

News in Brief

William McAvoy, an old-time actor, died at his home in Roxbury, Mass., at the age of 87 years.

In the hurricane that struck Honduras, many interests suffered greatly, thousands of valued logs being washed out to sea.

The board of trustees unanimously elected Herbert L. Stetson, now president of Kalamazoo college, Kalamazoo, Mich., as president of Des Moines college.

While a fire was blazing in the basement of the Sisters of Mercy convent in Chicago, more than 200 girls marched out in good order and there were no fatalities.

Governor Bailey has received a letter from Prof. W. C. Wilcox, of Iowa, stating that he didn't say the people of western Kansas were all crazy part of the time.

At Ravenna, Wyoming, the colored woman gave her husband a severe beating, using a rifle with which she fractured his skull, pleaded guilty and paid her fine.

Louis Harmon, one of the trio of robbers who murdered George Geyer, a farmer, near Alton, O., more than a year ago, was electrocuted in the chamber at the Ohio penitentiary.

Tommy Ryan, middleweight champion of the world, knocked out Tommy Wallace of Philadelphia in the fifth round of a bout scheduled to go ten rounds, at Benton Harbor, Mich.

A large number of Japanese army reserve men residing in Honolulu have received notification by cable from the military authorities in Japan calling them home for army service.

The state of Nevada filed a claim against the United States in the United States court of claims for \$470,474 advanced in aid of the federal government during the civil war.

While resisting an attempt to rob him as he sat in his place of business, William H. Knoderling, a saloonkeeper, at 3200 Princeton avenue, Chicago, was shot and died in a few minutes.

Jose Marinda, a Porto Rican, who was taken to Honolulu as a plantation laborer, was hanged there for the murder on the night of September 26 of the well known banker, S. E. Damon.

The Fore River Ship Building company announced that the United States battleship New Jersey, under construction at the company's yards at Quincy, Mass., will be launched November 10.

Paul Godard, a French expert in precious stones, jumped from one of the approaches of the new Williamsburg (N. Y.) bridge and was dashed to death on the stone pavement, 125 feet below.

Captain J. G. Mohler, a pioneer of Kansas and prominent attorney, is dead at Salina, Kan. Captain Mohler was the attorney for the Cheyenne Indians who were tried for murder and acquitted in 1874.

A new Russian loan of \$270,000,000, according to the financial correspondent of the Standard, has virtually been concluded. The first portion of this loan, \$70,000,000, is expected, will be issued in January.

The Illinois Central railway sent to the chief of police of St. Louis a check for \$750 to defray the funeral expenses of Detective Shea, Dwyer and McClusky, who were killed in a battle with alleged train robbers.

The peace treaty between Chile and Bolivia, which has just been signed, will be submitted to congress during the present session. One of the principal clauses declares that Bolivia renounces a port on the Pacific.

Burglars entered the home of Court Second, at Arkansas City, Kansas, and robbed it of \$1,900 worth of jewelry and silverware. Second is a Santa Fe engineer and was out on the road.

President Loubet gave a dinner in honor of King George of Greece, who is now visiting Paris. The president had on his right Lady Mounif, wife of the British ambassador, and on his left, Mrs. Neldoff, wife of the Russian ambassador.

President Roosevelt has directed the appointment of Mrs. James Long street to be postmaster at Gainesville, Ga., to succeed Colonel Henry P. Barrow, removed, on the report of an inspector that Colonel Barrow is not a resident of the community in which the postoffice is situated. Mrs. Long is the widow of General James Longstreet, of the Confederate army.

Col. Anthony, the Kansas pioneer editor, is so seriously ill that he is scarcely expected to survive. Dispatches received in London from various points report a rather severe earthquake and much damage to property throughout Scandinavia and Denmark.

Murat Halstead, the veteran journalist of Cincinnati, has been elected president of the American Newsboys' company, which was organized to publish the American Newsboys' Magazine. He also has been chosen editor of the magazine.

The submarine torpedo boat Simon Lake No. 10 was launched at the ship yard at Newport News, Va.

The superior board of health of Mexico City has information that there has been one case of yellow fever in Tehuantepec and only one case remaining in Coahuila.

The leaders of the moderate party and the newspapers at Havana have renewed the pressure upon President Palma to indicate to which party he belongs. The president's attitude of neutrality between the political parties.

At Joplin, Mo., Ollie Horton, 22 years old, was sentenced to ninety days in the penitentiary for the murder of J. H. Kennell, a year ago.

Field Marshal Oyama reports that the Japanese total casualties were 15,679 officers and men at the battle of Shalke river.

State Treasurer T. T. Kelly of Kansas has employed a private accountant to go over the records of his office. The state accountant who investigated the treasury recently reported a shortage of which Kelly declares he knows nothing.

BATTLE EXPECTED

MOVEMENT AT THE FRONT INDICATE READINESS.

ONLY SKIRMISHES AT PRESENT

A Decided Engagement Was That at Buddhist Temple Hill—The Third General Attack on Port Arthur Begun Oct. 24.

ST. PETERSBURG—The military situation has not developed anything of great importance, although the fight at the Buddhist Temple hill on October 27 appears to have been a decidedly heavy engagement. It probably indicates that final moves on both sides are now occurring preparatory to another long and arduous battle. Victory at the Buddhist Temple hill is now on the way to St. Petersburg. The nature of his reception here is the food for much speculation. Some of his friends still cling to the idea that he will be made chancellor of the empire, while, where residence in the winter palace, where, already in a suite of apartments has been prepared for him. On the other hand, many declare that his political career is practically over and that his reception at St. Petersburg, while officially cordial, will mark the end of his political ascendancy. It is rumored that the viceroynalty of the Caucasus will be revived for his special benefit, which would constitute a complimentary and comfortable sort of exile.

General Kouropatkin has telegraphed as follows: "On October 29, I received today no dispatch reporting encounters with the enemy. During a cavalry reconnaissance yesterday, after an infantry fight supported by artillery, we occupied the village of Chiansuanhan. The enemy has retired from Simdian. On October 28 our chasseurs, with insignificant losses, retained a village a kilometer west of Chenliupin against a violent Japanese bombardment."

General Kouropatkin also reports other occupations of the village of Tynsin, a short distance south of Laidzitan, whence they had been previously expelled by the Japanese, who burned the village.

CHIEF FOQ—The third general attack on Port Arthur began October 24, according to unimpeachable authority. On October 26 Japanese shells set fire to the only smokeless powder magazine in Port Arthur. Portions of the town caught fire and the conflagration continued the whole day. On October 27 the Japanese captured the Russian trenches on the slope of Ribing mountain, also a fortified position protecting that fortress. The Japanese consider the progress of the siege to be highly satisfactory.

COMPILATION OF INDIAN LAWS.

Two Volumes of 1,200 Pages Each Fully Indexed.

WASHINGTON—A revised edition of the compilation of the laws and treaties relating to Indian affairs, compiled and edited under the direction of congress by Charles J. Kappler, chief clerk of the United States senate committee on Indian affairs, has been issued by the government printing office. This compilation is embraced in two quarto volumes of 1,200 pages each, and contains all treaties ever made with the Indians, and all laws relating to the various Indians enacted by congress up to the present time, together with executive orders creating reservations, proclamations, statistics, trust funds, etc. The revised edition includes the significant amendments made to the laws that were heretofore unobtainable and other useful information. Each volume is fully indexed, making research easy. The statutes at large is followed in its making. The compilation of the Indian treaties and laws has been revised for many years by the secretary of the interior, commissioner of Indian affairs, and both Indian commissions of congress.

Two Queens Worked for Peace. COPENHAGEN—The Associated Press learns that the North sea affair caused the deepest anxiety to King Christian of Denmark, who declared that should an Anglo-Russian war result, it would be the cause of the death of the dowager empress of Russia promised her father, the king, to use her greatest efforts to prevent a conflict. It is stated that hundreds of dispatches were exchanged between the dowager empress and the queen of Great Britain during the week just passed.

Drops Dead at Political Meeting. MILWAUKEE, Wis.—A Senatorial special from Baraboo, Wis., says: "Former U. S. Senator Archie Christie dropped dead at the feet of Governor La Follette on the platform of the local hall in which the governor spoke just as he was about to grasp the hand of the executive in congratulation at the conclusion of his address."

Parker Ready for Speaking Trip. ESOPUS, N. Y.—Judge Alton B. Parker will start for New York at noon Monday on his speaking campaign. He spent a quiet Sunday. He attended church at Kingston, accompanied by George F. Parker, chairman of the literary bureau of the democratic national committee, who has been a guest at Rosemont since Friday and who will go to New York on Monday. The candidate has practically completed the preparation of the speeches he will make this week.

Wreck on a Southern Road. NASHVILLE, Tenn.—A Murfreesboro, Tenn., thirty miles south of here, Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis passenger train No. 2, northbound, was wrecked at 3:45 Sunday afternoon. Engineer James Grinn was badly scalded and bruised and Assistant Express Messenger Frye received painful bruises. No passengers were injured. An open switch caused the engine to leave the main track, colliding with freight cars on a siding. The engine was overturned and rolled into Little creek.

Trouble in Central America. MAZATLAN, Mexico—News reaches Mexico that the war between the states of Guatemala that the little republic is on the verge of another revolution, which is said to be the result of an act of war on the part of the Republic of Salvador. General Salvador Toledo is now preparing an invasion of Guatemala at the head of forces furnished by the Salvadoran republic, and it is feared the trouble is likely to involve all Central America. President Cabrera of Guatemala has threatened to Toledo.

NOTE TO RUSSIA

British Government Demands Apology For Attack.

LONDON—Great Britain has sent a long and urgent note to the Russian government, officially detailing the circumstances of the amazing and unexplained attack by the Russian sea and Pacific squadrons during the night of October 21 on British fishing boats in the North sea. The text of the note has not been given out, but it is officially stated from the foreign office that it contains the significant announcement that the situation is one which, in the opinion of his majesty's government, does not brook delay.

Meanwhile the conservative public and press are remarkably undemocratic. As usual the jingo element, democrats and even some officials go so far as to say that it may be necessary to stop the Pacific fleet pending settlement of the whole affair, though this extreme measure, it is believed, will not be necessary. Everywhere there is evidence of the very positive opinion that this is no time for the usual diplomatic dilly-dallying; that there must be no delay and no limit set by Russia to its apology or the extent of compensation for sufferers by what King Edward himself terms "the unwarrantable action" of the Baltic squadron commanders.

The king sent the following message of sympathy to the mayor of Hull: "From Francis Knollys, Buckingham Palace, Oct. 1904.—To His Majesty, the Mayor of Hull. The king commands me to say that he has heard with profound sorrow of the unwarrantable action which has been committed against the North sea fishing fleet and asks you to express the deepest sympathy of the queen and his majesty with the families of those who have suffered from this most lamentable occurrence."

"KNOLLYS." (Francis Knollys, baron of Faversham, is the private secretary of King Edward.)

The deep resentment of the whole British public, however, is reflected by the incident at the Victoria station Monday night on the arrival of Count Benckendorff from the continent. There is no attempt anywhere among men of responsibility to magnify the occurrence into a deliberate act of war, but in view of the present inability to find an explanation there is being poured upon the heads of the officers of the squadron a flood of invective and insinuation, though incompetence first and thereafter complete panic is the most generally accepted explanation. Thus far no official word has been received from St. Petersburg as to the attitude of the Russian government.

The fact that it had been decided during the day to prepare a semi-official note expressing the regret of the Russian government and its willingness to make full reparation so soon as the responsibility was fixed was communicated by the Associated Press to Lord Lansdowne, the Russian ambassador, but their place is immediately taken by others ready to believe that anyone in the mine can escape death, if they are not all dead already.

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A MINE DISASTER

BETWEEN THIRTY AND SIXTY MEN LOSE THEIR LIVES.

FIRE FOLLOWS THE ERUPTION

Great Timbers and Rocks Thrown from the Mouth of the Mine—No Hope of Rescuing Any of the Entrapped Miners.

TRINIDAD, Colo.—A terrific explosion occurred at mine No. 3 of the Rocky Mountain Fuel and Iron company at Terolo, forty miles west of Trinidad, at 1:30 Friday afternoon and the number of dead is variously placed between thirty and sixty men. The number reported as having gone into the mine in the morning was seventeen miners and four company men. In the afternoon many more miners are known to have gone into the mine and the exact number of dead may never be known, as the mine is burning and in all likelihood the bodies will be cremated.

A large number of mine officials left here as soon as word of the accident was received. Company doctors were picked up all along the line, and to all other available physicians. United States Government Stock Inspector F. J. Foreman was at the Terolo when the explosion occurred. He returned here last night and gives the following account of the affair: "I was standing not more than 300 yards from the mouth of the tunnel when the explosion occurred. The explosion was preceded by a low rumbling sound resembling that of an earthquake, which made the earth tremble and startled the whole camp."

"I looked toward the mine and out of the mouth of the tunnel and the two air shafts came great volumes of smoke and dust, which continued for nearly a minute. Out of the two air shafts, each of which are six feet in diameter, there were fully two to three feet in diameter were shot into the air and broken into splinters. Rocks were thrown over the camp for a distance of a quarter of a mile. In fact, it rained rock, broken timbers and all kinds of debris, for fully a minute and many people were injured by being struck with these missiles."

"Immediately after the explosion, which was for all the world like a volcanic eruption, the wildest excitement ensued. Women, men and children rushed to the mouth of the tunnel and women whose husbands were in the mine had to be brought away from the scene, as they were being killed by deadly fumes coming from the mouth of the tunnel."

The mine works eighty men and it is believed that sixty men were in the mine at the time.

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The Ward of King Canute

A Romance of the Danish Conquest.

By OTTILIE A. LILJENCRANTZ, author of The Thrill of the Lid the Lark.

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CHAPTER XXIV.

Pixie-Led. So Sebert of Ivarslade went back to the tower unharmed; and the rest of the winter nights, while the winds of the Wolf Mountain howled about the palisades, he listened undisturbed to his harper; and the rest of the winter days he trod in peace the homely routine of his lordship—in peace and in absent-minded silence.

Perhaps it was the future that was engrossing his mind, but sometimes it came to him dimly as a strange thing how so small a matter as a slip of a girl in a page's dress could loom so large that there was no corner of manor or tower but recalled some trick of her tossing curls, some echo of her ringing laughter. Did he outbid the maids and men around his hearth and watch the dying fire with no other companions than his sleeping dogs, fancy placed a scarlet-cloaked figure at his feet and raised at his knee a face of sweetest friendliness, whose flower-blue eyes brightened or gloomed in response to his lightest mood. Whenever this vision rose before him, he stirred in his chair and turned his face from it to fight with new energy. As the winter wore on, he grew restful in his solitude, restless and sulky as the waters of the little stream in their prison of ice. He told himself that when the spring came he would feel more settled; but when on one of his morning rides he came upon the first crocus, lifting its golden cup toward the sun, it only gave to his pointless restlessness a poisoned barb. Involuntarily his first thought was, "It would look like a spark of fire in the dusk of her hair. When he realized what he had said, he planted the great forefoot of his horse squarely on the innocent thing and crushed it back into the earth; but it had done its work, for after that he knew that neither the promise of the springtime nor the fullness of the harvest would bring him any pleasure, since his eyes met see them alone.

Like a new lease of life it came to him when the last of the April days brought the long-delayed summons to the King. The old enit, who consid-

ered that a command to military service could be justified only by imminent national destruction, was deeply incensed when he learned that the call was to no more than an officership in the new body of Royal Guards, but the young lord checked him with impatience.

"He got me a throng of many words," said Lord Learnaught from the palisade that gave way because churlish paid me their service when and how they would," he demanded. "Now let me inform you that I have got that assailed by heart, and hereafter no king shall have that trouble about me. At sunrise I ride back to the messenger." And he maintained this view so firmly that his face was rather stern as he spent the night settling matters of plowing and planting and pasturage with the indignant old ser-

vice. But the next morning, after he had set forth and found how every mile lengthening behind him lightened the burden of his depression, a kind of joy rose phoenix-like out of the gray ashes of his duty.

"If I had continued there, I should have become feeble in mind," he said. "Now, since I have got out of the tomb that she haunts, it may be that I can follow my art more lastly." And suddenly his attention melted into the strapping soldier riding beside him, toward the banner-laden venders swinging along in their tireless do-trot, even toward the beggar that hobbled out on the ditch to waylay the horsemen, and toward the boy the light came into his eyes, where they are pulled into others, like whether you will or no, is the best thing to teach people to forget," he said. "Solitude has comfort only for those who have no sorrows, for Solitude is the mother of remembrance."

He got genuine enjoyment out of the hour that he was obliged to sit in the ante-room, waiting to be admitted to the King. "Praise to the Saint who has brought me into a life where there are no women!" he told himself. "Yes! Oh, yes! Here once more I shall rule my thoughts like a man." When a page finally came to summon him, he followed with buoyant step and so gallant a bearing that more than one turned to look at him as he passed.

"The King goes the new Marshal," he heard one say to another, and gave the words a fleeting wonder. The bare stone hall into which the boy ushered him was the same room in which he had had his last audience, and now as then the King sat in the great carved chair by the chimney-piece, but other things were so changed that inside the threshold the Ethelred checked his swinging stride to gaze incredulously. The knots of men, scattered here and there in burly merchants and white-bearded judges, while around the table under the window a dozen shaven-headed monks were working busily with writing tablets. The King himself was no longer armed, but weaponless and clad in velvet.

Certainly Edmund had never received a greeting with more of formal dignity than the young Dane did now, while Edmund could never have spoken

en what followed with this grim directness which sent every word home like an arrow to its mark. "Lord of Ivarslade, before I speak further I think it wise that we should make plain our minds to each other. Some say that you are apt to be a hard man to deal with because you bend to obedience only when the command is to your liking. I want to know if this is true."

Half in surprise,