

# 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 Tersely Told.**

The San Francisco Examiner announces the failure of Seymour R. Church, the California pig iron merchant, the liabilities being placed at \$320,000.

C. E. Bacon and A. H. Butler, president and cashier of the Lockport, Ill., bank, which recently failed, have been indicted on a charge of embezzlement.

General John C. Black, recently appointed a member of the civil service commission, has taken the oath of office and will at once enter upon his duties.

The supreme court has issued the mandate committing Blanche Boise to jail for 30 days and to pay a fine of \$100. This is the affirmation of the district court sentence wherein Miss Boise was sentenced for smashing saloon fixtures and windows.

The Dime Savings bank of Portsmouth, Va., closed its doors. The alleged defalcation of Cashier John Downing several weeks ago is said to be the cause of the failure.

Elias F. Perry, treasurer of the International Association of Machinists, has been arrested on a charge of stealing \$250 of the union's money.

John J. Brennan, the Chicago alderman sentenced to one year in the house of correction for complicity in election frauds, was put to work tying bundles of brooms in the broom factory department. He was attired in the regulation prison suit and his hair and mustache had been trimmed.

With Brennan are 157 other men, white and colored. He was convicted of buying votes.

The commercial committee of the house of commons of England has cabled to the American parliamentary arbitration group at Washington the heartfelt congratulations on its formation and promising gladly to cooperate with it.

A recent fire among the wholesale establishments and warehouses in the triangular block formed by the junction of Pearl and Erie streets at Buffalo, N. Y., caused a loss estimated at \$250,000.

A special from Eustis, Fla., says James L. Blair of St. Louis, formerly general counsel of the Louisiana Purchase exposition, is dying. He was taken with a congestive chill and is slowly sinking. His physicians give but little hope of recovery. Mrs. Blair and their son are with him.

Archbishop Harty has landed at Manila and met with a most enthusiastic reception. A water pageant added brilliancy to the affair, the bay in the vicinity of the landing stage being packed by boats gaily decked with varicolored bunting. Fully 10,000 people took part in the shore parade, in addition to 5,000 school children representing all the Catholic societies within the archiepiscopal jurisdiction.

A report of a head-on collision near Woolsey, Nev., of a freight train which ran into the eastbound Atlantic express, moving at the rate of 20 miles an hour, is confirmed. No one was killed, but several injured.

The statement of Uncle Sam's treasury balances shows: Available cash balance, \$226,254,001; gold, \$95,112,974.

Young Corbett is reported broke. The rich stake he received for beating Eddie Hanlon he took to the race tracks at Emeryville and Ingleside, Cal., and played it away \$1,000 at a crack on the ponies.

It is reported on good authority that F. I. Whitney, general passenger agent of the Great Northern, has tendered his resignation and will retire from the railroad business.

Because Franklin Union, No. 4, of Press Feeders, Chicago, had failed to satisfy a judgment of \$10,000, due the state as a fine, which Judge Holdrum entered against the organization, after finding it guilty of contempt of court as a corporation, Judge Brentano has entered an order naming Allen McLean as receiver for the union.

Workmen engaged in digging gravel at Winnemucca, Nev., have discovered at a depth of about 12 feet a number of bones that once were parts of the skeleton of a gigantic human being. Dr. Samuels pronounced them the bones of a man who must have been nearly 11 feet in height.

Three thousand five hundred actors, stranded in strange lands by the disbanding of 185 companies on the road, have, for two months, been wandering their devious ways back to New York. Many of these are able to tell offhand how many cross-ties there are to a mile of railroad track. When they arrive in New York they are no better off than those who have fallen by the wayside. The theatrical business is very poor in that city.

Henry Herbert Pigott, who achieved notoriety in 1901 by eloping from Philadelphia to Denver with Charlotte

Bryan, his wife's niece, disappearing. It is claimed, with funds estimated at more than \$500,000, has been arrested, with the woman, at Princeton, B. C.

Theodore Loveless, aged 19, was recently electrocuted at Vancouver, B. C., while walking home from work. A telephone wire fell across the trolley wire of the streetcar system and Loveless struck this with his face as he walked along. He fell across the wire and was fearfully burned about the head and shoulders. When the current was turned off and the lad picked up he was dead.

J. W. Warr, for several years one of Moline's (Ill.) most prominent citizens and leader in reform, was recently indicted by the grand jury under 17 counts, charging the embezzlement of \$100,000 in his capacity as secretary of the Moline Savings & Loan association.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee, held at national prohibition headquarters in Chicago, it was held that the guarantee of ability to take care of the national prohibition convention by Kansas City was not satisfactory, and the convention was located in Indianapolis, to be held on June 29.

Bankers engaged in shipping silver have been informed from Japan that for the present no more silver is required, which is regarded as an indication that war is not imminent.

At Calgary, N. W. T., fire starting from the furnace of the new Normandie theatre recently gutted the whole block, causing a loss of \$280,000. Six large stores in the building were burned. The theatre was to have been used for the first time.

Senator Heyburn has favorably reported from the committee on manufactures Senator McCumber's pure food bill. The bill is almost identical with the measure proposed last year.

The strike of the carriage and baggage drivers of the St. Louis Transfer company has been called off. The employers agreed to shorten hours and increase wages.

Mrs. Ruth Brown Thompson, daughter of John Brown, "the liberator," died recently at her home at Pasadena, Cal., aged 76 years.

Major General Arthur MacArthur has assumed command of the division of the Pacific.

The strike of the livery drivers is ended and the union men were ordered back to work. A committee of owners and drivers had a conference at which an agreement was brought about which recognizes the "closed shop," one of the chief points of disagreement. The matter of an increased wage scale will be arbitrated as soon as possible.

The Swifts, Armour, Nelson Morris, Schwarzschild and Sulzbergers, the "stock yard family," are said to have purchased 1,000,000 acres of land in southern Alabama and northern Florida. The news of the purchase has startled the stock yards, La Salle street, Chicago, and the railway world. These interests see behind the purchase a move intended to revolutionize the meat industry of America.

The correspondent of the Rappel at Odessa says that the Asiatic department has ascertained that 200 Japanese engineers disguised as Chinese coolies are scattered along the trans-siberian railway, with the object of blowing up the line when war is declared.

The body of former Governor Bushnell of Ohio, who died recently, was removed to Springfield, where it will lie in state in the Christ Episcopal church.

Major General S. S. Sumner has arrived at Oklahoma City, Okla., accompanied by his staff, to assume command of the newly made division of the southwest, the headquarters of which will be situated in that city.

George Layton and his wife were found dead in their apartments at San Francisco recently. They had been asphyxiated by gas that escaped from a leaky tube connecting with a stove.

The Korean cabinet has decided to open Yongampho and Jikoho, and this decision will be promulgated at the expiration of the mourning for the empress dowager.

**Policemen Band Together.**  
Chicago—Members of Chicago's police force, numbering 300 and including patrolmen and officers of rank, have launched an organization to be known as the Policemen's Protective association. Its principal object, it is stated, will be the protection of its members against charges made by criminals and thieves.

**Russia Buys 1000 Wagons.**  
Sauk Center, Minn.—A local manufacturing concern has received an order from the Russian government for 1000 wagons, to be shipped, for the most part, directly to Omaha and forwarded from there with consignments of wheat and meats recently bought in that city. Five hundred of the wagons are ready.

**Senator Bailey's Idea.**  
Houston, Texas, Jan. 20.—United States Senator J. W. Bailey says in a wired dispatch to the Post that he will be retired from public life before "dishonoring my state and party by voting for the ratification of the Panama treaty."

# THEY WERE NEARLY DROWNED

PARTY OF 18 WRECKED IN BOWELS OF THE EARTH.

Their Boat Fills—Cave Roof Only Two Feet Above Surface of Subterranean River—Reach the Steep Bank—After Being Thrown Into Icy Waters of Echo River, in Mammoth Cave.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 19.—Eighteen delegates to the league of commission merchants were thrown into the icy waters of Echo River, which winds a tortuous course through Mammoth cave, deep underground, and were saved only by the coolness of the guide, John Neison, and the heroic work of Charles A. Muehlbronner of Pittsburg, Pa.

The roof of the cave over Echo river is arched and the space in the center, owing to an unaccountable rise in the river, was only two and a half feet above the water. In order to insure the passage of the boat the men and women were forced to stoop over. At one place the boat swerved to one side, raking the heads of those occupants seated next to the bank. These leaned farther forward, which lowered one end of the boat and the water began to flow in rapidly.

The guides saw the danger and called to Mr. Muehlbronner to jump and take the chain. This he did, landing on a steep bank which offered only a slight foothold.

Lying on his face he held to the chain and pulled the boat toward the bank. The boat sank in eight feet of water. Further back where there was no landing the water is 18 feet deep.

By the light of a single lantern the party escaped by climbing over Mr. Muehlbronner's prostrate form and after waiting several hours for a boat were brought in safety to daylight.

**Jim Hill's New Plan.**

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 21.—The public lands exclusively for bona fide settlers, vigorous reclamation of arid lands, preservation of the forests, and public instruction to teach children how to farm, are the settled and avowed policy of the Great Northern railway. To these ends the Great Northern has carefully framed a platform, which, after careful scrutiny by President James J. Hill, will be embodied in the immigration literature of the road. A general folder with a circulation of 50,000 copies per month, and a coast folder with 8000 a month, will be issued containing this declaration, and probably it will be circulated in other forms.

**Salt Lake Trestle Sinks.**

Salt Lake, Utah, Jan. 20.—Advices from the Ogden—Lucien cutoff across the Great Salt Lake, state that 1200 feet of the trestled has collapsed. The damage is near cam 10 at midlake. By reason of this sinking of the track all supplies must be set around the lake by way of Hogup and Tecoma, instead of being sent direct from Ogden, as heretofore. The engineers now state that it will be late in the spring before passenger trains can be run over the cutoff.

**Japan's Reply.**

New York, Jan. 20.—It is an open secret here, cables the Herald' St. Petersburg correspondent, the Japanese reply is distinctly negative, and it extremely courteous tone only equalled by the firmness of spirit which characterizes it.

The foreign office and all the principals are so engrossed with the work that it is well nigh impossible to get a word from them, and the various agencies were treaded stereotyped official phrases, implying that diplomacy is still being used. It is stated that their majesties and the ministers are most active.

**Fatal Blast.**

Baker City, Oregon, Jan. 20.—A premature explosion of dynamite at the Virginia mine this morning resulted in the death of Jack Reece and put out the eyes of his partner, J. W. Weidman.

Though the accident occurred at 10 o'clock in the morning, the men were not discovered until seven o'clock in the evening. Reece was alive when found, but died several hours after. The men were working on the 200 foot level alone.

**George Francis Train Is Dead.**

New York, Jan. 20.—George Francis Train died from heart disease at Mills hotel, No. 1, where he has lived for some years. Heart disease, from which he died, followed an attack of acute nephritis. George Francis Train, author and lecturer, was born in Boston March 24, 1829.

**Shot His Wife.**

Seattle, Jan. 20.—Ike Horsell, who last November concluded a two years' sentence in the state penitentiary for attempting to murder his wife, met her on the street tonight and after receiving her reply that she would not return to him, opened fire. Four bullets lodged in her body, two being in her heart. The physicians say she has a chance to recover.

**The Expedition to Thibet.**

Chumbia, British India.—The British expedition to Thibet, the advance guard of which has reached Tanu, is now in a totally unexplored country. No living European has ever traveled over this route.

The expedition is meeting with enormous transport difficulties. The bulk of the force is occupying Fort Phari, a picturesque structure, solidly built of stone, and exactly resembling a medieval castle. It is four stories high and the interior is full of lion cells, like a rabbit warren, and there are quantities of chain armor, swords and spears therein. The houses of the surrounding villages are constructed of peat sods; they are a single story high, with flat roofs. The natives are friendly.

**Dr. Pollock F. Hyatt Dead.**

Williamsport, Pa., Jan. 20.—Dr. Pollock F. Hyatt, who was United States consul at Santiago de Cuba for five years prior to the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, is dead at his home in Jersey Shore, aged 68 years.

During the civil war Dr. Hyatt was surgeon of Carver hospital, Washington, D. C., and in the bitter presidential fight in 1876 he was sent to Florida as the personal representative of Samuel J. Tilden to superintend the counting of the vote in that state.

**Tacoma Lan Suicides.**

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 20.—Despondent over his inability to secure a permanent position that would enable him to marry the girl he loved, James Bruce placed the muzzle of a double barrel shotgun to the right side of his face yesterday and exploded the weapon, the whole of his head being blown off.

Bruce was in love with a girl named Lily Kerby, who had but recently come to this country from Scotland, which was also the home of the dead man. In a letter written by him to the girl he stated that he soon hoped to be able to secure a position "that will enable him to keep his promise to her."

**To Stop Hazing.**

Washington, Jan. 21.—According to the testimony of Captain Brownson, declared this practice of hazing in the academy as being eliminated. He spoke strongly against the passage of the Lacey bill to restore the three cadets recently dismissed from the academy for hazing. This action must not be taken if discipline is to be maintained. However, he did not want to be personal against the three cadets whom he characterized as in all other respects as desirable students.

**Negroes Cannot Serve.**

Washington, Jan. 21.—The United States supreme court has again reaffirmed the ruling made in the case of Carter versus the state of Texas, to the effect that the exclusion of negroes from grand jury service in cases involving criminal charges against members of their race is in violation of the constitution, and therefore not permissible.

**Payne Give a Swell Dinner.**

Washington, Jan. 20.—The cabinet dinner given by Postmaster General and Mrs. Payne tonight was the largest function of that character ever given in Washington, as in addition to the president and Mrs. Roosevelt, there were about 40 other guests. For the first time this season the entire cabinet circle was represented.

**Opera House Burned.**

Findlay, Ohio, Jan. 20.—The Turners' opera house of this city was totally destroyed by fire. Loss \$40,000. The opera house was "dark" when the fire started.

**Four Miners Killed.**

Butte, Mont., Jan. 20.—By a cave of earth in the East Gray Rock mine, one of the Amalgamated properties, four men were killed and two injured.

**Another Body Recovered.**

Port Angeles, Wash., Jan. 21.—The body of Homer H. Swaney was picked up by the tug Bahada about two o'clock this after noon two mile north of Dungeness light.

**Big Fire at Springfield.**

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 20.—The lumber yard of the Peter Vredenburg company and several small buildings were destroyed by fire. The Western and Commercial hotels near by were damaged by smoke and water and the guests were forced to flee for their lives. Loss \$100,000.

**Hobson's Mother Is Dead.**

Boulder, Col.—The mother of Captain Richmond P. Hobson died at the home of Shirley Davis today after a long illness. Her son was with her when she died and will leave with the remains tomorrow for Greensboro, Ala., where they will be interred.

**Italians Flock to America.**

Rome—The United States continues to be the chief objective point of Italian emigration, the number of emigrants going there in 1903 reaching a total of nearly 250,000.

# MONEY FOR WAR IS LACKING

IF RUSSIA AND JAPAN DECIDE ON PASSAGE AT ARMS.

Cash Tied Up Here—France Will Not Loan Money, Nor Will German Bankers—Rothschilds Are Cold—Great Millionaires Said to Have Taken Hostile Stand Against Czar's Nation.

New York, Jan. 19.—Knowledge that both Russia and Japan have been canvassing the bankers in Europe and here with regard to the possibility of floating bonds, and semi-official confirmation that Russia has been turned down by France, her best friend, in the matter of raising funds, while the chance of Russia getting anything in Berlin is also considered very small, directs attention to the internal resources of both Russia and Japan for furnishing sinews of war. It is thought likely that Japan can borrow some money—though not much—in London, but Japan will have to look to her own treasury and to her own people, just as Russia will have to do.

N. Raffalovitch, a Russian banking expert, is quoted as saying that country has 500,000,000 roubles in gold, or upwards of \$250,000,000, to draw on for emergency. Russia's mainstay is the Bank of Russia, which has been fortifying itself for some years. Russia's gold at bank and in treasury in November last amounted to \$344,698,000, silver \$33,775,000, while the circulating notes outstanding were \$309,186,000.

The Bank of Japan, at the same date, according to the report of the secretary of the finance department, at Tokio, had gold moldings valued at \$57,834,478, with outstanding circulation of \$101,423,396, expressed in dollars. It is interesting to note that since 1898 the gold supply in the Bank of Japan has increased more than \$26,000,000, while the Bank of Russia's stock of the yellow metal has decreased, presumably in connection with the debt refunding operations.

**Will Affect Home Industries.**

Japan's preparations to turn the tobacco and other industries over to the government as a war measure for the purpose of providing more revenue points out the possibility that the burden of war expenses in both countries will fall heavily on home industries, in which case Russia will have a decided advantage, because of her greater wealth and resources. Some of Japan's chief products for export are silk, cotton and textile articles, in manufactured form; rice, tea and flaxseed. Russia exports chiefly grain, oils, dairy products, timber, sugar and flax. State control of the railroads and of the spirits trade would no doubt be made to yield much larger results.

**France Deeply Interested.**

Perhaps more deeply interested in war between Russia and Japan than any other nation, outside of the two contestants, would be France, because of the enormous number of Russian securities held today by the French people, by some estimated at \$1,500,000,000, par value. This explains why the French government has been doing its best to head off war. War means depreciation of outstanding securities of any nation engaged in it, as Wall street views it. The presumption is that more securities will be turned out by the government in question, which tends not only to reduce the market value of those of the country in question, but of other governments in whose countries a market is sought. This is explained on the broad principle of inflation and it is also due to the habit of capitalists and others to shift from one security into another yielding a larger return on the investment, assuming that the security of the investment is somewhat similar in both cases.

**Can't Raise Money in America.**

The power wielded by Hebrew banking interests is strikingly illustrated by the part they are said to have assumed in the negotiations by Russia for loans in Paris and Berlin. It has been stated here, and not denied, that the Rothschilds had taken a hostile stand against Russia, for reasons readily imagined, in view of certain demonstrations in Russia.

**Death of F. Doe.**

San Francisco, Jan. 19.—Charles F. Doe, a millionaire lumberman and a pioneer, was found dead in his room at his home. He was 71 years old. He had extensive lumber and land interests all over the state and was part owner of the St. Nicholas hotel of this city. He leaves an estate valued at between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000, which, it is said, he had bequeathed to nephews and nieces, as he had never married.

**Land Receiver Blalock Resigns.**

Washington, Jan. 20.—The president has received information that Y. C. Blalock, receiver of the land office at Walla Walla, has forwarded his resignation, as he expected to return to active practice of his profession, that of a physician.