AN EPITOME OF LATE LIVE NEWS

CONDENSED RECORD OF THE PROGRESS OF EVENTS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

FROM ALL SOURCES

SAYINGS, DOINGS, ACHIEVEMENTS, SUFFERINGS, HOPES AND FEARS OF MANKIND.

WESTERN NEWS.

Fire at La Plata, Missouri, destroyed ten buildings and caused a loss of $50,000.

The Republican state central committee of Oregon has endorsed the candidacy of Secretary Taft.

With but one dissenting voice, the Seattle Chamber of Commerce passed resolutions which favor the retention on the Pacific coast of not less than twelve battleships.

The Oklahoma Legislature is hustlingly engaged in enacting a code of insurance laws, and seems to be accumulating the dinatic features of all the various state laws.

The case of David F. Day, the Durango editor, who was charged with misuse of the mails, has been dismissed by Judge Lewis in the federal court at Denver.

Owners of timber in different parts of the country are organizing associations to protect their holdings from fire by means of a system of patrol by rangers, resembling the work done by the United States forestry service in guarding against extinguishing fires.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of California has written to Secretary of the Navy Metcalf submitting resolutions of the association protesting against the serving of intoxicants at dinners or entertainments to be given the officers and men of the Atlantic fleet.

Henry Watterson, after a two weeks' stay in Washington and two weeks in New York, has written his view of the Democratic political situation to the nation. He says he will support Bryan, who he believes can be elected, and that Johnson could not win with a "Wall street tag" on him.

To call the attention of the government to what they believe is a deliberate attempt to rob them of lands, a deputation of Indian chiefs, representing every tribe of British Columbia coast Indians, will leave Vancouver for Ottawa on May 26th, to interview Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Fen S. Hildreth, receiver of the land office at Phoenix, Arizona, has been suspended pending the investigation of his records by an inspector, which is in progress. The nature of the charges or suspicions is not made public. Hildreth says the result of investigation will vindicate him.

The Oklahoma house passed the bill previously passed by the Senate providing for the establishment of a state industrial college for women. Domestic science will be the principal thing taught at the new school and girls between the ages of twelve and thirty-five are to be admitted as students.

The state Prohibition convention of Kansas elected thirty-four delegates to the national convention at Columbus, Ohio, selected candidates for both houses of Congress and a full state ticket. Rev. E. C. Shouse of Parsons was named for United States senator and Rev. Albert L. Hope of Abilene for governor.

In the Federal Court at Denver the hearing of a test case, instituted as a result of a mutual agreement between Gifford Pinchot, head of the forest bureau, and the Colorado Cattle and Horse Growers' Association, Judge Lewis decided that the forest bureau has not only the right to bar stock from forest reserves, but has the still further power of making it obligatory upon cattle owners to see that the cattle do not stray upon the reserves, whether the reserves are fenced or not, the Colorado law to the contrary notwithstanding.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Connecticut Democratic convention refused to instruct its delegates for Bryan.

The West Virginia Republican convention voted to instruct the state delegation to the Chicago convention for Taft.

The overturning of a lantern by a horse's kick in the Gallagher livery stable at Peebles, Ohio, caused a fire loss of $50,000.

The explosion of a boiler tube on the British battleship Britannia during a full speed trial injured five men, four severely and one slightly.

The boycotters of Japanese merchants at Hong Kong are persistent in their efforts and are creating a widespread sympathy with startling effect.

A dispatch from Tangier says that the report of Raisuli's assassination is false. It is true, the dispatch says, that a band of Elkmes fired a volley at him from ambush, but Raisuli was not hit.

The engagement of Jean Reid, daughter of Whitelaw Reid, the American ambassador, to the Hon. John Hubert Ward, brother of the Earl of Dudley, has been announced at London by Mr. and Mrs. Reid.

The steamer Empress of India has brought to Vancouver news of a series of disastrous conflagrations at Pekin, involving the loss of many lives due to incendiarism.

The citizens of Auckland, New Zealand, have appointed various committees to arrange for an adequate welcome to the American fleet of battleships when they call there next September.

The National Funeral Directors' Association, through its secretary, H. M. Kilpatrick of Elmwood, Illinois, has appealed to Speaker Cannon to assist in bringing about some legislation whereby the "inhuman practice" of burial at sea will be discontinued.

Half the little French hamlet of Notre Dame de Salette, sixteen miles from Buckingham, Quebec, on the Lievre river, disappeared Sunday under a sliding mountain, and at least thirty of its small population are known to have perished.

Reports have reached Tiflis that the Kurdish population of the Armenian provinces bordering on Russia have become aggressively active and are indulging in disorder and massacre. The American population is fleeing into Russian territory.

The body of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the late ex-premier of Great Britain, was buried beside that of his wife in the little village church yard at Meigle, Scotland, April 28th, in the presence of a great body of mourners, the remains being brought from London after services in West Minster Abbey.

The White Star Steamship company has announced that the keels of two of the largest steamships in the world will be laid down in the yards of Harland & Wolff at Belfast within two months. They will be not less than 840 feet in length, with a beam of seventy-eight feet. Their tonnage will be from 45,000 to 50,000.

Increased protection for immigrant women is urged in a final report made by the immigration committee of the Women's Trade Union League of Chicago. The report says that the railroads do not provide sufficient responsibility in providing for the safety of the immigrant girl and woman to her final destination.

Robert Watchorn, commissioner of immigration of the port of New York, now on his way home from Europe, will shortly resign, it is said, to become the head of a new bureau in the Department of Commerce and Labor, which will be known as "The Anarchist Exclusion Branch." It is to be established with the object of working in cooperation with European governments to prevent the coming of anarchists to this country.

CONGRESS AND THE CAPITAL

It is announced at Suva, Fiji Islands, that the American fleet has accepted an invitation to visit the islands.

It is asserted that between 200 and 400 letters are received daily at the White House urging President Roosevelt to run again.

The pension appropriation bill, carrying $143,053,000, was passed by the Senate in four minutes. No change was made in the bill as it came from the Senate committee.

A strong recommendation for the appointment of an officer to be known as "chief of cavalry" has been made by a committee of cavalry officers attached to the army staff college.

The Senate agreed that the appropriation of $5,000 for the reestablishment of the Pike's Peak weather station should remain in the agricultural appropriation bill.

The result of the award of contracts for the construction of new buildings at Fort Russell, Wyoming, discloses the fact that Colorado contracting firms have secured nearly $500,000 worth of the extensive work to be done.

Senator Guggenheim gave notice that when the sundry civil bill reaches the Senate he will press an amendment carrying an appropriation of $75,000 to pay express charges upon silver dollars ordered by bankers from various sub-treasuries.

Three of the star graduates of last year's class at the United States Military academy, who were assigned to the corps of engineers, have been ordered to proceed to the Isthmus of Panama for duty in connection with the Panama canal and Panama railroad.

The London postal authorities have learned that two bags of mail from London, containing securities and valuables worth $500,000 were stolen in New York the latter part of March. Both bags disappeared in transit between the steamers and the postoffice.

Major Devol, in charge of the relief work on behalf of the sufferers in the South, made a telegraphic request to Washington for tents for 2,500 people and thirty hospital tents. These will be sent at once to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, probably from Philadelphia.

Arguments in favor of the President's program for four battleships consumed most of the session of the Senate Friday. Senator Piles of Washington opened the debate, declaring that the Asiatic situation affecting the Pacific coast was a menace to that section, as war clouds might quickly rise there over some clash between Americans and the Japanese. He wanted a fleet kept in the Pacific.

An immense petition, bearing the signatures of 24,000 persons, requesting that a pardon be granted to Captain William Van Schaick, master of the ill-fated General Slocum, when the vessel was destroyed by fire in New York harbor on June 15, 1904, with a loss of more than 1,000 lives, has been presented to the President and Attorney General Bonaparte.

ACQUITTAL IN DURANGO TRIAL

JURY FINDS MASON AND VANDERWEIDE NOT GUILTY OF MURDERING JOSEPH WALKER.

ONLY TWO BALLOTS

BOTH MEN AT ONCE ARRESTED BY U. S. MARSHAL ON CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY.

Durango, Colo.—William B. Mason and Joseph Vanderweide were found not guilty of the murder of United States Secret Service Agent Joseph Walker on November 3d last. The jury retired at 3:40 o'clock and four hours and twenty minutes later they filed into the courtroom and delivered the verdict which freed the men. Just as they were discharged by Judge Pike, United States Deputy Marshal Thomas Clark arrested them on the charge of "conspiracy to commit murder of an officer of the United States government."

Mason and Vanderweide were immediately taken before United States Commissioner F. W. Pingree, where their bonds were fixed at $[illegible] each, and upon furnishing sureties they were released.

Mrs. William Mason, wife of one of the defendants, fainted when she heard the verdict.

The first ballot cast the jury taking shortly after they retired, is reported to have been 10 to 2 for acquittal. The second ballot was unanimous for acquittal.

The federal statute under which Mason and Vanderweide were prosecuted was enacted just after the Civil War and provided for trial in a federal court of persons interfering with the discharge by a federal officer of his duties. It fixes the same punishment as that which might be imposed by a state court in case of conviction. It is not known when the men will be arraigned on the new charge.

The names of Vanderweide's bondsmen are as follows: W. S. McNeill, ex-Indian housekeeper, $6,000; Tom Knight, son-in-law of Mason, $4,000; Thomas Moran, peddler, $6,000; Mrs. Emily Mason, $10,000, and David L. [illegible], brother-in-law of Vanderweide. Of Mason's bondsmen are Harry Jackson, [illegible] merchant, $20,000; E. J. Orr, [illegible] sician, $5,000; William K. Thompson, $25,000, and Robert Roberts, [illegible] dealer.

Lindon C. Wheeler, chief of the bureau of special agents of the Department of Justice, said: "The verdict is no surprise to me. It's odd handle have been otherwise with any jury here."

Beginning of New Railroad.

Denver.—Smiling down upon the bared heads of 3,000 people gathered about a stand at Argo, the Colorado sun gave its last benediction as Miss Lola Vida Mills, facing north ward and wielding a gilded shovel, broke the ground that marked the beginning of construction work on the new Denver, Laramie & Northwestern railroad. The interesting ceremony came as the climax to Governor Buchtel's speech, and, men from a dozen states joined in the cheering that followed, announcing to the world that work has actually begun on the road that is to link Denver with Seattle and the Orient.

The crowd which came to the scene of the exercises on the special train, in motor cars, in buckboys, and on horseback, packed itself on all sides of the stand for hundreds of feet. To the northward, where the road is to go, a group of cowboys from the stockyards ranged themselves on their ponies facing the speakers and displayed two huge banners, bearing the enthusiastic inscriptions, "Hurrah for the New Cattle Trail from the Northwest to Denver," and "The Stockyards Bunch Wants in on This." On the platform of the speakers' stockbuilders in the new road, committees representing the commercial organization of Denver, and other prominent men from the middle west gathered to show the substantial interest which they take in the new enterprise.

Governor Buchtel was the first speaker. In view of the way in which the state is growing, the governor predicted that by the time the Denver, Laramie and Northwestern reaches Laramie, all three roads to that part of the country will have more business than they can handle.

Among other speakers were Ex-Senator Patterson, President E. L. Scholtz of the Denver Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Speer of Denver, President Ackesworth of the Colorado Agricultural College, M. C. Brown of Laramie, who remembered when Denver was a town of 1,000 inhabitants reached by Ben Holladay's stage line, W. P. McPhee, president of the Colorado Manufacturers' Association and Senator W. A. Harris of Lawrence, Kansas.

C. S. Johnson, president of the new road, delivered the final address. "This enterprise," he said, "is an independent one, no other railroad, or railroad officials have any strings on it, and on behalf of myself and my associates, I pledge you it will remain independent for the benefit and upbuilding of Denver, Colorado, Wyoming and the great Northwest."

MARRIAGE AS AN INSTITUTION.

Regulations Concerning Matrimony Derived from Canon Law.

There could hardly be a more profitable undertaking for a young man and young woman who contemplate matrimony than a study of marriage as a historic institution. It would show them better than almost anything else could do their relations to society and to the state, says the Youth's Companion, and would give them a personal understanding of what the minister means when, in the beginning of the ceremony, he says, "not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly."

The laws of marriage in all Christian countries are derived from the canon law, that is, the law established by the Christian church in the Middle Ages. This law was based upon the Roman civil law, influenced to a considerable degree by Teutonic ideas. Marriage laws are also influenced, and in some countries controlled, in respect of marriage within certain degrees of relationship or affinity, by the laws of Moses contained in the book of Leviticus. Gradually some of these prohibitions have been relaxed. In the recent case of the deceased wife's sister act of England it was a matter of controversy whether the Mosaic law forbids such marriages.

The purpose of all statute law, as applied to marriage, is now and has always been primarily the protection of the state, and secondarily the safeguarding of the rights of the contracting parties. The Roman Catholic church regards marriage as a sacrament. The Protestant churches of western Europe reject this theory, and in order to lessen or prevent secret marriages, demand that the consent of parents be obtained.

Even in Roman Catholic countries today marriage is governed by civil legislation. The civil marriage has been said indeed to be the great innovation of the nineteenth century. In most Catholic countries two services are performed. The religious ceremony complies with the theory that marriage is a sacrament, the civil ceremony with the theory that it is a contract. In these countries the civil ceremony alone makes the marriage valid. The church ceremony alone does not.

Reminded Him of Home.

William C. King of Kansas City recently told of the experience of a Kansan crossing the Atlantic in much weather.

"One morning," began Mr. King, "this Kansan went out on deck when a big gale was blowing. Nobody was in sight except the captain.

"'Go below, there!' the captain shouted.

"The passenger looked about to see to whom he was talking.

"'You mean me?' he yelled back when he saw there was no one else in sight.

"'Of course I do! Go below!' and the captain came alongside.

"'Well, I don't see why I should be the Kansan. I'm as free to go on deck and of course mountainous seas and terrific gales compare with what we have in Kansas in the way of cyclones. This isn't a patch to What I've seen in our way.'

"A big wave broke over the deck, sweeping the Kansan off. They picked him up with a broken leg, a dislocated shoulder, a sprained wrist and his face looking as if it had been dragged backward through a briar patch. When he came to he saw the captain. 'Do tornadoes rage here?' he said feebly, that reminded me of home, only it was a dern sight wetter.'"

Had Won His Share.

"Why did you run away when the police appeared? You had just succeeded in to win glory by killing them."

"I am nothing if not unselfish," responded the anarchistic orator. "My impulse was to kill them of course, but I've been in jail so often that I felt I had glory enough."

Worse Than Cold Storage Eggs.

The bank cashiers had been considering the application of the titled spendthrift for a large loan.

"No," they finally announced, "on the strength of a mere rumor that you are engaged to a plutocrat's daughter we have decided that we cannot advance more than five cents on every $100,000 of his reputed wealth."

Still Faithful.

Mlle. Suzanne—Is that young man still under the window?

Maid—Well, mademoiselle, he's running around in the snow to keep himself warm, but he goes in the shape of a heart all the time.—Bon Vivant.

The Wiser Course.

Why fear our shirts over politics? The wiser course would be to so improve business conditions that we may be able to buy more shirts.—Nashville American.

Early Christian Churches.

It is said that a Christian church existed at Glastonbury, England, as early as A. D. 300. St. Martin's, Canterbury, was built about A. D. 597.

PLOTS IN INDIA VEX ENGLISH

AFGHANS ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE BLOCKHOUSE BUT ARE REPULSED.

PLOT TO USE BOMBS

GENERAL WILLCOX HASTENING WITH TROOPS TO DEFEND KHYBER PASS.

London.—India is a source of considerable uneasiness to the British government at the present moment. The difficulties with the Mohammedans seemed on the eve of settlement when on Saturday, according to reports received here, a new danger threatened.

An attempt was made by a large Afghan force, numbering from [illegible] to 2,000, which was across the border divided into two bodies, to storm the blockhouse of Khyber Pass, near Landio Khana. The attack was repulsed with serious casualties among the assailants. The Afghans remained in ambush in Landio Kotal and another force is reported to have moved into the Bara valley by way of Lakka pass.

General Willcox, who has arrived at the Khyber, [illegible] has dispatched to quell the trouble, has gone to Jamrud, a few miles east of Khyber, near the entrance of Khyber, [illegible] and is hastening forward [illegible] to meet the new government.

All frontier telegraphs are in hopeless confusion. [illegible] Khyber [illegible] cohort news of the country [illegible] to London. The Afghans [illegible] of Jamrud. The concerted attack is [illegible] of an extensive character [illegible] already have been made. [illegible] solely for the purpose of [illegible] disturbances [illegible] together with a supply of [illegible] and other expensive.

The alarmists on the spot are inclined through the [illegible] of the nature of the [illegible] of the movement of the tribesmen [illegible] two European [illegible].

The Government [illegible] to the Indian [illegible] that there [illegible] the gravity of the situation, [illegible] the Amirs is not directly responsible for the attacks of the Afghan border raiders, but they point out that hitherto the Amir's authority is definitely known to be absolute and precedent [illegible] to be [illegible] and prompt [illegible] for [illegible].

Battleship's Narrow Escape.

Monterey, Cal.—A [illegible] while swinging from the [illegible] of the Atlantic fleet [illegible] watchfully [illegible] of the [illegible] of the [illegible] of the