

# Condensed News of the Week

King Menelik of Abyssinia has sent President Roosevelt a small menagerie, consisting of two lionesses, two monkeys, two ostriches and a zebra. One of the lionesses died on the voyage.

An Associated Press dispatch dated London, Nov. 7, says: "The October statement of the board of trade shows an increase of \$8,798,000 in imports and a decrease of \$2,087,500 in exports.

Two unsuccessful attempts were made to hold up a passenger train at Havre de Grace and Perryville, Md., November 6. A negro and a white man made the attempts but after twice stopping the train they were finally scared off.

The attendance at the world's fair for the week ending November 5 was 634,442, making the total attendance since the opening of the fair, 16,567,737.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Rome, Nov. 7, says: "Definite returns show that all the members of the cabinet have been re-elected. Former Premier Rudini, Baron Sonnini, leader of the constitutional opposition and Signor Prinetti, the former foreign minister, and Corri, the socialist leader, have also been re-elected."

Major Fitzgerald, retired, of the United States army, who was formerly associated with the quartermaster's department, was found dead at his home in San Francisco, Cal. He was 72 years of age.

The trial of the two captains and the two colonels who were charged with being implicated in appropriating funds to secure evidence against Dreyfus, the famous Frenchman, has been abruptly ended. It promised to be a most sensational case but the evidence of Marquis De Galifet, the French general and former war minister, exonerated the accused officers and the government announced that it had abandoned the trial.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Lake City, Fla., Nov. 6, says: "General James J. Finley, one of the few surviving brigadier generals of the confederate army, died here today. General Finley was 92 years of age. He resigned the district judgeship of Florida to enter the confederate army. In the southern service he rose from the rank of private to that of brigadier general. He was a member of congress three terms and held many positions of honor and trust in this state."

A Norfolk and Western freight train ran into a derailing switch near Radford, Va., November 6, killing the fireman and the engineer, who were buried under the overturned engine.

Lowell, Mass., suffered a \$75,000 loss November 6, when the fine auditorium known as Huntington hall, was burned.

The famous Erickson expedition has returned after an absence of two and a half years spent in exploring Greenland.

Election day was not without its sensational features at Cripple Creek, Colo. Two democratic election judges were killed by one of Sheriff Bell's deputies whom they had ordered out of the election booth. Mrs. Kennedy, a democratic judge was assaulted by Ed Doyle, a deputy sheriff, and in defending the woman, Ed O'Leary shot Doyle fatally wounding him.

President Roosevelt cast ballot No. 164 at Oyster Bay and Alton B. Parker cast ballot number 147 at Kirgston, N. Y. Each gentleman was photographed as he deposited his vote in the box.

The Hearst Free Kindergarten at Lead, S. D., was destroyed by fire November 8, and the pupils escaped only with the greatest difficulty, a panic having ensued when the children discovered that the building was afire.

One of the largest suits ever brought in Massachusetts has been brought against J. Ogden Armour of Chicago by James C. Melvin of Boston, James D. Standish, Frank P. Comstock and Frank E. Vogel, and others, acting as trustees. The suit is for \$1,200,000 damages but the ground for the

action is not known as the counsel agreed not to file any declaration at this time.

Argentine brick block at Oil City, Pa., was destroyed by fire November 7. The loss is estimated at \$275,000.

Midshipman Charles Gill of Kansas, who is a member of the fourth class at the Annapolis naval academy, is in a very dangerous condition as a result of injuries received in a practice game of football at the academy.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Denver, Colo., Nov. 7, says: "Judge Marshal of the United States court has made permanent the temporary injunction recently issued restraining members of the Cripple Creek Mine Owners' association and Citizen's alliance members and others from interfering with the owners and employes and property of the Interstate Mercantile company of Montana at Cripple Creek, whose store was looted August 21 last and its employes deported."

In the case of Phyllis E. Dodge, versus the United States, the supreme court at Washington refused to grant a writ of certiorari, thus affirming the decision of the circuit court of appeals for the Second circuit. The suit involves the seizure of \$64,000 worth of jewelry seized by the customs authorities upon her arrival at New York from Europe. Miss Dodge did not mention the jewelry in her declaration to the authorities, claiming that it had been presented to her while abroad and pleading that she did not consider the jewelry suitable.

Emperor William has announced that hereafter he will be more lenient with men convicted of the offense of lese majeste. He will also pardon offenses of a similar nature when the offender is shown to be incapable of weighing the consequences of his words and where he is an uneducated person.

Referring to the beef trust investigations the Associated Press, under date of Washington, D. C., Nov. 10, says: "The investigation of the beef trust instituted by the bureau of corporations at the instance of congress practically has been completed. The report will be presented to the president, and it is quite likely that it will be submitted to congress shortly after the opening of its session in December, although the law confers discretionary power upon the president as to the publication of the operations of the bureau."

The election returns of Tuesday at Porto Rico show that the unionists polled majorities in five of the seven districts. The house of delegates will be composed of twenty-five unionists and ten republicans. All the leading cities, excepting San Juan, were carried by the unionists.

Bids in regard to the new agricultural department building were opened at Washington. The total appropriation for the building is \$1,500,000.

All the associations controlling the prices of steel are to meet in New York and continue in session until the whole list of prices has been revised to suit the conditions which have arisen in the iron and steel market.

In view of the published statements from various physicians, that the amount of oxygen in the air in the New York subway was considerably below normal, an official investigation is to be made.

Mr. Roosevelt's book entitled "The Strenuous Life" has been translated into Italian and is having a large sale in Rome.

The department of agriculture gives the following report on crops for 1904: "The average yield of corn per acre is 26.7; percentage of old corn on hand, 3.6; general quality, 86.2. Average yield per acre of flax, 10.2."

President Roosevelt has announced his intention to visit the St. Louis fair and the date of his visit there has been set for November 26.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Panama, Nov. 10, says: "Any ill feeling that may have existed between Panama and the United States on

account of the difficulties over the canal zone affair seems to be disappearing. Panamans are preparing to celebrate the arrival of Secretary Taft, who, with his friends, will be the guest of the republic during their stay here."

D. S. Rutherford, professor of physics at McGill university, has been awarded the Rumford medal as a reward for his research of radio-activity. This medal was instituted by Count Rumford in 1812 and is awarded every second year to the author of the most important discovery of useful experiments on heat or light, to promote the good of mankind.

The charter of the Chicago Federation of Labor has been revoked by the American Federation of Labor, the telegram revoking the charter reading as follows: "Your central body failed to comply with the executive council's directions as decided by Boston convention and contained in my letter of September 1. Time limit, November 1, having expired, your charter stands revoked. Executive council has further decided charter will be restored upon compliance of your central body with decision."

In a fire which destroyed a large paint factory at Issey, near Paris, France, two persons lost their lives and several persons were badly injured.

In compliance with a request of President Francis of the St. Louis exposition, the secretary of war has directed that eight companies of the soldiers from Fort McPherson be sent to the fair to guard the government exhibits, which it is said are apt to be carelessly handled and destroyed, as the fair draws to a close.

Buren R. Sherman, former governor of Iowa, is dead at his home in Vinton, Iowa.

The only statement with regard to his cabinet that has been given by President Roosevelt is that in which he announces that John Hay will continue as secretary of state until the 4th of March, 1904.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Washington, D. C., Nov. 11, says: "The annual report of the auditor for the postoffice department shows that the fiscal business transacted through the postal and money order branches of the department during the last year were: Revenues of the postal service, \$143,582,624. Expenditures of the postal service, \$152,362,116. Total amount of money orders issued: Domestic, \$383,452,373; foreign, \$37,876,265. Total amount of money orders paid: Domestic, \$385,100,020; foreign, \$6,714,846. The deficit in the postal revenues, therefore was \$8,579,492."

Emperor Francis Joseph was among those who sent telegrams of congratulation to President Roosevelt.

Great Britain, Mexico and Denmark have indicated their willingness to participate in another peace conference, thus making three nations which are enrolled in favor of President Roosevelt's proposal.

Colonel D. R. Anthony, the noted editor of the Leavenworth Times, and brother of Susan B. Anthony, the famous woman suffragist, is dead of heart failure at his home in Leavenworth, Kan. Colonel Anthony has been ill for several years, and last June he was stricken with heart disease which caused his death. He was 80 years old.

James H. Ferris, national chairman of the people's party, has issued a call for what he terms a "Jeffersonian conference," in order to form a new national party by consolidating a number of new parties and factions.

The American government has addressed a note to the Turkish authorities, demanding redress for the attack near Aleppo by Turkish brigands upon a caravan belonging to the American house of McAncrews and Forbes of Smyrna. Six of the camels in the caravan were killed and the company's goods stolen.