

# Condensed News of the Week

News has been received at Constantinople of the probable assassination of Vicar Catholicus Athemar, together with his secretary, near Van.

Prince Fushimi, member of the Japanese royal household, who has come to pay a visit to the United States, called upon President Roosevelt. He will return home December 28.

The residence of Mayor Fay of Minneapolis was dynamited and blown to pieces November 12. It is supposed that the act was done by some one who objects to his war on the saloon law. Fortunately, none of the members of his family were injured.

Miss Anna Buddick of Stockton, Cal., lost her life in an automobile accident November 13. The young lady's dress caught in the chain of the auto and she was thrown off and dragged a considerable distance along the pavement.

Major Leonard Hay, brother of Secretary of State Hay, died at the old Hay homestead in Warsaw, Ill., November 12. Major Hay was a retired United States army officer and was in the 70th year of his age.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Washington, D. C., Nov. 12, says: "In view of the published statement that Secretary Shaw would make a call on government depositories for a loan of \$20,000,000, it can be positively stated tonight that no such call in the immediate future is contemplated. There is at the present time, it was said, no pressing need for such a call. Should it be made at all the probabilities are that it will be some time during the month of January."

The American Federation of Labor began its annual session in the city of San Francisco, November 14. The convention will remain in session for two weeks and the meetings will be open to the public except on the last two days, when officers will be elected.

The total attendance since the opening day at the World's fair, up to November 12, was 17,065,886.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Rio de Janeiro, November 13, says: "The opposition to the compulsory vaccination law led to furious rioting today. Troops repeatedly charged the mob, barricades were erected, water and gas mains were cut, plunging the city into darkness, and street cars were burned. The demonstration had every characteristic of revolution. The president's palace was strongly guarded until midnight. It is reported that a dozen people were killed and sixty injured. An intermittent fusillade continues."

Owing to the misreading of orders by the crew of a freight train a head-end collision occurred at Azusa, near Granger, Wyo., November 12. The train with which the train collided was a fast mail and in the crash that followed fourteen people are known to have lost their lives and it is thought that there are still some bodies under the wreckage.

In a fire which destroyed the jail at Tiptonville, Tenn., eight convicts made their escape. It is alleged that the fire was started by friends of the prisoners for the purpose of enabling the inmates to escape.

Owing to a strike of the clerks in the retail stores at Buenos Ayres business was almost at a standstill November 14. The strike is said to be extending to other laborers and clerks and it is hoped that some settlement will be made with the employers shortly.

Cardinal Mocenni, minister of the palace under Pope Leo X. II, died of heart failure at the vatican November 14.

Commissioner Ware of the pension department at Washington, resigned his position and his resignation will take effect January 1. No reason has been assigned for Mr. Ware's action, but it is hinted that the work has been distasteful to him ever since his appointment, and that he wishes to resume the practice of law at his home in Kansas.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Vienna, Nov. 14, says: "Bellamy Storer, the American ambassador, visited the foreign office today and interviewed Count Goluchowski on an arbitration treaty with the United States. The count replied that his government would gladly discuss a proposition of that nature and said that Austria-Hungary was now negotiating similar treaties with other powers."

Seven cases of smallpox were discovered among the students of the University of Michigan, November 14. One of the patients is said to be dangerously ill. All the students are being vaccinated and examined for symptoms of the disease.

Miss Isidore Rush, the actress, died while bathing in the surf near San Diego, Cal., Nov. 14. Miss Rush was caught by a huge wave and carried into deep water which shocked her so greatly that she died shortly afterward.

Charles W. Fairbanks, the vice president-elect, left November 14, for the St. Louis fair, to be the guest of President Francis of the exposition.

An Associated Press dispatch dated South Bend, Ind., November 14, says: "Three Chinese, after being tracked from San Francisco to South Bend by government secret service men, have been arrested and taken to Chicago. The Chinese, it is claimed, were recently smuggled into the United States and when the chase became hot they were shipped into South Bend in trunks, hoping to throw the detectives off the trail."

An order is being prepared by the civil service and Isthmian canal commission, extending the civil service regulations over the employes of the canal commission. The order embraces all employes except those appointed by the president and laborers.

Governor W. L. Douglas of Massachusetts has filed with the secretary of state a statement certifying that on September 23 last he gave to the democratic state central committee \$34,300 for the purpose of conducting his campaign, further stating that he had no other expenses.

Following the fierce attack upon the administration of the French war office, and the personal assault upon himself, General Andre, minister of war of France, has resigned his portfolio. In his letter of explanation to Premier Combes, General Andre says that the attacks against the war office are merely a device of enemies of the government to overthrow the republic. Henry Bertheaux, a member of the chamber of deputies and a broker, was nominated as General Andre's successor, thus breaking the tradition relating to the choice of a military man to head the war administration.

At a dinner in Havana, Cuba, of American and English business men hearty indorsement was given the project for the establishment of a branch of the Young Men's Christian association in Havana.

The lady managers of the Louisiana Purchase exposition have returned to Secretary of the Treasury Shaw \$50,000 of the \$100,000 appropriated for the board's use.

John B. Brownlow of Tennessee, a clerk in the postoffice department, who acted as disbursing officer of the department at the St. Louis exposition, was dismissed from the service yesterday by order of the president. Brownlow was charged with impertinence and insubordination and, as he declined to withdraw his offensive language, his dismissal followed. Merrit O. Chance, chief clerk of the department, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Berlin, Nov. 15, says: "Emperor William's extensive canal projects rejected by the Prussian diet in 1899 and 1901 are to be realized in part at least. The canal committee of the diet, composed of the leader of the parties controlling the diet has decided to support the measures for canals connecting Hanover with the Rhine and the canaliza-

tion of the Weser from Hamlen downward, provided Bremen will bear part of the expense. The total length, exclusive of the Weser will be 165 miles. The cost will be about \$150,000,000. The vote on the Stettin canal and other eastern projects was postponed."

Hugh Smith Thompson, former governor of South Carolina and assistant secretary of the treasury in President Cleveland's first administration, is seriously ill at his home in New York city, and late last night it was said he was not expected to live. Mr. Thompson is suffering from asthma.

The comptroller of the currency of the United States has issued a call asking for the condition of national banks at the close of business, Thursday, Nov. 10.

Four and one-half million dollars in gold have been engaged by the National Bank of Commerce and the National City bank of New York for shipment to Cuba.

The hulk of the illfated excursion steamer General Slocum, which was burned in East river early last summer, with the loss of more than 1,000 lives, was sold at auction yesterday for \$1,800.

A meeting of the steel billet pool was held in Jersey City. It is understood that an advance of \$1.50 a ton in billets had been agreed to, making the price \$21 per ton.

Orders have been issued at the navy department detaching Rear Admiral Jewell from command of the European station November 19, he having applied for retirement after forty years of service, which request is to be granted.

Three Michigan lumbermen have purchased 600,000,000 feet of standing timber in Toba Inlet, B. C. The purchasers have a contract in connection with the Panama canal and will export the lumber directly to the isthmus.

Secretary of the Navy Paul Morton was taken ill at the banquet of the society of naval architects and engineers at Delmonico's, New York. He is not dangerously sick.

Fourteen miners in the Carbonad mines near Morrisry, B. C., were killed by an explosion of gas.

Negotiations on the subject of the English-Russian convention are very nearly perfect. But one small point remains to be settled and it is of such slight moment that the signatures will be exchanged very shortly.

The city of Atlanta, Ga., has been offered \$10,000 by Andrew Carnegie for a separate library for negroes. There is a strong probability that the offer will be accepted.

The Loretta academy building at Cairo, Ill., was destroyed by fire November 18. Loss \$20,000.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Rome, Nov. 18, says: "The municipality of Ascoli has by acclamation conferred honorary citizenship upon J. Pierpont Morgan in recognition of his action in restoring to the city the famous Ascoli cope."

Several thousand miners are now on strike in the Kanawha coal fields in West Virginia and about seventy-five mines are tied up. The miners will hold a meeting at Charleston today to decide how they shall meet the situation. The operators are employing non-union men to fill the places of striking miners.

A fund of \$600,000 has been raised for the erection of the national monument to the late President McKinley. Plans are now being considered for the design of the monument.

Colonel W. C. P. Breckenridge, the noted Kentucky lawyer and congressman, has been stricken with paralysis at his home. He is in a very dangerous condition and his entire family has been summoned.