

# 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.

One of the Moroccan rebel leaders has been captured.

Spanish warships are bombarding the position held by the Moors.

The Greek flag in Crete has been brought down by a shot from a foreign warship.

The row between Pinchot and Ballinger is likely to cause Pinchot's resignation.

A British battleship went ashore off the coast of England. It is hoped to save the vessel.

Honey has been nominated by the Democrats of San Francisco for prosecuting attorney.

Thirty-nine of Japan's leading business men have started for America for a tour of the United States.

Thaw has been returned to the insane asylum without special privileges. His mother will continue the fight.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad includes Bibles among the books furnished the library compartments of their trains.

Prohibitionists from all quarters of the country will celebrate in Chicago, September 22, the 40th anniversary of the founding of their party.

The standard of the G. A. R., carried in parades at national encampments for 20 years, has been missing since the parade at Salt Lake.

Harriman has started home apparently in good health and spirits.

A slight earthquake has been felt through Central Illinois and Iowa.

Reports from Paris say Spain is anxious to negotiate with the Moors.

The trial of the Japanese strikers on Hawaiian sugar plantations is nearing an end.

The Calhoun trial in San Francisco has been delayed by the illness of one of the attorneys.

Americans in Mexico are forming a military company for the protection of American residents.

The contract has been signed at Peking admitting Americans to a share of the Chinese railway loan.

The proposed visit of Taft to Seattle has rent the sound city. The question is whether the president shall play golf or see the fair.

The San Francisco primary election nominated William Crocker as mayor on the Republican ticket. Honey is behind his ticket for prosecuting attorney.

Bryan will visit the Seattle exposition during its closing week and the defeated candidate for presidential honors is expected to be quite a drawing card.

A great legal battle is on in the Federal courts at Portland for the existence of the Oregon Trunk railroad, the opposition to Harriman up the Deschutes into Central Oregon.

The recent heat wave at St. Louis has caused 37 deaths.

Excessive heat caused an epidemic of murder and suicide in Chicago.

Governor Hughes, of New York, has returned home full of praise for the Seattle fair.

Charles Dakin, a melter at the Denver mint, has been arrested, charged with stealing government gold.

The reported acquisition of the New York Central lines by Harriman would give him a second transcontinental route.

The provisional government of Crete has sworn allegiance to the king of Greece and the powers will have to step in and take charge.

The fire chief of Roswell, N. M., shot and killed a man accused of being an incendiary after he had been fatally wounded by his antagonist.

The Niagara Falls has claimed another victim, a young boy who was swimming in the river above the falls.

Mexican officials say there is no doubt but that congress will give President Diaz permission to cross the border into the United States to visit President Taft, who will later return the visit.

Corn is suffering in Nebraska from intense heat and lack of moisture.

The British house of commons has passed the South African confederation bill.

## HILL BACKS ROAD.

Construction of Oregon Trunk Up the Deschutes to Be Rushed.

Portland, Aug. 17.—Uncertainty as to the actual force behind the Oregon Trunk was removed when John F. Stevens made the announcement that he had acquired a controlling interest in the project, which, in its execution, is to be financed by J. J. Hill, personally. The acquisition of this property by Mr. Stevens and his associates and the identification of Mr. Hill with it are of major importance to the railroad situation in this state. It is regarded as the initial step by Hill in his invasion of Central Oregon and the eventual building of a railroad to San Francisco. Subsequent developments resulting from Hill's invasion of Oregon are expected materially to alter the railroad map of the state.

"On being asked several days ago if I had any interest in the Oregon Trunk or if I represented any railroads that were interested, I said no, and the latter statement still holds good," said Mr. Stevens.

"Since then, however, I have acquired a controlling interest in the project, have all necessary financial arrangements completed, and the road will be built as fast as it can be reasonably done with men and money. The matter is a personal one, and I have no objection to saying that J. J. Hill, as an individual, is financially interested to an extent necessary to carry the road through to successful completion.

"Plans in detail are not fully developed, but will become apparent from time to time, as conditions may seem to require. It may be said, however, that the Oregon Trunk proposes to provide as quickly as practicable a northern outlet for Central Oregon, regardless of the designs of any other transportation company."

Having made this announcement, Mr. Stevens refused to budge an inch.

## FIGHT TO BE KEPT UP.

Ballinger and Pinchot to Meet Again in Denver.

Denver, Aug. 17.—Every subject that in any way can be connected with the commercial, industrial and agricultural growth of the West, from the Panama canal to scientific dry farming, will be discussed in Denver this week at sessions of the 12th annual convention of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress.

Between 5,000 and 7,000 delegates are expected. The congress began its sessions yesterday, although the real work will not be taken up until today.

One of the features of the congress probably will be the renewal of the struggle between Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and Chief Forester Pinchot, begun publicly at Spokane last week. These two men and 800 delegates from the National Irrigation congress at Spokane are expected today.

Among the multitude of subjects to be discussed are railroads and transportation; commercial problems, closer relations with southern republics, with special reference to the Panama canal; national defense, with special reference to the Pacific coast and Hawaii, which will send delegates; conservation of national resources, irrigation and reclamation; good roads; beet and cane sugar industry; reform of the consular service; drainage of submerged lands, and separate statehood for Arizona and New Mexico.

Among the accredited delegates will be five women, two from Denver, two from Arizona and one from Texas. The government will take advantage of the congress to give illustrated lectures every night explaining what Federal authorities are doing in the way of public works, including the Panama canal.

## Rival to Be Built.

Victoria, B. C. Aug. 17.—There was much military activity both in Japan and Manchuria when the Empress of India left Japan, in consequence of Japan's determination to rebuild the Antung-Mukden railroad. Meanwhile, a further cause of trouble has developed in consequence of China having determined to build a rival line through Manchuria to connect Corea via Chientao, the island in the Tumen regarding whose ownership China and Japan are still involved, with Kilin, on the Chinese section of the Manchurian railroad.

## Concrete Building Falls.

Winnipeg, Aug. 17.—A concrete apartment block known as the Brodalen, being erected here, collapsed Saturday evening. Heavy rains had moistened the concrete so that the steel girders gave way. Four men were inside at the time inspecting the work and were crushed, two so severely they were taken to a hospital in a dying condition.

## Strikers Resume Work.

Fort William, Ont., Aug. 17.—The striking dock laborers of the Canadian Pacific railway will return to work tomorrow. A mass meeting of the strikers and their friends, numbering 5,000 was addressed today by Mayor Peitler, who urged the men to return to work and submit their grievances to a board of arbitration.

# NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

## NEW LEPROSY CURE.

Philippine Quarantine Officer Uses X-Ray Successfully.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The X-ray as a cure for some cases of leprosy has been demonstrated by the American health authorities in the Philippines, according to Dr. Victor D. Heizer, quarantine officer in the islands.

Dr. Heizer, in a report to Surgeon General Wyman, of the public health and marine hospital service, says the X-ray is suitable only for specially selected cases, and is valuable apparently only in the earlier stages. San Lazaro hospital, at Manila, is the first institution in the world to use the X-ray for leprosy treatment.

Official figures show that on March 31, 1909, there were 2,446 lepers in the Philippines, segregation having reduced by more than 1,000 the number of cases during the last two years. At the beginning of the American occupation, 11 years ago, there were nearly 4,000 lepers.

Americans perfected the establishment for lepers on the island of Cullen in 1906. It is estimated that under the Spanish regime 700 new cases developed every year. At present the number of new cases averages 300 annually.

## Money Order Business Immense.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Money order transactions in the postoffices of the country have grown so in the last year or two that it now is necessary to maintain a force of about 750 accountants, bookkeepers, assurers and examiners in the office of the auditor of the department. There are 50,000 money order offices, from which 850,000 money order accounts annually are received by Auditor Chance. They are accompanied by 68,000,000 paid money orders, aggregating \$575,000,000. Postmasters are required to deposit surplus money order funds and about 2,500,000 certificates of deposit, aggregating \$550,000,000, also are received by the auditor for official record and inspection. The auditing of these vouchers and statements represents 140,000,000 separate transactions. Approximately 250,000 paid money orders, weighing 500 pounds, are received at the auditor's office each day. In the process of reassembling these vouchers numerically into states and offices of issue, every money order is handled seven times, or the equivalent of 1,750,000 each day. This work alone requires 165 expert sorters, all of whom are young women.

## Program for Tour.

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 18.—The programs for the president's visit to Minneapolis, St. Paul and Augusta, Ga., were approved by Mr. Taft today. The president will arrive at Minneapolis at 7:05 a. m., September 18. In order to allow the president to visit Phoenix and Prescott, Ariz., he will leave Los Angeles at 8 p. m., October 12. After speaking in Prescott and Phoenix the president will visit the grand canyon. Postmaster General Hitchcock will accompany the president through Texas and Arizona.

## No Information Obtainable.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The acute pneumonia manifested itself here today more strikingly by the dead silence at the Interior department and the suppressed but all pervading atmosphere of enthusiasm at the forestry bureau. Assistant Secretary Pierce, who is back again and is acting secretary of the Interior department, does not care to discuss the charges of misadministration made against Secretary Ballinger by Chief Forester Pinchot. Acting Commissioner Swartz, of the general land office, has just the same aversion.

## Seven Get Honor Medals.

Washington, Aug. 20.—For gallant conduct while under fire of the enemy in the Philippines or in Cuba, five officers and two enlisted men yesterday were awarded medals of honor by the War department. Those thus honored were Major James Church and Major Paul Straub, of the Medical corps; Lieutenants George Shaw and Charles Beckman, Twenty-seventh infantry; Lieutenant Charles E. Kilbourne, Signal corps, and H. T. R. Quinn and Seth Ewald, privates.

## Wyoming Sheep Quarantined.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Owing to the presence of an infectious disease, known as lip and leg disease, or necrobacillosis of sheep, the secretary of agriculture has ordered a quarantine, effective August 12, on the counties of Fremont, Natrona, Converse, Weston, Crooks, Sheridan, Johnson and Big Horn, in the state of Wyoming.

## Slight Quake Recorded.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The seismograph at the weather bureau in this city recorded a slight tremor of the earth at 2:22 o'clock this afternoon, but in the opinion of the observers this disturbance did not assume the proportion of an earthquake.

## WANT MORE BATTLESHIPS.

United States to Lead World With Battleships of Great Power.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Congress may be asked next winter to provide for two 30,000-ton battleships, each with 12 14-inch guns, and each costing \$12,000,000. It is stated that such a program has been pretty carefully studied out.

After considerable preliminary work, the first 14-inch gun has been constructed at the Midvale works, and is shortly to be tested at the naval proving grounds at Indian Head. If it is deemed desirable to have guns of 14-inch caliber, it will immediately become a question whether there shall be 10 or 12 of such guns on each battleship. The proposition of two years ago, during the Newport conference, was to have 10 14-inch guns instead of 12 12-inch guns, the former caliber to have a relatively diminished velocity.

It was finally decided, however, that when the 14-inch gun was developed it should be of a hitting power commensurate with the increase of caliber compared with the 12-inch gun. There is an inclination also to adhere to 12-inch guns in the battleship battery, and it is possible that with the adoption of the 14-inch gun there will be 12 instead of 10 of those rifles, in which event the next battleships to be authorized will be of at least 30,000 tons displacement, and estimated to cost approximately \$12,000,000 each.

It is likely such a battleship will have the same speed and endurance as the 26,000-ton battleships now building. Much may depend in the determination of this question upon the plans adopted by European navies.

## PROBE ALASKA COAL LAND.

Hearings Soon in Seattle and Other Cities on Alleged Frauds.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Much interest was manifested here today by Interior department officials in reports from Denver that a hearing in Seattle, Wash., next month, will disclose proof of gigantic frauds in connection with coal lands in Alaska. They declined, in the absence of Secretary Ballinger and General Land Commissioner Dennet, to discuss the nature of the report.

It is learned that upwards of 700 entries on coal lands in Alaska, involving about 112,000 acres containing valuable veins, have been suspended by the department during the last three years.

Estimating that these entries are worth at least \$2,000 per acre on a basis of 1 cent per ton, these coal lands would be worth \$200,000,000.

Hearings will be held in other cities in the West in addition to Seattle, but just what ones was not disclosed.

## Coal Output Less.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The effect of the national depression beginning in 1907 and continuing in 1908 was the most powerful factor in the marked decline in the production of coal in the United States in 1908, according to statistics compiled by the geological survey. The total production in 1908 was 415,842,693 short tons, having a spot value of \$532,314,117.

## General Townsend Dead.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Brigadier General Edwin F. Townsend, U. S. A., retired, is dead here as the result of apoplexy. He was born in New York in 1833 and graduated from West Point in 1852 in the same class with Generals Hood, McPherson and Howard. During the Civil war he was promoted to be major for gallantry.

## Philippine Bonds Sold.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Bids were opened at the bureau of insular affairs today for \$1,500,000 4 per cent, 10 to 30-year Philippine public works and improvement bonds. This issue is the balance unsold of the \$5,000,000 authorized by the acts of congress, last amended February 6, 1905.

## Taft Appoints McConnell.

Washington, Aug. 17.—By direction of President Taft, ex-Governor J. W. McConnell, of Idaho, has been appointed to an important position in connection with the land fraud investigations in Idaho. The position pays \$2,500 a year and is permanent. Ex-Governor McConnell is the father-in-law of Senator Borah, of Idaho.

## New Marshal for Arizona.

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 17.—The president today appointed Charles A. Overlock, of Arizona, as United States marshal for that territory. The retirement of B. F. Daniels, who has served as marshal the last few years, marks the passing from office of another of Mr. Roosevelt's Rough Riders.

## State Department Pleased.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The news from Peking that Americans would participate in the Hankow railway loan was received here with intense satisfaction, it being a victory for the State department.

## BRITAIN LOSES GRIP.

Will Accept American Domination to Save Empire.

Chautauqua, N. Y., Aug. 16.—The British empire in momentary danger of destruction at the hands of Germany, and ready, merely for the asking, to accept the dominance of the United States and see the empire's real seat of authority transferred to Washington, is, according to Colonel S. S. McClure, editor of McClure's Magazine, the situation which is now confronting the country's statesmen.

Colonel McClure called the parting of America from England in 1776 a disastrous mistake, and read a statement from Lord Roseberry in which that statesman predicts that, if England and America had not separated at the time of the Revolution, the seat of the great British empire would have already been transferred from the British Isles to what is now the United States and those islands would have simply been the sacred historic shrine of the great world-empire of the English-speaking people.

"The United States should secure the dominance of the British empire," continued Mr. McClure, "for the asking. The present situation of England and Germany is that of two farmers living side by side, one of whom is a first rate prizefighter, has trained his people to be prizefighters and says to his neighbor, who has been peaceably engaged in cultivating his estate: 'I want some of your property and I'm going to have it.' The possible destruction of the British empire, which this means, is the most terrible problem before us today."

## ROBBERY AS TRADE.

Santa Clara Gang Proposed to Loot Many Banks.

Santa Clara, Cal., Aug. 16.—Still concerning their identity, but talking freely of the daring \$7,000 robbery in which they were the principal actors Friday, the two boys captured at Sunnyside by Sheriff Langford were brought here for arraignment on a charge of robbery.

To Sheriff Langford, who captured them, the young men made a startling confession. Joe Willetta, who appears to be leader of the gang, said he and his companion had planned a series of bank robberies that would have created a reign of terror in financial circles. So far had their plans matured, that on Thursday, with a hired automobile awaiting their return, they entered the First National bank, in the heart of Oakland, and calmly weighed the chance of making their escape with a fortune.

"This Santa Clara robbery was only an experiment," said the youthful robber, after making this revelation. "We intended, if it was successful, to go after a bigger and richer institution next time and to clean up big money before we were through."

"We purchased a machine in Oakland and had it remain just around the corner, as we did in Friday's job. Carr and I went to the First National bank about 12 o'clock and looked the place over. We were well armed, and if there had not been so many clerks and so many people passing outside, we would have held up the cashiers and tellers and tried to escape with all the money in sight."

## TWO TRAINS CRASH.

Over 40 Hurt in Wreck on Denver & Rio Grande Road.

Colorado Springs.—Ten persons are dead and others expected to die, between 40 and 50 are injured, three engines are in the ditch, two baggage cars, including the contents, are smashed, and several passenger coaches are badly damaged as the result of a head-on collision between east bound passenger No. 8 and west bound passenger No. 1 on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, near Husted, 13 miles north of this city at 10:25 Saturday morning. The wreck was due either to a misunderstanding of orders by the driver of the first engine of the north bound train, or to his having mistaken a switch engine standing on the siding at Husted for the train he was to pass at that point and which he later crashed into.

## Lecture to Pay Debt.

London, Aug. 16.—Lieutenant Ernest H. Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, will lecture in the United States and Canada, commencing the tour in March, 1910. He will receive a record fee, but the money will not go into his pocket, but will be used to pay off debts amounting to \$70,000 contracted during his record breaking expedition. The Daily Express reproaches the British government for its ingratitude in declining to contribute to the cost of Lieutenant Shackleton's expedition.

## Earthquake in Japan.

Tokio, Aug. 16.—A disastrous earthquake shook the Japanese provinces of Nagos Saturday and it is feared the list of casualties will be heavy. In the province of Omi, 400 houses were raised. No particulars regarding the number killed are available, as all communication has been cut off.

# HEAT CAUSES DEATH

Withering Blast Sweeps Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma.

## VEGETATION IS KILLED THEREBY

Ten People Dead and Many Prostrations—Corn Shrivelled Up by Fierce Blasts.

Kansas City, Aug. 17.—Unusually intense heat, officially recorded by the government weather bureau as high as 110 degrees, caused at least ten deaths, numerous prostrations and much damage yesterday in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. Throughout the Southwest the day was the most trying since the devastating drought of 1901. As the withering winds swept across the plains much vegetation fell.

In this city the heat continued and prostrated a score, some of whom are in a dangerous condition. The Union depot was like an oven. Babies became seriously ill and medical attention was needed before their mothers could resume their journeys. The distress of a party of immigrants was great.

The likelihood of an ice famine added to the gravity of the situation here. Dealers reported that the factories were running night and day, but that the demand had exceeded the supply. Most of the dealers refused to deliver more than 25 pounds to any residence, and feared they would have to cut this quota down.

At Wellington, Kan., the official temperature was 106. Corn was suffering greatly in that district. The day was the hottest Topeka has had for eight years, 102 degrees being officially recorded. Two prostrations resulted there.

## QUAKE FELS MOUNTAIN.

Thousands of Buildings Destroyed and Great Property Loss.

Tokio, Aug. 17.—Reports received today concerning the earthquake in Central Japan Saturday, show there were many fatalities and great damage was done to property. The dead at present are said to number 30, though it is feared further fatalities will be reported from the outlying districts.

The number of persons injured is 82. Thus far 362 buildings, including many temples, are reported to have been destroyed and more than 1,000 others badly damaged.

The town of Asaku, in Gifu, suffered terribly. The banks of the Hida river broke and the country is inundated. The people of the district fled to high ground and remained in the open all night. Intermittent shocks were felt throughout Saturday night and early Sunday morning.

The mountain Ibuki, a short distance west of Gifu, collapsed with a thunderous roar.

Slight damage was done at Nagoya, to the southward of Gifu, and neighboring villages.

## CANADA CAN FEED BRITAIN.

Grain Crop of Dominion is Reported Greatest in History.

Winnipeg, Aug. 17.—From all points in Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia the unanimity of opinion points to the anticipatory result of this year's harvest as being the greatest in the history of the Canadian West. In some places, such as Southern Alberta, the phenomenal growth makes it hard for the people to conceive such prospects. Farmers are now busy gathering the hay crop, which is a heavy one. The grain harvest will be general during the latter part of the present month.

The statement is made on good authority that the completed Grand Trunk Pacific railway from Winnipeg to Edmonton is tributary to wheat lands capable of feeding the whole people of Great Britain and Ireland in case of need.

## Spanish Turn on Moors.

Madrid, Aug. 17.—Fighting between the Moors and Spaniards was resumed today at Melilla. After a disastrous week for the forces under General Marina, during which the Moors have kept the garrison of 38,000 men closely hugging the walls of the city while they poured shot into the fortifications from the mountainside, Marina moved aggressively against the tribesmen today. The long expected munitions arrived several days ago and in spite of the attempts of the Moors a number of French field guns have reached Marina.

## Big Sperm Whale Taken.

Victoria, Aug. 17.—The steamer Tees, which arrived from the west coast of Vancouver island this afternoon, brought news that a sperm whale, the first taken since last year, was caught by the Kuyouquot whalers last week, and 58 barrels of oil taken from the whale.