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LATEST NEWS BULLETIN.

Mrs. Geo. Widener of Philadelphia has let a contract for a \$1,400,000 memorial library at Harvard, erected in memory of her son Harry Elkins, who was lost in the Titanic disaster. Speaker Clark is to visit Woodrow Wilson at New Jersey in the near future to talk over politics. The San Francisco Captain of Detectives declared to the Police Commission that he could name innumerable members of the force who were so much under outside influences that they could not do efficient police duty. Clarence Mackay, the millionaire, has imported artists from Europe to build a \$500,000 drawing room in his mansion on Long Island. The plot to kill the Viceroy of India and Lady Hardinge has failed. Hardinge was only slightly injured by the bomb thrown at Delhi, and is well on the road to recovery. Bandits held up a Chicago and Alton train a short distance from Springfield, Ill., and got \$50,000 from the express car. A posse soon surrounded the gang and a desperate battle is imminent. San Francisco is to have another Christmas eve open air celebration on Market street, with choral singing etc. Engineers have estimated that it will cost \$97,000,000 to bring the M.-Cloud river water supply to San Francisco. Aviator Fowler flew 80 miles in 77 minutes yesterday from Gilroy, Cal., to an aviation field near San Francisco. Marion de Vries of the Customs Court and Franklin Lane of the Commerce Commission are contenders for the seat to be vacated by Judge Morrow of the Federal court. Charles Mellen of the New York, New Haven and Hartford lines and officials of the Grand Trunk have been indicted for violation of the Sherman law. Egyptian railroads have purchased 100,000 tons of American coal in place of Welsh coal hitherto used.

EASTERN NEWS. An important conference to arrange for the extension plan of the reorganization of the army will be held in Washington in January. Most of the ranking army officers in the United States have been called to the conference. Colonel Griffith J. Griffith has given \$100,000 to the city of Los Angeles for an observatory and scientific recreation center on Mount Hollywood in Griffith Park. Woodrow Wilson says his general principle in making appointments will be "that those who apply for offices will be the least likely to get them." It is generally believed in Washington that owing to the incompetency of the Madero government and its failure to furnish protection to Americans, the United States government will withdraw its support from Madero unless the government takes immediate steps to punish the murderers of Americans and reimburse Americans for loss of property. Boston is going to build the largest drydock in the western hemisphere. It will cost \$2,000,000 and will be built beyond the Commonwealth Pier on the South Boston waterfront. Under the auspices of the Chicago Clean Food League, 1,100,000 eggs were sold in one day in an attempt to break the egg market. WESTERN NEWS NOTES A Kansas City woman has been sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for forging a \$45 check. Her sister-in-law had dared her to do it, and "she always took a dare." It is said that the cost to the United States of the trial of the officials of the Fairbank Banking Company of Valdez, Alaska, for false reports and embezzlement will exceed \$100,000. Hundreds of witnesses have been subpoenaed, one of them having to travel six weeks by dog teams to reach Valdez. A woman of Sacramento, Cal., added a provision to her will that another woman owing her \$10 should buy \$10 worth of flowers to be put on a friend's grave. A thug attacked Mrs. Ella Murray, a prominent guest at the Fairmont Hotel and said to be the wealthiest woman in San Francisco, at one of the busiest corners in the city. A bystander, hearing her cries for help, was just in time to prevent the thief from ripping the ear-rings from her ears. Mayor Arnold, of Denver, who is cited for contempt of court in refusing to abide by the court's order and thus prevent the approval of the pay-rolls for the fire and police forces, says if he goes to jail he will have a big Christmas tree and celebration for all the prisoners. A Kansas City judge refused to grant a divorce to a couple because the man had been married three times and the woman four. He said they had tried it often enough, and now must abide by the bargain or live alone. Armed claimants to rich mineral claims in Death Valley, Cal., are expected to meet any day in a battle to gain possession of the lands.

FOREIGN NEWS. The Paris police are advancing the theory of the existence of an international murder trust which amasses wealth by blackmailing the rich and taking revenge in murder if the ransom is not forthcoming. They believe this "murder trust" to have instigated the threats sent Woodrow Wilson, and the Chardon murder. The Italian government has offered its assistance in the proposed raising

of the American frigate Philadelphia, sunk at Tripoli in 1804 during the Barbary war. The cost of raising and re-floating the ship is estimated at \$12,000. It is said that during the last decade there has been a steady increase of the number of gambling helms in Paris. The two dreadnoughts being built for the British navy will be the largest in the world, displacing 25,000 tons each with turbine engines of 50,000 horsepower. After deciding to establish public headquarters at Washington, and appointing important committees, the executive committee of the Progressive party has adjourned until Jan. 10. Dean Lewis of the University of Pennsylvania heads the legislative committee, Eton Hooker of New York the finance, William Allen White of Kansas the publicity, Walter Brown of Ohio, organization. The Cornell alumni will furnish the money for a training house in memory of Henry Schoellkopf, the former football star who recently committed suicide. The building will cost \$100,000. John Mulford and wife, the latter a daughter of Cramp, the shipbuilder, have entered Cornell to take the agricultural course, which will enable them to manage their estate. It is persistently rumored that Bryan will head the Wilson cabinet as secretary of state. It is reported that James H. Blount of Georgia or Representative William A. Jones of Virginia will be the Democratic selection for governor-general of the Philippines. The inhabitants of Midville, Ga., have deserted the town since thirteen people died of spinal meningitis. A new square in Paris is to be called the Place Pierre-Curie in honor of the discoverer of radium, who met his death while walking along the rue Dauphine, the site of the new square. It is believed that Turkey's continued stalling in the matter of the peace conference was for the purpose of gaining the right to provision Andriople for which reason she consented to admit Greece to the conference. The skull of an 83-year old man who met death by colliding with a taxi in London, was found to be less than 1.84 of an inch thick instead of the normal 1.4 inch. The French aviator Georges Chemet, carrying as passenger a major in the Italian army, flew across the Adriatic Sea in a hydro-aeroplane from Venice to Trieste and back to Venice. Twelve are reported dead and eight ill of bubonic plague in Russia. A force of Mexican federal troops were annihilated by a rebel force at Ascension, near the American line. An Italian anarchist, delegated to kill Victor Emmanuel, shot himself rather than perform the deed.

MAINLAND NEWS. One thousand babies were blessed in a great cathedral demonstration against race suicide at Pittsburg. Robert M. Nevin, Republican member of the Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Congresses, died at Dayton, Ohio, after an extended illness. A Brooklyn, New York, man fastened a rope to a bottle of milk on his stoop and caught a woman who he says, tried to steal the milk. Capt. J. Warron Holmes, whose 83 voyages around Cape Horn brought him into prominence, with mariners, died at Mystic, Conn. Jay Cooke, Jr., son of the late Jay Cooke, the financier, died at his home in Philadelphia. He was for many years a member of the Philadelphia stock exchange. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Ballinger, widow of Colonel Ballinger, and mother of former Secretary of the Interior Richard A. Ballinger, died at her home in Seattle, Wash. The largest mail ever sent across the Atlantic from the United States was by the steamship Mauretania, leaving New York Dec. 17, with 6200 bags of letters and packages. Henry Dest, a veteran of the Civil War, died of starvation in his scantily furnished room in Chicago. Letters telling of his bravery during the war and of his recent poverty, were found in the room. William Coreoran Eustis of Washington was selected chairman of the inaugural committee which will have charge of Woodrow Wilson's inauguration. He is a brother of the late Senator Eustis of Louisiana. The American painters, Frederick Frisette, Oscar Miller and Charles Hawthorne, lost pictures valued at \$40,000 in a fire which destroyed their studios in the Boulevard Saint Jacques, in Paris. George W. Phillips, in the navy a quarter of a century, gunner since 1898, when he took part in the Spanish-American war, and a chief gunner since 1904, died at Newport, R. I. He was lately on the battleship Idaho. The Rev. Abbott Elliott Kittridge, for more than twenty-five years pastor and pastor-emeritus of the Madison Avenue Reformed Church and formerly president of the general synod of the Reformed church in America, died in New York. Jung Hing, the first Chinese to be convicted of a capital crime in New York for thirty years, was sentenced to die in the electric chair in the week commencing Jan. 20. He was convicted of killing Yee Toy of the Hip Song Tong in Chinatown last July.

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