

EPITOME OF A WEEK'S NEWS

Most Important Happenings Told in Brief.

PERSONAL.

Andrew Carnegie is making a study of the heavens through powerful telescopes in the great observatory which he founded on Mount Wilson, near Pasadena, Cal.

President Taft and former Vice-President Fairbanks were the guests of honor at a banquet of the American Peace and Arbitration League in New York.

Washington friends of Senator Frye of Maine are worried over what was at first thought to be a trifling illness, but which is now said to be due to an ulcer upon one of his toes, confining him to his hotel.

After serving 35 years as rector of St. Paul's church, Brookline, Mass., Rev. Dr. Leonard K. Storrs, who ranked next to Bishop William Lawrence in the Massachusetts Episcopal diocese, has resigned without giving any reason.

Representative W. P. Brownlow was renominated for congress at the Republican party primary in Bristol, Tenn., according to late figures.

Brig. Gen. Charles Morton, commanding the department of the Missouri at Omaha, was placed on the retired list on account of old age.

Mrs. Hetty Green is reported to have given to the Christopher Columbus university in New York city a plot of land worth \$500,000. The report is not verified.

E. M. Baker, formerly a non-commissioned officer in the marine corps, has been discharged dishonorably from the navy for deserting to join Aguinaldo's Filipino army.

W. Frank Wilson of Buffalo, N. Y., assistant general manager of the New York Central Railroad Company's fast-freight lines, died suddenly on a train near Utica, N. Y.

GENERAL NEWS.

Pittsburg (Pa.) school controllers have notified high school superintendents that the French heel shoe must be barred from all classes under penalty of forfeiting the annual entertainments in May.

Forty-five persons are known to be dead. Forty are lying suffering in the hospitals, some of them probably fatally injured. Twenty-nine of the dead, among them women and children, have been identified. Some of the bodies are so mangled as to be beyond recognition.

Results of the wreck near Green Mountain of trains No. 19 and 21 of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, running over the Great Western tracks from Marshalltown to Waterloo, which has proved the most disastrous in the history of Iowa railroad catastrophes.

Indictments against the National Packing Company and ten subsidiary corporations, charged with operating in restraint of trade under authority of the federal grand jury at Chicago. Coincident with the return of the indictments, a petition to dissolve the National Packing Company and its subsidiaries was filed. The double blow is calculated by government officials to have a far-reaching effect and shortly after the grand jury was discharged it was authoritatively stated that criminal prosecution of individuals might follow.

A resolution to authorize the new rules committee of the house to revise, amend, simplify and codify the rules governing the house of representatives was introduced by Mr. Wilson (Dem., Pa.). Six of the regulars are to be chosen as the majority on rules, with six additional members from the "insurgents." In fact, most of the "insurgents" agree with Victor Murdock, who said that he thought it would be a mistake for an "insurgent" to go on the new committee, even if one were chosen.

Billy Papke the "Illinois Thunderbolt" put away Willie Lewis of New York in the third round of the scheduled 20-round bout at Paris, France. The fight was for the middle-weight championship and was Papke's all the way.

President Taft, Earl Grey, governor general of Canada, and Gov. Hughes of New York met at Albany at the banquet of the University club. All three of the distinguished visitors were speakers. The chief subject of their addresses was the friendship between the two countries.

After the hour for calling a strike of 27,000 railroad employes had been fixed W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, announced that the railroad men would accept Commissioner Neill and Chairman Knapp as mediators.

Vermillion, S. D., voted to adopt the commission form of government. The Canadian government has decided to send a searching party out for Explorer George Callaway, who started from Hudson bay to cross northern Canada in 1908, and has not since been heard of.

Both operators and miners are considering at Cincinnati a compromise measure which it is hoped will prevent a strike of the United Mine Workers. It is believed by many that this plan alone will avert the greatest industrial walkout that the country has ever seen.

Nine more former members of Pittsburg councils appeared before the district attorney and confessed before the jury in accepting money for their votes while members of the municipal bodies, and were then rushed before Judge H. S. Frazer, where they received their immunity bath in the way of a suspended sentence. Men admitted selling their honor for from \$50 upward.

Sworn statements and other documentary evidence intended to support the charges made against the United States Steel corporation by the American Federation of Labor were presented to Attorney General Wickham. The evidence follows the petition of the organization to President Taft, who referred the whole matter to the attorney general.

President Taft spoke in the cause of world peace before a brilliant assemblage at the Hotel Astor, New York. He was the honor guest at a banquet of the Peace and Arbitration League and the principal speaker. International peace was the keynote of every address, but no speaker advocated the immediate disarmament of nations.

On the other hand all agreed that armies and navies were necessary until a more utopian universe shall have come about.

Eugene N. Foss was elected to congress in the Fourteenth Massachusetts district to fill the unexpired term of the late Congressman Lovering, beating William R. Buchanan by a margin estimated at 5,800. Foss was the Democratic candidate and his remarkable race against the Republican choice in the strongest Republican congressional district in the commonwealth caused a sensation.

The district gave 12,000 Republican majority in the last congressional election.

Theodore Roosevelt has called Gifford Pinchot to meet him as early as possible following the former president's arrival in Europe, and Mr. Pinchot sailed for Copenhagen on the steamer Grant last Friday in response to the summons.

He will go to southern Europe immediately after reaching Copenhagen, and probably will meet Col. Roosevelt in Naples.

The list of the dead in the wreck of the Rock Island Twin City train has grown to 47, several passengers having died as the result of injuries, while other deaths are expected hourly.

Many of the injured have been taken to the Marshalltown hospitals and others are being cared for in private residences.

Three persons were killed in a collision of freight trains on the Louisville & Nashville railway near Berea, Ky. The dead are George Devorse, Richmond, Ky.; James Rourke, and G. H. "Buster" Sanford, Paris.

To teach the youths of Turkey American outdoor sports, the trustees of Robert college, Constantinople, have set up a complete athletic field for the institution. The late John S. Kennedy's \$1,500,000 bequest will be drawn on for the necessary funds.

Richard Howley and Fred Alexander have been arrested in Seattle, Wash., on charges of being involved in the famous tunnel hold-up of a Great Northern express car in 1909, when \$5,000 was stolen.

Anti-Suffragists will organize college women to oppose the granting of votes to their sex. Meetings will be held Saturday for that purpose at Smith, Vassar, Wellesley and other women schools.

Twenty-one years after the Johnstown (Pa.) flood a Brooklyn man has mailed to the mayor of Johnstown a gift of five dollars to be used in the relief of sufferers from that catastrophe.

During the debate in the senate on the administration railroad bill Senator Clapp of Minnesota made a severe attack upon the measure which caused frequent clashes between him and Senator Elkins in charge of the bill. Clapp declared that certain provisions of the bill were revolutionary and impossible.

Forty present and former members of the select and common councils of Pittsburg, Pa., were indicted and ten more are held under suspended sentences in bonds of \$500 upon their own confessions of having shared in a pool of \$102,000. As fast as the conscience-stricken councilmen finished their tales of disgrace before the grand jury, Judge R. S. Frazer, sitting as committing magistrate, to take advantage of the immunity bath offered last week by the district attorney.

John C. Mabry and nine others, convicted at Council Bluffs, Ia., of fraudulent use of the mails in connection with fake racing schemes, were sentenced to two years in the penitentiary and to pay a \$10,000 fine each.

San Francisco police stopped a world's championship Marathon race Sunday after six contestants had been dancing fifteen hours and six minutes. The old record was fourteen hours and forty-two minutes.

A shoe in which had been concealed \$500 in money and \$1,500 in jewels, belonging to Mrs. Anthony Internate of Brooklyn, N. Y., was sent to a shoe-maker by her maid and was recovered only after police had hammered on the cobbler's door half the night.

At Shellal, Egypt, Theodore Roosevelt heard some of the details of the reception planned for his return to New York and was deeply touched at the enthusiasm evidenced. He sounded a warning, however, that to be appreciated by him the reception must be in every sense of the word non-partisan and nonsectarian.

Uncle Sam's navy will gain two more big battleships inside of three weeks, for orders have been issued at the navy department to take over from the contractors and commission the Delaware and the North Dakota, sister ships of 20,000 tons each.

Christened with water that came from springs on the old farms of Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln in Kentucky, the big steamship Kentuckian was launched at Sparrows Point, Md. Miss Nancy Johnson, daughter of Congressman Johnson, Kentucky, was the sponsor for the vessel.

After three days of sightseeing and entertainment in and about Khartoum, former President Theodore Roosevelt, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt and their son Kermit and daughter Ethel, left there on a special train for their way to Cairo.

J. S. KENNEDY ESTATE

ADMINISTRATORS OFFER \$135,000 TAX IF STATE DROPS CLAIM FOR \$450,000.

LATEST PHASE OF LITIGATION

Estate Claims Immunity, but Offers This sum as Compromise to Save Litigation.

So. St. Paul, March 19.—If the state of Minnesota is willing to accept \$135,000 for its claim of something like \$450,000 against the J. S. Kennedy estate of New York, in the shape of inheritance taxes, it can have it without further litigation.

This does not necessarily mean that the administration of the estate acknowledges the state right to collect on stock owned by non-residents and represented by property located within the state, but is merely for the purpose of getting rid of a lot of expensive litigation, the outcome of which some claim is doubtful.

Cooper on Proposition.

This compromise was put up to Governor Eberhart, State Auditor Iverson, and members of the state tax commission by Attorney General G. T. Simpson on his return from the east, at a conference held in the attorney general's office.

It was some months ago that Mr. Simpson started the legal fraternity with the announcement that he intended to enforce the state inheritance tax law against non-residents. It had never been done before and there was some doubt.

The estate of J. S. Kennedy of New York, owner of Great Northern stock aggregating \$14,000,000 in value, was selected for the test and claims against the property were immediately filed.

As an aid Loomis W. Weeks, assistant to Mr. Simpson, was appointed resident administrator of the estate by Probate Judge E. W. Bazille of St. Paul. This was done on petition by Mr. Simpson.

Since then a quiet investigation as to the value of the property represented in Minnesota has been on and as far as known the estimate has been in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000.

As was ascertained by taking the Great Northern holdings and deducting the Minnesota mileage.

Mr. Simpson, it is said, is unwilling to accept the amount tendered unless backed by the other state officials. He even doubts his authority to make a compromise when such would be taken as equivalent to an admission of the state's contention that it has power to reach the property even though it is outside the state.

TO VOTE ON MANKATO CHARTER.

Commission Form of Government Question At Issue.

Mankato. — The new city charter, providing a commission form of government, will be submitted at a special election, April 26. Council so decided, practically unanimously, after a fight lasting several weeks.

Only one alderman is personally in favor of the new charter, but public opinion is so strong for it that only one voted against calling the election.

Those who opposed it wanted it submitted at the general election in November when its chances of carrying would be materially lessened, because every ballot that did not contain a vote on the charter would be counted as a vote against it.

Opposition to the charter has greatly lessened since last fall, and the commission form is expected to carry by a good majority.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION

Of Minnesota to be Held Middle of June.

Minneapolis. — A. D. Brown, chairman of the Republican state central committee, has called a special meeting of the committee to decide upon the place for holding the Republican state convention. The meeting of the committee will be held at the Merchants' hotel in St. Paul, at noon, April 2. The generally accepted date for the state convention is about June 15.

The committee will also decide upon the place of holding the convention, and Minneapolis appears to be the favorite for choice. The last Republican convention was held in St. Paul, and the Democratic one in Minneapolis. It is likely the two conventions will alternate, although there is a chance that both will be held in Minneapolis.

Hastings. — N. P. Franzen of St. Paul commenced work on the new cottage for male patients at the state asylum here.

WARNED HOW TO VOTE.

Employees Say La Crescent, Minn., Company Cuts Refusers' Wages.

La Crosse, Wis.—Alleging their wages were cut by company of La Crescent, Minn., because they refused to accept hints on how to vote in the village election, seven employes have gone on a strike and threaten to bring criminal action against the officers. They say they have circular letters telling them how to vote, which they propose to use as evidence.

BARTENDER IS INDICTED

Chaska, Minn.—Grand Jury Investigating Death of Man.

Chaska.—The grand jury is investigating the charges of manslaughter in the first degree preferred against a saloonkeeper here, now in jail, who is alleged to have sold liquor to a man in such quantities as to cause his death. The grand jury has been over a week in this case for an answer. The victim is Julius Euntick, who died February 19.

CAPITOL IS TOO SMALL.

Custodian Has Hard Job Parceling Out Spare Rooms.

St. Paul.—Custodian Downs of the capitol is having his hands full of trouble trying to take care of all the departments that want additional room. Just now two departments, the superintendent of public instruction and the railroad and warehouse commission are after the room in the north wing which Downs has been using as his office.

Superintendent Schulz has spoken for five rooms some time ago, and Downs had told him that if he ever moved out he would get it. Last week the railroad commission wanted the room for its engineers, and Downs decided to move the cigar stand into the corridor and use that room himself. But then he remembered his promise to Schulz, and the railroad commission apparently is no nearer than it was to getting additional room.

One plan that has been suggested is to take one room away from the public examiner, who now occupies the whole west side of the north wing. Since the superintendent of banks was created and that office was given rooms in the basement, the number of employes and callers at the public examiner's offices has greatly decreased, but whether Mr. Schaefer is willing to give up the room he has is another question.

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New York, N. Y.—One of the most remarkable parties of immigrants that ever came to this country arrived on the Lapland. The foreigners are speeding west in a special train for their future homes in Minnesota. There are some 100 of these sturdy Dutch—men, women and children—well supplied with money and traveling de luxe in two Pullmans, a smoking car, a diner and a baggage car. The carous of Holland and the result of a plan originated by Bishop James McGolrick of Duluth.

7 HURT IN KASOTA WRECK

ENGINEER SEES OPEN SWITCH WHEN TOO LATE.

Train 23, With 23 Persons on Board, in Accident on 23rd of Month.

St. Peter.—Seven persons were injured when westbound Northwestern train No. 23, ran into an open switch in the Kasota yards and collided with a string of loaded freight cars.

The accident occurred at noon. The absence of fatalities is attributed to the fact that the train was a light one, consisting of only two coaches. Entering the Kasota yards the passenger train was running about 30 miles an hour and a cloud of dust carried along by the high wind partially obscured the track, concealing the open switch.

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SCANDINAVIAN NEWS

Principal Events Gathered in the Old Scandinavian Countries

Russia's establishment of secret police bureaus in Copenhagen and Stockholm to watch Finnish politicians on their journeys abroad, is threatening trouble between the Danish and Swedish governments on one side and the St. Petersburg foreign office on the other. Neither the Danish nor Swedish government's authorization was asked and the secret agents are being maintained without a word of explanation. The agent's interference with Finnish travelers in Denmark and Sweden has been so open as to cause embarrassment. Several have complained of the ransacking of their papers and overhauling of their luggage on trains and boats in Danish and Swedish territory.

A Copenhagen jeweler keeps on exhibition in his show window the jewels given to Dagmar Hansen, who has become famous throughout Scandinavia by her singing and performances at variety theaters. There are forty pieces, and their combined value is said to be \$50,000.

A Danish ornithologist has been tagging birds of passage for years past. Last fall some negroes living south of lake Tanganyika in Central Africa caught a stork bearing a tag attached to the bird by said ornithologist. This proves that the stork travels back and forth a distance almost equal to one-fourth of the circumference of the earth in order to keep up with the seasons.

A bitter strife is going on between the Denmark chicory growers and the chicory manufacturers. On the plea that there was an overproduction in foreign countries, the manufacturers succeeded in getting the roots at a very low price last year. At the end of the year, however, the manufacturers were able to distribute a larger dividend than the previous year, and the growers demanded a higher price. The manufacturers would not listen to the demand made by the growers. The result was, that the growers furnishing chicory roots to ten of the thirteen factories in Denmark combined themselves and decided to raise no chicory roots this year. The combine controls two-thirds of the area formerly devoted to the growing of chicory roots.

SWEDEN.

As soon as King Gustaf was out of danger after the operation the queen returned to the South. The proprietors of the Central Baths in Stockholm are planning the establishment of an ice palace.

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