



It was announced from Pittsburg, Pa., on June 13 that plans have been perfected for the formation in that city of one of the greatest combinations of banking interests ever undertaken. Eight institutions are to be merged into one with a capital of \$7,000,000, and the resources of the new concern are said to be \$78,000,000. T. Hart Given, president of one of the leading banks of Pittsburg, is to be the head of the new institution.

According to a New York report of June 13 the Northern Securities company will be "voluntarily" dissolved and the stocks of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railroad companies will be distributed among the stockholders. It is said, however, that the appeal now pending in the United States supreme court will be carried to its conclusion. This great company was incorporated in 1901 with a capital of \$400,000,000.

General Matos, leader of the revolutionists in Venezuela, on June 12 published in Curacao a manifesto addressed to the Venezuelan people, confessing that the revolution is crushed and terminated, and saying he will ask President Castro to guarantee the safety of himself and all his followers so that they may be able to return to their homes and work for the consummation of peace and the prosperity of Venezuela.

The formal opening of the twentieth triennial saengerfest of the Northeastern Saengerbund of America, took place at Baltimore, Md., on June 14. The attendance was very large, about 5,000 singers being present.

After a rough passage of sixteen days and 22 hours from Gourock, Scotland, the latest challenger for the America's cup, Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht, Shamrock III., arrived safe in New York on June 14.

On June 14 the relief committee of Kansas City, Kas., issued an appeal for aid in the interest of the people of that flood-devastated city. About 23,000 people in that city alone are in need of the necessities of life, everything they possessed being swept away by the floods.

The flood situation at St. Louis, Mo., and East St. Louis, Ill., is slowly improving, although great destitution still exists among the flood victims. It is reported that twenty-seven people are still missing from sections visited by the floods, and the list of dead may be increased.

A memorial monument to negro slaves and their descendants, in recognition of valuable domestic and patriotic services before and during the revolutionary war, was dedicated at Barrington, R. I., on June 14. This is the first monument of its kind to be erected in the United States. The memorial is a large granite boulder buttressed at the corner with large black stones, emblematic of the inter-dependent relations of the white and black races, and bears a tablet inscribed: "In memory of negro slaves and their descendants, who faithfully served Barrington families."

The recent sensational trial of Messrs. Jett and Whitson trial for the assassination of Lawyer J. B. Marcum at Jackson, Ky., attracted attention throughout the country. On

June 14 a three-story building used as a hotel and owned by Captain B. J. Ewen, the principal witness against the accused men, was burned to the ground. It is believed that the fire was of incendiary origin and was intended to serve as a warning to the jurors sitting in the case.

The terrible tragedy in Serbia whereby the king and queen together with several attendants were murdered by a military revolution, seems to have affected the Servian people very little. On June 15 it was announced from Belgrade that the senate and skuptschina had legally and with due formality elected Prince Peter Karageorgevitch king of Serbia and this election was greeted with the almost universal acclamation of the people. It is said that the form of government will not be changed.

An awful disaster occurred to the town of Heppner, Ore., on June 15 when the town was almost entirely destroyed by a cloudburst and probably 500 people drowned. The town had a population of about 1,250 inhabitants and was the center of a large farming and stock growing country. It was situated on the banks of Willow creek, in the neighborhood of the converging point of four other mountain streams that drained a large area of country and on account of being shut in by mountain ranges about the people had little chance of escape in that direction. It was reported that the town was swept by a wall of water twenty feet high and the people were caught in their houses with no chance of escape.

The united mine workers' convention called for the purpose of taking action on the refusal of the operators to recognize several district presidents as the miners' representatives on the conciliation board, was called to order at Scranton, Pa., on June 15. President John Mitchell was chosen chairman and in his address expressed disappointment because the mine operators do not live up to the award of the anthracite coal strike commission and its terms.

On June 15 through their representative association, B'Nai Brith, the Jews of America laid their case before President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay concerning the treatment of Jews in Russia and more particularly the recent Kishineff massacre. The delegation asked that the president use his good offices to secure the attention of the czar to these outrages, declaring that he is being kept ignorant of the terrible treatment accorded to the Jews of his domain. Neither President Roosevelt nor Secretary Hay would make any definite promises, but agreed to do all that the principles of international comity would allow to be done in the case.

The strike among the brick workers and hod carriers of Omaha, Neb., which has been in operation since March 16 of this year was practically settled on June 15 and building operations in the city began anew.

It was announced from Shanghai, China, on June 15 that the terms of the American commercial treaty have been settled, except the clause providing for the opening of two Manchurian ports. The treaty abolishes all interior trade barriers in the shape of internal taxation of goods in transit

in China or Manchuria, except the duties collected by the native custom houses at the treaty ports under foreign customs management and allows surtaxes of 11-2 per cent in import and one-half per cent in export duty.

Rev. John Chidwick, chaplain in the United States navy, has tendered his resignation to President Roosevelt. Father Chidwick was one of the first priests to be appointed in the navy and was chaplain of the ill-fated Maine at the time of the explosion in Havana harbor.

At Scranton, Pa., on June 16 the resolution indorsing District Presidents Nicholls, Fahey and Dettry as the miners' representatives on the board of conciliation, was adopted separately by the three districts. Another resolution was adopted, providing that all grievances, instead of being threshed out in debate, should be given to the conciliation board for consideration.

The leading feature in the reichstag election held on June 16 in Germany was in the success of the social democrats in increasing their representation in the reichstag by fifteen seats and their total vote to upwards of 2,500,000, or 400,000 more than in 1898. The socialist gain in Sanoy was especially marked.

On June 16 President Roosevelt was the guest of the University of Virginia, where he delivered an address. The president afterwards visited Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson.

The investigation into the affairs of the postoffice department in Washington goes on and on. June 17 Jas. T. Metcalf, for many years superintendent of the money order system of the department, was removed from office by the postmaster general. Mr. Metcalf is accused of indiscretions in the awarding of contracts for printing the money order forms of the government.

A dispatch from Boston dated June 17 to the Associated press says: With Philadelphia's famous relic, the Liberty bell, and the memento of the civil war, John Brown's bell from Barlow, as features, the annual celebration of the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill assumed unusual interest today. Following the carnival and military parades there were lite-

rary exercises and speech making at Bunker Hill monument.

An amicable adjustment of the hotel and restaurant strike was reached in Chicago on June 17 after two weeks of idleness on the part of these employees. All differences are to be settled by arbitration.

The lockout in the building trades in New York city was made complete on June 17 by 10,000 employees of the George A. Fuller Construction company being thrown out of work. It is estimated that this makes a total of 100,000 men in the city who are idle on account of differences between their organization and that of the employers.

On June 17 Henry F. Greene of Duluth was appointed as civil service commissioner to succeed Mr. Garfield.

Governor Bailey of Kansas on June 17 issued a proclamation calling together the legislature in special session on June 24. The preamble of the proclamation is: "Whereas, The recent floods have, in addition to the destruction of vast amounts of property, swept away numerous bridges, the immediate rebuilding of which is imperative, but for which no adequate law exists, thereby bringing about an extraordinary occasion within the meaning of the constitution authorizing a special session of the legislature."

The work of restoring order out of the chaos occasioned in the town of Heppner, Ore., by its recent devastation by a cloudburst is progressing slowly. Up to June 18 the number of dead recovered from the flood ruins totalled 153 bodies and about sixty more people are missing. About \$15,000 has already been contributed for the work of relief.

Judge Grinnan of the Richmond, Va., chancery court on June 18 granted an injunction restraining Lieutenants Theiss and Grossdeck, United States navy, from proceeding further toward the launching of the cruiser Galveston, under construction in the Trigg ship yards at Richmond. This action was based on the attempt of the creditors of the insolvent Trigg Shipbuilding company to secure their money, but it is said that the government while not desiring to interfere with the rights of state courts, is de-

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