

Looking Backward
This Day in Omaha
Thirty—Twenty—Ten Years Ago
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YUAN-SHI-KAI IS HEAD OF CABINET

Chinese Leader Recalled from Exile Will Reorganize the Government.

MORE CONCESSIONS TO REBELS
New Premier Will Conduct Negotiations in Person.

GENERAL OUTLINE OF PLAN
It Amounts to Union of the Government and Revolutionists.

EDICT FROM THE THRONE
New Premier Is Commanded to Carry Out Reforms in Politics and All Other Matters.

PEKING, Nov. 1.—Yuan-Shi-Kai has been appointed premier of China and he will organize a new cabinet as soon as he assumes his post.

Meanwhile Prince Ching, whom Yuan-Shi-Kai succeeds, will continue his duties as acting premier and have as associate premier Na-Tung and Hsu-Shih-Chang, who up to the present have been vice presidents of the cabinet.

Prince Ching has been made president of the privy council and Na-Tung and Hsu-Shih-Chang vice presidents. Wei Kuang Tao, formerly viceroy of Kwang-Tung province, becomes viceroy of Hu Peh and Hu Nan provinces, to which Edict Yuan-Shi-Kai was elevated when he was recently recalled from official banishment to restore the imperial authority in the southern provinces.

In the redistribution of offices the present minister of war, General Yin Tchang, who was in supreme command of imperial troops until he was succeeded by Yuan-Shi-Kai, is made chief of the general staff.

This much of the program hastily constructed by the throne in the hope of appeasing the revolutionists, was made effective by an imperial edict promulgated today. Earlier in the day a telegram had been received from Yuan-Shi-Kai in which he asked that he be appointed acting premier and set forth his immediate plans for restoring peace. He intends to halt all the imperial forces and order all aggressive campaigning against the rebels stopped at once. Then he proposes to enter without delay into negotiations with Li Yuan Heng, the head of the revolutionary forces, with a view to establishing a permanent peace. He plans to make his overtures directly to General Li, and if a personal parley is unobtainable in any other way he will visit the rebel headquarters at Wu Chang.

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Resignations Are Accepted.
The edict accepts the resignations of the ministers, which were tendered following the acquiescence of the throne in the demands of the national assembly and the army league. Reference to Yuan Shi Kai's future pre-eminence is made as follows:

"When he has arranged matters a little in Hu-Peh province, let him come to Peking and organize a complete cabinet and carry out immediate reforms in politics and all other matters."
The leaders of the national assembly met with Yuan's close friends today and decided that the government should be required to accept all the demands of the army league as issued from Lanchau on October 9. It was also decided to re-elect the appointment to high offices of General Li Yuan Heng, the rebel commander, and Tang-Hua-Lung, the rebel governor of Hu-Peh.

HEIRS TO HOMESTEAD MUST CONTINUE CULTIVATION
RAPID CITY, S. D., Nov. 1.—That residence upon and cultivation of a homestead must be made by the heirs of a claim holder who dies before his residence time is up, is the decision of the secretary of the interior in a land case here. The case was the contest of William Bartsch against the claim of the heirs of Thomas Brown. The heirs did not live on the homestead for more than a year after Brown's death.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Generally fair, except unsettled south portion.
For Iowa—Generally fair; colder east and central portions.
Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Table with weather data for Omaha, including temperature, precipitation, and wind speed.

Local Record.

Table with local weather record data for various cities, including Omaha, Rapid City, and Sioux Falls.

Stephenson Says Evidence Against Him Proves Nothing

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 1.—The United States senate committee which for a month has been investigating charges of bribery in the election of Senator Isaac Stephenson, today adjourned its hearings in Milwaukee, to meet later in Washington.
Edward Hines, the lumberman, today again denied before the committee that he had anything to do wrongfully with the election of Senator Stephenson.
"A story has been told before this committee that you attempted to obstruct the election of Mr. Stephenson with a view of obtaining money from him; that you went to Washington and suggested he put up half of the \$100,000 to put the election over. Is that true?" Mr. Hines was asked.
"It's absolutely untrue," replied Mr. Hines.
It has been stated that you had a dispute with Robert J. Shields over the amount of money Shields was to get for putting over Senator Stephenson's election; that in that dispute you threatened to send Shields to the penitentiary and that when so threatened Shields replied to you: "I have burnt your buildings for you, have bribed the assessors for you and committed every crime in the calendar for you except murder, and if I go to the penitentiary you will have to go too." Did any such dispute take place?
"I never had a dispute with Shields over Senator Stephenson's election, nor did I ever pay him any money in connection with it."
Senator Stephenson, the last witness, repeated his former testimony that while he expended \$75,000 in the primary campaign of 1908 for nomination he had given little attention as to how the money was spent.
The senator declared he never knew Robert J. Shields and that he never had any political dealings with Edward Hines.
Senator Stephenson said after adjournment:
"I am confident there has not been presented any evidence on which to sustain any of the charges."

Buffalo Bill Will Spend Remaining Years in Big Horn

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 1.—Col. William F. Cody, "Buffalo Bill" to all the world, retired from public life tonight. His show was packed off to winter quarters and his Indians will return to their tepees in what is left of the red man's land, while "Buffalo Bill" intends to spend his remaining years in the Wyoming Big Horn, where he helped make American history.
During a career which began as a pony express rider, led him through more Indian battles than any other living white man, and included twenty-eight years as a showman, Colonel Cody became known as one of the most picturesque figures of American frontier life.
The sobriquet "Buffalo Bill" he earned in the early '60s, when he contracted to furnish buffalo meat to the laborers on the building of the Kansas Pacific railroad, and in less than eighteen months he killed 4,300 bison.

Body of Pulitzer Is Laid to Rest in Woodlawn Cemetery

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—The Episcopal church performed the last rites this afternoon over Joseph Pulitzer, the dead newspaper publisher. Burial was at Woodlawn cemetery. The choir of St. Thomas' where the services were held, sang the music of which Mr. Pulitzer, during his lifetime was most fond. The mourners included so many of his former employees and personal friends that there was little room for the public. The honorary bearers were Nicholas Murray Butler, Lewis L. Clarke, Colonel George B. Harvey, Frederick H. Judson, General John B. Henderson, Seth Low, St. Clair McKelway, George L. Rives, Dr. James W. McNamee and J. Angus Shaw.
It was planned that for five minutes at the funeral hour the machinery in the offices of the New York World and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch would stand still.

Subpoenas Served On Steel Magnates

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—Subpoenas in the government's dissolution suit have been served against the United States Steel corporation on J. P. Morgan, Charles Stebbins, Andrew Carnegie, James Gayley, Edmund C. Converse, Daniel G. Reid, Norman B. Ream, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., James N. Hill, E. H. Gary, the United States Steel corporation, Federal Steel company, Lake Superior Consolidated Iron mines and the Union Steel company. John D. Rockefeller will be served at his home in Pocantico Hills.

DENISON FINDS A WAY TO OSLERIZE HALLOW'EEN

DENISON, Ia., Nov. 1.—(Special.)—The city authorities of Denison believe they have hit upon a way to solve the problem of preventing the malicious mischief usually done by the boys and young men on Halloween. It is by arranging another attraction for the boys that evening.
Last year damage was done in this city to the amount of over \$1,000 by overturning and burning up sheds and outbuildings, damage to buggies and anything movable. For this year the mayor, council and public-minded citizens arranged a big gathering of the young men in the assembly room of the city hall. Provision was made for an orchestra, music, entertaining speakers, cigars and tables for cards. The boys entered into the spirit of the occasion and helped provide the coffee and supper. So with music, singing, speeches, story telling, dancing and games some were so interested they did not go home until after 1 o'clock in the morning. The morning of November 1 arrived and the community awoke to find no damage, and the boys declared they liked the new way much better.

MEYER INSPECTS ATLANTIC FLEET

Secretary of Navy Says Effectiveness of Organization Has Been Proved.

TAFT TO REVIEW SHIPS TODAY
Greatest Mobilization in History of United States.

NOTED MEN ATTEND CEREMONY
Naval Officers Favor Creation of Vice Admiralship.

HUGE CROWD SEES SPECTACLE
Secretary Meyer Says Mobilization Demonstrates Need for Greater Number of Enlisted Men for Reserve Fleet.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—The fleet has demonstrated its preparedness for any emergency and has shown the effectiveness of the present organization."
George Von L. Meyer, secretary of the navy, smiled as he made this statement this evening on board the president's yacht Mayflower, after having inspected ninety-nine fighting ships of the Atlantic fleet assembled in the Hudson river for the greatest mobilization in the history of the American navy. President Taft will review the fleet tomorrow as it passes out to sea and, though the Fall-ades and the shores of the Hudson will echo back a greater number of salutes than was accorded the secretary today, Mr. Meyer says he is satisfied with what he saw today.
Meyer Visits Flagships.
Leaving the Mayflower in a speedy launch, after having received on board Rear Admiral Osterhaus, the commander in chief, and the division commanders, the secretary paid visits to the flagships of the fleet, standing erect in the launch with silk hat held firm and frock coat flopping as he sped from ship to ship in the face of a twenty-mile nor' by nor'west wind. The Mayflower fired a salute of nineteen guns as he left her side and this salute was repeated by each of the seven flagships that he boarded, beginning with the little Dixie, tender of the torpedo fleet.
His calls completed, the secretary re-boarded the Mayflower, which had steamed to the upper end of the seven miles of warships and passed slowly southward along the entire line, each ship saluting nineteen times as he passed. The echoes roared back from the New York shore after an interval so long that it seemed as if a second bombardment were going on in the streets of Harlem. It ended at 5 o'clock when he repassed the Connecticut on his return trip, marking the end of the day's formalities.
Would Have Vice Admiral.
Members of the house committee on naval affairs followed the secretary on his visits to each flagship and were honored with a salute of seventeen guns. They, too, were gratified with the apparent efficiency and preparedness of the fleet and when the party reassembled on the Mayflower hope was expressed that congress might see fit to create the position of vice admiral.
The rank of the commander-in-chief should be commensurate with his great responsibilities," said Secretary Meyer, "and it is his position that he should have the rank of vice admiral."
Rear Admiral Wainwright, Vreeland, Potter and Fletcher, acting as the secretary's aides, endorsed this expression and hoped also that the position of vice admiral would be created.
"This mobilization also has demonstrated," continued Secretary Meyer, "that for our reserve fleet we should have a greater number of enlisted men. I have anticipated this in part by asking for 2,000 more men in this year's estimates, which have now gone to the Treasury department. These estimates provide for the maintenance and addition of these men, but they are no larger than those of last year."
Noted Visitors Present.
Besides the congressmen and other prominent guests aboard the Mayflower this afternoon, attaches of four foreign nations were present. They were Captain G. F. G. Swarby of England, Commander Rotman of Germany, Commander Tokutomi Hiraga of Japan, and Commander Vassiloff of Russia. There were also present Senators Root and O'Gorman of New York, Mayor Gaynor, Attorney General Wickersham, Secretary of the Interior Fisher and others. The two latter accompanied Mr. Meyer on his visit to the flagships.
Two iron-hulled destroyers, painted green, patrolled the course during the inspection and there was no untoward incident throughout. About 30,000 persons witnessed the spectacle from the New York shore and gaily decked harbor craft bore other thousands up and down the line. Each warship crashed forth the "Star-Spangled Banner" when either the secretary's barge or the Mayflower drew near, the crews manned the rails and those ships which hoisted hoisted the secretary's flag with its blue field, white anchor and four stars.
It was announced early in the day that all the fleet would not salute the secretary as he passed back along the river, but these arrangements were changed as the inspection progressed. The ships did not dress in rainbow colors as had been expected, but reserved this honor for the president.

DEPUTY MARSHALS GUARD ILLINOIS CENTRAL PROPERTY

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Nov. 1.—Twenty United States deputy marshals relieved the local police today as guards of the Illinois Central property during the strike. The railroads also dispensed with the services of the special guards. Federal intervention is the result of Judge Wright's recent order restraining the strikers from damaging the property.
NATIONAL W. C. T. U. RE-ELECTS ITS OFFICERS
MILWAUKEE, Nov. 1.—Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens of Portland, Me., was today re-elected to the presidency of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The other officers were also re-elected.

More Black Hand



From the St. Louis Times.

HANEY AND HEALY CLASH

Lawyers in Lorimer Case Have Violent Verbal Bouts.
BOTH ARE CALLED TO ORDER
State's Attorney Burke of Springfield Questioned About Healy's Appearance Before the Grand Jury.

CHICAGO, Nov. 1.—Attorney Haney of counsel for Mr. Lorimer and Attorney Healy of counsel for the committee clashed sharply and were reprimanded by Chairman Dillingham today before the federal senatorial committee investigating the Lorimer election.
The verbal bout between the two lawyers occurred during the cross-examination of State's Attorney Burke of Springfield, and continued several minutes, while Senator Dillingham rapped for order and directed the attorneys to cease the exchange of personalities.
The trouble began when Attorney Healy interrupted Attorney Haney by saying: "The witness has answered that question a dozen times and I make objection to this delay."
Haney: "I want to say that I intend to get these answers in chronological order and I don't intend to be suppressed by this person over here," (indicating Attorney Healy).
Healy: "Well, I think the chairman should suppress counsel for Mr. Lorimer."
Haney: "You can't suppress me, and I will get these answers."
Healy: "I think such tactics should be eliminated from the hearings."
Haney: "Well, I want to say that I can't suppress me or railroad me, and further, I want to declare myself now, that you are not going to railroad my client, either."
Questions About Wayman.
Asked about the actions of State's Attorney Wayman of Cook county, Burke said:
"I wish to say in justice to Mr. Wayman and to Attorney General Stead that at the time they may have thought I was trying to build a 'back fire' against the investigation in Cook county. That may explain their attempt to head me off in Sangamon county."
Attorney Haney: "Were you, as a matter of fact, trying to interfere with the investigation in Cook county?"
Burke: "No, sir, I was not."
Burke then told that former State Representative Michael Link was called before the court at Springfield and ordered under threat of contempt proceedings to testify before the grand jury. Link then appeared and was asked only one question.
"Link was asked if he had been offered or had received money in Sangamon county to vote for Lorimer. He said he had not," said the witness.
Attorney Haney asked the witness if it were not true that when State Senator Holstahl was offered immunity it was on the direct understanding that Holstahl would admit receiving money for his vote for Lorimer.
"No, that is not true," replied Burke.
"He asked to return to the grand jury room to correct his testimony in relation to the furniture deal, wherein he had sworn that he had not written a letter to the agent for the Chicago firm."
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Twenty-four persons were drowned when the French steamer Dolibah sank at sea. The Dolibah was towing the French steamer Liberia for Marselles when the latter fouled it. The Liberia was picked up by the German steamer Elmshorn and towed in here today in a dangerous condition.

Two Men Killed and One Wounded by Deer Hunter

MAYS LANDING, N. J., Nov. 1.—Mistaken for deer in the gloom of the early dawn, Constant Steelman and John Yost, business men of Pleasantville, were killed and William Jarvis of the same place was injured today when a hunter fired at them at Weymouth, six miles from here. The man alleged to have made the fatal mistake is said to be Charles Spencer, a stranger in the neighborhood. Steelman is in the oil business, Yost a furniture dealer, and Jarvis, left Pleasantville at midnight with two friends to hunt deer. The deer season opened today and hunting is permitted only on Wednesdays in November, consequently the woods were filled with sportsmen. The party spent the night in the woods near Weymouth and about daybreak the hunters were walking down a road toward their stand. Without warning a shot was fired from the heavy underbrush on the roadside and Steelman, Yost and Jarvis fell. A moment later the man who fired the buckshot stepped into the road.
The hunter who fired the fatal shot is under surveillance and can be taken into custody at a moment's notice in case the police want him.

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Taft Speaks to Students

Executive Makes Address at University of West Virginia. To Install New President Governor Glascock and Staff to Participate in the Exercises.—Will Talk More of the Treaties.
MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Nov. 1.—President Taft and his party arrived here at 8 o'clock a. m. from Pittsburgh to participate in the installation of Thomas E. Hodges as president of the University of West Virginia. The president left his car at 9 o'clock and was met by a committee from the Morgantown and West Virginia Boards of Trade, and Governor Glascock and his staff, who escorted him to the residence of Dr. White, where he breakfasted. At 10 o'clock he addressed the student body from the steps of Martin hall.
From now on the president will devote much time to speaking about the treaties and it is known that he has enlisted Secretary of State Knox in the fight to have the senate ratify them.
Mr. Knox will make a speech about the treaty pact in Cincinnati next week, probably after Mr. Taft himself is there to vote—and to keep speaking engagements. The president may refer to the treaties in his Cincinnati address and Mr. Knox is expected to go thoroughly into the subject of arbitration.
Between the time he speaks in Cincinnati and the opening of congress in December the secretary of state probably will have additional opportunities to make clear his views on the treaties which he drafted for the United States. Up to date more than a dozen United States senators have expressed their intention of voting for the treaties and the president hopes to increase that number before he reaches Washington late next week.
The program for the president's stay in Morgantown, the first West Virginia town on his schedule, was not long. It included an automobile ride through the city, an address, and Mr. Taft's presence at the inauguration as president of the university of West Virginia of Thomas Hodges. Leaving there the president will go by special train to Washington en route to New York.

New Orleans Negro Killed After He Had Shot Two Policemen

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 1.—Two patrolmen were mortally wounded and several persons hurt when an unidentified negro, who was later shot to death, ran wild on an Algiers ferryboat today. As the ferry appeared on deck and declared he was "going to get a white man," whereupon he began firing. Policemen George A. Russell and Joseph La Coste interfered and they were shot down. Immediately a crowd closed in on the negro, who was killed after he had wounded several of the crowd, using his gun as a club.

Tickets to American Theater.

Boxes of O'Brien's Candy. Dailzell's Ice Cream Briks. All are given away free to those who find their names in the want ads.
Read the want ads every day, your name will appear sometime, maybe more than once.
No puzzles to solve nor subscriptions to get—just read the want ads.
Turn to the want ad pages—there you will find nearly every business house in the city represented. RUFUS."

Double Suicide at Wooster, Ohio

WOOSTER, Ohio, Nov. 1.—What appears to have been a double suicide developed today when Lewis Billard, aged 23 years old, was found dead in Wooster cemetery with an empty bottle which contained strychnine by his side. Miss Carmen Humphrey, aged 15 years, to whom Billard was engaged, died in convulsions last night at her home after attending a Halloween party with Billard.
In a notebook found in Billard's room he had written: "Dear Mother—Forgive me. Bury us together. RUFUS."

NINE DEATHS IN WIDOW'S HOME

Police in Chicago Investigating Peculiar Series of Demises of Relatives and Friends.

POISON EXPERT EXAMINES BODY
Policeman Sweetheart's Sudden Passing Arouses Suspicion.

WOMAN OFTEN TALKS OF DEATH
Three Children and Two Husbands Lose Their Lives.

NO ARREST MADE BY POLICE
No Positive Evidence of Any Crime Yet Discovered and Widow Protected Because She Is Held Under Surveillance.

CHICAGO, Nov. 1.—Chicago police today pursued their investigation into the death of nearly half a score of relatives and acquaintances of Mrs. Louise Vermilya to make certain whether the similar demises constituted only a remarkable series of coincidences, as Mrs. Vermilya asserts.

Nine deaths are included in the list with which Mrs. Vermilya's name has been connected, including two husbands, two step-children, three children and two roomers at boarding houses she kept.

Pending the report of toxicologists who are examining the viscera of the last of the persons whose deaths have occurred beneath Mrs. Vermilya's roof, the police have made no arrests. No positive evidence of crime has been uncovered.

New Facts Disclosed.
From letters received by the police and from separate investigations the following new facts became known today:

That while Mrs. Vermilya has said one of the members of the death roster, Richard T. Smith, a conductor, was only a boarder at her home, a former roomer asserts the two claimed previously to have been married and that they lived together as man and wife.

That while the woman told the police she had assisted an undertaker at Crystal Lake, a former home, in embalming bodies, the undertaker there denies she ever did any such experience. She gave this as a reason why she could discuss the deaths with composure.

That R. N. Brington, a photographer of Peoria, and brother-in-law of the conductor, Smith, had made love to the widow following Smith's death so as to investigate suspicious he then had about the reason for his relative's demise. That the widow had told him part of her matrimonial history, which he desired to give to the coroner.

That Smith died during convulsions and after drinking some substance, but that the doctors gave the cause of death, from descriptions of symptoms given by the widow, as acute gastritis.

Widow Talked of Death.
Photographer Brington's story relating the confidential talks he had with the widow while he was courting her was expected to develop new interest. In a talk with the police of Peoria he said Mrs. Vermilya had told him of a great depression in which she was fond of talking of death and the many visits it had made to those near and dear to her. He said to the police:

"She told me it seemed strange to her that nearly everyone she knew well and cared for died, and asked me if I was afraid of death."

A new coincidence developed today, following the sudden illness of Mrs. Vermilya herself, when a sister living in the house adjoining Mrs. Mary Duchholz, suddenly became ill.

Mrs. Vermilya told inquirers today she had never studied medicine nor sought to become a nurse, as had been reported, but that she had some little knowledge of medicine that she had acquired to enable her to be of aid to neighbors and relatives in time of illness. She asserted Mrs. Vermilya had no knowledge of medical history, but that she was fond of maintaining a surveillance over her.

Peculiar Deaths.
The deaths which are being looked into follow:
Fred Brinkamp, first husband of Mrs. Vermilya, died on farm near Barrington, Ill., of heart disease.
Charles Vermilya, second husband, died after six days' illness of "gastritis" at Maplewood, Ill.
Florence Brinkamp, 4-year-old daughter, died at Barrington.
Cora Brinkamp, 3-year-old daughter, died at Barrington.
Harry C. Vermilya, stepson, 33 years old.
Lillian Brinkamp, stepdaughter, 25 years old.
Frank Brinkamp, son, died of pneumonia in Chicago.
Richard T. Smith, conductor, and reported to be third husband. He boarded at her home.

Arthur Bissonnette, policeman, roomer, to whom she was engaged to be married, died of "gastritis" last Thursday.
It was the suddenness of Bissonnette's death, coupled with the widow's statement that he was addicted to drink, whereas members of the police force had known him as an abstainer, that prompted the investigation and a determination of the coroner to have the policeman's viscera examined by a toxicologist. Professor Walter Haines, a poison expert, who testified in the Hyde murder trial at Kansas City, is making the examination, and expects to report by Friday, he announced today.
The coroner left today for Barrington.

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