

TELEGRAPH NEWS SUMMARY

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A Review of Happenings in Both Eastern and Western Hemispheres During the Past Week—National, Historical, Political and Personal Events Tensely Told.

John Kennell, the veteran Irish comedian, is dead.

In addition to complimenting Mr. Loomis publicly in the office of the White House before a number of callers upon his Quill club speech devoted to the Panama question, President Roosevelt has written a personal letter to Acting Secretary Loomis recording his approbation of the energetic, tactful and comprehensive treatment of a difficult subject by the acting secretary.

Sacramento.—Thomas Pendergast, a prize fighter, died recently from injuries received in a 20 round contest with "Kid" Williams at Los Angeles. Williams and the seconds are under arrest.

General John C. Black has accepted the civil service commissionership, and the president will send in his nomination when congress re-convenes.

St. Petersburg.—The czar's name day was celebrated with the usual brilliancy. The metropolitan archbishop of St. Petersburg and all the highest dignitaries of the church officiated at a te deum in the cathedral, which the czar and czarina and the entire court attended. Similar ceremonies were held throughout the empire. There was merrymaking throughout.

Paris.—Positive announcement is made by the Soleil and Lanterne that Victor Mercier, one of the directors of the ministry of justice and reporter of the Dreyfus commission, has concluded his report, and that it recommends revision of the case.

Negaune, Mich.—Beginning on January 1, wages of all mine workers in the employ of the United States Steel corporation on the lakes will be cut from 5 to 15 per cent. The reduction will affect thousands of men, and will, it is said, be followed by reductions by the other companies.

A general strike of machinists, boiler-makers and blacksmiths on the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroad lines may be declared by January 1. Violation of the agreement which ended the machine shop strike is alleged.

Four thousand men employed by the Illinois Steel company in South Chicago were laid off for an indefinite period on Thursday.

About midnight recently a miserably dressed man fired two shots at Max Nordau at the Salle Charus. One of the shots grazed Nordau and the second wounded a guest named Assowedski. The would be assailant was immediately arrested.

Murder in First Degree.

New York, Dec. 24.—Frank B. Burness, 44 years old, who shot and killed Captain George B. Townsend of the schooner Charles K. Buckley, on November 10, because Townsend would not pay him \$6.80, which the prisoner alleged to be due him, was convicted of murder in the first degree. The murder, who admits having killed three men besides Townsend, insisted that he did the deed with premeditation and in a full realization of the consequences. Burness smiled broadly when the jury was polled. Judge Crane said he would sentence Burness in a few days and he asked the judge if he would be permitted to say something. On being given the privilege he said:

"There may be an idea in the minds of the jurors that I bear them a grudge for having found me guilty. I wish to say that I do not feel that way in the least and all I can say is I wish them all a merry Christmas."

Railway Mileage Grows.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—According to the Railway Age, the total railway mileage of the United States on January 1, 1904, will be 209,855 miles, the present year having added 5723 miles.

This mileage takes into account all of the new tracks laid up to the last day of the present year.

Compared with 1902, the present year is about on par in the matter of construction.

Europe With Us.

Washington, Dec. 23.—"Refusal by the United States to consent to a proposition from Columbia for a reference of the Panama question to the Hague tribunal is expected and will be fully approved by the European Powers."

This statement was made by a European ambassador of high rank.

Eight Killed in Wreck.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—In a wreck at Godfrey, Kan., of the Meteor, the St. Louis & San Francisco railway's fast train, from the south, eight persons were killed and 32 others injured. Of the injured, five probably will die and 14 were seriously hurt.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

About 700 new residences have been erected in Spokane in the past seven months.

There is a possibility that North Yakima will suffer a shortage of fuel before long.

Judge John J. McGilvra, one of Seattle's oldest pioneers, is dead, at the age of 76 years.

Stockmen of the Big Bend are in better spirits now than a few weeks ago, owing to the late rains.

Work at the state normal at Cheney was suspended Wednesday afternoon, to be resumed again January 4.

B. F. Gootch, wanted at Silver City N. M., for the murder of Ross in the fall of 1902, is under arrest at Everett in the county jail.

The armored cruiser New York and the gunboat Bennington have left the navy yard at Bremerton under rush orders for San Francisco.

The new peddler's ordinance of Spokane, excluding peddlers from the downtown district in the fire limits, was declared void by a Spokane judge.

Barney O'Connor, brakeman on a work train on the O. R. & N. was killed recently four miles from Walla Walla, by being crushed under the train.

The official program of the eleventh annual meeting of the State Dairymen's association to be held in North Yakima, December 29, 30 and 31, 1903, has been announced.

Attorneys for Cy Victor, who was recently convicted in Davenport of the murder of Charles Thennis, have filed seven affidavits relative to the pending motion for a new trial.

Byron Larson, the youngest son of C. F. Larson, of Republic, got lost on Loon mountain, at the head of Nine Mile creek, recently and froze to death. His body was recovered by searchers.

Arrangements for the entertainment of the farmers' institute to be held in Walla Walla in February is announced. The Walla Walla poultry show will be held in conjunction with the institute.

The boiler in the Ritzville electric plant sprung a leak recently and the town is now in darkness.

Fire recently destroyed a row of five small wooden houses on Main street at Colfax, commonly known as the Ellsworth row. The loss on the buildings is \$3,000, with \$700 insurance.

A deed with a stated consideration of \$30,000 was filed for record recently from Fred Seiter to the Evergreen State Fruit company and conveys the fruit orchards on Moran prairie handled by the company.

With the forwarding of \$100 by the people of Olympia to the secretary of the Rogers memorial committee, the entire amount of \$2,500 sought to be raised to erect a monument to the late governor was completed.

Ray Gilbert, a freight conductor, whose run was from Ellensburg to Pasco, fell from a car below North Yakima recently and was killed, having both legs cut off. He is a nephew of General Superintendent Gilbert.

The new directory of Walla Walla shows a total of 4990 names of individual residents of the city, names of firms and duplicates being omitted. By the use of the multiplier 2 1/2 the population of the city is shown to be 12,475.

Deputy Insurance Commissioner J. H. Shively has closed the books of the department for the year, which shows the receipts for 1902 were \$68,184.11, while the receipts for 1903 are \$68,578.49, showing an increase of \$18,394.38.

A dam on the Cowman river, a tributary of the Cowlitz, collapsed recently, entailing a loss of \$16,000 to the logging company which operates at that point. Three men were on the dam when it started to give way, but they escaped injury.

An Olympia paper prints a story to the effect that recently a tremendous landslide occurred on Mount Rainier, involving the highest peak of the mountain, reducing its height and completely changing the configuration of the southeastern slope.

Considerable interest is manifested in the forthcoming election recently ordered by the county commissioners to determine whether or not the town of Starbuck, with its 400 inhabitants, shall be incorporated into a town of the fourth class.

Ernest Stalberg broke both arms by falling from a horizontal bar in the gymnasium of the Young Men's club at Davenport. Young Stalberg attempted to swing by his knees from the bar. He lost his hold and fell. He succeeded in alighting upon his feet, but plunged forward, breaking both bones of the right arm and one bone of the left arm.

Although much has been done by California scientists in solving the problem of the codlin moth in their field, yet Principal E. A. Bryan of the state agricultural college of Pullman says that the remedy for the fruit tree evil must be still worked out in each individual locality. He has accepted an invitation to address the Inland Empire Horticultural and Floricultural society at its meeting at Spokane in January.

MINES AND MINING NEWS

PROPERTIES HAVE SETTLED DOWN TO WINTER'S WORK.

Items of Interest Gathered During the Past Week—B. C. Mines Busy—Show Up Well—Electric Power in Coeur d'Alene District a Success—Accidents and Personals.

It is reliably reported that Charles Sweeney is negotiating to buy the Silver King and the Daly West lead mines in Utah for the Federal Mining company. For this purpose and the acquiring of other properties the capital of the Federal company will be increased to \$50,000,000.

This move will put the Federal company in position to control the lead market, as it will have 70 per cent of the lead output of the United States. Negotiations have progressed to such a point that W. Clayton Miller was sent to examine the Utah properties, and Charles Hussey, from Finch & Campbell's office, accompanied him to go over the books of these companies to verify the statements as to the business heretofore done. The Silver King is the biggest lead mine in the United States, having paid last year \$1,800,000 in dividends. The preferred stock of the Federal company is marketable in New York at \$90, this price carrying a share of common stock with each share of preferred.

British Columbia Mines.

Marked activity in mining at Rossland was displayed during the past week. The advent of snow replaces the Kootenay mine on the shipping list, while the Le Roi mine increased its output. Total, 9690; year to date, 395,295 tons. A total tonnage of over 400,000 for the year is assured.

New records were made in last week's output of the shipping mines of the boundary district. Total shipments for the week were 19,787 tons. Total for the year to date, 653,661 tons. The Granby smelter last week treated 12,909 tons; making a total of 348,794 tons for the year to date.

The Red Mountain railroad has 40 men laying tracks on its spur to the White Bear mine. A part of the equipment for the new headwork is on hand and the balance is expected daily. The mine commences shipments shortly after the first of the year. The lessees of the I. X. L. mine are operating steadily. Two machines are employed and the mill is running continuously.

Mining Notes.

The Bunker Hill & Sullivan mill at Wardner is preparing to conduct a series of experiments with the Wilfley slime tables, and two will shortly be installed at the mill. Mr. Wilfley himself and his representatives are certain that these tables will prove more effective than the round tables in use at the mill. The mill will treat the slimes that the wanners do not treat.

An explosion in a drift on the 1800 foot level of the Tiger-Poorman at Burke, Idaho, frightfully injured two miners—Fred Sickman and James Ashurst. The entire right side of Sickman's skull crushed in, both eyes blown out and his entire body perforated with fine rock. Both of Ashurst's eyes were torn out by the force of the explosion, his abdomen blown open and his bowels filled with fine rock. His left forearm was also completely crushed. Both men are still alive, but neither can possibly live.

The Pueblo, Col., city council and police department recently ordered Max Malich of Denver, a prominent labor leader, and President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners to leave the city on the first train. Both obeyed the order. The action on the part of the council was due to a meeting held when a union of smeltermen was organized with 183 members and at which a riot was threatened when a former Cripple Creek miner criticized President Moyer's course. It is asserted that practically none of the present employees of the smelters here joined the union. Before leaving President Moyer expressed the intention of proceeding against certain city officials in the courts for their action.

A cloudburst, which swept down the Little Bear creek, near Corbin, Jefferson county, Montana, recently, may result in the discovery of a large copper camp. The water plowed a deep furrow in the earth, uncovering some rich specimens of copper.

Because he has proven that he can mine and mill ore for 40 cents a ton, Colin McIntosh, a former Spokane mining and civil engineer, has been offered \$10,000 annual salary to take charge of the properties of a London company in South Africa. Mr. McIntosh has accepted the offer.

The reason for the degradation of Chang Yi, director of the Northern railway, and the taking from him of all his honors, as cabled, is that in 1900 he sold the valuable mines at Kaiping. Chang Yi has been given two months' grace, during which he is expected to again bring the mines under Chinese control. Should he fail

to do this further punishment awaits him.

A force of 42 men is employed at the Providence mine, in Providence camp, by Manager McIntosh. It is shipping two cars of ore per month, and most of the ore will go to the Greenwood smelter. Sinking in the incline shaft, now down 183 feet, will start shortly after the new year.

The most important mining deal in Northport vicinity during 1903 is now taking place. Lewis P. Larson of Spokane has taken a bond on the Last Chance mine, located seven miles east on Deep Creek and owned by the Last Chance Mining & Reduction company. The purchase price is considerably in excess of the \$50,000 mark.

Work for the winter has been suspended at the Bodie mill and mine, a Toroda creek property, near Republic. Coeur d'Alene mine owners say that every mine in the district shipping its product to Helena or Pueblo, Col., smelters, will profit by the railroad freight change which allows ores up to \$60 in value to be carried at the \$8 rate. It is claimed that with the possible exception of the Hercules, no mine in the district has a flat freight and treatment rate with the smelters, and as a result any reduction in freight rates adds to the profits of the owners of the mines, and does not go to the smelters.

Hump News.

McGree & Johnson have found three feet of brown hematite and bromide on the Eagle and Golden Eagle claims at the mouth of Crystal Lake. Work was concentrated in a tunnel this year and the ore was found only three feet from the surface.

The Colonel, bonded by William A. Nicholls of Spokane, has completed the crosscut. The tunnel is now in 225 feet.

The mother lode reduced its force to two men on the 13th inst., until January 10, when work will be continued all winter. The crosscut is in 48 feet, with no sign of a wall.

OREGON NOTES.

Of the counties of eastern Oregon Umatilla is far ahead in the quantity of wheat produced this year. From Umatilla, Union, Baker and Morrow counties the total output of wheat this year was 3,850,000 bushels, 2,500,000 bushels being raised in Umatilla county. The production of Walla Walla, Grant counties is as yet small. Those counties are far from being settled, and their principal industry is cattle and sheep raising.

As the result of a fire which visited the lower portion of the business section of Portland recently, three Chinese are known to have lost their lives and damage to the amount of at least \$70,000 was done.

A. W. Rigg and his brother are feeding 8,000 sheep at their quarters just above Pendleton. All of these sheep will be placed on the market this season, probably some being held until February.

Although there are a number of Chinese opium joints in Pendleton, running in full blast, no action has been taken against those who conduct such places or against the smokers.

Since the first two artesian wells have proved a success settlers of the Grand Ronde valley have decided to form a company to prospect in different sections and will conduct work in a systematic manner.

MONTANA NOTES.

Senator Gibson has introduced a bill in congress to have regular terms of the district and circuit courts held at Great Falls.

In pursuance of official duties, Truant Officer M. H. Lucas of Red Lodge, arrested John Karnoven and John Johnson, who refused to send their children to school.

In the trial of Isaac Gravelle, charged with dynamiting property of the Northern Pacific Railway company, it has developed that the plot against the railway company was hatched in Deer Lodge penitentiary years ago.

The \$20,000 damage case of Carl Dowdell against Joseph L. Young at Missoula went to the jury and three hours later a verdict was returned, finding in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$3,500.

The Beatrice Mining and Milling company has closed down its mines at Elliston, leaving only a couple of watchmen in charge. It is understood that the shutdown will last a couple of months, or through the worst of the winter.

The ranchers around Red Lodge have organized a farmers' union, or protective association, similar to that in Missoula county and elsewhere. It is expected that a national organizer will come from Bozeman to complete the work.

An injunction order has been signed by Judge Clancy in a suit that was begun by W. A. Clark & Brother against County Assessor Daniel G. Brown. The action is based upon an order that was recently made by the county commissioners in making an additional assessment upon the recommendation of John H. Simpson, who examined the tax roll and claimed that bank securities, mortgages and other property that is liable to taxation had escaped assessment.

KILLS HIS ENTIRE FAMILY

ROScoe DERBY OF CLEVELAND, OHIO, THEN SUICIDES.

Was an Extraordinary Crime and Carefully Planned—Two of the Children Had Struggle With Crazy Father—Had Sent a Letter to a Friend Telling About Loss in Poolrooms.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 22.—Roscoe W. Derby, a machinist, despondent over money matters, killed his wife and three children at their home and then committed suicide.

The dead: Roscoe W. Derby, aged 45; his wife Della; Harold, aged 8; Alice, aged 7; Thomas, aged 5.

The crime was extraordinary in its thoroughness and evidently had been planned carefully. Derby had been down town as late as 11 o'clock the night before, ostensibly shopping, but in all probability securing ammunition for his revolver. When he arrived home his wife and he talked for a time with a neighbor who had been calling, over a Christmas festival they had planned.

The crime is believed to have been committed about 4 o'clock in the morning. Mrs. Derby was shot to death in bed, two bullets having been fired into her head and a third, probably fired after the children had been killed, in the back of her neck. Mrs. Derby was probably killed during sleep, an expression on her face showing no sign of a struggle. Two of the children, however, probably had a struggle with Derby after they had been awakened by the shooting and made an ineffectual attempt to escape. Harold's body was found in a pool of blood in the kitchen and that of Alice in the dining room with her face to the floor and a bullet in her breast. Harold evidently had been chased about the house by his father, as the furnishings were in disorder. From the location of his wounds the boy probably was caught by his father and held while the revolver was placed against the little fellow's forehead and two bullets sent into his brain. There was also evidence of a struggle on Alice's part. The last of the children to die was Thomas. He remained in bed while Derby shot him in the head. After the crime Derby went to the bedroom where his wife lay dead and, lying down at her side, fired a bullet into his own brain.

A number of poolroom checks were found lying about the house, showing that Derby had been trying his luck at betting.

The first knowledge of the crime was communicated in a letter written by Derby to a friend in this city. The letter was to the effect that when it should be received the Derby family would be dead. When the friend hurried to the house the terrible tragedy was revealed.

NEW MONEY SYSTEM.

Plan of the American Banking Association.

New York.—After a three days' session here the bank money order committee of the American Bankers' association, representing 7000 banks, has agreed upon a plan for a money order system whereby sums not to exceed \$100 can be sent by mail and the orders cashed by any bank belonging to the association.

The scheme will, of course, come to direct competition with the money order division of the postoffice and it is expected to cut largely the government revenues. The proposed system is said to be precisely as exchange is now sold, the orders are to be sold by aantee company.

The committee's report will be submitted to the executive council of national body at its regular meeting next April.

BRITISH TO STUDY WAR.

They Will Go to Japan and Get P... There.

London.—Half a dozen British engineers have left England for Japan to study the Japanese language and become acquainted with Japanese military tactics. The war office has any attempt to connect with these crisis, by arrangements therefore with the Tokio government.

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Russia Needs

Berlin, Dec. 24.—St. Petersburg correspondent said in financial circles... sian government... bankers regarding loan amounting