

NEWS SUMMARY

Four lives were lost in a fire which destroyed the Verbeck theater at Loran, Ohio.

A seat on the New York stock exchange was sold last week for \$30,000, the highest price on record.

The committee of mines and mining of the house has decided to report in favor of establishing a government bureau of mining.

Admiral Dewey has taken an emphatic stand against the hazing practices which prevail at the naval academy at Annapolis.

Four robbers blew open the safe in the bank at Baldwin, Ill., and escaped after a fight with citizens. Nobody was hurt in the street fight.

Clarence Albright, while seated at his breakfast table at Kingman, Kan., was shot and killed by an unknown assassin, who fired through the window.

The Dowager-Empress of China has ordered the Viceroy of Chile province to go to Shanghai, investigate the recent riots and punish the guilty ones.

According to Chinese dispatches to Japanese papers received at Victoria, the Chinese officials at Peking declare they are unable to stop the American boycott.

Charles Faas, a New York bank director and vice president of a brewery company, is still unconscious and may not recover from an assault made upon him by robbers.

Hugh McCoy, a cripple, age 45 years was shot and instantly killed by two thieves while he was sitting at the kitchen window of his house on a farm two miles from Darlington, Pa.

The China-Japanese treaty was signed Friday at Peking by Baron Komura and M. Uchida in behalf of Japan, and Prince Ching and Viceroy Yuan Shi Kai in behalf of China.

A call has been issued for a meeting in Chicago, February 1 next, of all governors, attorneys-general and insurance commissioners in the country to discuss insurance legislation.

Jack O'Brien was declared the victor over Bob Fitzsimmons in the thirteenth round of their fight in San Francisco. Fitzsimmons announced that he had fought his last battle.

W. G. Nolan, assistant night yardmaster of the Southern Pacific railway at River station, Los Angeles, was run over by a car in the yards and killed. His body was horribly mangled.

The Japanese transports Ikuta Maru and Fukoaka recently collided in the Straits of Shimonoseki and the former sank within a few minutes. Thirty-six returning Japanese soldiers were killed.

Representative Williams of Mississippi has introduced a bill providing for the lending of surplus money in the United States treasury to state and national banks offering the highest interest.

The gate receipts of the Fitzsimmons-O'Brien fight were \$16,407. Of this sum 60 per cent. went to the gladiators, the winner receiving 75 per cent of the 60 per cent and the loser getting 25 per cent.

It was announced that the British government, in response to communications from its consuls at Riga and other Russian ports, has authorized them in case of danger to charter vessels for the removal of British subjects.

Terrible cruelty to his crew was charged against Capt. Levin Lewis of the oyster dredge boat Saddle Lewis at Baltimore. Witnesses testified that one man had been so badly beaten that he fainted and fell overboard and was drowned.

The will of Sir Henry Irving. It is understood, leaves two-thirds of his estate, which consists solely of the \$100,000 realized at the recent sale of his theatrical relics, art works and library, to his two sons, Henry B. and Laurence Irving.

The latest dispatches received from Tiflis, Caucasus, say that 300 houses in the Mussulman quarter were set on fire by armed Armenians, who prevented the inmates from leaving, and fired on the firemen who attempted to extinguish the flames.

The trial of Hugh Watt, the former member of parliament, charged with inciting hired agents to murder his divorced wife, Julia Watt, and Sir Reginald Beauchamp, ended with a verdict of guilty. Watt was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

Admiral Togo in his farewell address to the officers and men of the fleet who fought under his command, warned them to be in constant readiness for emergencies. He concluded with the words: "The victor should tie his helmet string tighter."

The state department has sent instructions by telegraph to the United States consular agent at Diaz, Mexico, to endeavor to secure and return to Philadelphia the bodies of the two Americans, Rutherford and Murray, killed near that place by bandits.

Austin Francis, a switchman, aged 27, was convicted at Kansas City, Mo., of having murdered his sweetheart, Wilona Newton, 15 years old. He gave her carbolic acid, representing it as medicine, and when it failed to kill her, crushed out her brains with a rock.

BOY ACCUSED OF HORRIBLE CRIME

Chicago Lad Who Hacked His Employer to Pieces With a Hatchet.

After Committing Atrocious Murder, the Youngster Sat Down and Gaily Finished His Meal Which Had Been Disturbed by the Crime.

Chicago.—Rudolph Gamoff, 17 years old, has been placed on trial in the criminal court to answer the charge of killing Jacob Lieb of Chicago Heights, his employer, with a hatchet.

During the recital of the facts of the killing to the jury by Assistant State's Attorney Barbour an ordinary-sized hand hatchet, still spotted with the blood of the slain man, was shown the jury. The state, because of the youth of the prisoner, waived the death penalty, but demanded imprisonment for life.

The boy was employed by Jacob Lieb in the shoe repairing shop in Chicago Heights, according to the story of the prosecutor. On the afternoon of August 5 piercing screams from the little shop aroused the village. When, some minutes afterward, two or three men entered the place they found the kitchen floor spattered with blood and the body of Lieb hacked to an indistinguishable mass, while at the table sat the boy who evidently had committed the atrocious deed. He had just finished eating some soup, and the empty bowl stood before him.

AGONIZING CRIES FROM RUSSIA. Jews Write Pitiful Appeals to Their Relatives in America.

Minneapolis.—"Do not ask any questions; do not wait to write, but if you want to see us alive send steamer tickets," is the despairing cry which the Russian Jews of this city are daily hearing from relatives residing in the empire of the czar.

Horrible descriptions of slaughter and rapine are contained in many of the letters. A letter from Kotoras, Russia, gives a lurid description of the massacres which occurred there and in Uman following the issuance of the czar's recent manifesto.

According to the account, crews of brigands followed the parade which was held in celebration of the issuance of the manifesto, gathered in a mob and, placing at their head a picture of the czar and a cross, emblem of state and church, made their way to the Jewish quarter, where they began their work of murder and robbery.

Driving a number of Jewish children into the street, they poured kerosene on them and set fire to them, while the mothers were obliged to stand by and helplessly listen to the agonized screams of their little ones as they perished in the flames.

After making way with the children the murderers turned their attention to the parents and slaughtered them without mercy. Three hundred Jews perished at that time in Kotoras, while in Uman 1,000 were killed. The most horrible cruelties were practiced by those who participated in the massacres.

WENT OVER EMBANKMENT. Twelve Badly Hurt in Wreck on the Rio Grande.

Durango, Colo.—The eastbound Denver & Rio Grande passenger train from Silverton, well loaded with passengers, was wrecked three miles from this city Monday, and while no one was killed, a large number of passengers were injured, twelve of them quite seriously. The accident was caused, it is claimed, by a defective rail.

When the accident occurred, the chair car rolled down an eight-foot embankment, dragging the other cars with it. The cars were dragged along in this manner on their sides for over 400 feet before the engine and train were brought to a stop, the engine tender nearly tipping over, while the drive wheels of the engine were running on the ties.

Grizzly Kills Old Hunter.

Omaha.—Simon B. Clark of Omaha, one of the best-known pioneers of Nebraska, was recently killed in a battle with grizzly bears in the Big Horn country. The news was contained in a letter from a ranchman named Adams, who said Clark's horse came to his ranch December 21. Recognizing the animal, Adams followed his trail back five miles into the mountains, where he found the badly-mangled body of Clark at the mouth of a cave and beside it two dead grizzlies.

Negro Flagman Riddled.

Paducah, Ky.—In a battle between a policeman and John Tice, a one-legged negro flagman on the Illinois Central, who had barricaded himself in his tower at Eleventh and Broadway street, Patrolman James Clark was shot twice in the hip and Tice was riddled by scores of people with rifles and pistols from the surrounding streets and roofs. The negro became enraged at some one throwing bricks at his tower and began firing from the tower at people on the streets below.

It's a Beautiful Game.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Two serious casualties, some spectacular playing, including a run of 197 yards, said to be the longest in the history of football, were the features of the last gridiron game of the season in southern California on Christmas day, between the Sherman Indians and St. Vincent's college, which was won by the former by the score of 30 to 0. H. Wilhoit of St. Vincent's sustained a broken collarbone and L. Lugo of the Indians had two ribs smashed. The Indians outplayed the local men from the start.

THOUSANDS KILLED AND WOUNDED IN MOSCOW

Revolutionists Fighting Desperately to Overcome the Government, and the Streets Run Red With Blood of Insurgents.

Moscow.—The situation is hourly growing worse. The insurgents hold several quarters of the city and fighting continues desperately. Two large arms stores have been pillaged and the weapons distributed among the men who have erected barricades along the Sadovia, which encircles the city.

Two bombs were thrown at the prefecture of police Saturday morning and partially destroyed that building. Two policemen were killed and soldier was wounded.

There are many revolting details of Saturday's fighting. At Fidler's school after the students had raised the white flag and came out, they were charged, ridden down and sabred by the dragons. The revolutionaries retaliated wherever they caught an officer alone, and on the slightest resistance he was beaten into insensibility.

Telegraph poles, wires, planks, barrels and any material available was used in the construction of many barricades, which sprang up all over the city, and as soon as one was destroyed another went up as if by magic at a distant place. Crowds fought the troops with intense stubbornness, using revolvers and hand grenades, but many hundreds of persons had rifles and repeatedly stood their ground, even while they were being mown down by quick-firing guns.

Many innocent persons were killed, among them a number of women. Many bodies were blown to pieces by shrapnel. On Tverskaya street, where the crowds were enfiladed, the losses were heavy.

RUSSIAN MOB HORRORS. Babe of Helpless Jewish Woman Disemboweled Before the Eyes of the Agonized Mother.

New Haven, Conn.—A description of mob horrors in Russia is contained in a letter just received by Dr. Max S. Mandell of this city, from a friend in Egaterinoslav. It is dated November 19. The letter says in part: "We were saved by the kindness of a Christian friend who gave us a place to hide in and kept watch for us himself."

"He took us to his stable, where we remained with our two little ones for three days without a morsel of food or a drop of water, but a horrible death staring us in the face every moment of the time. "Many have lost their lives in addition to similar suffering; still more remain cripples for life with no means of support. Others were compelled to witness the brutal dismembering of their dear ones before they were killed themselves. My clerk told me that he saw how the mob overtook a helpless Jewish woman, who apparently had run to a place of safety, carrying a child in her arms. The beasts wrenched the infant out of its mother's arms and dismembered it, holding out every part to her face and then forced the hysterical mother into shame, which killed her."

RIOT IN A TURPENTINE CAMP. Five Negroes Killed and Eight Wounded During a Christmas Frolic.

Valdosta, Ga.—A bloody riot among negroes is reported here from Ewing, a turpentine camp between Fargo and St. George on the Georgia Southern & Florida railway. The riot was the result of a Christmas frolic among negroes who had been drinking. A general fusillade occurred, and probably fifty shots were fired. Two negroes were killed outright, three were mortally wounded, while eight others received bullet wounds. One negro woman was among the killed, and women were also among the wounded. One of the women was brought to Fargo for treatment, having several bullet wounds in her body, and another of the negroes came here with part of his chin and jaw shot off.

Tide is Turning.

Vladimir, Russia.—Owing to the hostile attitude of the people here who attacked the houses of the railroad men, the strike leaders would have been torn to pieces had the troops not interposed. The railroad strike here is ineffective. Most of the employes are working. Reports received here from several villages in the provinces tell of the murder of agitators by peasants who were enraged at their attacks on the emperor. Among the victims was a young woman.

Venezuela Incident Not Closed.

Paris.—The officials here say that President Castro's failure to resume diplomatic relations with M. Taigny, the French charge d'affaires at Caracas, may complicate matters and postpone a settlement of the questions in dispute. France asked for the withdrawal of Venezuela's offensive note, declining to deal with M. Taigny. Therefore, the withdrawal of the note and the continued declaration to deal with M. Taigny are considered as renewing the old controversy.

Can't Shake His Wife.

Rome.—Advices from Switzerland are to the effect that the federal council has rejected the application of Gabriele D'Annunzio, the dramatist, or annulment of his marriage with the former Princess Di Galliera. It has been rumored for some time that D'Annunzio desired a separation from his wife in order that he might marry the Marquise Di Carriotti, a daughter of the former Italian premier, Marquis Di Rudini.

SAYS POWERS IS INNOCENT

Man Lying at Death's Door Who Knows Who Killed Governor Goebel.

Declares That if the Ex-Secretary's Execution Were Imminent He Would Give Testimony That Would Clear Him.—Powers Appeals for His Aid.

Bakersfield, Cal.—Charles E. Ehler, on a cot in the county hospital, suffering from a wound presumably self-inflicted, has admitted to Superintendent Franz Buckreus that he has information as to the killing of Governor William Goebel of Kentucky which, if it were adduced, it is alleged, would clear Caleb Powers, former secretary of state of Kentucky and now under sentence of death for complicity in the murder of the late governor.

A few days ago Powers wrote from the Blue Grass state to Ehler in Bakersfield, saying in substance: "I see by a press dispatch that you may be an important witness in the Goebel murder. For six years I have lain in prison and three times I have been sentenced to death for a crime of which I am as innocent as the angels around the throne. If you have any information that will throw light on the death of Governor Goebel, then for God's sake declare yourself and aid in proving my innocence."

Ehler, on receiving this letter, permitted Superintendent Buckreus to read it, and the latter, realizing its importance, questioned Ehler, whereupon the latter admitted that he could give testimony that would save the life of Powers, and he intimated that if the ex-secretary's execution were imminent he would give such testimony.

CAME AS A STOWAWAY. Former Citizen of This Country Sent Back to Antwerp.

New York.—Henry Kulper of Galveston, Tex., who claims that he was worth \$30,000 before the Galveston flood, which, he says, wiped out his fortune, was deported Friday on the steamer Colorado. Kulper says that he became a naturalized American citizen in 1885 and that he had a hard-won business in Galveston. After losing his money he returned to his home in Antwerp, Belgium, but failing to prosper there and, wishing to return to the United States, he hid on the steamer St. Andrews which arrived here last week. He was caught and, lacking proper identification papers, was deported as a stowaway.

Find a Noble in an Insane Asylum.

Ogden, Utah.—The insane heir to a large Spanish estate in the Azore Islands passed through Ogden Friday night on his way to his ancestral halls. He is Manuel Gomez, and he was in the custody of two old retainers of the family. Four years ago Gomez fled from the Azore estate of his father, and came to America to seek his fortune. He drifted to Nevada, herded sheep, and went crazy. Ultimately he was committed to the Nevada state insane asylum at Reno. His people, who are of a noble Spanish family, advertised for him for a long time, and finally located him in the Reno asylum. This was four months ago, and, after correspondence Dr. S. C. Gibson, the asylum superintendent, consented that the patient should be sent to them in care of attendants.

Choate to Head Delegation.

Washington.—Joseph M. Choate, who recently was succeeded at the court of St. James as United States ambassador by Whitelaw Reid, in all likelihood will be named by President Roosevelt as chairman of the American delegation to the second Hague peace conference. This selection virtually was decided on by the president on Friday. The president has not yet decided on the other members of the delegation, though he is considering various names of distinguished Americans.

Plot Was Discovered in Time.

Bogota, Columbia.—The authorities here on Friday discovered just in time a conspiracy to overthrow the government. It was headed by Felipe Angelo, Moya Vasquez and Louis Martinez, who with all the others concerned have been arrested and will be tried by court-martial. The government officials believe the affair and say that peace is assured. President Reyes and the government being most popular. The whole country, it is added, condemns the plot.

Signaled the Clergyman.

New York.—Edwin J. Tapley, a negro wife-murderer, was hanged at the county jail in Jersey City Friday. Tapley had arranged with a clergyman to signal with his hands after the drop fell to show that he was alive and realized what was transpiring. Tapley's hands did twitch convulsively, but Rev. Emil Meury, with whom he had arranged to make the signals, refused to say whether the movements of the hands were like the prearranged signals.

Bryan in the Philippines.

Manila.—W. J. Bryan arrived here at noon Friday and was given an enthusiastic reception by committees representing the citizens and the Elks. He declined to discuss politics, and he would express no opinion upon the state of Nebraska going Republican at the last election. He said that he had enjoyed hugely his visit to Japan. Mr. Bryan has given up his idea of a trip to Australia. He was in Manila for about two weeks and then sail for India.



RESOLUTIONS for the New Year and sentiments for the holiday season, arranged in acrostic form by F. G. Moorhead from the works of Robert Louis Stevenson

AN aim in life is the only fortune worth the having; and it is not to be found in foreign lands, but in the heart itself.

MONEY, being a means of happiness, should make both parties happy when it changes hands. Rightly disposed, it should be twice blessed in its employment.

EVERY piece of work which is not so good as you can make it should rise up against you in the court of your own heart, and condemn you for a thief.

RIGHT is that for which a man's central self is ever ready to sacrifice immediate or distant interests.

RIGHT is intimately dictated to each man by himself, but can never be rigorously set forth in language, and above all never imposed upon another.

YOU cannot run away from a weakness; you must fight it out or perish. And if that be so, why not now, and where you stand?

CULTURE is not measured by the greatness of the field which is covered by our knowledge, but by the nicety with which we can perceive relations in that field, whether great or small.

HE who can sit square on a three-legged stool, he it is who has the wealth and glory.

RIGHTNESS is to fuse together our divisive impulses and march with one mind through life.

IF you wish the pick of men and women, take a good bachelor and a good wife.

SOCIETY was scarce put together and defended with so much eloquence and blood for the convenience of two or three millionaires and a few hundred other persons of wealth and position.

TO be a gentleman is to be one all the world over, and in every relation and grade of society. It is a high calling, to which a man must first be born and then devote himself for life.

MANNERS, like art, should be human and central.

AS the sun returns in the east, so let our patience be renewed with dawn.

SO long as we love we serve; so long as we are loved by others I would almost say that we are indispensable.

AFTER all, there is no house like God's out-of-doors.

NO man is useless while he has a friend.

DO what we will, there is always something made to our hand, if it were only our fingers.

A man cannot go very far astray who neither dishonors his parents, nor kills, nor commits adultery, nor steals, nor bears false witness; for these things, rightly thought out, cover a vast field of duty.

HOME is the woman's kingdom.

AFTER a good woman and a good book and tobacco, there is nothing so agreeable on earth as a river.

PENURY is the worst slavery, and will soon lead to death.

PRACTICE is a more intricate and desperate business than the toughest theorizing; life is an affair of cavalry, where rapid judgment and prompt action are alone possible and right.

YET the dearest and readiest, if not the most just, criterion of a man's services is the wage that mankind pays him, or briefly, what he earns.

NATURE is a good guide through life, and the love of simple pleasures next, if not superior, to virtue.

ETRE et pas avoir—to be, not to possess—that is the problem of life.

WE must all set our pocket watches by the clock of fate.

YET, when all has been said, the man who would hold back from marriage is in the same case with him who runs away from battle.

EVERY man is his own doctor of divinity in the last resort.

A BRAVE woman far more readily accepts a change of circumstances than the bravest man.

RIGHT or wrong, this have I done, in unfeigned honor of intention, as to myself and God.

—From The Sunday Magazine.

LION AFRAID OF THE OSTRICH

King of Beasts Inferior to Bird in Fighting Qualities.

There is only one thing of which the lion is afraid, according to Schillings, the young German African traveler, and that is the ostrich. The bird is more fleet than the quadruped, and it can deliver its terrible kick with the precision and impact of a pugilist's blow and spring away till it gets another opening. Such tactics naturally disgust the superior being. The lion has a weakness, however, for ostrich eggs and will make a meal of them whenever the vigilance of the parent birds is relaxed. Schillings saw a lion once with the tempting pile of eggs before him, and he was about to regale himself when the owners of the property appeared and the beast slunk off like a whipped cur. Schillings considers it is an open question whether the hunting of the lion, leopard, buffalo, elephant or rhinoceros is the most dangerous. On the whole, however, he thinks that if he were hunting without supporting rifles in the hands of really great hunters he would rather take his chance with any of them than with the rhinoceros. This animal is remarkably fleet, considering its bulk, and when it makes a charge it is next to impossible to get away from it. Then is the time when a comrade with a good gun and steady nerve is needed to distract the animal's attention.

He Doesn't Curse Now.

Washington, Kans., Dec. 25 (Special)—Jesse E. Mitchell is a telephone lineman, and also a well known resident here. Everybody acquainted with Mr. Mitchell knows that he was a man who held very positive views about Patent Medicine. Hear what he says now:—

"I used to curse all kinds of Patent Medicines, for they never did me any good, but Dodd's Kidney Pills have caused me to change my mind. For twelve years I suffered from Kidney Trouble. There was a hurting across my back that made it positive agony to stoop, and as I am in a stooping position nearly all day, you can imagine how I suffered. After a day's work that any man would think nothing of, I would be tired and worn out. In fact, I was always tired. I began using Dodd's Kidney Pills and after taking four boxes I feel like a new man. I am as fresh at night as when I begin work in the morning. I have no pain in my back now, and I am stronger than ever."

New and Pleasant Perfume.

If you want something particularly pleasant take some sea salt and put it in a wide mouthed bottle and pour in a few drops of violet perfume. Close the bottle tight, let it stand a while, then open, and you get the curious smell of the salt sea, with a slight tinge of violet, which is always found in salt air.

"Czar" from Caesar.

The title of the Emperor of Russia is probably derived from Caesar, a title said to have been assumed by Ivan Basilowitz after defeating the Tartars about 1482.

THE EARTH'S AREA.

One of the best authorities estimates the area of the earth's surface at 196,791,384 square miles, of which about 53,000,000 square miles is land, the rest water. Throughout most of this 53,000,000 square miles Pillsbury's Vitos has made its way because it's so good. It is the ideal breakfast food, and may be had at any up-to-date grocery.

Paul Revere a Dentist?

Was Paul Revere a dentist? The following advertisement, published in the Boston Gazette and Country Journal of Revere's time, is believed to prove that he was: "Whereas, many persons are so unfortunate as to lose their Fore-teeth by Accident and otherwise, to their great Detriment, not only in Looks, but speaking both in Public and Private:—This is to inform all such that they may have them replaced with artificial ones, that look as well as the Natural & answers the end of Speaking to all Intents, by Paul Revere, Goldsmith, near the head of Dr. Clarke's Wharf, Boston. All Persons who have had false Teeth fix by Mr. John Baker, Surgeon Dentist, and they have got loose (as they will in time), may have them fastened by the above who learnt the Method of fixing them from Mr. Baker.

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Pointer for Business Men.

Don't talk about your business with those who are not genuinely and sympathetically interested. You will gain nothing by talking to the casual acquaintance; on the contrary, some part of your pet scheme will be given to the world, some part of your strength will be expended without profit. If you have a firm purpose in life, a conviction or an ambition, don't talk about it to every new comer. The idea or the purpose loses strength by doing this. Watch out for those who are really interested.—Weekly Sectarian.

Ask Your Druggist for Allen's Foot-Ease.

"I tried ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE recently and have just bought another supply. It has cured my corns and the hot, burning and itching sensation in my feet which was almost unbearable, and I would not be without it now."—Mrs. W. J. Walker, Camden, N. J." Sold by all Druggists, 25c.

Derrick Named for Hangman.

A derrick is an innocent mechanical apparatus for lifting heavy weights, but it gets its name from an English hangman called Derrick, who flourished many years ago. The people of that time thought that the device used only in the hangman's trade resembled the more common mechanism which now bears his surname. Somewhat similarly, the term ruffian is believed by many to have come from Morocco, where the inhabitants of the Rif country were and are pirates and altogether persons of evil character.

New Year Resolutions. Every first of January that we arrive at is an imaginary mile-stone in the turnpike track of human life, at once a resting place for thought and meditation and a starting point for fresh exertion in the performance of our journey. The man who does not at least propose to himself to be better this year than he was last must be either very good or very bad indeed. And only to propose to be better is something. If nothing else it is an acknowledgement of our need to be so which is the first step toward amendment. But, in fact, to propose to oneself to do well is in some sort to do well positively, for there is no such thing as a stationary point in human endeavors. He who is not worse to-day than he was yesterday is better, and he who is not better is worse.—CHARLES LAMB.