

NEWS NOTES CONDENSED

A Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There

Cabinet officers are submitting to President Roosevelt his reports in answer to the Aldrich resolution as to the secret service and it is considered possible the president will have ready to submit to the appropriation committee of the senate all these reports soon after the re-assembling of congress. It is the president's intention to act promptly in this matter.

It is believed the special session of congress for revision of the tariff may be called immediately after the inauguration of President Taft.

The revenue feature of the tariff bill involves more difficult problems than either the protective or other phases of the tariff revision question. It is claimed by some that the government has been deprived of millions of dollars of revenue during the operation of the Dingley tariff because of the numerous changes made in the bill after it passed the house of representatives. These changes were made principally in the wording of the bill, rather than in the rates of duty.

General.

Dr. A. W. Clark, superintendent of Child Saving Institute, Omaha, has received and accepted an invitation from President Roosevelt to attend a conference at the White House January 25 for a discussion of the best methods for securing dependent children. Dr. Clark's long experience in this field of philanthropy will enable him to make a valuable contribution to the discussion.

It is now believed that the loss of life in Italy and Sicily by earthquake will reach 200,000.

Liberal reforms, which were reported sunk in the sea with their 28,000 inhabitants, are safe. The earthquake shock damaged a few buildings, but there was no loss of life.

Foraker has been withdrawn from the senatorial field in Ohio.

John Harry Dale Smith, who is accused of murdering Volney Mann in western Nebraska several months ago, was arrested at Las Animas, Col. State-wide publicity laws became effective January 1st in North Carolina, Alabama and Mississippi.

General Charles P. Hall, United States army, retired, and his party, which included his two daughters, who were supposed to have been at Messina during the earthquake, are all safe in Naples. A cablegram to this effect was received.

Missouri democrats are beginning to fear that the result of contests in the legislature will seat enough republicans to elect a senator.

Former State Treasurer Mathews of Pennsylvania, who was convicted of conspiracy in connection with state capital grant, died of pneumonia.

The death list in the earthquake in southern Italy may reach 150,000 people, with a loss of thirty-five cities in Calabria alone. Scenes of indescribable horror are recorded.

President Roosevelt's last New Year's reception at the White House was a brilliant affair.

The suit of Count Boni de Castellane for custody of his children was settled in favor of their mother, formerly Miss Anna Gould, of New York.

Daniel Freeman, first homesteader of the United States, died at Beatrice, Neb.

Dr. George E. Howard of Nebraska university contends that divorces are a good thing.

No Taft clubs will be allowed organization at this time according to a decision reached by President-elect Taft and Secretary Hitchcock.

The number of dead in two devastated Italian cities reaches 110,000.

Senator Bernier who represented St. Boniface in the Canadian senate at Ottawa, is dead.

J. Pierpont Morgan sent \$10,000 for the relief of the earthquake sufferers.

It is feared that vast treasures have been looted at Messina. The local branch of the Bank of Italy had \$2,000,000 on deposit there and other banks had large amounts.

A number of prominent engineers have been invited to accompany President-elect Taft to Panama.

The will of the late Claus Speckle, the sugar king, which was filed for probate, leaves life interest in the estate to the widow. At her death the property is to be divided among three of her children.

Troops in Cuba will be withdrawn on the first day of the year.

The county treasurer of Sanborn county, South Dakota, was held up and robbed of \$3,000 of the county money.

All candidates for United States senator in Ohio except Charles P. Taft are opposed to holding caucus of republican legislators.

Eruption of Mount Etna has added to the terror caused by earthquake in southern Italy.

An earthquake at Virginia City, Mont., put the electric light plant out of commission.

The foot and mouth disease among New York cattle is thought to be completely eradicated.

asked shippers to co-operate in maintaining a popular tariff.

President Roosevelt says the family home is the best place to care for dependent children.

Mr. Roosevelt is not opposed to increased salary for presidents.

The New York produce and the New York cotton exchanges will be the first ones investigated by the commission appointed by Governor Hughes to inquire into the conduct of the New York exchanges.

President Roosevelt has issued a statement in which he says he cannot now interfere in the matter of the sentence of the labor leaders because the case is not through the courts.

Prospects are good for a resumption of friendly relations between the United States and Venezuela.

The order of Mayor McClellan of New York closing moving picture machines was temporarily suspended by Justice Gaylor of the supreme court.

Twelve members of the lower house of congress have gone to Panama to familiarize themselves with the digging of the big canal.

A new Pompeii has been unearthed on the plains of Arizona. It is by far the most important of the archaeological discoveries that have yet been made in the United States, and promises to enable scientists to throw some light on the remarkable peoples who at one time, in a remote antiquity, inhabited the far southwest.

Many arrests have been made of Pittsburgh councilman for grafting and more are to follow.

Washington.

The location in this city of statues of John Paul Jones and Commodore John Barry, both of whom are regarded as the "fathers of the American navy" by their respective admirers, will prove a difficult task for the special commission charged with that duty.

Germany's black, white and red flag will fly for several days from a local hotel which temporarily is the home of the new German ambassador to the United States, Count Joehenne Heinrich von Bernstorff, who arrived in this city from New York last week. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter and by several servants.

United States consuls in China report that imports are largely influenced by the fluctuations in the price of silver.

The resignation of President Newman of the New York Central is taken to indicate Harriman has secured control of that system.

Senator Barrios, the Guatemalan minister of foreign affairs, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident near the Virginia end of the highway bridge, called at the White House and will sail for home December 30.

The Chinese desire to have their diplomatic representatives here raised to the importance of an embassy.

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President-elect Taft will spend only about a week in Panama.

Ways and means committee is working on maximum and minimum tariff schedules and will hold daily sessions until the new bill is finished. Representative Clayton says the position of democrats must not be one of negation.

"The best way to care for dependent children is the family home," says President Roosevelt in a letter made public calling a conference to be held in this city on January 25 next for the discussion of the problem of caring for dependent children. With approximately 150,000 youngsters coming within that classification in the United States the question has awakened the interest of many leaders in thought throughout the country. The president sent his letter to about one hundred prominent men.

Abraham Ruef, the San Francisco grafter, was sentenced to fourteen years in the penitentiary.

Mayor Dahlman of Omaha announces he will be a candidate for reelection.

Andrew Carnegie believes the joint stock system wherein the laborer shares in the profits of the employer is the solution of the labor problem in the world.

December 28, President Roosevelt's youngest daughter, Ethel, made her formal bow to society.

A State Chapter of the Daughters of 1812 was organized at Omaha.

President-elect Taft will deliver a message to the whole south at a banquet at Atlanta January 15.

President Castro's enemies have been invited back to Venezuela by Acting President Gomez.

T. H. Tibbles forecasts a big fight when the Nebraska legislature meets. Governor and Mrs. Sheldon of Nebraska entertained the state house employees.

KING ENDS HIS VISIT

RETURNS TO ROME FROM THE EARTHQUAKE DISTRICT.

A CONTINUANCE OF SHOCKS

Guards Having Difficulty in Protecting Survivors and Treasury in Ruined Buildings.

Rome.—Having done all that it was possible to do in the districts laid waste by the earthquake the king and queen of Italy are returning to Rome. They have passed the last four days among the ruins of Sicily and Calabria, the king directing the work of rescue and relief and the queen ministering to the injured. There is a feeling of relief in Italy that their majesties are coming home.

The American ambassador, Lloyd C. Griscom, has appointed a committee of Americans to which were intrusted the work of utilizing the money received from the United States to the best advantage of the earthquake sufferers.

Both at Messina and Reggio the guards are having difficulty in protecting the survivors and the vast treasure in the ruined buildings from the bands of thieves that are swarming everywhere. It is reported that six Russian sailors have been shot by looters at Messina and that sixteen criminals have been killed at the same place within the last twenty-four hours. Six hundred persons engaged in pillaging have been arrested. In an engagement at Reggio between the police and bandits two of the police were killed.

Report's still reach here of the continuance of earth shocks, some sufficient to do further great damage. According to these reports new shocks yesterday at Peilaro precipitated the entire population into the sea, including both the dead and living victims of the first quake.

Premier Giolitti received a long despatch from King Victor Emmanuel, dated Messina, saying that he would leave for Rome, as to the conditions in the earthquake district, the king said:

"I visited the Calabria coast, south of Reggio. I found Peilaro literally destroyed, but Metito seems slightly damaged."

"It has stopped raining. At Messina the municipal archives were burned. Troops are arriving and by little by little order is being restored and the public services re-established."

"As I have seen the worst damaged points and have arranged for the work of rescue and as the wounded requiring attention are diminishing in number, I shall leave for Rome. With me come minister of Marine Mirabello and ex-minister of Public Instruction Orlandino."

"I again recommend to you the isolated villages on the Calabrian coast."

Sunday.—The king and queen arrived in this city tonight, coming by motor car from Naples. Their early arrival was unexpected. The queen looked tired and depressed, but the king was energetic as usual.

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ACT FOR PARTY HARMONY

Representative Now Has No Opposition for Seat in Upper Branch of Congress—Statement by President-Elect's Brother.

Columbus, O.—Definite announcement was made from his headquarters yesterday that Charles P. Taft had withdrawn from the senatorial race "in the interest of party harmony." It was also stated that the Hamilton county delegation, the backbone of the Taft strength, would be delivered to Congressman Theodore E. Burton, thus insuring his election as the successor of Senator Joseph B. Foraker.

Foraker Quits Also.

Later in the day Senator Foraker issued a statement formally withdrawing from the senatorial fight.

Gov. Harris, Gen. Keifer and former Lieut. Gov. Harding, the minor candidates, followed suit promptly, leaving Burton alone in the field.

This denouement, brought on, it is said, by President-elect Taft's advice



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to his brother, makes Congressman Burton the assured victor and fore-shadows Senator Dick's defeat for reelection in 1911 and a contest two years hence between Taft and Foraker for Dick's seat.

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The President Has Invited Canada and Mexico to Join in a Conference on the Conservation of the Natural Resources of the North American Continent.—News Item.

DEATH SAVES FROM PRISON

FORMER TREASURER MATHUES OF PENNSYLVANIA DIES.

Illness Superinduced by Exposure of Capitol Ground and His Sentence to Penitentiary.

Media, Pa.—William L. Mathues, former state treasurer of Pennsylvania, died suddenly late Wednesday at his home here, aged 46 years. The cause of death was given by his physician as pneumonia, but it is generally believed that this illness was superinduced by Mr. Mathues' tribulations which were brought upon him by the Harrisburg capitol graft cases and his recent sentence of two years in the penitentiary for his part in the alleged conspiracy against the state.

For many years William L. Mathues was recognized as one of the political leaders of Pennsylvania and his power in Delaware county politics was supreme until the expose of the capitol frauds by his successor as state treasurer, William H. Berry, also of Delaware county. It was then that Mr. Mathues threw off the mantle of Republican county chairman and retired "temporarily," as he stated, until he could be vindicated.

In March of the present year Mathues, former Auditor-General William P. Snyder, James M. Shumaker, former superintendent of public grounds and buildings, and furniture contractor John H. Sanderson were convicted of conspiracy in defrauding the state out of \$119,308 in a contract for wooden furniture.

The same defendants were placed on trial later to answer a charge of defrauding the state in a metal furniture contract. On this charge they were acquitted.

The four men above named, together with Architect Joseph M. Hueston, were to have been placed on trial on April 5 next, to answer the charge of fraud in the furnishing of desks for the new capitol. This case involves an alleged fraud of \$25,577 on a bill of \$61,000.

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NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

Religious, Social, Agricultural, Political and Other Matters Given Due Consideration.

Ex-Senator Millard of Omaha has purchased a \$65,000 residence.

Reports have reached Miller from the outside that a bank was robbed at that place, but these reports are wrong. There has been no bank robbery there.

Central City is preparing to make a strong bid for the proposed Old Fellows home which is to be located somewhere in the state soon after the first of February.

Over \$6,000 has been raised in the \$8,000 fund for the purchase of an abandoned convent property at Hastings for a girls' academy, which the Dominican sisters propose to establish if the property is deemed to them.

As a result of the wholesale burglaries in Fremont, the police are rounding up "undesirable" citizens, and deporting them, under penalties of vagrancy charges upon their being seen again in the city.

Farmers should all have telephones. Write to us and learn how to get the best service for the least money. Nebraska Telephone Company, 18th and Douglas streets, Omaha. "Use the Bell."

Governor Sheldon has commuted the sentence of J. D. Adkins of Omaha from five years to three years, six months and eighteen days, which releases him December 31. Adkins was sentenced for statutory assault. He is 64 years old.

Prof. George Carrington, county superintendent of public instruction of Nemaha county who was a candidate before the primaries for the office of state superintendent, has tendered his resignation, to take effect on the first of January, and will move to Lincoln.

While out hunting about one mile north of Plattsmouth W. D. Messersmith heard the report of a gun and soon after saw a large gray wolf, which one of the other hunters had partially filled with shot, jumped the fence, and make a straight line for him. "Pony" fired and the wild animal fell dead.

O. W. Brandt, a brakeman on a southbound Burlington freight, was killed near the coal chute in the Burlington yards at Oakland while coupling cars. The first attempt to couple the train failed and in adjusting the couplings for a second attempt in some way Brandt was caught between them, the coupling penetrating his abdomen, mangling him terribly.

On complaint filed by Miss Blanche Udey, Bert Haynes was arrested on the charge of assault. Both parties are well known in Nolligh. The preliminary hearing was held before County Judge Nelson and when all the evidence had been heard, the judge bound the young man over to the district court in the sum of \$500.

John Innerman, from a ranch south of Johnston, was in Ainsworth to get some medicine for his horses. He says there is a disease among the horses in his neighborhood resembling swamp fever, which is a puzzle to all. A horse will be walking along apparently all right, and shortly the ears will commence to droop and in a few hours the animal is dead.

A housebreaker entered the home of Frank Moore at Miller, betraying his presence by a light, and was discovered by Moore as he returned home at a late hour. Citizens surrounded the house to prevent escape and the sheriff was telephoned for. On his arrival it was discovered that the thief had outwitted the watchers and escaped. No booty was secured.

Dr. Koonz, a well known dentist of Alliance, was arrested at Bridgeport on a complaint charging him with assault upon a young woman patient. The charges are of a most revolting character. The victim is in a critical condition. The offense was committed in the dentist's operating room in a public rooming house. It is charged that the young woman was dragged into the room.

The state railway commission will have a general round up with telephone officers from all over the state on January 15, for the purpose of gathering a lot of miscellaneous information with reference to some of the details of the telephone business, the service rendered by them, methods of classification of subscribers and systems of accounting.

Secretary of State Jankin has received a letter from the Union Pacific railroad regarding that \$50,000 fee supposed to be due the state from the railroad on account of the adoption and amendments to the articles of incorporation of the road, which under the law must be filed with the secretary. The railroad has the matter under consideration and its decision in the matter will be known shortly.

City Clerk Bratton and City Attorney Burton of Hastings, are preparing a measure for submission to the legislature providing for registration of voters in Hastings and other cities of from 7,000 to 25,000 population after the manner of that now provided for Lincoln and Omaha.

Henry Linsenbrink, a young man residing west of Callaway, thinks that he has broken all corn husking records in the state for this season. During six continuous days of husking Mr. Linsenbrink averaged just 105 bushels per day, or husked 630 bushels in the six days.

Dies in His Church Pew.

New York.—Thomas Perkins, 69 years old, a member of the New York cotton exchange, died suddenly in his pew in the First Presbyterian church, Brooklyn, after making a speech at the New Year's services.

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