

The Week's Calendar.

OCTOBER—10th month—31 days.
 16—MONDAY. Marie Antoinette beheaded, 1793. Seizure of Harper's Ferry, U.S.A., 1859. Austen Chamberlain, M.P., born, 1868.
 17—TUESDAY. St. Euldegreda, Burgoyne, surrendered at Saratoga, 1777. General Lemay, defender of Liege died, 1920.
 18—WEDNESDAY. St. Luke, Evangelist. Brig Iron Duke launched, 1852. Capt. Joseph Barbour died, 1890. Americans took formal possession of Porto Rico, 1898.
 19—THURSDAY. Dean Swift died, 1745. Yorktown capitulated, 1781. Battle of Lepanto, 1571. Brigantine Echo launched at Carbonear, 1853.
 20—FRIDAY. Battle of Nararino, 1829. Grace Darling died, 1842. Dargal Heights, 1897. Ypres, 1914.
 21—SATURDAY. Trafalgar Day. Death of Lord Nelson, 1805. Blandslagte (S.A. War), 1899.
 22—SUNDAY. 17th after Trinity. Sarah Bernhardt born, 1844. Capt. Mayne Reid (novelist) died, 1883.

The American

John Brown.

John Brown of Ossawatimie, who must not be confused with John Brown, Queen Victoria's servant, was born in Torrington, Connecticut, U.S.A., on May 8, 1800. He was descended from Peter Brown, who came over in the "Mayflower" in 1620, and in early life he wandered about, working at surveying, shepherding, farming and similar occupations. He married twice and had twenty children. In 1855 he settled in Kansas where there was then a violent controversy as to whether that state should be a slave holding one or a free one. He became a most determined supporter of the movement for the abolition of slavery, and in a series of desperate border fights, which were practically civil war on a small scale, he became known as a brave and fearless leader of the abolitionists, a man who would defend and even enforce his opinions with his rifle. He got many slaves away to Canada and had plans for making a defensive station for fugitives in the mountains of Virginia. But the large idea at the back of his mind was for a general rising or insurrection of the slaves and at last he tried to put it into practice. On October 16, 1859, with six of his sons and only sixteen others, he seized the U.S. Arsenal at Harper's Ferry, hoping that the slaves would rise and join him. He took the place without much trouble but, having allowed a train to pass, the news was carried far and wide. No slaves came to join him and next day he was surrounded by U.S. troops. He made a desperate resistance, and did not surrender till he was severely wounded and most of his men killed. He was tried, found guilty of treason, and hanged at Charlestown, December 2, 1859. His seizure of Harper's Ferry and his death convinced most citizens of the U.S. that the question of slavery or no slavery could only be settled by war. By the abolition party he was regarded as a martyr and within 18 months of his death the Union was riven in two and the northern regiments were marching into battle slugging—

John Brown's body lies a-mouldering in the grave.
 But his soul goes marching on.

Walking Cure.

72-YEARS-OLD MAN'S REMEDY FOR RHEUMATISM.

A man of 72, Tommy Hall, an old-age pensioner, of Sheffield, took part in the Surrey Club's walking race from London to Brighton. To be able to compete he had walked almost the whole of the distance from Sheffield to London, 165 miles. After resting in Brighton for a night he started to walk back to London. He intends to walk to Sheffield.

A little, grey-haired man, Tommy Hall swung into Brighton 11hr. 34 min. 42sec. after leaving London. "I don't believe in paying railway fares while I've two good legs," he told a Daily Mail reporter.

"I started walking from Sheffield with an awful backache and gout in my knee and now I'm as fit as a fiddle. There's nothing like walking to cure rheumatism and complaints like that. You can always walk them off."

Seeks Missing Link.

SAN FRANCISCO. — Captain Edward A. Salisbury, scientist and explorer, is en route for the Malay Peninsula, where he will search for what has been termed in science "the missing link". Captain Salisbury said rumors had come across the Pacific Ocean from time to time about a tribe of wild men in the jungles of the Malay Archipelago, who had short, vestigial tails. More, the report said, their foreheads receded and their brow ridges protruded after the manner of the neanderthal man of semi-mythical pre-history. The object of the expedition is to investigate the source of these reports in an effort to find man in his most primitive form.

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