in the patrol wagon with him to the station. At the city jail Finch positively denied the murder to District Attorney Cameron. He had been in his own office nearly all day, he said, and had not been near Mr. Fisher's office. He talked confusedly and at times unintelligibly, apparently under the influence of either drugs or liquors, or premeditatingly preparing grounds for the defense of insanity.

Fight Safety Appliance Law.

San Francisco, Nov. 30.—The Northwestern Pacific railroad, a branch of the Harriman system, running 100 miles north of this city, has determined to fight the constitutionality of the safety appliance act and make the first test of the scope of its effectiveness. Almost all of the railroads are to be brought before United States courts for alleged violations of the act in not having safety conveniences to lessen the chances of killing operatives. The company claims the law does not apply to state traffic.

Germany is for Open Door.

Cologne, Nov. 30.—The Koelische Zeitung prints an inspired Berlin dispatch, in which it is stated that the American-Japanese treaty will be received with satisfaction everywhere. "So far as Germany is concerned," says the dispatch, "the principle of the 'open door' agrees fully with what Germany on various occasions has declared to be desirable."

Produce Farm for N. P. Diners.

Billings, Mont., Nov. 30.—The establishment of a farm by the Northern Pacific Railroad company on which that corporation would raise a large percentage of the supplies used on its dining cars is the latest proposition mentioned among the probabilities for the immediate vicinity of Billings for the coming spring.

BIGGY IS DROWNED

San Francisco Officer Disappears From Patrol Launch.

PROMINENT IN GRAFT TRIALS

After Having Served As Ruef's Jailer and Police Chief. Quarreled With Prosecution.

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—William J. Biggy, chief of police of this city, was drowned late last night while returning across the bay in the police patrol launch. Mr. Biggy had been at Belvedere, a suburb, to call on Police Commissioner Keil, who resides there. He boarded the launch to return to the city about 10 o'clock, and when the boat was out on the bay complained of feeling cold to Engineer Murphy, the only other occupant of the launch. Mr. Murphy advised him to go to the cabin at the stern of the boat. Mr. Murphy then went below to attend his engine and did not see the chief again. He came on deck as the boat neared the city and noticed that the chief had disappeared. A search of the boat failing to locate him, Mr. Murphy made all speed to the dock, where he reported the accident and went out into the bay again to search for the missing officer. Numerous boats were hurried to the scene and a careful search of the bay was begun. William J. Biggy was appointed chief of police by Mayor Taylor after the latter had been placed in office upon the removal of Mayor E. E. Schmitz. Biggy succeeded Jeremiah F. Dinan, against whom the grand jury returned an indictment in connection with the bribery cases. When Abraham Ruef was arrested, the prosecution asked that Biggy be appointed elisor and be given the custody of the prisoner. For eight months he held this position and at the expiration of that time was appointed chief of police in September, 1907, through the influence of the graft prosecution. Ever since the suicide of Morris Haas, the man who attempted to kill Assistant District Attorney Heney and who later took his own life in the county jail, the relations between the chief and the graft prosecution have been strained to the breaking point.

REBELS APPROACH CAPITAL.

President Nord Alexis Says He Will Fight to the Last. Port au Prince, Dec. 1.—Every hour brings the revolutionary army nearer to Port au Prince, and a feeling of impending disaster has taken possession of the people. The advance guard of General Antoine Simon's forces is now not more than 25 or 30 miles from this city, and the insurgents have swept all before them. The government losses at Anse a Veau and the rout of the loyal troops have caused consternation among the officials of the government, with possibly the exception of President Nord Alexis. Every effort to have him take himself out of the country has proved a failure, and the president, who has faced revolutions before, announces his determination to fight to the last.

TREATY IS SIGNED.

Root and Takahira Make Official the Japanese Agreement. Washington, Dec. 1.—The Japanese-American agreement was signed at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Secretary of State Root and Ambassador Takahira. The agreement is in the form of notes, which were exchanged as soon as the signatures were officially affixed. The notes merely embody in concrete form the sentiments that have been held for a long time by both nations according to a statement made at the State department. It was found desirable, it is surmised, to reduce them to writing because of the erroneous impressions existing.

Assassin's Trial Again Postponed.

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—Again the trial of I. Wan Chaeng, the Korean who was one of the party that attacked and killed the American diplomat Durham White Stevens, at the Ferry building, last February, has been postponed. At the last continuance Judge Cook announced that he would permit no further delay. The case was forced to a continuance by the fact that Chaeng's attorney, Judge Robert Ferrall, is engaged in another important trial growing out of the graft prosecution. The trial is set for December 7.

Magoon to Explain Cuban Loan.

Havana, Dec. 1.—Provisional Governor Charles E. Magoon left this city today for Washington to explain the nature of the proposed Cuban loan of \$25,000,000 before the Treasury department officials. Governor Magoon, before leaving, went over the matter with President-elect Gomez.