

Weekly Courier.

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ASPEN, ILL. INDIANA.

The post office safe at Greenview, Ill., was cracked by experts, on the 20th, 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 28th, and succeeded Brig. Gen. Frederick D. Grant as commander of the department of the lakes.

The portraits of Emperor Nicholas, czar of all the Russias, in the Palace of Vaux 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 steamer Bishop's Gate, which arrived in the River Tyne, on the 28th, 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 25th, 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 25th, 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 Whitteman, arrested in St. Louis, recently, on the complaint of a Buffalo bank, which charged forgery, leaped from a moving train at Dunkirk, 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 ringing 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 28th, 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 27th. 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 (Colo.) district for September amounts to \$2,941,000. This is the first time since the miners' strike was inaugurated in August, 1893, that the monthly production has reached \$2,000,000.

Three big plants of the Pullman car works, the hammer, freight and Cabinet shops, were ordered closed, on the 27th, by Chief Boller Inspector J. C. Blaney, of Chicago, who found and condemned 20 defective boilers in the establishments.

Mrs. Carrie Nation, Mrs. Lucy Whipple, Mrs. Lydia Mountz and Mrs. Myra McHenry broke two large plate-glass windows in the Mahan Wholesale Supply Co.'s warehouse at Wichita, Kas., on the 28th. They were arrested, and 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 28th, at a private hospital in New York city, from cancer, aged 65 years.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL

Special Judge Phelps, in the police court at Lee, Mass., on the 26th, started an international complication by fining, on two separate charges of speeding his automobile and contempt of court, Hugh Gurney, third secretary of the British embassy at Washington.

Rev. Dr. P. G. Roberts, one of the most widely known Episcopal clergymen of St. Louis, and for many years pastor of the Church of the Holy Communion, died, on the 26th, at his home, in St. Louis, of old age. He was a veteran of the confederate army.

Notwithstanding the acknowledged desperate state of affairs in Port Arthur, Gen. Stoessel has no thought of surrender. It is admitted that when the warships make their sortie, carrying their condensing apparatus with them the water question will be most serious.

J. J. Marcy, cashier of the Longford (Kans.) bank, committed suicide, on the 27th, by cutting his throat.

The letter alleged to have been received by Michael J. Donnelly, leader of the meat strike, purporting to be one written by President Roosevelt, was copied from an editorial in the New York Evening Post of August 1, in which it was stated that it was a letter which the post of "agent" have written with advantage to himself and his country.

Two men, giving their names as Ed and Chas. Patterson, and claiming to be brothers, who were in jail at Fairfield, Ia., on a charge of burglary, made their escape, on the 28th, after beating Sheriff J. Wright into insensibility with an iron bar.

Gated horses from Missouri captured every prize in that event in the Omaha (Neb.) horse show, on the 27th, winning out over some of the finest saddle horses in Canada, as well as over many local horses.

It was reported from Mukden, on the 27th, that the Japanese had crossed the Hun river 30 miles northeast of that town.

Heavy rains, on the 26th, caused serious damage to railroads in western Texas, New Mexico and northern Mexico. Several washouts are reported on the Santa Fe in New Mexico, the most serious being at Eagle and Las Cruces.

President Roosevelt sent the following telegram to Gen. Ruskwood Hear, at Worcester, Mass., on the 26th: "Accept my most profound sympathy. The loss is not yours only, but of all those who believe in the lofty standard of purity, integrity and fairnessness in public life."

Postmaster-General Payne had several sinking spells, on the 26th, but each time responded to treatment. His condition was reported as quite serious.

Viceroy Alexieff has been recalled to St. Petersburg, on the pretext that the czar wants information on the situation in the far east from the viceroy's own hand. The truth is, according to a St. Petersburg dispatch, that Alexieff will never return to Manchuria.

All advice from the seat of war, on the 26th, was indicative of active operations in the vicinity of Mukden. The Japanese began an offensive movement driving in the Russian outposts, after severe fighting.

Reports concerning conditions at and around Port Arthur are conflicting, one saying that many Russians are surrendering and that the fall of the place is imminent, while another says the Japanese have been repulsed and will be compelled to sit down to a winter siege.

A \$20,000 fire occurred in Boston, Ill., on the 26th. Starting in the Arlington hotel, the fire took the historic Higgins house, the Burkes building and the old White row.

The Shanghai correspondent of the London Telegraph quotes a Japanese officer as saying that the killed and wounded at Port Arthur considerably exceed 20,000.

George Frishie Hoar, center United States senator from Massachusetts, died at his home in Worcester on the 26th.

Postmaster-General Henry C. Payne is lying dangerously ill at the Arlington hotel in Washington, and his recovery is hardly expected.

Members of the crew of the tug C. C. Cherry, which arrived at Bellingham, Wash., on the 29th, from Alaska, report sighting a Russian gunboat anchored in Unimak pass in the Aleutian Islands.

Melvin L. Gray, a resident of St. Louis since 1842, formerly one of the most prominent members of the bar of that city, and always a patron of arts, science and education, died, on the 28th, aged 90 years. He was a native of Vermont.

The Connecticut and Louisiana sister battleships will, when completed, the largest and most powerfully armored battleships in the world.

It is now intimated that Gen. Kurokawa will not attempt to hold Mukden, but will continue to withdraw northward. Meanwhile strong forces are kept thrown out to defend his lines from Japanese attacks.

The Japanese have captured Da Fesa, southeast of Mukden, the Russians offering only slight resistance.

The post office safe at Sullivan, Mo., was blown, on the 29th, and about \$1,000 in money and stamps taken.

The battleship Connecticut was successfully launched on the 29th.

The navy department has accepted the protected cruiser Des Moines, now attached to the European squadron.

A terrific flood struck the city of Trinidad, Col., and the whole valley along the Las Animas river, on the 28th, devastating a wide section and causing a money loss which will reach nearly a million dollars.

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John H. Schatzler, former member of the body 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 governors 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 8, without taking action on the LaPolice case.

The retail stores andwarehouses of Kehler Brothers, furniture manufacturers, of Toledo, O., were gutted by fire, on the 26th, entailing 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 Right Rev. Thomas D. Beaven, Roman Catholic bishop of Springfield, was laying the cornerstone of St. Stanislaus Polish church at Adams, Mass., on the 26th, a floor collapsed, precipitating 15 persons into the basement. A dozen persons were injured, several seriously.

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

The London Chronicle's Liao Tung correspondent says there was a truce, 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 2d, 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 2d. He said he never saw anything like the American rush anywhere else.

It is reported that a Japanese gunboat struck a mine and sank south of the Liao Tung peninsula on the 2d. A portion of her crew reached an island and were rescued.

While crossing the Monongahela river in a skiff, on the 2d, four miners were run down by the steamer Bertha, pushing empty barges, and were drowned.

Mrs. Edmund Thompson, wife of the actor and author of the "Old Homestead," died at her home in West Swanzey, N. H., on the 2d.

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 Walsenburg, Valenzia and Los Lunetas, in New Mexico, are reported nearly wiped out by flood.

Three men were killed and a number injured in the wreck of a stock train near Bismarck, S. D., on the 2d.

In sight of a large crowd of people, and in a most spectacular manner, Jacob Bass, of St. Louis, a painter and "steeplejack," 35 years old, fell 200 feet through the air from the top of a smokestack to the ground, on the 2d, and was dashed to his death on the stone pavement of an alley.

Secretary of State John Hay, representing the International Press association at St. Louis, a short time ago by Secretary of State Hay, and it is with those words ringing in our ears that we rejoice that the secretary of state is John Hay, and that he is with us to-day.

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

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Mayor Collins said that no word of his was necessary to welcome peace delegates to Boston, for Boston was the home of peace.

He said if he were to paraphrase a Biblical text to suit the occasion, it would be this:

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall see God; damned be the warrakers, 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 rescript, 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.

THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONGRESS

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 counterfeited 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 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 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 type machines.

All bills will have to be set by hand.

Held for Father's Murder.

Salisbury, Ind., Oct. 3.—Silas Radcliffe, an aged farmer, is dead at his home near Hardinburg, 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 live stock.

Young Radcliffe declares that his father attacked him with a club and that he was forced to defend himself.

Reward for Saving Train.

La Porte, Ind., Oct.