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SUMMARY OF NEWS

CONDENSATION OF THE MOST IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS.

BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD

General, Political, Religious, Sporting, Foreign and Other Events Recorded Here and There.

Political.

Senator Scott, after a visit to Judge Taft, says he is confident the president-elect has plans for a progressive and courageous administration.

William H. Taft carried Missouri by a plurality of 1,026, according to the tabulation of the official returns made by Governor Folk.

The defeat of Congressman D. L. D. Granger, democrat, for re-election in the First Rhode Island district by William P. Sheffield of Newport, republican, was confirmed by official cancellation.

Norman Mack says there is a deficit in the democratic campaign fund, but all bills will be paid.

A Savannah paper suggests that the democratic party run a southern man for president in 1912.

President-elect Taft believes revision of the tariff must be thorough and made in good faith. He is seeking light regarding personnel and organization of next congress.

The American Federation of Labor modified President Gompers' recommendation regarding resistance to injunctions, but a vote on it was not reached.

Governor Crawford of South Dakota has sent an order to Pierre appointing Judge Charles S. Whiting to the supreme bench to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Howard G. Fuller.

A campaign fund of \$1,500,000, contributed to the national republican committee in the recent campaign, will be shown when the list of contributors is filed at Albany, according to the New York Evening Post.

Ex-Senator Millard of Nebraska may be in Taft's cabinet as secretary of the treasury.

President-elect Taft discussed political affairs with Vice President-elect Sherman and William Ward, national committeeman from New York.

President-elect W. H. Taft declares that Secretary Root meets his ideal of a far-seeing statesman.

Explosion of a gas main under a Brooklyn street engulfed workmen and men, women and children who were on the street at the time, over twenty, it is believed, being killed.

The American Federation of Labor adopted the report of President Gompers after debate of a day and a half. Several herds of cattle in Pennsylvania and New York were destroyed by officials in the fight on the epidemic among swine.

Charles Leonard, porter at the Henshaw hotel, Omaha, checked a \$40,000 jewelry trunk to himself at St. Joseph, where he was arrested and confessed and the valuables were recovered within four hours after the deed.

Otto Braemer Grimm, lieutenant in the United States army signal corps, died suddenly of hemorrhage in a drug store at Long Beach, Cal.

Mexicans who are coming to the Omaha corn show are anxious to know what kind of clothing it will be necessary to wear.

The gorgeries of Peter Van Vissingen, the Chicago real estate broker, will reach \$2,000,000. He was taken to Joliet to begin his sentence.

Frank Shercliffe will be placed on trial in Minneapolis next week for alleged complicity in train robbery.

Mayor Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland has announced that his fortune has been swept away in his efforts to protect his brother's estate. He will give up his big house on Euclid avenue and sell his automobiles.

The inventory of the estate of the late Nelson Morris shows that he had extensive holdings in South Omaha.

Wild scenes at the palace followed the deaths of the emperor and dowager empress of China.

Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska vie with each other to see which will lead at the corn show.

In the United States circuit court of appeals at New Orleans the case of the Pullman company against the Texas railroad commission was again decided in favor of the Pullman company. The case involved the order of the Texas commission ordering a reduction of about 20 per cent in Pullman car charges.

The sentence of one year's imprisonment administered upon Charles J. Hartlove for desertion from the navy to marry a daughter of the late Senator Gorman has been affirmed.

Venezuela has completed preparations for the threatened blockade of her seaports by Holland.

The Southern Pacific railroad has announced a reduction of rates on shipments of lumber originating in California, Nevada and Utah. It meets rates recently made from Oregon and Washington points.

Major General Duval will succeed General Weston in the Philippines.

Owing to the reports of threatened uprisings, the Equadorean government has declared the army on a war footing.

Eight convicts were suffocated in an attempt to escape from an Alabama mine by setting fire to the workings.

Labor leaders who were guests of President Roosevelt suggested a number of changes in laws, several of which will probably be incorporated in his annual message.

The state board of Nebraska makes up total of assessment roll, showing valuation of \$391,735,464.

The National Corn show of Omaha will take on an international aspect by the presence of delegates from Mexico, Canada and Great Britain.

The state labor bureau of Nebraska issues an estimate of Nebraska crops showing the state has ample basis for prosperity.

Returns from Cuban elections indicate the success of the liberal ticket, headed by General Gomez, by a big plurality.

President-elect Taft was orator of the day at the dedication of the monument to the prison ship martyrs at Brooklyn.

Two counties of Ireland are in a turmoil over the question of licensing an insignificant inn out on a country road.

The federal court of appeals has decided that the American Tobacco company is a combination in restraint of trade.

Washington.

That a special session of the fifty-first congress will be called soon after March 4 to take up the matter of tariff revision became known positively when William H. Taft, president-elect, stated that he intended to call such session soon after his inauguration.

The temporary roll call of the house of representatives for the sixty-first congress has been completed and published. It presents a complete list of members of the new house as shown by unofficial returns, and gives the politics of all of them. According to the publication the next house will consist of 219 republicans and 172 democrats, a total of 391, as against a total of 389 in the house during the last session, or whom 223 were republicans and 166 democrats.

President-elect Taft announces a special session of congress will be held as soon as practicable after March 4 for the purpose of revising the tariff.

The chairmanship of the Interstate and foreign commerce, made vacant by the defeat of the veteran W. P. Hepburn of Iowa, who came to congress twenty-six years ago, will, in all human probability, be filled by James R. Mann of Illinois, who has been Hepburn's lieutenant and who has special qualifications for the place.

President Roosevelt, upon learning of the attempt made on the life of Francis J. Heney in San Francisco, sent telegrams to Mrs. Heney and Adolph Spreckels, expressing his "horror and detestation" of the deed.

Secretary of the Navy Victor H. Metcalf tendered his resignation to the president, to take effect December 1, on account of ill health.

The National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, gave a reception to O. H. Kelley of Washington, D. C., the only surviving member of the small group of men who organized the grange about half a century ago.

Foreign.

The German Emperor takes the position that his pledge is only a reaffirmation of his oath of office and that he has not changed his official relations to the people or government in any way.

Reform edicts in China indicate that the new administration will be progressive and modern. Death of the emperor is said to be due to narasthenia and heart trouble and that of the dowager empress to apoplexy.

Lack of unity among political parties in Germany make it evident that the kaiser's concession to public opinion will not be followed by Parliamentary government. A resolution demanding amendment to constitution making ministry responsible to the Reichstag will be introduced, but it will not command over one fourth vote.

The funeral of Grand Duke Alexis of Russia, uncle of Emperor Nicholas, who died here November 14, took place in Paris and was accompanied by the Russian church.

Count Boni is still making an effort to secure his children from his former wife Anna Gould, but the case has been repeatedly postponed.

Personal.

Apparent indifference of Emperor William to public sentiment in Germany irritates the people greatly.

Indications from Washington are that Mr. Cannon will be re-elected speaker without much opposition.

William D. Cornish, second vice president of the Union Pacific railroad, died suddenly in Chicago.

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Attorney Reed of Madison, who stands near to Shallenberger, says a bank deposit guaranty law and repeal of the county assessor law will be main pieces of legislation in Nebraska.

General Gomez, liberal candidate for president, carried every province in the island of Cuba.

W. J. Bryan in formal statement said he would not prejudice the future by saying that he would not again be a candidate for president.

All dilatory motions made by attorneys for Abraham Ruef were denied by Judge Lawler, and his trial will proceed.

REFORM IN GERMANY

MINISTRY RESPONSIBLE TO PARLIAMENT SOON TO OPEN.

THE EMPEROR IS IN CONTROL

Advance Liberals Do Not Anticipate Much of Importance From the Present Reichstag.

Berlin.—The debate in the Reichstag on the motions introduced by the socialists and radicals, demanding changes in the constitution, with the object of making the chancellor and ministers responsible to Parliament, and giving the sole power to the Reichstag to declare war, will probably begin on December 2. The debate is expected to last one day, or two days at the most.

The advanced liberals, whose aim is to convert the German political system into a government responsible to Parliament, do not anticipate much from the present Reichstag because in the days when feeling ran the highest the party leaders would not agree to urge even the simplest resolution of censure or inquiry. The radicals and socialists count upon making their first great campaign in the elections of 1912, unless the house is dissolved sooner.

The power of the associated monarchies forming the German empire is entrenched in two principal ways—in the Bundesrath, which has equal legislative powers with the Reichstag, and in the conservative and clerical parties, which have, under the ancient system of the Reichstag electoral districts, the means for holding the majority in that body by about one-third the votes cast.

The Bundesrath, which consists of fifty-eight members appointed by the sovereigns of the states of Germany, except one each from Hamburg, Bremen and Lubeck, stands directly across the path of a government responsible to the elected representatives of the people. The kings, grand dukes and princes who rule the federated states, also through ministers responsible to them alone, while willing to unite in limiting the freedom of initiative and speech on the part of the king of Prussia as emperor, are one with him in their determination to resist representative government.

Fourteen votes in the Bundesrath against any amendment to the constitution will suffice for its rejection. The emperor, as king of Prussia, nominates seventeen of the members and, as a consequence, there is no possible chance for the adoption of an amendment without his consent.

Carnegie on the Tariff

New York.—A notable article from Andrew Carnegie dealing with the tariff, will appear in the forthcoming December number of the Century Magazine. The iron master takes the position that "infant industries" no longer need protection; and the steel and other industries have now grown beyond the need of tariff protection; that duties on luxuries used by the rich should be maintained, but that those on manufactured articles should be reduced greatly, or abolished entirely, when no longer needed.

Stock Deal Halts

New York.—Dealings in stocks last week contracted to a daily average of but little more than 1,000,000 shares at the New York Stock exchange, compared with the average of upwards of 1,500,000 shares a day for the week preceding. Coupled with this diminution in the activity of the market there appears to grow up a degree of uncertainty in the price movement in contrast with the uniformly strong upward movement which had prevailed since the presidential elections.

All Now Quiet in China.

Peking.—While all is quiet at Peking, detachments of troops guard the city gates and gendarmes are on duty at the approaches of the foreign legations. The government has not ceased to take precautionary measures for the revolutionists are spreading all kinds of reports, which might act like firebrands to the spirit of uneasiness unduly prevailing present conditions in China.

Democratic Expenditures

Chicago.—The democratic national committee received in all \$620,644.77 and spent \$619,410.06 during the recent presidential campaign, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,234.71. So reads a statement made public by the officers of the committee.

Sheldon Abandons Special Session

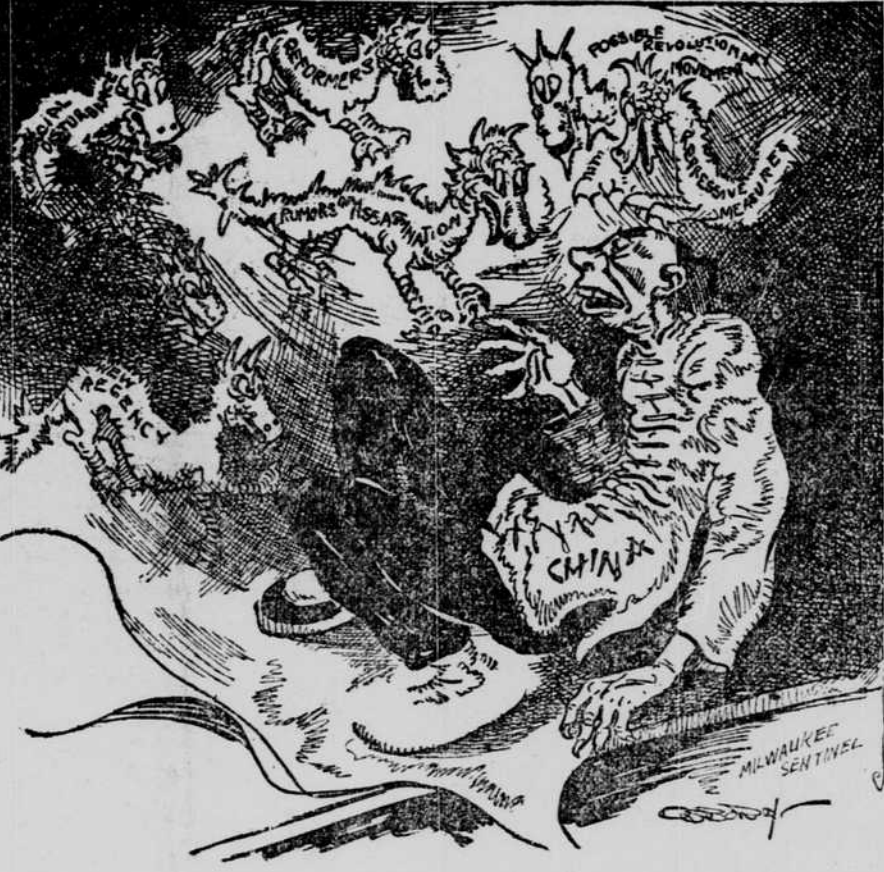
Lynchburg, Neb.—Governor Sheldon has practically abandoned the special session idea. He is concentrating his attention upon the question of the appointment of judges. It is believed he will name two democrats and two republicans.

TURKEY FOR WHITE HOUSE

Bird for the President's Thanksgiving Dinner

Westerly.—The Rhode Island Turkey, which Horace Vose will send to the president, according to his annual custom, to grace the table of the White House on Thanksgiving day, went on the execution block Monday. It is the best of a lot of chestnut-fed birds which have been selected and specially reared as candidates for the distinction and weighs twenty-six pounds.

ENOUGH TO WAKE HIM.



CHILDREN CONTRACT PLAGUE

FOUR HAVE FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN DANVILLE, PA.

Officials Believe Spread of Contagion Will Be Checked—Cattle Shipments Are Stopped.

Washington.—Alarming results following the outbreak of a contagious foot and mouth disease in New York and Pennsylvania, causing those states to be quarantined against interstate shipments of cattle, etc., were shown Friday in advices which reached Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, stating that four children in Danville, Pa., had contracted the disease.

A rigid investigation is in progress in Danville and elsewhere to determine whether others have become similarly affected. The officials believe that the spread of the contagion will be checked, although admitting that the situation is grave and will require energetic and concerted action by the state and federal authorities.

New York, Nov. 21.—Cattle shipments to foreign ports from New York and Philadelphia were brought to an abrupt close Friday by the cattle quarantine established in this state and in Pennsylvania on account of the outbreak of foot and mouth disease. The quarantine does not affect ports outside of New York and Philadelphia, except as to cattle from the two states affected by the ruling. Western cattle may still be shipped abroad from either Boston or Baltimore.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Business at the stock yards here was completely tied up when a meeting of the East Buffalo Livestock association Friday night the members adopted a resolution calling on the railroads to cancel all orders for shipments of cattle or swine to or through Buffalo. The association formally approved the stringent measures of quarantine used by Chief Melvin of Washington and Commissioner Pearson of the state department of agriculture. Two cases of foot and mouth disease were found Friday on a Niagara county farm and one infected herd in Erie county was destroyed.

London.—Confidence is expressed here that the energetic action of the American officials soon will stamp out the foot and mouth disease. Officials are not alarmed concerning the possibility of a beef shortage. In this connection John Burns, president of the local government board, called attention to the rapidly growing consumption in England of home-grown cattle.

CAIRO TRACTION DEAL.

McKinley Syndicate Is Given City and Interurban Franchises.

Cairo, Ill.—The Cairo city council Thursday granted a 50-year interurban franchise and a 20-year street railway franchise to the McKinley syndicate. This syndicate has already bought the local electric street railway, the electric light plant, and the Cairo City Gas Company.

An interurban line will be built to connect Cairo with Mounds, Mound City and Villa Ridge, and will later extend to St. Louis.

Insane Farmer Kills Nephew.

Danville, Ky.—Hugh Thompson, a wealthy young farmer, became suddenly insane Thursday and shot and killed his nephew, Frederick Garrison, aged 18 years. The boy after being shot fired one shot at his uncle, the bullet lodging in a lower limb. The wound, it is believed, will prove fatal because of the large amount of blood lost. Thompson had only recently been released from an insane asylum.

Finds But Cannot Have Her Child.

Bellingham, Wash.—After prosecuting a search for her child for 13 years, finding the boy in Bellingham last June the adopted son of A. W. Deming, Miss Maude Fields of St. Louis failed Friday to secure possession of the child. Judge De Tere of the superior court gave the boy into the charge of his adopted parents.

Richmond Publisher Dead.

Richmond, Va.—Joseph Bryan, owner of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, died suddenly Friday night.

EMPEROR WILLIAM YIELDS.

Promises People to Conform to Constitutional Methods.

Berlin.—Warned by the angry tide of popular feeling that swept the empire from end to end, Emperor William Tuesday yielded to the nation and promised henceforth to conform himself to constitutional methods of conducting the policies of Germany.

The climax to the public utterances of the emperor was reached in an interview which he gave to an Englishman and which was published in the London Daily Telegraph on October 28. As the outcome of this the whole country was aroused; the reichstag endorsed the attitude of many of its prominent members when they denounced the sovereign, and Chancellor von Buelow, while he attempted to smooth away the affair, undertook to communicate to his majesty a straightforward and unvarnished statement of how the German people viewed his intervention in affairs of state.

The interview between the emperor and the imperial chancellor took place at the new palace in Potsdam Tuesday morning and at its conclusion the emperor made formal promise to the people that in the future he would not act except through the chancellor and his associate ministers.

MINE HORROR IN MONTANA.

Nine Men Believed to Have Lost Their Lives at Red Lodge.

Butte, Mont.—Fire Friday morning in the fourth drift east from No. 2 slope of the Northwestern Improvement Company's mine at Red Lodge caused the death of nine miners. The bodies of three have been recovered. Six are missing and there is no doubt that they are dead.

Seven men were taken from the working at one p. m. in a half-dead condition and are now in the hospital. Members of the fire department and 50 volunteers then started the work of rescue and within half an hour the skips were running down the fourth entry and a hundred men were loaded on the cars and brought to the surface, many of them completely exhausted.

LOOKOUT INN IS BURNED.

Famous Hotel on Mountain Top Destroyed by Flames.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Famous old Lookout Inn, on the crest of Lookout mountain, was burned to the ground late Tuesday, together with all its contents. The owners, Messrs. Jung and Shamoto, stated that a deal had just been consummated for the sale of the inn property, for a consideration of \$135,000, and but for the fire the deal would have been closed Tuesday.

Aside from the hotel, four cottages and their contents were destroyed, entailing a loss estimated at \$16,000. The hotel was completed in 1889 and had been visited by persons of note from all over the world.

Philadelphia Brokers Assign.

Philadelphia.—The firm of John A. Boardman & Co., stock brokers, made an assignment Thursday to Lincoln L. Eyre, who has taken charge of the company's affairs. The firm had several branch offices in New York. The offices were closed Thursday and have printed notices directing that all inquiries be made to the main office in Philadelphia. The firm has a chain of 19 offices in eastern cities, two offices being located here.

Injured During Initiation.

Lincoln, Neb.—Gov.-elect A. C. Shallenberger sustained a fractured leg while being initiated as a member of the Shriners Wednesday night.

Naval Officers Court-Martialed.

Manila.—A court-martial convened on the battleship Louisiana Friday for the purpose of trying Lieut. Commander Jewell of the Louisiana and Lieut. Bowers of the Rhode Island on charges of personal misconduct during the visit of the fleet to Japan.

Forest Fires in Southern Illinois.

Evansville, Ind.—Information received from Grayville and Carmi, Ill., states that forest fires have been raging in southern Illinois and the damage has been serious.

AWFUL BLAST FATAL TO 25

GAS EXPLOSION IN BROOKLYN TEARS UP A STREET.

One Woman, Five Children and About Nineteen Workmen Killed—Remarkable Escape of Four Laborers.

New York.—Twenty-five persons are believed to have lost their lives in an explosion of gas which tore up a great section of Gold street, Brooklyn, Friday. It is definitely known that 15 persons were buried under the hundreds of tons of earth and timber that were thrown into the air by the explosion, and ten more persons are reported as missing.

The exact number of dead cannot be determined yet, for those working to recover the entombed bodies must dig through 50 feet of dirt, rock and a tangle of pipes and timbers.

The explosion occurred in a 50-foot deep excavation that had been made in Gold street between York and Front streets where a water main was being laid. The gas main recently sprung a leak and in a manner unknown a spark came in contact with escaping gas.

Immediately there was a terrific explosion that lifted the surface of the street for half a block in both directions and hurled dirt, paving stones and debris into the air.

Gold street was crowded with school children when the explosion occurred and that scores of children were not killed or injured was remarkable. A woman and three children were almost opposite the excavation when the earth crumbled under their feet and they were swept down into the hole under tons of wreckage.

Two other children were on the opposite side of the street when the sidewalk caved in and they lost their lives.

Only four of the men working in the excavation escaped, and their escape was remarkable. These men were digging near the opening of a four-foot sewer and the force of the explosion blew them to the entrance of it. Arthur Strand was hurled farthest in and he pulled the other men after him.

Water from the broken main began to pour into the sewer and the four men, in danger of being drowned, ran to the river where there was an outlet to the sewer.

Mayor Tom L. Johnson.

Cleveland, O.—Mayor Tom L. Johnson, who for years has been credited with possession of a very large fortune, Thursday announced that he had lost everything and would be compelled to

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Fortune Is Gone and He Must Give Up His Mansion.

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JOHN D. IS QUIZZED

SHARP CROSS-EXAMINATION OF STANDARD OIL CHIEF.

IMMENSE PROFITS SHOWN

Earnings of the Octopus in 1907 Were About \$30,000,000—Witness' Memory Concerning Rebates Is Not Good.

New York.—For over five hours Friday John D. Rockefeller, witness for the defense in the government suit to dissolve the Standard Oil Company, faced an unceasing fire of questions from the federal counsel, Frank B. Kellogg, and when adjournment was taken until Monday the head of the oil combine was still being cross-examined on the charges that the company in its early days accepted rebates to the disadvantage of its rivals.

Mr. Rockefeller's cross-examination will probably not be concluded until late Tuesday, as Mr. Kellogg made it known that he would inquire into every detail of the company's business.

Enormous Earnings Shown.

The enormous earnings power of the oil combine was sharply brought out in Friday's hearing when Mr. Rockefeller, after stating that the Standard had paid dividends amounting to \$40,000,000 in 1907, said that this was added to the company's surplus, which was stated by the government's counsel to be \$300,000,000. It was further stated by Mr. Kellogg that the company within the last eight years had earned nearly half a billion dollars.

The course of Mr. Rockefeller's testimony in the hands of government counsel ran not so smoothly as on Thursday when he told his story under the direction of friendly counsel, but the rapid fire interrogations of the prosecutor were always met with unshaken imperturbability and readiness to answer except when, as he explained:

"It is quite impossible for me to remember after 35 years. I do not recall."

Remembers Only One Rebate.

Mr. Rockefeller was questioned closely regarding rebates which the Standard was charged with receiving, but with the exception of the agreement with the Pennsylvania railroad, which Mr. Rockefeller explained, gave the Standard a rebate because it effected an equalization of oil shipments, he could not recall any other rebates, though he thought it was likely that he might have heard of it at the time.

The president of the Standard Oil Company when he learned that the government counsel would not be able to conclude the cross-examination by Saturday night, suggested an adjournment until Monday, which was agreed to by counsel.

Cross-Examined by Kellogg.

New York.—With the telling of the story of the first score of years of the industrial development of the Standard Oil Company, the testimony of John D. Rockefeller, president of the oil combine, on direct examination in the federal suit to dissolve the Standard Company, was brought to an unexpected close Thursday afternoon.

The head of the Standard told of the processes and causes of the company's growth up to the trust agreement of 1882 and, after he identified the parties to that agreement, counsel for the defense announced that Mr. Rockefeller had concluded his direct testimony and requested an adjournment until Friday.

Friday found Mr. Rockefeller on the witness stand under the sharp fire of the cross-examination of Frank B. Kellogg, special assistant attorney general, prosecuting the case for the government. The cross-examination by the government will be confined to the period from 1882 to 1882, except where the testimony has direct bearing on developments in the company's affairs in its later period.

New Revolution in Hayti.

Port au Prince, Hayti.—Gen. Antoine Simon, commander of the south for 20 years, having refused to comply with the recent request of President Nord Alexis to come to Port au Prince and confer with the president on the political situation, has been declared a rebel.

The revolutionary movement appears to be serious, as Gen. Simon is in the possession of arms and ammunition. Communication with the south is interrupted.

Tries to Burn Mother Alive.

Muscatine, Ia.—Enraged because his widowed mother would not give him money with which to pay his excessive gambling debts, George Dalton, aged 20, set fire to the house and his mother was barely rescued by neighbors. Dalton is being hunted, with hounds and it is feared that he may be lynched.

Actress Weds Viscount's Heir.

London.—Another romance of the stage was recorded Thursday afternoon in the marriage of Eileen Orme a musical comedy actress, to the Hon. Morris Hood, heir of Viscount Bridport. Miss Orme is 18 years old.

Woman Convicted of Murder.