

CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.
PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The post office safe at Greenville, Ill., was cracked by experts, on the 26th, and more than \$600 stolen.

Field Marshal Oyama was reported, on the 27th, to be advancing slowly northward, his armies covering a front of 50 miles.

Private reports from Port Arthur state that the garrison there is confident of being able to hold out until the beginning of next year.

Brig. Gen. Frederick Funston arrived in Chicago on the 26th, and succeeded Brig. Gen. Frederick D. Grant as commander of the department of the lakes.

The portraits of Emperor Nicholas and of all the Russian, in the Palace of United Industries at the World's fair, in St. Louis, were ruined by vandals on the 27th.

A petition calling upon the president to intervene in the affairs of the Congo Free State in the interests of civilization was presented, on the 26th, to President Roosevelt.

Bubonic plague, it is officially announced, has broken out on board the British steamship Bishop's Gate, which arrived in the River Tyne, on the 26th, from Hamburg.

Six members of the sophomore class of the University of Illinois have been suspended by the board of administration for taking part in the hazing of freshmen and preparatory students.

The gates at the Missouri state penitentiary opened, on the 26th, and Sam Wilson, the famous lone train robber, passed through to liberty, after a sojourn in the penitentiary of 11 years.

King Carlos of Portugal, in his speech at the opening of the cortes, on the 26th, intimated that he and Queen Amelie will visit England in November, to return the visit of King Edward.

The National Fraternal congress, at its third session in the Temple of Fraternity, at the World's fair in St. Louis, on the 26th, elected officers and decided upon Mackinaw Island as the next meeting place.

Alonzo Whiteman, arrested in St. Louis, recently, on the complaint of a Buffalo bank, which charged forgery, leaped from a moving train at Dun-kirk, N. Y., on the 26th, and escaped from the officers.

The third Eucharistic Congress of America adjourned at New York, on the 26th, after adopting a stinging resolution denouncing the action of France in expelling the Catholic orders from the country.

What amounts to a practical denial of the newly-circulated rumors that Alice Roosevelt has become engaged to Representative Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio, was given at the White House by Mr. Loeb, on the 27th.

Seven aldermen and former aldermen of Buffalo, N. Y., were, on the 26th, indicted on the charge of bribery. District Attorney Coatsworth promises to continue the inquiry, and several more indictments are expected.

D. H. Goss, president of the American Institute at Strasburg, Germany, shot and killed himself on the 26th. Goss left a letter saying he feared he was becoming insane, and for that reason had decided to commit suicide.

The gold production of the Cripple Creek (Col.) district for September amounts to \$2,041,000. This is the first time since the miners' strike was inaugurated in August, 1903, that the monthly production has reached \$2,000,000.

Three big plants of the Pullman car works, the hammer, freight and Calumet shops were ordered closed, on the 26th, by Chief Boiler Inspector J. C. Blaney, of Chicago, who found and condemned 20 defective boilers in the establishments.

Mrs. Carrie Nation, Mrs. Lucy White, Mrs. Lydia Mowatt and Mrs. Myra McHenry broke two large plate-glass windows in the Mahan Wholesale Supply Co.'s warehouse at Wichita, Kas., on the 26th. They were arrested, and are lodged in jail.

Milt G. Barlow, the original "Old Black Joe" of the minstrel stage, for many years widely known as "Uncle Tom," and later with "The Texas Steer" company, died, on the 26th, at a private hospital in New York city, from cancer, aged 65 years.

Brig. Gen. Frederick D. Grant relinquished command of the department of the lakes, at Chicago, on the 27th, and left for New York to assume command of the department of the east. Gen. Grant will be succeeded in Chicago by Brig. Gen. Funston.

W. H. Harroun, the St. Joseph (Mo.) train planner, was arraigned, on the 26th, in the criminal court at Kansas City, on the charge of issuing fraudulent warehouse receipts. Through his attorney he pleaded not guilty, and he was released on bond for \$2,500.

William Jennings Bryan is now a grandfather, a daughter having been born to his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William H. I. Savitt, in New Orleans, on September 24. Mrs. Savitt was Miss Ruth Bryan. She was married at Lincoln, Neb., last October.

John H. Schenck, former member of the house of delegates of St. Louis, who pleaded guilty to bribery in the Suburban railway deal, was sentenced to two years in the Missouri penitentiary, on the 26th, by Judge Jesse McDonald, of the St. Louis criminal court.

Secretary of War Taft, at Washington, on the 26th, heard arguments on the St. Louis Merchants' bridge case. His decision as to whether the government shall take charge of the property, because of alleged violation of the law, has been reserved until after the election.

The supreme court of Wisconsin adjourned, on the 26th, until October 3, without taking action on the LaFollette case.

The retail store and warehouses of Kelpier Brothers, furniture manufacturers of Toledo, O., were gutted by fire, on the 26th, enrolling a loss of \$167,000.

Charles H. Gere, editor of the Nebraska State Journal, died, on the 26th, at his home in Lincoln, from neuritis of the heart, aged 65 years.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

While Bish. Rev. Thomas D. Beaven, Roman Catholic bishop of Springfield, was laying the cornerstone of St. Stanislaus Polish church at Adams, Mass., on the 26, a floor collapsed, precipitating 150 persons into the basement. A dozen persons were injured, several seriously.

A strong shock of earthquake was experienced, on the 26, in the south of Italy, accompanied by floods of rain. The greatest force of the earthquake was felt in Calabria. Three houses fell at Scylla, and many others were rendered unsafe. No one was hurt.

The London Chronicle's Lieh Tung correspondent says there was a trace, on the 1st, at Port Arthur, to bury the dead. Russian and Japanese officers exchanged greetings, after which the bombardment was recommenced with its old vigor.

Joseph Jefferson, after more than seventy years on the stage, during which time he has become one of the most honored and beloved members of the dramatic profession, decided, on the 1st, never to resume his theatrical career.

Memorial services to the late Senator George F. Hoar, of Massachusetts, were held in Washington, on the 26, in All Souls' Unitarian church, of which the deceased statesman had been a distinguished member.

The archbishop of Canterbury preached at Trinity church, in New York, on the 26. He said he never saw anything like the American rush anywhere else in the world.

It is reported that a Japanese gunboat struck a mine and sunk south of the Liao Tung peninsula on the 26. A portion of her crew reached an island and were rescued.

While crossing the Monomachus river in a skiff, on the 26, four miners were run down by the steamer Bertha, pushing empty barges, and were drowned.

Mrs. Dehman Thompson, wife of the actor and author of the "Old Homestead," died at her home in West Swanton, N. H., on the 26.

Officers of the New York navy yard admit that the attempt to wreck the battleship Connecticut, on September 26, was most serious.

The towns of Watrous, Valenzuela and Los Lunos in New Mexico, are reported nearly wiped out by flood.

Three men were killed and a number injured in the wreck of a wreck train near Blountville, S. D., on the 26.

In sight of a large crowd of people, and in a most spectacular manner, Jacob Bass, of St. Louis, a painter and "steepchalker," 45 years old, fell 200 feet through the air from the top of a smokestack to the ground, on the 26, and was dashed to his death on the stone pavement of an alley.

Secretary of State John Hay, representing the United States of America, spoke the words of welcome, on the 26, to the delegates to the International Peace congress, who assembled at Boston for the first formal meeting of the thirteenth annual convention.

Clarence M. Daily, an electrical engineer, died at his home, No. 102 Clinton street, North East Orange, N. J., on the 26, a martyr to science. His illness was due to experimental work in connection with the Roentgen-ray.

The formal retirement of Admiral Frederick Rogers as commandant of the New York navy yard, took place on the 26, and a formal transfer of the command was made to Rear-Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan.

The mystery of three attempts to wreck the battleship Connecticut, now in process of completion at the New York navy yard, still remains unsolved. A rigid investigation has been started.

The coming mill of the Dupont Powder Co., near Peckville, Pa., blew up, on the 26, and killed Richard Halsey and Walter Allworth, two employees. Other buildings near by were set on fire.

David P. Rowland, uncle of President David R. Francis of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Co., and one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of St. Louis, died on the 26.

The Pullman company resumed work in its manufacturing department at Pullman, Ill., on the 26, putting a small force of men at work.

St. Petersburg, on the 26, heard an unconfirmed rumor that the war ships at Port Arthur had started out in another effort to escape.

Frederick Augusta Bartholdi, the sculptor of the statue of liberty in New York bay, is critically ill in Paris with tuberculosis.

Harry B. Hawes won every contested ward in his fight against the Rutlers in the democratic primaries in St. Louis on the 26.

Funeral services for United States Senator George Frisbie Hoar were held at Worcester, Mass., on the 26.

THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONGRESS

Delegates Assemble at Boston For Thirteenth Annual Convention.

WELCOMED BY SECRETARY HAY

The Meeting Was Held in Tremont Hall, and the Big Auditorium Was Jammed, Many Being Unable to Gain Admittance.

Boston, Oct. 4.—Secretary of State John Hay, representing the United States of America, spoke the word of welcome on Monday afternoon to the delegates to the International Peace congress, who assembled here for the first formal meeting of the thirteenth annual convention. President George



SECRETARY OF STATE HAY. Who Welcomed the Peace Delegates at Boston.

R. Jones, of the Massachusetts senate, extended the greeting of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Mayor Patrick A. Collins that of Boston.

Secretary Hay traced briefly the war history of this country, and pointed out that the country's greatest men had been warm advocates of peace. He agreed with Tolstol that religion is the remedy for war. He promised the administration's support, so far as practicable, of the principle of the arbitration of such questions as may not be settled through diplomatic negotiations, and expressed confidence that at no distant day the attention of the nations might be brought to a project looking toward the return of peace in the far east.

The meeting was held in Tremont Temple. Before two o'clock the auditorium was jammed, and streams of people were turning away from the entrance.

Elwin D. Mead, chairman of the committee on organization of the peace congress, after calling the meeting to order said:

"If the press of the world would adopt and persist in the high resolve that war shall be no more, the danger of arms would cease from the rising of the sun to its setting down, and we could fancy that at least our ears no longer stunned by the din of armies, might hear the morning stars singing together and all the sons of God shouting for joy."

"These words are not mine, but were spoken at the International Press association convention at St. Louis a short time ago by Secretary of State Hay, and it is with those words ringing in our ears that we realize that the secretary of state is John Hay, and that he is with us today."

Mayor Collins said that no word of him was necessary to welcome peace delegates to Boston, for Boston was the home of peace. He said if he were to paraphrase a Bible text to suit the occasion, it would be this:

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall see God; damned be the warmakers, for they shall see the devil."

Right Rev. John Percival, D. D., bishop of Hereford, was the first to make response. He said that the European nations looked to the United States to lead in the movement for peace, that the presence of Secretary Hay, in itself, gave a new character to the gathering, and he felt grateful that the secretary's address should have been given in behalf of the president of the United States as well as in his own behalf.

"Mr. Hay is well known in Europe, and greatly respected and honored," the bishop continued.

The bishop then expressed the opinion that a change was coming in peace affairs of the world. He thought that the world's thanks were due to the emperor of Russia for his receipt, by which he had brought the questions of peace and disarmament within the range of politics, or practical discussion, at any rate.

"Our hope for peace," the speaker said, "is fixed upon the international policy of the United States in years to come."

The meeting was closed by all present joining in a hymn written especially for the occasion.

The next session of the congress will be held Tuesday morning.

Attempt to Lower Record.

Chicago, Oct. 4.—B. B. Holcomb left the Chicago Automobile club at two o'clock Monday morning in his automobile for New York in an attempt to lower the record of 72 hours and 42 minutes. He will try to cover the distance in 60 hours.

Facts in Gurney Case.

Boston, Oct. 4.—A formal request for a detailed statement of facts in the Gurney case was received Monday by Gov. Bates from acting Secretary of State Adee. The governor will comply as soon as possible.

ALL OVER THE STATE.

Events in Various Portions of Indiana Told by Wire.

To Use Special Type.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 4.—Enrolled and engrossed bills in the next legislature are to be printed in a new style of type—"Indiana" type it is to be called. There have been instances, it is said, during the sessions of past legislatures when bills that were in the hands of the secretaries have been "borrowed" and counterfeit bills, with words and even whole sentences altered, returned in their place. The bogus bills, altered to suit the purposes of various interests, were printed in the same style of type as the genuine bills. This made detection very difficult. Legislators wondered how the evil could be checked. The last legislature appropriated \$1,200 to the state board of printing to devise a new type, something that would be so different from the type now used in the printing of bills that fraud would be impossible. The style invented by the board is now being made in an eastern type foundry. It is 12-point letter and full union standard. The difference between it and ordinary 12-point is that it is not off square at the top and bottom. The type company is charging the state nothing for the dies. The type is patented and cannot be duplicated for linotype machines. All bills will have to be set by hand.

Held for Father's Murder.

Salem, Ind., Oct. 3.—Silas Radcliffe, an aged farmer, is dead at his home near Hardinsburg, 14 miles south of this city as the result of being struck over the head with a club. His son Oliver, 29 years old, who lives on an adjoining farm, is in jail here charged with murder. The quarrel is said to have grown out of a dispute over the ownership of five stock. Young Radcliffe declares that his father attacked him with a sicklefork and that he was forced to defend himself.

Reward for Saving Train.

La Porte, Ind., Oct. 3.—For saving a train from going through a burning bridge near Wellsboro, La Porte county, Mrs. Margaret Trumpp has received with compliments of high officials of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company a railroad pass for herself and family to the world's fair at St. Louis and a check for \$25. The train was brought to a stop just a few rods from the bridge, which was 30 feet high and was hidden by a curve.

Monument Dedicated.

Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 3.—John Mitchell Saturday delivered the principal address at the dedication of the monument at Hyman to Nathan Hinckley, revolutionary soldier, Congressman R. W. Myers, John Cheney, republican nominee for congress, and A. P. Ashby, prohibition nominee for the same office, delivered addresses. The concluding address was made by State Senator Barons great-grandson of Hinckley.

Favors Death Penalty.

Bedford, Ind., Oct. 3.—For the purpose of securing legislation providing for the death penalty for criminal assault, a number of Bedford citizens, headed by Ephraim L. Pearson, have organized a society to be known as "The Iron Hand of the World." It is the intention of the promoters to make the organization national in scope. Temporary headquarters have been established in Bedford.

Want Regular Pay Day.

Frankfort, Ind., Oct. 3.—The employees of the Clover Leaf here are taking steps looking to the establishment of the regular pay-day by the company, if it can be accomplished. The men are dissatisfied with the present method, as the date of paying fluctuates seven or eight days. There is nothing unfriendly, however, in the move.

He May Die.

Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 3.—In trying to lash his horse with more force, Howard Fagin, a farmer, stood up in his ezeon and began beating the animal. In his anxiety Fagin leaned over too far and his leg caught in a wheel and was so badly mangled that amputation was necessary. His injury may prove fatal.

Wealthy Farmer Killed.

Pert Wayne, Ind., Oct. 3.—During a saloon fight which followed a political meeting at Monroeville Saturday night John Gressley, a wealthy farmer, 55 years old, was struck on the head and almost instantly killed. Fred House, aged 33, was arrested at Monroeville on a charge of having killed Gressley.

Chicago Woman Aids Friends.

Richmond, Ind., Oct. 3.—Announcement was made at the annual meeting of Friends that Sallie A. Mills, of Chicago, had given \$1,200 for the purpose of aiding worthy students who are not able to provide for their education at Earlham.

Child Dies of Injury.

Boonville, Ind., Oct. 3.—Ona, the 12-year-old son of Carrie Watson, died of lockjaw at Corydon, resulting from a broken arm. The boy was thrown by a calf with which he was playing.

Lockjaw from Rusty Nail.

Hammond, Ind., Oct. 3.—Theodore Otto, of Kilmann, stepped on a rusty nail last week and died of lockjaw.

Charity Workers to Meet.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 3.—A number of Indianapolis charity workers, accompanied by Amos W. Butler, secretary of the board of state charities, will attend the meeting of the state conference of charities and corrections at Terre Haute November 19 to 22.

Death of an Educator.

Marion, Ind., Oct. 3.—Alexander Thompson, for seven years county superintendent of public schools, died at the city hospital. An operation for appendicitis was performed on Mr. Thompson, but he grew steadily weaker.

SOME DESPERATE WORK AT PT. ARTHUR

Gen. Stoessel Confirms Report of Jap Repulse September 19-22.

A PROCLAMATION OF THANKS

Glory to God and Thanks to the Garrison and Valliant Volunteers Who Routed the Enemy.

Che Foo, Oct. 4.—An official report from Gen. Stoessel, dated September 23, has reached Che Foo, confirming a previous report of the repulse of the Japanese attack on Port Arthur, which began September 19 and ended September 22. The fighting was of an extremely severe character. The Japanese having retired, Gen. Stoessel issued the following proclamation: "Glory! Thanks to God! Glory to our heroic garrison! Glory to Hermann, Syehaff and Pogorsky—heroes! All! Thanks to our valiant volunteers who routed the enemy from the trenches, destroying them. God has permitted us to repulse the enemy. Praise to God!"

The volunteers referred to by Gen. Stoessel in the proclamation which he issued after the desperate fighting which took place between September 18 and 22 were made up of regulars called upon to take a high hill which had been captured by the Japanese.

From semi-official sources it is learned that the attack began on the 19th along the whole line, and lasted four days, various positions changing hands many times.

The high hill mentioned was a very important position to the Russians. The Japanese attacked repeatedly, day and night, finally occupying the position on the night of September 22, after suffering very heavy losses. An attempt to retake this hill being extremely hazardous, Gen. Stoessel refused to issue the order, but called for volunteers. Everybody called upon responded, whereupon a requisite number of men were selected, Lieut. Pogorsky and Capt. Syehaff leading them. Soldiers and officers alike carried grenades (explosive shells weighing from two to six pounds, which were thrown by hand), and with these they attacked the Japanese temporary fortifications and drove the latter from all of their positions. Several mines were exploded during the general battle causing severe losses. The Russians calculate that the total Japanese losses for the four days' fighting reach 20,000 men.

ALL QUIET AT MUKDEN.

This is Substance of Information Given Out by War Commission.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 4.—The war commission has adjourned without issuing further news from the front. A dispatch from Mukden, filed there at 10:30 o'clock Monday night, states merely that all is quiet there. There is intense interest here in developments at Mukden, but the public and apparently the authorities also are utterly in the dark as to what is transpiring. The little news received from Port Arthur comes from abroad, but that little is satisfactory, inasmuch as it records a further repulse of the Japanese attacks.

REPORTED NEAR SHANGHAI.

A Russian Warship Reported Anchored Off Gutziuf Island.

Shanghai, Oct. 4.—A Russian warship supposed to be the armored cruiser Bayan, of the Port Arthur squadron, is reported to have anchored off Gutziuf Island, in Haugshay bay. Two tugs have proceeded thither to bring her to Shanghai.

Kuropatkin Given Chief Command.

Paris, Oct. 4.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris asserts that the czar has abandoned the intention of appointing the Grand Duke Nicholas to the supreme command in Manchuria. Immediately after the council of war held at Potsdam on September 28, he says, the czar telegraphed to Gen. Kuropatkin, investing him with the command of all the forces in Manchuria.

Noncombatants to Leave Port Arthur.

London, Oct. 4.—A Central News dispatch from Rome says that information has been received there that Gen. Stoessel has ordered away from Port Arthur all women, children and Chinese, with the purpose of economizing food and water. The Daily Mail correspondent at Che Foo says he heard from the latest refugee arrivals that the Port Arthur garrison needs water urgently.

Japs Strengthening Advance.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 4.—A dispatch was received from Gen. Sakharoff announcing that the Japanese have strengthened their advance posts at Fengliap, 16 miles southeast of Mukden. Elsewhere, he adds, there are no developments.

Jeniousy Causes Tragedy.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 4.—Jealous of a rival's growing business, Adrian Gaudron, a gunsmith and cutter, aged 77 years, shot and fatally wounded P. Serge-Kisslow, also an aged man, at the latter's place of business Monday, and then blew out his own brains.

Rockwood Hoar Nominated.

Worcester, Mass., Oct. 4.—The republican convention for the Third congressional district, Monday nominated Rockwood Hoar, son of the late Senator Hoar, by acclamation for representative.