

AS TOLD IN A LINE

A BOILING DOWN OF THE NEWS OF THE DAY.

MENTIONED IN SMALL SPACE

The Busy Reader Can Absorb in a Few Moments a Good Deal of Information.

Foreign.
Twenty-two death sentences passed upon political prisoners were confirmed at St. Petersburg by the supreme military court. Fifteen of these were convicted of an attempt to escape from the Irkutsk prison, when a prison guard was killed.

Prince von Buelow's coalition of the conservative-liberal and radical parties apparently reached a fatal crisis over the scheme of financial reform. In the reichstag Herr von Normann, the conservative leader of the floor, informed the leader of the national liberals, Herr Bassermann, that the conservatives were reform without considering where they would get a majority.

King Victor Emmanuel reopened the Italian parliament with the customary ceremonies. The king and queen, accompanied by the royal princes, drove from the quinal to the senate building, where they were enthusiastically greeted by 400 deputies and 300 senators.

There is no likelihood of Emperor William and Theodore Roosevelt meeting in the Mediterranean in April, as Mr. Roosevelt, on board the steamer Admiral, will be in the neighborhood of Aden, at the southern end of the Red sea, when Emperor William goes on board the imperial yacht Hohenzollern at Venice.

In view of the assertions made in the British house of commons that Germany in the spring of 1912 would have seventeen warships, all of them of the big gun type, the navy department authorizes the statement that in the autumn of 1912 Germany will have thirteen such vessels.

The government of Greece is still probing into the situation growing out of the recent riot upon its subjects at South Omaha. Minister Cora Melas, at Washington has sent a personal representative of the kingdom to Omaha.

General.

George B. Cortelyou, ex-secretary of the treasury, was elected president of the Consolidated Gas company of New York.

Denial was made that the oil paragraph in the tariff bill was intended to aid the Standard.

Near Henrietta, Okla., twenty deputy sheriffs and a hundred negroes engaged in a pitched battle.

Austria seems bent on having a brush with Servia.

The senate will be ready to report a tariff bill as soon as the house acts on the Payne measure.

At Oaxaca, Mex., the recent earthquake cracked the walls of the cemetery and exposed the bodies of many victims of the cholera epidemic of 1851.

The Missouri house pushed the 2-cent mileage rate book bill to engrossment. The measure requires railroads to sell mileage books good for 500, 1,000 and 2,000 miles at a rate of 2 cents a mile.

President Taft accepted an invitation to attend the Mecklenburg celebration at Charlotte, N. C.

Gov. Dickerson of Nevada has signed the Tallman banking act, the mining inspector bill, the anti-gambling bill and the juvenile court bill.

E. H. Harriman has gone to Paso Robles to take the baths at the hot springs. He is bothered with rheumatism.

There is a movement on foot to consolidate the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis as one metropolis.

The Illinois legislature is still voting without result in the senatorial contest.

Portland, Ore., has a scheme for placing all saloons under one ownership.

The death is announced at Berlin of Prof. Alfred Messel, the well-known German architect, aged 56 years.

Mrs. Pierre Lorillard, jr., wife of the tobacco magnate, tired of the society swirl, suicided in Washington by asphyxiation.

Major Francis P. Fremont, Fifth United States infantry, son of the "Pathfinder," is to be dismissed from the army as a result of his conviction by court-martial in Cuba on the charge of insubordination.

Much is now doing in a political way in Nebraska, in view of the near approach of city and town elections.

Col. William Lamb, aged 73, soldier, lawyer, editor, merchant and politician, died at Norfolk, Va. He was best known as the "Hero of Fort Fisher."

Roosevelt gave notice before leaving for South Africa that it would be absolutely useless for anyone to write to him during his absence.

United States Senator Dixon of Montana declares positively that the Flathead reservation will be opened for settlement the latter part of July or the first of August this year.

Mme. Helene Modjeska is reported as gradually growing weaker.

The Spanish government has arranged with a British syndicate to build a new Spanish navy and an arsenal.

Chairman Payne talked four hours in explanation of his tariff bill.

A balloon journey from the Pacific to Atlantic oceans, across the United States, has been practically assured for the near future.

Charles Stinson is dead as a result of hazing by fellow students at the White school in Indianapolis. Executive and legal representatives of railroads operating in Missouri will immediately take steps to attack at law the 2-cent passenger fare laws of Illinois and Iowa.

Battling Nelson, the lightweight pugilistic champion of the world, will fight Jimmy Britt in Australia some time next fall.

Rates from Buffalo to New York on grain for export have been cut from 5 1/2 to 4 cents per bushels. This reduction follows a protest made by the New York Produce exchange.

The growing tendency toward bigger and more formidable navies shown by the leading nations of Europe, and now by the United States, was denounced by Andrew Carnegie at the international peace festival.

Street car holdup men have again commenced operations in Omaha.

Territorial officers of New Mexico have been ordered to stay away from Washington unless they have business there.

If congress desires the decennial census taken next year, Director North of the census bureau wants \$14,000,000 to defray expenses.

The Coopers, father and son, on trial in Nashville, Tenn., for killing Senator Carmack, were found guilty and sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary.

Col. Fred L. Jeltz, the Kansas negro editor, was declared insane by the probate judge of Shawnee county.

Former Representative James E. Watson of Indiana, who lost his fight for the governorship, has been offered and has declined the governorship of Porto Rico and the ministerial office to Cuba.

Five people were killed and a score more were injured and many were overcome by an explosion of gas in the Sunnyside mines at Evansville, Ind.

Chief Engineer Herschell Main of the navy, retired, died in Washington, aged 63 years.

Washington.

Several important changes affecting the personnel of the interior department were announced by Secretary Ballinger. Joseph R. Webster of Nebraska was appointed an assistant attorney in the office of the secretary at a salary of \$2,750. Fred H. Barclay of Wyoming was promoted to be assistant attorney in the office of the assistant attorney general at \$2,500 per annum.

The plan for the consolidation of work in the various yards formulated by former Secretary Newberry will be upheld by the present administration at least until it has been thoroughly tested by experience.

The last remaining vestige of the Roosevelt order taking marines off the battleships and cruisers of the United States navy was swept away when President Taft, after the matter had been considered at a cabinet meeting, directed that an order be issued restoring the marines to exactly the same duties they had performed prior to their being ordered ashore.

The new bank guaranty law of Kansas was the subject of a conference at the White house today when Senators Curtis and Bristow of that state called upon President Taft.

The attorney general has asked Wade H. Ellis of Ohio to continue in his present position of assistant to the attorney general, and it was officially announced that he had agreed to do so.

Cuba will produce about 1,400,000 tons of sugar this season weather, according to Consul General Rogers at Havana. He is inclined to discredit the low estimates of probable yield in the crop, despite the fact that rains in the eastern half of the island have given the belief that the sugar production would be curtailed.

Former Governor Hill of Maine, acting chairman of the Republican national committee, announced at the White House that the headquarters of the committee in Washington would be abandoned after this month and continued in Chicago with Secretary Haywood.

In the distribution of committee assignments among the senators the west gets a measure of recognition which nobody dreamed would go to it, and a good deal of the credit is given to Senator LaFollette and Burdett.

Personal.
Ex-President Castro of Venezuela is on his way to Bordeaux to sail for South America.

John Newton Drummond, millionaire tobacco manufacturer, died at his home in Alton, Ill., of a series of apoplexy strokes.

It is likely that President Taft will be asked to arbitrate in the coal miners' difficulties.

The Nebraska delegation in congress is in a stew over the demand for free lumber from their constituents.

Congressman Kinkaid will urge the retention of duty on hides.

Western senators are elated over committee assignments.

Willie Whitla, the kidnaped Sharon, Pa., boy, was restored unharmed to his father at Cleveland.

Director North wants \$14,000,000 to take the next census.

Roosevelt expects to be gone about fifteen months.

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W. J. Bryan was 49 years old March 19. Lincoln democrats tendered him a banquet.

FIGHT WITH INDIANS

CHIEF CRAZY SNAKE AND FOLLOWERS MAKING TROUBLE.

BLOODY BATTLE IS EXPECTED

Leader of the Aborigines to Be Intercepted in His Efforts to Reach Tiger Mountains.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—In a pitched battle at Hickory Ground at 6 o'clock Saturday evening between a posse of five officers and twenty Creek Indians of the Snake clan, Officers Edward Raum and Herman Odom of Checotah were killed. Frank Jones and William Carr, other members of the posse, escaped without injury and fled to the settlements, where the news of the battle was telephoned to Sheriff Odom of McIntosh county.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Chief Crazy Snake and 100 followers retreated before five companies of Oklahoma militia late Sunday night, thus deferring an expected battle until Monday.

Hastily setting fire to his tepees and tents, the Indian leader with his mixed company of redskins and negroes fled from their blazing camp as the troops advanced. They took up a strong position between the north Canadian river and Deep Fork creek, about seventeen miles east of Henryetta.

Colonel Hoffman, in command of the state troops, considered it unwise to push the pursuit and engage the Indians in the darkness. Accordingly he bivouacked his troops for the night.

Early in the morning, reinforced by a company of cowboys from around Lawton, Okla., all crack shots, he will lead his forces against the Indians.

Crazy Snake and his braves will be offered a chance to surrender. If they refuse the battle will be on.

Colonel Hoffman sent out numerous scouts to watch the movements of the enemy and to give the alarm if they attempted to flee under cover of darkness. The commander planned to allow his weary troops rest on the field during the night unless the Indians attempted to escape to a stronger position.

The militia officers believe Crazy Snake wants to reach the Tiger mountains with his followers before engaging in a general fight. That the old chief is striving to stir the Creeks to an uprising and strike for what he conceives to be liberty was evident from the smoke of three signal fires on adjacent hills just before sundown. Old-time frontiersmen who insist they know what such things mean declare this is a sign which always ushers in Indian trouble. Nobody is wild enough to say the old chief will get anywhere in his fanatical dream of overturning the government, but certain it is that he is trying and just as certain that he will be ruthlessly crushed if he resists.

Major Charles E. Barrett, in charge of the commissary, received hurry orders by courier to send supplies and additional ammunition to the soldiers at the camp. From this it is inferred that the officers expect a long chase before a fight.

Six men have been killed and a dozen wounded since the trouble began Thursday. This is the official report, and it is believed many more of the negroes and Indians were killed. Dr. I. M. Wallace of Dustin, Okla., who went to the Hickory Hills with the troops, declared more than twenty negroes were killed Thursday and Saturday, and were given rude burial without coffins in the vicinity where the soldiers camped Sunday.

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS.
Lower House Will Continue to Debate Payne Bill.

Washington.—The activities of congress during the present week will be confined almost exclusively to the consideration of the tariff. The house will proceed with the consideration of the Payne bill in general debate, and the hour of the daily sittings will be extended, the sessions beginning at 1 o'clock in the morning and ending at night at 11:30 with an intermission for dinner between 6 and 8 o'clock. The senate will not be in position to take up the bill until it is passed by the house, but the senate committee on finance will continue consideration of the various schedules of the measure.

GET CLOSE TO SOUTH POLE.
British Navy Officer and His Party Within 111 Miles.

London.—Lieut. E. H. Shackleton of the British navy, commander of the Antarctic expedition, which returned on the barkentine Nimrod to Invercargill, New Zealand, although he did not achieve his object, succeeded in getting within 111 miles of the pole.

The Nimrod expedition left England in July, 1907, and after reaching the ice fields and making the most elaborate preparations, the main expedition started on a sledge journey which occupied 126 days and traversed 1,708 miles southwards. The explorers reached latitude 88.23 and longitude 162 east, which was estimated as 111 miles from the pole.

MINISTER SLAYS PREACHER.
Lebanon, Mo.—In a quarrel over the entirely mundane question of the efficiency of a telephone service, Rev. M. D. Johnson shot and killed Rev. Solomon O'Dell at the village of Russ.

Both the participants in the fight are ministers of Lebanon. Johnson is a Free Will Baptist, while Mr. O'Dell was a Cumberland Presbyterian. In matters spiritual the two men had always been on perfectly agreeable terms and in their personal life they were friendly.

Troops to Aid Tax Collector.
Frankfort, Ky.—On receipt of word from Tax Collector J. W. Peck that he has been prevented by mobs and organizations from collecting railroad taxes in the counties of Carter, Boyd and Elliott, Gov. Willson announced he would use the state militia to assist in the collection of these taxes. He has sent word to the officials of the three counties to meet him Saturday and show cause why he should not send soldiers to see that the tax collector is not molested in the performance of his duty.

MOVING DAY IN THE JUNGLE.



OFFER BINGHAM BIG BRIBE

GOTHAM POLICE COMMISSIONER COULD HAVE \$600,000 YEARLY.

Declares His Job Would Be a Gold Mine to a Dishonest Man.

New York.—A dishonest man holding the position of police commissioner in New York city easily might become a millionaire in a few months, so great are the opportunities for illicit gains, according to a statement by Commissioner Bingham.

During Mr. Bingham's first year in the office, he said, a single bribe of \$600,000 a year was offered him if he would protect certain criminal interests.

"Compliance with the conditions of the offer," he added, "would have been entirely of a negative matter—all they wanted was to be let alone."

Commissioner Bingham was worked up over the refusal of the city aldermen to vote him an appropriation of \$100,000 for a secret service to investigate "Black Hand" crimes and other matters.

"This job of police commissioner," he said, "for example, would be a regular gold mine to a dishonest official. If we were put up at auction to the highest bidder, a man could well afford to pay \$1,000,000 for a year's opportunity to accept what the criminal classes would be only too glad to offer him."

Then he referred to the \$600,000 bribe offer which he had received when he first took up the office. "The offer was of course carefully guarded," he said, "it came from a suave gentleman, who knew how to handle words to perfection and was able to make his hearer understand what was meant without laying himself open to any unpleasant after effects."

"I listened until I understood what the fellow was about. Then I gave him such a talking to that he will never forget his visit here as long as he lives. I have not heard from him since."

Commissioner Bingham declined to give the name of the man who had made the offer, nor would he say what interests had sought protection.

KILL THREE AND WOUND FIVE.
Oklahoma Deputy Sheriffs in Battle with Negroes and Indians.

Guthrie, Okla.—On the scene of the famous Creek Indian uprising of last year at Hickory settlement, two negroes were killed, five wounded and 40 captured in a battle between 20 deputy sheriffs and 100 negroes and seven Indians. The fighting began late Wednesday afternoon and continued with interruptions until ten o'clock Thursday.

Five deputies went from Henrietta, 18 miles north to the negro settlement to arrest cattle thieves thought to be concealed in the house of one of the negroes. They were met at the outer edge of the camp by a party of armed negroes and fired upon. A few hours after the first clash, a larger posse, heavily armed, reached the settlement. About 300 shots were fired in the last encounter, when the two negroes were killed and Deputy Sheriff Fowler was wounded.

Discovers Germ of Trachoma.
Berlin.—Prof. Richard Greeff of the Berlin university eye hospital announces the discovery of the germ of trachoma.

No Strike, Says Lewis.
Indianapolis, Ind.—"I see no prospect of a strike in the anthracite coal fields," said Thomas L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, at the close of Friday's session of the national executive board. "The miners will continue at work indefinitely. That is to say unless the operators demand that a new agreement be signed to take the place of the one that expires April 1." He said the anthracite situation will receive little more than passing consideration at the meeting here.

FEAR FOR KIDNAPERS

BOYLES TAKEN TO PITTSBURGH FOR SAFE KEEPING.

INDICTED AT CLEVELAND

Will Be Tried for Blackmail If They Fail of Conviction in Pennsylvania—Identified by Whitla Boy.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Fearing for the safety of their prisoners if they were taken to Sharon or the county seat at Mercer, officers brought James H. Boyle and his wife, accused of kidnaping Willie Whitla, to the Allegheny county jail here.

They were brought here in a special Pullman car from Cleveland by way of Youngstown and New Castle, over the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad. The prisoners were guarded in their car by 16 detectives and officers.

It was the unanimous opinion of the officers engaged on the case that it would be safer not to take any chances by exposing their prisoners to the wrath of the Sharon populace.

Indicted at Cleveland.
The Cleveland police have a club over the heads of the Boyles in a joint indictment charging them with blackmail. This charge is based on the payment of \$10,000 ransom by J. P. Whitla for the recovery of his son in that city last Monday. This indictment will be used by the Cleveland officials in the event that the case here fails of conviction. The Boyles did not fight extradition to this state.

Boy Identifies Kidnapers.
Cleveland, O.—All doubt that the man and woman arrested Tuesday night are the kidnapers of Willie Whitla, the Sharon (Pa.) boy whose father paid \$10,000 ransom for his recovery, was dispelled Wednesday, when the lad, without hesitation, identified the prisoners when he faced them in the police station.

Willie said the man who gave the name of James H. Boyle was the one who took him from school and carried him through the tortuous route to Cleveland, then to Ashland back to this city, and placed him in the house in the east end where he was held until the money was paid. Willie also declared that the woman was the one who cared for him at the house where he was detained and who acted the part of a nurse.

Boyle said the woman was his wife. The police have no other identification of the couple than the names given. Boyle is said to reside in Sharon and is a plumber by trade. He is said to have a widowed mother, four brothers and a sister.

The woman, who is accredited with being the wife of Boyle, declared soon after her arrest that her identification would cause a sensation in Sharon.

When the identification was completed Mr. Whitla would say nothing regarding the woman. He said he knew Boyle slightly.

When Boyle was taken before the boy Chief Kohler asked Willie if he had ever seen the man before.

"Sure," said Willie, brightly; "why that is the man I left Sharon with. He took me to Cleveland, then to Ashland and back to Cleveland."

When Willie concluded Boyle was taken back to his cell and the woman was brought in.

Immediately Willie walked up to her and extending his hands, said: "How do you do?"

"Hello, Willie," the woman replied, as she placed her hand upon his head and caressed him for an instant.

The boy then stepped back to his father and was asked several questions by the chief of police.

"Yes, I know her," he said, "she was the nurse who took care of me in Cleveland. She told me I was sick and in a hospital. I saw her a whole lot as she was with me most all of the time."

Whitla Abductor Chicago Woman.
Mercer, Pa.—Heavily manacled to Sheriff Chess and guarded by several detectives, James Boyle, one of the kidnapers of little Willie Whitla, was brought here Friday from Pittsburg and lodged in the Mercer county jail. His wife, who has been identified as Anna McDermott, daughter of William McDermott, a former Chicago fireman, it is said, will be brought here from Pittsburg Saturday and the couple will be formally arraigned on a charge of kidnaping in a few days.

Boyle feared violence in his arrival in Mercer and on the journey from Pittsburg asked Sheriff Chess if he thought the crowd would harm him.

Original "Affinity" Wife Sues.
Middleton, N. Y.—Ferdinand Pinney Earle, artist, poet and foremost exponent of the "affinity" idea, was served Friday with papers in an action brought by Mrs. Earle, formerly Miss Julia Kutner of New York city, for annulment of their marriage. Mrs. Earle alleges that Earle is of unsound mind.

Canada to Help British Navy.
Ottawa.—The semi-official intimation that the Canadian government is about to offer national assistance to Great Britain probably in the form of two battleships of the Dreadnaught type has been received throughout Canada with hearty approval.

Three-Cent Fare for Missouri.
St. Louis.—The three-cent local ticket rate and the 2,000-mile interchange rate book will be put in effect April 10 by the 18 railroads in Missouri.

Bandits Rob Illinois Bank.
Eftingham, Ill.—Bandits blew open the bank at Watson, a village on the Illinois Central seven miles south of this city, Friday, securing \$5,000 cash and valuable papers and escaped.

VINCENNES MYSTERY SOLVED

THAT MRS. CULBERTSON ENDED OWN LIFE IS PROVEN.

Mrs. Longwell of Chicago Vindicated by Developments in Strange Death of Former Nurse.

Vincennes, Ind.—That Mrs. Jessie Lee Overton Culbertson was not slain by a jealous rival, but ended her own life, has been proven by evidence discovered by the police Friday.

Of this there is no doubt, and her husband and relatives have tearfully acknowledged that their suspicions that she was killed at the instigation of another woman for jealous revenge were unfounded. The body of a miniature skeleton which had been attached to the skull found by Mrs. Culbertson when she was discovered gagged in the shed near her home last Wednesday, after swallowing carbolic acid, was picked up near the scene of the tragedy.

It lay concealed beneath a pile of debris where the disheveled woman had placed it after she removed the head and attached it to the threatening letter which she thought would lead the authorities to believe she was murdered for revenge. This toy skeleton Mrs. Culbertson is known to have had in her possession months ago. Positive proof that the suicide wrote the anonymous threatening letters to herself has also been established. A letter she wrote to her husband at Bridgeport, Ill., is written on stationery similar to that upon which was penned the anonymous notes. The water mark on the paper is the same on all the anonymous notes as that on the stationery found in the dead woman's trunk. When the water mark was shown to the bereaved husband and his parents they shook their heads and silently yielded to the revelation that there had been no murder committed.

It was Mrs. Etta Longwell, 708 Madison street, Chicago, formerly of Vincennes, whom the Culbertsons and Joshua Brazelton, the stepfather of the young husband, had been led to suspect, by the despondent Jessie, sought to injure her. Now they want to have it understood that if they were mistaken that the accused Chicago woman may establish proof that their charges to the police were unfounded.

"Her name should be cleared by all means," said Culbertson. "I cannot understand why Jessie should kill herself. She was strange, though, now that all this has happened to recall many things. She never would tell me about her past except in a general way. She said her father and mother were dead. I have heard that she formerly lived in Waco, Tex., and is Dublin, Tex., where she is said to have a brother. I have tried to communicate with relatives, but cannot get any word from them."

While Culbertson was talking, Chief of Police Evans and Detective James Hughes opened a letter written to him by his wife before they were married. This letter displayed the despondent nature of the girl.

MINERS WILL NOT STRIKE.
Decide to Remain at Work After April 1.

Scranton, Pa.—Reaffirming the demands already presented to the operators, the anthracite miners Wednesday night voted to remain at work after April 1 allowing the district executive boards of the hard-coal fields of Pennsylvania to continue their efforts to get an agreement satisfactory to the men.

The miners were instructed by the convention to continue at work until such time as they are otherwise notified by the official representatives of the three anthracite districts, and the executive boards were instructed to negotiate an agreement upon such basis as the boards in their judgment believe the conditions warrant.

A resolution to ask President Taft to appoint a commission to arbitrate differences was adopted by the convention and referred to the executive boards to put it into effect at their discretion.

GEN. CASTRO SAILS FOR HOME.
Former President of Venezuela Intends to Defy His Enemies.

Havre.—Gen. Cipriano Castro, former president of Venezuela, is a passenger on the steamer Gaudeloupe of the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, which sailed Friday from this port for Coton and other Latin-American points. Though Gen. Castro refused to tell where he intended to leave the steamer, or to discuss his plans, it was learned from a member of his party that the deposed dictator means to make his way back to Caracas and there confront his enemies, who have declared that he will be arrested on charges of conspiracy to bring about the murder of his successor, President Gomez. The several staterooms occupied by Castro and his party cost him \$1,040.

"Like Francis I, all is lost save honor," Castro declared. "I am going back to Venezuela. My country needs me and my mission is there."

Fairbanks Visits Pasadena.
Pasadena, Cal.—Former Vice-President Charles W. Fairbanks has arrived in Pasadena, accompanied by Mrs. Fairbanks, for a stay of several weeks. Mr. Fairbanks expects to resume the practice of law in Indianapolis.

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