

# Condensed News Items

SHORT STORIES TERSELY TOLD FOR THE BENEFIT OF BUSY READERS.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

When Lee Woodridge died in the Hamilton county jail at McLeansboro, Ill., recently he escaped probable death from the gallows or a life term in the penitentiary. Woodridge had shot his young wife to death on March 29.

Five years' imprisonment in flth and equal which shocked the authorities who rescued her was ended for Mrs. Mary M. Darr, 80 years old, at Peoria, Ill. Her mind broken, the small, white-haired woman was taken into the county court and adjudged insane.

Testimony dealing with the mental condition of Lena M. T. Clark at the time of the death of F. A. Miltimore, who died from bullet wounds and for whose death the Clark girl and E. B. Patterson are on trial at Orlando, Fla., tended to prove the girl insane.

Mother Pauline Gannon, provincial of the Dominican Sisters, Galveston, died at Galveston, Tex., at the Sacred Heart convent at the age of 57 years. She was a prominent worker for the enlargement of Catholic institutions in the nation and founder of a convent at Riverdale, Cal.; St. Agnes' Academy, Houston, and St. Domin's Illa, at Lampasas, Tex.

### LABOR.

The strike of 1,500 employees of the Tidewater Oil Company, which has been in effect at Bayonne, N. J., since October 15, was ended on the basis of a 12 per cent reduction.

The final order expelling Alexander I. Howat and all his followers in the Kansas Miners' Union from the union, for refusal to obey the orders of the International Union, was issued by the international organization.

The American Federation of Labor is to be opposed by a new federation of independent unions and groups to be known as the United Labor Council of America. The official call for a general convention in New York City on January 7, 8 and 9 was issued by the provisional executive committee.

Two hundred and fifty policemen battled for an hour with union sympathizers of the striking river-front workers at New Orleans. The battle extended over a space of five blocks in the vicinity of the foot of Canal street. Numerous arrests were made and a number of injured were sent to hospitals.

### PERSONAL.

Abandonment of the counter attack upon the conduct of James A. Stillman by Mrs. Anne U. Stillman in the divorce proceedings instituted by the New York banker, was forecast after adjournment of a one-day hearing before Referee Daniel J. Gleason, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Jean Knott, cartoonist and creator of "Penny Ante" and "Let the Wedding Bells Ring Out," was married in February to Winifred Wall, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas R. Wall, of St. Louis, it became known recently.

Elbridge Gerry Snow, financier, who will be 80 years old next January, and Mrs. Fanny Joyce Marsh, 45 years old, of St. Augustine, Fla., were married in the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, New York. Snow's first wife, whom he married in 1865, at Waterbury, Conn., died in October of last year.

### DOMESTIC.

Recent severe criticism of conditions at Ellis Island are not only grossly exaggerated, but are, in fact, essentially false, James J. Davis, Secretary of Labor, states in a lengthy letter to Senator Medill McCormick of Illinois, made public at Washington.

Talkative prohibition agents have been banned by the government. It was said officially at the Treasury. Instructions have been sent all federal enforcement agents cautioning them to be discreet in their public utterances.

Maggie Maloney, who received \$25,000 under the will of the widow of Mrs. Mark Hanna, which was probated at Washington, is famous in fiction, history, reminiscence and legend as the cook who brought corned beef hash to perfection.

A \$20,000 damage suit for the "destruction of Gertrude Thieleke's beauty" was filed against A. O. Conner, an East Moline, Ill., auto salesman, at Davenport, Ia., as a result of an auto accident when Miss Thieleke's face was badly cut from flying glass.

First actual steps directed to the formation of another giant steel combination, such as would rank second only to the United States Steel Corporation and be larger than any other which likely could be formed by consolidation of existing steel companies in the country, were taken in New York recently.

Norman Lewis, an executive of the Chappelow Advertising Company of St. Louis, in an address before the Advertising Club at Pittsburgh, Pa., declared that one of the biggest troubles today is that retail prices are too high. Manufacturers and wholesalers have taken their losses, maintained Lewis, but the retailer as a class hasn't taken his.

Approval of 71 advances for agricultural and live stock purposes, aggregating \$2,272,000, was announced by the War Finance Corporation, including Illinois \$60,000, Kansas \$61,000 and Texas \$347,000.

An egg pool formed by three men controls the egg supply of Chicago and makes a profit of \$30,000 a day, Russell J. Poole, city food expert, announced at Chicago.

### ACCIDENT.

Four persons were instantly killed and three others were seriously injured near Birmingham, Ala., when a Southern passenger train crashed into an automobile.

Phillip Campbell, 42 years old, was instantly killed by a falling car while working on repair track in C. & A. yards at Roodhouse, Ill.

Nine persons lost their lives when the lake steamer City of New York sank in Lake Ontario off Stony Point in a storm recently.

John Frederick Lane, 23, of Mattoon, Ill., a brakeman, was killed in Granite City, Ill., when one train ran over him while he was trying to flag another. He is survived by his widow.

Two women were drowned and two other persons narrowly escaped a similar fate when their machines went through a bridge draw into the Black River at Port Huron, Mich. The dead are: Mrs. D. Earle Minne and Mrs. Emile Gerrie, of Port Huron; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henson, also of Port Huron, were rescued.

### CRIMINAL.

The federal grand jury at New York has returned an indictment charging 51 individuals and 53 corporations in the window glass industry with violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. Joseph M. Neenan, president of the National Glass Workers' Union, also was indicted on similar charges.

Mistaking for detectives two fellow-travelers on a Michigan Central train arriving at Detroit, John Petkewicz, 17 years old, confessed to them that he had participated in the \$28,000 payroll holdup outside the A. G. Walton & Co. shoe factory at Chelsea, Mass., recently.

Testimony that Virginia Rappe, whose death is the basis of a manslaughter charge against Roscoe C. ("Fatty") Arbuckle, "was intoxicated and did not remember what happened to her," according to her own statement, was given in Arbuckle's trial at San Francisco.

Floyd Holmer was acquitted at Fort Worth, Tex., of the charge of killing Warren Wagner, well-known oil operator. The defense declared that Wagner was shot when he reached to his hip pocket.

Five persons were killed, one was fatally injured, and two others hurt, when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Union Pacific passenger train at a crossing near Brighton, Cal.

Four Santa Fe officials in Arizona were killed and five injured when an automobile inspection car overturned on the Santa Fe tracks near Wickenburg, Ariz., a short distance from the California border, according to word received at the railroad headquarters at Los Angeles.

Roscoe C. ("Fatty") Arbuckle wishes to testify in his own behalf in his trial for manslaughter resulting from the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, Gavin McNab, his chief counsel, said at San Francisco. It has not been decided, however, whether his counsel will permit him to do so.

Robert Murtore, 15-year-old negro, charged with attacking a 9-year-old white girl, was taken from officers at Ballinger, Tex., and lynched.

Mont Berg, president of the Sierra Valley Bank of Loyalton and the Indian Valley Bank of Greenville, has disappeared following discovery that he had defrauded San Francisco and Sacramento banks of \$87,500 through the sale of raised and forged stock certificates. It was announced at San Francisco, Cal., by Jonathan S. Dodge, state superintendent of banks.

After an hour's deliberation, a federal court jury at Indianapolis, Ind., found John W. Talbot of South Bend, supreme president of the Order of Owls, a fraternal organization, guilty of violating the Mann act. Sentence was deferred by Judge A. B. Anderson, permitting the defense to decide as to whether or not the case would be appealed by Talbot.

### FOREIGN.

Reduction in the American expeditionary force along the Rhine began when 11 officers and 600 enlisted men left Coblenz on a special train for Antwerp to sail for home on the transport Cantigny.

The entire town of Ibaiz, in the province of Capiz, was inundated by a tidal wave recently and many houses, with their occupants, swept out to sea, according to dispatches from the postmaster of Ibaiz.

Sixty-four of 100 native prisoners died from suffocation while they were being transferred in a closed railroad wagon from Tiaru to Bellary, in the Madras Presidency of India, according to a dispatch to the London Daily Mail from Madras.

Eleven thousand American soldiers stationed on the Rhine tucked away 13,000 pounds of turkey as the piece de resistance of their Thanksgiving dinner. There were the usual "trimmings" of cranberries, raisin and pumpkin pie and piping hot plum pudding.

## ARMS PARLEY AT CRITICAL STAGE

JAPAN DEMANDS BIGGER NAVY BUT U. S. AND BRITAIN SAY NO.

### KATO PRESSES 70 PCT. RATIO

Nipponese Propose to Abandon Calculation of Existing Strength and Substitute Basis of National Security.

Washington.—The "5-5-3" naval ratio and the long debated problem of Shantung ushered the Washington conference into a period of increasing delicacy.

Japan's formal request for a "10-10-7" naval strength, as compared with the United States and Great Britain, was taken under consideration by the naval "Big Three," with the American attitude of determined opposition remaining unchanged.

In her latest request, Japan proposed to abandon entirely the yardstick of existing strength and measure the new ratio on a basis of national security. Under that plan her 10-10-7 suggestion would be acceptable to neither the United States nor Great Britain.

The same differences were discussed in the three-cornered subcommittee of naval experts without results. Finally giving up the effort to reach a solution on a technical basis, the subcommittee adjourned sine die.

Shantung, over which China quit the Versailles conference, got into the negotiations through an offer of Secretary Hughes and Arthur J. Balfour to use "their good offices" in helping Japan and China to compose their differences.

The suggestion, accepted by the Japanese and the Chinese, was made after China had indicated her intention to bring the subject before the conference proper, a course which appeared unwise to some of the delegates in view of the devious ramifications of treaty obligations affecting Shantung.

As a curtain raiser to the Shantung negotiations the Far Eastern Committee of the Whole debated the question of foreign troops in China and heard Japan's objections to withdrawing until there is a more efficient Chinese policing force.

A general declaration of principle only was forecast as the probable outcome.

Meantime, in spite of the growing pressure of opposing views, American spokesmen declared their entire confidence that both the naval and Far Eastern questions would be brought to an amicable solution adhering to the principles laid down in the "5-5-3" ratio and the American "four points."

Japan's proposal for a 70 per cent fleet as necessary to her national security instead of a 60 per cent fleet, was presented formally to the United States and Great Britain. Baron Admiral Kato, senior Japanese delegate, has communicated it personally to Secretary Hughes and Arthur J. Balfour. It is said in Japanese quarters to have the full support of the Japanese Cabinet and the diplomatic Advisory Council in Tokio.

### 4 KILLED AS PLANES CRASH AT 2000 FEET

Hundreds See Machines Come Down in Flames at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Lawton, Okla.—Four army aviators, two officers and two privates, were killed when the two airplanes in which they were performing combat duty drills collided while at an altitude of 2,000 feet and crashed to earth near the post field, Fort Sill, Okla. The dead: Capt. John L. Loomis, Lieut. Jack T. Lenfall, Private Hubbard and Private E. A. Smith.

As the airplanes struck the earth their gasoline tanks exploded, enveloping the wreckage in flames. Trucks and ambulances were rushed to the scene, but attendants were unable to reach the bodies of the men until after they had been charred beyond recognition.

According to officers who were witnessing the practice, the two machines had been in the air for some time when they attempted to execute a difficult maneuver. As they swooped toward each other their wings met and both airplanes fell to earth in a helpless tangle.

Hundreds of persons from here and Fort Sill went to the scene of the accident in automobiles, but were forced to stand by helplessly while the wreckage burned.

### Eastern Roads Lease Shops.

New York.—Reports that several of the large eastern railroads had leased their repair shops to outside companies or were considering plans to conclude such leases have been confined by railroad executives.

### Boy Breaks Neck in Roller Towel.

Huron, N. D.—While playing with a roller towel at his farm home, 10 miles north of here, Everett Mediger, 12, twisted the towel about his neck, slipped on the bathroom floor, breaking his neck.

## WANT BI-PARTISAN BODY TO FRAME CONSTITUTION

Democratic and Republican Chairmen Said to Favor Equal Division of Delegates-at-Large.

Jefferson City, Mo.—An effort is being made to bring about a joint session of the Republican and Democratic state committees for the purpose of agreeing upon a division of the 15 delegates at large for the constitutional convention.

The plan tentatively discussed is for each of the two big parties to select seven of the delegates at large and to agree upon the 15th, who will not be representative of any party.

It is said that both Dr. E. H. Clements, chairman of the Republican committee, and C. E. Yancey, chairman of the Democratic committee, favor the plan.

The district delegates are divided by law equally between the two parties, and the division of the delegates at large along the lines suggested would leave the parties evenly balanced up to the 15th delegate at large, who would represent no party.

It has been suggested that the 15th delegate-at-large might be a representative of labor.

### Barrett Upholds Redistricting Right.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The redistricting of the state by Governor Hyde, Attorney General Barrett and Secretary of State Becker came under fire when Mr. Barrett and attorneys for the Democratic State Committee appeared before the Supreme Court on the issue of the right of Arthur V. Lashly, St. Louis attorney, to be certified as a delegate from the old 25th District, including St. Louis County, in which Mr. Lashly resides.

Secretary Becker has refused to certify the name of Mr. Lashly on the ground that he should have been nominated by a convention of the new district. The Democratic State Committee then brought suit, which, in reality, is primarily to determine whether the Governor, the Attorney General and the Secretary of State have the right to redistrict the state after the legislature has failed to act.

The suit also will determine whether delegates to the State Constitutional Convention shall be elected from the old or the new districts. The Supreme Court has promised an early decision in the matter. The election of the delegates has been called for January 31, next.

### Planning Hydro-Electric Plant.

Eminence, Mo.—The Western Tie and Timber Company of St. Louis is working on the plans for a hydro-electric plant on the Current River here, following the granting of a preliminary permit from the government. The company has been granted two years in which to make plans, drillings and other preliminary work.

### Increase in Strawberry Acreage.

Pierce City, Mo.—Inspection of the strawberry plants in the Pierce City fields indicate the condition of the plants is not as good as last year, although growers are optimistic over the outlook and believe a large crop will be raised. An increase in acreage has been reported.

### Farm School at Joplin.

Joplin, Mo.—A farm school for Jasper and Newton counties in Missouri and Cherokee County in Kansas will be held in Joplin from February 7 to 9, inclusive. The subjects of dairying, fruit growing, truck gardening and poultry raising will be given special attention.

### Assignee for Co-operative Store.

Kirkville, Mo.—The Farmers and Laborers Co-operative Store in this city has conveyed all of its property to W. L. Barnard, as assignee, for the benefit of the creditors of the corporation. The value of the stock of the company is \$10,000 and incumbrances \$7,500.

### Memorial to Doctors.

Columbia, Mo.—A feature of the formal opening of the Boone County Hospital in this city, which is to take place soon, will be the unveiling of a tablet bearing the 208 names of all physicians now dead who at one time practiced in Boone County.

### Audrain Poultry Show a Success.

Mexico, Mo.—The poultry show of the Audrain Poultry Association, held here recently, was a big success. Two hundred and twenty-four birds were entered. The first prize for the largest and best display was won by Callie Halliburton, of Huntsville.

### Merchants Form Protective League.

Carterville, Mo.—Because of numerous robberies recently in the business section of the city, the merchants of Carterville have formed a protective league and will offer liberal rewards for the arrests of persons guilty of robbing the stores.

### Poison Killing Fish.

Carthage, Mo.—Thousands of fish are dying in the small wood lakes and sloughs in the Ozark section, fishermen report. The fish are being killed as the result of "oak poisoning," the poisoning being the aftermath of the coloring of the water by oak leaves.

### Troy, Mo., Youth Dies.

Troy, Mo.—Ottmar Mumbrauer, aged 20, died at the home of his guardian, Circuit Judge E. B. Woolfolk. He was a brother of Mrs. Beatrice Stone of St. Louis.

## WOMEN CANNOT SIT IN ANY JURY, IS STATE RULING

Jefferson City, Mo.—Assistant Attorney General Merrill E. Otis has informed Prosecuting Attorney B. N. Smith, of Eminence, Shannon County, Mo., that under the present laws women cannot serve either as grand or petit jurors.

The present law does not forbid women holding public office, but it is expressly stated that grand and petit jurors must be composed of male citizens of the state, according to Otis' letter.

### Ask Change of Venue.

Fulton, Mo.—Prosecuting Attorney W. B. Whitlow was notified by State Senator John D. Taylor, of Keytesville, attorney for O. R. Six and J. P. Meiners, Kansas City oil salesmen, that he will ask for a change of venue when the cases are called at the December term of the Callaway County circuit court. They are charged with obtaining money from Callaway County farmers under false pretenses in the sale of Oklahoma oil units.

### Raising Bonus for Shoe Plant.

Sweet Springs, Mo.—This city is at work trying to raise the bonus asked by the International Shoe Company for putting a branch factory in Sweet Springs. The city has an option on a factory building here that is valued at \$10,000 and which was never used. In addition to the use of the factory, the International asks for a cash bonus of \$25,000.

### Boy Killed by an Auto.

Sedalia, Mo.—Roy Dunlap, 15 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dunlap, was playing shinny in the street with a group of boys when he was struck by an auto driven by Herbert Mason. He died of his injuries. Mason sounded the horn and all the boys scampered away except Dunlap, who was hit.

### Church Rededicated.

Montgomery City, Mo.—The Montgomery Presbyterian Church, which, under the pastorate of Rev. Franc Mitchell, was recently remodeled and refurbished at a cost of \$5,000, was rededicated by Dr. C. R. Nisbet of Kansas City, Mo.

### Miner Shot and Killed.

Lamar, Mo.—Lee Duff, a miner, was shot by Rollin M. McKinney, a bachelor, at Morgan's Camp, near Minden. McKinney was arrested by Sheriff Noble and lodged in jail. He claims to have no memory of the shooting.

### Man Killed Cleaning Gun.

New Haven, Mo.—J. W. Schuermann, a well-known citizen of this city, was buried here, having died from the effects of accidental shooting while cleaning a gun. Many relatives and friends attended the funeral.

### 375 Shop Men to Be Laid Off.

Sedalia, Mo.—A reduction of 375 men in the force at the Missouri Pacific shops in this city has been ordered. The cut will be principally in the coach department, but will also extend to the locomotive shops.

### 55 Hogs Average \$22 Each.

Mexico, Mo.—The Winn Brothers' sale of Poland China hogs brought a total of \$1,472.50. Fifty-seven animals were sold. The top was \$55 and was paid by Owens and Emmons. The animals averaged \$22.

### Postmaster for 20 Years to Quit.

Lamar, Mo.—John Briggs, who has been postmaster at Mindemness for about 20 years, has announced that he will resign soon. Mrs. Jesse Letton is a candidate for appointment to the position.

### New Madrid County Farm Agent.

New Madrid, Mo.—Jesse M. Miles has been chosen farm agent of New Madrid County, to succeed H. C. Hensley, who has gone to Columbia to take up work with the State Federation of Farm Bureaus.

### Saline County Poultry Show.

Marshall, Mo.—The sixth annual show of the Saline County Poultry Association will be held in this city January 2 to 7, inclusive. Newton Cash has again been chosen as the judge of the show.

### Man Celebrates 92nd Birthday.

Mexico, Mo.—Joseph Kelly, of Mexico, celebrated his 92nd birthday. Kelly has exhibited remarkable activity for one of his age, cutting eight cords of firewood this fall.

### New Rich Hill, Mo., Pastor.

Rich Hill, Mo.—Rev. J. P. Barrow, of Tipton, has been called to the pastorate of the Christian Church in this city and will enter upon his work about January 1.

### Heads Nevada Commercial Club.

Nevada, Mo.—C. E. Mellette has been elected president of the Nevada Commercial Club, succeeding J. M. McAnulty.

### Wright County Official Dead.

Mansfield, Mo.—Jesse M. Carter, public administrator of Wright County, died at his home at Hartville.

### Carthage Shoe Plant Booming.

Carthage, Mo.—The Juvenile Shoe Company of this city reports conditions are excellent and that a 1½ per cent dividend on preferred stock will be paid November 25. The production of the Carthage plant has reached 900 pairs of shoes a day.

### To Be Otterville Postmaster.

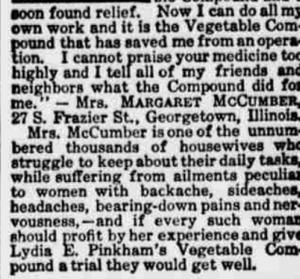
Sedalia, Mo.—T. O. Spillard, who took a civil service examination two months ago, has been appointed postmaster at Otterville to succeed Acting Postmaster Rosa.

## ANOTHER WOMAN ESCAPES

Mrs. McCumber Avoided a Serious Operation by Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in Time

Georgetown, Ill.—"After my first baby was born I suffered so with my left side that I could not walk across the floor unless I was all humped over. I was all holding to my side. I doctored with several doctors but found no relief and they said I would have to have an operation. My mother insisted on my taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I soon found relief. Now I can do all my own work and it is the Vegetable Compound that has saved me from an operation. I cannot praise your medicine too highly and I tell all of my friends and neighbors what the Compound did for me."

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