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THE WEEK'S NEWS

Happenings of the Past Seven Days in Brief.

ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

Casualties and Fires, Personal and Political Notes, Business Failures and Resumptions, Weather Record.

INTELLIGENCE FROM ALL PARTS

CONGRESSIONAL

Proceedings of First Regular Session.

Senator Mason (Ill.) introduced a bill in the senate on the 5th fixing a special tax of \$100 upon the manufacture of mixed flour. Senator Teller introduced a concurrent resolution declaring the bonds of the United States payable in silver dollars. Senator Davis gave notice that he would call up the Hawaiian annexation treaty in executive session on Monday next. The civil service law was discussed. In the house a bill was introduced appropriating \$250,000 for a gunboat on the upper lakes. The legislative appropriation bill was taken up and the item covering the expenses of the civil service commission led to general debate on the question of civil service.

A favorable report on the bill increasing the military force of this country to the extent of two regiments of artillery was made in the senate on the 6th. In the house bills were introduced to amend the patent laws of the United States; to attach the Indian territory to the territory of Oklahoma and make the two territories into one, and a bill for carrying out the plan of the monetary commission for the reform of the currency. A joint resolution providing for the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people was favorably reported. Mr. Grosvenor (O.) spoke in favor of a modification of the civil service law and Mr. Johnson (Ind.) replied in defense of the law.

In the senate on the 7th a joint resolution was offered for an amendment to the constitution providing for the election of the federal judiciary by the people. Senator Aldrich introduced a resolution declaring that the United States should begin the free coinage of silver at the ratio of sixteen to one. In the house the civil service debate occupied the time.

The senate was not in session on the 8th. In the house bills were introduced to protect war veterans in the government service, and to increase and make flexible the national bank currency. A favorable report was made on the bill appropriating \$50,000 for a statue to Abraham Lincoln on the Gettysburg battle field. The civil service debate occupied two hours.

DOMESTIC

A steamer from Cuba brought to New York 594,000 pounds of sugar, the first shipment in many months.

John McCullagh has been elected chief of the police department of Greater New York.

The main business part of the village of Potka, Ill., was wiped out by fire.

In a fit of insanity Alexander Carter killed his wife and 19-year-old daughter Montie at Greenville, Tenn., and then shot and killed himself.

A big ice house collapsed near Hamburg, Mich., and Albert Morey and Oscar O'Conner were killed and five other men were badly injured.

The Columbia theater in San Francisco was gutted by fire.

A large vein of gold that assayed \$1,200 to the ton was struck in Uvalde county, Tex.

By use of a long-distance telephone Charles J. Glidden, president of the Traders' national bank of Lowell, Mass., who is in Minneapolis, presided over the regular meeting of the bank directors in Lowell.

The American Express company was robbed in New York of \$10,582, and Clark Braden, Jr., a trusted employe, was missing.

The Anti-British Alliance association held a meeting in New York and decided to establish branches throughout the country.

Samuel Taylor, aged 70 years, living near Sheridan, Mo., and nine members of his family have been arrested, charged with circulating counterfeit nickels and dimes.

Mrs. Julia Leard, a white woman, was brutally murdered by a Seminole Indian near Maud, O. T.

There were 322 business failures in the United States in the seven days ended on the 7th, against 395 the week previous and 471 in the corresponding period of 1897.

The exchanges at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the week ended on the 7th aggregated \$1,418,589,759, against \$1,188,351,046 the previous week. The increase compared with the corresponding week of 1897 was 23.6.

The sentence of 20 years imposed on ex-State Treasurer Bartley, of Nebraska, for embezzlement, has been confirmed by the supreme court.

William Baker, who assassinated his brother and his wife at Fairbury, Neb., was found dead by the mob pursuing him. He had committed suicide.

At Fort Scott, Kan., Walter Catt shot his young wife, of whom he was jealous, twice, and then killed himself.

Condemned murderers were hanged as follows: At Greenfield, Mass., John O'Neill, Jr.; at Atlanta, Ga., Thomas Cyrus; at Bainbridge, Ga., Simon Hopkins; at Hahnville, La., Louis Richards, George Washington and Fox Pitt Morris.

Burglars stole \$100,000 in negotiable mining stock from the sleeping apartment of W. V. Jacobs, a Chicago real estate and insurance agent.

A severe earthquake shock was felt at Malone, N. Y. Buildings trembled so that the occupants were startled.

Dr. Shep Rogers, a prominent physician in Memphis, Tenn., was fatally shot by Mrs. Sandbrink, who sent a bullet through her brain, dying instantly.

George E. Brett, dry goods dealer in Mankato, Minn., failed for \$200,000. Unprofitable speculation was the cause.

Nicola Tesla, the New York electrician, claims to have perfected vacuum tubes that can produce light as bright as the sun.

An explosion of nitroglycerine near Toledo, O., blew to atoms Stephen Wilson and a team of horses.

The president has appointed Henry K. Boyer, of Pennsylvania, to be superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia.

The central Cuban relief committee appointed by President McKinley has issued an appeal for contributions in aid of the suffering people of Cuba, of whom there are estimated to be 200,000 in actual danger of death from starvation.

Judge J. N. Scott, special agent of the interior department on Indian deputation claims, died in Las Vegas, N. M.

A corpse cut into small pieces was found in a box in the express office at Charleston, Ia.

A tornado at Morganfield, Ky., wrecked a church and several other buildings and killed Harvey Sellers, the city marshal.

Jennings Judah and his two daughters, aged 13 and 14 years, were run down and killed by a train near Atchison, Kan.

Fire destroyed the tobacco warehouse of Christian Peppers in St. Louis, the loss being over \$100,000.

Three counterfeit \$10 gold pieces of excellent workmanship were discovered in Washington.

Postmaster-General Gary is taking great interest in the matter of the extension of free mail delivery in the rural districts.

Mrs. John Ripke was instantly killed in a runaway while going to church in Cedar Rapids, Ia., and Mrs. Christine Eichert died in her pew in church in Eau Claire, Wis.

Methodists met in Washington to try and effect a union between the northern and southern branches of the church.

John R. McCoun, a lawyer, whose wife had secured a divorce from him, shot and killed her at Bedford, Ia., and then fatally shot himself.

Marshal Chadwick, an alleged murderer confined in jail at Colfax, Wash., was taken from jail by a mob and lynched.

A mob captured Markus McGeisey and Palmer Simpson, Seminole Indians, and burned them at the stake. They were charged with having outraged and murdered Mrs. Jane Simmons, wife of a farmer in Oklahoma, near Wewoka.

At the Jackson day banquet in Chicago William J. Bryan was the principal speaker.

The value of the total mineral and metal production of the United States for 1897 amounted to \$762,061,106, an increase of \$18,290,228 over 1896.

For the 11 months ended November 30, 1896, the exports from the United States amounted to \$956,675,874, a gain of nearly \$86,000,000 over the same time in 1896.

The boiler of the towboat Percy Kelsey exploded near Glenfield, Pa., and five of the crew were killed and four others were injured.

Secretary Sherman has issued an appeal for aid for the destitute in Cuba.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL

Roger Wolcott took the oath of office as governor of Massachusetts for the second term.

At a joint democratic caucus of the Mississippi legislature H. D. Money was nominated for United States senator.

Rev. Dr. John Hall, for 30 years pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church in New York, has resigned.

Judge Albert G. Boynton, for 25 years political editor of the Detroit Free Press, died at the Alma (Mich.) sanitarium of kidney troubles, aged 61 years.

Maj. Moses P. Handy, of Chicago, special United States commissioner to the Paris exposition, and chief of the editorial staff of the Times-Herald, died at the Bon Air hotel, a winter resort near Augusta, Ga., aged 64 years.

C. L. Harris, aged 66, one of the oldest newspaper men in the west and a war veteran, died suddenly in Butte, Mont.

FOREIGN

J. H. Blumenthal & Sons, clothiers in Montreal, Can., assigned with liabilities of \$150,000.

Edward Harford, British delegate to the American Federation of Labor convention at Nashville, Tenn., died of pneumonia while returning home.

Advices from Peking say that Germany has taken a lease of Kiaochow bay for 50 years.

A large steamer, as yet unidentified, foundered with all hands off Beaudoc, in the Mediterranean.

Lady Henry Somerset has resigned the presidency of the British Women's Temperance association on account of ill health.

Japan has joined Great Britain in efforts to compel Russia to respect their interests in China.

In a fight in Juarez, Mexico, Seth Burrows, a cowboy, shot and killed four men and was killed himself.

During a fire in chemical works in Glasgow, Scotland, four firemen were killed and property worth \$250,000 destroyed.

The Spanish cabinet has decided to submit the case of Gen. Weyler to a fresh inquiry.

The British steamer Clarissa Radcliffe was wrecked at sea and 15 of the crew perished.

The French steamer Louis was wrecked off the coast of Baudoc, France, and 15 of her crew were lost.

LATER

Gov. Bushnell, of Ohio, was inaugurated into his second term the 10th. A tremendous crowd was in attendance.

William Putnam and Parrish Johnson, who left Coulee City, Wash., on Dec. 20, for their place 30 miles northwest of Waterville, were found frozen to death by a soldier party. They had lost their way and wandered in a circle for nearly 100 miles.

Mrs. Augusta Nack, jointly charged with Martin Thorne with the murder of William Guldensuppe, a bath house rubber at Woodside, L. I., last June, was sentenced to 15 years in prison at Auburn.

J. P. Switzer, prominent in populist political circles at Madison, Wis., committed suicide by hanging.

Two men attempted to rob a Blue Island cable car in Chicago, but were driven off by Miss Sadie Williams, who used her hat pin as a weapon. When it was all over she fainted. In the meantime the passengers had fled.

Bill Adler, a town tough at Kansas City, Mo., was convicted of the murder of Wm. Johnson, a negro. Adler is the first man ever convicted in Jackson county for killing a negro and the verdict was a surprise.

Seth D. Tripp, who invented and built the first machine for pegging shoes, died at Lynn, Mass., aged 72 years.

The Spinners' Union, at New Bedford, Mass., by an almost unanimous vote, decided to strike.

Torpedo boat No. 15 was launched at Bristol, R. I. She is 100 feet long at the water's edge.

The Cuban insurgents have besieged and attacked the port province of Santiago de Cuba. Troops have left Ghabara, the northern portion of the same province, to relieve the garrison of Mayari.

MARKETS.

Minneapolis, Jan. 10.
Wheat—No. 1 northern, 91½ to 92c.
No. 2 northern, 87½ to 88c; May, 89c.
Corn—No. 3, 26c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 22 to 23c.
Cattle—Steers, \$3.20 to 3.75; cows, \$2.50.

Hogs—\$3.00 to 3.25.
Sheep—Mutton, \$3.10 to 4.50; lambs \$4.25.

Butter—Creamery, extras, 21 to 22c; creamery, firsts, 20 to 21c; dairy, fancy, 19 to 20c; dairy, choice, 15 to 16c.

Poultry—Turkeys, 7 to 8c; spring chickens, 7 to 8c.

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

A Boston boy has been christened with 14 names, one of them having 35 letters.

A woman has made the journey from South Africa to South Dakota to sue for divorce.

A woman in Hope, Knox county, Me., still wears a common hairpin which she has worn for 40 years.

A naturalist of eminence finds that land birds make their jonqueys in the daytime and water birds at night.

James G. Blaine, Jr., is once more a newspaper man, having just been enrolled on the staff of the New York Tribune.

Political friends of William J. Bryan have arranged to offer him the fusion nomination for congress from the First Nebraska district.

William G. Miner, 90 years old, of Hartford, Conn., dreamed that he was young again and when he awoke he was so disappointed that he shot himself.

Rev. Patrick Cuddihy, who recently celebrated the sixty-sixth anniversary of his ordination at Milford, Mass., is the oldest Catholic priest in this country.

Gov. Jones, of Arkansas, has commissioned Miss Emma Whittington an honorary colonel of the reserve militia. This is the first appointment of the kind ever made in the state.

Dr. Nansen states that the Norway reindeer will eat nothing but moss that grows in the polar region, and consequently will be unavailable for carrying relief to the Klondike.

Reports from all of the contracting locomotive shops show that 1,251 engines were built in 1897. Of these 386 were constructed for export. The number does not include those rebuilt by railroad companies in their own shops.

Cabinet circles in Washington are busy discussing the approaching marriage of Miss Frances Alger, daughter of the secretary of war, to Charles Pike, of Chicago. The event will take place early in the summer, either in May or June.

The Daughters of the American Revolution say that they have discovered that the site of the general post office in New York city marks the spot where the first blood of the American revolution was shed and the members of the Martha Washington Colonial chapter propose to erect a tablet there to commemorate their discovery.

BURNED AT THE STAKE.

Awful Punishment Visited Upon Two Seminole Indians.

Authors of a Brutal Crime in Oklahoma—They Are Captured by a Furious Mob and Are Roasted Alive.

Fort Smith, Ark., Jan. 10.—A mob captured J. Markus McGeisey and Palmer Simpson, Seminole Indians, and burned them at the stake. They were charged with having outraged and murdered Mrs. James Simmons, wife of a farmer in Oklahoma near Wewoka. The men were followed to McGeisey's home near Maud and arrested. McGeisey's house and barn were burned and the prisoners were taken back to the scene of their crime. The two men were securely bound to stakes and fire was piled around them. They were slowly burned to death. The mob then dispersed. This is the second case where a mob has taken the law into its own hands in Oklahoma in 25 years, and both times the men came from across the border. There was no secrecy about the burning, but no one seems to know who the persons are who took part in it. Trouble is feared from the Indians in the neighborhood, and the farmers are arming themselves to be prepared for an attack from the friends of the dead men.

The crime which led to the burning of the two men was committed on last Thursday. Markus McGeisey was the owner of some property. On his land lived a white family named Simmons. During the absence of the husband on Thursday McGeisey went to the Simmons cabin and asked for a drink of water. Mrs. Simmons was at home with her four small children. The Indian was given the water and he then asked for a saddle. On being refused the saddle McGeisey grabbed the woman, who had her baby in her arms, and dragged her out of the house. When the woman attempted to run away the Indian seized a Winchester rifle and dealt her a deadly blow on the head, crushing the skull. The woman died instantly. The murdered woman's husband did not return home Thursday evening and the children were unable to remove the body into the house from where it had fallen in the yard. The little ones staid up and watched their mother's corpse until the bitter cold compelled them to relax their vigil and seek shelter from the weather in the cabin. During the night the body was almost devoured by hogs.

An alarming state of rioting and hatred exists owing to the burning of the men. Unless immediate steps are taken by the United States authorities the Indians may go on the warpath. Sunday night Dr. C. B. Linn, chief physician of the Seminole nation, telegraphed to both Indian Agent Wisdom and Marshal Bennett for assistance in quelling the disorder that prevails in the nation. Both the Indians who were burned came from respectable Seminole families, and their fearful fate has aroused their friends and relatives to frenzy. All the authorities here recognize that the situation is nearer that bordering upon a dangerous Indian uprising than any in recent years, and are taking prompt measures to quell it.

HEIR TO \$3,000,000.

Windfall for Mrs. Katie Ammon, a Michigan Woman.

Detroit, Jan. 8.—Mrs. Katie Ammon, of Vandalia township, Cass county, has fallen heir to \$3,000,000 by the death of an uncle at Jackson, Miss.

Two weeks ago there died at Jackson, an aged planter, Silas A. Trabos. He resided in Cass county during the war, his parents living near Saginaw. At the close of the war he went to Mississippi, where he purchased a cotton plantation, and finally amassed a fortune of \$3,000,000. This has been left to Mrs. Ammon and two minor heirs, over whom she has been appointed guardian.

Mrs. Ammon has retained Attorney Stuart McKibbin, of South Bend, Ind., who will leave at once for Jackson to attend to the probating of the will. Mr. McKibbin has telegraphed a Jackson law firm and received conclusive assurance of the reliability of the claim.

SIX MEN KILLED.

Disastrous Result of an Explosion on an Ohio River Towboat.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 10.—The boiler of the towboat Percy Kelsey exploded Saturday morning and only three of the 16 persons on board escaped uninjured. The explosion occurred near Glenfield, Pa., while the boat was towing nine coal barges down the Ohio river. Four persons were instantly killed, two others are missing and probably dead and seven more were injured, four fatally.

The explosion is inexplicable to W. H. Brown's Sons, of this city, owners of the boat. It was considered one of the stanchest on the river, and its boilers had recently been tested and pronounced in excellent condition. The boat was valued at \$25,000.

Lost with All on Board.

Marseilles, Jan. 10.—The steamer reported to have foundered with all hands on Thursday last off Baudoc about 25 miles west of this port, turns out to be the French steamer Louis, from Cardiff for Marseilles with coal. She was wrecked on January 1, however, and her crew, consisting of 15 men, were all lost. Four bodies have already been recovered from the wreck.

MOSES P. HANDY DEAD.

Widely-Known Newspaper Man Expires at Augusta, Ga.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 10.—Maj. Moses P. Handy died at noon Saturday. The remains will be taken to Berlin, Md., for burial.

Maj. Handy has been an invalid for the past two months. He was taken ill in Paris, whither he had gone as the special commissioner of the United



MAJ. MOSES P. HANDY.

States to the French exposition of 1900. He recovered sufficiently to make the journey to America, and came at once to Augusta.

Maj. Moses P. Handy was born in Virginia, his father being a prominent Methodist clergyman. While under age he entered the confederate service and served with gallantry during the closing months of the war. He was employed by the New York Tribune as special correspondent during the Cuban troubles, and won distinction by his report of the Virginian massacre. Later he became managing editor of the Philadelphia Times, and subsequently the editor of the Philadelphia Daily News. He was one of the founders and for many years the president of the Clover club, of Philadelphia. He moved to Chicago in 1892 to accept the position of chief of the bureau of publicity and promotion of the World's Columbian exposition. At the close of the fair he went to New York and engaged in literary work and newspaper correspondence for a year. He returned to Chicago as the editor of the Times-Herald in 1895 when the paper was purchased by Mr. H. H. Kohlsaat. Last year Maj. Handy was appointed by President McKinley as special commissioner to the Paris exposition, where he rendered valuable service.

LYNCH LAW.

Mobs Hang Men in States of Washington and Arkansas.

Colfax, Wash., Jan. 10.—Marshal Chadwick, the suspected murderer of young Heyden near Farmington, the night of October 12, was taken from jail by a mob Saturday morning and hanged to the west wall of the courthouse. A rope was fastened around his neck and he was dragged out of the jail and up the narrow street to the superior courtroom, to a double window, where the rope was tied around a standard between the windows. Chadwick's body was then pitched out head foremost and left dangling at the end of an eight-foot rope against the courthouse wall, in plain view of the people on Main street.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 10.—Four colored men have been lynched in the vicinity of Bearden, Ark., within the last few days. Two were charged with assault and two were murderers. The former—Devoe and Huntley—were swung up near Harlem Mill ranch, about three miles north of Bearden, while the murderers met their fate near the town of Little Bay, a few miles south of Bearden. The work was done by two separate mobs, and according to reports from Fordyce, near the scene, the quadruple lynching created little excitement.

A BOGUS GOLD PIECE.

Short-Weight Coin Found to Be in Circulation.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Three counterfeit ten-dollar gold pieces were received Saturday by Acting Chief Brackett, of the secret service. They are said to be of excellent workmanship and in general appearance are far above the average spurious coins. In weight, however, they are 81 grains short. United States Commissioner Parksdale, of Danville, Va., who brought the coins to the treasury, said that a large number of them were in circulation in Danville and vicinity, and although the police have captured the tools and kit used in their manufacture neither the maker or the person who passed them has been apprehended.

SHOT DEAD.

A Clerk in Paris Kills a Vicious Thrower.

Paris, Jan. 10.—A girl named Decousset waylaid a clerk named Verdier, threw vitriol in his face and stabbed him in the back. Verdier shot her in the back as she was running away. He then knelt on her head and shot her three times, killing her. He was arrested and taken to the nearest hospital, where he was found to be terribly burned. Verdier said the woman had followed him for a year, attempting to kill him.

In a Receiver's Hands.

Milwaukee, Jan. 10.—A special from Green Bay, Wis., says the property and affairs of the Fox River electric street railway went into the hands of receivers Sunday, Judge Hastings appointing Mitchell Joannes, of Green Bay, and Attorney Thomas W. Spence, of Milwaukee, as receivers. Owing to extensive improvements in the last two years the company failed to pay interest on outstanding coupons and the receivership was decided upon. The road was built in 1894 and cost \$265,000. The line runs to Depere and also leases the Fort Howard electric street railway.