TELEGRAPH NEWS SUMMARY

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

Having $3,500,000 to their credit in local banks, Chicago trades unions have started a movement for a trades union bank, with the union label over the door.

The Emperor of Austria will pay a return visit to King Edward, which will occur the latter part of April.

The simultaneous breaking of two of the 30 inch mains which feed the reservoir and supply water to the network of pipes throughout Harrisburg, Pa., has caused the worst water famine ever known in that vicinity. Hotels, houses, railroads, mills and factories have been cut off. This state of affairs is most serious.

The German financial papers regard the capital of $5,000,000 with which the German petroleum company was organized to compete with the Standard Oil company as a small trifle compared with the paid up capital of the Rockefeller concern.

The four masted schooner Augustus Hunt was wrecked recently west of the Quogue life saving station, on the New York coast. Two of the crew were saved, but 15 others were lost, the bodies being washed away from the wrecked ship. The schooner was totally wrecked.

A report has been received from Mindanao to the effect that Lieutenant Campbell W. Flake had been killed and that Lieutenant William E. Roberts and private Foy, had been badly wounded when out on a scouting expedition against unfriendly Moros. All of the men belonged to the Twenty-second infantry.

Allentown, Pa.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Catherine Bechtel, charged with being an accessory before the fact in the murder of her daughter, Mabel, a shop girl, returned a verdict of not guilty.

The town of Allesund, Norway, was practically destroyed by fire recently, but so far as can be ascertained there was no loss of life. The church, the schoolhouse, shops and three quarters of the town have been burned and the latest news received said the remaining buildings were on fire. Allesund is a busy port trading town of Norway of over 8,000 inhabitants.

The second shipment of big timber for the Washington state building at the fair in St. Louis, has arrived. With the timbers came a 60 foot flagstaff, which will form a feature of the house of Hoo-Hoo.

Police Detectives Hawley, Murphy and Colten, of Los Angeles, Cal., held on a charge of manslaughter for the killing of Joseph and Louis Chesser, father and son, at the Hotel Broxburn, on the night of December 17, have been released by Justice Chambers, who exonerated the men for the killing.

The Korean government has made a formal declaration of neutrality in the event of war between Japan and Russia.

Sharon, Pa.—Four men and a woman who attempted to ford a swollen stream near here, were swept away and it is rumored all were drowned.

The result of the recent presidential election in Colombia is still uncertain, according to a dispatch from Bogota, by way of Panama. Affairs generally are reported to be quiet.

Recent Manila advices to the war department throw light on the present agitation in the Philippines over the proposed expulsion of the Mexican dollar from circulation. It seems the banks, conducted for the most part by foreigners, are strenuous in their opposition to the proposed abandonment of the Mexican silver piece, the principal currency medium in the Philippines, because of the large opportunity it affords for making profits in exchange.

Military activity at the Black sea ports continue on a more extensive scale than ever, cables a Russian correspondent. Men are arriving for shipment on transports for the far east. The railways are gorged with military stores. Private freight is sidetracked in order to expedite shipments of supplies.

The Cleveland, Ohio, grand jury has returned an indictment against Geo. A. Rose, cashier of the Produce National bank, which closed its doors. Rose is charged with having embezzled $189,000 of the bank's funds.

The protected cruiser Charleston was successfully launched recently at the yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock company in Virginia.

St. John, N. F.—Another violent snow storm raged over the whole island recently. Four schooners are fast in the ice and are unable to communicate with the shore. The whole bay and the gulf of St. Lawrence as far as the eye can reach is a mass of ice. The other craft that were carried out into the gulf are frozen fast in a floe.

Hartford, Conn.—Fire started in the four story block at Main and Kinsley streets. In 10 minutes the structure was a roaring furnace. Fourteen persons on the upper floors were rescued by firemen. The block was destroyed and an eight story building was partly destroyed. Loss, $200,000.

The last statement of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $225,714,010; gold, $84,662,082.

The London Chess club has decided on March 22 and 26 as the dates for the annual cable match to be played between America and Great Britain.

Five New York manufacturers, employing 2,000 cloakmakers, have granted demands for a new wage scale without a strike.

Locomotive Engineer Ladner and his fireman, Elmsley, both of Revelstoke, B. C., were killed in a wreck recently toward the bottom of what is known as the Big Hill on the Canadian Pacific railway, just west of Field.

A request for an appropriation of $1,245,366 for field maneuvers for 1905 and of $1,255,[illegible] for the same purpose for the year 1906, has been transmitted to the house from the war department. It is proposed, General Chaffee says, to hold the maneuvers in the four military divisions of the country each year. During the present year they are to be held in the Atlantic and Pacific divisions.

His Highness Mirza Alza Gir Khan, prime minister of Persia, accompanied by his son, Mirza Ahmed Khan, and Mehdi Quoli Khmnek, vice minister of education of Persia, have arrived in San Francisco. With them were four Servians. They will leave for the east immediately.

An authority on Northern Securities affairs says that probably not more than $20,000,000 of the total stock of this company is afloat, or in the hands of the general public. The remainder, he estimated, is held by strong people identified with the management.

Charles Nearly of Milwaukee, and Aurelio Herrera of California, recently fought six rounds to a draw before the Milwaukee Boxing club.

The plant of the Pittsburg Plate Glass company in Chicago was destroyed by fire recently, and from the is building the flames were communicated to the seven story factory and apartment building of the Bucklen Medical company. Loss $300,000.

DENVER EXPRESS WRECKED.

Three Passengers Killed—Several Are Badly Injured—Cars Burned.

St. Louis. Jan. 26.—The Denver express on the Burlington road, was run into from the rear by a local passenger train while taking water at Gardeene Creek, about 40 miles north of here, and three passengers were killed and four seriously injured and seven badly hurt. The wreck occurred on a bridge over Gardeene creek. The bridge and two cars of the local train and local engine were burned. The express train was running behind time because of the blizzard weather and had stopped at a tank just after clearing the bridge, to take water. Suddenly, without warning, the local train crashed into the rear of the express.

The light passenger cars of the local train were badly demolished and the bridge was filled with debris, which took fire. Because of the burned bridge traffic is suspended until a temporary structure can be erected.

One of the Pullman cars has been turned into a temprary hospital.

KILLS HIS WIFE AND SELF.

John T. Brown, an Oregon School Instructor, Insanely Jealous.

Pendleton, Oregon, Jan. 27.—In a fit of jealousy., John T. Brown, a teacher in the McKay Creek school, killed his wife, Ethel, and then lay down beside the dead body and shot himself through the heart. From evidence at the inquets it looks as if the wife had consented to dying by her husband's hand. The double tragedy was committed on the hill south of the city, at 2 o'clock in the morning, and the bodies were found about 10 a. m.

The verdict said the deed was committed by Brown, who was insanely jealous without cause apparent to the jury.

COLD CRAZES ELEPHANT.

Suffering Animal Almost Kills Its Keeper.

St. Paul, Jan. 26.—Maddened by the intense cold, which had frozen its ears and trunk, an elephant belonging to an animal show which has been exhibiting at a local theater, Sunday almost instantly killed its keeper. Conrad Castens, and partly wrecked the Milwaukee freighthouse. Many of the attendants had narrow escapes from serious injury. Castens then went to the animal's head and attempted to pacify it, but the beast threw him to the ground, and, planting his foot upon him, crushed in his ribs, and, it is believed, fatally injured him. The brute then seized heavy articles of freight in the sheds and began to swing them about, doing much damage. After laboring for nine hours, attendants quieted the animal.

EX-GOVERNOR TAFT RETURNS

RETURNS TO TAKE POSITION OF SECRETARY OF WAR ROOT.

Was Accompanied Home by His Family.—He Says Philippine Islands Expect a Period of Great Activity—Conditions Better Than Ever Before—Electric Lines Being Built.

San Francisco.—Ex-Governor William H. Taft of the Philippines has arrived on the steamer Korea. He was accompanied by Mrs. Taft, their two children, F. W. Carpenter, his private secretary, and Carson Taylor, secretary of the Philippine St. Louis exposition commission.

In conversation with a representative of the Associated Press, commenting upon the existing situation of affairs in the Philippines, Governor Taft said that conditions there were better than ever before and he doubted if greatly tranquility ever prevailed, even under the Spanish administration.

"We are now looking forward," he said, "to a period of great activity in rebuilding throughout the islands. English and Belgian capitalists have so far controlled the field, but the people of the islands are anxious for the introduction of American capital, which so far has not been forthcoming.

"One American syndicate," he added, "by a Mr. Swift of Detroit, is now engaged in the construction of electric roads, gridironing the streets of Manila, with the object in view of extensions which will connect the suburban points.

Building Electric Lines.

"Two new branch lines have just been authorized by the government, one of 35 miles and another of 31 miles, on the line of the road now running out for a distance of 120 miles from Manila to Dagupan. This road was originally built by the Spanish.

"English capitalists are now seeking franchises in other directions and Secretary Root has had surveys for two or three trunk lines, which have already been published, and for which estimates have been asked.

"The greatest need of the hour in the islands is railroads. The opportunity for their construction is not limited to any particular island, although just now they are confined to Luzon. Every island in the group can support a railroad running for 50 miles along the coast to handle supplies and country produce. American capital, it is hoped, will appreciate this opportunity and secure the roads.

Legislative Matters.

"The census will be published in October next and on that date, provided the country is tranquil as at present, the government will authorize the election of an assembly of not less than 50 nor more than 100 members. This assembly will be a legislative body—coordinate with the commission, passing all government enactments for the territory. It will be provided, however, that should they fail at any time to pass the necessary appropriations the governor and treasurer will have power to do so. This assembly will also be regarded in the light of an educational institution.

"This will give the present Philippine commission two and a half years more in which to complete their arrangements for the government of the islands and the fulfillment of what they may consider necessary legislation."

In reply to a question whether the Filipinos were in a condition to govern themselves, he said they were certainly not at present and to make a prediction on the subject would be looking too far ahead into the future.

His Trip.

The reception given to himself and wife by the mikado was flattering in the extreme and the imperial host lost no opportunity to express his firm friendship and sympathy with the United States and he hoped friendly relations would ever prevail between the two nations.

Before leaving Manila, the mikado detailed the Japanese consul at that city to personally escort Governor Taft and party to Tokio.

OREGON NOTES.

Hick's store at Bay City was broken into recently and over $300 taken.

An enthusiastic meeting of about 60 farmers to consider the advisability of entering the sugar beet raising industry was held at Echo recently. At the close of the meeting the farmers present promised 1,000 acres to the support of the new undertaking. George Stoddard and F. S. Bramwell of the sugar factory at La Grande were present and promised an average of from $4 to $[illegible] per ton for beets on board cars here, the factory paying freight rates.

Glass houses of a very substantial kind can now be built. Silesian glassmakers are turning out glass bricks for all sorts of building purposes.

COL. LYNCH FREE.

King Edward Pardons Treasoner From Life Imprisonment.

London, Jan. 26.—Colonel Arthur Lynch, who commanded the Irish brigade against the British forces during the war in South Africa, and who afterwards was convicted of treason and sentenced to imprisonment for life, has been liberated "on license." Lynch has not received the royal pardon. The Associated Press learns that the liberation of Colonel Lynch is the outcome of an interesting series of events. When Michael Davitt was last in the United States he saw President Roosevelt, who mentionel Colonel Lynch, saying he had once entertained him at Albany. The president expressed great interest in the case and regretted that he could not suggest clemency without laying himself open to a palpable snub.

On his return to England, Mr. Davitt mentioned his conversation with President Roosevelt to Sir Thomas Lipton and to Mrs. Lynch, who has suffered bitterly since her husband's arrest. He also made a pathetic appeal to Sir Thomas, who then personally interceded with King Edward on behalf of the condemned fellow Irishman. Without any hesitation, his majesty promptly informed the home secretary of his wishes in the matter, and the prisoner was released.

Colonel Lynch, who completed a year in prison last Saturday, was the only political offender in prison in Ireland. Patrich A. McHugh, ex-member of the house of commons, who recently shared this distinction with Colonel Lynch, was released from jail through the mediation of Sir Thomas Lipton with King Edward.

Colonel Lynch will enjoy personal liberty, and may even leave the country, should he care to do so, but, not having received the royal pardon, he is disqualified from sitting in parliament and from holding any public office.

IDAHO NEWS.

Senator Dubois has been notified by the secretary of the interior that he would refuse the permission recently asked to graze large numbers of sheep on the Pocatello forest reservation, in Idaho. Mayor Steely of Pocatello protested against this permit and the matter was taken up by both Idaho senators.

Clarence Kline, a deaf and dumb youth who lives with his parents near Genesee, has been examined by County Physician Hurlbut and committed to the asylum at Blackfoot.

A successful operation of skin grafting has been performed upon the arms and legs of S. G. Covey, an electrician at Wardner who was fearfully burned by a wire last November. He is now rapidly recovering.

Contractors and builders are of the opinion that this year will show more building activity in Wallace than in the past few years.

A trainload of stock was shipped from Kamia last Monday to Seattle. The train will consist of six cars of sheep and five cars of hogs. The sheep have been fattened by E. J. Armbuster, living north of Nez Perce.

In the collapse of a mill building three miles from Meadows, in the northern part of this county, Frank Hill was killed and his brother Jasper may die from injuries received. They were piling lumber in the upper part of the mill building when the entire building collopsed, burying the men under a pile of lumber and timbers.

An oratorical tryout at the Lewiston normal school resulted in the selection of the following team of debaters: J. S. Jent, R. E. Emmett and Willard Gwynn.

Trade Report.

New York.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

Weather conditions have furnished the chief influence in the trade situation.

Wholesale trade is fairly active, traveling salesmen sending in about average orders, and jobbing trade is normal. Manufacturing plants are more active, with little change in quotations, and the outlook for spring trade is considered favorable. Collections are somewhat more prompt. Leading staples have risen to new maximum prices for the crop year. Iron and steel plants that resumed at the turn of the year have obtained sufficient business to continue operating, and thus far the adjustment of wages has not produced the threatened strike.

There has been a slight advance in the price of cattle. Steers are now selling at from 3 1-2 to 4 cents, live weight. Better than 4 cents per lb. has been offered for future delivery.

Increased activity and strength is reported in the domestic hide market

Failures numbered 358 in the United States, against 265 last year, and 33 in Canada, compared with 27 a year ago.

Piqua, Ohio, Jan. 24.—The Maimi river rose three and one half feet during the night and that section of the city known as Roseville is completely inundated. Hundreds of families have been driven from their homes.

KANSAS SENATOR INDICTED

FEDERAL GRAND JURY GOES AFTER J. R. BURTON.

Charged on Nine Counts With Accepting Checks of $500 Each for Services Rendered to Rialto Securities Company, a "Get Rich Quick" Concern of St. Louis.

St. Louis, Jan. 25.—The federal grand jury has returned an indictment against Joseph Ralph Burton, United States senator from Kansas, charging him, on nine counts, with accepting five checks of $500 each, from the Rialto Grain and Securities company, between November 22, 1902, and March 26, 1903, while a United States senator for his alleged services in interceding with the postmaster general, chief postoffice inspector and other high postoffice officials to induce them to render a favorable decision in matters affecting the permission of the Rialto company to use the mails.

Major Hugh C. Dennis, president of the company, and W. B. Mehaney, associated with him, are named in the indictment as the men who made the checks to Burton.

The Rialto Grain and Securities company has been under investigation by the state for several months on account of internal troubles and the complaints of investors.

Indictments have been found against the president, Major Dennis, and others of the officers, but they never have been convicted.

The Rialto company's officers were closed by court officials on attachments secured by alleged creditors, but were reopened after arrangements to satisfy the claims had been made.

For several days past William E. Cochran, chief postoffice inspector from Washington; Major Hugh C. Dennis, and W. B. Mehaney have been before the grand jury and it is believed [illegible]ctment was found on their testimony.

[illegible]or Burton's alleged intercession, it is stated, was to prevent the issuance of a fraud order against the Rialto Grain and Securities company.

As a result of his connection with the company, Dennis was indicted in both the federal and state courts, but the United States court acquitted him. Four indictments found in state courts against Dennis are still pending.

TORNADO DOWN IN ALABAMA

THIRTY-SEVEN PEOPLE KILLED AND HUNDREDS INJURED.

Town of Moundville Sufferered Most—Every Business House Destroyed—Swept a Clean a Path a Quarter of a Mile Wide People Hurled Hundreds of Feet—Town of Hull Also Hit.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., Jan. 24.—A disastertrous tornado swept over Moundville, Ala., a town of 300 inhabitants, 15 miles south of Tuscaloosa, early in the day and as a result 37 persons were killed and more than 100 injured. Every business house with the exception of a small store was destroyed. The tornado struck the city from the southeast and mowed a path a quarter of a mile through the town.

Surgeons were rushed to Moundville from Greensboro and Tuscaloosa and all possible was done to alleviate the sufferings of the injured. By the force of the storm persons were blown hundreds of feet from their beds in the blackness of the night. Through terror, a father, mother and three children fled from ther homes to seek refuge and in their excitement left a five year old boy in bed. Today he was pulled from beneath some timbers and thus far it is impossible to find any other member of the family. Bedding, carpets and wearing apparel are scattered over a distance of 10 miles through what was a forrest, but which is now clear as if cut by the woodman's axe.

Freight cars were torn to splinters, the trucks from them being hurled hundreds of feet from the track.

The depot, the hotel, warehouses, gins, 30 homes, seven storehouses, together with their stocks, were completely destroyed. Where they stood it is impossible to find even the pillars upon which they rested.

Bales of cotton which were stored in warehouses were torn to atoms, the fragments of lint lodging in trees, making it appear as though that section had been visited by a snow stom.

Heavy Iron safes, the doos of which in some cases were torn from their hinges, were carried away by the force of the wind.

The town of Hull, for miles north of Moundvlls, suffered from the tornado. The Bates Lumber company's planing department was completely wrecked and the nergo fireman crushed. Four residences and one church were destroyed.