

SUMMARY OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS.

Sunday.

J. W. Van Cleave, opponent of organized labor and foe of Samuel Comers, died in St. Louis of heart disease.

Women and children crowded the churches of Bemidji, Minn., praying for rain to save them from peril of forest fires, while troops aided the male population in trying to beat back the flames.

The first performance this season of the Passion Play was given at Oberammergau.

Secretary Ballinger dismissed Stenographer Kerby by court note and a libel suit may follow.

Charles W. Morse was denied the privilege by the United States Supreme Court to apply for a writ of habeas corpus.

Dr. B. C. Hyde of Kansas City sentenced to life imprisonment as possessor, owned his conviction to his own testimony.

Colonel Roosevelt was given a warm but quiet welcome in London; he visited Edward's bier and talked with King George.

John A. Ryerson, president of an electric company, leaped to his death from the thirteenth floor of the Chamber of Commerce Building in Chicago.

Late King Edward's body was borne in stately procession through London to Westminster Hall.

A cotton scandal was hinted at by received for a defunct concern, who alleges \$1,500,000 swindle.

Shippers representing a large share of the country plan a campaign to fight proposed increase of rates by railroads.

The purchase of desks for the capitol in Springfield, Ill., at a cost of \$24,000 subject of inquiry by the Senate-Senator Grand Jury.

"Battling" Nelson and Speaker Cannon had a friendly bout at the capital, the fighter declaring Mr. Cannon would have made a great feat.

Announcement was made after conferences in Washington that a compromise between the Senate and the insurgents on the rail bill is impossible.

Thirteen men were killed and thirty injured by an explosion of seven boilers, which wrecked the big plant of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company in Canton, Ohio.

An explosion in a barracks at Pinar del Rio killed 100 Cuban soldiers.

The Chicago Board of Education unanimously re-elected Superintendent Ellis Flagg Young.

The earth passed through the tail of Halley's comet without any of the dire results predicted by alarmists.

A coroner's jury at Cherry, Ill., said the State laws were broken with the knowledge and consent of State inspectors.

Speaker Cannon in a tirade against his political enemies declared that shooting is too honorable a death for those who desert their armies.

An explosion in a coal mine in England killed 137 men.

Express companies were accused of realizing from 43 to 115 per cent profit by the New York Merchants' Association.

Sereno E. Payne made a careful defense of the new tariff law before the House, insisting that the Republican party has kept its promises.

Edward B. Garriott, chief weather forecaster of the United States, is dead.

Pueblo Indians rose up in New Mexico and massacre of settlers was feared.

Ex-Gov. Rollins of New Hampshire, wife and son were charged by New York customs officers with smuggling.

After scenes of remarkable bitterness the Senate reached a compromise on the long and short haul clause of the interstate commerce bill which united the insurgents and the regulars.

England's smart set looks forward to the new court with dismay.

Six Pittsburgers were sentenced to jail terms in the bribery scandal.

Frederick Edward Guest's election to the House of Commons was declared void by a court because his father-in-law, Henry Philipps, hired autos to get out votes.

Both sides of the suffrage question were presented at the women's club convention at Cincinnati.

The Kaiser showed more honors on Roosevelt, presenting him a splendidly bearing his Majesty's portrait.

Frederick M. Kerby, stenographer of the Interior Department, said that Assistant Attorney General Lawler dictated the letter used by the President in exonerating Ballinger of the charges made by Glavis. The White House gave out a denial.

CURRENT NEWS NOTES.

It was announced in New Haven, Conn., that Alfred G. Vanderbilt had contributed \$25,000 to the Yale University general fund, making his contributions to the fund so far \$300,000.

The United States farmer is, collectively, the most wealthy capitalist the world has ever known. By the last census the farmers had invested in agriculture in the United States \$20,000,000,000, which last year produced \$7,000,000,000. Such a yearly income means \$50,000,000 a month, or \$15,000,000 a day.

Charles R. Heike, former secretary of the American Sugar Company, was denied immunity and must stand trial on an indictment of conspiracy to defraud the government out of sugar customs, according to an opinion handed down by the United States Supreme Court.

The highest price ever paid for beef cattle in the history of South St. Paul was recorded in a sale made by Clay Robinson & Co., who recently sold a herd of fifteen head for \$775 a hundred, for B. B. Griffith of Wheaton, Minn. The steers were grade shorthorns and Herefords, and had been in feeding since October.

PASSES THROUGH COMET'S TAIL.

Earth is Not Hurt by Close Proximity of Astral Intruder.

Without so much as denting the air envelope, mother earth the other night plunged into the tail of the long-awaited terrestrial visitor, which passed at forty-five miles a second through a million miles of it, and came out on the other side unscathed.

Facing about to discover the damage done, not the least of a fracture nor the sign of a puncture was visible. The streaming tail of Halley's comet was swishing and swaying just as it has swished and swayed through the ages gone. Said the comet to the earth: "Never touched me." And the earth replied in kind. The total number of killed and wounded was nil, and so far as working havoc of any sort was concerned the comet goes speeding away to the outside reaches of the way beyond with a clean bill of release.

In spite of the fact that scientists had stated that there was absolutely no danger to the earth's inhabitants in the nearness of the comet, many poorly informed persons clung to the belief that dire calamities were about to occur.

An aged Chicago woman, in fear of the comet, killed herself with gas, and others in the house were nearly asphyxiated.

Christ Chekos, a Greek, gave away all of his money at East Chicago avenue and North State street, Chicago, and exhorted adults and children to prepare for the end of the world.

Domestics in South Bend, Ind., quit work, fearing the comet would bring destruction to the earth.

An Ohio man went insane worrying over the comet.

Farmers near Neenah, Wis., removed lightning rods from barns and homes for fear they would attract dangerous substances from the comet.

Residents of Minnesota Point, Minn., left their homes for fear a tidal wave from Lake Superior would cause a deluge.

Fear was evident among the negroes in the "black belt" of Chicago, among the residents of the Italian settlements and on the lower west side, where many attended church services.

Fakirs in Atlanta, Ga., made large profits selling "conjur bags" to negroes to protect them from the comet.

Negroes in many Southern cities held all-night prayer services.

ROBBED MAN GETS MONEY BACK.

Mysterious Stranger Returns \$1,000 to Minneapolis Resident.

L. O. Gale, on whose complaint Michael Rock was locked up in Minneapolis after a \$1,000 robbery in a revolving door, rushed into police headquarters shouting, "I've got my money back." Gale ordered police to search for a downtown corner by a heavy man, who asked him: "Are you Gale?" He said he was. "You lost \$1,000 yesterday, didn't you?" said the strange man, "and had this man Rock arrested. I understand no charge has been brought against Rock as yet. Here's your \$1,000. That ought to settle the matter." Whereupon the man walked away. Gale was too surprised to do anything but count the bills. Rock has been released.

INAUGURATION DATE IS STANDBY.

The National House of Representatives refused to submit to the States the question of changing the date of the inauguration of the President and the Vice President from March 4 to the last Thursday in April. It was proposed to make the date of the inauguration seven weeks later than now fixed by the constitution, in the hope of pleasant weather.

ARKANSAS MOB LYNCHES NEGRO.

Dock McLain, a negro, who severely injured Ernest Hale, a young white man at Ashdown, Ark., last April, was taken from two deputy sheriffs at that place by twenty-five men and hanged in the jail yard. The lynching was done quietly, not a shot being fired. All of the lynchers except two, were masked.

CHILDREN DOOM FIRECRACKER.

A vote cast by the public school children of Wilkesbarre, Pa., showed that they stand five to one in favor of the Fourth of July without firecrackers, cannon or blank cartridges. There were 4,921 votes for the safe and sane celebration and 853 for the old-fashioned Fourth.

MISSIONARIES FLEE IN CHINA.

A cablegram received by the secretary of the Board of Missions of the Evangelical Association in Cleveland says that ten American missionaries have been forced to retire from Shen show, in Hunan, China, and take refuge at Kuanfang, 500 miles away, near Hankow.

FOOD STRIKE AT INSANE ASYLUM.

Dr. Henry A. Cotton, medical director, and Samuel T. Atchley, warden, have a "food strike" to deal with at the New Jersey State Hospital for the Insane. The attendants declare that they are getting too much cereal and not enough meat. Many have left and others threaten to.

"GET BUSY WITH EMILY" STOPPED.

"Performances of 'Get Busy with Emily,' alias 'Have You Anything to Declare?' at the Grand Opera House Theater in Chicago, the play being called vulgar and indecent.

DRESS ARREST; KILLS WIFE AND SELF.

Henry Helton dared his wife Lily to have him arrested in Kansas City and when she accepted he shot and killed her and then committed suicide. They had been separated about a year.

DYNAMITE BLOWS 100 TO BITS.

Two explosions of dynamite, supposed to consist of 3,000 pounds, demolished the rural guard barracks in Pinar del Rio, Cuba. A hundred persons were killed and nearly as many wounded.

STANDARD OIL GRANTS PAY RAISE.

The Standard Oil Company announced that it will raise the pay of its employees at Bayonne, N. J., 6 per cent uniformly. The increase goes into effect immediately and will benefit between 5,000 and 6,000 men.

TRAIN BLOWS OFF TRACK.

Struck by a terrific gust of wind as the train emerged from a cut two and a half miles east of Cheyenne Wells, Colo., nine cars of a Union Pacific freight train were blown from the track.

KENTUCKY WARS ON RATS.

Hundreds of farmers of Nicholas County, Ky., the other day joined in a war of extermination on rats. This is the second annual "rat day," thousands of the rodents having been killed last year.

DR. HYDE CONVICTED; LIFE TERM IS HIS FATE.

Jury at Kansas City Finds Physician Guilty of Murder of Col. T. H. Swope.

DELIBERATES FOR SIXTY HOURS.

Verdict Comes When Hope of Agreement Had Been Abandoned—Fight for New Trial Next.

Dr. B. C. Hyde was found guilty in Kansas City of murder in first degree and his punishment was fixed at life imprisonment. That he poisoned his wife's uncle, Col. Thomas H. Swope, the Kansas City millionaire, and the verdict reached by the jury after three nights and two days of deliberation.

"I will file a motion for a new trial and then take an appeal in the case," said Frank P. Walsh, chief counsel for Dr. Hyde. The verdict came unexpectedly. Every attorney in the case had given up hope that the jury, which had been out for sixty hours, would come to an agreement.

There was a gasp from the crowd in the court room when the word "guilty" fell from the lips of the foreman of the jury, and Dr. Hyde, with clenched fists, and his lips tightly pressed against each other and his eyes staring wildly, rose from his seat. His wife broke down instantly and sobbed.

Dr. Hyde's attorneys gathered around him and comforted his wife while he stood looking straight before him with an utterly hopeless expression. He turned to his wife, and seeing her face buried in her arms, her body shaken with sobs, he shook his sadly and whispered mechanically: "Life imprisonment."

The history of the case is summarized as follows: Colonel Thomas H. Swope, an Independence, Mo., millionaire, died Oct. 3, 1909; Colonel Moss Huxton, his manager, had died Oct. 1, 1909, and released on \$50,000 bonds. Several members of the Swope family were ill in November from typhoid. They were

SIX SENTENCED IN PITTSBURG.

Former Councilmen Given Heavy Penalties for Grafting.

Ten prominent men of Pittsburg, including bankers, physicians and politicians, faced Judge Robert S. Frazer on various charges of bribery and conspiracy in connection with councilman corruption. Six were sentenced, and the sentencing of four was delayed by Judge Frazer. Of the ten men appearing in court all except one have already pleaded no defense to indictments alleging the giving and receiving of bribes.

As rapidly as their names could be called and their appearance be made six former select and common councilmen were sentenced by Judge Frazer, as follows:

A. A. Vilasak, former cashier of German National Bank, eight months in the county jail and a fine of \$5,000.

Charles Stewart, former select Councilman, eight months in the county jail and a fine of \$500.

Hugh Ferguson, former common Councilman, six months in the county jail and a fine of \$500.

Dr. W. H. Weber, former select Councilman, four months in the county jail and a fine of \$250.

Morris Blainin, former select Councilman, six months in jail and a fine of \$2,500.

Because of illness in their families the sentencing of E. H. Jennings, president of the Columbia National Bank, and F. A. Griffin, former vice president of the same institution, was postponed on consent of the District Attorney until the next week. The sentencing of G. W. Friend, vice president of the Clinton Steel and Iron Company, and of the late James W. Friend, the multimillionaire, and M. L. Swift, Jr., former common councilman, also were postponed.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Progress of the Pennant Race in Base Ball Leagues.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. W. L. Pittsburg...13 New York...14 St. Louis...12 Cincinnati...10 Philadelphia...12 Chicago...11 Brooklyn...9

AMERICAN LEAGUE. W. L. Philadelphia...14 Boston...12 New York...14 St. Louis...12 Detroit...15 Washington...9 Cleveland...13 St. Louis...4

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION. W. L. St. Paul...20 Indianapolis...12 Minneapolis...19 Columbus...13 Toledo...15 Louisville...14 Kansas City...8

WESTERN LEAGUE. W. L. Denver...13 Lincoln...10 St. Joseph...12 Omaha...9 Wichita...12 Topeka...7 Sioux City...10 Des Moines...7

FIRE HURT IN \$250,000 FIRE.

Fire which destroyed the furniture store of Koch Henke, in Cleveland, caused a loss of \$250,000 and injuries to five persons. The injured are Charles Spaden and Robert Behlke, who jumped from the third floor; Lieutenant Herman Schlee, fireman; William Dempsey, engineer of a fire tug and Frank Hill.

BOLLERS BLOW UP; THREE DEAD.

A battery of five boilers exploded at the plant of the Diamond Coal and Coke Company at Chewtown, Pa., killing three men. Six others, including employees and residents in the dozen near houses, were injured, but none will die.

FIVE PERISH IN A FIRE.

Bert Sperry, his three children and their grandmother were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home in Paribault, Minn. Mr. Sperry and two children were saved.

SEIZES CARS TO GET TAXES.

County Treasurer Matt H. Gormley forced the Seattle Electric Company to pay \$167,000 delinquent taxes by seizing 125 of the company's cars in Seattle, Wash.

KILLS MAN IN ANTI-VICE WAR.

Wallace A. Bussell, 23 years old, sought to take the Seattle anti-vice crusade into his own hands when he walked into the Monte Carlo saloon and gambling house and fatally shot the proprietor, Joseph Bonner. Bussell, who is rich, is an anti-vice leader.

BABY CARRIED AWAY BY LION.

A trained lion that was exhibited in Cleveland, Tenn., suddenly snatched a baby from the arms of its mother, dashed it to the floor and planted both his fore paws on the little one's body. Witnesses seizing anything available as weapons advanced on the lion and diverted its attention, while a man snatched the baby from the stage. The child may die.

COLUMBIA MOURNS WITH BRITANNIA.



Detroit Free Press.

APPLE CROP PROMISING.

Outlook Said to Be Better than for Three Years.

Reports from market centers in relation to the apple situation in the United States subsequent to the recent frosts and up to May 1, lead the dealers to the conclusion that the outlook is better than they expected. Their advice is that for the United States as an entirety there is promise for a larger crop than for three years, notwithstanding the frost damage in Indiana, Ohio and west to Nebraska and Kansas. In Canada the prospects are excellent, as the trees were not in bloom when the late frosts were experienced in the United States. The middle west, known to the trade as the Ben Davis group, has suffered the most, but the other sections, especially Wisconsin, Southern Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, etc., little damage has been done, while the Pacific Northwest, particularly Oregon and Washington, promises the largest crop in history, with favorable prospects also further south in California.

ROCK THE BOAT; EIGHT DROWN.

School Children Die in Mill Pond—Rocks a Boat and Eight Drown.

Eight children were drowned and a party of twelve on an old mill pond at Huntington Mills, Pa. The four boys who escaped made vain efforts to save the girls. All of the party were members of the graduating or junior classes of the high school. The dead are: Maud Sulliff, 17; Caroline Koons, 18; Ruth Bonham, 17; Iris Davenport, 17; Kathleen Good, 16; Rachel Thompson, 17; Robert Minnick, 18, and Ray Dodson, 17.

CHILD NURSE POISONED BABY.

Poisoned by a 10-year-old negro girl employed as a nurse, the 3-month-old daughter of Davis Collins, a wealthy planter, died in Demopolis, Ala., and a second child of Collins, 2 years old, is in a serious condition. The nurse gives the poisoned child, who because her mother refused to allow her to go on an excursion to Birmingham.

KANSAS TOWN "SHOT UP."

Craved by liquor, it is believed, three unidentified men began an attack on citizens of Clay Center, Kan., the other night that culminated in a pitched battle in which Ray Johnson, a citizen, was shot and seriously wounded and one of the strangers returned a bullet in the shoulder. The strangers were captured only after their ammunition was exhausted.

OVERSTAY KILLS COLLEGE BOY.

Nervous exhaustion caused by overstay is given as the cause of the death of Harold L. Clark, a graduate of Oberlin College, at the home of his grandparents at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. After leaving Oberlin, Clark went to Chicago to complete his law course, and while there suffered a breakdown.

ONE YEAR'S RUBBISH WORTH \$234,000.

The value of the rubbish collected in New York City last year was \$234,000, according to the figures of the State Department of Health.

STORM DAMAGES CROPS IN SOUTH.

Cotton and corn crops in Culverton, Ga., were practically destroyed and the peach crop severely damaged by a hail and windstorm. In Culverton several houses were blown from their pillars, and others unroofed.

ROOSEVELT ENVOY TO KING'S FUNERAL.

Official announcement has been made of the appointment of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt by President Taft as special ambassador to represent the United States at the funeral of King Edward in London May 20.

BLOW AT TRADING STAMPS.

The issue of trading stamps by merchants was pronounced unlawful by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in a divided decision. The trading stamp companies will appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States.

ISLAND MISSION IS DESTROYED.

Word has reached Chang Sha, China, that riots have occurred at Yuen-Chow, which is 225 miles from Chang Sha, and that the island mission has been destroyed. No details are given, as the telegraph wires have been cut.

"ARBITRATE OR FIGHT?"

Slogan of Shippers Who Oppose Raising of Freight Rates.

Shippers from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic seaboard, representing an annual tonnage valued at more than a billion dollars, met in conference at the Congress Hotel in Chicago, and issued a challenge to the railroads of the country to prove that there exists the necessity for increasing revenues by increasing freight rates—challenged them to prove it to the interstate commerce commission sitting as a board of arbitration.

Having expressed the conviction that the railroads will be unable to maintain their position and justify the horizontal increases in the class rates and in the commodity rates in Eastern territory the "mass meeting," which was called by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, perfected a permanent organization with a guaranteed fund of more than \$50,000,000, which was to be waged against what was termed the injustice and greed of the railroads. Here is what the shippers decided to do:

Offer the railroads arbitration through the interstate commerce commission upon the question of whether or not they are entitled to increase freight rates in order to increase their revenues.

The arbitration must be coupled with the agreement that pending it the present rates shall remain, all increases being held in abeyance.

Should the railroads' measures fail, should conciliatory measures fail, the shippers are pledged to take immediate action either before the interstate commerce commission or the federal courts.

Should the commission be appealed to, that body will be asked to declare the rates when put into effect to be unreasonable and unjust.

Should the courts be appealed to, they will be asked to issue an injunction restraining the railroads from putting the proposed increases in rates into effect until the commission shall have the opportunity to examine and pronounce upon their reasonableness.

Organize a permanent body to carry on the fight, if a fight should become necessary.

Create a conference committee of fifteen members whose duty it shall be to have charge of the campaign and place the arbitration plan before the railroads.

As every member of every organization present is given a view to raising a fund to begin and carry on the battle, the initial fund being about \$50,000.

OHIO INSURGENTS LOSE.

Six of Seven Standpatters Are Renominated After Bitter Contests.

Seven of Ohio's present Republican Congressmen fought bitter battles for renomination against "insurgent" rivals at the primary elections the other day, and of the seven all but one were victorious. The issue in each instance was the Aldrich-Payne bill, the campaign against each of the seven men being largely based upon his vote against the Payne amendment placing the lumber on the free list.

The six Republican Congressmen who won as "regulars" were Herman P. Goebel, Cincinnati; Ralph D. Cole, Findlay; Albert Douglas, Chillicothe; Edward L. Taylor, Columbus; James Kennedy, Youngstown, and W. Aubrey Thomas, Niles.

THE NOMINATIONS BY DISTRICTS.

Third District—George R. Young (Rep.); James M. Cox (Dem.), incumbent.

Tenth District—A. R. Johnson (Rep.), incumbent; Edmund Willis (Dem.).

Thirteenth District—J. D. McLaughlin (Rep.); C. C. Anderson (Dem.), incumbent.

Fifteenth District—James Joyce (Rep.), incumbent; George White (Dem.).

Seventeenth District—Ammon B. Critchfield (Rep.); William A. Ashbrook (Dem.), incumbent.

Nineteenth District—H. H. Howland (Rep.), incumbent; William Gordon (Dem.).

Twenty-first District—James H. Casada, Republican renomination; R. J. Buckley, Democrat, defeated F. P. Gettach.

Eleventh District—Albert Douglas (Rep.); Edmund H. C. Claypool, Ross County (Dem.).

Twelfth District—E. L. Taylor (Rep.), incumbent; Francis S. Monnett (Dem.).

Seventeenth District—W. B. Francis (Dem.).

Seventh District—J. Warren Keifer (Rep.); J. R. Bond (Dem.).

Eighth District—H. R. Willis (Rep.); T. C. Mahon (Dem.).

Senator Charles Dick of Akron, whose term expires in March, 1911, appeared alone upon the primary ballot as a candidate for endorsement for the United States Senate.

MANY KILLED IN EXPLOSION.

Seven Boilers Blow Up Wrecking the Sheet and Tin Plate Works.

Quick death came to thirteen men, serious injury to thirty more employees of the plant and damage to the building amounting to many thousands of dollars are the results of the explosion of a battery of seven boilers at the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company plant in Canton, Ohio. The cause of the explosion is present unknown. The fireman and engineer who were in the boiler-room, are dead. No one else about the plant who survived the accident can give an explanation. One workman says that he heard three distinct explosions in quick succession. The force of the concussion was terrific. The big plant is in such a state of ruin as to be practically a total loss. Identification of the men was difficult because many of them were so mutilated that even the most intimate friends of the dead could not recognize the features.

END SIX-YEAR HUNT FOR HEIR.

George W. Lipscomb, for whom relatives have been searched for six years, struck for better pay and shorter hours, was found in Douglas, Ga., and notified that a fortune of \$500,000 is awaiting him at Jackson, Mich., as a legacy from an aunt.

BLOW SAFE AND FIRE BANK.

Three masked men blew the safe of the First State Bank at Dumont, Minn., set the building on fire and fled without securing \$1,500 inside the vault. No clew to their identity or whereabouts has been secured.

SELLS HIS WIFE AND SON.

John W. Wotoski, 23 years old, residing in Rome, N. Y., sold his wife and sons, 5 and 3 years, respectively, to a fellow laborer for \$25. He told the authorities he could easily get another wife, but he refused to part with his daughter, for whom he was offered \$25.

NEGRO SLAIN WHILE ASLEEP.

George Burton, a negro, was killed while asleep in a barn two miles from Utica, N. Y. Joseph Shultz, white, is being hunted by the sheriff.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL.

CHICAGO.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of Chicago trade says:

"While improvement appears in some directions, the general state of trade is still marked by cross currents. The volume of solvent payments through the banks, but money does not loosen, and another high record of trading defaults distorts the opposition in credits. Movements of grain, flour, live stock, hides and wool have decreased, and new