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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.

A Kentucky judge has decided Sunday trading illegal.

A snow storm has just swept over Colorado. Eight to ten inches fell.

The salmon question will probably have to be taken into court for settlement in Michigan.

A tidal wave swept over the New Hebrides islands March 29, destroying practically all crops.

President Gomez has warned Cubans against the great tendency toward revolutions in that country.

Several members of the Japanese diet will visit the Pacific coast to study the situation at first hand.

A retired captain of the army committed suicide at New York because he hadn't enough money for himself and wife.

Ether Mitchell, central figure in the "Holy Roller" murders at Seattle in 1906, has been released from the asylum on parole.

Smuggled furs were brought in on the naval mine laying ships which made the trip from New York around the horn to San Diego.

The Colorado legislature has adjourned without passing a direct primary law, railroad commission law or an initiative and referendum measure and the governor will call a special session.

Naples has made great preparations to welcome Roosevelt.

Portland's new city directory places the population at 255,000.

There is a Civil war veteran living in Missouri who is 110 years old.

Fire at Dallas, Tex., destroyed property worth \$250,000, nearly all residences.

A big Chicago grain brokerage company has failed because of the advancing wheat market.

Canadian miners on strike believe the fuel shortage will force the mine owners to give in.

Students of Ruskin college, Oxford, England, have struck against the removal of the principal.

Admiral Cervera, one of the Spanish naval commanders during the war with the United States, is dead.

There is a report that Fairbanks has been offered the ambassadorship to Great Britain, but he refuses to discuss the proposition.

Philip Caine, a cousin of the novelist, is dead. He had existed for years by selling shoe leathers, ignorant of the fact that he was heir to \$60,000.

Roosevelt and party have arrived at Gibraltar.

A contest is imminent on the estate of "Lucky" Baldwin.

Roosevelt denies that an attempt was made on his life while crossing the ocean.

The leader of a Chicago Black Hand society has been trapped and informed on his confederates.

A New York broker has been arrested for swindling investors out of \$150,000 in mining stocks.

The French government may make formal protest against some of the provisions of the tariff bill.

It is said Harriman will make changes in the Union Pacific line and invade the Burlington's territory.

President Eliot, of Harvard university, has declined the appointment of ambassador to Great Britain.

Every coal mine in Western Canada, except the Crow's Nest collieries, are tied up by a strike of the miners.

One hundred and fifty thousand Chicago women have signed a petition protesting against higher duties on gloves.

King Victor will meet Roosevelt on an Italian warship.

Thousands of men are going to the newly discovered gold fields near Phoenix, Ariz.

Professional gamblers are giving officers of the trans-Atlantic liners great trouble.

A Baltimore clerk, only 26 years of age, has been arrested for embezzling \$100,000 from the city.

Most of the oil wells in Oklahoma will shut down for four months on account of overproduction and adverse state laws.

Harriman says the government should set the states an example by repealing repressive railroad laws.

General Kuroki, commander of the first Japanese army in the field against Russia, has retired, owing to the expiration of his military term.

Paris students, who had been sent to prison for misdemeanor, took revenge on the convicting officer by sending 400 wagon loads of merchandise to his home.

ACTION OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

Suit to Dissolve Standard Oil Will Go to Supreme Court.

Washington, April 6.—The hearing in the case of the United States against the Standard Oil company, of New Jersey, which will be begun before the United States circuit court in St. Louis tomorrow, is one of the most important and far-reaching civil actions that has ever come up for trial in this country. The bill of complaint on the part of the United States, charging a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, was filed in November, 1906. The Standard Oil company, of New Jersey, the parent organization, together with its various subsidiary corporations; John D. Rockefeller, Henry M. Flagler, Henry R. Rogers, John D. Archbold, Oliver P. Payne and Charles M. Pratt are charged with having entered into an agreement, combination and conspiracy to restrain trade and commerce among the several states, to monopolize trade and commerce in the purchase of petroleum and in the distribution, sale and shipment of the products of petroleum.

The United States seeks perpetually to enjoin the defendants from doing any act looking to carrying out the alleged combination or conspiracy and to dissolve the Standard Oil combination. The government concluded its testimony on January 21, 1909. About 400 witnesses were examined, approximately 200 appearing for each side. The issue is so important, that, whatever may be the result of the trial by the circuit court, the case certainly will be appealed to the United States Supreme court.

SYSTEMATIZE NOTE DESIGNS.

Government to Do Away With Many Now in Use.

Washington, April 6.—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Coolidge has approved a plan for systematizing designs for United States notes and coin certificates, thus securing uniformity in portrait and general design.

At present there are 19 different designs for United States notes and coin certificates of various denominations, leading to confusion and uncertainty. Under the new plan there will be but nine.

The \$1 silver certificate will carry the portrait of Washington, the \$2 silver certificate the portrait of Jefferson. The \$5 note, whether silver certificate or greenback, will carry the portrait of Lincoln. The \$10 gold and silver certificate and United States note, that of Cleveland; the \$20 that of Jackson; the \$50 that of Grant; the \$100 that of Franklin; the \$500 that of Salmon P. Chase; the \$1,000 that of Alexander Hamilton.

The portraits of Milligan, Monroe, Silas Wright, Lewis W. Clark, Mansfield and others will be eliminated. The eagle, the buffalo and the Indian head, which have proved to be easily counterfeited, also will disappear. All duplications will be done away with.

INDIANA ASHORE IN FOG.

Pacific Mail Liner Founders in Magdalena Bay.

San Francisco, April 6.—According to advice received by the Pacific Mail Steamship company, the steamer Indiana, bound from Mazatlan to San Francisco, went ashore during a heavy fog in Magdalena bay last night and is still on the rocks. The passengers and their personal baggage and the mail were removed by the cruiser Albany, of the Pacific fleet, and the tugs Fortune and Navajo. The passengers have been placed aboard the ships of the fleet and will be picked up by the City of Sydney, which leaves Acapulco for Magdalena bay tomorrow.

The statement issued by the Pacific Mail company says that the Indiana is ashore on Cape Santa, the Southern extremity of Santa Margarita bay. She is resting easily on a rocky bottom and protected from the sea and westerly winds.

The Indiana sailed from Mazatlan yesterday and carries a valuable cargo for this port. The messages received by her owners say that the water is 14 feet deep in hold No. 1, 16 feet in hold No. 2, 12 feet in hold No. 3 and 14 feet in hold No. 4.

The company estimates the value of the ship and cargo at \$600,000.

All Nations Present.

Salt Lake City, April 6.—Every Western state and territory, Canada and Mexico have contributed citizens to the great crowd attending the 79th conference of the Mormon church, which opened here Sunday. The thousands in the tabernacle at the morning services were of many nationalities. There were a score of Indian Mormons, who came from Idaho in a special car. There were Japanese converts, believers from Hawaii, and the South sea islands, and a few negroes.

Unknown Ship Is Sunk.

Boston, April 6.—Tidings of disaster to an unknown ship at sea were brought to this port today with the arrival of the Dominion Coal company's steamer Dominion, Captain Northcutt, from Louisburg, C. B. About 200 miles to the eastward of Boston light late in the afternoon the steamer passed the lower mast and top mast of a large vessel. The spars were sticking out of the water and apparently were attached to a sunken hulk.

St. Paul Operates Trains.

Wallace, Idaho, April 6.—The first train to pass through the St. Paul tunnel at Taft on the line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railroad, made the trip at noon today. Work trains are now run from the coast to a point near Missoula.

NICARAGUA GIVES IN

Ultimatum From Knox Produces Quick Result.

WILL COMPROMISE OR ARBITRATE

Central American Nation Expresses Desire to Settle Emery Claim for Damages at Once.

Washington, April 6.—Secretary Knox was given to understand today by Minister Espinosa, of Nicaragua, that the Nicaraguan government would make an early effort to settle either by compromise or by arbitration the claims for damages of the G. D. Emery company, whose concession for cutting mahogany was cancelled.

The minister told the secretary that a special commission would leave immediately for this city, carrying full instructions for the minister, which would empower him to reach a settlement. If a compromise is not reached the minister will sign a protocol submitting the case to arbitration.

The last communication from Secretary Knox to the Nicaraguan minister was in the nature of an ultimatum.

BRITAIN WANTS AIR FLEET.

May Establish "Two-Power" Stand and for Dirigibles Same as Navy.

London, April 6.—Great Britain seems to be awakening to the fact that the other nations of the world are leaving her behind in the race for command of the air.

While the members of the house of commons were drawing the attention of the government to the fact that Germany has built or is building dirigible airships and urging the government to take up with energy the construction of a British fleet, there was being held today a meeting in the Mansion House under the chairmanship of the lord mayor of London in support of the same object.

Among those present were Admiral Charles Beresford, Prince Louis of Battenburg, Lord Curzon, Sir Hiram Maxim and Admiral Sir Percy Scott, all of who heartily supported energetic action.

Admiral Scott advocated a "two power" standard in airships as well as in dreadnaughts, and mentioned incidentally that the navy had designed a new gun which at a distance of 6,000 feet could be exceedingly destructive to war airships.

WISE ON PLUMS.

Wizard Burbank Has 517 Varieties on His Place.

Santa Rosa, Cal., April 6.—That the several varieties of toothsome plums now known to fruit lovers are destined to be relegated to the list of forgotten delicacies is the belief of Luther Burbank, the plant wizard of this city.

"I am now experimenting with 517 distinct varieties of plums," said Burbank today, "any one of which I believe is superior to any plums now known to the world. For the past few months I have been working and experimenting with this fruit and in taking an inventory of the results I have found that I have on my ranch at least 517 plums of which the layman has never heard."

Burbank has recently evolved a five leaf clover and states that an additional leaf will be forthcoming in the near future.

Czar Will Go Voyaging.

St. Petersburg, April 6.—Preliminary preparations are being made for a round of state visits by the emperor to the Scandinavian capitals, and possibly to London in the early summer. According to the plans his majesty will leave in June aboard the imperial yacht Standart, escorted by a division of the Baltic fleet and torpedo boats, and will go to Stockholm, Christiania and Copenhagen, and perhaps thence to England, to return King Edward's visit during the summer. This is the first extensive imperial trip projected since 1901.

Once Chinese, Always One.

Pekin, April 6.—A new law of naturalization was formally promulgated today. It provides that Chinese may no longer adopt foreign citizenship, and it declares that Chinese who in the past have become the subjects or citizens of other states are still Chinese. Many Chinese are affected by this ruling, especially those who have registered at Hongkong as British subjects, as are a number of high Chinese officials both at home and abroad.

Starvation or Massacre.

London, April 6.—A special dispatch from Teheran, describing the situation at Tabriz, says there is no doubt that a great tragedy is close at hand. If Tabriz holds out against the invaders, the dispatch says, thousands must die of starvation. If Tabriz falls, probably thousands will be massacred. The rest of the country, however, looks on with traditional Eastern apathy.

Kentucky Counties "Dry."

Ashland, Ky., April 6.—Boyd county voted "dry" today by a majority of 107. In this city, the center of the iron industry, church bells were ringing hourly during the election. The victory of the "drys" here means that of the 119 counties in the state are wholly "dry" under the county unit law.

VETERANS AT A-Y-P.

Various Organizations Planning for Big Time This Summer.

The nation's war veterans, and the sons and wives and daughters of them, are carrying out big plans for representation at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition. The military order of the Loyal Legion has preempted a five acre tract on the exposition grounds and is establishing upon it patriotic headquarters. The Grand Army of the Republic will be represented and so will the Sons of Veterans, the Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Women's Relief Corps.

Early in the year the Loyal Legion entered into correspondence with the War department at Washington with the result that it has secured a splendid equipment and has already established headquarters tents and a model headquarters encampment generally.

Around the camp the government's outdoor exhibit will be placed. It consists of big and little ordnance, of today and the other days, Civil war relics and relics of the unpleasantness with Spain, so that the visitor to headquarters will be confronted by big modern 12-inch rifles as well as cannonades of the eighteenth century, picked up on the beach in Manila bay.

Local G. A. R. posts are expecting a heavy attendance at the exposition from among the nation's old time fighting men, for the reason that the grand encampment takes place in Salt Lake City early in August and the railroads have announced lower rates than ever before from Eastern points to the exposition. Under the tickets offered by the transcontinental roads it will be possible for the veteran to take passage through to Seattle and stop off for the encampment without extra cost, and that thousands will do so is already made evident by letters received by officers of the Grand Army and Loyal Legion in this city.

It will be open house at Grand Army and Loyal Legion headquarters throughout the fair and several special days and events have been arranged in their honor. The state encampment of the G. A. R. takes place in Tacoma in June and June 24 has been set as State G. A. R. day. August 16 has been named as National G. A. R. day and it will be made the occasion of one of the biggest and most brilliant of the special celebrations at the exposition.

FIRE AT FT. WORTH.

Large Section of Texas City Burned and Thousands Homeless.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 5.—Starting in a barn, presumably from a carelessly thrown cigarette, fire Saturday afternoon destroyed property in the southern portion of Fort Worth conservatively valued at \$2,500,000, caused the death of one person, J. J. Newton, of Krum, Tex., and rendered several thousand persons homeless.

The fire originated at Jennings avenue and Peter Smith street, in the center of a fashionable residence district, and, fanned by a stiff wind, was beyond control in 15 minutes. Spreading to the south, it burned its way through 32 blocks and continued until it had swept through the yards of the Texas & Pacific railroad, burning the railroad buildings and a large amount of rolling stock, where the fire practically burned itself out.

Three church buildings, the Broadway Baptist and Presbyterian and the Swedish chapel, were among the buildings burned, as was the Presbyterian sanitarium. The patients of the latter institution were all removed in safety.

The Texas & Pacific railroad suffered the largest individual loss. Fourteen locomotives were reduced to twisted masses of steel and iron and several hundred boxcars, besides the roundhouse and other buildings of the road were destroyed.

The Texas & Pacific estimates the loss to the road at \$160,000, while the damage to the church property is estimated at \$200,000.

The fire swept area was patrolled by armed guards to prevent looting, while the owners of the burned buildings gathered what they could of their household effects and sought shelter for the night wherever it could be found. The livestock building and auditorium at the fair grounds provided a temporary abode for many, while others slept in vacant houses or accepted the hospitality of Dallas and nearby cities.

Harriman Blocks Traffic.

San Francisco, April 5.—An investigation of the high handed action of the Pacific Mail Steamship company in refusing shipments for New York when its Panama steamships were sailing with vacant cargo space has been made by government officials and signatures have been obtained from big San Francisco shippers which may result in drastic action by the secretary of war in breaking off the hold which E. H. Harriman has sought to obtain on the isthmus route to the exclusion of competition.

Loses Much Coal Land.

Helena, Mont., April 5.—In the United States court today Judge Hunt declared null and void the title of the Northern Pacific railroad to 1,200 acres of coal land in Carbon county, valued at \$2,600 an acre. The government instituted suit to recover the lands because of their mineral character. Judge Hunt in his decision held that, though classified as non-mineral, it was well known that they contained coal before they were entered upon.

Reyes Faces Revolution.

Willemstad, April 5.—Rumors have reached here of a revolutionary outbreak against the administration of President Reyes, of Columbia, in the vicinity of Rio Hacha, a seaport on the Caribbean.

TRUCE IS EXPECTED

Agreement Probable Among All Northwestern Railroads.

WILL BE NO TERRITORY CONTEST

Harriman-Hill Interests Make Concessions and St. Paul Road Enters Agreement With Harriman.

Chicago, April 3.—There will be no contest between the St. Paul road and the Harriman lines over territory to be occupied by either interest in the Pacific Northwest. This was decided during the brief visit of Edward H. Harriman in Chicago Wednesday.

While in his private car, which stood in the Park Row station of the Illinois Central road, Mr. Harriman was visited by President A. J. Earling, of the St. Paul road, and arrangements were completed for the joint use of certain tracks by the St. Paul and the Harriman lines.

Although none of the officials interested in the deal would say anything concerning it, it is understood that the tentative agreement will obviate the necessity of Mr. Harriman's building a line between Seattle and Tacoma, as he contemplated doing as a part of his line from Portland to Seattle. The two men had only a few moments' conversation, but it was sufficient to clinch an agreement regarding which they had talked several times before.

In this connection also it is stated that the conference between Mr. Harriman and Louis W. Hill in San Francisco is likely to result in a better understanding between the Hill and Harriman lines in the Pacific Northwest. It is stated that all three interests realize the benefit which would come should there be a truce among them with respect to territorial aggression in the Northwest. As the price of peace, however, Mr. Harriman is said to insist upon the opening of his lines of the Portland gateway, and it is thought by many that concessions will be made in this direction by the Hill people.

FORT'S BASE IS SINKING.

Artillery Officers Alarmed at Conditions at Fort Stevens.

Fort Stevens, Or., April 3.—Recent surveys have made it apparent that the land adjoining Battery Russell, the most modern and best equipped battery at Fort Stevens, in fact, on this coast, is rapidly sinking. In places it is at least one foot lower than formerly.

Various hypotheses are advanced to account for this unusual occurrence. Some advance the theory that earthquakes, so prevalent on this coast, are the active cause; others, that the land on which this battery is located, being of such a swampy nature, sinks from the enormous pressure exerted by such unusual weight. The cost of this battery approximates \$1,500,000; hence considerable interest and some alarm are manifested as to the ultimate outcome of a most unusual condition.

FARM SELLS FOR \$95,000.

Lafollette Orchard on Snake River Sold to Lewiston Firm.

Spokane, Wash., April 3.—W. L. Lafollette, "the fruit king" of Wawawai, has given an option on his fruit farm at Wawawai, 14 miles south of Pullman, on the Snake river. The consideration is placed at \$95,000. White Bros. & Crum, of Lewiston, Idaho, fruit buyers and shippers, are the purchasers. They have made a payment to hold the option.

The land consists of about 960 acres, of which 250 acres are in bearing fruit. This is the largest fruit orchard on Snake river, and one of the largest in the Inland Empire. Shipments from this orchard run from 60 to 100 carloads annually.

Big Strike Ordered.

McLeod, Alberta, April 3.—The International Federation of Miners today ordered a strike on all in all the mines of Southern Alberta, in East British Columbia, as a result of its failure to reach an agreement with the employers on a wage scale. Since Hill secured control of the Crow's Nest Pass coal company, he granted an increase in wages to his men, and the other operators assert that this precipitated the strike. Two years ago a serious fuel famine resulted in the adjacent provinces when these miners struck.

Run Trackless Trolley.

Santa Barbara, Cal., April 3.—The Pacific Improvement company petitioned the city council tonight for the right to construct a power line to the Hope ranch, four miles west of the city. The company announced its intention of installing a "trackless trolley" system on the ranch. This is a new Australian invention, never before tried in America. An overhead wire supplies power to a motor, the same as with other trolley cars, but the cars use no track.

Methuselah Dead at 1000.

New York, April 3.—Methuselah died here today at his home in the Bronx zoo. He was 1,000 years old. His death is ascribed to illness incidental to old age. Methuselah, also known as Ramezes II, was a toad which was discovered in a rock pocket in a mine 500 feet below the surface at Butte, Mont., two years ago. His age was carefully computed by the zoologists and geologists.

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