

SAN FRANCISCO RID OF PLAGUE

SURGEON GENERAL TELLS OF ERADICATION

CITY DECLARED TO BE AGAIN FREE OF GERMS

Bubonic Infection Also Said to Be on the Decrease in India, but the Azores Are Still Dangerous

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Attention to plague conditions on the Pacific coast is given by the surgeon general of the public health and marine hospital service, in his annual report made public today.

No cases of human plague occurred in San Francisco in 1909, he says, and there were only four cases of rat plague.

The effect of its inspections by the service in San Francisco, he continues, has been to place San Francisco in a satisfactory sanitary condition. The service has been engaged in a war of extermination of rats and ground squirrels and, while many squirrels have been killed on the coast, only in Contra Costa county was a serious condition of infection found among them.

In India, according to the report, the plague has shown a noticeable decrease.

Number Decreased For the fiscal year, 1909, there were 163,463 cases against 730,729 for the previous fiscal year, and more than 1,622,000 for the fiscal year, 1907.

The United States continues to be menaced by the plague in the West Indies as well as in the Azores. The surgeon general discusses the hookworm disease at some length and says that "the failure of required legislation has prevented a campaign of education in connection with the state board of health, which has been contemplated."

He says, while the eradication of the disease within a state is primarily the duty of its sanitary authorities, the federal government should co-operate.

The marked improvement in the yellow fever situation is attributed by the surgeon general to the greater attention being paid to sanitation. It was demonstrated in the year, says the report, that the foot and mouth disease may be transmitted to animals through vaccine virus.

TRIAL OF PAT CALHOUN CONTINUED FOUR WEEKS

Judge Lawlor Grants United Railroads President More Time to Plead

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—The trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads of this city, charged with having offered a bribe to former Supervisor John J. Furey to secure an overhead trolley franchise, was continued today by Judge Lawlor until January 10.

The continuance was granted at the request of the district attorney and counsel for the defense, who had entered an agreement on the date at a conference just before court convened. In making the motion District Attorney Langdon explained that he desired to give the incoming district attorney an opportunity to assist in the selection of the jury, as that, he said, was one of the most important parts of the trial.

Seven jurors temporarily passed were excused, but by mutual consent of attorneys will be deemed available when the trial is resumed next month.

PACIFIC DEPARTMENT HEAD TO PICK TROOPS' QUARTERS

General Barry Will Go to Honolulu to Select Site for Soldiers in Hawaii

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Gen. Thomas H. Barry, commander of the department, will leave the latter part of the month for Honolulu to select the site for the permanent quarters that are to be constructed at Schofield barracks.

The government appropriated \$200,000 some time ago for the building of quarters for the troops. Schofield barracks are located about twenty-five miles from Honolulu at a plateau at an elevation of 1000 feet above the sea level.

BRET HARTE'S DAUGHTER SEEKS DIVORCE DECREE

Daughter of Famous Western Author Sues Her Wealthy Husband in New York

YONKERS, N. Y., Dec. 9.—A divorce action has been begun by Mrs. Jessamy Harte Steele, daughter of Bret Harte, the poet and novelist, against Henry I. Steele, a wealthy Colorado mine owner.

TO MAKE WASHINGTON AN EXAMPLE IN TUBERCULOSIS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—In speaking of the federal inspection of dairy herds, which the agricultural department has started in the District of Columbia, with the purpose of doing away, as far as possible, with bacillus-infected milk, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson says:

"It is believed the condition discovered in the city of Washington exists in many other cities of the United States, and it is the intention of the department of agriculture to make Washington an example for all other cities to follow."

Interprets Liability Law

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 9.—In an opinion filed here today Judge Sater of the federal circuit court holds that an action for damages under the federal employees' liability act must be brought in the district in which the railroad company is incorporated. This act is the recourse of an employee injured in interstate traffic.

Land on the west coast of Mexico, Sonora, Sinaloa.—H. A. Smith, 540 Byrne bldg.

MEXICAN REVOLUTIONIST IS DISCHARGED, BUT AGAIN ARRESTED FOR REBELLION

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 9.—Inez Ruiz, Mexican revolutionist, recently discharged here for want of sufficient evidence to support a charge of inciting a revolution in Mexico, today was re-arrested at the instance, it is said, of Attorney General Wickersham, pending extradition.

It is alleged Ruiz participated in the Garza revolution twelve years ago. At that time he was captured, but escaped into this country.

BLACK HAND THREATENS TO SLAY HER HUSBAND

Blackmailers Insist One Thousand Dollars Must Be Paid or Son Will Be Kidnaped

GRANT'S PASS, Ore., Dec. 9.—East-ern Black Hand methods have found their way into this quiet valley, if a letter received by Mrs. A. N. Parsons, wife of a local business man, is a genuine threat.

According to this letter, which is undated and unsigned, Mrs. Parsons has until 5 o'clock tomorrow evening to make up her mind whether to deposit \$1000 in a designated place or have her husband killed, her 10-year-old son kidnaped and mutilated and her home burned down.

Mrs. Parsons, who is on the verge of a nervous breakdown as a result of the worry the letter has caused her, is directed to place \$1000 in \$20 gold pieces in a certain spot in Granite Hill cemetery before the time specified unless she wants all these terrible things to happen to her.

The letter has been turned over to the police and the entire force is working on the case. Three deputy sheriffs are kept on guard at the cemetery night and day in order to intercept any prowler who might come to look for the money.

Parsons and his family came here from Omaha early this year. Mr. Parsons says he has no fear as he knows no enemies, either in Grant's Pass or in Omaha.

HENEY'S SUIT AGAINST CROCKER NOT DOCKETED

Former Special Prosecutor Will File Bill of Particulars Within Few Days

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The libel suit for a quarter of a million dollars which Francis J. Heney, special prosecutor in the San Francisco graft cases, is said to have begun in New York against William H. Crocker, has not yet taken definite form.

A canvass of the various courts, federal and state, shows the case has not yet been docketed. It appears that James M. Beck, former assistant attorney general of the United States, is acting as attorney for Heney.

Beck has been absent from the city for several weeks. When seen in Philadelphia he said no statement could be made until service had been made on Crocker. This is taken to indicate that the preliminary proceedings are definitely under way.

Crocker was in New York on a visit until recently, when he left with the body of his brother, George, for San Francisco. At the time of his departure no word of the suit had been heard.

Heney, it was learned, will file a bill of particulars shortly.

DEATH OF GIRL PROBED BY JURY AT PITTSBURG

Inquirers Still Unable to Decide if Goldie Enberg Committed Suicide

PITTSBURG, Kas., Dec. 9.—Additional testimony bearing upon the death of Goldie Enberg, who was found in a dying condition at her home here last Friday night, was heard by the coroner's jury today.

The authorities have not been able to determine whether the girl's death was caused by suicide or murder. The dead girl's sister and mother were among the witnesses today.

It was announced before the hearing began that one witness would testify as to the identity of the person who had presented Goldie Enberg with the earrings that had been torn from her ears just before she was found.

This witness, it was stated, would tell that the earrings were not diamonds, but rhinestones. The theft of the supposed diamond earrings furnished one theory for the alleged murder.

OFFICER AT MOJAVE WHO SLEW NEGRO EXONERATED

Coroner's Jury Discharges Deputy Who Killed His Unidentified Assailant with Revolver

BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 9.—The coroner's jury at Mojave today exonerated Special Officer Pickens for the killing of an unidentified negro. Officer Pickens while on his rounds at 5 o'clock yesterday morning saw a negro standing in the shadow of a pile of ties.

He ordered the man to come forth, when the latter opened fire on the officer, firing two shots before the officer could reply. Pickens fired twice at the negro, both shots taking effect and killing him almost instantly.

Among the negro's effects were found two skeleton keys.

CHERRY MINE CORPORATION CHARGED WITH NEGLIGENCE

CHERRY, Ill., Dec. 9.—Investigation of the St. Paul mine disaster, which cost the lives of almost 300 miners, practically was concluded by Coroner Malm today. The taking of testimony is concluded, unless the missing Alex Rosenjack and Robert Dear should be found.

Foreman W. L. Kendall of the coroner's jury and other members of that body are engaged in studying transcripts of the evidence heard in which the mine corporation is charged with many violations of the state laws.

Discount Rate Reduced LONDON, Dec. 9.—The governors of the Bank of England today reduced the minimum rate of discount from 5 to 4 1/2 per cent.

AMERICAN NAVY CLOSE TO LEAD

U. S. ARMADA RANKS ALMOST WITH GERMANY'S

YEAR BOOK SHOWS REMARKABLE PROGRESS

Uncle Sam Has Forty-five and Kaiser Forty-six Battleships, and the Former Exceeds in Point of Tonnage

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The navy year book for 1909, compiled by Pittman Pulsifer, clerk of the senate committee on naval affairs, shows the race for second place among the navies of the world to be close between the United States and Germany.

Of fighting ships (battleships and armored cruisers) built, building and provided for, this country has forty-five and Germany forty-six, but the aggregate tonnage for the United States is 659,241, as against 654,384 for Germany.

Germany, however, has a larger number of small vessels than this country, and her total tonnage is \$20,692, as against 785,687 for the United States. Germany's superiority in respect to all vessels is due largely to her torpedo destroyers, of which she has ninety-seven, as against our thirty-two.

Germany also outnumbers us in the matter of large guns, the number being 208, as against 190.

Of fighting vessels the American tonnage is 79,000 tons in excess of that of Germany. Great Britain is shown to possess 104 fighting ships, with a total tonnage of 1,850,680.

France has forty-six fighting vessels, but her tonnage is more than 100,000 tons less than that of either the United States or Germany.

This difference is due to the fact that an exceptionally large proportion of the ships are cruisers. American vessels are the only ones carrying 13-inch guns and German vessels the only ones carrying 11-inch guns.

All big guns on British ships are 12-inchers. Thirty-two of our guns are of the 13-inch caliber.

The book shows a total appropriation of \$1,416,138,448 for the construction of the new navy since it began in 1883.

The largest appropriation ever recorded was made last year—\$126,935,150. The largest appropriation prior to the Spanish war was \$31,541,654, in 1891.

GERMANS ARE PLEASED AT ATTITUDE OF TAFT

President's Opinion of Improbability of Trade Wars Favorably Received

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Official and journalistic comment on President Taft's message to congress notes with approval what he says regarding the unlikelihood of trade wars between the United States and other countries as a result of the maximum rate of the new tariff.

The Tageblatt, which represents financial opinion, calls the message a friendly one.

Mr. Taft's utterances respecting Nicaragua, though considered in official circles as rather vague, are taken to mean that the United States will restore order in the republic and out of which will be to the advantage of German trade and German possessions there.

All commentators observe that the message deals with foreign affairs to an extent hitherto not done in a president's message to congress, indicating that the interests abroad of the United States are expanding and coming into contact with European politics, especially as they concern China, Canada and Belgian Congo.

WILL ENFORCE CLOSING LAW ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Chief of Police of Chicago Stands for Saloons Shutting Doors at 1 o'Clock P. M.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Much anxiety is shown by Chicago hotel and cafe proprietors over the report that Chief of Police Stewart is going to enforce the closing law on New Year's eve.

While reluctant to be quoted, Chief Stewart is emphatic in saying that he stands absolutely for the 1 o'clock closing law and says he is going to enforce it 265 days in the year.

"What are you going to do?" asked one hotel manager. "We have rented all of our tables already—that is, reserved them—and in nearly every instance received a deposit. Of course most of our patrons understand when they reserved their tables that it was going to be an all-night privilege. If we have to close up at 1 o'clock it will be disastrous."

LOW PRICE OF BREAD IN ENGLAND IS BIG PUZZLE

Wheat Sent from United States, and Yet Product Is More Expensive in America

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Cost of bread in Chicago has proved a puzzle to J. R. Cahill, an investigator for the labor department of the board of trade in London.

Mr. Cahill told of his bewilderment before the City club last night. "I can't understand," said Mr. Cahill, "how we can buy bread in England for one-third the price you pay in Chicago, when you send us our wheat. You have to pay 5 cents for 14 ounces of bread, while we get a loaf weighing 64 ounces for 10 cents. Our four-pound loaf never costs more than 12 cents and usually only 10 cents. I confess I can't understand it."

Many Japanese Oranges Are Shipped to Canada

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 9.—Japanese oranges formed the biggest shipment in the 2550 tons of general cargo brought by the steamer Kaga Maru, which reached port today from Yokohama after a rough trip across the Pacific, heavy gales having baffled the steamer for four days after she left Japan, and for three days before arrival. She brought ten Japanese women, mostly brides of photograph-marriages, for Seattle.

For Her—

Toilet Sets—Daintily encased, sterling silver mounted. Belt buckles, of cut steel, with gems and cameo. Chandeliers, complete with shade; all colors, 35c and 50c. Scores of other attractive novelties.

High Class Furs

IN choosing furs the first consideration is the quality of the skins. Especially when the set is chosen for a gift, one likes to be quite sure of its superiority. That is why so many furs are being selected here as Christmas approaches. Women know they can depend on the furs we sell. Prices are also most attractive.

Christmas Plumes

THIS is a particularly happy selection for a holiday remembrance. One of the beautiful Plumes at \$7.75, in black, white or dainty colors would be a delightful gift. Or if you care to pay \$17.50 or \$27.50 the plumes are so much the handsomer.

The New York CLOAK & SUIT HOUSE The State Shop of Los Angeles 337-9 SOUTH BROADWAY

For Him— Cigar jars, crystal with mountings of gold and silver, \$1.50 and \$1.75. Shaving sets, silver mugs with brush to match, \$1.25 to \$1.50. Smoking sets of brass or silver, four pieces, \$3.75 and \$4.50. Match safes, sterling silver, 90c to \$2. Many other appropriate gifts. Here's Your Coat! A Silk Raincoat at \$9.75 A Moire Raincoat at \$15.00 A Clever Top Coat at \$15.00 New Military Coats \$15.00 The New York CLOAK & SUIT HOUSE The State Shop of Los Angeles 337-9 SOUTH BROADWAY

MOVING PICTURE IS TAKEN OF MURDER

ASSASSINATION OF PRINCE ITO IS PHOTOGRAPHED

Russian Photographer Prepares to Make Reproduction of Scene and Films Will Be Used at the Murderer's Trial

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 9.—A moving picture of the assassination of Prince Ito at Harbin is to be used in the trial of the Korean assassin, according to advices brought by the steamer Kaga Maru today.

When Prince Ito was meeting M. Kokovostoff, the Russian minister of finance, a Russian photographer had prepared to make moving pictures of the meeting and took the scenes attendant upon the assassination of Prince Ito. When the Japanese officials learned the pictures of the tragedy were successful they obtained a film 500 feet long and this will be shown in court at the trial of the assassin.

Another set of the films will be exhibited in Japan.

Chinese newspapers fear that the death of Prince Ito will result in a changed policy of Japan toward China, owing to the military party being brought to power with the passing of Ito as head of the civil party.

The Peking Times says that while Ito refrained from making coups to boost his personal ambition, his successors are likely to be aggressive and China may suffer in consequence.

REFUSE TO HELP SOLVE BATHTUB MURDER CASE

Members of Two Families in New York Say They Are Victims of Persecution

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Insisting that they are the objects of persecution, the members of the Wardlaw and Martin families today were sticking to their guns to clarify appreciably the mystery surrounding the death of one of their number, Mrs. Acey Wardlaw Martin Sneed, victim of the East Orange bathtub tragedy.

Miss Virginia Wardlaw, aunt of Mrs. Sneed, is in jail awaiting a hearing on a charge of murdering her niece.

The absence of Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, mother of the victim, and of the young woman's husband, Fletcher Sneed, is unexplained.

Today two Brooklyn business men declared they saw Fletcher Sneed in Brooklyn as recently as October last. His family had let it be understood that he died last summer.

As tending to controvert the theory that there was ill treatment of either Fletcher or his wife by members of their families, letters written by Virginia Wardlaw to her nephew, Fletcher Sneed, in 1908 were given publicity today. The missives are filled with endearing phrases.

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION TO BE FEDERAL STUDY

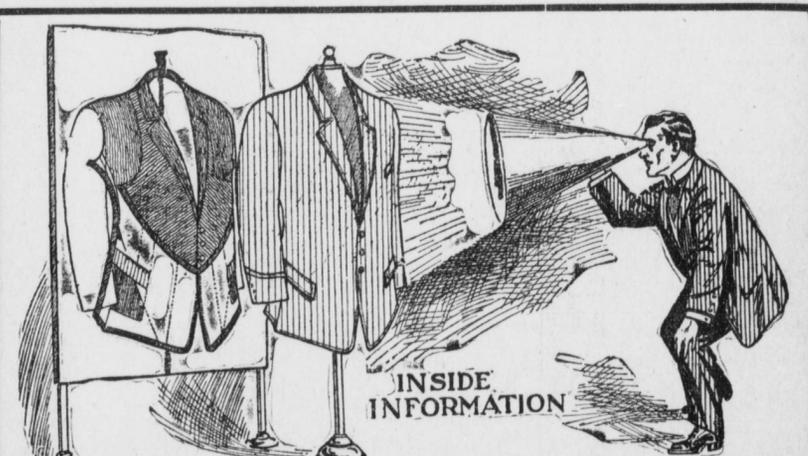
Department of Commerce and Labor May Be Prevalent Upon to Help

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Industrial education, which formed a lively topic of discussion at the Toronto convention of the American Federation of Labor, is to be taken up with the national department of commerce and labor, it was announced today.

As a result of the deliberations at Toronto a committee was appointed consisting of President Gompers, Vice President John Mitchell and James O'Donnell and Secretary Morrison to confer with Secretary Nagel and Commissioner Neill with a view to having the labor bureau make a thorough investigation into the subject.

URGES LURTON'S APPOINTMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Friends of Judge Horace H. Lurton of Tennessee called on President Taft today to urge his nomination as associate justice of the United States supreme court. The president did not indicate what he would do in the matter.



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PROTEST OF CHINA AROUSES INTEREST

RUSSIA RECEIVES DETAILED COMPLAINT

Original Government Declares Specifically That Administration of Affairs at Harbin Does Not Concern Czar

INTERESTING ROUTES TO TRAVEL

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WANT COASTWISE SHIPPING REGULATIONS SUSPENDED

HONOLULU, Dec. 9.—Leading members of various commercial bodies issued a call for a mass meeting to be held in the near future to adopt resolutions asking congress for a temporary suspension of the coastwise shipping regulations which impose a fine of \$200 on any American citizen who travels between American ports in foreign ships.

This appeal will be made on the ground that many Americans who wish to visit the Hawaiian islands at this season are unable to procure accommodations on American liners, which are overcrowded.

Don't simply allow it to die—that plan of yours. Find a little capital through advertising.

SEATTLE, Dec. 9.—Of 27,000 pounds of chickens, geese, ducks and turkeys seized in two Seattle cold storage plants during the past week by state officials, 13,000 pounds have been condemned and sent to the fertilizer factory. 8000 pounds have been returned to the owners as fit for consumption and 6000 pounds are undergoing bacteriological tests by the University of Washington chemistry department.