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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

DOMESTIC.

The grand jury of Moore county, Tennessee, has returned 22 indictments for murder against the members of a mob who lynched a negro in Nashville.

William B. Wright of Effingham, has been elected grand master of Illinois masons.

Manufacturers who are members of trade associations of the country have started a campaign to crush the weaker labor organizations.

The seventh annual convention of the League of American Municipalities began in Baltimore.

John Decker, of Norwich, Conn., a mechanic 44 years old, entered the white house in Washington, was arrested as a crank and sent to an insane asylum.

Gustave Becker, an 18-year-old student, died in Chicago from injuries received in a game of football.

Chief Justice Fuller arrived in New York from a three-months' tour in Europe.

Orville B. Smith, who has cheated hotel keepers in every big city in the union, was sent to the Cleveland workhouse for three months.

Peter A. Schaefer, widely known as a composer of church music, was found dead in bed at his home in New York city.

Fire which started in the Stone opera house at Binghamton, N. Y., completely gutted the structure, entailing a loss of \$150,000.

Prof. Langley explains the failure of his aerodrome to fly as due to an error in the launching ways.

Sir Thomas Lipton sailed from New York for England on the steamer Cedric. The Ellsworth homestead in Windsor, Conn., has been formally presented to the D. A. R. by the descendants of the third chief justice of the United States.

W. B. Given, president of the Lancaster (Pa.) Railway and Light company, resigned on discovery of \$100,000 discrepancy in his accounts.

Albert Mudge & Son, Boston, Mass., printers, have failed with assets of \$129,600 and liabilities of \$50,000.

Corn having ripened in all parts of Kansas, no damage will result from frost.

A monument to commemorate the deeds of Maryland soldiers who participated in the battles around Chattanooga, Tenn., was dedicated at Orchard Knob.

No information hereafter will be given out by anybody connected with the white house concerning the doings of cranks who visit the mansion with malicious intent toward the president.

Prosecuting Attorney Folk of St. Louis conferred with President Roosevelt on the subject of extending the extradition laws so as to include bribers and embezzlers.

Of three masked bandits who held up a street car at Aurora, Ill., one was killed by the police and another wounded in a subsequent battle.

Municipal ownership of street railways was defeated in San Francisco by the voters.

Fire destroyed the Upryde grain elevator at Missouri Valley, Ia., the loss being \$200,000.

The funeral of Wilson S. Bissell, former postmaster general, took place at Buffalo, N. Y. All the courts in the city adjourned as a mark of respect. The body was cremated.

The federal grand jury at St. Louis returned indictments against W. A. Morrow, assistant private secretary to Gov. A. K. Dockery, and Thomas E. Barrett, formerly marshal of the St. Louis court of appeals, for aiding and abetting fraudulent naturalization.

A receiver has been appointed for Julius Myer, Sons & Co., a department store firm in St. Louis. The total acknowledged indebtedness is \$160,000. Announcement of the resignation of H. A. Castle, auditor for the post office department, is made.

E. K. Dye, one of the best known lawyers in southern Indiana, shot and killed himself at Bedford. The family thinks he was temporarily deranged by ill health.

The principal topic of discussion at the cabinet session was the post office investigation, which was considered a considerable length, especially with reference to the trial of the cases now pending before the courts.

A plan for a union of 1,000,000 men to control the building trades of the country was adopted at the Indianapolis (Ind.) conference of national trade officials. Arbitration was favored.

Administration officials are planning to secure revised extradition treaties with England, France and other countries, whereby bribers and embezzlers may be taken. It is hoped to make them retroactive.

Withdrawal of \$300,000,000 bank deposits by unions and their members is threatened by Thomas I. Kidd, vice president of the American Federation of Labor, unless employers stop suing unions for damages.

Business in New York city was nearly stopped by a rainstorm, which flooded some streets two feet deep. Paterson (N. J.) factories were forced to close.

One convict was shot to death at Salt Lake City, three wounded and two escaped after a fight with guards. One of the latter and one spectator was hurt.

R. G. Dun's weekly review shows railroad earnings 8.1 per cent. over 1902; exports for the week \$1,188,646 under 1902. Irregular trade conditions are shown by Bradstreet's.

William Jones, whose real name was James Mealey, was hanged at Danville, Va., for the murder of Jacob Lee last November. He admitted three murders, but said he was innocent of Lee's death.

New records were made by Lou Dillon and Major Delmar, trotting to wagons at Lexington, the former going the distance in 2:01 1/2 and the latter in 2:03 1/2.

As a result of the Dresser exposures in connection with the shipbuilding combine, it is said, Charles M. Schwab is to be sued for millions and a receiver asked for his Bethlehem steel plant.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt gave a reception to the Honorable Artillery of London and the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston.

The official crop report shows that the corn condition at the present time is about normal and a shade better than usual in October.

Twenty-three additional deaths are reported at various eastern points due to the storms. Immense property damage has resulted in New York, New Jersey and Maryland.

Edward Doheny, pitcher for the Pittsburgh National Baseball league champion team, has been adjudged insane and committed to the asylum at Danvers, Mass.

Mrs. A. J. Smetena, wife of the night jailer in police headquarters, Cedar Rapids, Ia., hung her one-year-old daughter and then hung herself. Insanity caused by ill health was the cause.

John Alexander Doyle has made final arrangements for his trip to New York. Three thousand of his followers will take part in the crusade.

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Russian and Japanese fleets were maneuvering off Port Arthur in full war paint, and hostilities were liable to break out at any moment.

Mr. Chamberlain warns British workmen either to order a change in the fiscal policy of their country or prepare to emigrate.

Plus X. is to make numerous changes among the diplomatic representatives at foreign capitals, and it is thought an American prelate may be selected to succeed Mgr. Falconio at Washington.

Army circles are greatly interested in the fight which will be made during the coming congress for the re-establishment of the army cadet, or post exchange. The plan is said to be to attach a rider to the military appropriation bill, repealing the anti-cadet law, which was enacted two years ago.

Private John Dowd, the United States sentry who shot and killed William H. Crowley near the United States arsenal, at Pittsburg, Pa., and who was tried by court-martial and exonerated, was turned over to the civil authorities, on the 12th, for trial. He was released on \$5,000 bond.

Col. Daniel E. Boone, the celebrated trainer of wild animals, died, in San Francisco, on the 12th, after a long illness, aged 62 years. He was born in Kentucky. For many years Boone made his own circus, which was one of the largest and most successful shows in Europe.

Lieut.-Col. W. H. Birkebeck of the British army and Capt. Dudley R. Dechard of the British navy were specially detailed, on the 12th, by the British government, to attend the military maneuvers of the army and organized militia, at Fort Riley, Kas.

Leopold J. Stern, indicted at Washington, D. C., in connection with the postal frauds, waived his appeal, at Toronto, Can., on the 12th, against the extradition order recently obtained by the United States authorities, and will return to Washington.

Detectives from St. Joseph, Mo., on the 12th, at the penitentiary at Lincoln, Neb., positively identified photographs of John King, Charles Ray and George Sveras as the men charged with holding up a Burlington passenger train near Amazonia, Mo.

The examination of State Senator George E. Green, indicted for alleged complicity in the postal frauds, which had been set for the 12th, before United States Commissioner Eail, at Binghamton, N. Y., was postponed until November 9.

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NEWS FROM MISSOURI.

William Moore, a prominent druggist of Joplin, has disappeared, taking with him all available cash.

E. J. Burton, who is charged with having cut a policeman's throat at Mason, about six months ago, has been arrested at Memphis.

George Marshall Francisco, 60 years old, who is dead at Marshall, was the first male born in that city. He was a soldier under command of Stonewall Jackson and the first commander of Marmaduke camp, Confederate Veterans.

Nelson W. McLeod, chairman of the St. Louis citizens' committee which is pushing Circuit Attorney Folk for governor, has sent a circular letter to the democratic county officials and democratic county committeemen asking them to organize Folk clubs in every township in the state.

Boys set fire to a tree at Thirtieth and Oak streets in Kansas City the other night. The warning of their mothers not to play with matches in the house led them to go out of doors to have fun with them. They thought a forest fire would be great sport, but somebody told No. 17 engine house and the firemen put a stop to the fun.

Congressman John T. Hunt, of the Eleventh district, has declared himself for Hawes for governor. Hunt was a candidate for the office in 1896 against the incumbent, Charles F. Joy, but was defeated by about 3,500 votes. A year ago Hunt succeeded in turning the tables on ex-Congressman Joy and was victorious by close to 5,000 votes.

The first annual meeting of the Missouri Corn Growers' association will be at Columbia January 5, 1904. Officers will be elected and a temporary organization effected. Prizes will be offered for corn displays and the subject of corn growing will be discussed. The meeting will last four days. A feature will be a corn school conducted for the benefit of the association.

An organization of Missouri republican county chairmen and secretaries was effected at Clayton, with M. W. Gustin, of Salem, for president; Dr. Alonzo Tubbs, of Hermann, vice president, and P. E. Horine, of Cassville, secretary. A committee was appointed to draft a declaration of principles upon which the organization stands, the keynote of which is "harmony and organization."

The Missouri congressional delegation was well represented at the river improvement convention at Kansas City last week. Congressman Cowherd was the author of the resolution which was adopted by the congress to present to the United States congress. Senator Cochrell was chairman of the committee on resolutions. Congressman Rucker and Dougherty were in attendance and took a prominent part.

Miss Claudia Flint, of Bethany, is the champion ice cream soda consumer of a state whose young women are all pretty fair consumers. A Bethany restaurateur offered a watch to the person buying the most ice cream sodas from him in the "season" ending September 30. Miss Flint won the watch by turning in 2,600 tickets each representing a soda that she had bought. Her average consumption on this showing was 15 sodas per day.

Guy Robinson, of Joplin, an alleged horse thief, and Pauline Young, a girl who was infatuated with him, were married in the Greene county jail at Springfield, where Robinson is being held pending trial. The girl eloped from Joplin with Robinson, and hung around the jail at Springfield after he was arrested. Recorder Whitlock rejected the couple's first application for a license, saying he must have evidence of the consent of the girl's parents. A few days later the girl appeared with a letter of consent from her parents in St. Louis, and the license was issued.

This dispatch recently came from Jacksonville, Ill.: The marriage of Frank Snyder, of Maysville, Mo., and Miss Frances Blackburn, of this city was to have taken place to-night at the home of the bride. This evening a letter was received from Snyder written in Chicago, stating that he would not be here, but giving no reasons for his action. Miss Blackburn belongs to a well-known family, and 200 invitations had been issued for the wedding. Snyder is a well-to-do farmer. His relatives wired that he started for Jacksonville, and they are unable to explain his conduct.

Probably the crudest piece of counterfeiting for which anybody was ever tried in a United States court was that which brought Elisha Dawson and Thomas West, of Lebanon, before Judge Phillips at Springfield. The youths had no counterfeiting tools except an auger and a block of wood. They bored a shallow hole into the wood with an auger. A matrix was made by heating a nickel and putting it into this hole on the bottom of which it burned its impression. Finally a slug of lead was melted and poured into the hole. It looked like a nickel on one side when taken out and the boys swapped it at a negro revival for some candy. They were given three months.

SOUTHERN PRISONS SCHOOLS OF CRIME

Hardened Criminals Are Chained to Petty Offenders.

CONVICT LEASING SYSTEM

Dr. Thirkield Says Prison Camps of the South Are Schools of Depravity From Which Criminals Are Graduated.

Cincinnati, O., Oct. 13.—Dr. W. F. Thirkield, corresponding secretary of the Methodist Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational society, Monday, in delivering the opening address of the Evangelical alliance, charged that the crimes of negroes in the south are due to the chain-gang prison system. He said in part:

"Far be it from me to utter one word in extenuation of the unspeakable crime of which some black men are guilty. Let us keep in mind, however, that only about 20 per cent. of the black men who are lynched have even been charged with the unspeakable crime against the sacredness of womanhood.

"Let the black men bring in every influence to bear to make such crimes impossible. Let there be prompt execution of the law against this and all crimes of all men.

"Lynch law, however, is anarchy. It brings in the reign of barbarism. It brutalizes members of the mob; it undermines government; it does not stop crime.

"In estimating criminality among the black people we should keep in mind that since Appomattox nearly every southern state has maintained a school of crime, an organized institution for the training of criminals. This charge against the convict-lease system of the south. This system, with its thousands of victims, has been the cause of much of the outbreaking of crime among the black people through its brutalizing and dehumanizing influence on thousands of negroes.

"Under this system both prison and prisoners are farmed out under the control of private corporations—sold to the highest bidder.

"To the lessee the body and soul of convicts are assigned.

"The motive of both state and lessee is not morals, but money; not reformation, but exploitation of criminals for gain. It is crime turned into a source of revenue; the brawn and blood of criminals bartered for gain.

"Criminals are generally scattered in branch prisons—quartered in rude stockades without proper sanitation, food or clothing. The average life of these convicts is less than ten years. Old and young are promiscuously chained and herded together. Even men and women are in some camps, not separated.

"Hardened criminals and the boy convicted of his first crime; the comparatively good and the most depraved, vile and abandoned are chained together. One warden of a state penitentiary protests in his report that 'under the present law and custom the penitentiary is the school of crime, instead of being a reformatory institution.' Of 50 boys under 18, nine-tenths of them leave prison much worse than when they came in.

"There is in these convict camps no organized reformatory effort. Reform does not enter into the system. It is a matter of barter and sale of convict men and women to the highest bidder. The aim of the state is not the moral reformation of her criminal classes, but the care of them without cost and even the reduction of taxes through the sale of criminals.

"In a period of two years over 1,100 of those convicts escaped from southern prisons. Think of 1,100 thieves, murderers, thugs, at large, lawless men roaming about in defiance of all law and order. Think of a system that has no reformatory element; no system to cure men of crime, but that educates young criminals in crime, and that by its barbarity brutalizes and dehumanizes men, and sends out those that do not die under the horrors of the system to debauch and degrade society. From such criminals what wonder if there come forth hundreds of moral monsters?

"The south should reform its present system, and thus stop the education of criminals. The present system is a sowing to the wind, and is bound to reap the whirlwind."

ARCHBISHOP AT DEATH'S DOOR

Physicians Say the Last Spark of Life May Vanish at Any Moment—Now in State of Coma.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 13.—Nurses and physicians stand guard at the room where Archbishop Kain, of the Catholic diocese of St. Louis, lies at the point of death. Only the attendants are admitted. The end is thought to be not more than a few hours distant. The archbishop was reported at last midnight to be in a state of coma. His death is expected at any hour.