



NAMES DAY OF THANKSGIVING.

President Issues Proclamation Designating Nov. 27.

President Roosevelt has issued his proclamation designating Thursday, Nov. 27, as a day of thanksgiving.

"According to the yearly custom of our people, it falls upon the President at this season to appoint a day of festival and thanksgiving to God.

"Over a century and a quarter has passed since this country took its place among the nations of the earth, and during that time we have had, on the whole, more to be thankful for than has fallen to the lot of any other people.

"Nevertheless, decade by decade, we have struggled onward and upward; and now abundantly enjoy material well-being, and, under the favor of the Most High, we are striving earnestly to achieve moral and spiritual uplifting.

"Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, do hereby designate as a day of general thanksgiving, Thursday, the 27th of the coming November, and do recommend that throughout the land the people cease from their ordinary occupations, and in their several homes and places of worship tender thanks unto Almighty God for the manifold blessings of the past year.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT. By the President: JOHN HAY, Secretary of State."

CHURCH-GOERS ARE FEWER.

One to Strife in Business and Social Life, Declares Dr. Stone.

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The arbitration board of the Chicago City Railway agreed upon a 10 per cent increase in wages, a uniform working day of nine hours, and pay and one-half for all work over and above nine hours, and two holidays a month.

The movement for a strict law against child labor has been taken up in earnest in Indiana, and an effort will be made to push a stringent bill through the next Legislature.

Cattle butchers in all the big packing centers of the West have secured a rise in wages and a shortening of the working day, which marks one of the most decisive victories that the workmen have ever secured from the packing firms.

Brooklyn Plasterers' Union has a rule which permits the union to fine any boss plasterer who may be discovered paying members of the union less than the union scale of wages in a very heavy penalty.

The Iron Molders' Union of North America is making preparations for the inauguration of a general nine-hour work day.

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THREATEN TO LYNCH.

Kentucky Man May Pay Penalty For Crime.

Cincinnati, Nov. 3.—A special from Inez, Ky., to the Enquirer says: Pleasant Spradling, held for killing his four-year-old son and whose fifteen-year-old daughter is missing, is threatened with lynching.

Spradling's family consisted of wife, three daughters and son. With his daughters and boy, the father was herding sheep 1st Friday. The boy was unable to keep up with the others.

The father placed him on a stone beside a spring, telling him to wait until his return. The boy becoming tired of sitting still, began to peel the loose bark off a tree that overhung the spring.

Presently the father returned and noticing the bark on the ground, asked the boy what he had done it. The boy replied that he had. "I would rather have you dead than raise you to destroy everything on the farm," is the reply the father said to have made.

Then it is alleged, he kicked the prostrate boy in the head until he had killed him, and turning to his daughters, threatened them with a like fate if they ever told what had occurred.

Afterward he went home and said the boy while chasing sheep had run against a tree and killed himself. Becoming alarmed, he took his eldest daughter and went to the mountains.

His wife hired neighbors to bury the body of the child and then went to the home of Judge E. Hensley. She told him of the death of her son and said she suspected her husband, who told her he was going into the mountain wood to hunt squirrels, and added that at different times he had threatened to kill the whole family.

The judge took her with her two younger daughters to his home and presented the case to the grand jury. One of the little girls told the grand jury that her father had kicked the boy to death.

Shortly afterward a sheriff's posse captured Spradling in the mountains, but his eldest daughter was not with him. The posse is still searching for her while he is held on the charge of murder.

Case Not Yet Taken Up. New York, Nov. 3.—The board of special inquiry at Ellis island adjourned today without taking up the case of the eleven Cuban children who came here Saturday on the Ward line steamer Orizaba, destined for Point Loma, Cal., to be educated and cared for at the "farm" of the "universal brotherhood," conducted under the direction of Mrs. Katherine Tingley.

The children are detained on the island and Dr. Gertrude Van Holt, in whose charge they came from Santiago, is with them. Commissioner Williams said today that the case of the children opens up an important and interesting question which will probably be used to establish a precedent for the guidance of the department in the matter of the admission of Cuban children to this country for the purpose of education.

The technical point on which the children will be deported, if the board decides to deport them, he says, will be that they are liable to become a public charge. The theory on which this is based is that the children are brought here as objects of charity, the institution to which they are going being in no way bound to support them, if for any reason the managers thereof should see fit at any time to turn them loose on the community.

Whatever the board's final ruling is Commissioner Williams is confident that an appeal will be taken first to him and then to the treasury department in Washington in order to make this a test case and establish a precedent.

ATTACK THE PRIEST

CHURCH DIFFERENCES CAUSE OF RIOTS AT MANILA.

CAST OFF ROMAN FAITH

REBUKED BY THE PASTOR AND A ROW FOLLOWS.

STRIKERS DISSATISFIED

Charge Made That Confessional Secrets Were Violated—Appeal to Governor Taft Restores Order.

Manila, Nov. 7.—The Pandacan church here has been the scene of serious disturbances approaching riots, and many arrests have been made.

A portion of the congregation announced its intention a week ago of joining the Philippine Catholic church, and the pastor, Father Sorrento, preached a sermon rebuking the dissenters. It was asserted that Father Sorrento during his sermon violated confessional secrets and he was later attacked in the streets.

All those concerned in the disturbance were later arrested. The dissenters then took possession of the church but the priest dislodged them. The dissenters recaptured the building and on Thursday "Bishop" Aglipay, the leader of the dissident movement, celebrated mass before a large crowd.

Later the dissenters drew up a deed of gift, transferring the property to the government and offered the deed to Governor Taft with the keys of the building. The governor replied that the church belonged to the Roman Catholics. He advised the dissenters to surrender if they thought they had rights in the case and strongly counseled them against disorder.

The dissenters accepted his advice and surrendered possession of the church. Strikers Dissatisfied. Paris, Nov. 7.—The striking coal miners are showing great dissatisfaction at the arbitration decision against a raise in the rate of wages and their national committee has called a meeting to take place at Arras, department of Pas de Calais, Saturday to determine on the course to follow.

At St. Etienne, the miners have adopted resolutions to appeal to the dock laborers to renew the strike against loading coal, unless the companies grant the miners' terms. The strikers at Lens have unanimously adopted resolutions to continue the strike, pending the decision of the Arras meeting on Saturday.

The troops were kept busy maintaining quiet in some of the mining districts. Premier Combes had telegraphed to the prefects of the disturbed districts instructing them to adopt the necessary measures to maintain peace in case the strikers engage in renewed outbreaks.

Present indications are that the miners will finally accept the adverse decision of the arbitrators and return to work, as their leaders say it would constitute a breach of faith to enter into arbitration and then refuse to accept the results.

M. Balsy, the socialist deputy challenged M. La Grilliere, editor of a provincial paper, because of the latter's criticism of Mr. Balsy's course during the miner's strike. The duel is expected to take place tomorrow morning.

Hangs Himself to a Tree. Beaver City, Neb., Nov. 7.—Bina Newton, a farmer of Lincoln precinct committed suicide some time yesterday by hanging himself to a tree. He was thirty-three years old, a bachelor living alone with his mother. The latter left home yesterday to visit a neighbor, returning in the evening. She missed her son and alarmed the neighbors. The body was found hanging from a tree a short distance from the house, and he had evidently been dead several hours. No motive for the deed can be given. The young man was in good circumstances and intensely religious.

Accused of Robbing Boys. Plattsmouth, Neb., Nov. 7.—Harry and William Hickson, accused of robbery from the person, were arraigned in Justice Archer's court this morning and entered a plea of not guilty. They will have a preliminary hearing Saturday. The state expects to be able to prove that the prisoners held up and robbed a couple of boys in a Burlington freight car.

NEBRASKA

A case of smallpox is reported at Leigh. The case is of a mild form.

Burglars entered Beeler Bros. store at Norfolk and stole \$500 worth of goods.

The horse and buggy stolen from Harry Fisher at Falls City, was found later at Sterling.

Word has been received that Cliff Montgomery, an old resident of Edgar, has been murdered in the Philippines.

At Winside, Miss Mamie Elliott was run down by a train and killed and Miss Alice Elliott was badly injured, but will live.

Near Seward E. Donelson's two-year-old daughter was run over by a lumber wagon and her life was crushed out.

Gerhard Forchres, a well known German farmer, has disappeared from Columbus, leaving a number of motherless children behind.

Lieutenant George A. Day, a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Day of Beatrice, has been assigned to duty on the cruiser, Newark.

The new Catholic church at Battle Creek was dedicated last Sunday. It is a brick building 37x78 feet and fitted with modern conveniences.

People are charitable after all. When a man goes from a \$50 to a \$100 job his friends blow about it, but when he goes back to a \$40 position nothing is said.

Virgil Johnson, of Seward, had his arm caught in the machinery of a threshing engine and both bones between the wrist and elbow were broken.

The building occupied by the Fairbanks, Morse company and the American Press Association at Omaha, was gutted by fire. Eighty thousand dollars is the loss.

Dorchester now boasts of her rural free delivery mail routes. Route No. 1 has been in operation for the past year. The two new routes have just been opened. In all a rural population of more than 1,500 is served by these three routes.

Carbolic acid was the instrument that James Rabbit of North Platte a Union Pacific employee, selected to end his life. He is a young man and was despondent, but as he tried to commit suicide at home, his parents called a physician and had him saved.

During the absence of the county jailor, James Kiema, a prisoner at West Point, asked Mrs. Jacobs, the jailor's wife for a glass of water. When she handed it to him through a partly open cell door he knocked her down and escaped.

One of the oldest settlers of the county died of heart failure. Philip Thomas, who owned a farm two and one-half miles west of Yutan, was found dead in his bed. There was only a son of 12 years at home at the time. Mr. Thomas had been a widower for many years.

The mortgage report for Gage county for the month of October is as follows: Number of farm mortgages filed, 18; amount, \$29,341. Number of farm mortgages released, 28; amount, \$39,436. Number of city and town mortgages filed, 26; amount, \$16,641. Number of city and town mortgages released, 22; amount, \$12,815.

Falls City was visited by a terrific electrical storm last week. A clap of thunder awakened most every one in town and much damage was done, especially in the east part of town, where window glass in many of the houses was broken. At one point a portion of the sidewalk was lifted, and the current went into the ground bursting the water main. Many people said it was the worst clap of thunder they ever heard. A hard rain fell.

A gasoline lamp exploded in Taylor's pharmacy at Plainview setting the store on fire. It was saved by the heroic work of Miss Maud Taylor and Hugh Griffin, who carried the gasoline lamp and two large cans full of gasoline, all on fire out of the store into the street. The explosion took place while Hugh Griffin, the jeweler, was pumping air into the lamp, and was caused by a leak. Mr. Griffin was severely burned about the face and hands. He saved his life by rolling in the mud in the street. The damage to the drug stock is slight. Mr. Griffin's relatives have been notified. He came to Plainview from Bancroft a short time ago.

A wreck occurred on the Missouri Pacific one-half mile south of Portal. An extra collided with a regular freight train. Both engines were demolished and five cars were splintered into kindling wood. The engineers and firemen of both engines jumped and escaped injury. One engine hurt his leg by jumping but not seriously. It is not known what caused the wreck. It was a head on collision.