

Condensed News of the Week

An anti-government demonstration took place in St. Petersburg, Dec. 11, in which great numbers of students of both sexes participated. The cause of the uprising is said to have been caused by a desire on the part of the people to have the war ended and the convocation of a national assembly. Although the students were fierce in their attack the police, under orders from Sviatopolk-Mirsky, acted very humanely and avoided brutality in quelling the trouble.

Former Secretary of the Treasury, Lyman J. Gage, is seriously ill with inflammatory rheumatism at his home in New York City.

James Delatto, an Italian living in Grand Rapids, Mich., while suffering from dementia brought on by typhoid fever, ran into a church in that city and terrorized the worshippers. Policemen were called for and it was only by the greatest efforts on their part that he was overpowered and an axe taken from him. He destroyed furniture and injured the organ to the extent of \$1,500. The unfortunate man was taken to a hospital and his wounds attended to. He was shot in the head, but it is not believed that he will die.

An Associated Press dispatch dated London, Dec. 11, says: "Captain Mills of the American line steamer Philadelphia has entered a protest against reckless target practice carried on off Plymouth. He says that as he approached the harbor on Tuesday with many passengers on board their safety was endangered by a gunboat which persisted in firing, even after the patrol launch apprised the gunboat of the liner's approach. The captain said he was obliged twice to stop and go full speed to avoid disaster.

The death is reported of Spencer Carrington, the oldest member of the English House of Commons. Mr. Carrington represented the Tower Hamlets in the conservative interests for nearly fifty years.

For the fifth time in two months the foundry of the Newport Iron Foundry & Machine company at Newport, Ky., was dynamited. The building is almost a total wreck. The act is supposed to have been done by strikers.

The school census of Boston shows that there are in that city over 100,367 children under 14 years of age. Of this number 76,375 who attend public schools and 8,901 who do not attend any school.

Cattlemen in the western states are losing many fine animals by a strange disease. The animals act as if they were poisoned but the disease seems to be contagious and so far, no help has been found.

Justice Alvey of the court of appeals of the District of Columbia has announced that he will retire from his position December 31. He is 77 years of age.

The commission which will inquire into the North sea incident is expected to meet December 20th at Paris and to continue until the middle of January.

As a result of the failure of the Citizen's bank at Oberlin, O., a number of students are greatly embarrassed. There were seventy-five of them who had an aggregate of \$25,000 in the bank and the faculty is doing all in its power to recover their money.

Rear Admiral Ralph Aston, United States navy, retired, died at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., of a complication of diseases after an illness of two years.

William H. Forman, for many years a well known New York editor, died at the Pringle Home for Literary men at Poughkeepsie. He was 78 years old.

The American Sheet and Tin company of Pittsburgh started thirty-five tin plate mills recently. Of the 242 mills all but seven are now running, and it is expected they will be going before the end of the year. For the first time in the history of the company every mill owned will be in full operation.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Helena, Mont., Dec. 12, says: "Attorney General Donovan today began injunction proceedings against four leading Chicago packing companies to restrain those concerns from doing business in this city, on the ground that they are violating the anti-trust laws.

Sir Donald Curie, the ship owner, has given \$125,000 to Edinburgh university to extend its usefulness and assist the Carnegie trust in carrying out its work.

An investigation is under way as to the manner in which Philip Wolf died in the state hospital at Rock Springs, Wyoming. It has been charged that Mr. Wolf came to his death through improper nursing. He had been shot in the leg and was recovering nicely when an inexperienced nurse washed the wound with insect poison by mistake, causing inflammation and gangrene.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Chicago, Dec. 12, says: "Alarmed at rumors that a combination is seeking control of every telephone appliance factory in the country, the members of the Interstate Independent Telephone Association of America will take steps at the convention which opens here tomorrow to meet the move and defeat it. A week ago men said to represent \$700,000,000 of eastern capital were in Chicago taking options on the telephone appliance factories, notably all which are represented in the independent association. The result of such a merger, it is conceded by the independent telephone companies, would shut off services for instruments and appliances, and in the most emphatic terms President Henry A. Barnhart of Rochester, Ind., told the executive association that the association must take steps to protect itself.

Seasonoff, the man who assassinated Minister Von Plehve of Russia, was sentenced to penal servitude for life and the man who acted as his accomplice was sentenced to twenty years' penal servitude.

As a result of a decision by the court of appeals the city of New York may have to defend scores of suits for damages for personal injuries growing out of an explosion at a public display of fireworks. The court reversed the lower courts and granted a new trial to Solomon Landau, who appealed from affirmance of a judgment dismissing to recover \$25,000 for the death of his son.

A treaty of peace between the government of Paraguay and the revolutionists was signed on board the Argentine warship La Plata by President Ezcurra and General Ferreira. The treaty marks the complete triumph of the revolution and is based upon the resignation of President Ezcurra and the election of Senor Gauna, a supporter of the revolution, to the presidency.

The University of Chicago is the recipient of another gift from John D. Rockefeller, according to a member of the advisory committee, of the Baptist Theological union. Between \$2,000,000 and \$3,200,000 is said to be the amount of the endowment.

Although the investigation into the causes of the death of the French deputy Syveton has not been completed, facts have leaked out which render it certain that Syveton committed suicide owing to private trouble wholly unconnected with politics.

The worst fire in the history of Minneapolis occurred December 14, and before it could be extinguished \$16,000,000 worth of damage was done.

At the semi-annual meeting at Washington of the trustees of the Methodist American university action was taken looking to the immediate enlargement of the university work.

The board of directors of the Louisiana Purchase exposition approved the contract with a Chicago Wrecking company for the removal of the exposition buildings. The exposition company is to receive \$450,000.

Plans are being outlined by Ralph M. Easley of New York, for an international civic federation to improve the condition of wage earners and their relations with their employers and to advance education throughout the world.

Miss Achah M. Ely, professor of mathematics at Vassar college, died very suddenly at the college recently, death being caused by apoplexy.

The recent series of earthquakes experienced in San Francisco have caused a big crack in the pier of the Santa Fe bridge now being constructed at the foot of Third street.

When told it was reported that Tammany Hall will participate in the celebrations on inaugural day, Charles F. Murphy said: "This certainly must be a hoax. It is the first I have heard of it. If any Tammany committee, of which I know nothing, has had the effrontery to make such a request, it is without my knowledge and would bear investigation. I earnestly must believe the story made out of whole cloth, as it is ridiculous."

A treaty of arbitration between the United States and Italy was signed by Moron Mayor Des Planches, the Italian ambassador and Secretary Hay.

A bad accident happened by the falling of the suspension bridge at Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 15. Nearly thirty children, six teams and six drivers who were on the bridge were dropped into the water. Several bodies have been recovered, but the exact number of those who lost their lives will not be known for some time.

Henry Mitchell, an inventor, living at Hammond, Ind., was terribly mangled while experimenting with smokeless powder. Besides losing his eyesight his entire body was bruised.

It has been announced that long distance telephones will be operated in and out of Chicago through the Illinois company's wires and tunnels. This system of telephones will be owned by a company that will compete with the Bell Telephone company.

Richard D. Lancaster, one of the best known politicians and a resident of Missouri for over thirty years, is dead at his home in St. Louis.

Four men were killed instantly and two others were very badly injured on the battleship Massachusetts which is lying at the League Island navy yard. The men were working in the engine room of the vessel when a manhole blew out, and injured the men in terrible manner.

Count Tolstoy has opened book stores at Moscow and St. Petersburg and will provide village libraries with books at cheap rates.

Brigadier General Samuel Whiteside, who during the Spanish war had command of the department of Santiago, died in Washington, D. C., Dec. 15. The general retired July 9, 1902.

Mrs. Cassie Chadwick has been returned to Cleveland, Ohio, to face the charges that will be brought against her. Her husband who is in Paris has not been sent for and it is not likely that he will return for some time.

Senator Depew said his candidacy for the senatorship of New York was in the hands of his friends and he would not withdraw from the canvass because of any action the conference might have taken. No statement was secured from ex-Governor Black.

Berlin has passed the 2,000,000 mark in the population of the city proper. The adjoining suburbs have a population of nearly 750,000 persons.

Bids were opened in Washington for the transportation of 50,000 tons of coal from the Atlantic coast to the coaling station in Manila bay. The bids of the American shippers were nearly \$3 per ton higher than those of foreign shippers.

The frigate Constellation, the oldest ship in the American navy, after having been thoroughly overhauled and made trim again, was re-commissioned at the navy yard in Brooklyn.

The national Civic Federation held its annual dinner at New York, Dec. 15. Samuel Gompers presided as toastmaster. August Belmont was chosen president to succeed the late Senator Marcus A. Hanna.