

**NEWS OF THE WORLD**

**SHORT TELEGRAPH ITEMS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE GLOBE.**

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

A plan is under way for forming into a combine all the big breweries of New York city, according to the Journal of Commerce. The beer combine is, it is said, to be composed of several smaller combines, each to be known as a "series," and to have a paid up capital of \$10,000,000.

Announcement is made of the suspension of the grain and commission firm of McReynolds & Co., of Chicago, one of the best known firms on the board of trade.

Miss Helen Gould of New York city gave to an investigator an analysis of a sample of a week's mail received by her, showing the number of requests and what and how much they were for. The total asked for was \$1,500,000.

Discontent which has been steadily growing in British Columbia for several years, over the refusal of the Dominion government to consider a readjustment of the terms upon which that province became a part of Canada in 1871, has reached such a stage that it is asserted members on both sides of the British Columbia house are, on the floor of parliament, advocating secession from the Dominion in the event of further financial concessions not being obtained.

The market price of window glass is to be controlled by an absolute monopoly. The American Window Glass company have agreed to support the market and stick together on prices. When they will assume the control the managers refuse to say further than to say, "they will make money."

The people of West Farmington, Ohio, are greatly excited as a result of the mysterious murder there of R. K. Lewis, a wealthy banker.

Thousands of sheep are reported killed by the heavy storm on the ranges in Marysville, Cal., country during the past week.

The petition against the destruction of the frigate Constitution, signed by 30,000 residents of Massachusetts, was presented to the president Saturday. The president indicated that the vessel ought to be preserved. He suggested that it be rehabilitated and sent to Annapolis.

Lindsay Cooper, an aeronaut of Carolina, traveling with a carnival show exhibiting at Wolfe City, Texas, fell from his balloon at that place, a distance of 2000 feet and was instantly killed.

Town Clerk William S. Schrieber, 40 years old, was found dead in a room filled with gas at Bridgeport, Conn. He figured in the ballot box stuffing investigation now being conducted.

Walter Carozlatya, a saloonkeeper, was shot and killed by robbers in his saloon in Chicago Sunday night.

Baron Rosen has presented to the United States ship Mayflower, in behalf of Count Witte, himself and the other delegates to the Portsmouth peace conference, a handsome Russian silver punch bowl, in recognition of the hospitality which was extended to the delegates on board that vessel during the course of the peace conference.

**STEAMER SUNK; 300 LIVES LOST**

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Jan. 24.—The Brazilian turret ship Aquidaban has been sunk at Fort Jacarepagua, south of Rio Janeiro, as the result of an explosion on board.

It is reported that 300 of her crew perished and that only one officer was saved. The Aquidaban was 4950 tons displacement and 6200 horse power.

She was built in England in 1885 at a cost of \$1,725,000. She had five torpedo tubes. Her crew numbered 350 officers and men.

Four rear admirals perished on the Aquidaban, which has been used for the accommodation of a number of supernumerary officers and men attached to the flotilla escorting the cruiser Barroso. The Barroso had on board the minister of marine and his staff, who were inspecting sites for a new arsenal. The explosion occurred in the powder magazine. The vessel sank in three minutes.

**LATE NEWS ITEMS.**

John D. Rockefeller again has opened his purse strings to the University of Chicago. The latest of his benefactions is a gift of \$1,450,000.

Brigadier General Joe Wheeler, U.S. A., retired, is seriously ill at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Sterling Smith, in Brooklyn.

The French government has decided to send Miss Alice Roosevelt, a magnificent piece of Gobelin tapestry as a wedding present.

**Strike on Cuban Railroad.**

A strike on the Cuban Central railway has practically paralyzed traffic between Sagua La Grande and Cienfuegos and also has hampered the line between Esperanza and Santa Clara, which is the heart of the Havana-Santiago through system.

**FUNERAL OF MARSHALL FIELD.**

Thousands of Business Houses in Chicago Closed at Time of Funeral.

Chicago.—Funeral services for Marshall Field were held Saturday at his late home, 1905 Prairie avenue, and the First Presbyterian church. The services at the home were held at 11 o'clock, were characterized by simplicity, and none but those immediately connected with the family and household were in attendance.

The service at the church was an hour later and was attended by many friends of Mr. Field. This service, too, was private and admission to the church was gained only by card.

In the afternoon a memorial service was held in the Auditorium, which was packed to the doors by the employees of Marshall Field & Co. Rev. John A. Morrison, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiated at all three services.

The body of Mr. Field was placed in the vault at Graceland cemetery directly after the second service of the day.

Never before in the history of Chicago has such respect been paid to the memory of a private citizen as was shown to that of Mr. Field. During the hours of the funeral services at the home and the church all of the retail houses on State street were closed, the 1000 enterprises operated by the members of the Chicago Commercial club and situated in all parts of the city were closed. The board of trade held but a brief session and upon every clubhouse and prominent office building in the business section flags were displayed at half mast.

A number of mass meetings were held by various organizations during the day and resolutions eulogizing Mr. Field were adopted.

**MURDERED FOUR; THEN SUICIDED**

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 23.—Henry Neubaumer, a returned Alaska miner, has shot and mortally wounded Ollie Powell, his sweetheart, who had rejected him; Lafayette Gray, his successful rival; Mrs. Robert Gray, his mother; Lillian Gray, sister of Lafayette, and then killed himself in front of the Gray residence Monday.

It appears that the miner had become engaged to Ollie Powell and that she had rejected him.

They were to have been married last November, but the night before the wedding she is alleged to have run away with Gray. Neubaumer returned to Alaska but could not get over his grief and returned to Boise last Wednesday. Monday he concealed himself behind a high board fence across the street from the Gray home and shot his victims as they came out of the house, using a shotgun loaded with buckshot. The enraged man was quickly surrounded by officers and citizens attracted by the shooting and with a revolver shot himself to escape arrest.

Neubaumer is a Klondike mining man, and is estimated to be worth anywhere from \$150,000 to \$500,000. Until 1897 he lived at Caldwell, 30 miles from Boise, following the business of a blacksmith, and accumulated considerable property. In 1897 he went to the Klondike and prospered there.

**SEVEN DIE IN SNOWSLIDE.**

Utah Mining Camp Is Isolated by the Deep Snow.

It is reported seven men were killed by a snowslide at the mining camp of Alta, Utah. Efforts to gain further information have been fruitless, owing to the condition of the wires and the deep snow in the mountains. The nearest approach possible, even on snowshoes, is three miles. Alta is 20 miles from Salt Lake.

**Millionaire Marries Servant.**

Boston.—Leroy Fay has married Jennie Murphy and society is astonished. Fay is one of the best known of the younger Boston clubmen, worth about \$6,000,000. Jennie Murphy came to Boston from Nova Scotia 10 years ago. She is a beautiful girl of the Gibson type, tall, dark hair and eyes, classic features and magnificent figure. She obtained work in Boston as a servant, going later to the Berghan estate in Westover.

Fay was exercising a saddle horse in the grounds as she walked along the road last summer. Fay fell in love at first sight. When he learned she was a servant it did not alter his determination. Fay is 32 years old.

**High Chinese Go East.**

Chicago, Jan. 22.—The Chinese high commissioners left Chicago Sunday night for the east. They will spend tomorrow in Pittsburg. Before leaving Tuan Fang made known his desire to present to the Field Museum of National History a rare and ancient Chinese stone tablet similar to one in the Japanese imperial museum in Tokio. There are said to be but three of the tablets in existence.

**American Writer Is Dead.**

Robert Neilson Stephens, the dramatist, died in Bournemouth, England, aged 49 years, recently. He wrote many short stories for magazines and became a theatrical agent and dramatist in New York in 1893.

**Irving's Estate Is \$73,165.**

The will of the late Sir Henry Irving has been probated. His estate is valued at \$73,165. The bulk of the residue goes in equal parts to the two sons of the testator.

**PANIC IN A CHURCH**

**EIGHTEEN COLORED PERSONS MET HORRIBLE DEATH.**

A Woman Shrieked "Fire" in Baptist Church, Located on Eighth Street in Philadelphia, and Everybody Bolted for the Door—Disaster Occurred While Collection Was Being Taken.

Philadelphia, Jan. 22.—A wild panic following a loud shriek of "fire" brought death to 18 colored persons and injuries to nearly two score of others Sunday night in St. Paul's Baptist church on the west side of Eighth street, between Poplar street and Girard avenue. The terrible rush to gain the street was of brief duration, and that more were not killed in the stampede probably was due to the fact that the church was not crowded. At the time the disaster occurred not more than 300 persons were on the second floor of the building, which, with the gallery, was capable of accommodating 600 to 700 people. The fire was a trifling one and was extinguished before the firemen arrived. The smell of smoke added to the panic and despite the heroic work of the Rev. Mr. Johnson, pastor of the church, who tried in vain to allay the fears of the frightened worshippers, the terror stricken people made a desperate rush to leave the church, only to be choked up on the narrow stairway. Those in the rear leaped over the prostrate forms of those who fell, and when the rush was over 18 lay dead on the first floor and stairs of the building. Death in nearly every case was due to suffocation or trampling.

Following is a list of the identified dead: Sarah Ruff, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Patton, Ruth Framer, John Berry, Anna Alexander, aged 40; Mamie McKenney, Susie Holmes, Mrs. Mary Weblock, Charles Gardiner, aged 14; Mamie McCall, Ambrose Slaughter, 3 years old; Cathrine Sewell, Ruth Trainor.

The disaster occurred while a collection was being taken up. The pastor had just concluded his sermon, the text of which was, "Why sit we here until we die?"

Following the collection there was to have been a baptism. Some of the colored people had left the church and the others were about to go. As the pastor was arranging the baptismal service a woman in one of the front rows gave a loud shriek of "fire." Instantly all those about her were on their feet looking for the blaze. There were no flames in sight, but those near the pulpit smelled smoke, and started down the aisle toward the pulpit. Then followed a half dozen cries of "fire," and the whole congregation became panic stricken. The pastor by this time realized the seriousness of the situation and in a loud voice which only added to the confusion, called to the terror stricken people to be seated. No one listened, and despite his frantic appeals a rush started that meant death to many who were in it.

At the rear of the church, on the second floor, there is a wide doorway which leads to a stairway to the east side of the building. Each stairway has a sharp bend, which proved to be the principal contributory cause for the jam. The front door on the first floor is wide and easy of exit.

When the rush started those in the rear of the church did not fully realize what was wrong, and were slow to move. The frantic shrieking of the women and children became louder and more general, and many were knocked down in the two aisles of the church. Then came the terrible rush down the stairs. For some unknown reason every body tried to get down the left side of the building, comparatively few attempting to leave by the right stairway. The horrible shrieks sent up by the prostrate persons added to the confusion, and by this time even the cooler ones in the rear of the fighting mass, men, women and children, became terror stricken. Strong men, in fear that the building was falling, leaped over the heads of women and children, and fought only for their own safety. The terrific crush in the bends of the stairs became so great that the ballustrade, which was only a frail wooden affair, gave way. There was a terrific crash as half a hundred persons were precipitated to the floor, a distance of 19 or 12 feet. This heightened the intensity of the panic and the rush became an awful jam.

When those who came down the front stairs had left the building, a terrible sight presented itself to the rescuers. The first floor and the stairway to the bend were covered three deep with the dead and dying. On the street hundreds were shrieking for help and looking for their missing ones. The rescuers did not know which way to turn first, but Police Captain Hamm and a policeman who arrived at the scene just as the last of the panic stricken people were rushing from the edifice, took charge and turned in a general alarm for ambulances, policemen and firemen. With the help of scores of colored men and white people who were attracted to the scene, the dead and injured were extricated from the terrible mass of humanity and laid on the sidewalks of Eighth street.

The fire was a most trifling affair. A defective flue started a small fire in the chimney, which caused some

smoke to issue through the crevices in the second floor. Whether the flames were extinguished or burned themselves out is not known, but there was no fire in the building when the firemen set to work.

**SPORTING NOTES.**

Followers of the game of billiards are still talking over the marvelous victory of Willie Hoppe, the boy wonder, over Maurice Vignaux of Paris in the 500 point match for the billiard championship of the world at Paris.

Kid Parker, the lightweight who is to meet O'Keefe at the S. A. A. C. at Spokane, next month, wants a chance at Joe Gans, the great little fighter who defeated Sullivan at San Francisco recently. Parker will challenge the colored boy and hopes to get a match at Spokane. Gans has expressed a willingness to meet some good man there, and Eddie Quinn says the winner of this match between Parker and O'Keefe will go either against Fitzgerald or Gans. If the arrangements for the former are not satisfactory, the latter will be brought there for the fight.

The next annual shoot of the Washington State Sportsmen's association will be held in Spokane May 24-26, on the traps of the Spokane Rod & Gun club at Natatorium park.

The date for the Jack O'Keefe-Kid Parker fight at the Spokane Amateur Athletic club has been changed from February 9 to February 16.

Joe Gans' victory over Mike "Twin" Sullivan at Woodward's pavilion, San Francisco, has set at rest the idea that the little Baltimore negro is a "has been."

"Jack" Foster and Eddie Quinn, the new president and manager, respectively, of the Spokane Amateur Athletic club, are making plans for the holding of regular monthly dances and card parties in the clubrooms the last Friday night of every month.

Winnie Cutler of Spokane has accepted the offer of the University of Washington to coach its track team this spring.

Sailor Kelly and Jack Donnelly fought a swift 20 round draw in Mulian last Saturday night. This was the second encounter these men have had, the last one being also a draw in 15 rounds.

About \$500 of good Tacoma money was carried home by a rancher from Skykomish as a result of a big cocking main held in Tacoma last Sunday.

**FIERCE STORM IN CHICAGO**

Chicago, Jan. 23.—One of the most severe snow and sleet storms which this city has experienced in many years has practically isolated Chicago from the outside world. Almost all telegraph service has been destroyed.

Electric, elevated and surface transportation is about discontinued and cable lines are operating only with greatest difficulty. The railroads are greatly handicapped. A heavy gale prevails and snow and sleet is falling without cessation.

**KANSAS TREASURER WILL PAY, Grimes Wants No Suit Brought Against Him.**

Topeka.—E. E. Grimes, ex-state treasurer, notified Governor Hoch that it would not be necessary to bring suit against him to recover any shortage found under his administration.

He said he would waive the statute of limitations and if necessary the state can take the house from over his wife and children.

Governor Hoch says no one believes Grimes dishonest or that he benefitted from the \$7315 unexplained shortage.

**WASHINGTON NOTES.**

Knox T. Bordeaux, a little 4-year old boy, was drowned in two feet of water recently near his home in Seattle.

F. E. Benson of Prosser, Washington, president of the Washington Live Stock association, has appointed the following delegates to the meeting of the National Live Stock association in Denver, January 30 to February 1: L. P. Mulkey, Walla Walla; Peter McGregor, Hooper; Dr. S. B. Nelson, Pullman; E. E. Elliott, Pullman; Henry Tramb, Winona; L. G. Monroe, Spokane; William Carruthers, Chattaroy; C. O. Hales, Wabburg; R. A. Hunter, Quincy; H. Snelley, Ellensburg; K. O. Koehler, Ellensburg; William Dilling, Garfield; P. W. Cox, Colfax; F. M. Rothrock, Spokane, and E. F. Benson, Prosser.

**Gen. Williams to Manila.**

The orders recently issued by the war department relieving Brigadier General Williams from command of the department of the Columbia and directing him to proceed to Manila for assignment to duty in command of one of the brigade posts to be established in the military division, have been revoked and Brigadier General Lee, commanding the department of Texas, has been ordered to Manila in his stead.

**Captain Luzz Fatally Wounded.**

Owensboro, Ky.—Captain Charles A. Luzz, who recently retired from the United States army, while packing his grip in a hotel here, accidentally shot himself in the abdomen, inflicting a probably fatal wound. He is about 30 years of age and lives in St. Louis.

Great Britain imports \$900,000,000 of farm products in a year.

**FRANCE CAN NOW ACT**

**UNCLE SAM WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH VENEZULAN TROUBLE.**

French Ambassador Gets Assurances of Fair Treatment as to Their Violating the Monroe Doctrine—Whereabouts of French War Ships a Secret—Don't Like Castro's Note.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Convinced of the sincerity of the assurances received from France regarding her loyalty to the Monroe doctrine and all that it involves, the Washington government has given the Paris government a free hand in the execution of the program for the solution of the Venezuelan problem. The conferences on this phase of the question occurred some time ago, and M. Jusserand, the French ambassador, has final assurances that the efforts of France to obtain diplomatic treatment for her charge d'affaires at Caracas will not be interpreted at Washington as in any way violative of the Monroe doctrine.

The first move in the execution of the French program may be expected at any time, but on this point the French government is observing the strictest secrecy, the orders to the squadron going direct from Paris and not through the embassy here. M. Taigny, the retiring French charge d'affaires, who, it is believed, is new at Caracas, will come to this country on his way home, and on his arrival at New York he will find an invitation from the French ambassador at Washington to spend several days here in conference with M. Jusserand, on whom the burden of an important phase of the Venezuelan negotiations naturally falls, that he may have the benefit of the facts about the situation. It is not unlikely that M. Taigny will also see Secretary Root.

The whereabouts of the French ships remains a mystery so far as the officials of the state department and French embassy are concerned, it is said. It is assumed, however, that they are daily in touch with the ministry of marine at Paris and are awaiting an opportune moment as their instructions may call for.

Great interest is felt in diplomatic circles here about the exact nature of a sentence found objectionable in the note of President Castro to M. Taigny. This sentence in substance referred to the presentation by M. Taigny of a note to the Venezuelan government and announced the complete severance of all relations until adequate explanation was made of conduct which was in effect described by President Castro as not customary among well mannered nations.

**IMPORTANT CLEW IN THE HARRY ORCHARD CASE**

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 25.—It is learned that an important clew to the identity of Harry Orchard's alleged co-conspirators in the Frank Stuenkelberg assassination has been secured by Caldwell officers in the form of a letter written by Orchard from Caldwell during November and returned to him from the add letter office. The name of the man to whom the letter is addressed is suppressed by the officers. The letter was sent to a town in Colorado, but after remaining unclaimed for a certain period, was sent to the dead letter office in Washington, and from there returned to the writer.

The contents of the letter have not been made public. It is known to contain, however, Orchard's advice to a gloriozo friend to come at once to Caldwell.

"I have a bunch of money," reads the letter, "and there is lots of money in this job, with no chance of being caught."

It is believed that while the man to whom the letter was addressed did not receive it, still he received word from Orchard through another source, perhaps through another letter, and came to Caldwell in response to the letter's advice. The name of the man is therefore being kept secret until he can be located.

**Our Trade with France.**

While American imports from France formed, in the fiscal year 1905, only 8.06 per cent of the total importations into the United States, and exports to that country in the same year formed 5.01 per cent of the total exports from the United States, the figures are interesting in view of the fact that only two or three of the other important countries of Europe show less of imports from the United States than of exports to this country.

**It Had Its Points.**

A clergyman was visiting an old man who had recently lost his wife, a great talker, and was sympathizing with him. "My poor old man," he said, "I feel so sorry for you, you must be very lonely." After a few minutes the old man looked up and said: "Yes, mister, yes 'tis lonesome;" then with great emphasis, "but 'tis quiet."—The Bystander.

**Not Easily Tired.**

First Person.—So your congregation did not give you a vacation this year? Second Person.—No. First Person.—Well, they are certainly the most difficult lot of people to tire out I ever heard of.

**LADY PARKER IS ROBBED.**

Loss \$75,000 in Jewels in a London Hotel.

New York, Jan. 23.—The Herald says that the robbery of Lady Parker, wife of Dr. Gilbert Parker, of \$75,000 several weeks ago in the Carlton hotel, London, has been revealed in this city since the departure of a representative of Scotland yard for Palm Beach, Fla. For more than a week the London police worked in this city, independently of the central office, visiting pawnshops and following other trails.

**RAILROAD BILL IS NOW READY**

Washington, Jan. 25.—The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce has agreed upon a rule bill to be known as the Hepburn bill and to be reported to the house with the unanimous recommendation of the 18 members of the committee. In the main the bill is the original Hepburn bill but a number of concessions were made to the democrats and their ideas as set forth in the Davis bill were freely incorporated in the perfected measure.

Chairman Hepburn was congratulated by all the members of his committee on the drafting of a bill upon which the two parties could agree, and the members of the committee assert confidence that the successful outcome of their long conference will have marked effect upon the attitude of the senate toward the bill.

The amended bill provides for seven members of the interstate commerce commission instead of nine, as was provided in the original Hepburn bill.

Another amendment incorporated at the request of the democrats provides that in cases where no damages are assessed the commission may simply state its conclusion and need not set forth its findings.

A section of the Davis bill requiring that the attorney in appeal cases shall file the certificates necessary to expedite the hearings was incorporated in the amended bill. Another amendment provides that orders of the commission shall continue in force for three years, unless repealed. No existing cases are to be effected by the bill and laws relating to witnesses and the conducting of hearings before the commission are to be continued.

Mr. Hepburn expects to make a favorable report on the bill to the house and expresses confidence that the measure will be considered by the house within a week.

**DEAF MUTES ON THE TRACK.**

One Killed, Another Seriously Injured by Electric Car.

Long Beach, Cal., Jan. 22.—Miss Mary Griswold, 40 years of age, a deaf mute, was instantly killed and Mrs. F. C. Smith, the same age and also a deaf mute, was seriously injured by being struck by a Pacific electric trolley car here Sunday.

Both of the women came here recently from Chicago. They were attempting to cross the tracks in front of the approaching car when the accident occurred.

**DEATH IN A HOTEL PANIC.**

Following a Boiler Explosion at the Windemere.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—A panic among the guests of the Windemere hotel, Fifty-sixth street and Cornell avenue, followed the explosion of a steam boiler in the basement, which resulted in the death of John Hapcoch, an engineer, and the serious injury of Mrs. Zetta May, a guest. The explosion partially wrecked the hotel building and damaged adjacent residence and apartment buildings.

**Object to Coolie Labor.**

The United Mineworkers of America convention has declared against the open door policy of this government, the immigration of Japanese and Korean laborers. The convention also decided for a plan to have congress build roads across the continent. National Secretary Wilson is instructed to communicate with all trade union executive committees, with the farmers' committees and the good roads associations of the country with a view to having this drawn and presented to the various state and national legislatures, incorporating the sense of this resolution.

**General Wood in Command.**

Manila.—Major General Leonard Wood will succeed Major General Corbin in command of the military division of the Philippines on February 1.

General Corbin will leave on February 2 for Hongkong, sailing thence for San Francisco on February 5 on the steamer Korea.

**Bad Fire in Baltimore.**

Baltimore, Jan. 23.—Fire started after midnight Monday morning in the plant of the Baltimore chrome works and probably one half of the extensive plant, covering a city block, and containing much stock ready for shipment, was destroyed. The loss will probably reach \$100,000.

**Loss of Million in Mail Car.**

Brussels.—The Patriot says that the mail car on the Ostend-Herbhale train was burned in an accident. The car contained the Indian mail and \$1,000,000 worth of valuables, which were destroyed. The valuables were insured.