

NEWS OF WEEK SUMMARIZED

Digest of the News Worth Telling Condensed for the Busy Reader.

Washington.

The president has removed George M. Stewart, postmaster at Seattle, Wash., on charges of soliciting campaign contributions from employees.

The formal opening of the war college was signaled by an important address by Secretary Root, popularly known as the "father" of the institution. The war college has been in operation for several years, but has occupied its present quarters only since June, 1907.

The supreme court of the United States affirmed the New Jersey court of appeals' decision sustaining the verdict convicting President Albert C. Twining and Secretary Davis C. Cornell of the Monmouth Trust and Safe Deposit company of deceiving a state bank examiner as to the condition of their institution. Justice Harlan delivered a dissenting opinion.

Personal.

Mrs. Josefa Neilson Osborn, once prominent in New York society, but more widely known as the modiste of the fashionable women of New York's "Four Hundred," is dead in New York.

President-elect Taft will be the guest of Rev. John Wesley Hill, pastor of the Metropolitan Temple of New York next month, when the temple's new organ, known as the McKinley memorial, will be dedicated.

C. M. Heald of Buffalo, president of the Mutual Transit company, has ordered the Great Lakes Engineering works of Detroit two freight steamers 350 feet long and together costing \$500,000, to be completed for the opening of navigation in 1909.

Governor-elect George L. Lilley of Connecticut, who is also congressman from that state, expects to participate in the session of congress which begins next month, but will resign Dec. 31, as he is to take up his duties as governor of the state on Jan. 4.

Prof. Richard MacLaurin, head of the physics department of Columbia university, has been appointed president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology by the executive committee of the institute corporation. It is announced that Prof. MacLaurin will accept the position.

Frank Oliver, minister of the interior, declared at Nelson, B. C., that a \$500 head tax would not exclude Chinamen the government would raise it. Five hundred dollars was meant to be prohibitive, and if the amount was not sufficient to be prohibitive it would be made so.

Dean Thomas Frederick Crane of the Cornell university faculty, who has been connected with the university for forty-one years, has resigned his position, and his resignation was accepted by the board of trustees. Dean Crane will reach the age of sixty-five years next July and will retire on a Carnegie pension.

Accidental Happenings.

Six persons were injured and a score or more shocked in a street rail way accident at Montgomery.

L. H. Aslin, a well-to-do farmer of Norway, Mich., who was injured by blasting stumps a week ago, died at the Columbia hospital.

Two motormen were killed and twenty passengers injured in a collision of two cars in the interurban service between Vancouver and Westminster.

Mrs. August Mueller was killed and her husband probably fatally injured at Falls City, Neb., when a buggy in which they were riding was run into by an automobile.

By the overturning of a rowboat William Black and John Pierson of St. David, Ill., were drowned in the Illinois river, two miles north of Liverpool, while out hunting.

An automobile containing Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kohlbase, August Kohlbase and Cynthia Kohlbase, all of Chicago, was overturned near Hammond, Ind., and August Kohlbase was fatally injured.

Fire in the home of Col. T. J. Bogie, a prominent citizen of Stephenville, Tex., caused the death of Mrs. Bogie, her seven-year-old grandson and a year-old babe. A lamp explosion set fire to the house.

Half a ton of dynamite stored on a scow belonging to the Montreal harbor commission exploded with a roar that was heard and felt all over the city of Montreal. Many buildings suffered more or less damage from shattered windows.

By an explosion of natural gas at Pendleton, Ind., the ten-room residence of Pratt Hester, aged seventy-seven, was wrecked. Hester died a few hours later from his burns. His wife and children escaped serious injury.

The business section of the town of Kellifer, Sask., a new point on the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, was destroyed by fire. Merchants who are losers are: Tyler, Brice & Bond, Grant, Priest, Malone, Wiedman, Shihane and Belcher. The loss is \$75,000.

Foreign. The Lisbon newspapers say that the health of the queen dowager, Maria Pia, is causing anxiety. She is sixty-one years old.

King Haakon of Norway has headed the public subscription for Capt. Amundson's polar expedition with a donation of \$5,000.

A band of Bosnian refugees blew up with dynamite the barracks of Knitza, a town in Herzegovina, killing 170 German-speaking Austrian soldiers.

News has reached Tokyo of the loss of the steamer Taish Maru, which was sunk during a storm off Otero Island. One hundred and fifty persons were drowned.

Election disorders occurred at Porto de Mose, Portugal. A local Progressist leader fired a revolver from a window into a passing Regenerator parade, killing two persons.

Former Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii has determined to go to Washington to personally urge the recognition of her claims to the lands in the Hawaiian group which were formerly held by the crown.

A volcanic disturbance worked a change in the map of Bobaslow Island, sixty miles from Unalaska. Mount McCulloch, a mountain which was formed by a volcanic disturbance there a year ago, has disappeared. The mountain was 300 feet high. Today in its stead there is a land-locked bay eighty fathoms deep.

The fact that nearly half the inhabitants of the Aleutian islands are the victims of tuberculosis is caused by the custom of kissing the dead before they are buried, according to Dr. Robert Oleson of the revenue cutter McCulloch. Dr. Oleson says the population is decreasing alarmingly and that unless something is done to stop what he calls "barbarous practices," the inhabitants will soon be exterminated.

Crimes.

Charles Kelly, who escaped two years ago from the penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, was arrested at Kalamazoo, Mich.

The postoffice at Gilt Edge, Mont., was entered by burglars, who stole a large number of stamps and a small sum of money.

Karl Oppenheim, a partner in one of the oldest banks in Hesse, committed suicide by shooting himself. Heavy financial losses are said to have been the reason for the act.

Cloyd Gray Hershey, aged twenty-five years, of Logansport, Ind., a junior in the Boston school of theology, committed suicide by shooting himself. The cause of the suicide is not known.

G. Young, charged with the murder of Frank Parker, near Kellogg, Iowa, on June 19, was found guilty of first degree murder. He was sentenced to twenty years in the Madison penitentiary.

A man claiming to be A. B. McKenzie, a large seed grower of Canada, was arrested at San Jose, Ariz., on suspicion that he is T. St. G. Foyster, wanted for forgery in Chicago and Bismarck.

Andrew Olson of Ironwood, Mich., while visiting at the home of his brother, Jacob Olson, at Norway, Mich., committed suicide by hanging. Brain disorder is given as the cause of the rash deed.

John E. Godding, president of the defunct State Bank of Rockyford, Colo., was sentenced to serve eight to ten years in the state prison. He had been convicted on charges of making unlawful use of the bank's funds.

As the result of a shooting affray at Alliance, Neb., Lizzie Braner is in the hospital, fatally wounded, and her brother, Charles Braner, who did the shooting, and her sweetheart, Frank Augustin, are in the county jail.

Thomas W. Alexander, the Augusta, Ga., cotton factor, who was convicted two years ago on a charge of obtaining money on false collateral and sentenced to six years in state prison, was pardoned by Gov. Smith.

Otherwise.

Mrs. George Foreman of New York, whose stage name is Georgia Franza, secured a divorce at Des Moines from George Foreman, who is traveling with the "Top of the World."

Chicago physicians were warned by Health Commissioner Evans that failure to report cases of consumption coming under their notice would be followed by prosecution and fines.

In a drunken frenzy Jacob Sikkema of Grand Rapids, Mich., shot his wife Cora twice at their home and then shot himself through the head, causing instant death. A six weeks old baby in the room was unharmed. The woman has slight chances for recovery.

A magnificent silver service of thirty-four pieces, purchased at a cost of \$5,000, raised by popular subscription by the people of Montana, was presented to the United States cruiser Montana at Norfolk, Va. Chief Justice Theodore Brantley of the supreme court of Montana made the presentation in a fitting address.

Alabama iron manufacturers sold 50,000 tons of pig iron in the first twenty-four hours after the election, and the inquiry for a large tonnage is in hand. The iron sold is to be delivered during the first quarter of the coming year.

The Knights of Labor in general assembly in Washington adopted a resolution urging congress to enact at its next session legislation providing that in cases involving labor disputes neither an injunction nor a temporary restraining order be granted except on due notice to opposite party.

HENEY IS SHOT IN COURT ROOM

San Francisco Graft Prosecutor Is Target for Ex-Convict's Bullet.

IS SERICUS, BUT NOT FATAL

Would-be Assassin Says Heney Branded Him an Ex-Convict and Ruined His Life.

San Francisco, Nov. 15.—Francis J. Heney, a leading figure in the prosecution of municipal corruption in this city, was shot and seriously injured yesterday by Morris Haas, a Jewish saloonkeeper, who had been accepted as a juror in a previous trial and afterwards removed, it having been shown by the prosecution that he was an ex-convict, a fact not brought out in his examination as a venireman.

The shooting occurred in Superior Judge Lawlor's court room during a recess in the trial of Abraham Ruef, on trial for the third time on the charge of bribery.

At 6 o'clock last night Mr. Heney was conscious. He said:

"I will Live to Prosecute Him."

The physicians in attendance on Heney expressed the opinion that he would live. It had been ascertained that the bullet, which had entered the right cheek, had lodged under the left eye and had not entered his brain.

The shooting occurred at 4:22 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Judge Lawlor had a few moments before declared a ten-minute recess of court, and the jury had left the room.

Mr. Heney was conversing with Chief Clerk McCabe of the district attorney's office when Haas came forward. He approached Heney and, placing a revolver against his right cheek, fired. Instantly the court room was the scene of the greatest excitement. Some bystanders seized Haas, others hastened to the relief of Heney, who was caught as he fell forward, the blood streaming from his wound.

Says Heney Ruined Him.

When he was arrested, Haas said he shot Heney because he had ruined him. He is a married man and has four children. In a statement made to Police Captain Duke he said:

"Heney denounced me in public, which ruined my life, and branded me as an ex-convict. It was an outrage. I am the wronged man. I do not care what becomes of me now. I have sacrificed myself not for my own honor, but for those who are situated like myself. By God, I would not have brought my four children into the world to bear such a brand if I had known the fact that I was an ex-convict would become known. Heney ruined me. That is why I shot him."

RESIGNS FROM CABINET.

Secretary of the Navy Metcalf Tenders His Resignation.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Secretary of the Navy Victor H. Metcalf yesterday tendered his resignation to the president, to take effect Dec. 1, on account of ill health. Assistant Secretary of the Navy Truman H. Newberry will be named as Mr. Metcalf's successor.

For more than a year the fact that Mr. Metcalf has suffered serious illness has been well known at the navy department. Formerly of vigorous health, his friends expected that he would be able to regain his strength, but constantly recurring illness has convinced him that the only course for him to pursue is to sever his connection with all active work.

Suffers Nervous Breakdown.

Mr. Metcalf has suffered from a nervous breakdown that has rendered it impossible for him to remain at his desk for any length of time, and the chronic nature of his trouble has caused him to abandon hope of recovery while burdened with the care of office. On April 15 last he went to California to review the Atlantic battleship fleet. He took a long vacation, hoping to be permanently benefited thereby, returning here Sept. 1. Upon his resumption of official duty his illness promptly recurred, and he frankly told the president that he could not remain in the cabinet.

Mr. Metcalf is thoroughly versed in naval matters, having served on the house committee on naval affairs while in congress. His first appointment under this administration was as secretary of commerce and labor, which he relinquished in order to accept the duties of secretary of the navy on Dec. 17, 1906.

Vessel Driven Ashore.

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 13. — A two-masted schooner, about 200 feet long, supposed to be the Springie, was driven ashore and grounded on a sandbar east of here last night. The vessel carried twelve men, all of whom were rescued.

Famous Lawyer Found Dead.

Philadelphia, Nov. 13. — Slas W. Pettit, one of the best known corporation and constitutional lawyers in the country, was found dead in his offices in this city last night.

DENIES PLOT AGAINST MOTHER

Woman Tells Mother Charge Is Horrible Mistake—Chicago Police Are in Quandary.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—Mae L. Otis, arrested Thursday night on a charge of plotting to do away with her mother through the agency of hired thugs, was pronounced sane last night by Dr. I. Blake Baldwin, city physician.

Mrs. Otis, the mother, arrived in the city last night. She went at once to see her daughter at the police station. A pathetic scene followed. Both mother and daughter wept when the latter was taken from a cell and given the liberty of an officer's room. "Mother, do you think I could do such a thing?" exclaimed Miss Otis, throwing her arms around her mother. "I never did; it is all a horrible mistake."

Further talk was interrupted by the young woman's hysterical sobbing. After the interview the mother said: "I do not believe for an instant that my own daughter plotted against my life. I will do everything in my power and spend every cent I possess to save her from prosecution on this charge."

The police declared last night that their possession of Miss Otis places them in a quandary. Capt. O'Brien said the police would be glad to allow her to leave Chicago if she wishes to go, and that they would be glad to have her off their hands.

NOTED SCIENTIST IN ASYLUM.

Prof. Mark Harrington Found After Years of Search.

New York, Nov. 15.—A search lasting the greater part of ten years and extending from one end of the country to the other ended a few days ago, when Prof. Mark W. Harrington, once chief of the United States weather bureau and one of the best known scientific men in America, was found a hopeless lunatic in the New Jersey asylum for the insane at Morris Plains.

Until last Monday Prof. Harrington was registered as "John Doe No. 8," picked up in a park in Trenton eighteen months ago, unable to give his name and with no papers on his person to disclose his identity. He was sent to Morris Plains.

There he might have remained for the rest of his life had not his son, Raymond Harrington, grown to manhood since his father's disappearance, read in a Western paper three weeks ago a description of a mysterious patient in the Morris Plains asylum.

Young Harrington's suspicions were aroused and he communicated with his mother. Mrs. Harrington decided to visit Morris Plains. When "John Doe No. 8" was led into her presence she identified him as her long-missing husband. He, however, did not recognize his wife and bluntly requested that he be left alone.

NOT SEEKING MAIL CLERK.

Police Deny Story in Read Case—Sister Arrives at Denver.

Denver, Nov. 15. — When shown a printed story to the effect that Mrs. Allen F. Read, who attempted to extort money from Mrs. Genevieve Chandler Phipps, threatening her life with dynamite, was escorted to the American hotel on the day of her arrival in this city by a railway mail clerk named E. J. Sawyer, the police authorities denied that they were looking for such a man. The hotel people declare that Mrs. Read was unaccompanied when she appeared at the clerk's desk and wrote the name of "Mrs. H. C. Cones" upon the register.

The condition of Mrs. Reed is still critical. The arrival here last night of Mrs. Read's sister, Miss Jessie Campbell, from Pittsfield, Mass., has aroused interest. Miss Campbell went directly to the bedside of her sister, refusing to talk to newspaper reporters.

GOLD IN MICHIGAN?

Geologist Says So, Urging Digging of Big Canal.

Saginaw, Mich., Nov. 15.—The possibility of finding gold in paying quantities in Michigan along the route of the proposed canal to connect Bay City, Saginaw, Grand Rapids and Grand Haven, was urged by State Geologist Alfred C. Lane at a meeting here yesterday, as an additional reason for the building of the projected waterway. Mr. Lane stated that gold had been discovered along the Grand river, in the eastern part of Ionia county, down nearly to its mouth at Grand Haven.

LEOPOLD SUES JOURNALIST.

Editor in Retaliation Threatens to Read Letters Written by Emperor. Berne, Switzerland, Nov. 15.—Leopold Woelfling, formerly Archduke Leopold of Austria, is prosecuting a journalist for defamation of character. The journalist in retaliation threatens sensational revelations by promising read letters from the emperor of Austria to the grand duke of Tuscany.

Wife Invalid; He Despairs.

New York, Nov. 15.—Grieving over the verdict of physicians that his wife would never recover from an illness which had made her an invalid for months, James Freebody Thompson, a teacher of languages, killed himself.

Killed by Former Mayor.

Cienfuegos, Nov. 15.—Gonzale Garcia Vista, a Conservative, former mayor of Cienfuegos, last night shot and killed Eduardo Prieto, a Liberal. Vista alleges that Prieto insulted and attacked him.

EIGHT KILLED IN FIGHT WITH NEGRO

Bloody Battle Between Law Officers and Negro Desperado in Oklahoma.

IS CREMATED IN OWN HOUSE

Negro Barricades Self in and, After Being Shot, Fires House and Is Baked in Flames.

Okmulgee, Okla., Nov. 17. — Eight persons were killed and ten others were wounded yesterday afternoon in a fight between Jim Deckard, a negro desperado, and law officers. The dead are: Edgar Robinson, sheriff of Okmulgee county; P. Klaber, assistant chief of police of Okmulgee; two negroes named Chapman, brothers; Jim Deckard, negro, and three unidentified negroes.

The disturbance began at the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad station, where Jim Deckard engaged in a fight with an Indian boy, Steve Grayson, and beat him into insensibility with a rock.

Barricades Self in House.

Friends of Grayson notified the police, and when Policeman Klaber went to the station Deckard fled to his house nearby, barricaded himself in and when Klaber approached Deckard shot and instantly killed him. Sheriff Robinson gathered a posse and hurried to the scene. Part of this posse was made up of a group of negroes whom the sheriff commissioned as deputies. As the posse approached the house Deckard opened fire with a rifle, firing as rapidly as he could load his weapon. The sheriff fell first, instantly killed. Then five of the negro deputies were slain.

Cremated in Flames.

Deckard's house was surrounded by a frenzied mob of armed men. Volleys were poured into Deckard's house and he was shot down. He was seen to roll over on the floor, strike a match and set fire to his own house, which was soon a roaring furnace, in which his body was baked.

Gov. Haskell, at Guthrie, was notified of the battle and of the bad feeling between whites and negroes that had grown out of it, threatening a race riot. The governor at once ordered the militia company at Muskogee to prepare to go to Okmulgee, and a special train was made ready to carry the troops. News of the preparation to send militia here had a good effect on the disorderly element of both races and at 7 o'clock last night the crowd had dispersed and further trouble was not expected.

TAFT TO CALL EXTRA SESSION.

Tariff Revision Will Be Taken Up Soon After Inauguration.

Washington, Nov. 17. — That a special session of the Sixty-first congress will be called soon after the 4th of March to take up the matter of tariff revision became known positively yesterday, when William H. Taft, president-elect, after spending the day at the White House as the guest of President Roosevelt, stated that he intended to call the special session to meet as soon after his inauguration as would be reasonable.

Judge Taft left last night for Cincinnati, where he had been summoned on matters of family importance, but which Judge Taft assured the newspaper men who had gathered at the White House, was in no way connected with politics. The call to Judge Taft to come to Cincinnati necessitated a hasty change of plans, so that instead of the president-elect, who was returning to Hot Springs, Va., from Brooklyn, N. Y., continuing to the Virginia resort at 11 p. m., he left for his home over the Pennsylvania several hours earlier.

The day proved to be a busy one for the president-elect. He spent the night at the White House as the president's guest and breakfasted yesterday morning with the family. During the early forenoon the president and the president-elect discussed matters of importance to the present and the incoming administration. No announcement was made as to the principal topic of the discussion, although Judge Taft admittedly that it was not the weather.

Suicide's Widow Found Dead.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 17.—The body of a richly dressed woman, believed to have been Julia Harmon Stahl, the widow of Chick Stahl, the Boston American league baseball player who committed suicide at West Baden, Ind., in 1907, was found last night in a doorway in South Boston. Marks were found on the woman's throat, but it is not thought these had to do with her death.

ASKS JAILER TO LOCK HIM UP.

Railroad Laborer Totters into Lockup at Eau Claire, Wis.

Eau Claire, Wis., Nov. 17. — Last night Philip Sheridan, who hails from New York city but disclaims and relationship to his namesake, Gen. "Phil" Sheridan, tottered into the city jail and applied for shelter. He was very sick and is now at the county jail under treatment. Sheridan ascribes his condition to the hard usage accorded him while working for a railroad company at Winter, Wis.

HAAS KILLS SELF IN FRISCO JAIL

Former Convict Who Attempted to Assassinate Heney Dies By His Own Hand.

San Francisco, Nov. 17. — Morris Haas, who attempted to assassinate Francis J. Heney, the graft prosecutor, committed suicide Saturday night in his cell in the county jail by shooting himself through the head with a small derringer pistol.

Haas ended his life while four guards, detailed to prevent just such a move, stood within three feet of him.

The weapon with which the would-be assassin shot himself he had secreted in the top of his gaiter shoes. He fired the shot while lying on his cot and covered with the blankets.

Is Closely Watched.

Since Haas was taken into custody Friday afternoon, immediately after the sensational attempt to murder Francis J. Heney in Judge Lawlor's court room, he had been closely watched by four detectives. When taken to the county jail on Friday afternoon he was searched by the police authorities and all his belongings were taken from him.

It was noticed when Haas retired on Friday night that he did not take off his shoes. When asked why he kept his footwear on, he replied that he was only going to lie down for a few moments; that he was too nervous to sleep and that he would pace up and down his cell.

Heney Is Improving.

The condition of Francis J. Heney is still most satisfactory, and the attending surgeons report that he is making excellent progress on the road to recovery. He passed a comfortable night, sleeping most of the time, and rested easily yesterday. Although the bullet has been located, embedded in the left jaw, about an inch in front of the ear, the surgeons have decided not to extract it until Mr. Heney gains more strength.

Mrs. Heney spent an hour yesterday in the examination room of the hospital while the surgeons were removing grains of powder from her husband's face and head. While this was going on the wounded man sat up on the table and made jocular remarks.

Find No Conspiracy.

Chief of Police Biggy and Captain of Detectives Kelley said that they could find no evidence that the shooting of Heney was the result of a conspiracy. Detective Burke, who closely questioned Haas at several times during the night, made a report to Chief Biggy of similar import.

DOWAGER EMPRESS IS DEAD.

Autocratic Ruler of Celestial Empire Passes Away Soon After Emperor.

Peking, Nov. 17.—Tao Msi An, the dowager empress of China, the autocratic head of the government which she directed without successful interference since 1861, and without protest since 1881, died at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The announcement of the dowager empress' death was official and followed closely upon the announcement that Huang Hsu, the emperor, had died Saturday at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, but it is believed that the deaths of both the emperor and the dowager empress occurred a considerable time before that set down in the official statements.

Three-year-old on Throne.

An edict issued at 8 o'clock yesterday morning placed upon the throne Prince Pu Yi, the three-year-old son of Prince Chun, the regent of the empire, in accordance with a promise given by the dowager empress soon after the marriage of Prince Chun in 1902. An edict issued on Friday made Pu Yi heir presumptive.

The foreign legations were notified yesterday morning by the foreign board of the death of the emperor and the succession of Prince Pu Yi. Troops have been in readiness for several days to quell any disorders that might arise on the death of Kuang Hsu, and the possibility of uprising was made greater because of the fact that the death of the dowager empress was known to be close at hand.

Guard for Legations.

Twenty gendarmes were dispatched to guard the approaches to the legations, but up to the present the duties of the forces have been slight. It was announced that the legation guard was ordered out at "the special call of the legations, on account of the emperor's death."

Prince Chun, the regent, has ordered the viceroys and governors to take precautions for the administration of the provinces as heretofore and he has ordered a hundred days of mourning. The court will go into mourning for three years.

Died Alone and Unattended.

They died alone and unattended, although surrounded by circles of abject spectators, who remained a rod distant, as on account of the sacred persons of their majesties they could not be approached. The emperor died as he had lived, without ministrations of whatever kind or scientific aid.

Until word of the dowager's death is read broadcast no general disorders are apprehended. China is quieter now than at any time since 1900. There are few signs of antagonism to foreigners and there is no manner of doubt that Prince Chun will be able to meet the situation, as he is recognized as thoroughly progressive.

Cut Ice Fourteen Inches Thick.

Jamestown, N. D., Nov. 17.—Ice is being cut in the James river. It is nearly fourteen inches in thickness and is said to be a better quality than was secured last year.