

A WEEK'S HISTORY

The Important Happenings of a Week Briefly Told.

IN ALL PARTS OF THE UNION

All the Latest News of Interest from Washington, From the East, the West and the South.

THE LATEST FOREIGN DISPATCHES

FROM WASHINGTON.

The House post office committee has reported the appropriation for postage at the present time. In the past year there were 11,076 business failures in the United States. The liabilities being \$131,111,150, against 10,831 failures in 1901, with liabilities of \$124,111,250.

The credit statement for the New Year's reception at the White House broke all records. President Roosevelt shaking the hands of 8,100 persons.

A statement of the public debt issued on the 2d shows that the debt decreased to \$2,613,102 during the month of December. The total balance in the treasury was \$202,000,000.

On December 31st the circulation of national bank notes was \$200,290,726, being an increase of \$20,188,231 during the 12 months ended that date.

During the past year the total postage at the mint was \$134,693,770, of which \$101,723,187 was gold, \$30,826,491 silver and \$2,144,092 minor coins.

The strength of the navy is now 233 ships, with 60 under construction. The president gave his first state dinner at the White House.

In New York 2,000 children from liquor and possible death at the hands of the juvenile system.

In many eastern and southern states floods caused great damage. Pennsylvania is the greatest sufferer.

The presidential Diamond Match company, which has lost contracts from Europe, says its company will soon control the market of the world.

Legislatures of New York, Massachusetts, Maryland and Virginia convened on New Year's day.

In the wreck of a passenger train on the Ft. Smith & Pine Bluff road near Pine Bluff, Mo., 20 persons were killed and 10 injured.

In his home at Central Valley, N. Y., Thomas Estrada Palma received the news of his election to the presidency of the republic of Cuba.

At about 10 o'clock on the 31st, the New York city of the office of mayor of New York.

It is hoped by Missouri to have wireless communication between England and America.

Public health officer W. Murray Cross took the oath of office as governor of Missouri.

The theological seminary at Rochester, N. Y., earned a gift of \$100,000 by H. A. D. Rockefeller by duplicating it.

Royal B. Prentiss, who died in Nashville, N. C., was the first union soldier to enter Richmond after its surrender.

The governors and law officers of five northern states met at Helena, Mont., to discuss plans of preventing the merger of northwestern railroad interests.

A diamond medal has been given Admiral Schley by the president for his services in the Spanish-American war.

At Crawfordsville, Ind., a rattlesnake killed a boy and his mother.

Former Congressman William H. C. Woodcock died at his home in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

John Edwards and Nancy Reeder were killed by the cars near Newcastle, while on their way to be married.

After a quarrel Albert Doty, living near Lyndon, Kan., killed his wife and himself.

More than 100 cases of smallpox were discovered in the asylum for feeble-minded children at Lincoln, Ill.

For the establishment of a French industrial school in connection with the University of Chicago Robert Lebaudy, of Paris, will give \$1,000,000.

In a fight at a New Year's water party at Bobb, N. C., three persons were killed and 100 wounded.

In Chicago, N. Y., where the effect of the world, celebrated their forty-fifth birthday anniversary with a very family dinner.

The death of James W. Reid, ex-congressman from North Carolina, occurred at Lewiston, Idaho, where he had lived since 1872, when he left a Milton Gordon and wife, an aged couple, were burned to death at their residence near Sheffield, Minn.

In Chicago Eugene Heister, a newspaper man, shot and killed a highwayman who held him up on a street.

Three persons were injured, one fatally, at Madison, Wis., in the first leaf race of the season.

In 1901 the San Francisco mint converted \$1,072,500 from hollow into solid, breaking all previous records.

A new compound locomotive used by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway made the run from Chicago to Milwaukee, 85 1/2 miles, in 87 minutes.

An explosion in a railroad roundhouse at Macon, Ga., killed five persons.

In Milwaukee Judge E. S. Elliott, 82, dropped dead while playing whist.

Fire destroyed the Bearlight hotel at Bearlight, Nev., and two children were injured.

THE WALLA WALLA SINK.

Loss of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's Steamer Walla Walla.

COLLIDED WITH AN IRON SAILING SHIP.

According to Reports Thus Far Received There Must Have Been Considerable Loss of Life. The Sinking Vessel Disappeared and What Remains of Her is Unknown.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—A collision at sea, early Thursday morning, between the steamship Walla Walla and an unknown sailing vessel resulted in the probable loss of the steamer and the probable loss of at least 200 lives, the Walla Walla, owned by the Pacific Coast Steamship Co., sailed from San Francisco, January 1, for Puget Sound ports. She carried 30 first-class passengers, 25 second-class and a crew of 50 men. When off Cape Mendocino, on the California coast, at 1:10 a. m. Thursday, an iron bark, believed to be the Walla Walla, was seen off to the darkness and was seen no more.

All the passengers and crew of the Walla Walla, except the few on watch, were asleep, but were aroused by the crash. The steering quarters were in the bow and it is believed that some of the steering gear was crushed to death. A high wave washed in the steamer's bow and she sank in 25 minutes. The officers and crew maintained strict discipline and boats and life rafts were lowered. All who were not killed in the collision got except Capt. Hall, who went down with his ship. He was picked up later by one of the boats, uninjured, with the exception of a few bruises.

There was a choppy sea running and the boats could not make a landing on the shore, a few miles distant. They drifted about all day, and finally 63 people were picked up by the steamer Dispatch, which took them to Eureka. Another boat, under command of Engineer Brown and containing 75 persons, attempted to land at Trinidad and was wrecked. John Williamson, quartermaster, William Martel, brewer, J. D. Deane, passenger, and three unknown men were drowned. Those in the boat who were saved were Engineer Brown, Fireman John McJannet, Coal Passer William Smith, Sailor O'Leary, Chief Cook Marshall and Passengers William B. Smith and William Moorehouse.

When the dispatch reached Eureka yesterday morning, with the survivors, they were immediately sent out on the missing boats. The tug Danes, lugged up one containing 11 passengers and three of the crew.

The Walla Walla was valued at about \$2,000,000. She was formerly used as a collier, and about two years ago was converted into a passenger liner at a cost of \$1,700,000. The vessel was insured for about \$2,000,000.

BOY MURDERER SENTENCED

Get Twenty Years, the Judge Holds, for the Murder of a Boy, Held to Be Responsible.

Winfield, Kan., Jan. 4.—Clyde Moore, the 17-year-old boy convicted of murder in the second degree for killing C. L. Willberger, a farmer, near here last April, for his money, was yesterday sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary. He received the verdict with a smile. The prisoner's attorney pleaded for a reform school sentence.

Willberger was shot from behind while driving to town. His body was found in the woods, and three bullets which he had received from his wound were missing. Clyde Betts, aged 13, and Moore, boys who had run away from home previous to the murder, were arrested charged with the crime. Betts was held in custody. While Moore was being tried a prisoner in the St. Lawrence jail confessed that he, with Moore and another boy killed Willberger.

A FRIGHTFUL SUICIDE.

A Bohemian, Having Trouble with His Family, Throws Himself to Pieces with Dynamite.

Morris, Ill., Jan. 4.—There was a frightful suicide at Coal City, Ill., ten miles southeast of this city, yesterday. Joseph H. Boime, a leader among the Bohemians in the coal fields, had trouble with his wife yesterday morning. He brooded over the matter all afternoon, when he went to the village and secured a stick of dynamite. On his return he went back of his barn and dyed on his back, placed the dynamite beneath himself. With his hand he struck the cap and exploded the dynamite. The explosion tore a great hole in the earth and threw the man's body into countless pieces.

A TWENTY YEARS' SENTENCE.

Punishment for a Lending Business Man at Sheridan, Wyo., Who Killed His Partner.

Sheridan, Wyo., Jan. 4.—Judge Stotts sentenced Lewis Hartsough to 20 years in the penitentiary. Hartsough, who was a leading business man here, was found guilty of manslaughter. He shot and killed his partner, J. B. McLaughlin, about a week ago. The deed was committed in a business office in the northwestern Wyoming.

Sea-lice Collisions.

Albion, N. Y., Jan. 4.—A collision occurred on the New York Central road at Fancher, yesterday. The westbound passenger train had just pulled into the station when a work train crashed into its rear. Several passengers in the day coach of the passenger train were badly injured, while only one, Mrs. Catherine Miller, of New York City, was seriously injured. A telephone message from the Harbor said that the crew of the work train was killed, the collision, killed over, and was burned.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Missouri's Industries.

The industrial growth of Missouri during the past year was little short of remarkable.

The total figures of capitalization of corporations, as shown from statements filed in the office of secretary of state Sam H. Cook, as based by law, will exceed those of any previous year by a wide margin.

The greatest amount of the money which has gone into the capital stock figures of the corporations in several counties in the past few years has been in the class of mercantile industry. Yet Missouri, which has several millions of dollars invested in manufacturing the past year, other districts than the great St. Louis region, which produced \$200,000,000 worth of ore since the beginning of the new century, are becoming noteworthy for their mineral resources, some are being investigated with a view to their exploitation.

The discovery of oil in several counties in the state has attracted the attention of the state legislature to the exploitation of these fields. The reports of the state geologist, which have been made in the past few years, show that the state has a large amount of oil, which is being developed in the St. Louis region, and in the western part of the state.

St. Louis has shown the greatest activity in business circles in the past few years. The city has a large amount of business, which is being developed in the St. Louis region, and in the western part of the state.

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ARE ANXIOUS TO UNLOAD.

A Definitive Proposition Made by the French Panama Canal Company.

OUTFIT OFFERED FOR FORTY MILLIONS.

The President Will Communicate the Proposition to Congress, the Canal Question Being Now One for Legislative Consideration and Determination.

Washington, Jan. 5.—A formal proposition to sell the Panama canal officials at Paris. Admiral Walker brought the proposition to the knowledge of the secretary of state and the president, going directly to the state department for that purpose.

The submission of this offer carries out a plan which has been under consideration for the last two weeks. The first step was taken when M. Huth retired from the presidency of the Panama Canal Co. This brought about an entire change in the management, the main feature of the change being that those in authority desired to make a definite offer of the Panama proposition to this government for \$40,000,000. There have been numerous meetings at Paris with this end in view, but the one which brought about the final proposition was held Friday. In substance, the proposition delivered to Admiral Walker was as follows:

"The Panama Canal Co. declares itself ready to transfer to the government of the United States, on payment of \$40,000,000, its properties and concessions, estimated at that amount by the Isthmian canal commission, in conformity with the terms and conditions of the estimates of said commission."

Except to submit the proposition in the foregoing terms there was no discussion with Admiral Walker as to what further steps were likely to be taken except to bring the proposition to the attention of the secretary of state and the president.

Admiral Walker called at the state department at noon and communicated to Secretary Hay the offer which M. Bouffie had submitted in behalf of the Isthmian canal commission, and that as congress is about to consider the subject it should have possession of the facts that have come to the knowledge of the executive branch.

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