

# 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.

Hunger among the Moors has led to overtures for peace.

A Colorado man 78 years old is to remarry the wife he divorced 50 years ago.

More pirates are thought to have captured an American cutter and murdered the crew.

Police of Omaha are busy in their efforts to prevent riots in connection with the streetcar strike.

Several English suffragettes in jail in London have refused to eat and had to be fed with a stomach pump.

Eastern railroads established cheap excursion rates from the Middle West to the Atlantic this summer with good results.

Clarence H. Mackay says the report that the Postal Telegraph company is about to absorb the Western Union is unfounded.

The Wright brothers are to start a fight against several flying machines which they consider infringements on their patents.

The late Governor Johnson, of Minnesota left no will, but it was his wish that his wife should have all his property, worth about \$18,000.

General Solicitor Loomis, of the Union Pacific, with headquarters at Omaha, is to go to New York to become head of the legal department of the Harriman lines.

French inventors have several new aeroplanes.

The death loss in the Gulf storm is now placed at 100.

Peary says his indictment of Cook will contain 30 counts.

Religious riots at Castro, Spain, resulted in the death of a priest.

An Iowa grand jury has indicted 85 men for a gigantic bunco game.

The steel trust has secured a foothold among rich districts of China.

High winds have fanned California forest fires until they are again assuming dangerous proportions.

A young Chinese at San Francisco has invented an aeroplane which has made several successful flights.

Thousands of pounds of supplies are being sent from Monterey, Mexico, to the flood sufferers. Pack mules are used.

The recent flood fatalities in Northern Mexico have reached the appalling total of 3,000. The property loss will reach into the millions.

A conductor on the Southern Pacific tried to lock a car door near Reno, but could not insert the key. Examination revealed a diamond worth \$275. It is thought to have been hidden there by some thief who intended to secure it later.

Peary has arrived at Sydney, N. S., on his way home.

Damage to crops by the Southern storm will reach \$1,000,000.

Government troops of Paraguay have been repulsed by revolutionists.

Dr. Cook has reached New York and received a tremendous ovation on landing.

Maxine Elliott, the actress, says King Edward is "charmingly delightful."

Claus Spreckels' sons have engaged in a legal war over the division of the estate.

Ex-Governor Pardee, of California, has started another attack on Secretary Ballinger.

The Postoffice department has ordered a 12-cent stamp. It will bear a likeness of Henry Clay.

A new tribe of Eskimos have been found on Prince Albert Land. They are very tall and resemble the North American Indian.

The trial of Patrick Calhoun has been continued until September 27.

Twelve deaths are now reported from the storm which swept the Gulf states.

The cruiser Colorado had to put in at Honolulu on account of bad boilers. They have been replaced and the vessel will proceed on the Asiatic cruise.

Ex-Vice President Fairbanks is in Manila.

New York is seeking a good, live candidate for mayor.

A trial trip will be made of the battleship Delaware October 20.

## CANADA'S GREAT CROP.

Yield Estimated at 168,386,000 Bushels of Wheat.

Ottawa, Sept. 21.—An official statement of the grain harvest of Canada has just been issued by the government. It gives estimates of production, computed from reports of a large staff of correspondents, and although totals are somewhat less than those of a month ago for wheat and barley, they still show that Canada has reaped an immense harvest.

The wheat crop is put down at 168,386,000 bushels, giving an average of 22 bushels an acre, and barley at 67,000,000 bushels, or 31 bushels an acre. The yield of oats is 355,000,000, or 38 bushels an acre.

One thing is assured, that the Canadians have reaped the biggest and most profitable grain crop the country ever has produced, and with present prices they will have an enormous sum added to their spending powers. It is estimated that a surplus of \$100,000,000 will go into the pockets of the farmers.

### TRANSFER IS URGED.

Forestry Service May Be Put Under Interior Department.

Washington, September 21.—As a result of the Pinchot-Ballinger row, the administration may later determine to recommend the transfer of the forest service from the department of agriculture to the department of the interior. Such a change can only be made by act of congress, and it probably would call for considerable pressure from the president in order to get the necessary authority, especially if Gifford Pinchot is permitted to remain as chief forester.

The forest service, in the opinion of most Western men in congress, is misplaced in the department of agriculture. It has nothing in common with the other bureaus of that department, but has much in common with the general land office and geological survey, both of which are bureaus of the department of the interior. In its present situation, the forest service is, or until recently was, in effect an independent bureau, subject to only nominal supervision by a cabinet officer. That is why the forest service was allowed to grow up in the agricultural department, and that is why Mr. Pinchot has always opposed transfer to the interior department.

### MOON DISPROVES PEARY.

Italian Astronomer Points Out Discrepancy in Story.

ROME, Sept. 21.—According to the well-known astronomer, Signor Francesco Facina da Sclio, of Bergamo, the moon absolutely disproves Commander Peary's claim to having discovered the North Pole.

In his dispatch to the New York Times the explorer states that April 6, having accomplished the six stages he had planned, he was favored with an opening in the clouds which permitted him to take astronomical observations. From these he established his position as latitude 89° 57'.

Signor Facina points out, however, that unquestionably accurate astronomical calculations show that with the horizon at 89° 57' the moon could not be seen at the time indicated by Commander Peary, because from midday, April 5, Paris time, or 6 o'clock, central standard time, the declination of the moon became negative, that is to say, the moon was below the equator, which is the natural horizon of the pole.

### Graft in Russia.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 21.—Despite the secrecy of the Russian war office, a scandal which promises to involve prominent officials in the army has leaked out. A general in command of the provinces had for years been drawing pay for the officers and the men of a six gun field battery which exists only on paper. To keep the fraud from being discovered, the general showed the same battery twice to the inspecting officers who visited his barracks occasionally. He would show one battery, then another, and while the inspecting officers were viewing the second, the first battery would be rushed to another garrison, where the troops were re-inspected.

### Ryan Succeeds Rogers.

Milwaukee, Sept. 21.—John D. Ryan, of New York, was elected a director of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company today, to succeed Henry H. Rogers, deceased. Donald Geddes succeeds his father on the directorate. Rosewell Miller, William Rockefeller and John A. Stewart were re-elected. David L. Bosh was appointed general manager, and H. B. Earling, ex-general superintendent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound branch, becomes general superintendent of the whole system.

### Paulhan Files for \$5,000.

Ostend, Sept. 21.—Louis Paulhan, the French aviator, flying in a Voisin biplane here today, won a prize of \$5,000. He covered 73 kilometers (45 miles) in one hour, at an altitude ranging from 240 to 300 feet. He made his way up and down the coast line, part of the time over the North Sea. In alighting the aviator fell into the water. He was promptly rescued by spectators and received no injuries.

# NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

## OREGON SALES SECOND.

Total Receipts of General Land Office Fall Off, However.

Washington, Sept. 25.—The total cash receipts of the general land office for the fiscal year ended June 30, last, were \$11,627,687, which is a decrease of about \$1,000,000 compared with the previous year, according to a statement issued by the commissioner today.

Of the total receipts, \$9,235,234 was received from the sales of public lands and \$159,491 was received as reclamation water right charges. Of the sales of public lands, the reclamation fund will receive approximately \$8,500,000.

North Dakota leads the states in the amount of receipts from the sales of public lands, with a total of \$1,282,686, and Oregon is next, with a total of \$959,963. The total area of land patented during the last fiscal year was 13,072,377 acres.

## TAFT WANTS NEGRO VOTES.

Deplores Any Discrimination Against Black Men.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Taft has placed himself on record, in a letter to a local newspaper, as being opposed to suffrage restrictions intended to discriminate against the negro race. In answer to a letter asking his opinion concerning the franchise amendment to the Maryland constitution which is proposed, the president says:

"It is deliberately drawn to impose educational and other qualifications for the suffrage upon negroes and to exempt everybody else from such qualifications."

"This is a gross injustice and is a violation of the spirit of the fifteenth amendment. It ought to be voted down by every one who is a Democrat or a Republican, who is in favor of a square deal."

## Internal Revenue Increases.

Washington, Sept. 24.—There was an aggregate increase of \$1,190,037 in internal revenue receipts for last month, as compared with the corresponding period of 1908, the receipts aggregating \$20,284,735. For spirits the total revenue was \$9,319,872, which is an increase of over \$285,000 as compared with the 1908 receipts for the same month; tobacco receipts aggregated \$4,740,983, which is an increase of almost half a million dollars; fermented liquors \$6,078,540, which is an increase of almost \$500,000.

## Deaf Mutes to Help.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Believing that deaf mutes would make good operators for the puncturing and tabulating machines to be used in compiling the returns of the next census, Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, is inclined to appoint them to such positions, if capable men apply. This work requires great care in its performance, for the reason that there is no way to obtain a check on the result and the secretary can see no reason why the deaf and dumb should not be especially efficient.

## Jap Laborers to Re-Enter.

Washington, Sept. 23.—All the Japanese laborers who, while returning from the canneries in Canada where they had been working during the summer, were held up by the United States immigration officers, have been ordered re-admitted into this country. The Department of Commerce and Labor, in deciding in favor of the Japanese, holds that the laborers went to Canada for temporary purposes only and had no intention of abandoning their domicile in this country.

## Cuba Is Saddy Stricken.

Washington, Sept. 24.—More than ten lives were lost and property worth \$2,000,000 destroyed in the tornado which recently swept over the province of Pinar del Rio, Cuba. Reports of damage are just reaching Havana. More than 2,000 people are without shelter or supplies. Several hundred houses and huts and tobacco barns, several thousand acres of tobacco and many small vessels along the coast were destroyed.

## Riding Test Is Criticized.

Washington, Sept. 22.—The Roosevelt riding test for the officers of the army is a detriment to the service, rather than an aid in efficiency. This, in substance, is the severe criticism of the tests made by General Albert L. Myer, commanding the Department of Texas, in his annual report. General Myer favors yearly examinations of all officers to ascertain their fitness for their duties.

## 573,531 Aliens Come.

Washington, Sept. 22.—A net increase of 573,531 in the population of the United States by the arrival and departure of aliens occurred during the last fiscal year, against an increase of 209,867 over the previous year. There was a falling off in immigration from 782,870 aliens during the previous fiscal year to 751,786 last year.

## SILETZ SEEKING PATENTS.

Court of Equity Is Hearing Oregon Homestead Cases.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Proceedings looking to compelling the patenting of the long-suspended Silets homestead entries in Oregon were begun in the court of equity in this city today. Stearman & Loughran, local representatives of A. W. Lafferty, of Portland, filed a bill in equity praying for an order restraining the secretary of the interior and the commissioner of the general land office from promulgating final decisions now in course of preparation, directing the cancellation of the entries in question until the final hearing on a bill for a mandatory injunction compelling the issuance of final receivers' receipts as of dates of reception of final and commutation proofs at the Portland land office.

These cases were adjudicated by the interior department upon contests filed against entries long after the lapse of two years from the dates on which proofs were received at the Portland office, and it is contended by counsel for the claimants that the department acted without its power in authorizing proceedings under contests filed after that period, it being argued that submission to the register and receiver of proofs, regular in form and unobjectionable, entitled the claimants to final receivers' receipts on the dates when such proofs came in the hands of the register, and the receiver had later, it is alleged, defaulted in his duty under a law in withholding the issuance of such certificates at that time.

Counsel contend that the issuance of receiver's certificates was a ministerial act, which might have been compelled by mandamus, inasmuch as the proofs when received at the Portland office were unobjectionable. Had the certificates been issued when the proofs were presented at Portland, the contests brought more than two years after the making of proofs would have been barred by the provisions of the act of March 3, 1891.

## Raisin Wine Fight On.

Washington, Sept. 24.—The taxability of raisin wine was threshed out at a five hours' hearing before the commissioner of internal revenue today and decision on the question was reserved. The raisin fight dates back five years and was brought to a head last autumn, when an order was issued by the internal revenue commissioner holding that raisin wine was taxable. This order was suspended from time to time and was to have gone into effect September 1 last, but was postponed for 30 days to permit the incoming commissioner to consider the case.

## Old Capitol Guide Dies.

Washington, Sept. 25.—One of the most striking and picturesque figures around the capitol building was removed by the death today of John Callan O'Loughlin, a former Confederate soldier, old railroad man and for many years a guide at the capitol. He was personally known to all the present and many former members of the senate and house and during his long service at the capitol has shown to thousands of visitors the interesting objects about that historic building.

## Uncle Sam to Rescue.

Washington, Sept. 25.—One hundred American citizens stranded at Nome will be brought to Seattle on a revenue cutter. Telegraphic orders went forward today from Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Hill directing the deputy collector of customs at Seward, Alaska, to have a revenue cutter proceed at once from Seward to Nome, there to take on board the men and women who are destitute.

## Seize Japanese Poachers.

Washington, Sept. 24.—Another seizure of Japanese, alleged seal poachers, this time at Walrus Island, in Alaskan waters, was reported to the Treasury department today in a telegram from San Francisco. Special Agent Judge seized two boats with a total of six Japanese on September 2, and the men were brought to San Francisco yesterday by the revenue cutter Bear.

## To Collect Tonnage Tax.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Collection of the tonnage tax under the tariff law, recently enacted by congress, will be begun on October 5. Notice to that effect has been sent by Acting Secretary Ormsby McHarg, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, to all collectors of customs.

## Lear to Succeed McHarg.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Charles Lear, of California, solicitor of the Department of Commerce and Labor, is mentioned here for successor to Ormsby McHarg, assistant secretary, whose resignation from the department becomes effective October 1.

## Ballinger Is To Join Taft.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Secretary Ballinger left this evening for Denver, where he will join President Taft on his Western trip. Mr. Ballinger expects to accompany Mr. Taft only as far as Seattle, and to return here toward the latter part of October.

## JURY TAMPERING FOUND.

Chicago Investigations Promise Huge Scandal in County Affairs.

Chicago, Sept. 20.—A gigantic conspiracy for the "fixing" of grand juries of Cook county, extending back over a year and culminating in the fraudulent certification of names for the October grand jury, was revealed today, when State's Attorney Wayman secured bench warrants for John J. Holland, secretary of the Cook county jury commission; Jury Commissioner Willis J. Bayburn, and Nicholas A. Martin, Alberman Michael Kenna's secretary, on a charge of tampering with jurors.

The warrants were issued today by Judge Jesse A. Baldwin, of the circuit court.

The charge against the three is that they conspired to draw names of grand jurors in a manner other than that required by law.

Coming at the height of the trial of Inspector McCann for alleged grafting, the news of the action based on alleged tampering with the jury lists caused great excitement in legal and political circles. The complaints on which the warrants were issued were drawn up by a special agent of the state's attorney, who has been investigating the jury-drawing methods for weeks.

Under the state law the names of prospective grand jurors are selected at random from a sealed box containing the names of 1500 citizens who have been examined for jury service by the jury commissioners and their fitness certified. A similar method is prescribed for petit jury lists.

## NEW DUTIES HURT.

French Lace Manufacturers Hard Hit by American Tariff.

Paris, Sept. 20.—What France thinks of America's new tariff schedule is being evidenced in no uncertain fashion these days, and the attitude of French manufacturers generally is correctly expressed by lace and tulle-makers of Calais, which has thrived for generations on its filmy products, with the women of the United States its customers.

As a direct result of the 70 per cent tariff on laces and tulles, which the recently adopted tariff law of the United States has marked up on this class of manufactures, Calais is threatened with the loss of many inhabitants.

Former great prosperity of this city has dwindled almost to the vanishing point. Conditions have finally become so aggravated that long-established business men are abandoning their establishments and moving away from the city. Feeling runs high in Calais against employers.

## AMERICAN SURGEONS LEAD.

Doctor Says Foolish to Go Abroad for Treatment.

New York, Sept. 20.—Dr. Lewis Livingston Seaman, one of the delegates to the recent international medical congress at Budapest, arrived on the steamer Campania from Liverpool, and spoke encouragingly on the showing made by America and the success of the congress.

"The Americans are far ahead of other nations in many branches of surgery and medicine," said Dr. Seaman, "as shown by the testimony and the exhibits at the congress. This is particularly true in the case of appendicitis, where we excel both in the treatment of the disease and the technique of the operation."

Speaking generally, Dr. Seaman said it was the height of insanity for Americans to go abroad for treatment by foreign specialists when there are physicians at home who could "walk all around" the European medical men.

## Japanese May Soon Fly.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 20.—The interesting announcement is made that a society for aeronautic research has been formed in Japan, under the title of the Temporary Military Balloon Investigation Society. It is to consist of 20 members, selected from officers on the active list of the army and navy, and from men of science in general. The selection of the president and members will be made by the minister of war, with the approval of the cabinet. Nothing is definitely stated as to the provision of funds, but apparently the duty of financing the enterprise will devolve upon the departments of war and navy.

## Grasshoppers in California.

San Bernardino, Cal., Sept. 20.—This city was overrun last night by millions of grasshoppers that took possession of the streets and disappeared mysteriously this morning. Last evening myriads of the insects made their appearance, literally covering the streets and sidewalks in the business and residence sections of the city. They disappeared with the approach of daylight. According to reports from Highland and other points in the valley, the pest is confined to this city. No damage to crops has been reported.

## Mexican Floods Raging.

Mexico City, Sept. 20.—A special dispatch from the town of Taxapan, near the port of Tampico, says: "The river suddenly rose last night, and the western part of the city is inundated. The water is rising hourly. Reports from outlying ranches are most alarming. Water six feet deep is reported from some sections. Losses to stock and crops will be great."

# DEATH WINS FIGHT

John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, Passes Away.

WAS VERY PROMINENT DEMOCRAT

Three Times Elected Governor and Was Candidate for Nomination for President.

Rochester, Minn., Sept. 21.—Governor John A. Johnson, three times elected governor of Minnesota and a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the presidency of the United States, and looked upon by many as the possible Democratic standard bearer in 1912, died at St. Mary's hospital here at 3:25 o'clock this morning following an operation last Wednesday.

Death watch was kept at the bedside of Governor John A. Johnson all day yesterday. Mrs. Johnson and two attending physicians sat by the dying man, hourly expecting the end. At intervals bulletins were issued, and each message from the sickroom was less hopeful than the one preceding.

In the early morning Drs. Charles and William Mayo issued the first bulletin:

"Governor Johnson has not made natural progress; his condition is grave," it read, and waiting friends at once stormed the hospital for further news.

At 2:30 p. m. word came from the sick room that the governor had been in a semi-comatose condition for two hours. The source of this information said the patient might continue in this state for days, but there was slim hope that he would live more than a few hours.

Next came the brief bulletin, "Life is fast ebbing."

At 1:15 this morning Dr. Mayo said: "There is absolutely no hope. However the governor may not die for several hours yet, possibly not before 6 o'clock."

At 12 o'clock Governor Johnson was conscious and complained of being uncomfortable. He was conscious almost all night and evidently realized the end was drawing near, although he said nothing.

## SOUTH IS STORM SWEEPED.

Gulf Hurricane Brings Death and Destruction.

New Orleans, Sept. 21.—After attaining a velocity of 60 miles an hour at New Orleans, last night, the West Indian hurricane that struck the Louisiana and Mississippi gulf coast was reduced in its intensity.

It left four dead at New Orleans and perhaps others along the gulf coast, though no definite advices of mortality in other sections have been thus far reported here.

The property loss in New Orleans will exceed \$100,000. Many houses were unroofed and many frail buildings were partially destroyed. With all wires down it is impossible to ascertain the loss of life or property along the gulf coast. The ferry steamer Assumption sank, but no lives were lost. Much property along the river front was damaged.

## Taft Reviews Troops.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 21.—With a review of 5,200 soldiers from all over the Middle West by President Taft yesterday the greatest army maneuvers and tournament in the history of the country began.

Brigadier General Charles E. Morton, commanding the department of the Missouri, stationed at Fort Omaha, is in command of the operations.

Cavalry, infantry and artillery took part in the tournament. Many valuable prizes are offered for the best tactics, feats of horsemanship and evolutions. The Third battalion, Sixteenth infantry, captured first prize for wall scaling. A record of 27 seconds was made.

## Opium Will Do Good.

Manila, Sept. 21.—The Philippine government soon will ship to Washington nearly half a ton of opium—the proceeds of many customs seizures. The government plans to dispose of the opium for medicinal purposes among drug manufacturers, receiving in exchange medicines for the use of hospitals, dispensaries and other government institutions in the Philippines. When the transaction is completed the bureau of health will make cash returns to the bureau of customs for the tariff duty of the seizures.

## Cubans Are Destitute.

Havana, Sept. 21.—Telegraph wires and bridges between Havana and Pinar del Rio are still down and consequently it has been impossible to ascertain the extent of the damage wrought by the storm in that section. It has been learned, however, that many hundreds of peasants are destitute because of the destruction of their huts and crops.