

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

MARK TWAIN IS DEAD

CAREER OF SAMUEL L. CLEMENS COMES TO AN END.

Pases Away While in Coma--Fatal Termination was Unlooked for at Time--Sudden Shock to Relatives and Public at Large.

Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Mark Twain) died painlessly at 6:30 o'clock Thursday night at Redding, Conn., of angina pectoris. He lapsed into coma at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon and never recovered consciousness. It was the end of a man worn out by grief and acute agony of body.

Wednesday was a bad day for the little knot of anxious watchers at the bedside. For long hours the gray, aqueous features lay motionless in the inertia of death, while the pulse sank steadily, but late at night Mark Twain passed from a stupor into the first natural sleep he had known since he returned from Bermuda, and Thursday morning he awoke refreshed, even faintly cheerful, and in full possession of his faculties.

He recognized his daughter, Clara, (Mrs. Ossie Gabrieliowitch), spoke a rational word or two, and feeling himself unequal to conversation, wrote out in pencil: "Give me my glasses." They were his last words. Laying them aside he sank first into a reverie and later into final unconsciousness.

Angina pectoris is a paroxysmal affection of the chest of baffling and obscure origin, characterized by severe pain, faintness and depression of the spirits. The pain is severe and of an oppressive, crushing or stabbing character. The attacks progress in frequency and severity, with uncertain intermissions, sometimes of long duration, to a fatal termination.

Mark Twain did not die in anguish. Sedatives soothe his pain, but his moments of consciousness aggravated the mental depression. On the way up from Bermuda he said to Albert Bieglow Paine, who had been his constant companion in illness: "This is a bad job; we'll never pull through with it."

RIOTS RECURRING IN CHINA.

Lawless Natives Engage in Serious Disturbances.

The lawlessness of the natives which began at Chang Sha, the capital of Hunan province, China, is reported to be spreading. Advice received at Pekin state that riots have occurred at Ning Slang, the site of a Protestant mission, about thirty miles west of Chang Sha. A mission school at Yi Yang, twenty miles north of Ning Slang, has been burned. The foreigners are said to have escaped harm.

Foreign residents at Yo Chow were preparing to leave that place last night. These reports were coupled with the statement that a wholesale desertion of the troops has taken place.

One hundred Chinese from the Chinese cruiser that recently arrived at Chang Sha are guarding the foreign settlement there.

HEIRS LOSE THEIR SUIT.

Chicago Doctor Awarded \$100,000 of the McKiever Estate.

Dr. L. C. H. Zeigler, of Chicago, by a supreme court decision rendered Thursday, is entitled to \$100,000 from the estate of Mrs. James H. McKiever, as provided by the contract he held to render her medical attendance during her life. Dr. Zeigler lived up to his part of the contract for five years, when Mrs. McKiever died. Her heirs attacked the contract and won in the lower court, but this decision was reversed by the Illinois supreme court at Springfield today.

Coal Lands Withdrawn.

Secretary Ballinger of the department of the interior has withdrawn from entry at approximately thirteen and a half million acres of coal lands in southeastern Montana, believed to contain valuable deposits, pending examination and classification as to their values.

Players for Omaha.

President Johnson of the American Baseball league Thursday announced the following releases: By St. Louis to Omaha, B. B. Shotton, J. M. Corridon.

Shoots Wife and Self.

Philip Berry, of Bloomington, Ill., aged 43, shot his 21-year-old wife and himself Thursday. Both will die. Recently the couple quarreled and separated.

Diamond Ornament Stolen.

During Wednesday night a diamond ornament was stolen from the greatly revered image of the Virgin in the Uspenki cathedral in the Kremlin, at Moscow, Russia, and many precious stones were cut out of the frames of the pictures of the saints.

Sir John William Schroeder, of London, head of J. H. Schroeder & Co., bankers, died Thursday. He was born in 1825.

SITS UNMOVED AND CALM.

Hostile Array of Facts are Faced by Walter.

No prisoner on trial for his life in the New York courts is ever remembered to have faced such an array of hostile facts and heartrending testimony with stolid indifference as did Albert Walter Wednesday when confronted with the charred fragments of the body that once was Ruth Wheeler whom he is charged with luring to her death in his flat not a month ago.

Phillip O'Hanlon, a coroner's physician, testified that Ruth Wheeler had been attacked before she was murdered and that there was still life in her body when it was soaked with kerosene, jammed up the chimney of Walter's flat and set afire. He had found human hair not her own adhering to the burned fingers. Therefore he knew she had fought for her honor. There was soot in the lungs. A corpse does not breathe. Therefore he knew a living and still sentient body had inhaled smoke and flames.

During this testimony, which made the jurors fidget in their chairs, Walter sat listlessly scanning the jurors, the gawsome exhibits themselves and his lawyers. He gave no sign of emotion when Adelaide Wheeler, 19 years old, and said to be an extraordinary resemblance to her sister, took the stand.

With perfect poise the girl identified a brand of artificial hair that had been her sister's, bits of underclothing that she knew by their texture, jewelry Ruth had worn, and lastly, which came as a surprise to the defense, a seal ring engraved with Ruth Wheeler's initials and which was found on the body. The prosecution will contend that this clinches beyond doubt the previous identification which it had been thought the defense would attempt to overthrow.

ART SWINDLE UNCOVERED.

Hundreds of Americans Have Been Duped.

The revelations made in the case of Count de Gattigny, who, with the countess, is being examined at Tours, France, on a charge of having misrepresented the origin of paintings and the antiquity of furniture purchased by Mrs. Chas. H. Paine, of Paris, but formerly of Boston, have caused a profound impression in the world of art and served to open up the whole question of the many-sided traffic in sham paintings, other works of art and antique furniture.

Although the declarations of Henri Rochefort, editor of the Patrie, regarding the Rembrandts may constitute a satirical exaggeration, it is the general opinion that there is some truth in his assertion that celebrated collections in hundreds of homes in America and elsewhere contain spurious Rembrandts, as well as copies of other masters. M. Rochefort has said that 80 per cent of the "Rembrandts" owned in America were forgeries. "I have seen so many 'Turners,'" said M. Rochefort, "that I have almost decided that Turner never existed. He could not have turned out the works attributed to him, if he had lived 200 years. It is the same with the Rembrandts."

AFRICAN M. E. CHURCH.

Nearly \$20,000 Raised for Work in the Past Year.

Nearly \$20,000 was raised for the work of the African Methodist Episcopal church in the fiscal year just ended, according to a report made to the financial board in session in Washington Wednesday. Bishop Grant, of Kansas City, is presiding.

Rev. John Hurst, financial secretary, reported that after reservations for educational purposes, church extension, superannuation of ministers and provisions for their widows and children, nearly \$100,000 was reserved for the general treasury of the church for payment of salaries of bishops, general officers and denominational needs.

Girl Strangled by Her Hair.

Ella Pohl of Belin, a student in the New Mexico agricultural college, while picknicking climbed a cliff, lost her hold and plunged over. She was caught in a crevice. Her hair acted as a noose and she died in a few hours.

Slain by An Assassin.

Walking into his drug store and taking his place at the cigar counter, Sam Welch, president of the Berea National bank of Berea, Ky., was assassinated Tuesday night, five shots being fired into his body. The assassin has not been apprehended.

Revalce Gets Life Sentence.

Charles Revalce pleaded guilty at Richmond, Ind., Wednesday to the murder of Mrs. Frank Allison and was sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Gotch in Training.

Frank Gotch said Wednesday that arrangements had not been completed for his championship contest with Zbyszko. Gotch is training at Minneapolis and declares himself in excellent form.

Vanderbilt's Horse Second.

W. K. Vanderbilt's Defender finished second in the prix Ru Blas, which was run at Tremblay, France, Wednesday.

QUICK WORK BY JURY.

Former Pittsburg Official is Guilty of Bribery.

Guilty as indicted, with the recommendation for extreme mercy from the court, was the verdict returned Tuesday in the case of former Councilman M. L. Swift, Jr., the first of the victims of the graft scandal to be put on trial at Pittsburg, Pa., on the charge of bribery. The jury was out an hour and forty-five minutes. Attorney Rody Marshall, for the defense, announced that a new trial would be asked. Assistant District Attorney Warren L. Seymour said that Judge Frazer had signified his intention of considering the recommendation for mercy, and also that the district attorney's office would not oppress Swift.

Swift was on trial for two days, and the chief witness for the commonwealth was John P. Klein, whose confession was the wholesale exposure. The defense relied mainly on the attempt to break down Klein's testimony and the verdict became a most important one for the prosecution, because it indicates the district attorney may rely on the confession of Klein as the mainstay in the prosecution of the other cases.

Immediately after the Swift case had been disposed of, former Councilman A. V. Simon was called, but his counsel pleaded illness of his client and asked for a continuance. Seymour unexpectedly called a physician, who said he had examined Simon at noon and there was no need for him to remain in bed, and that he was not seriously ill. Counsel was ordered to produce his client for trial Wednesday morning.

BOY HELD FOR BOARD.

Consigned to a Missouri Bank as Collateral for a Debt.

One 7-year-old boy was received on a bill of lading at the union station at St. Louis, Mo., Tuesday over the Iron Mountain railroad from Monroe, La. He was consigned to a local bank as collateral for a board bill to be remitted to a bank in Monroe. Mrs. J. J. Koontz, acting as agent for F. J. Koontz, father and owner of the boy, whose name is Arthur, called at the union station for the consignment, but the railroad officials refused to deliver him to her because she was not the consignee named in the bill of lading. The boy, still tagged, was taken to the bank in a taxicab. A disputed board bill incurred by the boy being in Monroe for seven months caused the bill of lading to be issued. When the boy reached the bank the amount due was paid and the boy turned over to his parents.

MOTHER'S INSANE ACT.

Ends Life of Daughters and Self by Turning on Gas.

Mrs. Nellie McNamara, wife of a captain in the fire department, whose body with those of her daughter Marie, aged 14 years, and Helen, 12 years old, were found in a room in their home in Chicago Tuesday, caused the death of herself and daughters by turning on the gas, according to the verdict of a coroner's jury.

Evidence was introduced to show that the woman, while temporarily insane, had attempted to induce two other daughters to remain in the room. The other daughters became frightened at their mother's actions and left.

Surprise for Twin Sisters.

A Prague dispatch says the twin sisters Hlasek, who are known as the successors of the famous Siamese twins, being joined together inseparably, recently entered a hospital, where Rosa, one of the sisters, became the mother of a fine boy, Josephine, the other sister, expressed great surprise at the event.

President of Guatemala.

Manuel Estrada Cabrera was re-elected president of Guatemala in the elections ended Tuesday, according to a government cable message received at the Guatemalan consulate in New York. The election was tranquil and Senor Cabrera was chosen by "an overwhelming majority," the dispatch states.

Antelope is New Specimen.

Edmund Heller, the zoologist, of Riverside, Cal., who accompanied Mr. Roosevelt on his African hunting trip, has decided that the sable antelope killed by Kermit Roosevelt, is a new species peculiar to the Mombasa region and not heretofore described. It will be named the Roosevelt.

Trans-Andine Tunnel Opened.

The Trans-Andine railway tunnel was formally opened Tuesday. The tunnel is 12,000 feet above sea level and links the republics of Chile and Argentina commercially.

Once Rich; Now Penniless.

Edward M. Field, son of Cyrus W. Field, of Atlantic cable fame, is in Bellevue hospital, New York, penniless and suffering from nephritis.

Police Stop Record Dance.

After they had danced nineteen hours and thirty-eight minutes, four San Jose, Cal., men, who were the only survivors out of a list of twelve entrants in a dance contest, were stopped by the police.

Given Six Months.

Because J. J. Keon, a socialist leader in Grafton, Ill., refuses to pay a poll tax of \$1.50 he began Tuesday imprisonment a sentence of six months.

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GETS FIVE YEAR SENTENCE.

McMichael Pleads Guilty to Grand Larceny Charge.

James M. McMichael pleaded guilty before the district court at Plattsmouth Tuesday to the charge of grand larceny and was given a sentence of five years in the penitentiary. McMichael by a trick worked J. B. Mikelson, a jeweler of Nebraska City out of a diamond ring valued at \$145. McMichael appeared a few days ago at the Nebraska City store and ordered the ring sent to a fictitious friend "Marsh" at Mynard, Neb. The ring was to be sent by express subject to the approval of his friend. The man then went to Omaha, and picking out a cheap imitation stone, had it mounted to resemble the real stone. He also had a real diamond set in a solid gold mounting, and an exact duplicate made with a paste stone. He gave his name at the Omaha store as "Jackson."

Going to Mynard, he presented himself as "Marsh" and asked for the ring, and while examining it made the substitution. He refused to accept the ring and safely made his getaway, coming to Plattsmouth, where he tried to dispose of the valuable stone and was arrested. He had nine rings in a purse when searched.

LEAVES WITH THEIR COIN.

Chairovont Reaps a Harvest at Hastings, Neb.

More than 100 of the members of the "swell set" of Hastings are anxious to find Mme. Della Ionides, a clairvoyant, who has suddenly left for parts unknown. Mme. Della had arranged to give a "spiritual" party, at which she was to permit the exclusive ones to discourse with their dead friends and relatives. She had hired the largest hall in the town, and in order to get into communication with the "spirits" she had demanded and collected \$5 to \$10 from each of the parties who were to attend. All went well until the night of the "spirit" party. Then those who were to meet the departed ones were on hand, but the madame failed to appear. It was later learned that she had taken with her both "spirits" and cash.

OMAHA FATHER AND MOTHER TO LET STRONG DRINK ALONE.

"No baby unless you sign a pledge to cut out drinking." That was the order of Judge Sutton of the juvenile court, issued to Martin and Anna Volaski, of Omaha, whose 2-year-old baby had been taken away from them by Probation Officer Bernstein. In court the father and mother signed a pledge to abstain from drinking for one year, and the child was returned to their custody. As they left the court room Judge Sutton informed them that if they failed to keep the pledge the child would be taken away and that they would never have it again.

MRS. VAN ORSDEL IS DEAD.

Steele City Woman Succumbs to Her Injuries.

Mrs. Cora Van Orsdel died shortly after 9 o'clock Tuesday evening at her home at Steele City, from a self-inflicted wound. Mrs. Van Orsdel, while temporarily insane last Thursday night, murdered her 2-year-old daughter, Janette, by beating her over the head with a hammer and then cutting her throat with a razor. She then secured a butcher knife from the kitchen and cut her own throat. At first some hopes for her recovery were entertained. The woman, though badly injured, was able to write answers to questions asked her on paper. She said that she had committed the deed herself while temporarily insane. Mrs. Cora Van Orsdel is the widow of the late W. S. Van Orsdel, who died about a year ago.

EIGHT WANT LICENSES.

Increase of Cost in Beatrice Makes Little Difference.

In spite of the fact that the city council has increased the license for saloons to \$1,800 a year and has also passed a drastic anti-treating ordinance, there are eight applications for saloon license now on file at Beatrice with the city clerk. Owing to the fact that the council is on record as favoring but six saloons, two of this number will not be able to secure licenses. Just which of the two will be turned down is the subject of much speculation at the present time, as all of the applicants are residents of Beatrice.

Editors Meet.

The Cass county editor's association met in Plattsmouth Tuesday, and in the evening the members were entertained at a banquet given by the commercial club.

Four Days of Snow.

After snowing for four successive days and with two freezes with a wind blowing almost a hurricane, the fruit prospect around Greeley is blasted.

WASTE BY FIRE.

City Per Capita Loss Exceeds That of Rural Districts.

The report of the United States Geological Survey on the waste of structural materials by fire gives interesting figures concerning the fire waste in this country. In connection with this investigation the Survey took up the question of fire losses and the expenses connected with fires, such as fire departments, waterworks, etc. Details are given which are accepted as accurate. Elaborate statistics were secured by sending blanks to the chiefs of fire departments in more than 5,000 incorporated towns and cities and to the postmasters in rural districts with no large cities, to determine the comparisons between urban and strictly rural areas.

The per capita fire loss reported from the cities was \$2.54 and from the country districts \$2.49. The absence of the conflagration hazard in the country and of the exposure fires which form so large a proportion of the losses in the towns and cities is offset by the efficiency of the fire departments in the cities, the proportion of the total losses being very much larger in the country. It is estimated in the report that about 55 per cent of the total property is insured, a much smaller proportion than is usually supposed. Excessive fire waste in the United States is attributed to the predominance of frame buildings, over two-thirds of the losses being in such risks.

The report has grouped eleven States which are practically treeless and compared them with the eleven States in which there is still an abundance of timber, showing a per capita loss of \$2.89 in the former States and \$2.30 in the latter.

States have been grouped geographically to analyze the fire loss, showing a per capita of \$2.19 in the South Atlantic States, \$2.37 in the North Central, \$2.50 in the North Atlantic, \$2.65 in the Western and \$3.66 in the South Central. The excess in the latter district is attributed to an unusually large number of frame buildings, careless construction and inferior fire protection.

WARRING ON A PEST.

National Assailant on the Dangerous House Fly.

The house fly must go. Years ago science discovered that this filthy insect was a dangerous disseminator of disease and the public has rapidly learned to protect the home, especially the kitchen and dining room, from its encroachments. But war is now declared upon the fly's very existence.

The American Civic Association has taken the matter up, with headquarters in Washington, and the Department of Agriculture is planning a country-wide crusade aided by an army of laborers and no end of drugs and chemicals.

The campaign will be started in the country districts, where the flies in the past have been permitted to multiply without molestation. A special farmers' bulletin is being prepared by the bureau which will give valuable fly-killing recipes and tell of the various diseases spread by the fly.

One feature of the campaign will be moving pictures, which will be used by lecturers all over the country to show the enormous mischief the fly is capable of.



A Union of the wood, wire and metal trades is being formed at Bakersfield, Cal.

During February there were 237 industrial accidents in Canada and forty-one work people killed.

MAN IS INSTANTLY KILLED.

Section Hand Run Over by a Passenger Train.

Henry Koehler, a section hand, was instantly killed in Fairmont Saturday morning by train No. 1.

To Vote on School Bonds.

The board of education of Nebraska City at a meeting held last week adopted a resolution to submit to the voters of that city the proposition to vote for \$80,000 school bonds with which to erect and equip a new high school building. The special election is to be held on May 24.

Calls Oakland Pastor.

Rev. K. Forsman, pastor of the Swedish Mission church of Oakland, has received a call to Essex, Ia. He has not announced whether or not he will accept.

The present cold snap recalls the blizzard of 1872, the thirty-seventh anniversary of the blizzard being April 14. Many lives were lost and much stock perished, especially in western Nebraska and the Dakotas.

Preliminary arrangements are being made at Albion for the chautauqua for this summer. The dates have been set for August 6 to 14. A strong program will be presented this year than ever before.



The average daily mail received at the White House is, of course, very large. The President cannot, it follows, read these letters as an ordinary business man reads his morning mail, but by a carefully developed system their contents are in substance presented to him, an exchange says. A corps of confidential clerks open the letters and give them a first reading. They are then carefully sorted. Many of them do not need to go to the President, as they are simply recommendations for office. These, after being courteously acknowledged, are referred to the proper departments, and placed on file there until the subject to which each of them relates can be taken up for consideration. Many of the letters are purely formal, or contain requests for something which cannot be granted. These the clerks answer and the President's secretary signs. The requests for charity are so many that a special "form" has been devised to be used in answering them. They are all alike necessarily and politely refused. All letters which the President ought to see are carefully briefed—that is, a slip is pinned at the top of each letter, and on this is a typewritten synopsis of its contents, telling who the writer is and what he has to present. Frequently the President is sufficiently interested by the brief to cause him to read the whole letter. Sometimes the communication is referred to a cabinet officer, in which case the slip is retained at the White House and filed away. When a large amount of persons write on the same subject the letters are bunched, and the brief at the top gives the names of those who present one argument, and in another list the persons who offer a different view. This is an admirable way of "jumping at conclusions," made necessary by the excessive burdens of the presidential office.

At the end of February, when eight months of the fiscal year had expired, the deficit of the treasury was a little less than twenty-five million dollars. The ordinary receipts were a little less than four hundred and twenty-seven and a half millions, in which case the slip is retained at the White House and filed away. When a large amount of persons write on the same subject the letters are bunched, and the brief at the top gives the names of those who present one argument, and in another list the persons who offer a different view. This is an admirable way of "jumping at conclusions," made necessary by the excessive burdens of the presidential office.

The opinion of officials in the census bureau at Washington is said to be that the population of the country as a whole will be found to approximate 90,000,000. If the same rate of increase, however, has been maintained in the last ten years as prevailed in the preceding ten the population will reach 83,000,000. There are experts who figure that even a bigger rate of increase will be found to have occurred and who declare that the number of inhabitants of the United States will be covered to be particularly close to the 100,000,000 mark. If these optimists are right, the nation's population has jumped ahead about 24,000,000 in ten years. At the last census the population was 76,000,000, an increase of about 14,000,000 over the census of 1890.

An array of counsel greater in number and more noted than ever assembled at The Hague to engage in the trial of a special case has been retained to represent America and Great Britain in the determination of what is undoubtedly the most important issue ever presented to the great peace tribunal. Arguments will be begun on June 1. Technically this is the determination of differences which have arisen between the two governments as to the true intent of the provisions of the treaty of 1818 defining the fishing rights of Americans and Canadians in their respective waters.

Mrs. John B. Henderson has come to be known as the Terpsichore of Washington. It was Mrs. Henderson who formed the famous Greek and Spanish waltz classes for the Lenten period in which her pupils danced upon arising before open windows to make them supple and graceful.

Home consumption of the country's products continues to show expansion when compared with last year. For the nine months ending with last month the exports of breadstuffs, meat and dairy products, food animals, cotton and mineral oils from the United States, as shown by figures of the Department of Commerce and Labor, aggregated in value \$653,289,954. For the corresponding period of 1909-09 the value of the commodities was \$687,794,123.