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NEWS OF THE WEEK IN EPITOME

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Washington Notes.

A report by Gen. Alexander MacKenzie on the survey for a six-foot channel in the Mississippi river between the mouth of the Missouri river and St. Paul has been submitted to congress. The expense for completing such a channel is placed at \$20,000,000.

The monthly statement of the government receipts and expenditures shows that for December, 1906, the receipts were \$55,812,979 and the expenditures \$46,547,586, leaving a surplus for the month of \$9,275,000. The surplus for December, 1905, was \$5,400,000.

Personal.

Gen. John W. Barringer died suddenly at Ashbury Park, N. J., from heart disease.

Prof. Albert William Berg, for forty years organist of the "Little Church Around the Corner," in New York, is dead.

Prof. Otto Benndorf, the archaeologist, is dead in Berlin. He was noted for his discoveries of antiquities in Ephesus.

C. R. Kelley, chief of the bureau of exploitation of the Jamestown exposition, has resigned in order to devote his time to private business.

Joseph K. McCammon, formerly assistant attorney general of the United States and prominent as a lawyer and clubman in Washington, is dead.

At a banquet to one of his successors, John B. Henderson, who was mayor of Everett, Mass., in 1897, was stricken with apoplexy and died.

A. R. Ludlow, a pioneer manufacturer of iron in the West and later a millionaire manufacturer of agricultural implements, died at Springfield, Ohio.

S. M. Endicott, aged sixty-five, of Traer, Iowa, one of the best known attorneys in the state, has announced that he will again enter a law school to take an advanced course.

Official announcement is made that the pope has conferred on Rev. Andrew Morrissey, provincial general of the Holy Cross order, and for thirteen years president of the University of Notre Dame, the papal degree of doctor of divinity.

William Rosser Cobbe, for many years a well known character along Park Row, New York, and who was said to have been at one time a man of high position in educational circles in the West, was found dead in a hallway just off the Bowery. It is believed that he sat down to rest and his heart gave out.

Accidental Happenings.

The plant of the Quaker City Flour mills in Philadelphia was damaged by fire to the extent of \$80,000.

Fire in the business section of Montreal resulted in the death of one man and a loss of \$500,000 in property.

Fire destroyed the big furniture store of Cowperthwaite & Sons in New York, causing a loss of \$500,000.

Fire which started from the flash of a miner's blast in a mine at Cokesburg, Pa., caused a loss of \$400,000.

A passenger train ran into an open switch near Kinzlesher Okla. One passenger was killed and a number injured.

The dam of the big artificial lake at Earlington, four miles south of Madison, Ky., broke. The flood destroyed much property, including several residences.

Joseph E. Dusi, aged ninety-one said to be the oldest "newsboy" in the world, was seriously injured at St. Louis by falling on the street while selling papers.

A wreck occurred at Coal Spur, a station on the Northern Pacific twelve miles west of Livingston, Mont., in which two railway men of Livingston lost their lives.

The heaviest rains ever recorded at Hot Springs, Ark., fell in an almost continuous downpour all one day last week, washing away bridges and houses. The damage was heavy.

The body of Robert Dunlop, a noted Scotch professional golfer, was found in the lake in Van Cortlandt Park, in New York. It is believed that he fell into the lake while walking across the park at night.

Criminal.

Three negro convicts escaped from the prison at Jefferson City, Mo., but were later recaptured.

John Cuff, aged eighty-five, a wealthy citizen of Lawler, Iowa, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor.

Charles S. Schmidt, an employee of the Helena Water Works company, who in a fit of jealousy last August shot and killed his wife in Helena, was acquitted by a jury in the district court, presumably upon the unwritten law, although the defense was insanity.

J. G. Andrews, alias L. C. Cox, was arrested as the man who held up the train near La Crosse, Va., last Sunday night and robbed a number of passengers. He was identified. The penalty for the offense may be death under the laws of Virginia, in the discretion of the jury.

Elmer McClelland, a joint railroad ate inspector, committed suicide at Decatur, Ill., by cutting his throat with two razors. It is thought he was insane.

One man is dead, one severely wounded and another slightly injured as the result of a desperate fight between Mexicans nine miles east of El Paso, Tex.

Depressed, it is believed, over his defeat for re-election to an office which he had filled for twenty-five consecutive years, Thomas Temple killed himself at Neponset, Mo.

While Gen. A. B. Chaffee and family were at dinner a thief gained entrance to the upper story of the Chaffee home in Los Angeles and escaped with jewelry valued at \$1,000.

Mrs. Mary Bellamy committed suicide at Leon, Iowa, by drinking carbolic acid. She was poor and alone in the world and became deranged by brooding over her troubles.

H. A. Drake of Little Sioux, Iowa, shot and killed Lucy Way, his housekeeper, and then killed himself. Dependancy is given as the cause of Drake's act. He was fifty years old and the housekeeper thirty-five.

At the boarding house at Joplin, Mo., where he lived, F. W. Troy shot his wife through the head and breast and shot Ralph Quinn, son of the landlady, through the shoulder. Quinn will recover. Troy was captured. He refuses to discuss the shooting.

Foreign.

Baroness Burdette-Coutts, who has been ill at her residence in London since Christmas eve, is dead.

Emerson Coatsworth has been re-elected mayor of Toronto by a majority of 4,000 over his Socialist opponent.

All the British insurance companies have repudiated their liabilities arising from the earthquake at Valparaiso last year.

Fire in the camp and equipment stores on Gun wharf at Portsmouth, Eng., caused damage to the amount of \$1,250,000.

Twenty-three courts-martial are announced at Tambor. The mutiny is the most serious since that at Sevastopol last July.

The employees of the state railroads in Bulgaria have struck for increased wages. The government will use military locomotive drivers.

The street car service at Copenhagen has been entirely suspended, owing to a strike of employees for a 35 per cent increase in wages.

The French admiralty has ordered the construction of four submarines which are to be superior to any existing type of similar vessels.

The foreign office announces that King Edward has approved the appointment of James Bryce as ambassador to the United States.

Snow storms continue in various parts of England, but with less severity, and there are signs in Southern England of milder weather.

A statue of the late President McKinley by Trentanove, which is to go to Summerville, N. J., was successfully cast in bronze at Florence, Italy.

The German foreign office has notified the French foreign office that Jules Cambon will be satisfactory as a successor to M. Bihourd as minister at Berlin.

The wedding of Post Wheeler, second secretary of the American embassy, and Hallie Erminie Rives, the avoist, which took place at the embassy at Tokio, was a brilliant success.

The British admiralty's decision to send the First cruiser squadron to Hampton Roads for the opening of the Jamestown exposition will give Great Britain an exceptionally strong naval representation.

A plenary council of the French bishops to discuss the situation of the church in France has been summoned to meet Jan. 15 at the Chateau de la Muette, where Louis XVI. and Marie Antoinette passed their honeymoon.

The pope has received many important donations to help him in the difficulties with France. They include \$400,000 from Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, and \$400,000 from Cardinal Vashary, archbishop of Gran, Hungary.

The French government intends, as a mark of appreciation of Ambassador McCormick's services in furthering the cordial relations between France and the United States to confer on him the grand cordon of the Legion of honor.

Domestic.

The late Lady Burdette-Coutts has left the bulk of her fortune to her husband.

The dispute between the Southern railway and its machinists has been adjusted.

The Atlantic fleet of eight battleships has sailed for Guantanamo, Cuba, for the winter maneuvers.

Employees of the Colorado Fuel and iron company at Pueblo, Colo., have received an increase of 1 cent an hour in wages.

The state bank examiner has taken charge of and closed the Bank of Commerce, capital \$10,000, located at South St. Joseph, Mo.

The Leigh Cement company of Allentown, Pa., has secured options on 600 acres of land near Mason City, Iowa, for the site of a \$1,500,000 cement mill to be erected next spring.

Lagnippe, one of the oldest customs districts to New Orleans, has been abolished. Lagnippe consists in giving to purchasers small favors, such as an apple or piece of candy.

During 1906 there were reported in Greater New York 111,773 births, an increase over 1905 of 8,000; 45,966 marriages, an increase of 5,789; 18,304 deaths, an increase of 2,491. The birth rate is the greatest ever reported.

OPERATOR'S BULL SENDS 33 TO DOOM

TELEGRAPHER LETS TRAIN SLIP BY AND IT CRASHES INTO ANOTHER.

SEVERAL ARE INCINERATED

WRECKAGE TAKES FIRE AND FIVE PASSENGER CARS ARE CONSUMED.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 4. — Two white men, a negro train porter and thirty Mexican laborers lost their lives, an fifty-five persons were injured when two passenger trains on the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific railroad collided head-on four miles west of Volland Kan., yesterday morning.

The trains were Nos. 29 and 30, running between Chicago and El Paso. They met on a sharp curve. Fire from the lamps in the cars and from the locomotives was communicated to the splintered wreckage, consuming five cars of Train No. 29, west-bound, and burning several of the passenger cars. All but three of those who perished are thought to have been Mexican laborers.

The officials of the company blame John Lynes, the nineteen-year-old telegraph operator at Volland, who failed to stop Train No. 29, after receiving orders to hold it until No. 30 had passed. Lynes was arrested.

Five minutes before the trains crashed the operators for hundreds of miles along the line knew that the collision was certain, as Lynes had wired that he had let No. 29 pass. But there was no earthly means to prevent the disaster.

PURE FOOD LAW IS DODGED.

Labels Are Being Printed on Canned Goods in Microscopic Type.

New York, Jan. 6. — That the new pure food law is proving a big joke is the growing conviction of New York. There is a general impression that the law, which went into effect on the first day of 1907, prohibits the selling of anything but pure food. It does nothing of the kind.

The law provides that whatever is sold as food or drink must be labeled as just what it is, but the law fails to dictate what size of type shall be used in labels. It is also defective in sections relating to short-weight cans and jars and short-measure bottles.

In consequence, cans and jars and bottles are of the same old size, and the parts of labels in which the various ingredients are described are printed in type barely distinguishable to the naked eye.

BOUGHT LIFE OF PREMIER.

Man Arrested in St. Petersburg Suspected of Planning Murder.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 6. — At the request service held here in honor of the memory of Maj. Gen. von der Lantitz, the prefect of the St. Petersburg police, who was assassinated Thursday, the police arrested a man disguised as an officer of the army, who was trying to gain admittance to the church.

The police are of the opinion that he intended to kill Premier Stolypin, who was among the many prominent persons present.

STANDARD'S DEMURRER FAILS.

Judge Landis of Chicago Rules on Effect of New Legislation.

Chicago, Jan. 5. — Judge Landis, in the United States district court, yesterday overruled the demurrer of the Standard Oil company to eight indictments pending against that company for alleged violations of the Elkins law, but sustained the demurrer as to two other indictments because of technical defects.

The ruling is a victory for the government in the preliminary stage of the prosecution of the corporation for receiving concessions equivalent to rebates in the remission of storage and freight charges.

UNIONS BOYCOTT JAPANESE.

San Francisco Carpenters Make War on Orientals.

San Francisco, Jan. 6. — The local carpenters' union declared a boycott against the Japanese yesterday. Any member of the union who employs Japanese labor, patronizes Japanese merchants or purchases goods from employers of Japanese is to be fined \$10.

Stockman's Body Found.

Sloux City, Iowa, Jan. 6. — The body of William Farris of Doll Rapids, S. D., was found in the Floyd river near the stockyards. The police incline to the belief that he fell off the bridge.

May Die of Fall.

Marshfield, Wis., Jan. 6. — Mrs. John Rausch, an old resident of this city, slipped and fell on the icy sidewalk, breaking her leg and sustaining injuries from which, owing to her advanced age, she may not recover.

Tenants Have Narrow Escape.

Menominee, Mich., Jan. 6. — Nearly two score of people had a narrow escape in a fire which destroyed a two-story tenement building last night. Some thrilling rescues were made by the firemen. Loss, \$3,000.

LOOK INTO BLOCK SYSTEM

INTERSTATE COMMISSION BEGINS AN IMPORTANT INVESTIGATION.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6. — What promises to be a most rigid investigation of the recent wrecks on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Terra Cotta, D. C., in which more than two score of passengers lost their lives, and on the Southern railway at Lawyer's, Va., on Thanksgiving day, when President Samuel Spencer and seven others were killed, was begun yesterday by the interstate commerce commission. It is the purpose of the commission to determine whether the responsibility for these two wrecks should be placed on the workings of the block system or on the carelessness of the railroad employees stationed at the block signal stations.

Take Up Terra Cotta Wreck.

The Terra Cotta wreck was first taken up yesterday. Chief Dispatcher T. F. Dent of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad testified that the whereabouts of trains are often unknown to him for five or ten minutes because of the failure or inability of operators at the block stations to communicate with him when a train passes their stations. Engineer Hildebrand of the "dead" equipment train, which crashed into the Frederick (Md.) local at Terra Cotta, was the most important witness of the day. He testified that the "double green" light was displayed at Silver Springs on the night of the accident, which indicated that there was a work train in the block.

Saw No "Danger Light."

If there was any "danger light" at Tacoma station, the witness declared, he did not see it. He testified that between Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock and Sunday evening at 6:30, when the wreck occurred, a period of forty-eight hours, he had had only eight hours' sleep.

It was only after repeated questions by Commissioner Clements and Attorney Walters, for the commission, that Hildebrand admitted he had been suspended as an engineer for an "infraction of the rules of the company."

PANIC ON BURNING VESSEL.

Captain Drove Ship Ashore in Blinding Snow Storm.

Christiania, Jan. 6. — News was received here yesterday of a disaster which overtook the mail steamer Lindholmen, which plies between this port and Bergen, off Farsund, Thursday.

The steamer was discovered to be on fire. A strong gale was blowing at the time and the flames soon spread to the saloons and cabins. Thirty passengers, most of them seafolk, hurried from their quarters to get on deck. Four of them were suffocated in their efforts to get out. Others jumped overboard and one was drowned. Another passenger went mad. One lifeboat was burned and another was crushed against the side of the ship. Finally, while the remainder of the passengers, half dressed and panic-stricken, were huddled on the forecastle in a blinding snow storm, the rest of the ship being in flames, the captain drove the vessel ashore, and managed to save the remaining passengers and the crew. There was much hardship, however, before all the ship's company was landed safely.

The dangerous nature of the coast made the operation of beaching the Lindholmen most risky.

CARNEGIE GIVES PEACE PALACE.

Donates \$750,000 for Construction of Building in Washington.

Washington, Jan. 6. — Andrew Carnegie has given \$750,000 to the Bureau of American Republics, to be used for the construction of a building in this city for the use of all the republics of the Western hemisphere. This is Mr. Carnegie's New Year's gift, and it will be used to build a temple which will be dedicated to promoting peace and commerce between the United States and the South and Central American republics. The funds will be supplied as they are needed.

This gift is the outcome of a letter Secretary Root, chairman of the governing board of the Bureau of American Republics, wrote to Mr. Carnegie, suggesting that he supply funds for the construction of a building. This letter called attention to the importance of the bureau in the relations between this country and those south of us.

KAISER WILL BEAT 'EM ALL.

Plans to Build Biggest and Fastest Cruiser in the World.

Berlin, Jan. 6. — The kaiser has decided to eclipse the world with a giant cruiser which has been projected for 1907. One of the first acts of the government after the elections will be to ask the reichstag to sanction the great increase in the proposed tonnage of the cruiser, giving it a displacement of 20,000 tons. The vessel will be equipped with turbine engines, designed to give it greater speed than that of any other cruiser yet designed.

Forge Money Orders.

Moorhead, Minn., Jan. 4. — Railroad detectives and the police authorities are endeavoring to round up a trio of crooks who have victimized saloonkeepers and merchants of Moorhead by means of forged Great Northern express money orders.

Woman Commits Suicide.

Leon, Iowa, Jan. 4. — Mrs. Mary Bellamy committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. She was poor and alone in the world and became deranged by brooding over her troubles.

WILL LOOK INTO TRAFFIC DEALS

HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE HARRIMAN SYSTEM MUST TAKE STAND.

HILL'S OFFICERS ALSO CALLED

MYSTERY AS TO WHAT CAMP. BELL AND HANNAFORD ARE WANTED FOR.

Chicago, Jan. 9. — Traffic deals put through by E. H. Harriman, it is said, will be the main point of inquiry that will be started by the interstate commerce commission at its session here to-day. For this purpose subpoenas have been issued for the appearance of Julius Kruitsschmitt, director of maintenance and operation of the Harriman system, and J. C. Stubbs, traffic manager of the Harriman lines. J. T. Harahan, the newly elected president of the Illinois Central, it is said, will also be called as a witness.

Hill's Men Are Called.

Among those called to testify during the hearing are Benjamin Campbell, vice president in charge of the traffic of the Great Northern, and Jule M. Hannaford, vice president in charge of traffic on the Northern Pacific.

Just what is the object of the commission in calling the traffic officials of Mr. Hill's railroads is a mystery. Members of the commission refused to give any information on the subject.

Yesterday the commission listened to complaints against the terminal charge of \$2 a car, made by the railroads on live stock shipped to the Union stock yards in Chicago. A number of railroad officials were put on the stand and all declared that the extra charge of \$2 was necessary because it cost more to deliver cars at the stock yards than at the railroad terminals.

CITY TO SEIZE COAL BY FORCE.

San Francisco Authorities Will Break Fuel Famine in Schools.

San Francisco, Jan. 9. — Under orders of Chief of Police Dinan, at the request of the board of education, a detail of twenty policemen will mount a train of wagons to-day and go to the bunkers of the Western Fuel company to secure sufficient coal for the use of the school houses. The man who has the contract to supply the school department with coal declares that the Western Fuel company will not sell him coal at the figure named in the contract, and that the fuel company alleges that it has no coal on hand to supply any contracts, notwithstanding the ship Shella, laden with 6,000 tons consigned to the Western Fuel company, reached port yesterday.

MOVE TO OUST MCLELLAN.

Suit Is Begun in New York State Court to Upset Apparent Election.

New York, Jan. 9. — Attorney General Jackson, on behalf of the people of the state of New York, entered suit in the supreme court against George B. McClellan, praying that the latter be ousted from the office of mayor of the city of New York, on the ground that he has usurped and unlawfully holds such office, whereas William Randolph Hearst is legally entitled to the same.

It is stated that this new proceeding has nothing to do with the quo warranto action, which last week was temporarily enjoined at the application of Mayor McClellan.

WILL REPLACE SEVERED HEAD.

Surgeon Expects to Cure Beheaded People Before Long.

Berlin, Jan. 9. — Prof. Posner, a well known surgeon, in an article in the Gartenlaube, declares that surgery is making such progress that he looks forward to the time when surgeons will be able to attach an artificial arm or leg to the body.

He goes further and says that in the future surgeons will find no difficulty in attaching a beheaded head to the trunk in case the operation is carried out expeditiously.

MAN WHO SHOT MACKLIN?

Finding of Bloodstained Jacket Leads to Arrest.

Fort Reno, Okla., Jan. 9. — The finding of a khaki jacket, one sleeve of which was covered with blood and punctured, presumably by a bullet, led to the arrest of Corporal Knowles of the Twenty-fifth infantry, colored, on the charge of murderously assaulting Capt. Edgar B. Macklin on the night of Dec. 21.

Cortelyou Steps Down.

Washington, Jan. 9. — George B. Cortelyou yesterday announced his retirement as chairman of the Republican national committee. Harry S. New, vice chairman, will become acting chairman of the committee.

Britt and Gans to Fight.

San Francisco, Jan. 9. — Articles for a final fight between Jos. Gans and Jimmy Britt were signed here last night. The fight is to take place at Tonopah, March 17, for a purse of \$25,000.

CANAL PURCHASE IS LEGAL

THE SUPREME COURT DECIDES AGAINST THE CONTENTION OF ILLINOIS MAN.

Washington, Jan. 9. — That the action of the secretary of the treasury in paying \$50,000,000 on account of the purchase of the Panama canal property to the new Panama Canal Company of France, as directed by the act of congress of 1902, was valid and regular, was decided yesterday by the supreme court of the United States. The decision was announced by Justice Brewer and was handed down in the case of Warren B. Wilson against Secretary Shaw. The case was in the nature of an injunction suit by Mr. Wilson to restrain the payment of the money and it originated in the local courts of the District of Columbia before the money had been paid. The decision of both the district supreme court and the district court of appeals was unfavorable to Mr. Wilson's contention that the action of congress was unconstitutional, but neither these decisions nor the fact that the secretary had made the payment as directed was sufficient to deter Mr. Wilson, who is a lawyer and a property holder residing in Chicago.

ALIVE UNDER TONS OF DEBRIS.

Fireman Supposed to Have Been Killed Is Alive.

New York, Jan. 9. — Fireman John Seufert, who was supposed to have lost his life in a fire on Roosevelt street Sunday night is alive, but a prisoner hedged about by tons of debris in the ruins of Hill's paper warehouse. At midnight rescuers were making their way toward the man cautiously lest he be killed when on the point of deliverance.

Seufert made his presence known last night to comrades, who for nearly twenty-four hours had sought his body.

Was Only Stunned.

He had been stunned when his companions were killed, and for hours remained unconscious. When he regained his senses he heard workmen about him and cried out. In the debris a tube was forced and communication with the fireman established.

Through the tube Seufert was given stimulants and a priest heard his confession. Near him Seufert said was the body of Fireman Campbell. The body of Lennon was recovered during the day.

Seufert was taken out of the ruins at a late hour this morning. He will live, it is said. He was very weak and his right leg is badly injured.

SEIZE HOAD OF \$1,000,000.

French Authorities Find Wealth in Seminary at Versailles.

Paris, Jan. 9. — When the Versailles authorities took possession of the seminary there under the church and state separation law, bonds and other securities amounting to \$1,000,000 were discovered in the institution.

The securities have been taken possession of by the municipal authorities of Versailles and will be devoted to charitable purposes. It is announced that the pope will no longer accept Peter's pence from France. All donations from French Catholics hereafter will be devoted to the support of the clergy in France.

REBELLION IN CHINA.

Revolt Is Dynastic, but Foreigners Are Fleeing to Shanghai.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 9. — The revolution in Central China has become of a formidable nature, according to advices received by the steamer Empress of Japan.

Missionaries, traders and Germans employed at the Pinghang coal mines have all fled to Shanghai, where Americans, British, German and Japanese gunboats were stationed. The rebel strength is placed at 10,000. The revolution is anti-dynastic and not aimed against foreigners.

NO CHANCE OF WAR WITH JAPAN.

Bishop Harris Says Togo Would Commit Harklari Sooner Than Fight Us.

Los Angeles, Jan. 9. — Bishop M. C. Harris, head of the Methodist church in Japan, said yesterday: "The statements of Japan do not regard war with this country as a possibility. They are cultivating the arts of peace, and the relations between Japan and America are to become more and more friendly. Why, Admiral Togo and his men would sooner commit harklari than turn their ships against our navy."

BANKER IS MURDERED.

He Is Shot Down and Killed by a Well Known Attorney.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 9. — News has reached here that W. Dean Hayes, a well known banker of Meeteetse, Wyo., was shot and killed at that place by W. L. Smithson, an attorney. The cause of the shooting is unknown. Both men have been prominent in politics.

BURN DOUGHERTY RECORDS.

Vault Is Blown Open and Papers in Case Are Abstracted.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 9. — Some time last night the safety vault at the public library was blown open and all records of the N. C. Dougherty case were stolen and afterwards burned in the furnace in the building. Dougherty is now in the Joliet penitentiary and the destruction of these records may be the means of releasing his bondsmen. The police have no clue to the perpetrators.