

Condensed News of the Week

Edward Martin Conley, the American vice consul at the city of Mexico, has resigned.

President Roosevelt and his party spent a strenuous day at the World's fair, November 26. An elaborate program had been arranged and immense crowds attended.

The Russian government has a scheme under way to open free lands in Siberia for settlement. The plan is very much like the American homestead system.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Berlin, Nov. 27, says: "The grand total of the imperial budget which will be submitted to the reichstag next week shows estimated expenditures of \$560,390,225 and estimated receipts of \$487,264,782. The prospective deficit is \$73,264,443, which exceeds that of 1904 by \$34,498,138. Of this increase \$12,185,777 is attributed to the extraordinary expenses of the Southwest Africa war. The army and navy and posts, telegraphs and railroads show decided increases."

Colonel R. Francisco Chaves, one of the best known republican politicians in New Mexico, was assassinated while dining at the home of a friend. The assassin, presumably some political enemy of Colonel Chaves, shot at him through the window, and the colonel fell dead. Colonel Chaves was a soldier under the famous Kit Carson in the Indian wars of 1861. He held three important positions at the time of his death.

A whiskey still, of which the internal revenue officials had no knowledge, blew up in a tenement house in New York. The explosion frightened the tenants and wrecked the building, but so far as reported no lives were lost.

While sojourning in Colorado, three young people of Chicago got lost on Pike's peak and were nearly frozen to death. One of the young ladies was badly burned by the explosion of a celluloid comb which had become heated near a campfire. Her hair and clothing took fire and she suffered terribly.

The attendance at the World's fair from opening day to November 26 was 18,317,457.

Calvin Farmer, a Sac City, Iowa, boy, is dead as the result of being badly injured in a football game in which he played on Thanksgiving day.

In a battle between Italians and Slavs at Trinidad, Colo., Nov. 28, John Rembish was killed and robbed of \$920. The trouble is said to have arisen on account of the strike of the coal miners.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Sandusky, O., Nov. 28, says: "The strike of the 800 or more employes of the Kelly Island Lime and Transportation company at Marblehead and Kelly Island, begun last Tuesday, was settled through the mediation of Bishop Horstmann of the Roman Catholic diocese of Cleveland. The terms of settlement are satisfactory to both sides, and the men will resume work at once."

Reports from Berlin indicate that a plan is under way to increase the German army by 10,000.

The monetary reform bill which was submitted by President Diaz of Mexico has been passed by the chamber of deputies and it will be approved in the senate in a few days, after which it will become a law of the republic of Mexico.

During the performance at "Paris," on the pike at the World's fair, St. Louis, one of the ropes broke during a trapeze exhibition and A. Dibson, the performer, was thrown to the stage and instantly killed.

The famous Fayerweather case, brought by the Fayerweather heirs to recover \$2,500,000 which was bequeathed to different colleges, was decided by the supreme court of the United States in favor of the colleges. The widow of Mr. Fayerweather and his two nieces were the interested heirs.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Albany, N. Y., Nov. 28, says: "The unprecedented spectacle of a former chief judge of the court of appeals arguing a case before the court from which he re-

signed to become a candidate for the presidency of the United States will be presented here on Tuesday next week, December 6, when former Judge Alton B. Parker will appear to argue the first case in which he has made public appearance as counsel in many years."

Ten American fishing vessels have been captured by the Canadian protective cruiser Curlew and fined for illegal fishing in Canadian waters.

A score of boys and young men were hurt by the giving way of a gallery railing in the State Fensibles' armory at Philadelphia during the progress of a basket ball game. None of the injured, who were removed to a hospital near by, is fatally hurt.

Joseph Cannon, speaker of the house of representative, has been decorated by France with the Legion of Honor, but it is understood that his office will prevent his accepting the title.

News has reached Washington that a calculation made on the basis of the customs receipts for the ports of Puerto Cabella and La Guayra during the past year indicates that the American claimants will not receive their award from the Venezuelan government for ten or eleven years, according to the present methods of payment.

Madame Janauschek, the famous Bohemian actress is dead at the Brunswick home at Amityville, L. I., where she has been cared for by actors for the past four months. She was 74 years old.

Herr Johann Most, the New York anarchist, was evicted from St. Louis November 29. He was to have spoken at two meetings of anarchists, but the police broke up the meetings and arrested him.

Reports from Mexico say that the most fearful conditions exist there. Deaths to the number of twenty to forty occur every day from starvation and malaria.

The order of the United States government lifting duty charges from all imports for the Lewis and Clarke exposition has gone into effect. All exhibitors from foreign countries may now send their wares to Portland without paying customs duties.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Berlin, Nov. 30, says: "In accordance with ancient feudal usage requiring vassals to raise a dowry on the occasion of marriages in the families of their rulers, the diet of Mecklenberg Schwerin was voted to impose a tax of \$17,500 for the marriage portion of the Duchess Cecelle, who is betrothed to the crown prince, Frederick William."

A meeting was held in Chicago Nov. 30, for the purpose of organizing a "White Cross Aid society," whose object will be the same as that of the Red Cross society, "to furnish organized bodies of trained persons for relief work in case of national, municipal or private disaster." The White Cross Aid society will be purely a national organization.

One man was killed and several were injured by an iron beam which fell from the room of the Park building into a throng of people passing through Nassau street, New York. The beam, weighing 500 pounds, was being hoisted into place when it slipped from its fastenings and fell into the crowd.

Creditors of D. J. Sully & Co., as well as the bankrupts, have withdrawn all objection to the claims filed against the company and the creditors have agreed to accept a 25 per cent dividend on the \$3,000,000 assets now in the hands of the receiver.

Acting Secretary Oliver directed the discharge "without honor," of Private John T. Smith of the hospital corps, stationed at Fort Mott, N. J., who is said to have married a negress, and whose discharge was recommended by General Grant, commanding the department of the east.

With an estimated total attendance of nearly 20,000,000, the great St. Louis fair closed November 30. The last day was named in honor of President

Francis and with the words "Farewell, a long farewell to all your greatness," President Francis touched a small lever and instantly the illumination throughout the grounds ceased. The exposition was at an end.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Washington, D. C., Nov. 30, says: "The annual report of the general superintendent of the life saving service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, shows that during the year assistance was rendered by the life saving crews to 1,061 vessels of all kinds, involving 33 lives of more than 3,300 persons and property to the value of nearly 7,000,000. The crews also rescued 103 persons not on board vessels from various perilous situations and, through signal warnings of the beach patrols, saved from possible disaster 161 vessels in danger of stranding."

The monthly statement of the mints of the United States show the total coinage during November to have been \$1,604,811, as follows: Gold, \$582,780; subsidiary silver, \$878,871; minor coins, \$197,160. This is exclusive of 690,000 pieces in half balboas for Panama and 3,622,000 pieces for the Philippines.

President Roosevelt indicated his intention to appoint Stonewall Jackson Christian, a grandson of General Stonewall Jackson, the confederate chieftain, as a cadet to the West Point military academy. The young man is a student at the Georgia Military academy.

The secretary of the interior has ordered the withdrawal of 58,000 acres of land in the Minor, S. D., land district on account of the Buford-Trenton reclamation project.

The appellate division of the supreme court, sitting in Brooklyn, N. Y., decided that the "closed shop" is illegal. A contract, entered into between the firm of Morris Cohen & Sons and Protective Coat Tailors and Pressers' local No. 55 of the United Garment Workers of America, whereby the firm was prohibited from employing labor not belonging to the local, and also from employing even a member of the union unless such a member held a card signed by the business agent of the local, was declared by the court to be contrary to public policy.

The treasury statement for the month of November shows that the total receipts for the month of November, 1904, were \$45,576,877, and the expenditures \$49,697,547, leaving a deficit of \$4,120,670 for the month.

Four trainmen were instantly killed and another fatally injured in a wreck caused by a passenger train crashing into a construction train near Columbus, Ind.

Plans are being considered for a novelty in the banking world in the way of a "night and day bank." This institution will be conducted by several New York financiers who realize that much valuable business can be transacted by travelers and others who wish to draw cash in cases of emergency. Oakleigh Thorne, of the North American has been prominently mentioned as president of the new institution.

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