

SUMMARY OF A WEEK'S EVENTS

MOST IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS AT HOME TOLD IN CONDENSED FORM.

LATE FOREIGN DISPATCHES

Interesting Items of News Gathered from All Parts of the Globe and Outlined in the Briefest Manner Possible.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

Bryan and Hearst as the Democratic ticket in 1908 are talked of with growing favor by men of that party in congress.

The house committee on post offices and roads reported the post office appropriation bill to the house.

The ship subsidy bill has been practically killed in the house marine committee, the members being divided against the measure ten to eight.

John F. Wallace, former chief engineer, told the senate committee that the government is warranted in spending \$200,000,000 on the Panama canal.

Congress has no constitutional right to regulate life insurance is the decision of the house judiciary committee.

MISCELLANEOUS.

While playing in front of a grate, the three-year-old child of Chris Parker, of Ireland, Ind., was burned to death.

Herbert Moore, 12 years old, while playing with a shotgun shot and killed a playmate, Charles Heffner, aged 11, at Richmond, Ind.

The Ohio house by a vote of 55 to 41 practically defeated the resolution providing for the submission to the people of an amendment to the constitution prohibiting the traffic in intoxicating liquors by referring it to the committee on judiciary.

Spread of the miners' strike in France causes the government to mass troops in anticipation of trouble.

Boer war demands for magazines have reached \$10,000,000.

Railroad mileage of the United States will be increased during 1906 by 21,447 miles by building of new lines.

President Roosevelt received a memorial from Samuel Gompers and a delegation from the American Federation of Labor setting forth the desires of labor in the matter of legislation, and in reply declared that the requests, in a number of instances, are against what he considers good national policy.

Chattanooga lynchings are facing punishment in the hands of the United States supreme court, which has intervened in behalf of the mob's victim.

Iowa representatives passed a bill aimed at the Standard Oil company, preventing rate-cutting in one part of the state to kill off competition while prices are being raised in another.

"Reformers" in Russia are shown to be fictitious, and workmen, realizing that the government is attempting to trick them, jeered at the emperor by formally electing a dog as their delegate to the assembly.

A committee of the New York assembly favorably reported the bill which will legislate out of office all directors and trustees of mutual life insurance companies.

Federal Judge J. Otis Humphrey in Chicago granted the immunity pleas of the 16 individual packers indicted for conspiracy in restraint of trade, but held the five packing firms for trial.

I. W. Triplett, of Tahlequah, I. T., died at the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. While a clerk in the federal court at Tahlequah, Triplett was found guilty of embezzlement and was sent to the penitentiary for five years. He had served three years.

In recognition of his services at Washington, Sir Chenung Liang Cheng, Chinese minister to the United States received a cablegram from his government announcing his appointment as chancellor of the grand council of China.

Morris Brock was convicted at Los Angeles, Cal., of murder in the first degree for killing Mrs. Charles A. Canfield, wife of the millionaire oil operator.

Robbers entered the bank of Niagara, N. D., demolished the safe and secured \$1,280 in cash.

Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth, the Salvation Army leader, is to retire from active work as the result of a breakdown.

Lyman J. Gage, former secretary of the treasury, is to resign as president of the United States Trust company of New York.

William Carr, a negro, was lynched at Bayou Plaquemine, La., Saturday night for stealing and killing a cow.

President Roosevelt announces himself as heartily favoring the idea advanced by Prof. Edmund J. James to invite Chinese students to study in American institutions.

Health Commissioner Whalen, of Chicago, says the drainage canal ready has saved nearly 6,000 lives by reducing the death rate from typhoid and diarrheal diseases.

The Ohio house passed a bill forcing witnesses before legislative investigating committees to talk.

Report of the United States Steel corporation for 1905 shows surplus earnings of \$43,385,000, an increase of \$38,317,000 over the 1904 surplus.

Reports received from many of the peach growing sections of Georgia indicate a loss of 50 per cent. from the recent cold weather. A 50 per cent. damage to the crop would mean a probable loss of \$2,000,000 to Georgia growers.

Rev. Louis Kelly, the Baptist minister who was a partner of the late Rev. George Simpson of the defunct People's Savings bank, Peoria, Ill., has been indicted for embezzlement.

The American bowling congress in session at Louisville, Ky., decided to hold its next annual convention in St. Louis and elected as president, Robert H. Bryson, of Indianapolis.

Representative George R. Patterson, of the Twelfth Pennsylvania district, died suddenly of heart failure.

Andrew Hamilton, former legislative agent for the New York Life Insurance company, sent a reply to the Fowler investigating committee of that company, declining to appear but held the five packing firms for his work for the company.

As the officials were closing the Mutual Credit society's bank in Moscow, Russia, 20 armed men surrounded the building, which is near the bourse, and, covering the employees of the bank with pistols, they pillaged the place, getting away with \$42,500.

Work of American consuls is badly crippled by the lack of funds. The appropriation has been exhausted and congress will not vote more cash to provide for ordinary expenses.

Mayor Weaver, of Philadelphia, won the most notable victory of his career by forcing the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company to agree to disgorge franchises worth millions of dollars, acquired as the result of the famous "midnight steal."

The commerce commission will force officials of companies under trial to answer questions or subject them to punishment on refusal.

Admiral Dewey urged an 18,000-ton battleship and smaller craft at a hearing before a house committee.

Mrs. Florence Siegel, of Trenton, N. J., was killed, and her husband, Samuel Siegel, had a leg broken as a result of jumping from a third-story window of their home while the house was on fire.

The Ohio senate passed a bill providing for the fine and imprisonment of students found guilty of hazing and of members of college faculties who permit it.

Gov. Gen. Ide sent Secretary of War Taft a cablegram justifying the fight on Mount Dado.

A terrific north along the coast of Vera Cruz, Mexico, killed 19 people, including two Americans.

Members of Chattanooga mob who lynched a negro may be punished by federal authorities through the supreme court connection with the case.

A new mutiny among Russian sailors and massacre of officers is reported at Sebastopol.

George F. Baer, chairman of the committee of seven of the anthracite operators, addressed a letter to John Mitchell, accepting Mr. Mitchell's proposition to have another conference.

Just before an officer entered his room in a H. H. Claiborne hotel to arrest him, J. H. Claiborne, a sheet writer from a Chicago poolroom, drank an ounce and a half of carbolic acid and died a few minutes later.

In a fight between a foreman and Italian workmen on the South & Western railroad, near Marion, N. C., the foreman, in defending himself, clubbed seven of the men to death with a crow-bar.

Mrs. Corneilla Botesma, and her one-year-old child were struck by a Michigan Central passenger train near Grand Rapids, Mich., while driving across the track. The child was instantly killed and the mother died at Butte hospital.

Another contribution of \$20,000 came to the state department through the Red Cross from the Christian Herald, of New York, on account of the Japanese famine. This makes the total contribution from that publication up to date \$100,000.

August Duhr and A. G. Seebert, employees, were cremated in an explosion at the gas works in Cedar Falls, Ia., while a third man is missing.

The giving of political contributions from the funds of a life insurance company by the officers of such a company does not constitute larceny or any other crime, in the opinion of District Attorney Jerome, submitted to Justice O'Sullivan in the court of general sessions in New York.

According to the London Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Tokio, it is now estimated that several thousand persons were killed by the recent earthquake in Formosa.

In the Atlantic storm of March 19 and 20 at least a dozen vessels were wrecked or damaged and six lives lost off the coast of Massachusetts.

A collision between two passenger trains near Florence, Col., in which 20 and probably 35 persons were killed and more than 40 injured, was caused by a telegraph operator, who, worn out by 36 hours of constant work at the key, fell asleep.

The coolness of teachers resulted in saving 150 pupils from a burning building at Haverhill, Mass.

The Standard Oil company is preparing to make a spirited contest for what it considers its rights and to meet the attacks from governmental agencies.

During eight weeks 1,259 rebels have been shot or hanged by order of the Russian government in an effort effectually to crush the radical movement.

Damage amounting to \$500,000 to truck farms has resulted from the overflowing of the Kings and San Joaquin rivers in California. The flood around Visalia has not been equaled since 1862.

The charge is made that the New York Life Insurance company gave \$75,000 to the Republican campaign fund in addition to the \$148,000 uncovered by the Hughes committee. This is denied by Cornelius N. Bliss.

The mental and physical collapse of John D. Rockefeller is feared by Lakeview (N. J.) residents.

The Japanese house of representatives passed the bill for state ownership of all railway lines.

In six months Evangelist "Billy" Stewart caused the conversion of 5,000 people and was paid \$12,000 for his efforts.

A mammoth snowslide in the Mount Snowfield district, six miles south of Orray, Col., wrecked the Camp Bird mine mill, tramhouse, boarding house and reading room. William Cressley is known to have been killed. The property loss is estimated at between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

Hon. W. C. Arnold, of Dubois, Pa., ex-congressman of that district, died very suddenly at Muskegon, Mich., where he was looking after legal matters.

Johann Most, the anarchist leader, died in Cincinnati. He was driven from Europe, and often arrested in the United States.

United States delegates to the Pan-American congress favor the Drago doctrine, which forbids forcible collection of private debts by a nation.

A boy stowaway returned to New York after traveling 150,000 miles with an expenditure of \$150 for transportation.

Tammany hall aims a blow at Hearst in the adoption of strong resolutions against public ownership of utilities.

By the loss of 12 lives in a snowslide near Silverton, Col., the death toll resulting from the great storm of the past week in the San Juan mining districts has been increased to at least 15.

Andrew Hamilton made a new exposure in his controversy with the New York Life Insurance company trustees. He showed a receipt for \$75,000 given the Republican national committee, and, disputed by Bliss.

The notorious operators despoiled P. L. Robbins as leader and replaced him with J. H. Winder, of Olin, who opposes concessions to the miners.

A speech made by Count Witte to his cabinet forecasts his retirement and indicates Kokovoff as the man who will succeed him as premier of Russia.

An alleged post office robber, when a trial was called by Jackson, Mich., officers, shot Policeman Fred Booth dead.

The Standard Oil has surrendered to the Missouri attorney general. It was admitted that the Standard Oil owned and controlled the Republic and Waters-Pierce companies.

A fast east-bound passenger train on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad was partly wrecked at Lockridge, Ia., by a misplaced switch. One man was killed and several injured.

D. A. Rastorgoff Brothers, the largest merchants in Russia, have failed in Moscow for \$13,500,000.

William Rockefeller is in a hopeless condition from cancer of the stomach, according to advices received in New York from Europe.

George Wells, aged 14, died at Owensville, Ky., of hydrophobia as a result of being bitten six years ago by a mad dog. He is the third person who died from bites inflicted by the same dog.

The Cuban presidential electors formally met in Havana and unanimously elected Tomas Estrada Palma, president of the republic.

Willis Hall Turner, general manager of the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Herald, died from paralysis, with which he has stricken several days ago.

Mrs. John Morrison, of Cumboia, Pa., was shot and killed as she lay in bed by one of three masked burglars.

C. E. Davis, a stockman of Sioux City, Ia., was killed, and Brakeman E. M. Crumme, of Milwaukee, was injured in a collision of two freight trains on the St. Paul road at Davis Junction.

A rumor originating in Omaha that Charles M. Schwab had renounced his patents, and to attain his end had established a residence in Nevada, has been denied by him.

Gen. John M. Thayer, civil war veteran, former United States senator and governor of Nebraska, died at Lincoln, Neb.

Some of Charles S. Francis, of Troy, N. Y., former American minister to Greece, was sent to the senate for confirmation as ambassador to Austria-Hungary to succeed Bellamy Storer.

Former Lieut. Schmidt, who commanded the vessels of the Black Sea fleet which mutinied in November of last year, was shot at Otschakoff, Russia, with three of his sailors.

The Dorcas custom ore mill, located half a mile north of Florence, Col., was destroyed by fire. The mill built six years ago and was valued at \$300,000.

Ex-County Treasurer George T. Mayfield, of Madison, Ind., whose accounts were found short \$9,200 has paid back the principal and \$3,322 in interest. The shortage dates back six years.

Trustees of the New York Life insurance company will refund 40 and 50 persons met death in the collision of the two Denver & Rio Grande passenger trains near Adobe, Col., on Friday last. A list of more than 40 missing persons who are supposed to have been passengers on the wrecked trains has been prepared, but some of these probably are still living.

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NO COMMON CARRIER.



Uncle Sam—I Don't Know as It Matters How I Get There, Just So I Arrive.

OVER SCORE DIE IN MINE BLAST

IGNITION OF DUST CAUSES AWFUL DISASTER IN COLLIERY AT CENTURY, W. VA.

FOURTEEN BODIES OF VICTIMS RECOVERED

Corpses Badly Torn and Mangled—Dead Mostly Foreigners—Fifteen Scenes Around Shaft—Two Killed by Falling Rock.

Grafton, W. Va., March 24.—Twenty-one miners are believed to have lost their lives in Thursday's mine explosion at Century, W. Va. Eleven bodies had been recovered at noon Friday, and ten men are still missing. These not yet accounted for are thought to be dead in the mine. It is impossible to give the names of the dead, but they are known to be mostly foreigners, as very few Americans were employed in the mine.

Victims Badly Mangled. The bodies recovered were torn and mangled and in many cases burned from head to foot, making the work of identification very hard. From the fierce force of the explosion, as evidenced by the ruin wrought in the shaft, there is little hope that the missing ten escaped with their lives.

Rescuers are working heroically to reach the missing men, but the large amount of gas still in the mine makes the work dangerous and retards its progress.

A large crowd surrounds the mine and force has to be used to keep the women from going down in the relief cars. Trains bearing physicians and nurses have arrived from Phillippe and Buchanan, and the injured are being cared for in a temporary hospital.

It has been determined that the explosion was caused by the igniting of the dust in the mine. The dust was fired by the sparks from a charge of powder, which was exploded to bring down the overhanging coal. Three of the dead men are Americans. Their names are Daniel, Charles and Thomas Jones. The others are Poles and Italians.

The mine was equipped with all modern improvements, having everything which could be expected to contribute to the safety of employees. Many of the dead leave large families, and the anguish and distress to be seen on all sides is pitiful to the extreme.

Falling Rock Kills Two. Unton town, Pa., March 24.—Two miners were killed and a third probably fatally injured by a fall of shale rock in a new slope of the H. C. Frick Coke company, near here. The men were foreigners.

Deaths May Reach 50. Denver, Col., March 24.—It is now generally admitted that between 40 and 50 persons met death in the collision of the two Denver & Rio Grande passenger trains near Adobe, Col., on Friday last. A list of more than 40 missing persons who are supposed to have been passengers on the wrecked trains has been prepared, but some of these probably are still living.

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SEA CLAIMS MANY LIVES

EIGHTY-FIVE DROWNED OFF NEW ENGLAND COAST. Over 50 Ships Wrecked During Past Winter—List of Casualties May Be Increased.

Boston, March 24.—Eighty-five lives were lost and 54 ships were wrecked along the coast of New England and the maritime provinces during the past winter. While the season up to the present month was comparatively mild on shore, at sea it was one of extreme severity, particularly in waters off the provinces.

Of the vessels wrecked 37 were sailing craft. Nine steamships and 28 barges complete the list. Ships flying the British flag lead those of other nations with a loss of 27 craft against 15 of American register. There is also a sprinkling of Norwegian, German and Swedish vessels.

The worst disaster was the foundering of the steamer British King off Sable Island on March 11, when it is estimated that at least 18, and possibly 25, lost their lives. The correct figures probably will never be known, as several men enrolled as members of the crew are said to have deserted before the ship sailed.

The season of storm and shipwreck commenced in November, when the Norwegian steamer Turbin struck the rocks off Clark's Harbor, N. S., and in sight of persons on shore struck and held for a brief moment on the ledge, before being hurled overboard by a crest of a wave and disappeared with her crew of 14 men. In less than a fortnight after the Turbin tragedy the British steamer Lunenburg struck the rocks in a heavy storm off Amherst Harbor, Magdalen islands, and 12 out of a crew of 17 perished. From that time on scarcely a week passed without its story of wreck.

Reports that have come in since the blizzard early in the present week cause fear that the list of casualties may be greatly increased. There has been no day without its story of disaster. Many vessels are overdue and the actual fate of some of them may not be learned for several weeks.

Mother Kills Her Babe. Chicago, March 24.—Valeria Schwartz, 27 years old, had a piece of gauze about the neck of her baby, which was less than an hour old, and choked it to death in her room at St. Mary of Nazareth's hospital. The infant was found dead in a locker in the room. The woman has been at the hospital since February 15. She said she had come from Alma, Mich. She is being guarded by a policeman, and when she recovers she will be arrested.

Wood Upheld by Manila Press. Manila, March 24.—The American, Spanish and native press of this city, in commenting upon the recent battle of Mount Dajo, sustain Maj. Gen. Wood against the charge of killing women and children of the Moro outlaws during the action which they say is unavoidable. They are unanimous in their expressions of regret at the manner in which the battle has been misrepresented by a portion of the press in America.

Noted Woman Physician Dead. Denver, Col., March 24.—Dr. Jessie M. McGregor, a noted Scotch physician, died at her home in this city after a five days' illness of cerebrospinal meningitis. Dr. McGregor ranked among the best women physicians, and won distinction at Edinburgh, Leipzig and Paris, where she pursued her studies. She was possessor of the highest degree ever attained by a feminine physician.

Power House Burned. Philadelphia, March 24.—One of the largest and most valuable power houses of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company at Second and Olney streets was destroyed by fire Friday. The loss is estimated at \$175,000, partly insured. The fire resulted from an explosion caused by the circulation of air in the gas generator.

Duluth.—The Duluth & Iron Range road is preparing to begin work on ore about March 25, which will be a week earlier than ever before. The early shipments will not be very extensive.

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NEWS OF MINNESOTA.

Prize for Farmers.

Duluth.—The Great Northern road is making a special effort to interest the farmers of Northern Minnesota in the farm contest prizes that are offered by J. H. Hill. The conditions under which the awards are to be made, will depend on how well tilled and managed the farms are. Those that are highest in these respects will get the prizes, which run from \$300 down to \$75 in cash. These prizes will apply to seven sections of Minnesota, and the farmers of North and South Dakota are also offered premiums in like amounts. The total offered by Mr. Hill is about \$3,000.

Farmers are to make entries in April, and the judging will be done in June, July and August by Prof. Thos. Shaw and competent assistants. It is expected that the farmers of the territory immediately tributary to Duluth will take an interest in the competition and strive to win prizes.

The competition plan that Mr. Hill has inaugurated will draw much favorable attention to the countries in which are located the prize winning farms.

Cattle at the Fair. Hamline—Massive, white-faced Hereford cattle will again be greatly in evidence at the Minnesota State Fair this year. Secretary E. W. Kandath is home from a trip to Kansas City where he met with the board of directors of the American Hereford Cattle Breeders' Association and received their agreement to contribute to the premiums offered for cattle at the state fair of 1906.

The Herefords have been prominent at the Minnesota fairs for several years and many of them have found their way to the Minnesota fairs. They are now heads of improved herds which are helping to build up the prosperity of Minnesota farmers. There will be a big exhibit again this year, with its expected, the usual good results of exhibitors and the agricultural public.

The association appropriated \$500 for the premiums and this will be duplicated by the State Agricultural Society so that \$1,000 will be given in premiums for this class of cattle alone.

Ditch Petition Granted. St. Cloud.—The county board has granted a petition for a drainage ditch in the town of St. Augusta, which is to be five miles in length, and is expected to reclaim about 1,600 acres of land. Several months ago the farmers of St. Augusta petitioned for a ditch similar to that proposed, but of greater length. Some of the property owners along the proposed route objected, however, alleging that the benefits to be assessed were excessive. An appeal was sent from the order of the county board, and proceedings under this project were ended. Now it is proposed to construct a shorter drain and have a re-assessment of the property which is hoped to overcome the difficulties that delayed the construction of the first drain.

Unusual Compliment. Minnesota Lake.—The village of Minnesota Lake, Minn., elected Peter Kremer president of the council for the twenty-third consecutive term by a majority so large as to be almost unanimous. There are perhaps few parallel cases in the United States. Minnesota Lake is a flourishing little village, and under Mr. Kremer's regime it has grown from a hamlet to a town of substantial brick blocks, with stocks of merchandise of every kind rivaling towns many times its size. It has nicely graveled and graded streets, a fine system of waterworks, excellent sewage system and not a cent of indebtedness, bonded or otherwise.

Quail Distributed. St. Paul.—A second lot of quail was received by Sam Fullerton, agent of the state game and fish commission. Forty-eight birds were received last week and divided between St. Peter and Norwood. Fifty-two were received in the last lot.

Some of the birds will be sent to Marquette, and the rest to points north along the Soo line. The board ordered twelve dozen of the birds from Alabama and there are about four dozen more coming from the same source.

Since the first consignment of birds was received a week ago, Mr. Fullerton has been receiving dozens of letters asking for birds for distribution.