

FOR BUSY READERS

THE MORE IMPORTANT EVENTS HERE TOUCHED UPON

MANY MATTERS ARE INCLUDED

Doings of Congress, Foreign Intelligence, Personal, General and Other Items of Interest.

Foreign.

The pope appointed Rev. James O'Reilly, now rector of St. Anthony of Padua, Minneapolis, Minn., to the bishopric of Fargo, N. D., and Rev. F. M. Fallon of the provincial oblates of Buffalo, N. Y., to the bishopric of London, Canada.

An official telegram from Buenos Ayres states that the authorities having the 1910 exposition in charge have set apart a special building for American railway exhibitors.

At St. Petersburg, the publisher of Tolstoi's book, "The Kingdom of God Within Us," was sentenced to a year's imprisonment in a fortress.

W. G. Spitzer, an American, proprietor of the Astor house at Colon and alleged owner of the Cuban steamer Otori, was expelled from Panama territory. He was put aboard the Royal Mail steamer, Magdalena, bound for Jamaica and New York, by a decree of President Obaldia. He is charged with enticing employes on the Panama canal to leave their work.

Chan Yin Fang, successor to Wu Tung Fang as minister to China from the United States, accompanied by his family and a party of forty secretaries and Chinese students arrived in San Francisco on the liner Mongolia.

A severe earthquake occurred in Guam, causing considerable damage, according to a cablegram received at the navy department. The women's and children's hospital was wrecked. There were no casualties.

Evidence is multiplying that Zelaya intends to retire from the presidency of Nicaragua. Reports to that effect are general throughout that country and the American consular officers seem to give credence to them.

General.

St. Paul has begun a fight for lower telephone rates.

The interstate commerce commission ordered a reduction in charges of the Omaha & Council Bluffs railroad.

Red Cloud, Sioux Indian warrior, who died on the Pine Ridge agency, will be buried according to the ritual of the paleface and not above ground as he requested.

Senator Burkett of Nebraska and Representative Hull of Iowa are in a contest for next fall's military tournament.

Eight persons were fatally injured and a number of others less seriously hurt in the wreck on the Southern railway near Greensboro.

The Rev. David C. Hughes, father of Governor Hughes of New York, died at the executive mansion, following a recent stroke of apoplexy.

Testimony of the Brokaw divorce went to show that the plaintiff made the money of the millionaire fly.

Reports from the east say Mr. Willard has been offered the presidency of the B. & O. railroad.

Senators Burkett and Brown may split on the selection of a new district attorney for Nebraska.

President Taft has promised to speak at the next meeting of the farmers' national congress, which meets in Lincoln October 5 to 11, 1910.

Leslie M. Shaw declared there is no doubt in the minds of those who have studied the proposed central bank that such an institution would be owned, or at least controlled, by the Standard Oil company.

The state occupation tax upon corporations was upheld by the supreme court of Nebraska.

President Taft said at Hartford, Conn., that the time might come when a civil pension list will become a necessity.

George A. Puckett, five years editor of the Roswell (N. M.) Daily Record, died from tuberculosis.

Many million acres of coal land will be opened to use for agricultural purposes if congress should pass a bill introduced by Representative Mondell of Wyoming.

Mrs. Frank Hicks and four of her children were burned to death when a crude oil stove exploded setting fire to their house at Wayne, Kansas.

Another failed bank in Oklahoma is giving state officials much concern. Nebraska hogs topped the market at Denver, bringing \$8.47 1/2.

Imports of hides and skins for the calendar year will aggregate nearly a hundred million dollars.

Ex-Senator Deitrich of Nebraska is reported better and hope is now entertained of his recovery.

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit company announced the adoption of a pension system for its veteran employes.

News of the resignation of Zelaya was received with seeming satisfaction at Washington.

The only orders issued by the Navy department to the "Nebraska" are for it to rejoin the battleship fleet. That is the statement made by officials.

Notwithstanding his unpopularity, there seems to be much mourning over the death of the king.

Zelaya is said to be untruthful as well as inhuman.

After ten rounds of furious fighting "Cyclone Johnny" Thompson of Sycamore, Ill., was awarded the decision over "Fighting Dick" Hyland of San Francisco, before the Empire Athletic club in Kansas City.

Henry W. Blodgett, United States attorney for the eastern district of Missouri, has resigned.

Four persons were killed and a number of others injured when a Central of Georgia passenger train collided with a passenger train on the Macon & Birmingham road.

Four hundred and forty thousand of the Red Cross stamps, the profits of which are to be used for the war on tuberculosis, have been placed on sale in Nebraska.

At the request of Representative McGuire, Secretary Wilson ordered that the government good roads exhibit which was sent to the Topeka convention be transferred to Lincoln for the state convention which will be held in that city during the week of January 17.

A number of members of the Nebraska and Iowa delegations take advantage of the recess of congress to go home for the holidays.

Alaska's delegate to congress, Jas. Wickersham, said that upon his arrival in Washington early in January, he would introduce a bill providing for the establishment of a territorial government for Alaska.

The Towle Syrup company's plant at St. Paul, Minn., was almost totally destroyed by fire. The loss is \$100,000.

The house passed the Esch bill, requiring railroads to make full monthly reports to the interstate commerce commission of all accidents.

After perfunctory sessions of both houses the Illinois general assembly adjourned until Tuesday, January 4, and the prospective battle over deep waterway, primary and other legislation advocated by Governor Deneen goes over until the new year.

Some choice heavies sold at Toledo, Ohio, at \$3.70, the highest price reached in the local hog market since 1893. The market advanced a strong ten cents, the top price of the bulk of sales being \$8.60.

The president gave the first of his formal white house dinners.

Washington.

News of the resignation of President Zelaya at Nicaragua was received with evident satisfaction at the state department and elsewhere but not one syllable of comment could be elicited from any responsible officer of the administration.

Severely attacking Secretary of the Interior Richard A. Ballinger, the Guggenheim interests, and the administration of the land office in general, Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska argued upon the house the necessity of appointing a special committee to investigate "the notorious land frauds of recent years."

By a joint resolution offered in congress a commission of seven persons to investigate the prospects for a semi-centennial celebration of the emancipation proclamation in 1913, is provided.

On the occasion of the 110th anniversary of the death of George Washington the Alexandria-Washington lodge of Masons, in accordance with its annual custom, placed a memorial wreath on the tomb at Mount Vernon.

Conservation of all the timber lands lying within the bounds of the Yosemite National park in California is urged by Major Forsythe, acting superintendent of the park, in his annual report to the secretary of the interior.

"Hands off Hawaii in liquor matters" is substantially the protest received by congress from the Hawaiian legislature. The secretary of Hawaii transmitted to the two houses of congress a resolution declaring that any legislation to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor in that territory, as proposed in a pending bill, would brand Hawaii as incapable of self-government.

The estimates of expenditures of the war department for the coming year amount to \$94,799,067, and were favorably acted on by the house committee on military affairs and the bill is ready to be reported to the house.

Personal.

State Senator John Raines of New York, author of the Raines law, died a few days ago.

Horace H. Lurton has been appointed associate justice of the United States supreme court.

OFFICIALS KILLED

THREE HIGH OFFICIALS ASSASSINATED IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD.

ACTS HAD NO CONNECTION

Korean Prime Minister, St. Petersburg Chief of Police and Indian Magistrate Removed By Bomb and Knife.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—Colonel Karpoff, chief of the secret police of St. Petersburg, was assassinated early today. He had been enticed to a modest apartment in a remote street of the Viborg district, and there was blown to pieces by a bomb, exploded supposedly by his host, one Michael Vossekreessenki, who had leased the rooms a few days before.

The murderer rushed into the street following the explosion and was captured. An assistant to Karpoff who accompanied him was severely injured. Karpoff was appointed from Backu, where he had been chief of the secret police. There have been several convictions of bomb makers recently.

Bombay, British India, Dec. 22.—Arthur Mason Tippetts Jackson, chief magistrate of Nasik in the presidency of Bombay, was assassinated by a native while attending a theatrical performance here last night.

The motive for the murder is supposed to have been the wish for revenge upon the magistrate, who had recently sentenced a criminal to life imprisonment. Nasik is a hot bed of sedition. Jackson had been in the British Indian service since 1888.

ESTRADA WINS VICTORY.

Six Hundred Killed On Field Gonzales Surrenders.

Seoul, Korea.—The prime minister of the Korean cabinet was stabbed to death as an apparent result of the intense feeling in Korea against Japanese influence.

Bluefields, Dec. 22.—General Estrada has won a complete victory over the government troops at Ruma. A total of 600 men of both armies were killed or wounded. Nineteen hundred of Zelaya's men have surrendered including General Gonzales, who was in command. Two Americans are reported to have been killed.

The fighting is outside the city limits. The wounded are being brought here. Commander Shiply has landed surgeons from the Des Moines to care for them.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Confirmation of the Associated Press dispatches from Nicaragua were received today at the navy department in a cablegram from Captain Shipley of the Des Moines, now at Bluefields, dated at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The additional information is given the navy department that General Castrillo, with four pieces of field artillery, 1,500 rifles and one million rounds of ammunition were included in the surrender.

Zelaya's loss in killed, wounded and captured, the captain reports, is about 2,500.

GOVERNOR'S GOOD WORK.

Switchmen's Strike Is in a Fair Way To a Settlement.

St. Paul, Dec. 22.—Gov. A. O. Eberhart made one of the most interesting statements today with regard to the strike situation that has been made since Pres. Frank T. Hawley, of the switchmen's union, issued the strike order.

"I am very well pleased over the result of the conferences held yesterday between the railroads and the representatives of the American Federation of Labor's railway department council," said the governor. "I felt that if I could get the men and the roads together," he continued, "that conditions would shape themselves toward a betterment of the situation."

"I did not attend the conference in person but was represented by my secretary, Ralph W. Wheelock. From him I understand that everything is clearing smoothly toward a settlement. Both sides are showing a disposition to be fair in considering the propositions that arise and I feel very well satisfied with the present outlook."

Copenhagen Chargrined.

Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—The morning papers generally find comfort for the Cook affair in the thought that the only fault that may be charged against the Danes is that they accepted the explorer's claims as that of a gentleman.

The politician says: "Frankly we regret only that a honorary degree was bestowed upon this man by the University of Copenhagen. But one member of the university counselled against the action taken."

The Copenhagen says: "Cook's abusing of our university is his greatest shame. Fortunately the university itself tells the world of its mistake."

Other papers recall that all Scandinavian explorers who were acquainted with Cook, supported him and insist that under the circumstances any other city would have given the explorer a similar reception. They intimate that at the time other cities envied Copenhagen in the opportunity to be the first to welcome and honor him.

HIS ERROR COST LIVES

BRAKEMAN THROWS SWITCH WITHOUT THINKING.

Total Wreck on Railroads Over the Whole Country—Ten Bad Wrecks With Death in All Save One

St. Paul, Dec. 20.—"Do you want me to give myself up to the police on my arrival on Nov. 4 in St. Paul?"

After having absent-mindedly thrown the switch connecting the side tract on which an extra freight train was standing at Bladely, Minn., yesterday connecting the side tract with the main line and which in less than a minute, caused the fast Omaha road passenger train to crash into the freight, killing two men and injuring a dozen trainmen, F. W. Herman, head brakeman on the freight, disappeared.

The engineer of the wrecked passenger reported that just as he caught of the switch he saw a man throw it. The Omaha officials began to hunt for the freight crew and found Herman missing. While they were looking for him Division Superintendent Slacker at St. James received the telegram quoted above signed Herman. The telegram was filed from a passenger train coming to St. Paul. Arriving here Herman reported to the officials of the road and told his story in detail today.

Herman said he had completely forgotten the passenger train. Fully realizing the consequences of his carelessness, he intends to take whatever punishment the law may inflict, as he is nearly prostrated with grief. In the meantime the Omaha railroad officials have not decided what they will do.

Wreck of a Weew.

Following is a list of ten bad wrecks on the various railway lines within the past week:

New York Central fast train rams rear end of westbound express; officials declare storm obscured signals; 3 dead, 12 injured.

Southern railway fast express thrown over embankment by broken rail; 12 killed, 35 injured.

Santa Fe express crashes into rear of limited; 1 killed, 13 injured.

Express train on Central of Georgia hits switch engine; 3 killed, 7 injured.

New York Central express demolishes switch engine at Collinwood, Ohio; 5 killed, 1 fatally injured, many slightly hurt.

Oriental limited on Burlington wrecked by broken rail at Western Springs, Ill.; 20 injured, several seriously.

Southern railway train derailed at Chabmele, Ga., though none fatally.

Rio Grande trains in collision near Crested Butte, Col.; 2 killed.

Great Northern Winnipeg flyer derailed near Monticello and 1 killed.

Omaha flyer collides with freight at Blakely, Minn.; 2 killed, 12 injured.

SOCIETY LADIES AID STRIKE.

Mrs. Belmont and Miss Morgan Direct Striking Shirt Waist Workers.

New York, Dec. 20.—Miss Anne Morgan and Miss O. H. P. Belmont, both mistresses of millions, appeared today as the duly authorized labor leaders, charged with the responsibility of directing, in part at least, the strike of 40,000 girl shirtwaist makers here.

Miss Morgan is a daughter of J. P. Morgan. These two women in conference with officers of the union, decided yesterday on a definite plan of campaign, which they believe will result in victory for the strikers. A statement was given to the public today, saying that the two society leaders will provide adequate legal defense for all the members of the union who are arrested while doing picket duty, and will personally take up the work of directing the strikers.

Seventy-five Thousand Ask Increase.

Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—Trainmen to the number of 75,000 employed on seventy-five railroads east of the Mississippi river will today through the officials of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, with headquarters at Cleveland, Ohio, formally notified the various divisions and railroads affected that a demand for an increase in wages amounting to from 5 per cent to 40 per cent, will be made Jan. 2. An agreement between the railroads and the trainmen necessitates a notice before any demand such as will be made, can be presented. The trainmen will wait until Jan. 20 for an answer from the railroads, it is said.

Lured to Her Death.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Dorothy Woodhead, a young and attractive waitress, whose mutilated body was found in Lake Union yesterday, was lured to the spot and murdered.

From the fact that little blood was found on the trestle and from the report of the physicians who performed an autopsy last night, the coroner's jury gives the opinion that the girl was killed and placed on a street car trestle. The car struck her body and flung the corpse into the lake.

New Receiver at Devils Lake.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Frank W. N. Cockburn was today appointed receiver of the Devils Lake landoffice, also the following postmasters were named: H. T. Nelson, Courtenay, \$1,000; Nyman Brandt, Park River, \$1,600; C. C. Hutchinson, LaMoure, \$1,600.

Teddy Arrives in Auto.

Kampala Uganda, Dec. 21.—The American expedition arrived here today and was received by Sub-Commissioner F. A. Knowles. Colonel Roosevelt came by automobile from Entebbe. The others arrived on a steamer.

DISCREDITS COOK

DANISH UNIVERSITY SAYS NO PROOFS PRESENTED THAT HE REACHED POLE.

MERELY HIS STATEMENT

Papers Submitted Are Valueless and Are Practically the Same As Published in the United States On His Return.

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—The University of Copenhagen, the first institution of learning to recognize Dr. Frederick A. Cook as discoverer of the north pole declared solemnly today that the explorer had failed to establish the claim upon which his high honors had been based.

The committee appointed by the university to examine Cook's records recently presented its report to the consistory of the university, which reviewed the documents of the experts with the greatest care, and discussed the findings from every standpoint. That the committee was soon known.

The consistory met today and adopted a written report to the effect that the alleged records submitted for examination by Dr. Cook failed to prove his claim that he had reached the north pole.

The report of the committee, of which Professor Stromgren was the chairman, declared that Cook's papers as presented to the consistory are without any value, that his report to the university is practically the same as that published in the New York Herald upon his return from his arctic exploration. The copies of his note books submitted, the committee says contains no original calculations or observations but only the results thereof. Accordingly the committee concludes that they afford no proof of his having reached the pole.

No Surprise in New York.

New York, Dec. 21.—News that the university of Copenhagen had declined to accept Dr. Cook's claim that he had reached the north pole came as no surprise to scientific circles here and to many of his friends, who had been prepared for the result by early indications that Dr. Cook's claims would not be favorably passed upon.

Dr. Cook is now in Christiansand, Norway, according to his brother, Wm. L. Cook, who said that the doctor had greatly recovered from the nervous breakdown from which he was suffering when leaving here.

Mr. Cook declared that the explorer was ready to go to Copenhagen to give the university further information concerning his claims. Dr. Cook mysteriously left the Hotel Grammatan in the Bronx, Nov. 24, where he had gone to prepare his records supposing his claim that he had reached the north pole. It now appears that he sailed Nov. 27, on the steamship Caronia for Naples where he remained for several days.

This information was contained in a letter the explorer sent to his brother who said: "Dr. Cook has authorized me to announce that he is in Europe trying to get much needed rest and that is all I can say."

"At the proper time my brother will give out a statement for publication and until he sees fit to do so there will be nothing for his friends to do but to respect his wishes and allow him to remain in seclusion."

New York, Dec. 21.—"If the public knew the truth concerning Dr. Cook's mental and physical condition as it is known by his close friends, they would take a more charitable view of his present unfortunate situation," by H. Wellington Waack, counsel for Dr. Frederick Cook, today when told that the University of Copenhagen had rejected Dr. Cook's proofs that he had been to the north pole.

SENATE WILL PROBE.

Inquiry Will Be Made Into Ballinger-Pinchot Controversy.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The senate today practically decided upon the inauguration of an inquiry into the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy by adopting a resolution introduced by Senator Flint of California, calling for all papers bearing on the case.

At the same time Senator Jones of Washington states that if no one else should propose a resolution of inquiry he would do so after the holidays.

It is expected that the papers will have been received by that time and the senate will be prepared for a searching inquiry and which it is generally believed shall be made.

In making the statement Mr. Jones presented a letter from Secretary Ballinger expressing his desire that an investigation be undertaken and saying that if he entered upon it should be sufficiently broad and far-reaching to cover the entire subject, including the forestry service which he charges with pernicious activity.

Hotel Fire At Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—In a fire which destroyed the Metropole hotel on Ross avenue early this morning, John Alcock, a railway checker, was killed, and George Baxter, a painter, and Hilda Brown, a waitress, were fatally injured while jumping in an endeavor to save their lives. Forty people jumped from the windows to the icy pavement, one and two stories below. The hotel is the property of the Great Northern railway of St. Paul.