

THE NEWS
IN BRIEF

A GENERAL SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE WEEK GATHERED FROM ALL OVER.

The Committee of Expert Cotton Classifiers met in Washington Monday.

The waterway improvement bill will be reported to the House this week.

The battleship Delaware will be launched next Saturday at Newport News.

The Senate passed the House bill prohibiting the importation of opium.

Assaults on white women by negroes led to a race conflict at Pittsburgh, Pa.

The largest wireless telegraph station in the world will be erected at Washington.

John Gilmore Speed, author and journalist, committed suicide at Mendham, N. J.

A bill to increase the pay of Marine Hospital surgeons is being pressed in Congress.

President Roosevelt is much concerned over the anti-Japanese agitation on the Pacific coast.

The British steamer Clan Donald was wrecked on the coast of Australia. Forty-six lives were lost.

A child of Mrs. Chris Brown was killed and partially eaten by mountain lion in southern California.

George Busse, brother of Chicago's Mayor, accidentally killed Mrs. L. C. Tweekerman in apartment house.

Continuous earthquakes have been experienced in the northern part of the Island of Sanbalin for several days past.

Americans will take a prominent part in the International Opium Commission, which meets Monday at Shanghai.

The Federal Government will detail men to survey the water boundary of the Gulf coast between Louisiana and Mississippi.

The Humphreys bill, providing for the regulation of interstate shipments of liquor, was favorably reported to the House.

The United States Supreme Court, in the case of the Consolidated Wall Paper Company, decided that trusts cannot use the courts to collect debts.

Some anxiety has been caused through England by the prolonged indisposition of Queen Alexandra. Her health as a rule is good, and she is rarely ill.

Proceedings have been filed against Ex-President Castro at Caracas, Venezuela, charging him with complicity in a plot to assassinate President Gomez.

The developments of the visit of President-elect Taft to Panama, and the progress of the newly-established Republic of Cuba will be of special news interest this week.

A duel was fought near Frankfort-on-the-Main by Baron von Oertzen, an infantry captain, and Lieutenant von Stueckras, of the reserves. The latter was killed.

The Grand Master of Ohio Masons, Charles Hoskins of Zanesville, tendered to William Howard Taft the rare and high honor of being made a Mason at sight.

The skeleton of a prehistoric man of gigantic size has been found at a town ten miles southeast of the City of Mexico. The skeleton measured about fifteen feet in height.

The anti-Japanese bill in modified form were again taken up by the Legislature of California this week.

Miss Vera Ware shot and killed John Hanes in the courtroom at Gatesville, Tex., and fatally wounded three others.

Mexico may seize the Customhouse at Puerto Cortez, Honduras, for the purpose of exacting indemnity for an assault on a Mexican citizen.

Congressman Broussard of Louisiana, introduced a resolution in the House providing for an investigation of a plan for Federal control of levees.

A bill has been introduced in the United States Senate increasing the pay of rural route mail carriers to \$1,000 a year and allowing them thirty days vacation.

The cruiser Birmingham was presented with a loving cup and silver service by the citizens of Birmingham, Ala. The presentation ceremonies occurred at Mobile, Ala.

Captain Edward F. Qualthrough, commander of the American battleship Georgia, has been arrested at Gibraltar and will be tried by court-martial on a charge of drunkenness.

While shooting at alleged chicken thieves, who were making their getaway across a school yard at Oklahoma City, an officer accidentally shot and killed Gladys Meadora, aged 14 years.

The jury is still incomplete for the trial at Nashville, Tenn., of Colonel Duncan B. Cooper, Robin Cooper and John B. Sharp, for the murder of former Senator Carmack, and the effort to fill the box will be renewed.

Hidden beneath the turbulent waves that roll over Diamond Shoals fourteen miles off Cape Hatteras, N. C., the secret of the identity of the mysterious steamer which went down there probably with all hands on board, remains untold.

The Democrats of the lower house of the Indiana Legislature, after being in caucus for almost four hours, agreed, it is said, upon a repeal of the County Local Option Law and the substitution of the township and ward plan.

Rev. Timothy Dempsey of St. Louis is preparing to secure a burial lot, 35x40 feet, in Calvary Cemetery for those of the inmates of his hotel who may die during residence there. The plot which it is proposed to buy will accommodate about 200 graves.

The American consul at Riga, Russia, has been instructed to investigate and make a report on the circumstances of the death of Frederick Stombach, a former soldier in the American army, who is said to have been killed by the Russian authorities.

Mrs. Katherine Waugh McCulloch, of Evanston, Ind., the only woman justice of the peace in the United States, has become a candidate for re-election. When her petition appeared upon the streets of Evanston it was filled in a few minutes.

Four entries have been received for the Fulton airship flight contest for a prize of \$10,000 given by the New York World. The aero navigators will parallel in the air Robert Fulton's course in stemming the Hudson river with the first steamboat.

For the coming inauguration, Senator Chauncey M. Depew of New York has contracted for a single room in the Corcoran Building, Fifteenth and Pennsylvania avenue, opposite the Treasury Department, for which he has agreed to pay \$300 for a single day, March 4.

All fear that the steamer reported from Elizabeth City, N. C., as having foundered off Diamond Shoals might be the Theo Weems of the Baltimore and Carolina Steamship Company, bound from Georgetown, S. C., to this port, was dispeled when the Weems was reported passing Cape Henry, Va.

Foreign Minister Komura, addressing the lower house of the Japanese Diet, declared that Japan is confident that anti-Japanese measures pending in the California Legislature will not lead to international complications.

The nomination of Dr. W. D. Crum, colored, to be Collector of Customs of Charleston, S. C., was before the Senate in executive session for more than four hours, at the end of which time no substantial progress had been made toward confirmation.

Prof. James A. Atlas of Bridgeport has written President Roosevelt, offering him an engagement of 30 weeks at \$10,000 per week (\$300,000 in all) to head a Wild West show to be known as the "Theodore Roosevelt Rough Riders' Congress of the World."

It is understood that the state will put Gov. Patterson on the stand and that his examination will be directed against the defense in order to show that the death of Carmack resulted from a conspiracy and that the governor knew that Carmack's life was in danger.

Wednesday of next week is the tentative date for the House to act on the proposal to regulate the interstate shipments of intoxicating liquors. Consideration of the revision of the penal code then will be resumed, and the first subject to come up will be the liquor question.

In Berlin a society, titled the "Aristocratic Natio Natio Allianz," has been formed for the purpose of promoting a return to the nudity in which men are born. The cult is making rapid progress. Many men and women of high rank and unblemished personal character have lately joined its ranks.

There was rejoicing in hundreds of homes in South Chicago when word was sent out from the offices of the Illinois Steel Company that four mills and three blast furnaces would be opened. The order effects more than 1,000 men. A demand for steel rails is said to have led to the opening of the mills.

The program for the recession of the fleet on its return to Hampton Roads has been completed. It practically reverses the program carried out when the fleet sailed. President Roosevelt, on board the Mayflower, anchored between the Horseshoe and Lynn Haven bay, will review the fleet as it passes in at noon, Feb. 22.

The Merry Widow hat, beloved by rhymesters and jokesmiths, has been dethroned. The National Association of Retail Milliners has said the word that banishes the monarch of millinery connections to the limbo of last year's hats. What the jests and sneers and the pleadings of benighted mankind failed to do, the milliners have accomplished.

The Grand Jury of the District of Columbia will further investigate the so-called Panama libel suit, but it is probable that the interest in this matter will be shifted to New York, as District Attorney Jerome has been advised that the Federal authorities are disposed to let him take the initiative in any prosecution through the State courts.

W. C. Brown, who started life as a section hand, Tuesday assumed the presidency of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, succeeding W. H. Newman. Mr. Brown's rise from the humblest station to the highest in one of the greatest railway systems of the world forms a remarkable commentary on the opportunities open to ambitious Americans.

Chicago is soon to have a wireless telephone. A new system of transmitting the human voice through the ether in the same way as the wireless telegraph transmits signals is to be put in practical operation in this city in the near future and communication will be established with surrounding cities and ships on the lakes up to a distance of 100 miles from Chicago.

MISSOURI NEWS

Bridegroom-to-Be is Slain.

Joplin.—Just a month before the day he had planned to wed Miss Lulu Adams, who was his boyhood chum, James B. Long, a telephone lineman, 26 years old, allowed the wire with which he was working to drop onto an electric light wire carrying 2,300 volts, and a second later was suspended lifeless in mid-air by his safety belt. The body was lowered fifteen minutes later by the use of ropes. His fellow-workmen heard a sharp cry and rushed to his aid. At the inquest it was brought out that the linemen were not aware of the heavy voltage cables, and it is supposed allowed the other wire to slack.

Raney Jury Disagrees.

Joplin.—Out 29 hours, the jury in the case of Thad Raney, charged with attempting to murder Albert Baker on March 8, 1908, could not agree and were discharged. With his wife and child standing by his side, his arm upraised, Raney dramatically declared: "Gentlemen, I don't know how you stand; but the one who held out for me was in the right. Simultaneously, Albert Baker, who has sent Raney's sister, who is Baker's wife, and her mother to the penitentiary, declared to Raney that he would be back at the next trial in April to push the prosecution.

Miners Blown to Atoms.

Joplin.—Mystery surrounds the ignition of a box of dynamite in the Prairie Chicken mine, which blew the bodies of Andrew and George Hudson, brothers, expert machine miners, to atoms, knocked three men a distance of 30 feet and wrecked the interior of the mine. The lamps of all other miners were extinguished. The three injured men groped their way to the shaft, from which volumes of powder smoke issued.

Priest Transferred to St. Louis.

Monroe City.—The Rev. J. A. Cunningham, assistant priest of the Holy Rosary parish, has been transferred to St. Rose's Church, St. Louis. He is a musician and had a large class of girl violinists, and was the teacher and leader of the Knights of Columbus band. The Rev. Edward Connolly, who has just been ordained at Kerrick Seminary, St. Louis, will be sent here to take Father Cunningham's place.

To Make State a Partner.

Jefferson City.—In a brief filed with the state supreme court, by the attorneys of the Standard Oil company of Indiana, the court in the ouster suit, is petitioned to appoint two trustees who shall control the oil business transacted by the oil company in the state. The company did not ask that the aggregate fines of \$150,000 against the three subsidiary companies be remitted but confined itself to the larger proposition.

Finds Sister Gypsies Stole.

Springfield.—Through a letter of inquiry from Miss Parthenia Potterhoff, of Leavenworth, Kas., to Chief of Police Loveless, Miss Ethel Potterhoff, sister of the inquirer, who was stolen from her home in Springfield by a band of gypsies in 1889, has been located here. A meeting of the pair has been arranged. Meanwhile a search is being prosecuted for the father.

Blees Appointments Made.

Jefferson City.—Governor Hadley issued commissions to the following members of the faculty of Blees' Military Academy at Macon: George L. Byroade and Paul G. Hufton, both to the rank of colonel; Ivan S. Westenburg, Charles S. Hart, Edward P. Bartlett and Fred D. Starkey, to the rank of captain. These commissions date from September 17, 1908.

Appointments by Hadley.

Jefferson City.—Gov. Hadley announced the appointment of W. J. Leatham to be surveyor of Carroll county, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the failure of W. H. Rosenberry to qualify, and the appointment of Joseph S. Payne to be coal oil inspector for Willow Springs for a term expiring February 4, 1911.

Anderson's Trial Set for June.

Mexico.—Luther Anderson, the alleged slayer of August Wagner, was arraigned in the circuit court here and pleaded not guilty. The trial was set for the second Monday in June. Anderson's father appeared in court with him.

Boy Killed by Companion.

Bismarck.—Edgar Berner, 16 years old, was accidentally killed by the discharge of a revolver in the hands of Henry Rickman.

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FROM A RECENT NOVEL



"Whereupon he instantly drew his sword."

A Black Eye for Home.

It is a coming fashion to hire a hall to entertain your friends, to give dinner parties in a hotel, to be married in a church, to be taken to a hospital when you are sick and to an undertaker's as soon as you die, and left there until the funeral. The tendency is to conduct all public occasions away from home. The home is getting a black eye.—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

NO MEDICINE

But a Change of Food Gave Relief.

Many persons are learning that drugs are not the thing to rebuild worn out nerves, but proper food is required.

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