

Condensed News of the Week

Captain Sewell, in charge of the construction work at the Washington, D. C., barracks, has had considerable trouble lately, owing to the fact that a non-union bricklayer named Taylor was at work on the place. F. S. Key Smith, attorney for the striking bricklayers said that Taylor was employed in violation of civil service rules and if he is not discharged Mr. Smith will protest to President Roosevelt. Mr. Smith has received a letter from Captain Sewell in which he says: "The question of union or non-union labor on government work has got to be settled without any evasion of the issue some day. If the unions are able to establish their position that a non-union man can not work with them on government work, then day labor work on the part of the United States is forever at an end."

The grocery store of Poggrorlale Cero, on Elizabeth street, New York city, was wrecked by a bomb and the owner and his wife almost killed. Cero has been the recipient of a number of letters recently, each marked with a skull and crossbones and demanding that he meet the writer and bring \$2,000 with him when he did so. Cero became frightened and a few days ago gave the letters to the police who have been at work on them since.

An Associated Press report from Washington, D. C., states that Admiral Dewey and his men who fought the battle of Manila are to receive their prize money on account of the Don Juan de Austria and other Spanish property. The amount of property captured is estimated at \$1,657,344, one-half of which, according to law will go to the credit of the navy pension fund and the other half to be paid to the captors.

Temporary Chairman John Sharp Williams of the democratic convention at St. Louis, has received word from Senator Davis that the formal notification of his nomination as vice-president would take place at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., August 17.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Fort Scott, Kan., July 26, says: "A movement to organize a \$100,000 packing plant here was undertaken today by several men interested in the meat business. The plan is to interest the wealthy stock feeders in this and adjoining counties and to make them stockholders in the packing house. This is to make them independent of the commission men and stock yards companies, as well as the packers in the larger cities. The proposed company is to be organized along the lines suggested recently by the national convention of stockmen."

An Indian prisoner who was charged with having abandoned his two children, a boy, aged 4 years, and a girl, aged 20 years, at Fond du Lac on Lake Athabasca, and who were later found to have been devoured by wolves, only their clothing, bloody and torn, remaining, was severely reprimanded by the court at Edmonton, N. W. T., who sentenced him to two years' imprisonment.

The state department has received a message from the American consul at Zanzibar, reporting the killing by Nandi natives, in the province of Urganda, British East Africa, on April 28 last, of one Mr. Wendte, supposed to have been an American citizen.

Charles Turee, 9 years old, who says that he was kidnaped from his home, 8 Mulberry street, Memphis, Tenn., a few days ago, and taken to St. Louis, where he was beaten because he would not steal and beg, is now in the care of the police matron there, having been found wandering the streets.

After indicting twenty-four bookmakers the grand jury at Chicago ordered Sheriff Barrett to take immediate steps to stop all gambling at the race tracks in Cook county. Before leaving the jury room Sheriff Barrett promised the jurors that he would comply with their request in every detail.

Thomas W. Trichenal, alias O. S. Gundale, postmaster at Pleasant Hill, Preston county, W. Va., was lodged in jail by a postoffice inspector, charged with sending circular letters through the

mails claiming that he had been an engraver and proposing to sell bank notes at \$1 for \$10 dollars worth of the spurious money. His correspondence shows names of people in all parts of the country.

Judge McKoon, the aged New York lawyer who disappeared so mysteriously some weeks ago, is still missing and his friends are greatly alarmed.

Rear Admiral H. G. Taylor of the United States navy, who commanded the Indiana at the battle of Santiago, died at Coppercliff, Ont., general hospital of peritonitis.

An increase of the arid land reclamation fund held by the treasury to approximately \$25,000,000 is announced in the report of the auditor of the interior department for the fiscal year ended on June 30. The fund accumulated and set apart for the three fiscal years ended on June 30, 1903, aggregated \$16,444,339.

The death of John Rogers, sculptor and designer of the "Rogers Groups" of statuary, is announced, it having come after a long illness from creeping paralysis, while Mr. Rogers was at his summer home in New Canaan, Conn.

A strike of all the paper makers in the country is threatened, unless the necessary concessions are made by the employers in the Fox river valley near Appleton, Wis.

Reports from Berlin state that Germany is suffering a severe drouth and that the crops are suffering severely. An Associated Press dispatch says that the German newspapers are printing pictures of crowds of people exploring the exposed river bed at Dresden, where the stream can be crossed on foot. Eight hundred canal boats lie stranded in the upper Oder above Breslau and thirty-eight British colliers are lying at Swinemunde, unable to discharge their cargoes because the river boats can not operate.

The republican state convention for Missouri has nominated Cyrus P. Walbridge for governor.

The democratic state convention for North Dakota met on July 27 at Grand Forks and placed in nomination the following ticket: Governor, M. F. Hegge, Traill county; congressmen, A. G. Burr of Bottineau and N. P. Rasmussen of Barnes; lieutenant governor, G. S. Cyrne, Stark; secretary of state, H. O'Keefe, Walsh; auditor, Charles Bade, Dickey; treasurer, R. B. Ross, Ward; attorney general, S. Schrumgrad, Ramsey; commissioner of insurance, D. M. Holmes, Grand Forks; superintendent of public instruction, C. C. Schmidt, Stutsman; commissioner of agriculture, R. Schultz, Wells; railroad commissioners, F. Martineau of Rollette, Joseph Bravin of Sargent, Axel Johnson of Eddy. The resolutions endorse the St. Louis platform; declare for the initiative and referendum; favor a direct primary law and national grain inspection, and the development of irrigation.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of St. Joseph, Mo., July 27, says: "After taking 450 ballots, the Fourth Missouri district democratic congressional convention tonight adjourned without making a nomination. Congressman C. F. Cochran of St. Joseph has 46 votes; Francis Wilson of Platte county, 35, and C. F. Booher of Andrew county, 31. The convention has been in a deadlock ever since the first ballot, no change having occurred in the figures."

Western headquarters of the republican national committee was opened in the Auditorium hotel, Chicago, by Secretary Elmer rover.

An ingenious method employed in the Philippines to secure an adequate gas supply is to slowly feed coconut oil, a native product, into strong cast iron retorts, after the latter are brought to a red heat in furnaces. This produces a very high quality of illuminating gas, free from smoke and tar.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of New York, July 27, says: Chairman Taggart is discussing the advisability of establishing western democratic quarters at Indianapolis instead of Chicago, on the ground that Indiana is a very

important state. He will defer to the judgment of the executive committee, however.

In the United States circuit court at Hartford, Conn., Judge Platt signed the decree of foreclosure and sale in the case of the Mercantile Trust company as trustee and the New York Security and Trust company as complainant against the Union States Ship Building company.

Acting Postmaster General Wynne has signed an order, effective August 1, wherein the postal administration of Hong Kong has concurred, limiting the value of parcels post packages exchanged between the United States and Hong Kong to \$50 each.

Until the advent of the Americans no systematic efforts ever had been made to vaccinate Filipinos. The islands now are declared to be practically free from plague as a result.

Theodore Roosevelt has formally opened the political campaign of 1904 at his country home, Sagamore Hill.

The first annual reunion of the United Spanish war veterans will be held at St. Louis instead of Indianapolis on account of the failure to get stopover privileges from the railroads.

The question of a reduction to 25 cents for night admission that has been agitated since the opening of the St. Louis exposition, has been finally disposed of by the board of directors voting almost unanimously against the proposition.

Eight large sticks of dynamite and two dozen percussion caps were found under the Santa Fe station at El Paso, Tex. The explosives were so arranged that it is thought any heavy jar would have set them off.

Rear Admiral Phillip H. Cooper, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic station, will be retired August 1.

An Associated Press dispatch from Beaver, Pa., says that forty persons who were attending a family reunion were poisoned by eating ice cream which contained ptomaine poison.

Robert E. Pattison, former governor of Pennsylvania, died of pneumonia August 1, at his country home near Philadelphia.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Cripple Creek, Colo., July 29, says: "Patrick McCarvel, one of those who was deported over the Kansas line by the military early in June, returned to Victor, where he owns property, including a large hall and business block valued at \$25,000. When McCarvel stepped from the train he was taken in charge by Major H. A. Taylor, acting city marshal. McCarvel was allowed to attend to some business affairs and then placed on the first outgoing train and warned that in the future police protection would not be afforded him should he again return. McCarvel originally was deported for openly expressing sympathy with the miners' union and denouncing acts of Governor Peabody and his military subordinates."

The czar of Russia has telegraphed M. Witte, the president of the Russian council of ministers, offering him the position of minister of the interior, which office is now vacant, owing to the assassination of Minister von Plehve.

Former Senator George G. Vest of Missouri is reported to be dying at Sweet Springs, Mo., where he went in the hope of regaining his health.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of New York, July 29, says: "Captain Van Schaick and Federal Steamboat Inspector Fleming and Former Inspector Lundberg were indicted today by the federal court grand jury in connection with the disaster to the General Slocum on June 15 last, when nearly 1,000 lives were lost. Van Schaick was the commander of the Slocum."

D. R. Anthony, the well known newspaper editor, and brother of Susan B. Anthony, who has been so seriously ill in his Leavenworth, Kan., home that his life was despaired of, is improving rapidly and his physicians say it is only a question of time when he will be well.