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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.

RESUME OF THAW TRIAL.

District Attorney Jerome cross-examined Dr. B. D. Evans in the Thaw trial, his questions indicating that he would ask for a commission in lunacy to pass on Thaw's present mental state. It was believed Howard Nesbit would be called to prove his sister a liar.

Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was finally excused as a witness in the trial of her husband. Mr. Jerome ended his long cross-examination and her re-direct and re-cross-examinations were brief. Attempts to have Abraham Hummel tell of the affidavit Mrs. Thaw is said to have signed accusing her husband of abusing her were blocked by Attorney Delmas.

Reports that District Attorney Jerome would ask for the appointment of a lunacy commission to examine Harry K. Thaw and that Mrs. William Thaw, his mother, had given her consent to that course, worried the defendant in the murder trial.

Mrs. Evelyn Thaw had a comparatively easy day on the witness stand and made two gains for her husband's case. She said Thaw would not let her spend any of White's money when they were abroad together, and that the cablegrams to White from London were not about her, but about a man who had insulted her mother. Mr. Jerome announced that his cross-examination was nearly over.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

The senate agreed to the conference report on the river and harbor bill, in which the appropriation for the improvement of the Mississippi below Cairo was cut from $650,000 to $250,000.

The senate passed the expatriation bill establishing the status of American women who marry foreigners.

The house condemned the doings of the interior department's special agents and limited their power by restricting the use of the $25,000 appropriation for their salaries.

Senator Elkins filed in the senate his minority report on the railroad rate law, it being a comprehensive history of the economic development of American railroads.

The house adopted an amendment to the sundry civil bill providing that no bar or canteen where intoxicating liquor is sold shall be maintained in the old soldiers' homes.

Ship subsidy secured a marked impetus in the house, which just before adjournment adopted a rule that will probably insure the passage by the house of the Littauer substitute for the senate bill and result before the final adjournment in positive legislation.

The house began a two days' debate on the ship subsidy bill, and the senate passed the Aldrich currency bill.

MISCELLANEOUS.

According to George W. Fitzgerald, the Chicago subtreasury teller from whose cage $173,000 was stolen, the money was taken by a business man well-known locally, and not by any of the government employes.

Col. Hains and Benjamin Harrod are to retire from the Panama canal commission.

Second Assistant Postmaster General Shallenberger resigned and it was given out that his successor would be Representative T. J. McCleary, of Minnesota.

Two clerks in the Hamilton National bank of Chicago were arrested for the embezzlement of $10,000.

Two officials of the Lost Bullion Spanish Mine company were arrested in Denver, Col., for fraud.

Senator Bailey was exonerated by the Texas house and bitterly excoriated his accusers.

Mme. Robineau, said to have been the oldest person in Paris, is dead. She was born in 1800 and had been ill but twice in her life.

James W. Conner, president of the New Louisiana Jockey club and prominent in St. Louis cotton and stock exchange circles for years, died following an operation for intestinal trouble.

Victor B. Dolliver, brother of Senator Dolliver, of Iowa, was found dead in bed at Fort Dodge, Ia.

All but four of the street cars in Warren, Pa., were destroyed by fire.

Thousands of opponents of municipal ownership made a great demonstration in London.

The Warsaw (Russia) post office was robbed by a band of terrorists, who killed the postmaster, two clerks and two soldiers.

Mrs. Sarah Walters, her daughter Florence, and Albert Miller, the young woman's fiance, were asphyxiated by escaping gas in Chicago.

Alice Nielsen quelled an incipient fire panic at the opera in the Chicago Auditorium by singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

Gov. Hanley, of Indiana, commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence of William A. Spores, who killed William Fawbush.

Mayor Dunne, of Chicago, was renominated by the Democrats on a municipal ownership platform.

Prof. Matteuci of Vesuvius observatory says the world will run into the tail of a comet toward the end of March and all life probably will be destroyed.

E. H. Harriman told the interstate commerce commission that Stuyvesant Fish was deposed from the presidency of the Illinois Central because he used the company's funds to further his own interests.

E. H. Harriman was before the interstate commerce commission all day, partly explaining and trying to justify the financial transactions of himself and others in connection with the Chicago & Alton railway deal.

Charles W. Hilliard, controller of the Alton road, told the interstate commerce commission the company's treasury was empty when the road was turned over to the Rock Island.

Baron Charles V. Bendetti of Florence, Italy, and Miss Jeanette Locke, a grand opera singer of Lexington, Ky., were married in New York.

During a heavy fog an accommodation train on the Wabash railroad and a freight train came into collision near Mexico, Mo., resulting in the death of the passenger engineer and injury to 20 others.

The plant of the old Vincennes Distilling company at Vincennes, Ind., was partly destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at $150,000.

T. M. Taylor, professor of chemistry in the Carnegie schools of Pittsburg, committed suicide while under nervous collapse.

The municipality of St. Petersburg decided to open 18 meat markets where the poor may buy meat at cost.

Six rurales were murdered in their sleep by Enrique Chaves, the notorious Mexican bandit.

Six detectives and a special officer of the St. Louis force were accused of protecting thieves.

The body of Deputy Game Warden Earl Eldridge of McHenry county, Illinois, was found in the woods with a bullet wound through the heart.

The Des Moines, Iowa, street railway was declared in a court decision to have a perpetual franchise.

The district court of Minnesota decided the electric trolley lines of the state had no right of eminent domain.

Mrs. Alexander Henderson of Pawtucket, R. I., was killed in her candy store by a robber.

A census bureau bulletin showed that tuberculosis was the most fatal disease in America, with pneumonia second.

The senate of Kansas passed a bill providing for two-cent fares, carrying the proviso that railroads must sell 500-mile books. The house passed a two-cent flat rate bill.

The Indiana house of representatives passed a bill appropriating $5,000 for a statue of Gen. Lew Wallace to be placed in Statuary Hall at Washington.

John F. Stevens resigned as chief engineer of the Panama canal and the president named Maj. G. W. Goethals as chairman and engineer-in-chief, and appointed on the commission Maj. Du B. Gaillard and Maj. W. L. Sibert. Senator Blackburn also is to be made a commissioner and the plan of having the work done by contract has been abandoned for the present.

Principal Sarah Maxwell and 16 children perished in a fire in the Hochelaga school in Montreal.

Nearly 20 persons were hurt, many seriously, at Knoxville, Ia., when a floor in the home of C. K. Davis, collapsed during the wedding of his daughter.

On resommendation of the state board of health, in view of the smallpox epidemic, Mayor Wallau of Jefferson City, Mo., issued a proclamation closing all places of public amusement.

The secret report of Gen. Smirnoff on the surrender of Port Arthur denounced Gen. Stoessel as incompetent and a traitor and coward.

Three persons were killed and many injured in the wreck of a Grand Trunk train at Guelph, Ont.

John E. Wilkie, chief of the secret service, started for Chicago to help find the man who stole $173,000 from the subtreasury.

Two trainmen were killed and many persons injured in a collision on the Intercolonial railroad.

Out of 215 American candidates for the Rhodes scholarships at the University of Oxford 138 passed.

J. Henley Smith, a veteran newspaper man, died at his home in Atlanta, Ga., aged 78. In 1869, with Alexander H. Stephens, he established the Atlanta Sun.

An agreement to build passenger and freight terminals at Kansas City at an estimated cost to the railways of $50,000,000 has been reached. The passenger station is to cost $2,000,000.

It is feared that the schooner Hilda, coal laden, is lost between Philadelphia and Savannah, Ga. She carried a crew of eight, including the captain.

King Menelik of Abyssinia is sending to President Roosevelt an autograph letter conferring a royal order upon him.

Archbishop Nuttall announced that the British parliament will arrange a loan of $5,000,000 to rebuild part of Kingston.

Gov. Hanly, of Indiana, signed the two-cent railway fare act.

One woman was killed and much property destroyed by a fire in Los Angeles, Cal.

Alexander Green, veteran of several wars, died at Piqua, O., aged 100 years.

Three Indians were burned to death in a tepee on the outskirts of Winnipeg, and two others were badly burned, during a drunken carousal.

Five women passengers were seriously cut and bruised when the Philadelphia express on the Pennsylvania railroad ran into an open switch at Pittsburg. One coach was telescoped and two derailed.

Another violent earthquake shock occurred at Kingston, Jamaica, but no one was killed.

Mrs. J. Oscar Richardson, wife of a stationary engineer, rushed between her son and husband in the act of a peacemaker at their home in Rosedale, Kan., and was stabbed to the heart by Richardson.

The Lyric theater at Altoona, Pa., was burned.

Elma Dare, charged with kidnaping George Rhodins, said to be feeble minded, at Indianapolis and marrying him in Louisville, Ky., was arrested at Cambridge Springs, Pa.

James Bunting Snowball, lieutenant governor of New Brunswick, dropped dead.

M. Schiff, a prominent Paris jeweler, lost gems valued at $200,000 while standing in the post office.

Benjamin C. Wright confessed to the Denver police that he poisoned his wife and daughter.

The battleship Connecticut sailed from Guantanamo for the north with 36 cases of typhoid on board.

E. M. Fuller, a grocer of Augusta, Ga., mistook a policeman for a burglar and killed him.

The chief of police and chief of detectives of Salt Lake City were arrested for conspiracy to fleece travelers.

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw was elected president of the Carnegie Trust company of New York.

Attorney General Hays, of Kentucky, took steps to have the Southern Pacific Railway company pay $6,000,000 into the state treasury for taxes.

President Roosevelt will address the students of the Michigan Agricultural college at Lansing May 31.

The reported theft of $173,000 from the Chicago subtreasury was surrounded with mystery. The officials believed they knew the culprits.

The Texas senate indorsed United States Senator Bailey and discharged its investigating committee without a report.

Prof. E. B. Lovell, of Columbia university, testified before the coroner's inquest that the New York Central train wrecked at Harlem was running too fast and was too heavy.

The Missouri house passed an amended low fare bill and the senate concurred.

The Kansas legislature must prolong its session in order to complete its work.

The steam yacht Nada was in distress off the Jersey coast, with a broken shaft.

Hickory Inn, at Hickory, N. C., one of the largest hotels in the western part of the state, was destroyed by fire. Guests were forced to jump from second and third-story windows, and five were badly injured.

Col. J. E. Ewing, publisher of the Financier, of New York, died suddenly two hours after he was stricken by apoplexy while in the New York Life Insurance building, Chicago.

During a family quarrel in St. Louis Gilbert Ashley, 15 years old, shot and killed his uncle, Edward Murphy.

Frank J. Hearne, president of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, died at Denver.

Mrs. Belle Jones and Mrs. W. C. Moore, of Lexington, Ky., claim they are descendants of Baron Springer, of Sweden, and heirs to an $80,000,000 estate in Delaware, including the site of the city of Wilmington.

Ambassador Bryce was presented to President Roosevelt by Secretary Root.

Eleven persons were rescued from the wrecked steamer Berlin, the life savers being helped personally by the prince consort of the Netherlands. Two women and a child could not be taken off.

The three last survivors of the wreck of the steamer Berlin at the Hook of Holland were rescued by the gallant life-savers. Fifteen were saved out of 143 aboard the vessel.

Thomas Bailey Aldrich, the poet, who underwent an operation in Boston, had a serious relapse.

The plant of the Acker Process company at Niagara Falls, N. Y., was burned, the loss being $800,000. H. S. Fairchild was killed.

Nicaraguans captured the Honduran fortified town of San Marcos de Colon.

Antonio Villereal, the alleged Mexican revolutionist, escaped just after he had been turned over to the immigration authorities at El Paso, Tex., for deportation.

The Georgia Southern & Florida passenger train for Jacksonville, Fla., was wrecked about 45 miles south of Macon, Ga. The engineer was killed. No passengers injured.

Guy Taunce of Waterbury, Conn., a lad of six years, found his grandfather's pipe six weeks ago and took to smoking it. The boy died of tobacco poison.

Prof. Matteucci of the Vesuvius observatory denies that he prophesied the possible destruction of the world by a comet.

One man was probably fatally burned and many windows were broken by an explosion of gas in the basement of the Bittner building, Sandusky, O.

Archibald Clavering Gunther, author, publisher and playwright, died suddenly in New York.

Property in the downtown district of Pittsburg, valued at $350,000, was destroyed by fire.

The supreme court of the United States decided the case of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railroad vs. the railroad commission of Texas involving state freight rates, favorably to the state.

John W. Lormor, an Iowa pioneer, the owner of 60 farms and rated as a millionaire, died.

The Pennsylvania's 18-hour train west bound was derailed near Johnstown, Pa., and three cars were hurled into a shallow river. Many passengers were hurt but none killed.

Patrick C. Sheehan, a lawyer of Conneautville, Pa., was stricken with apoplexy while carrying a lighted lamp, and was burned to death.

President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, cabled that President Bonilla, of Honduras, was to blame for the war and that Nicaragua had won four victories.

President Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt, Mrs. Longworth and Miss Ethel Roosevelt returned to Washington after spending two days in Boston and Groton with the president's sons.

James R. McClure, secretary and treasurer of many of the subsidiary companies of the Pennsylvania railroad, was stricken with apoplexy and died while attending services in church in Philadelphia.

All the passengers on board the Austrian Lloyd steamer Imperatrix which ran on a rock near Cape Elaphonist, Crete, but 40 members of the crew perished.

Rev. Everett D. Burr, a prominent Baptist clergyman of Newton Center, Mass., was killed by falling from a moving train.

Cubans have petitioned Gov. Magoon to rescind the order forbidding cock fighting.

The daughter of Mayor Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland, O., is to wed Sig. Frederico Mariani, a wealthy Italian.

THIEF NOW IS KNOWN

BUSINESS MAN ROBBED THE CHICAGO SUBTREASURY.

SO DECLARES FITZGERALD

Well-Known Citizen Soon to Be Arrested for Stealing the $173,000—One $1,000 Bill Has Been Traced.

Chicago.—According to George W. Fitzgerald, the subtreasury teller from whose cage $173,000 was stolen a week ago, the money was taken by a business man well known locally, and not by any of the government employes.

The identity of the business man is known to the government secret service agents; he is now under surveillance, one of the missing $1,000 bills has been traced, and the recovery of the remaining $172,000 and the arrest of the culprit will follow before Friday night.

"Conclusive evidence has been secured against a man of such local importance that it will cause a profound shock when his name becomes public," said Fitzgerald. "This man came to the subtreasury in the ordinary course of business, saw an opportunity to snatch a fortune with little prospect of trouble and took advantage of it.

"Armed with an ordinary ruler, he reached through the netting and knocked a small package from the desk to the floor, where it was within easy reach because of the three-inch space between the bottom of the cage screen and the floor.

"The package contained 17 bills of $10,000 each and three bills of $1,000 each. It was not more than a thirty-second of an inch thick.

"I did not see this done and had no idea of it when the amazing discovery was made that nearly $200,000 had been stolen directly under our noses."

It is asserted that one of the $1,000 bills came to light during the course of a wine party in the "red light" district.

STRANGE ROMANCE IN INDIANA.

Real Enoch Arden Case with a Happy Conclusion.

South Bend, Ind.—After making an Enoch Arden of her first husband, Etta Harrison Wednesday learned that she had unwittingly lived in polyandry for several months, and, still mourning the death of her second husband, at once started to rejoin her first husband, long thought lost in Alaska.

Richard Harrison left his bride in South Bend 15 years ago and departed for Alaska to hunt gold. After leaving Seattle, he failed to communicate with her. She heard that he had died. A year ago Mrs. Harrison was married to Arthur Parry. Shortly after Harrison returned to South Bend with considerable money, and disguised to surprise his wife. By inquiry, he learned of her second marriage, and decided not to disturb this innocent union. He went to Michigan and bought a fruit farm.

Four months ago, Parry died. News of this reached Harrison a week ago and he telegraphed his wife to rejoin her long lost husband. Joyful, even in her widow's weeds, Mrs. Harrison took the first train to Michigan, refusing to give her exact destination.

TROLLEY LINES ARE BEATEN.

Have No Right of Eminent Domain in Minnesota.

Minneapolis, Minn.—The electric trolley lines of the state of Minnesota have no right of eminent domain, according to one of the most important and far-reaching decisions ever rendered, handed down by the district court of this state Wednesday by a full bench.

The case was that of the Minneapolis & St. Paul Suburban Street Railway company against the village of Excelsior, a summer resort 20 miles west of this city, for the purpose of testing the right to condemn property for a right of way.

For Statue of Lew Wallace.

Indianapolis, Ind. — The Indiana house of representatives Wednesday afternoon passed a bill appropriating $5,000 for a statue of Gen. Lew Wallace to be placed in Statuary Hall at Washington.

Sash and Blind Factory Burns.

Mount Vernon, N. Y.—The sash and blind factory of Hartmann Bros., and the stock in the lumber yard adjoining, were destroyed by fire Wednesday night. The loss is $200,000.

Robber Murders a Woman.

Pawtucket, R. I.—Mrs. Alexander Henderson was murdered in her little candy store here Wednesday by a robber, who, after emptying the money drawer made his escape.

Ends Racing in Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark.—Acting Gov. John I. Moore Wednesday signed the bill by Senator Amis recently passed by the state legislature which prohibits pool selling in Arkansas. The bill becomes effective immediately.

Gives Life for a Child.

Piqua, O.—In attempting to save a woman with a baby in her arms from death, Aaron Alexander was himself struck and killed by a north-bound Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton passenger train Wednesday.

W. S. Shaltenberger Resigns.

Washington.—President Roosevelt has accepted the resignation of Second Assistant Postmaster General W. S. Shaltenberger. Representative James T. McCleary of Minnesota will succeed him.

Arrested for Mine Stock Fraud.

Denver, Col.—C. L. Blackman, fiscal agent, and Arthur Levan, trustee of the Lost Bullion Spanish Mines company, were arrested Wednesday on charges of having used the mails to defraud.

MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 25—Action by the senate late today assures the people of Minnesota a two cent per mile railroad fare from now on. The senate passed the Peterson 2-cent measure by a vote of 57 to 6, and as the house declared itself the other day, the passage of the bill by each body formally endorsing the measures of the other, is simply a matter of a few days. There is also no question but what the governor will sign the measure. Not only did the senate today pass a 2-cent fare bill, but at the same time passed the Peterson anti-pass bill, 62 senators voting in its favor and not one against.

The two bills were a special order during the afternoon. The importance of the measures and the promise of a wordy combat, attracted a large number of people, the galleries being full and the wall aisles in the senate chamber being occupied by onlookers.

Senator Hardy, democrat, of St. Paul, opened the 2-cent fare bill ball with an amendment to make the rate 2½ cents. This amendment gave a test vote. The amendment failed, 51 to 10. Senator George P. Wilson made a lengthy speech against the bill. He said he supposed such attitude would place him in some odium with a certain class of people, but that he believed it right to stand by his convictions and sense of justice, and that in his opinion the two cent fare is two low a rate to be reasonable for some of the roads in Minnesota. He reminded the senate that if it can be proved to be confiscatory for a single road, it is unconstitutional for all the roads. Senator Laybourn wanted an amendment to exempt from application of the bill the Duluth Belt Line, which he explained is but two miles in length a climbs a 200 foot hill. This company cannot even do a profitable business on a three cent rate. Senator Laybourn was voted down. The bills both went to vote shortly after this and were passed amid much enthusiasm.

One of the most interesting events of the day in the senate was the report of the finance committee recommending for indefinite postponment the J. M. Hackney bill for a semi-centennial exposition at the fair grounds in 1908 and providing for use of the state's credit to raise $1,000,000 to be paid back from future fair profits. The committee further recommended, however, the bill be advanced to general orders where it will be considered by committee of the whole. Friends of the measure claim to have 40 out of the 63 votes in the senate pledged for the bill.

Senator S. F. Alderman today introduced another girls training school bill. He would have the legislature get out of its squabble on this subject by establishing the institution at his home town, Brainerd. The bill appropriates $100,000.

Senator Henry McColl of St. Paul introduced an anti-suicide bill which provides for very limited sale of carbolic acid, only on order of physicians and no one prescription to be filled twice.

The house today killed the county board of education bill. The bill had been drafted and introduced by the house committee on education. W. L. Case of Cloquet introduced a bill aiming to do away with temptation in part for murder, providing that no person who unlawfully causes the death of another shall be permitted to inherit any of the property of the one murdered. G. W. Knox of Aitkin introduced a bill placing all scales on railroad tracks and right of way, under jurisdiction of the state railroad and warehouse commission. W. H. Wescott of West St. Paul, introduced a bill prohibiting "hay" to be used in cigarettes and providing that all cigarettes sold in Minnesota must be of pure tobacco.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 27—These are days when committees are springing into importance in the legislature and doing more interesting work, sometimes, than is accomplished through the routine grind of the sessions. The special committee which is investigating ore lands and taxation has hurried a lot of officers of the law to Duluth armed with subpoenas for men prominent in mining operations in northern Minnesota. The committee recently returned from a junket over the range, on which trip they were feted and banqueted. Now that they have had their fun, the committeemen are going to settle down to real business and make a thorough investigation. Rumor goes that the committee is after evidence to show that the $70,000,000 at which St. Louis county mines are assessed, is not a drop in the bucket compared with their real value.

The so-called Knutson committee, which is investigating the J. J. Hill ore land deal, has demanded that Louis W. Hill, son of the magnate, produce all the books and records of the Superior company which holds the lands at present for the Great Northern stockholders. There is an opinion around that the records will not be produced.

An interesting bill which put in an appearance today in the senate, was by Senator J. T. Ellwell of Minneapolis. It is a bill to appropriate $12,500 the next fiscal year and $25,000 the following year for maintenance of a new clinical hospital to be built and established at the state university by donation and free of expense to the state. Walter J. Trask of Los Angeles gives $114,000 for the building as a memorial to Dr. Adolphus F. Elliott and Mary H. Elliott, his wife. The institution will be known as the Elliott Memorial hospital. In addition, the alumni of the university have raised a fund of $50,000 for the purchase of a site for the building.

Senator Seward is author of a bill to appropriate $1,500 from Farmers' Institute funds, for experiments in destroying weeds, breeding cattle, raising poultry, etc., on the Coteau farm in Lyon county under direction of O. C. Gregg, who for so many years has been so prominent in Farmers' Institute work.

The house committee on taxes this afternoon decided to recommend for passage important tax measures. One is the bill for a registry tax on mortgages, which it is estimated will bring $140,000 into the state treasury annually from Hennepin county alone. The other is the Tighe bill for a stamp tax on sale in grain produce exchanges. The house committee on judiciary has decided the Elmer E. Adams bill to abolish private banks, is unconstitutional.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 28—This was a day of small things in the legislature. This was especially demonstrated in the senate by the spending of nearly an hour on debate of the merits and demerits of a bill calling for the muzzling of all dogs and the killing of dogs running at large unmuzzled. Senator C. A. Johnson offered an amendment exempting "useful dogs" from provisions of the bill. Senator Farrington went so far as to remark he could "never look his dog in the face when he went home if he voted for that bill." Senator Frank Clague pronounced the bill "a measure to permit the committing of murder." Senator Julius Coller and others thought all wandering canines should be shot on sight, but the pathetic stories had their effect and the Johnson amendment was first voted down and then the bill killed, 41 against, 20 for it. The incident was amusing in view of the fact that the senators were really in earnest in their remarks.

The Standard Oil company came in for shots in both senate and house today. Senator Hinton introduced a bill prohibiting discriminations in trade or contracts between different sections of the state by the same trade interests. The bill, evidently an anti-oil combine bill, went to the committee on illuminating oils. Thomas Brady introduced a resolution in the house which calls for a special investigation to see whether the Standard Oil company controls the oil market in Minnesota. O. F. Christenson of St. Paul catered to a "yellow" story in a St. Paul paper alleging that cruelties are practiced at the St. Peter hospital, by introducing a resolution calling for an investigation of the institution. James S. Spencer of the committee on hospitals, said he knew about the alleged case and that in truth the institution is all right. J. H Dorsey characterized the story as "a lurid article from the mind of a fool reporter." The resolution went over for the day on notice of debate. But few bills of importance were introduced today. One by Senator E. S. Durment permits cities of over 50,000 inhabitants to levy taxes for auditoriums and appoint auditorium boards. Senator Witherstine presented a measure to impose a three per cent gross earnings tax on telephone companies. Senators Hall and Donaldson father a measure jointly to approriate $50,000 to enlarge Buffalo Creek for drainage of swamp lands mostly in Sibley and adjoining counties.

In the house a bill by Dalzell aims at preventing purchasing of supplies by the board of control outside the state. The objection to this measure is, it permits of combination of Minnesota jobbers on prices.

This evening in the senate chamber, a public hearing was given on the needs of the university, special stress being paid by university people on the necessity for a special three mills tax for the institution. President Cyrus Northrup made a lengthy speech in which he stated the teachers of the university are working for almost starving wages; that students are crowded into very limited room; and that a goodly appropriation is essential if Minnesota students seeking higher education are to be prevented from going to eastern colleges.

St. Paul.—A straw vote of the house taken by Ambrose Tighe, of Ramsey, on a Republican candidate for president of the United States next year, showed a majority of the members in favor of Secretary William H. Taft. The vote follows: Taft, 28; Root, 18; Gov. Hughes, 4; Dolliver, 2; LaFollette, 7; Fairbanks, 4; Spooner, 1; Beveridge, 1. Seventy-two members expressed a choice, while 19 refused to vote. The first choice of all was Roosevelt and many Republicans named Bryan as second choice.

Loses All Fingers.

Bovey — Francis Kelly was so badly frozen that all his fingers had to be amputated. The young man was driving a team from Coleraine when the sleigh was overturned in a snowdrift and the horses ran away. The young man attempted to follow them, but night coming on, he lost his way and wandered about for hours. When he finally reached a house he was almost overcome by exposure to the cold and his hands so badly frozen that it was necessary to take off his fingers to save his life.

Tree Crushes Farmer

Mankota—While cutting wood on the North branch of the Cottonwood river, R. W. Kolbe, a prosperous farmer of Leavenworth township, was instantly killed by being struck by a falling tree. Together with his brother-in-law, Martin Schneider, he went to the bottoms in the morning to cut wood. Early in the afternoon he failed to get out of the way of a falling tree and was crushed to the ground, his brother-in-law helplessly witnessing his death. A widow and four children survive.

Carleton Wins

Northfield—In the eighth annual Ware oratorical contest held here between Carleton and St. Olaf colleges, Carleton was awarded both first and second honors. First prize was won by E. W. Cross, who spoke on the subject, "Lawlessness and Public Responsibility." John Monroe won second place with an oration entitled, "The Race Question Simplified." J. A. Holvik, of St. Olaf was awarded third place, speaking on the subject, "A Plea For An Unpopular Issue."

"U" Enrollment Exceeds 4,000.

Minneapolis—Registration at the state university has now passed the 4,000 mark. The books of the registrar yesterday showed 4,006 students enrolled, with several new members of the law classes still to be added. The total for the first semester of this year was 3,955.

Only forty-three students have been dropped from the rolls this year as hopelessly delinquent in their work, and the list of those requested to leave at the close of the first semester of last year numbered fifty-one.

MINNESOTA NEWS

Interesting Items Gathered in the Gopher State

Express Rates Reduced.

St. Paul—The following schedule of express rates was submitted by the railway commission and accepted by the express companies:

Distances.	Per 100 lbs.
1 to 15	$0.40
30 and over 15	.40
45 and over 30	.45
60 and over 45	.50
75 and over 60	.55
90 and over 75	.60
105 and over 90	.65
120 and over 105	.75
135 and over 120	.85
150 and over 135	.90
165 and over 150	.95
180 and over 165	1.00
195 and over 180	1.10
220 and over 195	1.20
250 and over 220	1.25
280 and over 250	1.30
310 and over 280	1.40
340 and over 310	1.50
370 and over 340	1.60
400 and over 370	1.70

Some of the cuts are very material. For instance, the old rate of from 50 to 75 cents per 100 weight for a 35-mile haul has been reduced to a flat rate of 45 cents, while the charges for short shipments, less than 35 miles have been cut from a 40 to 60-cent basis to the flat rate of 45 cents. The old rate of from 50 to 75 cents per hundred weight on 50-mile hauls has been knocked down to a flat rate of 50 cents, while 55-mile hauls are reduced from 50 to 90 cents rates to a flat charge of 50 cents. On express weighing less than 100 pounds the reductions average 25 per cent.

Hereafter a distance rate will be good only for 15 miles. For instance, the charge of 40 cents per hundred weight for a distance of 15 miles and under 30 cannot be extended so as to carry 40 or 50 miles as has been the custom in the past when it was considered advisable. This clause will make discrimination impossible, as the charges must be made on a mileage basis.

Beast Mangles Steers.

Mankato—A mountain lion, panther or other ferocious wild animal made its presence known near this city by attacking a three-year-old steer on the farm of Columbus Ballard. It leaped upon the back of the steer and tore it badly and nearly killed it.

Mr. Ballard was in the barn milking at the time, but his attention was attracted by the stampeding of the herd in the pasture and their wild bellowing. The house dog, ordinarily courageous, slunk to the house panic-stricken.

Mr. Ballard got a lantern and with his hired man investigated and found the steer nearly dead and the rest of the cattle so excited that it took two hours to calm them. A tour of the timbered portion of the pasture revealed large footprints in the snow, made by some strange animal.

Rabies Spreading.

St. Paul—Rabies is spreading in Minnesota, despite Dr. S. H. Ward, executive officer of the state livestock sanitary board. The board has found many outbreaks of the disease among cattle and other livestock, and Dr. Ward says that frequently it is possible to trace the flight of a mad dog across a whole county by the cases of rabies which afterwards spring up along his trail.

"We have had reports of outbreaks of rabies since the first of the year" said Dr. Ward, "in Hennepin, in Ramsey, Winona, Carver, Wright, McLeod, Crow Wing and Sibley counties. The cases have all started from mad dogs the animals later affected being cows, hogs, horses, and at Winona a number of sheep."

Monument to Col. Colvill.

St. Paul—The Sons of Veterans held a meeting and appointed a committee, consisting of Colfax Grant of Minneapolis as chairman, E. F. Heller of Duluth, C. E. Casler, W. J. Hiland, Grant Van Sant, George T. Drake and A. L. Jones of St. Paul, to co-operate with the citizens of Cannon Falls to secure monuments in memory of Col. Colvill of the First Minnesota regiment. One monument is to be erected over his grave at Cannon Falls and the other is to be in the capitol.

Fined for Child's Act.

St. Peter—Fred Rabins, residing at Winthrop, was placed under arrest by a government mail inspector, charged with abusing fourth-class mail privileges, and was fined $100. A little daughter of Mr. Robins mailed a package some time ago, and when it was opened it was found to contain a message. The inspector held that parents were responsible for the acts of their children, and a heavy fine was imposed.

News Notes.

Minneapolis—Mrs. Flora Buffermeyer was severely burned as a result of an accident at her home, 31 Elm street, and only prompt action on the part of her mother saved her from more serious injury.

Faribault.—Last summer while a circus was exhibiting at Red Wing a wild boar escaped from its cage and disappeared. A reward of $200 was offered for the recapture. The animal has been found dead on Knute Rank's farm, near Nerstrand, a few miles east of here. The animal evidently starved to death.

Mankato—When Mrs. August Magin, who conducts an intelligence office, returned home after a half-hour's shopping tour, she was astonished to find that someone had entered her apartments and left a tiny infant upon her bed.

Owatonna—Another complaint was filed against Braham and Torgerson, the saloonkeepers who were recently convicted of operation a gambling house at their place of business.

St. Cloud—C. H. Miles of Bemidji is considering the proposition of erecting a vaudeville theater here to form one of a chain of such theaters which he is organizing.

Minneapolis—Brooding over the New York roof garden tragedy until he imagines that he is Harry Thaw, on trial for his life, Anton Nygaard, 2607 Seventh street south, has become insane and has been committed to the Rochester asylum.

Minneapolis—Chris Hansen, who was struck down by highwaymen in the St. Paul road passenger yards in that city, died in the city hospital without regaining consciousness.

Winona—The donation of $50,000 in New York city 4 per cent bonds by Matthew G. Norton to the Winona General Hospital Association has been gladly accepted.

St. Paul.—The St. Paul road paid $90,798.32 into the state treasury, it being the last payment on their 1906 gross earnings tax.

Mankato.—A machine, drawn by three horses, that will husk standing corn at the rate of ten acres a day has just been perfected and patented by G. L. Narchow, formerly of Wisconsin.

Hastings.—At the meeting of the city council the contract for the construction of waterworks and sewers in Hastings was let to William Tunny, of Joliet, Ill., at $33,694. There were six competitors.

Minneapolis—Edward O'Neil, a lumberjack staying at the Wisconsin house on Bridge Square, was held up and robbed in an alley near Hennepin avenue and First street after the saloons had closed at midnight.

Washington.—Ella M. Greene was appointed postmaster at Gladiela, Cass county, vice S. E. Smith, resigned, and Thomas Barker at Saint Mathias, Crow Wing county, Minn., vice E. J. Reid, resigned.

Mankato—Miss Odessa White, who resides with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Jones, at Cordova, was kicked by a horse that she was leading to water, and her right jawbone was broken in two places.

Rochester—The three-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wagoner was smothered to death in bed. At midnight the infant received attention from its parents and when they awoke this morning they found it dead.

Duluth.—Carrying approximately 2,500,000 passengers at an average cost to the city of one-fifth of a cent apiece, the Duluth aerial bridge, the only one of its kind on the continent, has just completed its first year of operation.

Mankato.—Reports from several sections are to the effect that a larger number of prairie chickens are to be found in the corn fields now than for several years. It is supposed that the deep snow in the Dakotas caused them to migrate to this section for feed.

Faribault.—The city administration is determined to keep the "lid" on in Faribault. John Shultz, a leading saloon man, was fined $25 and costs for keeping open on Sunday. Three arrests for keeping open on Sunday and after closing hours have been made within a short time.

Faribault.—Ned H. Hamblin, aged ten years, and George Wagner, aged twelve years, both living in Northfield, were sentenced to the reform school at Red Wing, by Judge Thomas S. Buckham, of the district court. The boys broke into a store at Northfield, and stole a number of revolvers, knives and other goods.

Mankato.—Fire destroyed the only hotel in Sacred Heart owned by a Thompson of Dawson and conducted by Mrs. Walstad. It also destroyed Joseph Dieter's saloon, and the office of the Wisconsin Grain Company. The total loss on buildings and fixtures is about $10,000 partly insured. Mrs. Walstad carried no insurance.

Mendota.—The elevator owned by J. E. Bathker & Son was destroyed at noon yesterday. A bucket brigade was formed by the citizens and heroic efforts made to check the fire. The flames, fanned by the wind, swept over the building, which burned to the ground in less than an hour. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Faribault.—The biennial reports of the Minnesota state schools for the deaf, blind and feeble minded have been issued. The report for the school for the deaf shows that the total receipts from the shoe shop, cabinet shop, printing office, sewing room and other sources, were $3,640.65. The products of the farm amounted to $3,209.27.

Eveleth.—Hibbing socialists have started an aggressive campaign for the avowed purpose of taking over the village government at the municipal election next week. Teofilo Petrella, candidate for president, jokingly says that if they win they will move into the village hall and that there will be no difference between the village government and socialism.

Duluth.—The Duluth, Missabe & Northern Railway Company has awarded a contract to the Barrett & Record Company for the construction of a coal dock on their property immediately east of Ore Dock No. 1, at West Duluth. The dock will have a capacity of 300,000 tons of coal and will be patterned somewhat after the type of the M. A. Hanna dock at Superior.

St. Paul.—The state game and fish commission has issued a bulletin calling attention to the closed season, March and April, for Minnesota fish. Bass are protected from March 1 to May 29; pike, muskalonge, crappies, perch, sunfish, sturgeon, catfish and any other variety except pickerel, suckers, redhorse, carp and bullheads, from March 1 to May 1, and all trout, except from Sept. 1 to April 15.

St. Paul.—Frank Penas, sixteen years of age, living at 376 Colborne street, was found unconscious on the railroad tracks, at the foot of James street with his right arm crushed to a pulp as far as the shoulder, his left hand mangled and several scalp wounds. He was taken to the city hospital by the police, where the boy's right arm was amputated near the shoulder and his left hand was severed at the wrist.

Duluth.—Joseph Gauthier, a well-known citizen of West Duluth, believes that he has made a rich strike of gold upon his homestead on the Duluth & Iron Range railroad. Samples of the ore brought here by Mr. Gauthier are said to have assayed $105 in gold and silver to the ton.

Minneapolis—Paul Anderson, 1805 Seventeenth avenue south, was seriously injured by falling a distance of about 50 feet off the main building at the state university, where he was employed as a laborer.

Austin.—The South Central Minnesota Teachers' Association will convene in Austin March 14, 15 and 16.

Minneapolis.—Mrs. Henrietta Luedtke, 3515 Humboldt avenue north, committed suicide by swallowing carbolic acid yesterday at the Crystal Lake cemetery, three blocks from her home. Worry over financial difficulties is believed to have caused the act.

Ada.—Ditch assessments have been filed with the register of deeds, showing that about $29,400 worth of ditching will be done in this county this year.

Owatonna.—Joseph Bural committed suicide at the county poor farm here by hanging. Bural was about seventy-six years old and had been an in