

# Condensed News of the Week

An Associated Press dispatch dated St. Louis, Oct. 17, says: With eighteen entries, representing America, England and Japan, the first kite-flying contests of the kind ever held began today in the aeronautic concourse, the Stadium and other clean places at the world's fair. Among the contestants, many of whom have world-wide reputation, were Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone bearing that name; William E. Eddie, inventor of the Eddie kite, and Captain Baden-Powell, of England.

The Infanta Maria Delas Mercedes, princess of the Asturias, sister of king Alfonso, of Spain, and the former queen of that country, died October 16th.

Mis Dora Meek, aged 18, died at her home in Centralia, Ill., on October 16. The young lady slept nearly six months in the winter of 1901. About six weeks ago, after an attack of measles, she again fell asleep and remained so until she died.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Paris, Oct. 18, says: Parliament reassembled in extraordinary session. A lively incident occurred in the corridors between M. Pugliesi-Conti (republican) and M. Celestin Rose, a late Bonapartist candidate. The latter hissed M. Pugliesi-Conti, who responded with blows from his umbrella. The parties were eventually separated.

While Arthur Haaren, of Sioux City, Ia., aged 9 years, was putting up a trap in the attic of his home, he became entangled in the rope and was strangled to death.

President Ezcarra, of Parraguay, has resigned his position and General Escobar has been appointed acting president. Members of the diplomatic corps are still trying to effect a pacific settlement of the differences between the government and the revolutionists.

An Associated Press cablegram, dated London, Oct. 19, says: A Vienna dispatch of the London Standard this morning gives a rumor current in that city to the effect that a Cunard steamer from Flume, with 2,000 immigrants on board, has sunk off the Spanish coast. A fierce storm was raging at the time. The Standard has no confirmation of the report, but gives it for what it is worth.

President Roosevelt has removed from office Robert S. Rodie, supervising inspector of the steamboat inspection service of the Sixth district of New York. This action was the result of the disclosures made in the report of the national commission which investigated the General Slocum disaster.

While E. O. Eggen and his sons were burning an old straw stack a few days ago on their farm at Sioux Falls, S. D., they found package containing 1,500 pennies. The pennies were identified as part of the money stolen from the First National bank of Toronto which was robbed a year ago. It is supposed the robbers took refuge in the straw stack and left the money when they resumed their journey.

Miss Miriam Grant, granddaughter of the late President U. S. Grant, was married to Lieutenant Ulysses S. Macey of the warship Franklin, October 17.

The immense bronze statue of Frederick the Great, presented to the United States government by the emperor of Germany, arrived in Washington October 17. It is covered with heavy canvas which will not be removed until the statue is unveiled on November 19.

A treaty of peace was signed between Chili and Bolivia October 17.

Popstamat, a notorious Bulgarian agitator, was murdered at Salonica, European Turkey, Tuesday while walking along the principal street. The murderer escaped.

Owing to the many misunderstandings which have arisen between the United States and Panama, President Roosevelt has instructed Secretary of War aft to make an early visit to Panama to see if he can make an adjustment of the difficulties.

A startling proposition was advanced by Dr. Hatch of Quincy, Ill., at the national prison congress. Dr. Hatch advocated homicide or the right to let a diseased person take his own life when he is found to be incurable. He said he also would have the state dispose of the permanently insane and incurable by putting such persons to an easy death. Dr. Ransom of New York, who was present, declared that reforms were started to save lives and not to destroy them and supported his argument by saying: "I do not believe we had better take into our hands the functions of the Almighty."

In a gale which prevailed over Southern Florida Friday, Saturday and Sunday the wind attained a velocity of seventy-five miles an hour. Considerable damage was done to ships and several lives were lost along the coast.

John Tyler, American vice consul general at Teheran, Persia, has cabled the state department that the shah has telegraphed the crown prince of Tabriz to arrest immediately the murderers of Dr. Labori, the American missionary who was killed many months ago by fanatical Persians.

The contract for the construction of the government building for the Lewis and Clark centennial exposition at Portland, Ore., has been awarded to J. E. Bennett of Portland for \$225,582.

When the registration of voters closed at Boston the total number of names on the list was 114,175, the largest number of registered voters in the history of the city.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 18, says: "An audience that crowded the Bastable theater to the doors sat through the performance tonight unconscious of the fact half the city fire department was fighting what promised to be a stubborn blaze two floors above. So perfect were the precautions taken by the theater management, the police and fire officials, that although the streets outside were jammed with excited people not one of the big audience knew anything was wrong until water began to drip from the ceilings. Then the audience was told that a pipe had burst and no trouble was experienced."

The monument erected in honor of the late Major General Frank Wheaton, by the state of Rhode Island, was unveiled with appropriate ceremonies at the Arlington cemetery, Washington, D. C.

Representatives of Mississippi planters are employing whole families of Mexicans for work in that state. There is a general movement in Mississippi, it is said, to get rid of the negro laborer as far as possible.

At a meeting of the Carnegie hero fund commission at Pittsburg, Pa., it was decided that no awards of medals or benefits will be made by the Carnegie hero fund commission before the next meeting of the commission, which has been fixed for January 18, 1905.

Two little children in the children's home at Shelbyville, Ill., were burned to death in their bed. Fortunately the twenty-nine other little ones in the home escaped.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 20, says: "Claiming that he was branded with a red-hot iron in initiation into a secret society, Roland Hunnewell of Boone has begun a suit against that order for \$5,000. The suit is brought against members of the Peterson lodge, where he entered. Senator A. B. Hobart of Cherokee, is his attorney."

Timothy J. Lee, an engineer, has been sentenced to four years imprisonment and hard labor in the salt mines of Mexico. Lee was adjudged to be guilty of responsibility for the wrecking of a train in which wreck he received serious injuries himself.

County Attorney James P. English of Douglas county, Nebraska, has given it as his opinion that the official ballot of that county must be a single column affair. This makes the ballot a trifle over six feet in length.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Washington, D. C., Oct. 20, says: "Captain Henry M. Seeley of Boston today was appointed inspector of hulls and Theodore T. Mersereau inspector of

boilers in the steamboat inspection service at New York. These appointments are one of the results of the conclusions of the Slocum disaster commission, the appointees taking the places of James A. Dumont, inspector of hulls, and Thomas H. Barrett, inspector of boilers, whose removal from the service for laxity and neglect in performing their duties, had been directed by President Roosevelt."

Reports from Montgomery, Ala., say that the town of Gordon, on the Atlantic coast railroad has been almost totally destroyed by fire.

A draft of the invitation to the powers to name delegates to the new peace conference to be held at The Hague, has been submitted to the cabinet by Secretary Hay.

"Trafalgar Day," a national holiday in England and the English colonies, was celebrated October 21, and the flagship of Admiral Nelson, the hero of the battle of Trafalgar Bay, was decorated with flags and laurel.

"The American Navy; May Its Glory Never Grow Less," were the words in which King Edward toasted his naval guests at the luncheon at Buckingham palace Thursday.

On a scale of two, signifying good, and three, medium, the Prussian crop report for the middle of October shows the condition of winter wheat to be 2.6 and of winter rye 2.7.

A resolution disapproving of reciprocity with Canada was adopted by the Vermont house of representatives without opposition.

The city of St. Louis was shaken by a slight earthquake October 21. The disturbance was recorded on the seismograph in the weather bureau exhibit of the Philippine government at the world's fair.

The American marines, who have been at the Isthmus of Panama for the past year, have been ordered to remain there pending a settlement of the difficulties that have arisen.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Washington, D. C., Oct. 20, says: "In May, 1902, President Roosevelt appointed the national Martinique and West Indies relief committee to collect and disburse funds for the relief of sufferers by the Mount Pelee disaster. The committee has completed its work, has made a final report to the president and has asked to be discharged. It raised \$157,592."

The North German Gazette of Berlin prints an explicit denial of the statement contained in a dispatch from Peking to the London Times that Germany was intriguing against China's acceptance of the Anglo-Tibetan treaty.

Edward L. Bartlett, solicitor of New Mexico since 1889 and once adjutant general of the territory, is dead at Santa Fe of pneumonia. He was born in Maine and went to Santa Fe in 1881.

An unconfirmed report, dated St. Thomas, D. W. I., Oct. 21, says that the United States has seized the custom house at Puerto Plata. Referring to the affair the Associated Press says: "The reported seizure by the United States of the custom house at Puerto Plata presumably arises from the already accomplished or contemplated occupation of that port by an American, designated by the commission which awarded to the Santo Domingo improvement company \$4,500,000 damages against Santo Domingo. That award was automatically self-executing and provided that if Santo Domingo failed to pay the award the agent named by the commission was to take charge of four of the customs ports of the islands and apply 60 per cent of the revenues to the payment of the claims. The affair is not one in which the United States government, is interested."

The Japanese and Russian armies are entrenched a short distance from each other south of the Shakhe river, preparatory to resuming the struggle when the rains and mud will permit. The Russians have been doing nearly all the offensive work for the past week. It is reported that the Russian soldiers have been effectually discussing themselves as Chinese lately, and a Japanese protest has been submitted to Spencer Eddy, secretary of the embassy at St. Petersburg.