

Condensed News of the Week

The American-German treaty of arbitration was signed November 22, at the state department in Washington by Secretary Hay and Baron Sternburg, the German ambassador. It is exactly like the American-French treaty.

Carl Buenz, the German consul general is seriously ill. He is suffering from pneumonia, which set in after he was operated on for appendicitis.

The Missouri building at the St. Louis fair was destroyed by fire November 19. Most of the furniture and valuable paintings were saved.

The business district of Cincinnati, Ohio, suffered a loss of \$700,000 by fire November 20.

Albert E. Troy, a well-known newspaper man and former managing editor of the Munsey publications in New York, died at Denver, Colo., November 20.

Members of the crew of the French steamship Provincia which arrived at Norfolk, Va., November 20, were lacerated in a terrible manner by a swarm of mosquitoes which settled upon the Provincia's deck while the ship was en route here. The crew had to fight the insects for hours with smoke and improvised fans.

All the members of two families occupying a tenement house in Brooklyn, N. Y., were burned to death November 20.

Hugh S. Thompson, ex-governor of South Carolina, died at his residence in New York November 20.

The president has offered the Isthmian canal commissioners to Senator Cockrell of Missouri.

A ticket wagon of the Forepaugh & Sells Brothers' circus was robbed near Tarboro, N. C., and \$30,000 taken from it.

Italian Minister Tittoni has informed Ambassador Meyer that he has given instructions for the signing of the treaty of arbitration with Italy.

The Grand Order of Military Merit, a decoration for military merit, has been conferred upon President Diaz of Mexico.

The Chicago Subway company, having a capital of \$50,000,000, was incorporated in Trenton, N. J., November 21. The company is given power to build and operate railroads and it is believed that the company will build a subway in Chicago. The officers are clerks in the corporation trust company of Jersey City.

Mrs. Julia Kounski, the oldest white person on the Pacific coast, is dead at her home in Tacoma, Wash. She was 107 years old.

Queen Liliuokalani and her party arrived at San Francisco, November 21. The former queen hopes to secure an appropriation from congress to reimburse her for the loss of the crown lands.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Washington, D. C., Nov. 21, says: "Complying with the demand of President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor the Central Labor union of Washington tonight expelled the steamfitters' union which had defied the federation in failing to consolidate with the plumbers' union. As a result of this action, it is said that eighteen of the largest and strongest unions in the city, comprising the allied council of building trades, will withdraw from the central body and form a separate organization."

J. Pierpont Morgan has been elected president of the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art, to succeed the late Frederick Rinelandt.

Mr. Probst, the Swiss charge d'affaires, and Mr. Hay, have signed an arbitration treaty on behalf of the United States and Switzerland. The treaty is similar to that of the American and French arbitrations.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Washington, D. C., Nov. 21, says: "The monthly comparative statement of the collections of internal revenue shows that the total receipts for October, 1904, were \$20,866,569, a decrease as compared with

October, 1903, of \$155,105. For the four months of the present fiscal year the total receipts are shown to have been \$80,411,355, a decrease of \$1,211,367."

Papers are being prepared for an application to the supreme court of the United States to review the action of the supreme court of Colorado which sent three democratic election officials to jail charged with contempt of court. It will be contended that the men were jailed without a trial.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated The Hague, Nov. 21, says: "The government has notified the American charge d'affaires here that Queen Wilhelmina will be glad to see the second peace conference meet at The Hague and that the United States may count on the co-operation of the Netherlands, as soon as Emperor Nicholas, the originator of the work begun in 1899, and other powers, have given their adhesion to the proposal."

November 26 was "President's Day" at the St. Louis fair. On that day Mr. Roosevelt was the guest of the exposition.

President Roosevelt has appointed Francis E. Leupp of Washington to be Indian commissioner. Mr. Leupp is the Washington correspondent for the New York Evening Post.

It has been announced that President Roosevelt will be asked to arbitrate the difference between Panama and the corporation of foreign bondholders in regard to the Colombian debt.

The Southern Pacific railroad gives the following statement for the fiscal year ending June 30: "Gross earnings were \$92,933,231, an increase of \$1,612,896, and that operating expenses were \$63,179,594. After payment of charges there remained a balance of \$8,874,483, which was applied toward the payment of expenditures for reconstruction, betterments and additional equipment."

A list of 165 persons will receive medals from the United States Volunteer Life Saving association, for bravery and heroic work during the Slocum disaster. A copy of the list was sent to the emperor of Germany at his request. Near the head of the list stands the name of Mary A. McCann, an Irish girl, who, while a convalescent at Riverside hospital on North Brother island, crawled into the water and saved five young children and girls.

Secretary Taft sailed for Panama November 22, to make a tour of inspection.

Owing to the density of smoke from a forest fire, which made it impossible to see twenty feet ahead, a passenger train and an extra freight train collided near Swifton, Ark. One person was killed and nineteen others very badly injured.

Delegate Syveton, who assaulted General Andre, during the discussion in the French chamber of deputies will be committed on the charge of premeditated assault upon a minister during the exercise of his function. This entails trial by jury in the assizes, and it said that this is what Syveton's friends have been anxious to obtain.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Washington, D. C., November 22, says: "The acting secretary of war has named March 1, 1905, as the date of the commencement of the examination of candidates from civil life already designated for appointment as second lieutenants in the army. There are at present eighteen vacancies, nine in the artillery and nine in the infantry."

The Nicaraguan and Costa Rican governments have decided to submit their boundary dispute to the king of Spain for arbitration.

A treaty of arbitration between the United States and Portugal was signed November 23.

The German government has sent a cordial note to Secretary Hay accepting in principle President Roosevelt's suggestion for another conference at The Hague.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 23, says: "The Indian population of Canada given for the year ending June 30 last is placed at 108,232, or 255 less than for the previous year, 1903, which, however, showed an increase

over 1902. In 1903 the Indian population was a little over 99,000, which shows that, on the whole, as wards of the country, they have been carefully looked after."

The Wooster National bank, one of the oldest banks in Ohio, went into voluntary liquidation by order of the directors November 23. The September statement of the bank showed its deposits to be \$381,000; loans and discounts, \$351,000; cash on hand, \$80,000; due from banks, \$60,000; bonds, \$144,000. The capital stock was \$100,000.

The home of Elmer E. Thomas, attorney for the Omaha Civic Federation, was wrecked by dynamite on the night of November 21. Mr. Thomas has been waging a very effective war against the corrupt administration in municipal affairs at Omaha and it is believed that some one associated with these elements did the work. The police have had no success in tracing the fiend.

Miss Nellie Stover, a St. Paul, Minn., girl, laughed so heartily at a joke told by some one at her home, that she dislocated her jaw. While the laughter was at its height Miss Stover suddenly ceased laughing with her mouth wide open and a pained expression on her face. She remained in this condition until a surgeon arrived and reset the jaw.

Two men lost their lives in the explosion of a cotton gin at Walters, Mass. Several other people were badly injured by flying debris.

Thirteen boys lost their lives and 296 were injured in playing football during the season which closed Thanksgiving day.

President Roosevelt has completed his message to congress and it is now in the hands of the printers.

The Greek steamer Elpis, long overdue, is now regarded as lost. It is believed she sunk in a recent gale in the Black sea and that her entire crew and a number of passengers were lost, a total of seventy-seven persons.

Edward McCauley, chief clerk of the census bureau, has resigned and will be succeeded by William B. Rossitter, now chief of the division of publication.

Girard de Raille, minister of France to the republic of Chile, died at Santiago.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Butte, Mont., Nov. 25, says: "Judge William Clancy this afternoon signed an order revoking his restraining order issued a week ago enjoining F. Augustus Heinze from working the \$10,000,000 Minnie Healy copper mine, as the result of the suit brought by the Amalgamated Copper company to recover \$5,000,000 for ore alleged to have been stolen. Judge Clancy states that he was not possessed of all the facts when he issued the restraining order."

An unconfirmed report says that the Union Pacific has purchased the Great Western railroad.

The rush of immigrants has been so great that the immigration station at Ellis island was crowded to overflowing November 24, and officers of incoming ships, one of which had 1,700 immigrants in the steerage list, were told that the passengers could not land as there was no room for them.

A fine act of courage and bravery on the part of Superintendent E. A. Pike of the Illinois mine near North Freedom, Wis., saved the lives of fifty men. Mr. Pike leaped into a burning room at the bottom of the mine and extinguished the flames which were enveloping 1,000 pounds of dynamite.

Reports from the seat of war in the far east say that the Japanese are concentrating their forces for a desperate attack upon Port Arthur. The Pacific squadron is said to be approaching and a terrible battle is feared. It has twice been reported that General Kuroki, the great Japanese commander, has been killed and despite the denial of these reports, a German papers prints the following telegram which it says has been received from its correspondent at Mukden: "According to a report brought by Chinese to Russian headquarters the corpse of General Kuroki has arrived at Yinkow."