



A tornado in Caddo county, Oklahoma, on October 30 caused the death of two persons and a large amount of property damage. A district about four miles long was almost completely devastated.

Sixteen persons were killed and over fifty injured in a collision between a passenger and a freight train near Indianapolis, Ind., on October 31. The passenger train was a special carrying 954 people, nearly all of whom were students of Purdue college on their way to the annual football game at Indianapolis.

The city of London is engaged in acquiring the ownership of the water-works system, arbitration being in progress to decide the price the city shall pay to the corporations now in control of the plant. By act of parliament London recently acquired the right to the works of all the London water companies, and it is said that the city now owns the larger proportion of all public utilities.

The reoccupation of Mukden, the capital of Manchuria, by Russian troops recently is causing much comment throughout China and the foreign office at Peking is appealing to friendly foreign legations for help and advice. Although there are about 20,000 Chinese troops in and about Mukden they have been given orders to in nowise resist the Russian government, but to use every effort to avert collisions.

In a fierce encounter between the sheriff of Weston county, Wyoming, and his posse and a band of Indians several on both sides were killed, and the Indians made good their escape toward the Bad Lands of South Dakota, carrying their dead and wounded with them. The outbreak is said to be on account of the restrictions placed upon the Indians' hunting privileges.

The committee of mediation called on account of the disputes in the affairs of the Amalgamated Copper company and the United Copper company at Butte, Mont., which disputes caused the closing of several mines and the throwing out of employment of many miners, reported on October 31 that they were unable to find any solution of the situation. There is great disappointment at this failure and it is hoped that the governor of the state will call an extraordinary session of the legislature to relieve the situation.

A disastrous fire in a tenement house in New York city on November 1 caused the death of twenty-one men, three women and one child. Another fire in the same city on the same day was at Coney Island where two lives were lost, 500 persons made homeless and a property loss of \$1,000,000 sustained.

On October 31 President Roosevelt issued his annual Thanksgiving proclamation setting aside Thursday, November 26, as a day of general thanksgiving.

Funeral services over the remains of Emma Booth-Tucker, consul of the Salvation Army, who was killed in a railroad wreck in Missouri, were held in New York on November 1. The body was buried in New York city and not taken to England as was at first intended.

Prof. Theodor Mommsen, the great

German savant, who recently suffered an apoplectic stroke, died at Charlottenberg, near Berlin, on November 1. Professor Mommsen was born in 1817 and for years has been known as one of the greatest scholars of his time, being recognized as one of the foremost of historians.

The strike recently inaugurated among the employes of the Pacific Express company and which affected many large cities, was officially declared off on November 2, and most of the men have returned to work.

John W. Foster, agent for the United States before the Alaskan boundary commission, arrived in Washington on November 2, bringing the official text of the commissioner's findings. Secretary Hay will enter into negotiations with the British government for the appointment of expert surveyors to mark the lines of the boundary as they have been described by the commissioner, and Canadian charts will be used as a basis of the survey work.

The monthly statement of the public debt on November 2 from Washington shows the total debt, less cash in the treasury at the close of business on October 31, 1903, as being \$920,402,501, which is an increase for the month of \$2,649,956.

It was announced from Washington on November 2 that the cases of A. W. Machen, Diller B. and Samuel A. Groff and George E. and Martha Lorenz, indicted on charges of conspiracy in connection with the sale of letter box fasteners to the postoffice department, were set for trial on November 23.

The sensational Zionist movement in New York city which has attracted some attention recently, came to an end on November 2 when more than 2,000 members of the host left that city for their homes in Chicago.

Mrs. Thomas A. Hendricks, widow of Vice President Hendricks, died at Indianapolis, Ind., on November 2. Mrs. Hendricks was born in North Bend, O., in 1823 and was the granddaughter of Dr. Stephen Wood, who was one of the earlier settlers of the state of Ohio. She was married to Thomas A. Hendricks in 1845 and had made her home in Indianapolis since 1860. She was a woman of great learning and always took a great interest in the politics of the state and country.

A cablegram from Rio Janeiro, under date of November 3 and carried by the Associated press says: The Acre territory dispute between Bolivia and Brazil has been settled. The principal points which were under consideration in the Acre dispute were whether the territory beyond the tenth degree of latitude shall become Brazilian territory, Brazil to pay Bolivia \$5,000,000 and allow Bolivia the right to send Acre products to Brazilian ports on the Amazon river.

It was recently reported from many parts of Labrador that owing to the shortage of the fishery catch extreme destitution prevails in that section. It is believed that unless relief is provided promptly by the government many people will perish.

A cablegram from London under date of November 3 says: A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Simla says

terrible earthquakes have occurred at Turshise, near Turbat-I-Haidari, in Persia, in which 350 persons were killed and a number were injured.

It is feared that there may be a clash between the state authorities of Wyoming and the government over the Indian troubles. It will be remembered that recently after a fight with the sheriff and several deputies, a band of Indians fled toward South Dakota and several of the leaders were arrested and held at Edgemont, S. D. The government, through its Indian agent at the latter place, asked the governor of Wyoming to order the release of the prisoners who were being held under orders of the sheriff of Converse county, Wyoming, but this the governor has refused to do, and insists upon the return of the Indians to Wyoming.

On November 4, W. S. Shallenberger, second assistant postmaster general, submitted his annual report to Postmaster General Payne. This report shows the rate of expenditure for all classes of mail transportation in this country to be \$63,594,542 and that the cost per mile traveled is \$12.89. According to this report, there are 1,400 lines of traveling postoffices, railroad, steamship and electric car, covering 189,298 miles in length, with 10,555 employes. It is estimated that the railway postal clerks handled during the year 15,999,802,630 pieces of mail matter, exclusive of registered matter, and 1,387,664 errors were reported in the distribution, a ratio of one to 11,530 correct distributions. During the year there were 373 casualties to mail cars, in which eighteen clerks and four other employes were killed, and seventy-eight clerks seriously and 398 slightly injured. There were 409,397,976 pounds of paid second-class matter received from publishers, and 36,305,884 pounds carried within the county of publication free of charge, making an aggregate of 272,921 tons.

It was recently announced from Washington that Sanford B. Dole, governor of Hawaii, had been appointed judge of the United States district court of Hawaii, and will be succeeded as president of the island by George R. Carter, secretary of Ha-

wai. Mr. Dole has served in Hawaii for a long term, first as governor of the provisional government after the overthrow of the monarchy and afterwards as governor of the island since its annexation to the United States.

A series of explosions on Iona island, in the Hudson, which island is used by the government as a storehouse for dynamite and powder, resulted in the death recently of sixteen men and the wounding of a number of others.

Distinct earthquake shocks were felt in several localities throughout the south on November 4, but no damage was done. It is said that the vibrations of the earth were felt as far south as Grenada, Miss.

It was reported from Tokio on November 4 that reports say Russia now threatens to assume sole charge of the government of Manchuria unless China promptly dismissed Yuen, the taotai of Mukden, and decapitated another mandarin who recently punished disorderly Chinese bandits in Russian employ. This, together with the confirmation of the reports of the reoccupation of Mukden by the Russians and the seizure of Governor Tzang, causes intense feeling here.

Some time ago it was recommended by General Davis, commanding the division of the Philippines, that the garrison in those islands be reduced and on November 5 it was announced from Washington that orders had been given to reduce the garrison there to four regiments of cavalry and nine of infantry. This new arrangement will enable the war department to make the exchanges in the Philippines without interfering with the Alaskan service and possibly other services.

It was announced on November 5 that President Roosevelt had accepted the resignation of Oliver P. Shiras, judge of the federal court for the northern district of Iowa, the same to take effect November 1.

Interesting developments took place recently in Washington as to the

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