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EVENTS OF THE DAY
GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE
TWO HEMISPHERES.
Comprehensive Review of the Important
Happenings of the Past Week,
Presented in Condensed Form, Most
Likely to Prove Interesting to Our
Many Readers.
Bryan says the Kansas City platform
is sound in every plank
The car will not yield to Japan's
demand regarding Manchuria.
Hall Caine, the noted novelist, is
suffering from a general breakdown.
Russia fears America more than
Britain in the present Far Eastern
trouble.
The United Mineworkers of America
are holding their annual convention in
Indianapolis.
A hot fight is on in Ohio between
Hanna and Foraker as to the informent
of Roosevelt.
A new religious sect has sprung up
in Boston. One of its teachings is that
the millennium is to come in 1916.
George Francis Train, author and
traveler, is dead. Heart disease following
an attack of acute nephritis was the
cause. He was almost 75 years old.
The Chicago city council is framing
a new theater ordinance, which is
much more stringent than the present
one and they will see that it is enforced.
Britain has abandoned hopes of peace.
The American guard at Seoul, Corea,
has been increased.
The Illinois medical society will
fight the anti-toxin combine.
A month of debate is ahead on the
Panama affair in the senate.
The Japanese minister at London
says war must come now or later.
Pure food experts find America is being
grossly deceived by French wine
makers.
Bryan will issue a daily paper in St.
Louis during the national Democratic
convention.
James L. Blair, a prominent St.
Louis attorney indicted for forgery,
has died from worry.
Secretary of Agriculture Wilson says
America should wake up in the matter
of breeding fine animals.
The house expects to pass an appropriation
bill a week until all supply
measures are out of the way.
The jury in the case of R. H. Kennedy,
the Hillsboro, Oregon, minister
on trial for burglary, has returned a
verdict of not guilty.
Ex-Governor Asa S. Bushnell, of
Ohio, is dead.
The Panama canal treaty is sure to
be accepted by the senate committee.
Japan's reply to Russia's latest note
has been given. It is a denial of every
material proposition.
France threatens retaliation unless
the United States removes the export
duty on Manila hemp.
Judge De Haven has ruled that a
Chinese born in this country may be
re-admitted on return from abroad.
A bill has been introduced in
congress granting pensions to all union
veterans 62 years of age, who served 90
days.
The Korean press is urging the people
to slaughter all foreigners. The
American minister says he will protect
his people.
Havre, Mont., was almost entirely
destroyed by the fire a few days ago.
After it was thought to be under control
it again broke forth. Only one business
house of any consequence is left. The
loss is placed at \$350,000 with \$145,-
000 insurance.
There is a great flood of Alaskan bills
in congress.
The Ohio legislature has re-elected
Senator Hanna.
A gang of Italian robbers has been
caught at Irrigon, Oregon, with much
loot.
Ex-Governor Bushnell, of Ohio, is
very low and his death may occur at
any time.
Germany has informed Britain that
she is ready to conclude a commercial
treaty with Canada.
American ships will maintain a close
watch and prevent any landing of Col-
ombian troops on Panama soil.
Ex-Congressman Driggs, of New
York, has been fined \$10,000 and given
one day in jail for accepting a bribe.
Premier Balfour's statement that
Britain will carry out its trade treaty
obligations is deeply resented by Rus-
sia.
The senate engaged in a warm discus-
sion over a resolution looking to arbi-
tration of Colombia's claims against
Panama.
The national Democratic committee,
in session at Washington, endorsed the
1905 fair. The national convention to
select a candidate for president will
meet in St. Louis July 6.
The Iowa legislature is in session.
A new cabinet has been formed in
Chile.
Three more war vessels are on the
way to Panama.
Ex-Governor John Young Brown, of
Kentucky, is dead.

REFORM FOR RUSSIAN PEASANTS.
Czar Takes a Step That is Bound About
With Restrictions.
St. Petersburg, Jan. 20.—Minister of
the Interior Plehve has completed the
draft of the peasant code, or scheme,
for the peasant reforms ordered in the
czar's recent manifesto, and it will
probably be sent to the local commit-
tees throughout the empire within a
few days.
Members of the nobility in each
province and district will be allowed to
elect representatives on these commit-
tees, but the Zemstvos (elective provin-
cial assemblies, composed of landed
proprietors and representatives of the
artisan and peasant) will be appointed
by the governors.
The committees will be allowed free-
dom to discuss the project and propose
any changes therein, except on three
points, which the emperor has reserved
from discussion. Namely: That the
peasant class must remain entirely sepa-
rate, legally, from the other classes;
that the commune is to remain un-
touched by legislation, and that the
peasant lands are to remain inalien-
able.
These points stamp the forthcoming
legislation as conservative in the main,
but the present chaos is so great and so
much room is left for the arbitrary
conduct of the police and the local re-
presentatives of the ministry of the in-
terior, as well as of the peasant courts
and administrative machinery and
their common town meetings that the
liberals declare any codification would
be in the line of progress.
The ministerial project proposes to
retain the system of corporal punish-
ment, but the emperor did not include
this among the matters not subject to
change. The emperor regards the
preservation of the peasant class, the
retention of the economic commune and
the inalienability of peasant lands as
necessary for the protection of the peas-
ants from exploitation.

REPLIES TO NOTE
**SECRETARY HAY SAYS COLOMBIA
HAS NO CASE.**
America Did Not Act Unfriendly as Pan-
ama Was Not Recognized Until Inde-
pendence Was Certain—No Other
Policy to Assume—Reference of Mat-
ter to the Hague Not Considered.
Washington, Jan. 20.—President
Roosevelt has transmitted to the senate
additional correspondence touching the
relations of the United States with Co-
lombia and Panama, covering the period
from December 23, 1903, to January
6 last. A statement of grievances on the
part of Colombia was presented to the
state department by General Reyes
on December 23. General Reyes says
the course of the United States had
worked deep injury to Colombia, and
he cited the treaty of 1846 as showing
that the independence and sovereignty
of Colombia was to be maintained in-
fact by the two governments.
Secretary Hay answered this note
under date of January 5. He says the
government has carefully considered the
complaints made and assures
General Reyes of our most friendly
sentiments for the government and peo-
ple of Colombia. The question sub-
mitted, he says, can be considered only
in the light of accomplished facts, of
which one is that the republic of Pan-
ama has become a member of the family
of nations.
Under date of January 6, General
Reyes submits another note to Secre-
tary Hay, in which he says he has
transmitted Secretary Hay's answer to
his government by cable. The secre-
tary's note is construed, he says, as an
intimation that the Colombian forces
will be attacked by the United States
on entering the territory of Panama to
subdue the rebellion, and for that reason
it would hold the government of the
United States for all damages to it by
the loss of that national territory. A
repetition is made of the position of
the Colombian government under the
treaty of 1846, and it is requested that
the first note of General Reyes be made
public.
Replying to this on January 9, Sec-
retary Hay says that he finds almost
all the propositions brought forward
in the second note have been considered
and fully answered in his note of the
5th of January.
Under date of January 11, General
Reyes addressed Secretary Hay, stating
that he finds his arguments had not
been refuted by the otherwise forceful
papers which he had received. He
then discusses at some length his propo-
sition to refer the matter to the
Hague and concludes with a regret on
the failure of his mission to the United
States.
Secretary Hay answers this note un-
der date of January 13 with the state-
ment that there is no reason to recon-
sider the attitude of the United States
heretofore set forth.

ON THE SIDE OF FAIR.
House Committee Unanimous in Favor of
1905 Exposition.
Washington, Jan. 19.—The hearing
before the house committee on interna-
tional expositions today developed the
fact that the committee is in favor of
recognizing the Lewis and Clark expo-
sition by government participation,
and an appropriation, which will aid
in commemorating the wonderful expedi-
tion of the explorers who made the
wonderful overland journey to the Pa-
cific Northwest.
Chairman Tawney of the committee
said after the hearing:
"The Lewis and Clark expedition
was of sufficient importance to warrant
a celebration and the participation of
the government of the United States."
The program now is to have the Ore-
gon exposition committee, the delega-
tion and a subcommittee of the house
committee confer and draft a bill
which will meet the approval of the
house committee and secure a report
upon it at an early day.
It is fully understood that to secure
favorable action in the house the bill
must conform to the ideas of the com-
mittee and though such a bill may not
be all that is wanted, it is desirable to
get a report and action by the house as
soon as possible. Representative
Tawney will consult the state depart-
ment regarding the form of the bill in
reference to foreign exhibits. He has
taken hold of the matter in earnest and
at the hearing today Representative
Williamson thanked him for the inter-
est he had shown.
The Oregon men feel that substan-
tial progress has been made by the
meeting today. The Portland commit-
tee finds it necessary, in view of the
suggestions and developments, to remain
in Washington a while longer, in order
to confer with the house subcommittee
upon the draft of another bill.

MANCHURIA THE ISSUE.
Japanese Demands Cannot Be Granted
by Russia.
St. Petersburg, Jan. 20.—The Asso-
ciated Press correspondent on high
authority, is able to give the following
as the present status of negotiations be-
tween Russia and Japan:
Russia recognizes Japan's predomi-
nance in Corea and Japan recognizes
Russia's special position in Manchuria.
There are two main questions still
at issue, the Russian demand for a
neutral zone upon the Korean side of
the Yalu river, which Japan met with
a proposal for a similar neutral strip
on the Manchurian side. Japan also
asks for certain guarantees covering
Manchuria, which Russia has thus far
declined to grant. It is pointed out,
however, that the assurance given a few
days ago by Russia regarding open
ports in Manchuria and respect for
private rights is a concession on this
point.
That the two countries are not so far
apart may be fairly inferred from the
following statement made by Mr. Kurino,
the Japanese minister to the Asso-
ciated Press correspondent:
"War now would only be disastrous
to both countries. Owing to the geo-
graphical situation, an armed conflict
would result in a great drain on the
treasuries of both Japan and
Russia, without being decisive. Be-
sides, I believe it would not be worth
while to go to war on the questions
still in dispute."

NOT A JUNKETING TRIP.
Senatorial Subcommittee Had Light Ex-
periences in Honolulu Inspection.
Washington, Jan. 20.—Accounts ren-
dered to the senate by Senator Mitchell
show that the subcommittee which vis-
ited Hawaii in the summer of 1903, ex-
pended only \$3,039 in gathering and
formulating data and information for
the benefit of the senate.
This would scarcely justify the as-
sertion that the trip of the subcommi-
tee on territories was a "junket," for,
considering the distance traveled and
the amount of information collected, it
is, without a doubt, one of the cheap-
est investigations ever conducted by a
subcommittee from congress.
But of the total amount \$540 was
paid out as steamship fare for the mem-
bers of the party from San Francisco to
Honolulu and return, and \$1,026 was
disposed of in settling the hotel account
at Honolulu.
Mother of Captain Hobson.
Boulder, Colo., Jan. 20.—The mother
of Captain Richmond P. Hobson, who
died at the home of Shirley Davis to-
day after a long illness. Her son was
with her when she died and will leave
with the remains tomorrow for Green-
sboro, Ala., where they will be interred.
Sarah Croon Pearson was born at Rich-
mond Hill, N. C., February 24, 1843,
and for the past 20 years she had been
a sufferer from dyspepsia. She came
to Boulder last summer and has since
remained here on account of the benefit
to her health.

To Look After Emigrants.
Rome, Jan. 20.—The United States
continues to be the chief objective
point of Italian emigration, the num-
ber of emigrants going there in 1903
reaching a total of nearly 250,000.
The government has entrusted Adolfo
Rosi with a mission to the United
States for the purpose of studying with
the United States industrial commis-
sion the best means of directing Ital-
ians to agricultural states and prevent-
ing their concentration in large towns.
Turks Massing Troops.
Salonica, European Turkey, Jan. 20.
—An important concentration of Turk-
ish troops has begun at Kumova, on
the road leading to the Bulgarian
frontier.

ROUGH RIDERS ARE WANTED.
English Officers in Sahara May Be Called
From America.
London, Jan. 20.—The development
of Jacques Lebaudy's "Empire of
Sahara," is about to take a turn which
will be of some interest to the United
States. M. Lebaudy has decided to
draw the officers and noncommissioned
officers for two battalions of Imperial
Life guards from Great Britain and the
United States, and in pursuance of this
idea, he will submit to President Roose-
velt an invitation to name any officers
of his former Rough Riders whom he
can possibly recommend for commis-
sions.
Colonel George Gouraud, Thomas A.
Edison's representative in England for
many years, who as governor general of
Sahara, is organizing a military estab-
lishment for M. Lebaudy, said today to
the Associated Press:
"The Imperial Life guards will con-
sist of two battalions. The first will
be officered exclusively by Americans,
preferably former Rough Riders, and
the second by retired officers and non-
commissioned officers of the English
army. The troops will be composed
of Arabs and native Saharans, who are
among the finest riders in the world."

ARMAMENT OF FORTIFICATIONS.
Washington, Jan. 20.—A supplement-
ary estimate for an appropriation of
\$2,445,000 for "armament of fortifica-
tions" was transmitted to the house.
With this appropriation it is proposed
to procure 12 automatic machine guns
for use in seacoast forts, 160 "one-
pounder automatic pom-pom guns; also
200 guns of a caliber large enough to
fire effective shrapnel;" 700 "high ve-
locity six-pounder guns;" 95,000 rounds
of ammunition for the pom-pom guns,
2,000 rounds for the field guns and 50,-
000 rounds for the six-pounders.

Take Up Expositions.
Washington, Jan. 20.—Chairman
Tawney, of the house committee on in-
dustrial arts and expositions, had a
conference with the president today re-
garding the Alaska exhibit at the St.
Louis exposition. Governor Brady is
the fair commissioner for Alaska, but
has been unable yet to do much in the
preparation of the exhibit because of
his executive duties. It is likely that
a deputy commissioner may be appointed
to assist him in the work.

Reorganizing Naval Militia.
Washington, Jan. 20.—Bills creating
a naval reserve and reorganizing the
naval militia were introduced today by
Representative Foss, chairman of the
house committee on naval affairs.
Both bills have the endorsement of the
naval board and the naval militia asso-
ciation of the United States.

RUSSIA CANNOT YIELD.
Reply of Japan Contains Several Ob-
jectionable Features.
St. Petersburg, Jan. 19.—It is almost
practically certain that Russia will not
accept Japan's last proposal as an en-
tirety. Russia is ready to agree to
certain points, but on others, the for-
eign office believes Russia cannot yield.
The officials believe that the way is
open for continuing the negotiations,
and there is no indication that Russia
will seek to delay her answer, which
probably will be ready in a few days.
The czar continues to talk peace
and the dowager czarina, in conversa-
tion, remarked: "War is a horrible
thing. There will be no war."
In the meantime, Viceroy Alexieff
and Baron de Rosen, as well as the for-
eign office, are studying the Japanese
document. Army and navy circles con-
tinue pessimistic. The best feature of
the situation is the fact that the Jap-
anese reply has in no sense the char-
acter of an ultimatum. It is couched
in pacific terms, does not fix a time
limit, and the acceptance by Russia of
certain of the propositions therein
marks an advance toward a settlement.

HOSPITAL SHIPS PREPARED.
Red Cross Charters Two Vessels of the
Nippon Line.
Victoria, B. C., Jan. 19.—Advices
were brought by the steamer Tosa Maru
that the Red Cross hospital ships Ka-
kual Maru and Kosal Maru, chartered
from the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line,
are now ready for service in the event
of war. Vladivostok harbor has been
frozen over. In this connection the
Hochi of Tokio says a telegram has re-
ported that four vessels have been
caught in the ice and will hold all
winter.
A Seoul correspondent says the wife
of the Russian minister has become
very influential at the Russian court
and that, owing to this influence, the
Russian minister has been enabled to
make a compact with the Korean em-
peror whereby he may take refuge at
the Russian legation in the event of
war and issue all administrative orders
from the Russian legation.

Run Down by Farmers.
Paola, Kan., Jan. 19.—Two men gov-
erning their names as Charles Gorney,
aged 29, of St. Paul, Minn., and
Thomas Rorers, aged 30, of Butte,
Mont., who are suspected of attempting
to rob the bank of Cleveland, Mo., and
of blowing open the safe of the Mis-
souri, Kansas & Texas station with
nitroglycerin, wrecking the safe and
the interior of the station of Louisville
last night, were surrounded and cap-
tured here today by a posse of 300 farm-
ers and members of the anti-horse thief
association.

Porto Plata Is Captured.
Cape Haytien, Jan. 19.—The govern-
ment troops which disembarked recent-
ly at Sosona were yesterday ordered to
march on Porto Plata. A brisk attack,
supported by the guns of a Dominican
war vessel, began in the evening.
This morning operations were resumed
and the government troops entered
Porto Plata, causing the flight of Gen-
eral Deschamps, who took refuge in the
United States consulate. The British
cruiser Pallas has landed marines.

Coal-Breaker Burned.
Scranton, Pa., Jan. 19.—The Oliphant
breaker and washery of the Delaware
& Hudson company, at Oliphant, was
destroyed by fire today. The loss is
\$110,000.

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