

Among the creatures that render service to mankind the birds occupy a foremost place. It is their function to suppress the insects that play havoc with the farmer's hard-earned crops.

The announcement by a Boston physician that electrifying the atmosphere of crowded apartments will make dull pupils bright and indolent workmen active may be worth looking into.

The Chicago health board secretary who condemns all flats as bad morally and physically—unfit places for the rearing of children—states a melancholy truth.

A rich man in Illinois, who found wealth too much worry, has distributed his millions. Here is a hint to the other millionaires who are always bewailing the burden of their money.

Historians tell us that Julius Caesar drank beer, and a French scientist comes to bat with the announcement that there was no such person as Julius Caesar.

Menus with the food you eat pictured in lively colors are a new thing in a fashionable New York hotel.

The rescue of a "rat" at a New Jersey resort reveals the fact that flecked femininity has forsaken a long-trusted financial depository for another, as when the "rat" was placed in the hands of its excited owner.

After walking some thousands of miles across the country, a man and his wife are in Boston greatly improved and increased in weight.

Railroads announce that after the end of the year they will not carry trunks more than 70 inches long.

An "artist" writes to the New York Sun rejoicing in the loss of the Mona Lisa, and speaking with measureless contempt for the "crowd" who admire it.

May we remind you, worthy householders, busy with the manifold cares that a modern civilization imposes upon you, that this is a good time to have your furnace overhauled and put in order for the coming winter?

News that Aviator Atwood found it difficult to land in Buffalo because of the smoke will cause Pittsburgh to sit up and chortle in its joy.

A Pennsylvania swain is on the trail of a damsel who wrote her name on an egg. Some people persist in looking for trouble.

Appearances are deceitful. Even the fat woman in the circus sometimes has a family skeleton.

TO DISPLAY OUR NAVAL STRENGTH

Atlantic and Pacific Fleets to Mobilize.

126 WARSHIPS IN REVIEW

The Vessels, Which Will Have a Combined Tonnage Of 693,844, Will Assemble At New York and Los Angeles.

Washington.—The mobilization of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets at New York and Los Angeles October 29 to November 2 will mark the gathering of the greatest naval force that ever floated in the waters of this hemisphere.

The Navy Department just made public the full list of the vessels to be assembled for the great reviews at New York and Los Angeles, and while the number combined does not equal the 126 vessels reviewed by the German Emperor at Kiel last summer, the 126 American ships, with their tremendous displacement of 693,844 tons, are really more powerful than the German fleet.

Second Greatest Display. The Atlantic fleet will comprise 102 vessels of all classes, with a total displacement of 577,599 tons, and the Pacific fleet, 24 vessels of 116,245 tons.

France assembled 24 battleships and 10 armored cruisers at the Toulon review last summer, but the fleet was much weaker than America's will be in other ships, as the total French display included only 82 ships.

ROOSEVELT DIGS ARBITRATION.

New York.—Declaring that "general arbitration treaties are merely promissory notes and that no promise comes in the same category as action," Theodore Roosevelt, in the Outlook says: "I do not regard even good general arbitration treaties as of really prime importance."

Mr. Roosevelt says that it is inevitable the treaty will be denounced.

BANKS IN FINE SHAPE.

Comptroller Of Currency Issues Most Complete Report.

Washington.—That the banks of the United States are in a state of most vigorous health, was shown in the most complete report on the condition of the banks ever compiled by the Comptroller of the Currency.

Twenty-four thousand three hundred and seventy-one banks reported to the Comptroller their condition on June 7 last—1,276 more than reported the previous year.

Analysis of the resources and liabilities shows loans of \$15,647,300,000; investment in bonds, etc., \$5,052,000,000; cash on hand, \$1,532,700,000; capital, \$1,853,400,000; surplus and profit, \$2,065,000,000; individual deposits, \$15,907,000,000.

To Fight Tobacco Reorganization.

Milwaukee, Wis.—At a meeting of the Western Leaf Tobacco Dealers' Association preliminary measures were taken to fight the reorganization of the American Tobacco Company.

He Was Not Dead.

Chicago.—While being carried into an undertaking establishment on the West Side David Eastley, 32 years old, of La Grange, Ill., who was thought to be dead, suddenly regained consciousness and shouted: "Take me out of here, I'm not going to die yet!"

Royalists' Game Of Tag.

Chaves, Portugal.—The royalist parties are playing a game of hide and seek with the republican troops and whenever there is danger of being "tagged," they retreat into Spanish territory, only to appear again soon at another point on the border.

THE BIG SHOW



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ARMY TO STRIKE QUICKLY TO OVERTHROW CHINESE EMPIRE

Revolutionists Take Hankow and Other Cities.

A SLAUGHTER OF MANCHUS

Well Organized and Financially Strong—Revolutionists Plan To Make Dr. Sun, Leader Of Anti-Manchu Party, President.

Hankow.—The revolution which has been hanging over China for months past, and of which the rising in the Province of Sze-Chuen was only a small part, has begun in earnest.

General Caneva, commander-in-chief of the Italian expedition, has decided to act quickly, and it is believed that the troops under him will march immediately against the positions occupied by the Turks.

PATCHING IT UP.

France and Germany Arranging the Moroccan Controversy.

Berlin.—The first part of the Morocco understanding between France and Germany was "initiated" signifying agreement, by the German foreign minister, Herr Von Kiderlen-Waechter, and the French ambassador, M. Cambon.

PEACE NOT FAR OFF.

Emperor William and the Czar May Bring It About.

Washington.—State Department officials express the view that with the German Emperor working on his ally, the King of Italy, and the Czar of Russia in a favorable position to influence the Porte, peace between Italy and Turkey is not far off and that an armistice, at least, can be arranged as soon as Turkey is prepared to admit that Italy is in technical possession of Tripoli.

BLOCKS A RICE TRUST.

Incipient Combine in Philippines Is Given Death Blow.

Washington.—Trust busting has spread to the Philippines, where Governor General Forbes has blocked a combine of rice traders to raise the price of the Philippine staple food.

CANNOT GET A CONVICTION.

Fifth Man Freed in Connection With Negro's Lynching.

West Chester, Pa.—Jurors of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to secure a conviction in connection with the burning to death of Zach Walker, the negro, at Coatesville, failed again Tuesday, when a jury acquitted Oscar Lampey, who was charged with being a member of the mob that lynched Walker.

TRIED TO POISON CHILDREN.

Someone Poured Carbolic Acid On Their Lunch.

FIERCE BATTLE WITH INDIANS

Leaders Of the Rebels Unable To Hold Back the Chamula Indians—Loss of State Troops Small.

Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas, Mexico.—Fighting late Monday afternoon for the possession of the little town of Chamapilla, held by insurgents whose strength was estimated as 900, a force of volunteers numbering 100, killed 130 rebels and captured 105, 18 of whom were wounded.

Early reports were that the state troops met with little opposition, but it is now known that the encounter was the fiercest since the beginning of the insurrection.

Upon receiving word that the troops were advancing the insurgents dug trenches and prepared to withstand the attack; but it was impossible for the leaders to control the Indians, who ran forward to hurl their lances, exposing themselves to the fire of the muskets.

NATIONAL DEMOCRATS JAN. 8.

Plans To Meet On Jackson Day In Harmony Dinner.

Washington.—It is stated here on good authority that plans are on foot to call a meeting of the Democratic National Committee on January 8 next, Jackson Day, for the purpose of issuing the call and selecting the date and place for the next Democratic National Convention.

If the committee is called together in January it is proposed to honor the memory of Jackson with an old-fashioned Democratic harmony dinner, to which will be invited the Democratic Governors and others prominent in the party who have been mentioned in connection with the Presidential nomination.

FOR HIGHER-PRICE COTTON.

Colquitt's Proposed Conference Indorsed By Five Governors.

Austin, Texas.—Governors of five Southern States have indorsed the proposal of Gov. C. B. Colquitt, of Texas, for a conference on higher prices for cotton.

ASSAULTER LYNCHED.

Negro Is Taken To the Scene Of His Crime and Hanged By a Mob.

Greenville, S. C.—The negro Will Jackson, who assaulted a 11-year-old girl at Honea Path, was taken from the Greenville sheriff by a posse near here and taken to the scene of the crime.

Torpedo Boats Sunk.

London.—A dispatch to a London news agency from Pera says that the Turkish torpedo boats Tokat, Hamid, Abed, Alpagut and Antalia, while returning from the Ionian Sea, were surprised by an Italian squadron near Mytilene, October 9.

Parcels Pact With Panama.

Washington.—Postmaster-General Hitchcock announced that a parcels post convention with the Republic of Panama had been agreed upon and would be made effective as early as possible.

Money For Indians.

Washington.—The Sacs and Foxes of the Mississippi tribe of Indians in Iowa and Oklahoma will receive their full pro rata share of the \$1,020,000 trust funds now in the treasury to their credit as soon as they assume citizenship.

Life Sentence For Kidnappers.

Chicago.—Giuseppe Nicolosi and his brother, Carmelo, were sentenced to life imprisonment after they had been found guilty by a jury of kidnapping five-year-old Angelo Marino on August 5.

Senators To See Canal.

Washington.—A party of United States Senators sailed from New York Saturday on the steamship Ancon, to inspect the Panama Canal.

Accused Of Sister's Murder.

Asheville, N. C.—Charged with the murder of his 13-year-old sister Mary, Ernest Webb, 15, was locked in the county jail, a week after the alleged commission of the crime at his parents' home, at New Found, 12 miles from this city.

TAFT DIGS WITH GOLDEN SPADE

Breaks Ground For Panama Exposition.

OVER 100,000 CHEER HIM

Never-to-be-Forgotten Scenes In the Golden Gate Park—All San Francisco In a Delirium Of Excitement.

San Francisco.—More than 100,000 people massed in the Golden Gate Stadium Saturday to see President Taft turn the shovel of earth that broke the ground for the site of the Panama-Pacific Exposition of 1915.

At 10 o'clock the President began his parade from the city. Every military post for miles along the Pacific Coast had been ransacked for its troops and its bands and every battleship of the Pacific fleet near San Francisco supplied a quota of its crew for the parade.

When the President appeared at the stadium four bands from all the corners of the grounds struck up Hall to the Chief. Before the President was seen the crowd had caught the meaning of the tune, and when Mr. Taft stepped onto the platform the hillside before him presented a scene upon a day of exceptional festivity, and a word set them cheering.

Madame Nordica, who sang at the ground-breaking exercises, rode in an automobile just behind the President. When she appeared upon the stand the people showed their holiday spirit by the ovation they gave her.

By the time the President arose to speak the enthusiasm was at fever heat. It was a hard task that he had before him when he began to tell them of the enormous task of construction the Panama Canal really was.

When the President finished speaking the Golden spade with which he was to turn the earth was handed him. He walked down from the platform to the hillside and with his smile at its broadest set his substantial foot upon the spade.

He gave a shove and the spade sank into the ground. He lifted the shovel full of earth before the crowd and they took up their cheering with renewed vigor.

A soldier handed the President the halcyons of the exposition flag. The band struck up the Star-Spangled Banner. Madame Nordica stepped forward on the platform and led the crowd in the singing.

Madame Nordica was not allowed to finish the song. Cannon on the hill sides about the stadium crashed out a salute of twenty-one guns.

JUSTICE HARLAN DEAD.

Last Words Characteristic Of the Man.

Washington.—Associate Justice John Marshall Harlan, ranking member of the United States Supreme Court both in age and seniority of service, died of acute bronchitis at his home at Fourteenth and Euclid streets, Saturday morning.

He was 78 years old on June 1 last and had served 33 years, 10 months and 15 days on the Supreme Bench.

Justice Harlan was conscious to the end and his parting words to his family were: "Good-by. I am sorry I have kept you all waiting so long."

Bronze Tablet Unveiled.

Harrisburg, Pa.—A bronze tablet marking the site of Camp Curtin, the great mobilization camp for Pennsylvania troops during the Civil War, was unveiled here Saturday in the presence of a large number of people.

Sues For Divorce.

Chicago.—Ortie E. McManigal, alleged dynamiter, on whose confession the prosecution in the McManigal trials expects convictions, was sued for divorce. His wife, Emma McManigal, charged extreme and repeated cruelty.

Aviator Schmidt Killed.

Berne, Switzerland.—The aviator, Hans Schmidt, was killed while making an exhibition flight. His machine fell 150 feet, the gasoline exploded and the aviator was incinerated.

LIVE NEWS OF THE STATE

Allentown.—Earl Royer, aged fourteen, died at the hospital here of ruptured lungs. His parents alleged that two neighboring boys in a quarrel jumped on him and caused his death.

Williamsport.—While Henry Getch-en, aged forty, was leaving a hotel at Jersey Shore he slipped and fell against a door jamb, fracturing his skull. He died within an hour.

Mercer.—The Court House erected at a cost of half a million dollars to replace that destroyed by fire in December, 1907, was dedicated here Thursday in the presence of a large crowd.

Harrisburg.—Alexander Klingler, who is being held in the Dauphin County Prison awaiting trial on a charge of murder, made an attempt to cut his wrists with bits of broken mirror. Klingler was discovered in time to prevent injury.

York.—The York Ministerial Association adopted resolutions asking the State Department of Agriculture to withhold the \$1,000 given annually to the York County Agricultural Society until the association returns to its "clean fair policy."

Reading.—George Field, aged seventy-four years, while hastening to the office of a doctor to summon him to the bedside of his wife, who had collapsed from heart failure, fell over dead from heart trouble a short distance from the physician's office.

Pittsburgh.—Fire of unknown origin in the Penn Building damaged the structure \$15,000 and the stock of the Cohen Brothers Company, dealers in tailors' supplies, to the extent of \$60,000. Two persons were overcome by smoke.

Indiana.—While the directors of the poor of Pennsylvania were in convention here the office of the Indiana County Poor House was entered by thieves. Several watches, thirty dollars and trinkets belonging to the inmates were taken.

Allentown.—At a hearing before Alderman Beary D. Schardt, a White-hall farmer, confessed watering his milk—and was fined twenty-five dollars and costs. The arrest of Schardt followed that of H. Artinger, a Copley milkman, for selling milk below the standards.

Reading.—Rajah Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will pay the first public tribute to the late Admiral Schley on Friday afternoon, October 27, Arbor Day. Special exercises will be held at the Boys' High School, after which all will proceed to Penn Common and plant a weeping willow tree in memory of Admiral Schley.

Bloomsburg.—John Peterman, acquitted ten days ago of the charge of murdering his brother, Abraham, with self-defense established, underwent an operation for the amputation of the right arm near the shoulder, this the result of the duel to death with stones between the two men.

Reading.—Catherine, five-years-old daughter of Charles W. Wanner, a prominent business man of Reading, was run over and instantly killed by a trolley car in the business section of the city. The child was in the act of running across the street when she slipped and fell under the wheels.

Allentown.—After an examination by a board of physicians, Charles Reinhard, of Emmaus, who was imprisoned for accusing his neighbor, Milton Fuhr, of witchcraft was found insane and taken to the Norristown Asylum. His wife, who was also jailed, was discovered to be "computer mentus."

Altoona.—Placing the basket containing their lunch under a tree, John Fay, John Steindell, Harry Barnes, George Rhodes, and Louis Conrad started into the woods to hunt chestnuts. With appetites whetted by the exercise and air, they returned just in time to see a bear flashing the last morsel.

Stroudsburg.—An east-bound express train on the D. L. and W. Railroad, running at the rate of fifty miles an hour, in passing Delaware Water Gap station had a flange broken from a wheel of the tender, causing the train to tear up the track for half a mile and badly damaging five coaches.

Williamsport.—Crackmen visited Duboistown, a suburb, and blew open the safe in the postoffice with a charge of nitroglycerine. They secured over \$200 in stamps and cash and escaped. The crackmen made their visit early in the morning and the report was heard by a number of people. This is the fourth postoffice within ten miles of here that has been visited by yegmen during the past month. Secret service men are said to be making Williamsport their headquarters.

Allentown.—Alderman Jacob Reininger, of the Fifth Ward, Allentown, died suddenly, aged sixty-two years. He was the first chief of the Allentown fire department, former secretary of the water board and a former clerk of Select Council.

Allentown.—Accused of having stolen goods valued at from \$3,000 to \$5,000, four employes of a fifth company are in jail here and a fifth company was arrested. The upshot brings publicity to a series of alleged remarkable crimes, complaint of which long annoyed the company.

Austin.—Health Commissioner Dixon and his assistants have restored the water works system. The Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad began the building of a station on the site of that destroyed by the flood. The ballot box, swept away when the City Hall went down, was recovered today, and a count of the votes changes the county ticket. There were twenty-eight votes in the box, and enough votes were cast for Charles Austin for County Commissioner to give him the nomination. Instead of Mr. Hartzo, who was believed to have been the winner.