

BRIEF REVIEW OF WEEK'S EVENTS

RECORD OF THE MOST IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS IN ITEMIZED FORM.

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Information Gathered from All Quarters of the Civilized World and Prepared for the Perusal of the Busy Man.

Financial conditions in New York and the east generally were nearly normal again. The need of currency to move the cotton crop developed in the south and a committee from New Orleans conferred with Secretary Cortelyou...

The tobacco situation in Kentucky became serious. Burley growers agreed to cut out next year's crop. Efforts were made to pool this year's crop and to induce buyers to leave the field...

The little town of Karatag, in the Hussar district of Bokhara, was overwhelmed and completely destroyed by a landslide that followed the earthquake of October 21. It was believed 1,500 persons perished.

Commissioner General Sargent of the bureau of immigration denied the appeal of a confessed eloping couple from Berlin, Germany, for admission to the United States.

T. E. McDonald, superintendent of the United States Express company at Milwaukee, announced that the amount of money stolen from his company at the night depot office in that city the night of October 23 was \$18,500.

Charging that football is prize fighting, Attorney S. R. Moore, of Kanak, Ill., filed a bill in the circuit court for an injunction restraining high school students from playing the game.

The grand jury indicted John J. Stanley, vice president and general manager of the Cleveland Electric Railway company, charging him with endeavoring to influence a witness.

The Friend Paper company, of West Carrollton, a suburb of Dayton, O., was placed in the hands of a receiver on application of its president, J. Howard Friend.

Raymond Hitchcock, indicted in New York for alleged misconduct with three little girls, disappeared and the district attorney's men say that he either has fled to Europe or has committed suicide. His wife, known on the stage as Flora Zabelle, says she thinks he has been murdered.

E. H. Sliver, sheriff of Coles county, Illinois, arrested Judge Peter S. Grosscup of the United States circuit court on a charge of manslaughter, contained in indictments returned at Charleston, Ill., as a result of the fatal wreck last summer on the Charleston-Mattoon interurban line, of which Judge Grosscup is a director.

The steamer Cormorant, of the Edward Heinz Lumber company's fleet, caught fire and burned to the water's edge near Superior, Wis.

Receivers were appointed for the South Baltimore Steel Car & Foundry company. Its liabilities were nearly \$1,000,000 and its assets much greater.

William D. Everett, president of the Williams & Everett company, picture and fine arts dealers, of Boston, committed suicide by inhaling gas. No cause for the act is known.

Hawaii's sugar crop for 1907 is the largest in the history of the islands. It amounts to 420,000 tons. Next year's crop promises to reach 575,000 tons.

The pope excommunicated Father Tyrell and other critics of his encyclical on modernism.

Nearly 5,000 Chinese arrived at the port of Salina Cruz, Mex., on their way to the United States, where they are under the impression they will be allowed to remain.

Gov. Warner of Michigan and his staff, in full uniform, accompanied by members of their families, were received at the White House by President Roosevelt on their homeward journey from the Jamestown exposition.

President Roosevelt passed his forty-ninth birthday without special celebration of any sort.

The historic home of the late Gen. Don Carlos Buell at Airdrie, Ky., on the Green river, was destroyed by fire. Fire at Nome, Alaska, caused property loss of about \$300,000.

Ekeleton railway tickets valued at \$15,000, with the stamps, pouches and ink-pads to make them out, were stolen at Santa Monica, Cal.

A monument to the memory of the late Brig. Gen. John M. Thayer, erected by the state of Nebraska, was dedicated at Lincoln.

Eloping lovers and others who seek holy or secret marriages will no longer find a Gretna Green in the Little Church Around the Corner in New York. Dr. George C. Houghton, the rector, says it is his purpose that the bans shall be published in the old-fashioned way in the future.

Robert M. Duhose, secretary of the University of the South, died at Seawane, Tenn.

The miners and smelters' unions at Butte, Mont., received notice from the Amalgamated Copper and other companies that the old scale of wages will be enforced after November 1, in accordance with contract, which will mean a reduction for about 7,000 men.

The distillers' strike at Peoria, Ill., involving 700 men, has been settled. The employers signed the schedule, acceding the demands, except the recognition of the union.

Judge Peter S. Grosscup, of the United States circuit court, and Marshall E. Sampson, one of the receivers of the Chicago Union Traction company, with other members of the board of directors and officers of the Mattoon & Charleston Interurban Railroad company, were indicted at Charleston, Ill., in connection with the wreck on the electric railway last August.

The true bills charge criminal negligence in the summary discharge of Miss Helen E. McRoberts of Chicago, the popular assistant principal, 50 students of the Pawaukee (Wis.) high school went on strike, leaving the school in a body. They refused to return unless the teacher was reinstated.

Charles H. Deere, a manufacturer of agricultural implements, mainly plows, at Moline, Ill., where his father, John Deere, established the industry, died at the Lakota hotel in Chicago.

Planning to duplicate his feat of 40 years ago, of walking to Chicago, a distance of 1,230 miles, in 26 days, Edward Payson Weston started from the Portland (Me.) post office. He is 69 years of age.

Col. Everett Hull Walker, U. S. A., in command of the defense of Boston harbor, died at Fort Banks, Winthrop.

The biennial convention of the Universalist church in business session in Philadelphia placed itself on record as against the enfranchisement of women and declared for a uniform divorce law.

An explosion of natural gas wrecked the home of Mrs. William Eldridge, in Kansas City, Kan., and perhaps fatally injured the woman and her ten-year-old daughter.

Ten thousand United Mine workers were idle in the Northumberland, Mont. and Columbia county districts one day in honor of President John Mitchell.

John C. Kruse, of Iron Mountain, Mich., was mistaken for a bear and shot by George Gibbons, a game warden.

Dr. George B. Gordon, of the University of Pennsylvania, reports the discovery of a hitherto unknown tribe of aborigines in Alaska.

S. J. Small, deposed president of the telegraphers, issued a statement "calling off" the strike.

Struck down and robbed in the streets of New York, Herman Bradley Potter, Jr., of Doylestown, Pa., was found in a room at the Hotel Booth, of Astoria, after having written a letter to his wife describing the manner in which he had received his wounds.

Mlle. Ragoziankova, who shot and killed Gen. Maximoffsky, director of the department of prisons of the ministry of the interior of Russia, was tried by court-martial and sentenced to be executed by hanging.

G. H. Stockwell, of Tulsa, I. T., shot and killed W. E. Campbell, a prominent oil man and capitalist, formerly of Winfield, Kan., and then murdered his own son, aged 13, and committed suicide. Insane jealousy is given as the cause.

Firing in defense of his father, Charles Hughes, aged 20, of Tell City, Ind., shot and instantly killed his brother, Martin Hughes, 30 years old.

James Reddick, one of the foremost Republican politicians of Chicago, was killed in an automobile accident at Half Day, a village about 28 miles from Chicago.

The steamer Olympia, of the Gillish fleet is stranded on Grecian shoals in Lake Erie. The steamer is upbound, heavily laden with coal, and lies in a badly exposed position.

William Paget, daughter of Lady Arthur Paget, and granddaughter of the late Parson Stevens, of New York, was married in the church at Kingston Vale, England, to Ralph Paget, British minister at Bangkok, and a cousin of the bride.

One man was killed and 40 were injured in a wreck on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway near Dallas, Tex.

Mrs. E. T. Molzahn was shot and killed, her husband, Dr. Molzahn, was shot and seriously wounded and Charles McElvain was slightly wounded in a pistol duel between McElvain and Dr. Molzahn at Ravenwood, Mo.

Three persons were killed and a dozen injured in a collision on the London underground railway.

Fred A. Boron, cashier of the Dollar Savings bank, and one of the most prominent men in Akron, O., was shot and killed in his home. The water in the world, landed in Belchertown, Mass., after a successful trip from Philadelphia.

City Marshal George Adams, of Benton, Ill., shot and killed John Malone, former city marshal and well known as a gun fighter, after Malone had threatened the marshal's life.

Eleven hitherto unpublished dances by Beethoven orchestrated for seven instruments have been discovered at Leipzig.

Francis J. Heney, assistant district attorney, made an address in San Francisco booming the reelection of District Attorney W. H. Langdon.

A constitution for a woman's college at Foo Chow, China, the first woman's college to be established by American missionaries in southern China, was adopted at Springfield, Ill., by the executive board of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Raymond Hitchcock, the actor, was held in \$3,000 bail in New York on a charge of attacking young girls.

The president issued an executive order creating four new bird and animal reserves on the Pacific coast, one of the Three-Arch Rock reservation in Oregon, and the other three in Washington.

John Barrett, news editor of the San Francisco Examiner, died of apoplexy on the street.

William Loeb, private secretary of President Roosevelt, with Senator Carter and others went hunting near Cooke City, Mont., ended his trip after having killed a bear, two mountain sheep and a deer.

Attorney General Ellis, of Ohio, sent notices to 36 steam and street railway companies in Ohio, whose franchises are now being exercised by holding companies, claiming for the state \$1,000,000 back taxes.

Gen. Maximoffsky, director of the department of prisons of the ministry of the interior of Russia, was shot and killed by a woman who admitted she was an emissary of the social revolutionists.

Cannibalism has been resorted to by the starving Eskimos in the Ungava district and on the shores of Hudson strait, according to Rev. Steward, an Anglican missionary to the Ungava bay Eskimos.

Michael, the Norwegian premier, resigned on account of ill health, which led to the resignation of the ministers of public worship and justice. King Haakon reorganized the cabinet.

Henry Huntington, son of the late Maj. Henry Aloxaz Huntington, an American who had lived for many years in England, was pronounced at Versailles by medical experts to be totally irresponsible.

The Red Star liner Finland was badly disabled by crashing into the breakwater at Dover, England.

It is feared that many persons have been slowly suffocated beneath the earthquake ruins at Ferruzano, Italy. Some of the dead recovered were not even recognized.

Charles Rapello Henderson, head of the banking firm of Henderson & Co., and an officer and director of several financial institutions, died following a fall from a second-story window at his home in East Fifty-sixth street, New York.

Hugo Duesenberg, the 18-year-old youth who threw a pop bottle that also fractured Empire "Billy" Evans' skull during an American league baseball game last August in St. Louis, was fined \$100.

Prof. F. Bordas, of the Sorbonne, announced before the French Academy of Science that he had discovered a method by which the colors of precious stones can be changed at will by subjecting them to the action of radium.

President Roosevelt entertained at lunch in the White House, the Rev. William Booth, of the Salvation Army, and Miss Booth.

Washington's new union passenger station, which was erected at a cost of \$20,000,000, was opened.

The census bureau at Washington is working on a report which it is said will show 1,300,000 divorce cases were started in the last 20 years and that 1,733,232 persons parted by legal decree.

Thomas J. O'Brien, American ambassador to Japan, and his wife were introduced to the foreign residents of Yokohama at a brilliant reception given at the residence of Consul General Miller.

St. Louis footpads pried two gold teeth from the mouth of a newspaper reporter.

A negro at Byron, Ga., was lynched because he stole 75 cents.

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GOLD ENGAGEMENTS

TOTAL \$23,750,000

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IS GRADUALLY BEING RESTORED IN MANY EASTERN CITIES.

START RUNS ON TWO BRIDGEPORT BANKS

Bankers to Adopt Compromiser Ridgely's Plan to Increase Currency Circulation by Accepting Substitute for Government Bonds.

New York, Nov. 1.—The restoration of public confidence is indicated by the diminished interest taken in the financial situation, which continues to readjust itself to a normal basis.

The stock market fluctuations did not differ materially from the normal daily times. The market in general was very strong. Several of the banking institutions which have experienced recent difficulty held meetings during the day to readjust their affairs and resume business, and the few runs which have been going on dwindled to a practical close.

To Adopt Ridgely's Plan. Relief to the monetary situation, which will result in a complete relaxation of the financial stringency, is forecasted by New York bankers, who are preparing to avail themselves of Compromiser Ridgely's plan for increase of currency circulation by accepting other collateral for government deposits as a substitute for government bonds, which may then be used to increase the currency circulation.

Bankers believe that currency circulation in New York alone can be increased nearly \$100,000,000 if sufficient government bonds are available for the purpose in the market. Many local banks are below their authorized limit of currency circulation. Several savings banks have been asked to sell their holdings of government bonds, when they desire cash, that they may be used by the national banks for increasing their circulation.

Third Knickerbocker Receiver. Justice Lester W. Clark of the supreme court, Richmond county, appointed George L. Rives, former corporation counsel, as the third receiver for the Knickerbocker Trust company, in place of President Otto T. Bannard, who declined to serve. Mr. Rives, with Ernest Thalman and Gen. Henry C. Ide, will take over the conduct of the company from the state banking department.

Waves \$6,000,000 Bond Payment. New York, Nov. 1.—Notices were sent out by the Denver & Northwest Railway company Thursday to the effect that because of the present financial conditions in New York the company has been unable to obtain the funds necessary for the payment of the \$6,000,000 first gold mortgage 5 per cent. bonds, which, according to a notice published by the company on Aug. 1, were called for retirement Nov. 1.

Roads Decline to Haul Grain. New York, Nov. 1.—Following the recent protests of western grain shippers that it is impossible for them to get the trunk line railroads to move consignments of grain from Buffalo and New York, and that in refusing to enter the trucks for these export shipments the railroads were greatly hindering the grain export trade, it is learned that the New York Central, the Lackawanna, and the Erie have temporarily discontinued the making of contracts on grain shipments. The officers of the roads say that the cutting of contracts on future shipments was due to the purely physical condition of car shortage.

Mints Will Coin \$70,000,000. Washington, Nov. 1.—Secretary Cortelyou has ordered mint officials at Philadelphia and San Francisco to commence the coinage of \$70,000,000 worth of gold, each mint to coin \$15,000,000 by Dec. 1, to relieve the currency stringency. Orders were sent also to the Denver mint to proceed as rapidly as possible with the coinage of \$40,000,000 in gold bars stored there. This gold will be shipped to money centers as quickly as it is coined.

Pittsburg Run Continues. Pittsburg, Nov. 1.—The run on the All Nations bank, which started Wednesday, continued Thursday. The depositors are all foreigners and became frightened by several rumors that were both comical and untrue. President Breiding of the bank said that all the currency necessary to meet the demands of the depositors was in possession of the bank.

The directors of the Pittsburg stock exchange voted to keep the exchange closed Thursday. A resumption of transactions is not expected this week.

Start Run on Two Banks. Bridgeport, Conn., Nov. 1.—Many persons of foreign birth who live and work in this city and have deposits in the Mechanics and Farmers Savings bank and City Savings bank, started a run on these two banks Thursday. It is believed that the shutting down of many large factories in the city several days of the week

and the excitement in New York, prompted the depositors to take out their money.

Unless the run on the savings banks is continued with great zeal, neither bank, it was stated Thursday, would take advantage of the 90 day clause. On October 1, 1906, the City Savings bank of Bridgeport had assets of \$5,972,510 and liabilities of deposits amounting to \$5,651,426. Its surplus was \$320,000. The Mechanics and Farmers bank had assets of \$4,977,229 and of the liabilities \$3,573,777, was owed to depositors. The surplus account was \$96,870.

Receiver for Brokerage Firm. Columbus, O., Nov. 1.—The broker firm of Sessions & Co. in a petition Thursday in the common pleas court asked that it be dissolved. W. F. Burdell was named as receiver under \$50,000 bond. The liabilities are estimated at \$200,000 and the assets about \$170,000.

The firm, like many other investment brokerage concerns, had many individual deposit accounts, but was not a member of the Columbus clearing house, and the suspension will have no effect upon any Columbus bank.

Receiver for Wrecked Bank. Akron, O., Nov. 1.—Joseph Dangel, president of the Dollar Savings Bank, was appointed receiver of that institution Thursday in consequence of the suicide of Fred A. Boron, cashier and treasurer, Sunday. The examination by the directors and clearing-house association found a shortage of \$38,000, against which stands the cashier's bond of \$20,000, which is supposed to be good, and overdraws amounting to \$18,000, on which \$6,000 was realized on Wednesday, and much more is expected to be paid in today. It is believed the depositors will receive dollar for dollar.

Receiver for Paper Concern. Dayton, O., Nov. 1.—The Friend Paper company, of West Carrollton, a suburb of Dayton, was placed in the hands of a receiver Wednesday afternoon on application of its president, J. Howard Friend. Henry L. Newell was appointed receiver by Judge O. B. Brown, of the common pleas court.

The petition states that the company has debts aggregating \$1,000,000; that the petitioner is surety on 62 aggregating \$300,000. Further, it is stated that the stringency in the money market rendered the payment of these notes impossible at present. The receivership is resorted to as a protection measure to shield the property from attacks of small creditors. The company, it is declared, is entirely solvent and is doing a prosperous business.

Closes All California Banks. San Francisco, Nov. 1.—Gov. Gillette by a holiday Nov. 1, closed indefinitely all banks in California. Similar proclamations, he announces, will be issued daily until the financial situation is settled.

San Francisco Bank Closes. San Francisco, Nov. 1.—The California Safe Deposit & Trust company bank closed its doors Wednesday afternoon. A notice posted on the door stated that "owing to the fact that the bank was not a member of the Clearing House association and was unable to take advantage of clearing house certificates, it would close for a few days."

No Cash for Honolulu. Honolulu, Nov. 1.—San Francisco banks have called Honolulu banks to make the payments of coin to Honolulu until after the settlement of pending financial disturbances. Gov. Frear has authorized the payment of taxes with certificates of deposit in the four Honolulu banks.

STATE OF SIEGE AFTER MUTINY. Vladivostok Affair Worse Than Represented in First Reports. Vladivostok, Nov. 1.—The mutiny and subsequent bombardment of the city by the crew of a torpedo boat Wednesday resulted Thursday in a state of siege being declared here. The affair is more serious than earlier reports indicated.

Early in the day there was a disturbance on the Skory. A little later its anchor was hoisted aboard, a red flag run to the masthead and the torpedo boat steamed into the harbor. Without warning it opened fire on the town and forts.

Before any one realized what had occurred shells were exploding in the streets and torpedoes bursting under the feet. Several persons were killed in the streets.

NEWS OF MINNESOTA.

Rattlesnake Loose.

St. Paul—Passengers at the Union depot were given a bad scare as the result of the escape of a Texas rattlesnake from a box in the charge of the Wells Fargo Express company.

The snake was one of six consigned to E. J. Erickson, Hamline, and had been shipped from Brownsville, Texas, Sept. 7. According to the officials of the express company the consignee refused to accept the snakes, stating that they had arrived too late for the purpose for which he wished them, therefore the snakes have been kept at the express company's Union depot office since Sept. 7.

During the early hours of the morning one of the larger snakes managed to get out of the box and crept across the platform. Several passengers who were boarding the early morning trains saw the snake and a panic followed.

Finally a brakeman on the Great Northern who had evidently had some experience in handling rattlers, picked up the snake and carried him back to the box, which has been tightly nailed.

Forgery Charged. Rochester—Charged with a series of bold forgeries, Mrs. Aimee Lloyd, of San Francisco, twenty-two years old and endowed with a charming personality, is a prisoner in the county jail. Mrs. Lloyd was Miss Sickle before her marriage and was well known here during her childhood and early girlhood. She is unusually pretty.

Several days ago Mrs. Lloyd came to Rochester from the West. She had not been in this city for ten years, and her old friends gave her a cordial welcome.

She made numerous purchases about town, and it is in connection with these transactions that it is alleged the laws were transgressed.

Badly Burned. Franklin—Mrs. A. J. Olin received painful burns while cleaning a gasoline stove. She was pouring a fresh supply from a five-gallon can, which was partly filled, into a small vessel, when the fluid became ignited by coming in contact with a heated stove, causing an explosion and setting fire to Mrs. Olin's dress. Her hair was singed and her face, hands and other parts of her body were severely burned. She ran out of doors and neighbors helped her to smother the flames in her clothing. An infant child was sleeping in a baby carriage close by, but when the vehicle took fire the baby was rescued uninjured.

Suicide. St. Paul—Miss Rachel Goldstein, 143 State street, returned home with a portion of the wedding trousseau she had purchased during the afternoon, and saw, thru a window, the body of her father, Samuel Goldstein, hanging from a rope. She gave the alarm, and several neighbors broke into the house and cut down the body. It was thought that Goldstein was still alive. A physician was called and pronounced him dead. Coroner A. W. Miller decided that it was a case of suicide.

Lid Is Tilted. East Grand Forks—Six affidavits were mailed to Attorney General Young to call his attention to the fact that Mayor John O'Leary has failed to put the lid on open gambling in East Grand Forks. The affidavits are signed by parties who claim to have gambled in resorts openly conducted. A communication was served on the mayor telling him of the affidavits and making a demand that he enforce the law. It is claimed that the mayor has wholly failed to keep his promise.

Dropped Dead. Duluth—Charles W. Potter, of 1424 West First street, dropped dead at Lake avenue and Third street, while marching with the local bodies of the Ancient Order United Workmen from their hall to the First Methodist church to listen to the annual memorial service, this being the thirty-ninth anniversary of the order. Mr. Potter was 5 years old, and is survived by a widow and five children. He was a steamfitter by trade.

Suicide in Court. Minneapolis—Rather than again face a prison sentence William Blackman, 26 years old, 2116 Twenty-second street south, Minneapolis, a paroled prisoner from St. Cloud, shot himself thru the head while standing at the sergeant's desk at the Central police station. The ball, a .32-caliber, passed thru his right temple, killing him instantly, a portion of the brain oozing out on the floor.

NEWS NOTES. Mankato—Bishop Cotter, assisted by local Jesuit priests, confirmed a class of more than 300 at St. Peter and Paul's Catholic church.

Owatonna—A telegram received announces the death of Timothy L. Morehouse at Roseburg, Ore. Morehouse was killed in a stage coach accident, death being instantaneous.

Washington—The application of W. J. Smith, of Eveleth, and others to organize the First National bank of Gilbert, with capital of \$25,000, was approved by the controller of the currency.

Faribault—Hog cholera has again become prevalent among some of the hogs in Rice county. A farmer living east of here lost 75 head of fattened hogs in a short time.

St. Paul—Kicked by a broncho, Mrs. Annie Perkins, lower St. Lawrence street, West Side, was seriously injured.

Washington—Morgan F. Driver is appointed postmaster at Flak, Crow Wing county, vice H. M. Dye, deceased; Fred W. Tiler at Simpson, Olmsted county, vice S. H. Brown, resigned.

St. Paul—State Treasurer C. C. Dinohart received a check for \$4,000 from the state prison on account of binder twine receipts at that institution.

Glencoe—The fiftieth and golden anniversary of the organization of the local Congregational church was celebrated here.

SCANDINAVIAN NEWS

Principal Events Gathered in the Old Scandinavian Countries

Nordens Jul (Norse Christmas), a Christmas publication, is to contain characteristic utterances about the great cities of Sweden, made by some of the leading men in each city. This feature made the publication so popular this year that 60,000 copies have already been ordered.

NORWAY. K. Stangeland and wife, of Stavanger, celebrated their golden wedding Oct. 15. They were born in 1824.

Sven Aarrestad, the foremost advocate of temperance, and a member of the cabinet, said in a lecture before the students' union at Narvik, the occasion of prohibition or no prohibition will have to be decided in the near future, and at the same time he argued that prohibition is both justifiable and practical. The conservative press said that he talked like an irresponsible man on the temperance question.

The bishop of Bergen does not favor the use of the civil courts for settling the case of Rev. Konow, who is still filling a pulpit in the state church of Norway, though he is a Unitarian. The bishop urges that even if Rev. Konow is ousted the victory would be a dangerous one to the state church.

A big pile of kitchen refuse from the older Stone Age has been discovered at Tungenes. There were numerous other shells, bird and fish bones. It has also been proved with gruesome certainty that the men who left those remains were cannibals, for human bones were mixed up with the rest.

Christian Michelsen, premier of Norway and one of the commanding figures in Scandinavian affairs during the period that saw the dissolution of the union of Sweden and Norway, has resigned. His action led to the resignations of the ministers of public worship and justice. King Haakon later made the following appointments: J. G. Lovland, premier and minister of foreign affairs; M. Bredal, minister of justice; Carl Daae, minister of defense; Hagnus Halvorsen, minister of finance; M. Kerge, minister of public worship. King Haakon sent an autograph letter to M. Michelsen, in which he expressed the gratitude of all Norwegians for the services he had rendered to his country, and decorated him with the Chain of the Order of St. Olaf. The resignation of Michelsen has no political significance, being due exclusively to a serious heart trouble. He accepted his position as premier March 11, 1905, and led the country thru one of its greatest crises in modern times.

A great national event, the spiking of the rail connecting western Norway and the city of Bergen with the great railway of the north, took place Oct. 10. At Ustaoset, about 3,000 feet above the sea, the crews from the east and the west met, and amidst dynamite salutes, the beating of drums and the strains of the national hymn, two engineers joined the last rails together. This railway is a triumph of Norwegian railway engineering. Thru more than 100 tunnels, one of which is 5,000 feet long, the roadbed rises at a grade of 1 to 50 to an elevation of 4,000 feet above the sea. It winds its way above vast abysses, among eternal snow and ice, from the picturesque fjords of the West. The combined length of the snowbeds is 12 (English) miles. The snow fences are three times as long. When the road is fully equipped it will be possible to go from Bergen to Copenhagen in less than twenty-four hours. In case of war this road will make it possible to shift troops between the east and the west in as many days as it formerly took weeks.

Arne Nas, chairman of the town board of Brandal, Stavanger, this summer proposed that the soldiers who received a two-kroner memorial coin because they served along the Swedish frontier during the union conflict in 1905, donate the same to a projected home for the poor families of dead soldiers. Little attention was paid to the proposition, though it was published in the newspapers of the neighborhood. At a recent meeting of the town board Mr. Nas offered to give his coin to an aid fund for soldiers' widows and orphans. The vice president of the board took the chair, and the gift was accepted with thanks. It was moved that the donation (nominally 54 cents) be managed by the board and the patriot who is keenly interested in the fate of the nation, be invited to national economy went to work to ascertain what progress had been made in this industry, but he writes for the press that he found it impossible to obtain even a single sample of the "briquettes" about which so much was said when the riksdag was induced to set aside money for this purpose. He wonders the writer is discouraged and even disgusted. But it may be that he is poorly informed on the subject.

Major Claes Adelskold donated \$11,000 to the academy of sciences for the encouragement of education and general progress, but the name of the giver was suppressed until he died a short time ago.

Vigorous efforts are being made to complete the fund which will be needed for the erection of a statue of Gunnar Wennerberg, the famous composer, at Upsala.

The estate of the late Count A. K. T. Wachtmeister was worth \$1,500,000, and the expenses of probating it aggregated about \$300,000.

King Oscar has decreed that the Swedish army shall be represented at the dedication of the Gustaf Adolf chapel at Lutzen, Germany, by one general, six colonels, seven captains, seven non-commissioned officers and six corporals.

The University of Upsala has 1,821 students. Of this number 891 belong to the philosophical and 189 to the theological faculty, 481 to the law faculty and 163 to the medical faculty.

The London Times has given an exhaustive account of Dr. Sven Hedins' travels in Thibet last summer.

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