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SUMMARY OF THE NEWS OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

### BLAST KILLS FIVE

MANY OTHERS INJURED IN A POWDER EXPLOSION.

Several Buildings of Trojan Plant at San Lorenzo, Cal., Destroyed by Fire Which Follows Week--Scores of Lives in Peril.

An explosion in the plant of the Trojan powder works at San Lorenzo, Cal., Thursday cost the lives of five men and a property loss of \$50,000. Four other employees were seriously, if not fatally, injured, and a dozen more, including Superintendent Martins, were burned and bruised, narrowly escaping death.

Why half a hundred men were not blown to atoms is a mystery. In a magazine in the center of the twenty-five buildings that made up the plant were stored 75,000 pounds of powder, ready for shipment. Fire followed the explosion, and ten of the buildings were burned, surrounding the magazine with a wall of flames through which rescuers dared not venture.

With the exception of Reuben Tharp, chemist at the works, all of the dead were workmen. The first warning of the disaster was the outbreak of a fire in the mixing room. The blast had hardly been noticed when the explosion followed. Its force wrecked neighborhood buildings and hurled one of the mixers hundreds of feet through the air. Nearly half a hundred men and women were in and near the plant, and they were thrown to the ground by the violence of the blast. Fire followed, leaping from building to building, and the injured, pinned under the debris of collapsed buildings, were threatened with incineration. The roar of the explosion drew hundreds of persons, and by heroic exertions the dead and maimed were dragged from the ruins. Only when it became known that the magazine was threatened by the flames and another and more terrific explosion was possible at any moment did their exports relax.

It is possible that other bodies may be found in the ruins.

### FRAUD CHARGE BROUGHT.

Decatur, Ill., Man Files Suit Against a Gas Company.

Charging that he had been defrauded out of property valued at \$30,000, Dorville Brooks, of Decatur, Ill., filed complaint in the United States district court at Indianapolis, Ind., against Owen L. Carr, John A. Tillsworth, S. E. Hamlin and George W. Infield, of Rushville, Ind. Brooks in his complaint says he turned over property in Chicago, Bloomington, Ill., and El Paso, Ill., for bonds of the Rushville Gas company. The gas plant, he says, was represented to him as being worth more than \$100,000 and being operated at a monthly profit of \$2,000. After investigation of the plant at Rushville he now charges that the plant has not been in operation for five years and is worth less than \$500.

### ANOTHER BOMB IS THROWN.

Due to War Between Residents and Owners of West Side Resorts.

An echo of the war between residents and the west side resorts occurred in Chicago when an attempt was made to wreck with a bomb a three-story building. The building is owned by Max Plummer, who leased it to Michael Hettler, both of whom figured prominently at the trial of Police Inspector Edward McCann.

This is the second bomb thrown in the underworld war, which has been raging ever since the conviction of the police inspector.

The explosion followed closely that which damaged a building owned by Louis and John Frank.

The Frank brothers were also important witnesses at the McCann trial. No arrests have been made.

### Stove Foundry Burns.

The extensive plant of the Western Stove Foundry at Peoria, Ill., was destroyed by fire at 10 o'clock Thursday night, with a loss of \$10,000. Several other large manufacturing concerns were threatened, but the firemen prevented the blaze from spreading.

### Train Kills Railroad Men.

Fred Inhauser and James Bassas, employees of the Illinois Central railroad, were killed at Manteno, Ill., by stepping in front of one train to avoid another on an adjoining track.

### Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$6.65. Top hogs, \$9.00.

### Tilman's Condition Serious.

United States Senator Benjamin R. Tilman, of South Carolina, is seriously ill and possibly will be unable to participate in any active deliberations of the senate for the remainder of this session.

### Anti-Food Trust Director.

Mrs. Max Schwartz, of Syracuse, N. Y., has been appointed director of the state anti-food trust league outside of Greater New York.

### COLD'S GRIP SEVERE.

Middle West and South Hit by Fierce Storms.

A severe storm, amounting in some places to a blizzard and bringing to other localities a heavy downfall of snow driven by a wind of almost hurricane violence, swept over the west, northwest and southwest Wednesday.

The storm extended as far east as Indianapolis, where from 5 a. m. to 7 p. m. nine inches of snow fell. Twelve inches of snow is reported at Terre Haute.

The storm reached into Oklahoma with a violent hail and sleet downfall into northern Texas, Kansas, Iowa, Arkansas, Missouri and Minnesota. The storm played havoc in the Rocky mountain states, where it delayed for hours the transcontinental passenger trains.

At Denver in the twenty-four hours ending Wednesday the temperature dropped 58 degrees. In other Colorado cities the icy wind was so severe it unroofed buildings and blew in windows. In the mountains the wind blew 75 miles an hour. In Wyoming a drop of 63 degrees was reported. At Cheyenne it was 4 below and at Lander 8 below zero.

A heavy loss of live stock was feared in Oklahoma, where the wind and sleet made suffering intense. Railroad and telegraphic service was badly affected in the western part of the state. Much suffering was also reported in Kansas and Missouri.

Seattle reported the Northern Patriots due there seven to fourteen hours late on account of the heavy snow in Montana.

Four persons, negro patients at a smallpox detention camp near Oklahoma City, Okla., have been frozen to death and nine others of those under detention are reported in a critical condition as a result of exposure.

In western Texas great losses on the ranges are being reported. In Oklahoma City 2,000 men are temporarily thrown out of employment. Street car service is intermittent in Tulsa.

### DEATH CLAIMS ONE MORE.

Figures in Scandal Pursued by Strange Fatality.

The strange fatality that pursued some of the principal figures in the Capitol scandal at Harrisburg, Pa., was again brought to public mind Wednesday when John E. Stott, one of the chief witnesses in the celebrated case, was found dead in the bath room of the house where he made his home in Harrisburg. He is the sixth man in the case to die. His death was due to heart trouble.

Stott was secretary of the board of public grounds and buildings, which let many of the contracts for furnishing the Capitol that brought more than a dozen men to the bar of justice. He was a witness in two trials and was to take the stand in the case of Joseph M. Huston, architect of the Capitol, whose trial will come up next month.

Two of the six men who died were under a two years' sentence, one was awaiting trial and two were important witnesses. Besides these, one of the many men under indictment has been confined in an insane asylum.

### ELKINS' NIECE SHOOT'S SELF.

Fires Bullet Into Body in a Hotel in Kansas City.

Miss Agnes Elkins, a niece of United States Senator Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia, shot herself Wednesday at her room at a Kansas City hotel. The bullet passed through her body below the heart. The physicians believe she has a chance for life.

A note found on the dressing table read: "I am tired of life and have no home nor friends."

Miss Elkins is 25 years old. Her mother died about a year ago and shortly afterwards she went to New York against the wishes of her relatives in this city to apply for an engagement on the stage. Senator Elkins induced her to visit him at Elkins, W. Va., but could not change her determination to become an actress.

She returned two weeks ago to prosecute a damage suit against the Metropolitan Street Railway company for \$25,000 for injuries received a year ago, but the case was postponed.

Why Miss Elkins tried to end her life is not known. She bought a revolver and later wrote several letters. Tuesday night she entertained friends in her apartment and told them, as they believed jokingly, that she was considering suicide. They laughed at her. After the revolver shot was heard Miss Elkins was found lying across the bed.

### Mexican Wheat Shortage.

Because of a shortage of wheat in Mexico, the rate of duty has been reduced by the Mexican government from 2 cents to 1 cent a kilogram.

### Bishop of Hartford.

The pope has approved the appointment of Rev. John J. Nihan, of Amherst, Mass., as bishop of Hartford, Conn.

### Waterson 70 Years Old.

Henry Waterson, editor of the Louisville, Ky., Courier-Journal, Wednesday celebrated his 70th birthday at Naples-on-the-Gulf, Florida.

### For a Jewish Colony.

A. Levi, of Chicago, has purchased 25,000 acres of farm land in Pierce county, Ga., to be used in the Jewish agricultural movement inaugurated in 1889.

### TRIBUTE TO SAILORS.

Maine's Dead Remembered in Havana Harbor.

The twelfth anniversary of the destruction of the battleship Maine was observed in Havana harbor Tuesday with more elaborate ceremony than any anniversary since the tragedy.

A fleet of tugboats and yachts bearing the colors of the newly organized War Veterans, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the members of the American legation and consular officers, many members of the American club, representatives of the Cuban government and hundreds of tourists and American residents visited the wreck, where the service for the dead was read by Rev. Albion W. Knight, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Cuba.

After this a bronze commemorative tablet from the Daughters of the American Revolution, a floral medallion from the Spanish War Veterans, and many other floral tributes were deposited on the wreck.

Addresses were made by Maj. Walter S. Hale and Col. Edward J. Gibson, both of Boston, respectively the commander in chief and past commander in chief of the United Spanish War Veterans, who came here for this purpose.

Several other speeches were made and in all of them the earnest wish was expressed that this would be the last decoration of the wreck and that before the next anniversary the wreck would be completely removed and the dead within its shattered hull laid reverently in American soil.

The ceremonies closed with the rendering of a dirge and taps by the municipal band.

Later the veterans visited President Gomez, who spoke sympathetically of the great tragedy which had been commemorated and commiserated the veterans on the part taken by them in securing the independence of Cuba.

### GOOD HAUL BY BANK ROBBERS.

They Make Escape with Ten Thousand in Cash.

Early Tuesday burglars blew the safe of the Citizens bank of Chatsworth, Ill., and escaped to the south with a haul of \$10,000 in currency and \$2,000 in silver. Night watchman William Cahill and Albert Kerber, a citizen, were bound and gagged.

Night Marshall William Cahill was taken unawares at the city pumping station about 1 o'clock by two of the desperadoes and bound and gagged and taken to a garage directly opposite the bank. With Cahill out of the way the bank door was forced and work on the safe commenced.

Mr. Kerber, a baker in the confectionery next to the bank, was espied by one of the lookouts en route to the bakery, and here in turn was caught, tied hand and foot and dragged into the bank, where he lay until 4 o'clock when he was able to loosen himself and give the alarm.

In the meantime the safe door was soaped and blown open, presumably with nitroglycerin. With the \$10,000 safely stowed away the robbers left the bank, secured a rik in which they are supposed to have entered the town, and drove east.

Stephen Herr, president and owner of the bank, was immediately notified and got in connection with the sheriff's office at Bloomington and the chase commenced.

The loss to the bank, it is understood, is covered by insurance.

### FALLS FIVE STORIES.

Window Cleaner Lands on the Back of a Sundry Miner.

John Kauffman, of New York, a young window cleaner, fell backwards and shot downward five stories Tuesday only to land on the back of James Girdwood, a miner of East Orange, N. J., who happened to be passing at the time.

Both of Kauffman's legs and arms were broken, but had he not struck the human buffer he would have flattened out on the pavement. Girdwood was scarcely hurt.

### German Grain Firm Fail.

The failure of seven grain firms in the provinces of Schleswig-Holstein and Hanover was announced in the produce exchange at Hamburg Tuesday. The failures were due in part to speculative engagements in soda nitrate, and partly to short selling of barley.

### Militia Guard a Negro.

To prevent a lynching four companies of state militia were ordered to guard the jail at Mobile, Ala., Tuesday night, where Eustis Moserley, the negro who is charged with attacking Katie Walters last Saturday, is confined.

### Burglars Get \$1,000 worth of Jewelry.

Three burglars Monday night attacked Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wyman, of Peoria, Ill., in their cottage at Hot Springs, Ark., and bound, gagged and robbed them of jewelry valued at \$1,000.

### Pastor Cuts His Throat.

Oliver Stocking, pastor of the Emanuel Methodist Episcopal church of Roxborough, Pa., was found dead Tuesday in his home with his throat cut. It is believed he committed suicide.

### Colliery Resumes Work.

The Old Orchard colliery in Guernsey county, O., idle for the past two years, has resumed operations, giving employment to 300 men.

## NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

Doings of the Week in Condensed Form

### NEARLY 100 YEARS OLD.

Mrs. Teresa Cleveland, of Lyons, Passes Away.

Mrs. Teresa E. Cleveland died at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Julia Cleveland, Lyons, Wednesday night, aged 100 years, lacking nine months. She was born in Cayinovia, N. Y., November 15, 1810; was married to Giles Cleveland at Syracuse, N. Y., in 1836; had two sons, Edward and A. Boughton, both of whom are dead, but their wives survive them. Mrs. Kate Cleveland, wife of Edward, lives at Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Julia Cleveland, with whom Grandma Cleveland made a very pleasant home for many years, lives at Lyons. These two sisters-in-law are the only surviving relatives except the grand children and great grandchildren, of which there are three of the former and seven of the latter.

The remains were taken to Tecumseh, Mich., for burial by the side of those of her husband.

### Epidemic of Appendicitis.

Raymond Walter was operated on at Lyons for appendicitis at his father's home north of town. He is a pupil of the Jefferson school and on the first day of the month was a pallbearer at the funeral of a schoolmate who died of appendicitis. He is in a fair way to recover, but this makes two cases in this school during February, which, with the three cases near town, make five in all, two of which proved fatal, without even warning enough to secure an operation, and all following each other in such quick succession that people are alarmed at its prevalence and are anxiously asking if appendicitis is contagious.

### Colt of Colt--Which?

Freak animals are often born, but none has ever come into existence that has puzzled scientists more than the calf mothered by a cow on the ranch of Victor Hendricks, near Ashland. While this calf lived but two weeks, during that brief period it kept people busy guessing as to its parentage. It had the perfect body of a colt and two well formed heads. One was the head of a calf and the other the head of a colt. From one head, when the animal was scared or excited came the voice of a colt and from the other the bleating of a calf.

### North Platte Court Calendar.

A short term of the federal courts for the North Platte district has been fixed for February 28. The jury will be called on March 1. Three criminal cases will be heard at the North Platte term. They are: The United States against John P. Kelly, indicted for perjury in a bankruptcy case; Levi Kliger, indicted for the theft of a quantity of postage stamps from the postoffice at Roscoe, Neb.; and Gustav Rentsch, indicted for mailing non-mailable matter.

### Reunion at Lynch.

The matter of arranging for the northeast Nebraska G. A. R. reunion was taken up by a mass meeting of the business men of Lynch. It was decided to leave nothing undone that will insure a great success of the day as far as Lynch is concerned. After a liberal discussion it was decided to set the date of the reunion on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, August 2, 3, 4, 5, 1910.

### Superintendent Wenland Burned.

Mr. Wenland, superintendent of the Clay Center schools, met with a serious accident in school. In the chemical laboratory he saw the water covering the phosphorus had nearly evaporated and knowing the danger should it become exposed to the air he picked up the dish to throw it from the building and in doing so it exploded, severely burning his hands and limbs. In places the burns extending to the bone.

### Stock Brings High Figure.

J. W. Knowles and son, living one miles north of Craig, held a farm and thoroughbred hog sale, everything bringing a good price. Twenty-two head of Poland-China sows sold for an average of \$75.45, the top price being \$130. Forty-four head of pigs averaged \$14.95. A bay mare sold for \$202.50. Cattle sold as high as \$62.50. A record crowd attended.

### Allen Commercial Club Feast.

The first banquet of the Commercial club was one of the most elaborate and successful ever given in Allen. Over 200 plates were served. Both floors of the Masonic hall were used, each being beautifully decorated with the club colors, pink and green. A fine musical program was given.

### Horses Have "Pink Eye."

A disease much like the pink eye is affecting the whole herd of horses belonging to a farmer by the name of Wm. McCartney. His neighbors are apprehensive lest it spread to their own herds.

### Wedding at Lyons.

Oscar Berlin and Miss Edna Baker were married at the home of the bride at Lyons, and a big reception was given in honor of the event.

### HAS LINCOLN LETTER.

Mrs. John Brockman Has One Written Before War.

Mrs. John M. Brockman, of Humboldt is the possessor of a letter written by her husband by President Abraham Lincoln. The late Mr. Brockman and Mrs. Brockman were both born in Illinois, the former in 1841. Mr. Lincoln in making campaign speeches frequently was in the Brockman neighborhood in Illinois during the 50s, and not long before his death, a couple of years ago, Mr. Brockman related his remembrance of a visit from Lincoln at his father's home. Young Brockman and Lincoln became acquainted, and when the former had reached an age to decide upon a career for the future he wrote to Mr. Lincoln, asking his advice about taking up the study of law and its advisability as a profession. It is Mr. Lincoln's reply to this letter that has been carefully guarded in the Brockman family ever since some time before the civil war.

### Business Changes at Ansley.

Herman & Kern will open a new stock of clothing at the Dr. Hanna building, which the First National bank will vacate this month. Herman & Kern will be ready for business by March 1.

C. C. Cooper and James Varney will open a general store in the building now occupied by the C. F. S. Stinebler drug store when Stinebler moves into his new brick building recently completed.

The First National bank will occupy its new brick bank building. Howard & Richards, of Ravenna have recently put in a full stock of farm implements and Frank Howard will make his home at Ansley.

The new Catholic church completed since the new year. This year Ansley will build a new school building. The prospects are very favorable for a good crop and the farmers are busy getting ready for the year's work.

### DRAGGED BY VICIOUS HORSE.

Foot Catches in Stirrup as He Falls--Skull is Fractured.

L. M. Hodges, a prominent farmer living two miles south of Wood River, was dragged by a vicious horse with the result that his skull was fractured and it is probable that he will die. He had started for a neighbor's on horseback and the animal ran under some trees, striking his head against an overhanging branch. He was knocked from the saddle, his foot catching in the stirrup. His skull is fractured in two places and doctors have no hope of his recovery.

### Wealthy Pair Surprise Friends.

Miss Annie Evans of Stella, and Will Schrader, of Hiawatha, Kan., were married at Atchison, Kan., this week and went to St. Louis to spend their honeymoon. They will reside on a farm near Adrian, Mo. The marriage means a union of much wealth, as the groom's family represent \$30,000 of farming interests in Brown county, Kan., and the bride is an only child and will inherit property to the value of about \$30,000. She left Stella alone in the night and, except her parents, no one knew of the wedding until announcement cards were received.

### Baby Chokes on Grain of Corn.

The 13-month-old baby, an only child of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Madsen, northwest of Hampton, swallowed a kernel of corn, which caused its death while on the way to Aurora, where the parents were taking it for medical assistance after everything possible had been tried in the home by the local physician to extract the kernel. After death an internal examination was made and the corn found in the windpipe.

### Poisoned by Spoiled Oysters.

Mrs. E. S. Kentner is very ill at her home in Kearney as the result of eating oysters that were stale. Mr. and Mrs. Kentner were both victims of ptomaine poisoning, but Mr. Kentner ate so many of the spoiled oysters that it acted as an emetic and he escaped any serious sickness, but his wife, who had partaken very lightly, has been very sick, and doctors express the opinion that the illness is of a very serious nature.

### Skips Rope at 85.

Grandma Deltz, of Falls City, will celebrate her 85th birthday next week. She has worked hard all her life and still keeps at the work, yet has never known a sick day. At the age of 83 she can skip a rope or jump a fence without any bad effects.

### Odd Fellows Rally.

The Odd Fellows are arranging to hold a big rally and class initiation in Nebraska City at the Overland theater on March 17. All of the lodges in that district will join in the movement and will be assisted by the Rebekahs. It will be an all-day session, followed by a class initiation in the evening in the lodge room. Elaborate arrangements have been made for the entertainment of those who attend.

## NICKEL TOO POPULAR; U. S. WON'T DROP IT

Federal Officials, Considering Plan to Abolish Five-Cent Piece, Hear Wail of Protest.

IS CALLED NECESSARY COIN. Stands for More Fixed Values Than Any Other Denomination, as Varied Daily Uses Prove.

Officials of the Treasury Department sometimes discuss the nation's somewhat cumbersome coinage and make suggestions to one another that this or that change might bring relief to the working forces of the department. Generally these discussions do not go beyond the inner circle where they originate, no change is made, or even suggested seriously, and the work of the mint goes on as before.

Recently, however, the fact leaked out that the 5-cent piece, or "nickel," had been under discussion and that the government might ask Congress to pass a law eliminating it from the national coinage. Small likelihood exists, or ever did exist, that such a step would be taken, but for a short time considerable anxiety developed in all parts of the country lest the useful and popular "nickel" should disappear from the circulating medium.

The fact is the government could afford to dispense with almost any coin rather than the 5-cent piece. It stands for more stable prices than any other. The 5-cent coin for two generations at least has been the fixed price of so many things that people would be at complete loss how to proceed without it. True, hundreds of thousands of 5-cent pieces are lost each year, but that is due largely to the amazing use to which this little coin is put. The uses of business require the coinage of a greater number of "nickels" than of any other coin.

It has been said that its universal use as the price of a fare on the street cars is the cause of its retention, but that can hardly be so, as it enters very largely into the price of so many other things that it could not be dispensed with if the price of the car fare were changed.

The "nickel" is extensively used in telephone calls. It was formerly used to now the open sesame of the popular slot machine, for which it still does extensive duty. It is the price of admission to the fast-multiplying picture shows in all parts of the country. The new-fashioned boot-shining parlor grows in popular favor, deals mostly in "nickels." Ice cream in summer time goes for 5 cents, and the charge for a myriad of things in the pharmacy and the 5-cent store requires this coin.

Toronto (Canada) blacksmiths recently formed a union. Shoe workers of Arroya, Porto Rico, have formed a union.

The Machinists' Union in Milwaukee has gained more than one hundred members since August. Plans are on for the organization of all labor in Santurce and San Juan, Porto Rico.

The Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union has endorsed the proposition to establish a home for consumptives.

Claims are made for the carpenters' union at Minneapolis, Minn., that it is now the largest union west of Chicago.

A statewide campaign to secure the passage of an employers' liability law in Illinois similar to one which has received the endorsement of officials of the American Federation of Labor will soon be in full swing.

It has been decided that the Massachusetts Legislature be petitioned to enact a minimum wage law of \$2.25 a day for all State laborers, and particularly for those employed by the water, sewer and park boards.

The sailors' union of the Pacific, which has already donated \$15,000 to the striking sailors of the Great Lakes, has voted to donate \$20,000, which may be drawn in one sum or in such sums as the strike committee may desire.

It is estimated that about 2,000 operatives in all have gone out on strike in Fall River, Pittsburg, Fisherville, North Adams and at several other points because of a reduction in wages caused by the new fifty-six hour law.

Efforts are being made to form an organization of carmen at Portland, Maine, to be affiliated with the Brotherhood of Railroad Car Men of America.

There is such a degree of confidence between the members of the Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers' Union, of Boston, Mass., and the employers that neither asks for a written working agreement. They meet each year and reach a verbal understanding as to how things shall run during the year, and such an agreement has never been broken.



The federal census of manufactures, mines, quarries, petroleum and natural gas for the year 1909 has been begun under the direction of the United States census bureau. This census, together with that of population and agriculture, comprises the principal inquiries embodied in the thirteenth decennial census. Eventually about 1,800 special agents will be employed in making the canvass, under the supervision of William M. Stewart, chief statistician for manufactures. Director of the Census Durand is appointing these agents from the eligible registers established as a result of the examination, held Nov. 3, of candidates for these positions. Extraordinary precautions have been taken by Director Durand to assure the manufacturers that all answers will be held confidential, this statement being prominently displayed on the front page of the numerous schedules. It is also declared that no publication will be made in the census reports disclosing the name or operations of individual establishments in any particular. The act of Congress provides that the bureau of the census shall permit only its sworn employees to examine the individual reports, and that any employee who shall, without the authority of the director of the census, publish or communicate any information coming into his possession shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

President Taft is referring to the fact that the postal service of this country is conducted at a loss of \$17,000,000, suggested increasing the postal rates for magazines. The government is paying the railroads more than \$50,000,000 a year for carrying the mails. The charges are excessive and could be reduced in all fairness sufficiently to make up for the \$17,000,000 deficit. Uncle Sam is paying about \$5,000,000 alone in yearly rentals for the mail cars, fully enough to pay the cost of their original construction. Three-fourths of this expense could be saved if the government owned the mail cars. Why is it that the railroads can afford to carry matter for the express companies for a mere fraction of what the government is charged for the mails?

The balance of trade of the United States, as shown by a comparison of import and export figures for the last three years, is leaning heavily toward the deficit side of the scale. While the imports for 1909, amounting to \$1,475,520,205, exceeded those of the previous year by \$359,146,118, the exports for 1909 totalling in value \$1,727,383,123, were less than those of the preceding year by \$25,452,219.

A bill prepared by Secretary Ballinger has been introduced in the Senate. The purpose of the measure is to give the department of the interior the authority to sell mature, living and dead and down timber on Indian lands, the proceeds to be used for the benefit of the Indians. The government has such authority on the Minnesota reservations at present, and Secretary Ballinger wants the law made general.

The General Land Office published a statement showing that adverse reports from its agents have been received in the last year on cases involving 150,000 acres of public lands, much of which is coal lands, and that during eight years past over 50,000 acres of coal lands have been obtained by fraud and are now worth \$10,000,000. This is thought to imply some reflection on the preceding administration.

President Taft has granted a pardon to William De Champe, a Flathead Indian, of Montana, because of his poor health. The man was found guilty of having introduced liquor on the Indian reservation and was sentenced to sixty days in jail and to pay a fine. He had taken the liquor with him in obedience to the directions of his physicians to alleviate his sufferings from tuberculosis.

It is announced by the board of directors of the anti-food trust league of Washington that applications for 200,000 membership cards have been received. The object of the organization is to secure lower prices for food material.

Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the President, is lending her aid to the several thousand shirtwaist strikers of Philadelphia.