

HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK

Latest News Told in Briefest and Best Form.

Washington

The investigation of William Lorimer's right to a seat in the senate has entailed already an expenditure of \$100,000.

F. J. Lowe, representing independent manufacturers, charged before the house rules committee that 51 per cent of the stockholders in the steel, sugar, beef and bankers' trusts also control the International Harvester company.

The entire agricultural population of the country is especially interested in a bill that was introduced in congress designed to assist agricultural colleges in introducing the best methods of agriculture and for this purpose provide for their further endowment and support.

President Taft has served notice on the republic of Cuba that unless President Gomez can suppress the threatened rebellion of the veteran organization which is seeking to overthrow the Gomez government, the United States, under the terms of the Platt amendment, will be obliged to send a military force to preserve order on Cuban soil.

Charges that post office department officials paid \$1,000,000 for railway mail cars that did not come up to the legal standard were made before the house committee on reform in the civil service by Erban A. Walters of Denver.

Because President Taft set the example on his recent western trip, and frequently since, of discussing openly and unreservedly the pending arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France, the senate voted to admit the public to its debates and preserve them in the congressional record.

After nearly a year's consideration the Supreme court of the United States gave its unanimous approval to the employers' liability law enacted by congress in 1908 to take the place of a similar act declared unconstitutional. The decision marks an epoch in labor legislation.

Every national bank in the country must be examined regularly at stated periods, according to stringent instructions issued by Comptroller of the Currency Murray. He has abolished the "flat of banks overdue for examination," previously kept in the office of the comptroller.

The fourth assistant postmaster general in his annual report shows a large increase in the rural delivery system and recommends that a parcel delivery be established along the rural delivery routes.

Among the recommendations Postmaster General Hitchcock will submit to congress during the present session is one that the telegraph lines be acquired by the government and operated as a part of the postal service.

Domestic

The seven-story warehouse of the Terminal Storage company, occupying a full city square near the North river water front, between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets, New York, and containing merchandise valued at more than \$10,000,000, was swept by fire. Loss was estimated at \$1,250,000.

Five hundred men and women, insane and patients of the Dunning (Ill.) institute for the insane, were driven screaming from their rooms when the infirmary building was destroyed by fire. It is believed that the fire was caused by one of the inmates of the institution. All of the patients were rescued.

Surgeon General Torney of the army was called in consultation by Attorney General Wickersham to review the findings of the army medical officers upon the condition of Charles W. Morse and make a report to the department of justice.

"White house," on the edge of the campus of Alfred university, at Alfred, N. Y., occupied by students as a dormitory, was burned to the ground and a dozen students were forced to jump from the upper windows into snow banks to save their lives.

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The Mine Workers of America met at Indianapolis in annual session and will take action that will decide whether or not there shall be a strike this year among the anthracite coal miners.

Another chapter has been added to the marital troubles of Dr. Ora A. Chappell, an Elgin dentist. His first wife, Mrs. Nellie Mann Chappell, has instituted suit for \$30,000 for the alienation of her husband's affections, against Mrs. Alice M. Best, Chappell, Doctor Chappell's second wife.

Former Senator Albert J. Beveridge of Indiana in an address on child labor at a meeting in New York, said the growth of Socialism might be traced in part to the Socialists' demand that child labor be done away with. "a question," he added, "to which the older parties have given little attention."

One of the greatest orations that has ever been accorded a man of the Catholic church in the United States signaled the return at New York of Cardinal John Murphy Farley, coming back from Rome, where he had been elevated from archbishop of New York to the highest honor within the gift of the Catholic church, excepting that of the holy father.

A stubborn fire on the ground floor of the 22-story office building owned by the Knickerbocker Trust company, at Broadway and Exchange place, New York, gave the financial district trepidation. The loss was \$100,000.

After being held for four days by giant ice floes 30 feet high, and having their sides buffeted and splintered by the grinding of loose ice cakes, the Indiana and the Kansas, two steamers plugging between Milwaukee and Chicago, reached their Chicago docks and safely discharged the more than one hundred persons on board.

Charles W. Morse is growing weaker daily and it is impossible to tell when he will be able to stand the strain of the proposed trip to Hot Springs, according to statements of officials at Fort McPherson.

The spring convention of the Republican party of New York state to elect delegates to the national Republican convention will be held in Rochester April 9.

Governor McDonald was inaugurated chief executive of the new State of New Mexico.

A. G. Boyce, father of the man who was recently arrested in Winnipeg, Man., charged with abducting Mrs. J. B. Snead from a hospital in Fort Worth, Tex., was shot and killed at Fort Worth by J. B. Snead, a banker of Amarillo, Tex., husband of the woman with whom young Boyce is said to have eloped.

The annual report of Governor Clark of Alaska shows that the district has not increased during the last year, and the governor attributes this largely to the lack of a more liberal governmental policy. He also complains of the present system of fixing the ownership of mining claims.

Foreign

Many were killed in the streets of Ancon, the capital of Panama, in fights between adherents of President Liberato Rojas and revolutionists. All attempts by the government troops to rescue President Rojas, who is a prisoner in the hands of the insurgents, have proved unsuccessful.

An apparently well grounded report is in circulation at The Hague that Queen Wilhelmina, who was said to be expecting an interesting family event, has suffered an illness which dispels immediate hope for the birth of an heir to the throne.

Henry Labouchere, the editor of the London Truth, died at his villa at Florence, Italy.

Chinese Premier Yuan Shi Kai narrowly escaped death at the hands of a bomb thrower in Peking, which convinces him that the revolutionists are determined to take his life, if possible. Extra precautions are being taken to prevent another attempt being made to assassinate him.

A series of fires swept the southern half of Osaka, Japan, and when the flames had been subdued 5,268 buildings had been destroyed and 30,000 persons rendered homeless.

Premier Jose Canalejas, who tendered his resignation, together with that of the other members of the Spanish cabinet, to King Alfonso on the question of a divergence of views as to the reprieve of Chato Chuqueta, a rioter who had been sentenced to death, has agreed to resume office with the same ministry.

Personal

The Mississippi legislature named James K. Vardaman to succeed United States Senator Leroy Percy, whose term expires in March, 1913.

Ralph Pulitzer, oldest son of the late Joseph Pulitzer, has become an executor for life of the estate left by his father and also a trustee of the Pulitzer newspaper properties.

The will of the late Richard T. Crane of Chicago, filed for probate, provides \$1,000,000 for a pension and disability fund for employees of the Crane company. A million is to be devoted to the establishment of homes near Chicago, for widows or deserted wives with helpless children.

The faculty quartet of the University of Minnesota will appear at the public dance halls and theaters of Minneapolis Sunday evenings and sing sacred music, if the plans completed by Dick Grant, track coach at the university, are carried out.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., will this week sever his connection with the campaign in New York against white slavery, in which he has been engaged for more than two years. He plans, it is said, to turn his attention to another kind of public service.

TWO FIRES IN N. Y.

CAUSE DAMAGE OF NEARLY ONE AND ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

BIG WAREHOUSE BURNED

Building Was Considered a Model of Fireproof Construction—Knickerbocker Trust Co. Has \$100,000 Loss.

New York, Jan. 18.—The seven-story warehouse of the Terminal Storage company, occupying a full city block near the North river water front, between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets, and containing merchandise valued at more than \$10,000,000 was swept by fire.

The fire was discovered a few minutes after midnight. It was not under control until 6:45 o'clock, when the loss was estimated at \$1,250,000. Five alarms sounded in quick succession summoned to the scene practically every available piece of fire fighting apparatus from all Manhattan and this was reinforced by five fireboats.

The Terminal Storage company's warehouse was two brick and concrete and was regarded as one of the most modern buildings in that part of the city. Seven stories in height it was the largest structure of its kind in New York and one of the largest in the world. While the building itself was fireproof and protected by fire walls, sprinklers and all the modern fire prevention and fire fighting apparatus its contents, consisting mostly of goods awaiting delivery to the big New York department stores, were naturally of the most inflammable nature.

The building was divided into four sections by fire walls two feet thick. One of the sections was controlled by John Wanamaker and contained merchandise consigned to him. Another section was rented by Gimble Brothers, while the two remaining sections had as tenants nearly 50 smaller firms.

The fire started in the Wanamaker compartment and worked its way through the fire walls to the Gimble section. Both these sections were destroyed, but the fire walls between them and the other compartments held the fire and the flames, therefore, confined to the two firms named. There was no loss of life, but two firemen were seriously injured.

A stubborn fire on the ground floor of the 22-story office building owned by the Knickerbocker Trust company, Broadway and Exchange place, gave the financial district some moments of trepidation.

The blaze was within a few hundred feet of the stock exchange, but was kept under control before it could spread beyond the building where it started. The loss will not exceed \$100,000.

SOCIALISTS ACTIVE

In United Mine Workers Convention at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Indiana.—After the convention of the United Mine Workers of America had gone on record as favoring government ownership of industries, the Socialists among the 1,300 delegates launched a resolution endorsing their party as "the political party of the working class," but it met resistance.

Action was also deferred on a resolution providing that mine workers should withdraw from the American Federation of Labor, condemning the National Civic Federation as a combination of capitalists and sharply criticizing Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and other leaders of the Federation of Labor for co-operation with the Civic Federation.

Samuel Gompers was characterized as a "reactionary" by Thomas L. Lewis, former national president of the miners. "As long as Gompers is at the head of the federation it will oppose the general industrial organization of the workers with the separate crafts union idea," he said.

CUBANS FORMULATING REPLY.

Gomez Decides to Annul Civil Service Law.

Havana, Cuba.—President Gomez conferred at the palace with prominent leaders regarding the action to be taken in connection with the notification from the American secretary of state that the United States government might be compelled to intervene in Cuban affairs.

The conference decided upon the terms of the reply to the Knox note, and agreed on the revocation or annulment of the civil service law, which will give a quietus to the aspirations of the veterans in affirming equal rights for all Cubans to hold office regardless of their pro-Spanish antecedents.

TRAMP SAVES A TRAIN.

Wanderer Discovers a Snowslide and Flags Oncoming Freight.

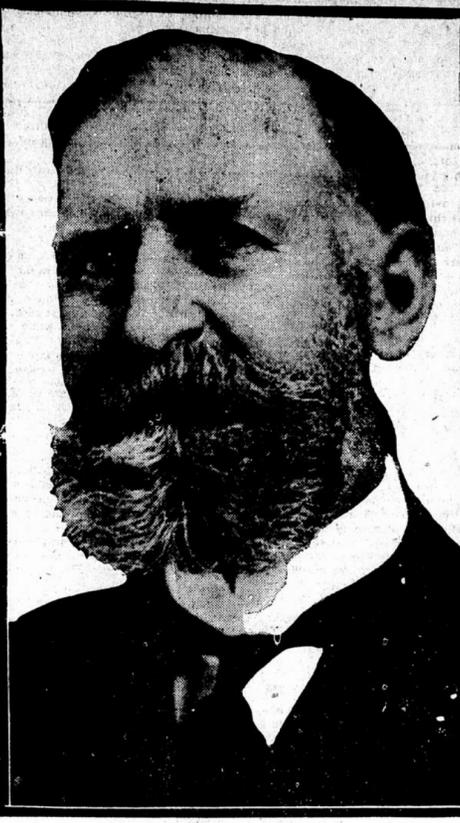
Portland, Oregon.—A lone tramp saved the lives of trainmen on the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railroad, when he prevented a freight wreck by flagging a train fifteen miles east of Pasco and warning the men of a slide across the track ahead of him. He was wending his way across the ties when, almost in front of him, a slide covered the tracks.

OSAKA LOSS \$15,000,000.

Second Blaze Breaks Out in City—30,000 Are Homeless.

Osaka, Japan.—Fire broke out again in the southern districts of the city, but the outbreak was of a much less serious nature than that which occurred in the morning. The flames were extinguished before midnight. The damage occasioned by the conflagration amounts to \$15,000,000. Thirty thousand persons are rendered homeless.

Minneapolis Millionaire Lumberman Is Called



Thomas H. Shevlin, President of the Shevlin-Carpenter company, who died in Pasadena, Cal.

T. L. SHEVLIN DEAD

Minneapolis Lumberman Expires at Pasadena, Cal., Age of 60 Years.

AMASSED A BIG FORTUNE

He Had Been Republican National Committeeman in 1900-1904—Liberal Donor to University of Minnesota.

Minneapolis, Jan. 16.—Thomas Henry Shevlin, president of the Shevlin-Carpenter company, died in Pasadena, Cal. He was 60 years old.

It is said his death probably was due to uraemic poisoning. He had been ill for some time before his death and his active interests in business had been assumed by his son, Thomas H. Shevlin.

Mr. Shevlin was taken seriously ill about a year ago and was under the doctor's care until the time of his death. He recently took a trip abroad with Hovey C. Clarke. His death was hastened by the death of his wife in April, 1910.

According to his associates in business, Mr. Shevlin had been a different man since her death. He had been identified for many years with the lumber business. He leaves an estate estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$10,000,000.

Thomas Henry Shevlin was born in Albany, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1852. He was the son of John and Matilda Shevlin. His mother survives him. He is survived by three children, Thomas Leonard, Florence and Helen.

Mr. Shevlin's boyhood was spent in Albany. Until he was 15 years old he attended the public schools of that city, acquiring a common school education. He then entered the employ of John McCraw & Co., a lumber firm of Albany, and with them began his training for the business with which he has been identified for years.

He was connected with this firm from 1870 as manager of important interests in several New York towns. He then went to Chicago, going from there to Muskegon, Mich., where he took charge of the lumber interests of R. W. Harvey. About a year later he associated himself with the Stephen C. Hall Lumber company and in 1884 started a branch company in Minneapolis under the name of the North Star Lumber company.

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Pennsylvania Train Strikes Wagon. Philadelphia, Penn.—Six persons, five women and a man, were killed when an express train on the New York division of the Pennsylvania railroad crashed into a light station wagon at the Linden avenue grade crossing in Torresdale, a suburb.

Huron, S. D., Has \$30,000 Fire. Huron, S. D.—Fire did \$30,000 damage to the World building, one of the finest in the city, owned by T. J. Murphy. The origin of the fire is not known.

Meningitis Epidemic May Soon End. Dallas, Texas.—Three deaths and three new cases within the last 24 hours summarizes the meningitis situation in Dallas and physicians declare the outlook bright for an early suppression of the epidemic.

Boy Tramps Freeze to Death. Atlanta, Georg.—Three boy tramps, all under 14 years of age, were found frozen to death when freight car handlers unlocked the door to a boxcar received from Chicago. There were no clues to the identity of the boys.

SMITH IS ELECTED

Annual Business Meeting of Agricultural Society Held at St. Paul.

NO CONTESTS FOR OFFICES.

C. W. Glatfelter of Waterville, Unanimously Chosen President—Important Resolutions Adopted.

THE OFFICERS. President, C. W. Glatfelter, Waterville. First vice president, E. M. Warner, St. Paul.

Second vice president, E. J. Stilwell, Minneapolis. Manager, Robert Crickmore, Owatonna.

Manager, C. P. Craig, Duluth. Hold over. Manager W. W. Slivright, Hutchinson.

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On motion of Mr. Furlong, J. H. Beck, of St. Paul, a former vice president of the society, was made a life member.

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Development of County Fair. The resolutions adopted express the thanks of the society to the Twin City business men who advanced money to pay the deficit at the last fair, requested the secretary to furnish each society which is a member of the state association a copy of his report and recommendations a month before the next annual meeting; recommended the passage of a law authorizing cities and villages to make appropriations for permanent improvement at county fairs and authorizing county boards to buy a site for a county fair and lease it to the county society; provided that at the next annual meeting Tuesday and Wednesday shall be given to agricultural papers and addresses. This was adopted.

Under the law the new board will hold its first meeting next Tuesday. At that time it will re-elect Secretary J. C. Simpson and Treasurer E. L. Mattson.

SMASHED A CAR WINDOW.

And Adventure Cost Winona Man Five Dollars.

Winona.—The receivership management of the Winona Railway and Light company caused to be arraigned in the municipal court Charles Singer, 19 years old, charged with hurling a brick through one of the car windows during the recent strike. Singer was dismissed after paying a fine of \$5. Cases against others who damaged cars during the strike have been dropped.

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DULUTH HOTEL BURNED

Guests Flee in Light Attire from St. James Hotel.

Duluth.—At an early hour in the morning the guests at the St. James hotel were forced to make their escape from the building in light attire to escape from the flames.

The roof of the hotel is destroyed and the interior is burned out. It is impossible to get an estimate of the damage. Will probably be about fifteen thousand dollars.

Convicted Slayer to Go Free. Duluth.—Jackson D. McPherson, who was convicted of the murder of his shipmate, Otto Frey, went free. The supreme court ordered a new trial and now the county attorney is unable to get necessary witnesses.

Gov. Eberhart Announces. Sioux City, Iowa.—Governor A. O. Eberhart of Minnesota announced his candidacy for re-election while spending a few hours in Sioux City, between trains.

Edwin Hawley Sick. New York, N. Y.—Edwin Hawley, head of the system of railroads that bear his name, is ill at his home here as a result of a heavy cold.

STATE EXHIBIT CAR

Land Products Will Be Shown in Iowa and Missouri.

Minneapolis.—Filled with the choicest products from the exhibits that won prizes for Minnesota at the recent land show in St. Paul, the advertising car of the state immigration bureau left St. Paul on a trip through southern Iowa and northern Missouri.

The car was built especially for exhibition purposes. The display is covered with sheets of grain of all kinds as well as many varieties of hay and grasses arranged artistically. Down the center of the car runs a stand on which are exhibited fresh grains and vegetables. Particularly noticeable is the exhibition of potatoes and onions which are unusually large and perfect specimens. Other fruits and vegetables that are perishable are preserved in bottles. Strawberries and cherries were among the fruits shown while Minnesota celery occupies a prominent place.

Tobacco on Exhibit. The exhibit destined to attract much attention is tobacco from Sherburne county where tobacco raising has become an actual industry. Corn raised by Jacob W. Beckman, Cokato, who won first prize in competition against

corn growers of the world at the corn exhibit which is given considerable space.

Iron ore from the northern part of the state as well as exhibitions from the co-operative canneries add to the completeness of the exhibit. A number of trophies taken by the state at butter shows are also on exhibit.

The car is to be in charge of Frank M. Eddy, Sank Center, a former congressman, Harold Knutson, Saint Cloud, and C. S. Benson, Minneapolis. Mr. Eddy will give lectures at the towns visited during the trip, and describe the resources and rich soil of the state to all visitors to the car.

Mr. Knutson will not begin the trip until the second week because of his attendance at the Northern Minnesota Editorial association convention at Long Prairie. Until he joins the expedition, James A. Larson, Walnut Grove, will take his place. Mr. Benson will have direct charge of the car itself. H. J. Maxfield, new immigration commissioner will accompany the car part of the time.

From the time the car visits Mediacapolis, Jan. 15 until the tour ends at Riverton, Ia., sixty-six towns in the two states will be visited. The tour will end March 30. Every town visited is on the Burlington road.

Grain Storage Increases.

Duluth.—The increase of grain elevator storage at the Canadian head of the lakes continues and the Canadian Northern is preparing to provide more storage space against the movement of the crop of 1912. The Grand Trunk Pacific, which now has a steel tank grain capacity of 4,000,000 bushels at Fort William, has begun the construction of additional tanks and the understanding is, that the road plans to double its capacity according to news received here yesterday.

VAN SANT LEAVES RIVER.

Retires as President of Northern Steamboat Company.

Winona.—The retirement today of Samuel R. Van Sant from the presidency of the Northern Steamboat company, which operates the steamer Morning Star between St. Paul and Davenport, Iowa, in the summer, removes from active steamboat connection on the upper river one of the most conspicuous figures during the lumbering days.

Mr. Van Sant for many years owned and operated some of the oldest rafts, but last year disposed of all of his remaining river possessions with the exception of his interest in the Northern Steamboat company. He served that company as president.

At a meeting of the company at Davenport he declined re-election, declaring his time would not permit of longer river activity. It is announced that the Morning Star will be kept in the St. Paul-Davenport trade again next summer.

JUDGE QUINN DIES IN WEST.

Sat at Hearing of Younger Brothers at Northfield.

Tacoma.—Judge John B. Quinn died of heart failure last night at Aberdeen, Wash., where he moved three years ago. He was born in Ohio 62 years ago.

He was the police judge in Northfield, Minn., at the time of the raid of the Younger brothers on the Northfield bank and bound the prisoners over for trial before a higher court.

RATE CASE BRIEF FILED.

Long Document Necessary to Present State's Side.

Washington.—Probably the longest brief ever filed with the Supreme Court of the United States was required by former Attorney General Simpson of Minnesota and his associates in telling the court in printed form their side of the famous Minnesota rate case.

The case will come up for oral argument, along with rate cases from half a dozen other states, on February 19.

GORDON ANNOUNCES

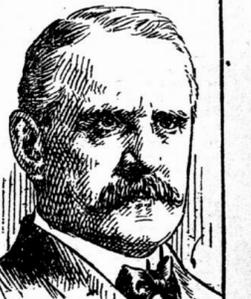


After a silence of more than a month, Samuel Y. Gordon, lieutenant governor, made a definite announcement that he would be a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of Minnesota. He said he had prepared a statement to this effect which he would make public some day this week.

TAWNEY IS PRESIDENT.

Of the New Fire and Marine Insurance Co.

Minneapolis.—Former Congressman James A. Tawney of Winona is to become a citizen of Minneapolis, March 1, when he will assume the presidency of the Republic & Dominion Fire & Marine Insurance company, a new Minneapolis corporation engaged



in a general fire and marine business in the United States and Canada.

Mr. Tawney's experience in large financial affairs as Chairman of the United States Congressional Committee on Appropriations, his wide knowledge of economic conditions, and his standing and reputation as a man of honor and ability, eminently qualify and fit him for the presidency of a corporation of the magnitude of the one in question.

With Mr. Tawney as President and Mr. Wallace G. Nye as its Treasurer, and with a constant addition of men of like calibre, it is believed that the Republic & Dominion Fire & Marine Insurance Company will rapidly win in the one in question.

DULUTH DANCE HALLS BAD.