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NEWS IN BRIEF.

Justice Beach, of the New York Supreme Court, signed an order prohibiting the trustees of the estate of Jay Gould from paying to Countess Castellane more than \$200,000 a year until after the suit of Anton Dittmar is determined.

Five hundred Christian Scientists appeared before the New York legislature to protest against the bill to abolish Christian Science. The hearing will be resumed next week.

Incendiaries made an attempt to burn the house in which Julius Slaughter and his family were sleeping, near Norfolk. Passersby aroused the family in time to save them.

The Southern Railway Company has secured control of the Mobile and Ohio. Important terminals thus come into possession of the Southern.

A young woman, giving her name as Mrs. C. Patterson, went to a New York hotel and attempted suicide by taking chloroform.

Fire destroyed nearly all the business houses of Tolono, Ill., entailing losses estimated at \$100,000; partially insured.

Friends of Mrs. Nation, who has been carrying on a vigorous campaign against saloons in Kansas, have raised money to buy her a gold medal. She says she will stay in Topeka until every saloon is closed, and will petition the Governor every day.

The New York City Police Bill, providing for a single-headed police commission, has passed the Senate and now goes before the House. By its terms it practically legislates Chief Devoy out of office.

Two freight trains collided on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, near Elmhurst, Pa., killing Brakeman Beaf and injuring several others.

The Virginia House refused to adopt the report of the conference with reference to considering general legislation at the extra session.

Judge Faulkner, in Martinsburg, W. Va., sentenced Charles Young to three years in the Penitentiary for shooting Michael Moran.

Judge Barham, in Newport News, Va., granted a new trial to William O'Boyle, convicted of the murder of his mulatto mistress.

A fire in the business section of Des Moines, Ia., caused a property loss to the amount of about half a million dollars.

Washington Hunter, a wealthy farmer of Riverside, N. J., died from injuries received at the hands of burglars.

Contractor Gibson, of Indiana, was fined \$1000 and costs in Jackson, Miss., for trying to bribe Governor Longino.

John L. McKinney was nearly frozen to death while delivering bread near the village of Green Ridge, Pa.

John G. W. Myers was arrested in Hanover, Pa., on the charge of being a firebug.

Mrs. Nation invaded the Statehouse in Topeka, Kan., and gave the Governor a tongue-lashing; then she went to the Attorney General, Sheriff and the Prosecuting Attorney, and gave each one of them a piece of her mind.

Justice Beach, in the New York Supreme Court, continued the injunction restraining the Goulds from paying over to the Castellanes Anna's entire income.

Chief Crazy Snake, leader of the Creeks, who was captured Sunday, is a prisoner of the United States troops and remains sullen.

George J. Kerr, one of Jennie Bosschiet's assassins, pleaded non vult in Paterson, N. J., and was remanded for sentence.

Two Italian laborers were killed and a number injured as the result of a collision on the West Shore, near Weehawken, N. J.

Governor Nash, of Ohio, refused to pardon Rosslyn H. Farrell, convicted of the murder of Express Messenger Lane.

The will of the late Phil Armour, the pork packer, was filed in Chicago. His estate is estimated at \$15,000,000.

At the Mineworkers' Convention in Indianapolis a proposition for a flat increase of 10 cents was decided upon.

Edward A. Noblett, the New York broker, was sent up for eight and a half years for grand larceny.

It was reported that a band of Indians had burned the ranch of John Bartram, near Bristol, I. T. United States Marshal Bennett, with deputies, constables and commissioner, left Muskogee to join the troops to quell the uprising and arrest the leaders.

Three British officers arrived at New York to take charge of steamers carrying horses and mules to South Africa. In all about fifty thousand American animals have been bought for the British Army in Africa.

An autopsy showed that heart disease caused the death of Curtis L. Crane, who died after having received a blow in a friendly bout with George R. Ainsworth, at Harvard.

ANIMALS DIE IN FLAMES.

Bostock's Baltimore Zoo Totally Destroyed in a Fierce Fire.

NO HUMAN LIVES SACRIFICED.

Horrible Night Spectacle in the Old Cyclopedia Building—The Conflagration Caused by Crossed Electric Wires—Animals Shot to End Their Agonies or Prevent Their Escape—Big Audience Had Just Left.

Baltimore, Md. (Special).—Frank C. Bostock's Zoo, at Mount Royal and Maryland avenues, was destroyed by fire.

Upwards of 400 animals were burned, some of them being of considerable value. Mr. Bostock said he estimated his loss at about \$200,000, upon which he carried an insurance of about \$50,000.

The origin of the fire is to some extent a mystery. It started about 10.40 o'clock in the southeast corner of the building and is supposed to have resulted from crossed electric wires. Patrolman Kearney, of the Central District, saw flames shooting from the Mount Royal front of the building and turned in an alarm. The fire seemed to spring to all other parts of the structure at once and a second alarm was turned in. This brought to the scene most of the fire-fighting apparatus of the central section of the city.

The building, being of wood, with a shell of corrugated iron on the outside, burned like a tinder box. As it happened, only two visitors were in the building, having lingered after the show. They made a dash for the street and escaped danger. The attendants of the animals tried to rescue their pets, but the fierce rush of the flames drove them back. It was impossible to save the animals in the cages.

"Big Liz," the largest elephant, three camels, three donkeys and two monkeys were all that were saved.

Madame Plank, who has been giving exhibitions with trained lions, made a brave attempt to save her four special pets. She dashed into the building and worked at the bars of the cages until the approaching flames drove her away. Madame Morelli, who has had charge of the seven jaguars, tried to save them, but did not succeed. All the attendants were compelled to flee for their lives.

Neely at Havana.

Havana (Special).—Charles F. W. Neely, the former chief of the bureau of finance of the Cuban Postoffice Department, who was arrested in Rochester, N. Y., in May last, charged with embezzling \$36,000 of the department funds, has arrived here on the steamer Mexico from New York by special 27. Captain Luclen Young, captain of the port, took charge of the prisoner and delivered him to the keeper of the carcel. Lawyer Violdi, Neely's counsel, had a long talk with the prisoner. The latter, who is in good spirits, received many visitors and talked confidently of his acquittal.

An Old Man Hangs Himself.

Philadelphia, Pa. (Special).—Edward D. Cornell, a retired hat manufacturer, committed suicide by hanging. Heavy losses in the stock market are said to have prompted the act. Mr. Cornell was 78 years old. He was born in New York, and started in the hat manufacturing business at Orange, N. J., with John B. Stetson as a partner. Withdrawing from that firm, he came to this city and established a business. He retired and went to South Norwalk, Ct., where he resided for a number of years. He returned to this city about a year ago. For many years Mr. Cornell was president of the Hatters' Union.

Professor Garner Alive.

Boston (Special).—F. A. Morrill, of this city, who, acting for Boston parties interested in the work of Prof. R. L. Garner, several days ago cabled money to Professor Garner, has received a reply by cable that the money has been delivered to the explorer. This is taken as conclusive evidence that Professor Garner, who had been reported dead, is alive and is prosecuting his investigations. A letter from him is expected soon.

A Jewelry Thief.

Hartford, Ct. (Special).—While George W. Ball, jeweler and diamond merchant on Pearl street, was at dinner his store, which had been left in charge of a boy, was robbed of \$1000 worth of diamonds. Two men entered, and while one engaged the clerk's attention the other took 15 rings from a tray in the window. They then made their escape.

Greek Trouble at an End.

Henrietta, I. T. (Special).—United States Marshal Bennett has the Indian situation under control, and it practically has been about decided that it will not be necessary to send Troop A, Eighth Cavalry, into the interior. The soldiers may remain here for several days, however, as a precautionary measure.

OUR AGRICULTURE.

Growth of United States Trade with Foreign Countries—All Records Broken.

Washington (Special).—Mr. Frank H. Hitchcock, chief of the section of foreign markets of the Agricultural Department, has just issued his annual review of the trade of the United States in agricultural products. His report says in part:

"The fiscal year 1900 brought to a close a century of marvelous development in the history of United States commerce. In 1800, a century ago, the total value of the merchandise imported and exported in our trade with foreign countries was considerably less than a quarter of a billion dollars. The value of the goods exchanged during the past fiscal year reached nearly two and a quarter billions, far exceeding all previous records.

"It was chiefly in the export trade that the enormous growth of the century occurred. Our domestic exports during 1900, with a recorded value of \$1,370,763,571, were over 40 times as large as in 1800. The total imports for 1900, on the other hand, amounting to \$849,941,184, were less than 10 times as large as in 1800.

"Compared with the value of our imports for 1900, that of our domestic exports showed an excess of \$520,822,387."

"Of the merchandise imported from foreign countries during the fiscal year 1900 about 49 per cent. consisted of agricultural products. These products had an aggregate value of \$420,363,881, exceeding almost by \$65,000,000 the record of the year before. Hides, silk and wool were the leading factors in the growth, although vegetable fibers, sugar and tobacco also showed important gains. The six items mentioned contributed nearly \$60,000,000 to the increase in value.

"Products of United States agriculture were marketed abroad in the fiscal year 1900 to the value of \$444,616,530, forming but 62 per cent. of the total domestic exports. With the single exception of 1893, the past year witnessed the largest annual export trade in farm produce on record."

PULLMANS MAY SELL OUT.

Big Syndicate Said to Be Planning Purchase of Company.

Chicago (Special).—It is now rumored that the Harriman-Morgan-Vanderbilt railroad syndicate is planning to buy out the Pullman Car Company and absorb, so far as possible, all the private car companies.

For some time, it is said, the syndicate has been negotiating for the purchase of a controlling interest in the Pullman Company. Just how far the negotiations for the absorption of the sleeping car concern have progressed cannot be learned, but it is the prevailing opinion that the deal is on.

The Pullman Company controls the sleeping-car privileges of every railroad in the United States except the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and the New York, New Haven and Hartford. In the general plan of consolidation the two companies doing business on these roads will also be purchased with those of the Pullman.

KILLED BY MOONSHINERS.

Two Officers Dead, Two Wounded and One Captured.

Jackson, Ky. (Special).—In a bloody battle with moonshiners on the Elk Horn Creek, on the Letcher and Pike county line, United States Marshal Thomas Hollifield and Posseman Simon Combs were killed and Blaine Combs was captured by the moonshiners. Rufus Wootan and Ambrose Ambury, other members of the posse, were shot and wounded. Full details of the battle were not obtained. Hollifield had long been a terror to moonshiners and was one of the bravest men in the service. In a battle with moonshiners several years ago three of his posse were killed, he being the only one to escape.

Three Persons Killed by a Train.

Bomanville, Ont. (Special).—Herbert Hallett, of Whitley, and his two cousins, Helen and Amelia Knight, of Bomanville, were instantly killed by a Grand Trunk train near here. They were driving and attempted to cross the tracks. All three bodies were carried to the station on the front of the engine.

Emperor Takes a Prize for Antlers.

Berlin (By Cable).—Emperor William has taken second prize in the German Antler exhibition. His Majesty exhibited 20 four-pronged specimens from the Roletin Hunt last September.

IN THE FIELD OF LABOR.

Buffalo milkmen will form an international association. Miners in Nova Scotia have won their fight for a 12 per cent. advance. Each year about 44,000,000 bushels of wheat are grown in Africa and Australia.

France consumes more wine than Germany, the United States and the United Kingdom put together.

CUBA LIBRE CHARTER.

The Constitutional Convention Is Making Rapid Progress.

RESTRICTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT.

Senate is to Retain Authority to Try Him for Treasonable Acts and Courts Can Also Punish—The Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Sections and Ten Articles in the Tenth Section Adopted.

Havana (Special).—The Cuban Constitutional Convention is progressing rapidly with its discussion of the draft constitution submitted by the central committee.

Several articles relating to provincial government and the method of electing officials have been tabled until after the adoption of the electoral law. Two important articles for consideration will deal with universal suffrage and the powers of provincial governments. When once these have been disposed of the work of drafting the final project will be a question of only a few days.

In the discussion several interesting arguments were made on the liability of the President of the republic for crimes committed against the State and on the method of trying the President for such offenses. General Rivera favored holding the President liable for any infraction of the law. Senor Nunez and Senor Rafael Portuondo contended that he should be liable only for treasonable acts. The latter view was favored by a majority of the delegates and the article referring to the liability was slightly amended, the Senate retaining authority to try the President for treasonable acts, and the only penalty being removal from office. This, however, does not revoke the right of the courts to hold the President amenable.

The fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth sections and ten articles in the tenth section were adopted with only minor changes from the original draft. A further article was added to the fourth section, giving the right to expel any foreigner who might be regarded as "pernicious to the Government."

The long-standing controversy between Michael J. Dady, contractor, and the military and municipal governments regarding the sewerage and paving contract has been settled by the payment to Mr. Dady of \$250,000. Mr. Dady gave a bond of similar amount that he was authorized on behalf of the Dady Company to make the settlement and to release all claims.

Error Cost Five Lives.

Parkersburg, W. Va. (Special).—Five men were killed in a head-on collision of freight trains on the Parkersburg branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, at Hickman's Cut, twenty miles east of here. The accident is attributed to an error on the part of the engineer of one of the wrecked trains. He says that while his train was on a siding he fell asleep. When the first section of the other train passed he awoke. Thinking the entire train had gone by, he pulled out on the main track and crashed into the second section of the other train on a curve in the cut.

At the National Capital.

The President recommended to Congress that an indemnity be paid to the families of the Italians who were lynched at Tallulah, La.

The President sent to Congress Secretary Hay's letter accompanying the annual publication known as "Commercial Relations of the United States with Foreign Countries," showing the broad made by American industry and commerce in foreign markets.

Secretary Hay presented to President McKinley Juan Caestras, the minister of the Republic of Uruguay.

Fatal Fire in New York.

New York (Special).—Two persons were killed, several injured and many more had narrow escapes from death at a fire in the Hotel Jefferson, in Fifteenth street, near Fourth avenue. The fire started in the pantry, on the first floor, and the flames and smoke swept up the air shaft to the top floors. The 200 patrons of the hotel were awakened from their sleep by the sound of cracking glass and by the suffocating smoke, and fled from their rooms in their night clothes.

Pensions for Both Blue and Gray.

Nashville, Tenn. (Special).—A bill to amend the pension laws so as to care for all indigent and disabled Tennessee soldiers, whether in the Federal or Confederate armies was introduced in the Senate. The bill grants a pension of \$8.33 per month to every Confederate or Federal veteran over seventy years old, regardless of whether or not their disabilities are from wounds or diseases contracted while in the service.

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Jennie Bosschiet's Murderers Hear Their Doom at Paterson.

Paterson, N. J. (Special).—Walter C. McAlister, William A. Death and Andrew J. Campbell, who were found guilty of murder in the second degree for the killing of Jennie Bosschiet on October 18, 1900, by the administration of chloral and subsequent rape, together with George J. Kerr, who pleaded non vult contending to a charge of rape, were brought into the court of Oyer and Terminer here for sentence by Judge Dixon. McAlister, Campbell and Death were each sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment at hard labor and Kerr to 15 years' imprisonment at hard labor. The sentences of all the men are the full terms of imprisonment which the law provides, but in the case of Kerr a fine of \$1000 might have been added.

The President at 58.

Washington (Special).—President McKinley is 58 years old. He spent the day as usual at his desk in his office. At the Cabinet meeting the members extended their congratulations and he also received the good wishes of the Senators and Representatives who called. There was no special observance of the day. After office hours the President went driving with Mrs. McKinley. Mr. McKinley's restoration to his usual good health is almost complete. Although he is compelled to exercise care against exposure, he is able to attend to his regular duties.

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The Turkish Indemnity.

Washington (Special).—Satisfactory assurances have been received here that the Turkish government has arranged to meet the American claim for indemnity on account of the destruction of the American missionary property at Harpoot. The details of the arrangements are purposely withheld at this time, but from the fact that one of the representatives of the Grampse, who visited Constantinople for the purpose of concluding a contract with the Turkish government for the construction of the warship, has paid several visits of late to the State Department, it is assumed that this contract has been made a medium for the settlement.

Victims of an Explosion.

Baltimore, Md. (Special).—An explosion which caused the death of one man and injured five others, one of whom it is thought will die, occurred in the electric refining department of the Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company's works, Fourth avenue and Eighth street, Canton. It was announced at the works that the explosion was caused by the accidental dumping of a mold containing about 135 pounds of molten copper into a tank known as a "bosh."

To Represent this Government.

Washington (Special).—The President probably will designate a representative of the United States Army, one of the Navy and at least one prominent civilian, to act in conjunction with Mr. Choate in representing the Government of the United States at the coronation of King Edward VII. when that ceremony occurs.

Decapitated by a Train.

Chambersburg, Pa. (Special).—Rush Gams, aged 28, tried to board a moving train on the South Penn at Lemaster at noon, and was run over and instantly killed, being decapitated. He is one of a family of 20 children. Coroner Suesseroth and a jury went on a special train to hold the inquest, which exonerated the railroad.

Gen. De Wet's Movements.

Ventersburg Road (By Cable).—Generals de Wet and Paterson, with 500 Boers, crossed the railroad between here and Halfontain, Jan. 23. Twenty-five British in ambush, killed five of the Boers.