

THANKSGIVING DAY IS NAMED

NOVEMBER 29 DESIGNATED IN PROCLAMATION.

Nation's Chief Executive Says All Should Be Thankful for the Blessings They Have Received.

Washington, D. C.—The president has just issued a proclamation naming Thursday, November 29, as the day of Thanksgiving.

The text of the proclamation is as follows: "The time of the year has come when, in accordance with the wise custom of our fathers, it becomes my duty to set aside a special day of thanksgiving and praise to the Almighty because of blessings we have received, and of prayer that these blessings may be continued."

"Yet another year of widespread well being has passed. Never before in our history or in the history of any other nation has a people enjoyed more abundant material prosperity than is ours; a prosperity so great that it should arouse in us no spirit of reckless pride, and least of all a spirit of heedless disregard of our responsibilities; but rather a sober sense of our many blessings, and a resolute purpose, under Providence, not to forfeit them by any action of our own."

TRUE NATIONAL GREATNESS.

"Material well being, indispensable though it is, can never be anything but the foundation of true national greatness and happiness. If we build nothing upon this foundation, then our national life will be as meaningless and empty as a house where only the foundation has been laid. Upon our material being must be built as upper structure of individual and national life lived in accordance with the laws of the highest morality, or else our prosperity itself will in the long run turn out a curse instead of a blessing."

"We should be both reverently thankful for what we have received, and earnestly bent upon turning it into a means of grace and not of destruction. Accordingly, I hereby set apart Thursday, the 29th day of November next, as the day of thanksgiving and supplication, upon which the people shall meet in their homes or churches, devoutly acknowledging that which has been given them, and to pray that they may in addition receive the power to use these gifts aright."

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the City of Washington, this twenty-second day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and six, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-first."

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Harriman Buys Fish's Interest.

New York.—The Tribune says that Stuyvesant Fish, president of the Illinois Central railroad, has sold to E. H. Harriman, his one-third interest in the Railroad Securities Company, of which he has for several years been president, and Mr. Harriman vice-president, and has resigned as an officer and director of that corporation.

The Railroad Securities company, upon its organization acquired 80,000 shares of Illinois Central stock, against which it issued \$80,000,000 in collateral trust bonds, which were subsequently exchanged for stock certificates.

The Illinois Central holdings now aggregate 94,730 shares. Mr. Harriman and his friends owning two-thirds interest in the securities company have controlled the entire 94,730 shares of Illinois Central held by the company. It is understood that Mr. Fish receives from Harriman payment for his interest in the railway securities company partly in cash and partly in Illinois Central stock, the amount of the latter delivered to him being something in excess of 8000 shares.

Mr. Harriman's offer to buy out Mr. Fish's interest is said to have been made a few days before the annual meeting of the Illinois Central directors last Wednesday in Chicago.

Leaves a \$20,000 Policy.

Chicago.—Inquiry into the death of M. J. Carpenter, alleged swindler, at the Stanton avenue station recently, was made by the coroner. The jury returned a verdict that death had been caused by chronic nephritis and not as it was at first believed, by morphine poisoning.

A life insurance policy for \$20,000, made out in the name of Carpenter's wife, was found among the man's effects. Mrs. Carpenter is said to be dying of consumption in Denver. The attorney, Cowdry, was instructed to turn the policy over to Mrs. Carpenter.

Secures Original Cluny Bible.

New York.—In competition with King Edward of England, who sought it as a memorial to his mother, the late Queen Victoria, J. Pierpont Morgan has secured the original Cluny Bible, in illuminated text on parchment, the work of the Cluny Monks in France and more than 200 years old. With it he also obtained an illuminated copy of the original order of arrest for John Bunyan on the charge of heresy.

The Bible was declared one of the finest works of art in France. Mr. Morgan is said to have paid \$20,000 for the Bible and manuscript. Mr. Morgan's brokers have paid the duty of \$4000 on the articles.

Hermit Dies in Cabin.

San Diego.—Charles O. Hutchinson, an old man who lived in a cabin at Alpine and who has been missing for several days, was found dead about three miles from his cabin.

Strike Will Affect All Roads.

Chicago.—The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen on behalf of its switchmen have presented demands to all the railroads entering into Chicago for an eight hour day.

The Brotherhood's action follows that of the switchmen's union, which presented a similar demand some time ago, but the two movements are independent of each other.

The railroads, however, will be obliged now to deal with practically the whole organized strength of the switchmen instead of the fractional part represented by the switchmen's union.

In this respect the movement is the most extensive attempted by the railroad organization in many years. Every railroad west of Pittsburgh and Buffalo in the United States is involved. In Chicago the twenty-three trunk lines and the short belt lines and private roads owned by corporations are all called upon to comply with the switchmen's request.

While the Brotherhood's demands were presented to the railroads simultaneously in a dozen large cities, the main motive originated in Chicago after a conference which lasted two days and was attended by President Morrissey and other officials of the trainmen's brotherhood. The orders to make the demands in outside cities were telegraphed by President Morrissey.

Prison Life Almost a Joke.

Ironton, Mo.—A half hour of liberty and a stroll to his wife's boarding house and back to the iron county jail varied the monotony of former United States Senator J. R. Burton's first day in jail.

Pleading that he wished to get some books and papers from his trunk, Burton was permitted by Sheriff Marshall to take a brief recess from confinement.

As Burton reached the street he saw his wife and niece just returning from a drive. They accompanied him to the home of Dr. Smith, where Mrs. Burton is boarding.

Mrs. Burton prepared breakfast for her husband and brought it to the jail, where he improvised a chair as a table in his cell and enjoyed the viands.

Mrs. Burton asserts that she will prepare all the meals he eats, in order that he may not have to subsist on prison fare. Burton shares a cell with James Wise, convicted of having embezzled from a postoffice. A separate cell will soon be given him, and Burton asserts that as soon as he has a cell to himself and can place there in a small writing desk, he will devote much of his time to writing.

He said that as soon as he had served his sentence he intends to return to Abilene, Kans., and resume his law practice.

More Money for Postal Clerks.

Washington, D. C.—First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock, in a statement in connection with his recent announcement that he would recommend a substantial increase of salaries for postal employees, said the sum recommended will permit the promotion of about 75 per cent of clerks in the grade below \$900, about 50 per cent of the clerks receiving \$900 and \$1000, about 40 per cent of those receiving from \$1100 to \$1200, and about 30 per cent of those receiving over \$1200.

An appropriation of \$25,700,000 will be urged for clerks of the first and second class offices, an increase of \$3,000,000 over the current year, of which increase \$1,350,000 is for employment of additional clerks and the rest for promotions. The estimates provide for the promotion of 16,300 clerks in first and second class postoffices. The department is also considering an amendment to the present law permitting payment of a higher compensation to letter carriers. Mr. Hitchcock tonight explained that higher salaries were necessary to retain competent men.

Cabinet Changes Contemplated.

Washington, D. C.—George B. Cortelyou to be secretary of the treasury, George von L. Meyer to be postmaster general, Victor Howard Metcalf to be secretary of the navy, Charles Joseph Bonaparte to be attorney general, the place of secretary of the department of commerce and labor remaining to be filled by the selection of a man who has not been considered as yet by the president.

These are the cabinet changes which are contemplated about February 1, when Leslie M. Shaw will retire as secretary of the treasury and William H. Moody will give up his cabinet place to enter upon the practice of law with a Boston firm.

Swindler Dies in Homely Cell.

Chicago.—Dying in a dark and chill cell at the Stanton avenue police station, M. J. Carpenter, said to have been a prince of "get-rich-quick" swindlers, left behind him friends who protested indignantly that he should have been taken to his dwelling or to a hospital.

Carpenter was arrested near his boarding house by Policeman J. E. Sullivan, who charged him with drunkenness. The prisoner said he was ill, that he had taken an overdose of morphine and was walking it off. At the station Carpenter appeared dazed and the desk sergeant said drugs or liquor might have caused his condition. He died a few hours later.

Indians on Warpath.

St. Paul, Minn.—A special telegram from Sturgis, S. D., announces that troops have been hurriedly started from Fort Meade to reinforce the soldiers at Fort Robinson, who have surrounded the rebellious Ute Indians in Wyoming, but cannot move them. A telegram to headquarters says five cowboys have been killed and a big beef herd raided. Six troops of the Sixth cavalry have left Fort Meade and will go 135 miles to Wyoming. There are but two troops in the Tenth cavalry at Fort Robinson and it is considered unwise to attempt to enforce the reds until reinforcements come.

COMMERCIAL CONGRESS

WILL MEET IN KANSAS CITY THIS MONTH.

Gathering of Prominent Men From Many States Will Be an Event of National Interest.

Kansas City, Mo.—The meeting of the trans-Mississippi commercial congress, which will hold its seventeenth annual session in Kansas City's great convention hall for the four days beginning November 29, will be the most important gathering of business men in the United States this year. Former Governor David R. Francis of St. Louis, president of the congress, has wired Col. Fred W. Flemming, chairman of the executive committee, of the unqualified acceptance of Secretary of State Elihu Root of the invitation that had been extended to him to deliver an address before the commercial congress. Secretary Root has designated the subject of his address as "The Possibilities of Establishing Direct Trade Relations Between the Mississippi Valley States and South and Central American Countries."

The recent tour of the Southern and Central American republics by the secretary of state has furnished him a mass of up-to-date information concerning those countries which can not fail to be of great interest not only to the people of the trans-Mississippi region, but also to the country at large.

The list of speakers who will deliver formal addresses before the commercial congress includes a number of men of national prominence, as follows:

- Hon. Elihu Root, secretary of state.
- Hon. Jas. J. Hill, St. Paul, Minn.
- Hon. E. H. Harriman, New York City.
- Hon. N. C. Blanchard, governor of Louisiana.
- Hon. George C. Pardee, governor of California.
- Hon. Wm. J. Bryan, Lincoln Nebraska.
- Hon. Joseph E. Ransdell, president National River and Harbor Association.
- Hon. H. D. Loveland, president Pacific Coast Jobbers' Association, San Francisco.
- Hon. John G. Carlisle, New York City.

CONGRESSMEN WILL ATTEND.

In addition, acceptances have been received from twelve United States senators and twenty-one representatives in congress to invitations extended by the executive committee inviting them to attend this year's session and participate in its deliberations.

The trans-Mississippi commercial congress is unique among the commercial organizations of the country in having had a successful experience of sixteen years, with an increasing interest during that period in its annual meetings. It has been an important factor in developing great projects for the benefit of the western country in general, and among its most notable achievements may be mentioned the national irrigation act, under the provisions of which a fund of forty million dollars has been accumulated from the sale of public lands in the arid and semi-arid mountain region, which is being utilized in great projects of irrigation, thus reclaiming for the use of agriculture land that has heretofore been regarded as valueless except for grazing purposes.

The congress was instrumental in securing an appropriation of seven million dollars for deepening the harbor at Galveston, and also a government appropriation for removing the bar at the mouth of the Columbia river, thus facilitating the country's export business with Asia.

An important factor which will increase the attendance this year is the unusually low railroad rates that have been authorized by the railroads from every point west of the Mississippi river to the Pacific Ocean.

Newsboys' Friend Called by Death.

Chicago.—Isaac Woolf, head of a large clothing company, was recently found dead in his bed at his residence.

Mr. Woolf had for the last twenty-five years been known as the "newsboys' friend." Every year he gave a newsboys' dinner. From unpretentious beginnings—there were 100 ragged and hungry little guests served at the first—the feast has grown to one of increasing importance, numerically considered. Last year 10,000 newsboys and other hungry urchins from the streets and the poorer tenement districts attended the Thanksgiving dinner. There were 550 turkeys and many other good things. The expense was \$5000.

Children Starved.

Alamo Springs, Colo.—G. C. Rose and Mrs. Wheeler, leaders of the Brotherhood of Light, which conducts a home for poor children on a farm near Arboles, Colo., were arraigned before County Judge E. H. Caldwell here on the charge of manslaughter in connection with the deaths of six babies on the place.

They waived examination and were remanded to jail until they can furnish bail. The charge was made by an agent of the state humane society, who alleges that the children were fed almost exclusively on vegetarian diet and were practically starved to death. Seven children now at the home were made wards of the county court until the court shall award them to the state home for dependent children or some other institution.

A FEW SPARKS FROM THE WIRES

Bits of News from Over the County Gathered for Busy People.

TEN DIE IN PRISON FIGHT.

Arktsuk, Siberia.—An attempt of the convicts here to break jail led to a serious fight, during which nine convicts and the governor of the prison were killed. Seventy convicts succeeded in making their escape.

TRANSFERS HOLDINGS.

San Francisco.—The Standard Oil Company of Iowa has transferred its holdings in California to the Standard Oil Company of California. It is understood that the consideration amounted to several millions.

AMERICANS ONLY.

San Francisco.—In an opinion handed down by the city attorney it was held that the police commissioners have no power to grant liquor licenses to persons not citizens of the United States although such persons have declared their intention to become naturalized.

RECEIVE A SCARE.

Venice, Cal.—Residents of Venice were considerably alarmed by a brush fire that broke out on the plains a mile east of Playa del Rey a few nights ago. A heavy cloud of suffocating black smoke drifted into Venice and falling ashes caused considerable anxiety. At midnight the fire was still burning, but with diminished force.

MUST USE NEW SPELLING.

Washington, D. C.—Beginning with the first of November all official documents emanating from the United States Weather office will have to conform to the "simplified spelling," as ordered by President Roosevelt. Accompanying the official announcement to that effect there is a card with a list of the reformed three hundred words.

OUT FOR CEMENT PLANT.

Long Beach, Cal.—E. L. Plantico, a cement contractor, is interesting himself in an attempt to organize a company to manufacture cement here. A manufacturing plant to cost \$150,000 is his ambition. This, he declares, would supply the needs of this section.

DREAMS OF WIFE'S INFIDELITY.

New York.—Through a dream so vivid he was able to procure positive evidence of his wife's infidelity, John J. Curry was granted a divorce decree by Judge O'Gorman of the supreme court.

HARRISON STRAINS BACK.

Montreal, Que.—Former Mayor Carter H. Harrison, of Chicago, was taken from Ridout, Ont., via Toronto to Chicago, suffering from a badly strained back and possibly internal injuries. With a party of friends he was moose hunting back of Chapeau when he was injured during a portage.

TEST NEW BELL.

Los Angeles.—The Los Angeles Railway Company is testing on its cars a new bell which is designed for use in case the car gets beyond the control of the motorman. The new bell is the invention of Theodore Rapp, who patented the Rapp wave motor, and is a very simple but effective appliance.

LONG IN THE SERVICE.

Washington, D. C.—F. H. Stickney, disbursing clerk for the navy department, died at his home in this city, aged 76 years. He had been in the government service in Washington since 1857.

ELLIOTT MAY RETIRE.

Spokane, Wash.—A renewed report of the resignation of President Howard Elliott of the Northern Pacific railway is in circulation here, it being alleged that he is about to accept the presidency of the Massachusetts Gas Company before the end of November. The report comes from a New York source. No official confirmation has been given.

Believes Husband is Safe.

New York.—In a Portland, Me., dispatch to the Times, Mrs. Robert E. Peary, wife of the explorer is quoted as saying: "I feel just as sure as I am living at this moment that my husband has found the North Pole and that he will soon be home to tell us all about it."

Mrs. Peary has spent the summer with her little daughter on Eagle island, an isolated bit of land in Casco bay, where the Peary summer home is situated. With her daughter she came to Portland.

"I do not expect to hear from him until the last of November," she continued, "but I will not be disappointed if I do not hear from him then. If he has not yet reached the Pole I expect that he is in his winter quarters at Cape Hecla."

Sues Parisian Newspaper.

Paris.—Major Alfred Dreyfus has brought suit against the Libre Parole for refusing to correct printed statements which were at variance with the decision of the Court of Cassation July 10, annulling his condemnation without retrial.

The case will come up for a hearing a fortnight hence.

Feminine Way.

Mayme.—But why did you encourage young Greene if you intended to reject him? Edyth—Why, I had to encourage him in order to enable me to carry out my intentions.

NEWS OF THE MINES

THE RUSH FOR CLAIMS HAS STARTED

Walker River Indian Reservation in Esmeralda County, Nevada, Has Been Opened—Revival of Silver Mining.

Capitalists and miners throughout Nevada and California were in the grand rush which took place at noon Oct. 29th, to acquire mining claims on the Walker river Indian reservation which was thrown open for development on the foregoing date.

Prospectors have been in a ferment of excitement for weeks, and thousands of goldseekers were ready at Hawthorne to make the run. The Walker river Indian reservation lies in Esmeralda county, Nev., and embraces 208,000 square miles of territory. The section is rich in minerals. The Indians will occupy all of the tillable land, about 300,000 acres.

For years this reservation, which comprises the greater portion of two immense mountain ranges, known to carry values in gold, lead, silver and copper, has enticed the venturesome prospector within its borders in hopes of finding a bonanza that he could some day locate. It has been difficult to prospect within the reservation of late. The Indian police were increased in number and armed with Winchester. To be caught is to suffer the confiscation of the prospecting outfit, and at the headquarters of the reservation it is said that there are now five carloads of confiscated supplies.

Every mining man that has passed through the reservation has been made aware of the riches of the region from samples of free gold ore that the Indians have in their possession, and this land has for years been coveted by the whites as mining territory.

Within the last few months the government negotiated a treaty with the Indians for the sale of their lands, so that the reservation might be thrown open to settlement and prospecting. Scores of government surveyors and mining experts were put upon the land to survey it and segregate the mineral from the agricultural territory, the intention being to allot the agricultural lands only to the Indians and throw the mineral lands open to prospectors.

SILVER MINING REVIVED.

The rapid and steady advance in the price of silver is causing a revival in silver mining which points to a great boom in the camps famous in years gone by for their production of the white metal. A dispatch to the Denver Times from Gunnison says:

"The decided advance in the price of silver is causing an awakening in the silver belts of this part of the state. The camps of Pitkin, Tin Cup, Whitepine, Romley, Hancock, Monarch and St. Elmo, which have a productive record of nearly \$50,000,000, are sure to be materially benefited."

"Silver mines which have been idle for years are to be operated. This, coupled with the fact that the gold belts are already active, give assurance of increased prosperity. Many properties which were compelled to shut down in 1893 are to be reopened and placed on the productive list again."

The rise in the price of silver, together with modern methods of ore treatment and greatly reduced smelting charges, will have a very gratifying result on low grade properties. With the white metal soaring toward 70 cents greater profits are assured the mine operator than he received fifteen years ago, when the dollar mark was the prevailing price.

The great Marry Murphy mine at Romley, which is credited with a production of \$14,000,000, is to be extensively operated. At Hancock three large tunnel projects are under way, namely, the Camilla, Comstock and Buena Vista, operated by companies of the same name. However, the veins being driven for all carry a large percentage in gold."

Idaho tells the same story. Throughout the entire west, in camps long silent, silver mines that have not known the sound of drill or blast are being reopened, and soon a stream of the white metal will go pouring over the land.

STRIKE OF NATIVE SILVER.

Native silver in great lumps was dug from a ledge uncovered last week at Cima, a desert station along the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad. The ledge is a wide one, and specimens taken assay as high as \$750 to the ton. The locators are two Los Angeles men. At the time the strike was made one of the locators was in Los Angeles. The other dug out several lumps of the white metal, enough to fill several sample sacks, and came to Los Angeles to carry the evidence of luck to his partner.

The claim lies not a great distance from the Salt Lake depot at Cima. The two men have been working on the property for several weeks, believing they had a copper proposition, when a discharge of powder opened up the real ledge, and in amazement the minor found himself gazing at a great rent in the living rock which was white with native silver, while about lay the metal in chunks.

NEW MINING COMPANY.

A number of prominent people of Riverside and Los Angeles are forming a corporation to be known as the Palmeto Gold Quartz Mining Company, to work one of the largest mines in Death valley. The main office of the company will be at Riverside. The company is to be incorporated under the laws of Arizona with a capital stock of 1,400,000 shares, par value one dollar each. The company's property will consist of three full claims, is located about thirty miles west of Goldfield and about ten miles from the new Tonopah and Tidewater railroad, now building. To the west of the prop-

erty lies the Lyda Queen mine, now working in quartz from 850 to 900 and have about one and one-half miles of underground work done. On the east lies that great mine, the Golden Chariot, which is shipping ore running all the way from \$100 to \$2000 per ton. On the property there is a series of big ledges running parallel, from five to fifty feet wide, and assays from \$8 to \$15. The ore seems to be the same in character with that found in the main shaft of the Golden Chariot.

NUGGETS OF NEWS.

H. I. Reynolds, the well known mining expert of Los Angeles, has just been elected president of the Lucky T Mining Company, with a valuable group of claims within eight miles of Johnnie, Nevada. O. P. Lockhart was elected treasurer and Harry Clark secretary. Work on the tunnel was stopped recently, pending a reorganization of the company. President Reynolds will leave for Johnnie this week to arrange for the resumption of mining.

After having worked for three years as a waitress in a Bodie restaurant and then in Goldfield, Miss Samona Guerra, at present stopping at the Overland hotel, in Reno, saved enough money to stake a prospector who went out with the recent rush to the Wonder district and located claims which have since been proved up and sold to an eastern syndicate for \$180,000. Miss Guerra's share of the proceeds was \$60,000. The lucky miner has purchased a ranch near Stockton for her parents and there they have moved. She says she will spend a year in travel.

Want Territorial Form of Government.

Seattle—Hon. Thomas Cole of Fairbanks, Alaska, is in the city of his way east to Washington. "The people of Alaska," he said, "are more interested in securing a territorial form of government than in anything else that is before them at present. We don't mean, of course, to go into all the ramifications of local self government, into township and county organizations, as is done in the older settled countries. We wish—and it is a natural want of American citizens—to be empowered to legislate for ourselves."

"We are anxious to secure as much government assistance as we can for road construction in Alaska."

"The present provision for schools away from the incorporated towns is meager and unsatisfactory and people in many places have to educate their own children after paying their revenue to the government. We look for more government assistance along this additional line."

"Alaska is sadly neglected as regards life saving stations along the dangerous coasts. Navigators should be given a great deal more protection."

Try To Suppress White Slave Trade.

Paris.—President Roosevelt has cabled to American Ambassador McCormick designating Secretary Vignaud of the American embassy to represent the United States at the congress for the suppression of the "white slave" trade, which opened here recently.

The object of the congress is to secure the effective co-operation of the various national committees, especially for the protection of immigrant women at the ports, and also uniformity in "providing for the punishment of traffickers in white slaves."

Useless Words.

Statistics show that the sooner a man allows his wife to have the last word the sooner the controversy will end.—Chicago Daily News.



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