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NEWS OF THE WEEK

CONDENSATIONS OF GREATER OR LESSER IMPORTANCE.

A BOILING DOWN OF EVENTS

National, Political, Personal and Other Matters in Brief Form for All Classes of Readers.

Foreign.

The pope appointed Rev. James O'Reilly, new rector of St. Anthony of Padua, Minneapolis, Minn., to the bishopric of Fargo, N. D., and Rev. F. M. Fallon of the provincial oblates of Buffalo, N. Y., to the bishopric of London, Canada.

An official telegram from Buenos Ayres states that the authorities having the 1910 exposition in charge have set apart a special building for American railway exhibitors.

At St. Petersburg, the publisher of Tolstoy's book, "The Kingdom of God Within Us," was sentenced to a year's imprisonment in a fortress.

W. G. Spitzer, an American, proprietor of the Astor house at Colon and alleged owner of the Cuban steamer Otori, was expelled from Panama territory. He was put aboard the Royal Mail steamer, Magdalena, bound for Jamaica and New York, by a decree of President Obaldia. He is charged with enticing employees on the Panama canal to leave their work.

Chan Yin Fanz, successor to Wu Tung Fang as minister to China from the United States, accompanied by his family and a party of forty secretaries and Chinese students arrived in San Francisco on the liner Mongolia.

A severe earthquake occurred in Guam, causing considerable damage, according to a cablegram received at the navy department. The women's and children's hospital was wrecked. There were no casualties.

Evidence is multiplying that Zelaya intends to retire from the presidency of Nicaragua. Reports to that effect are general throughout that country and the American consular officers seem to give credence to them.

General.

St. Paul has begun a fight for lower telephone rates.

The interstate commerce commission ordered a reduction in charges of the Omaha & Council Bluffs railroad.

Red Cloud, Sioux Indian warrior, who died on the Pine Ridge agency, will be buried according to the ritual of the native and not above ground as he requested.

Senator Burkett of Nebraska and Representative Hull of Iowa are in a contest for next fall's military tournament.

Eight persons were fatally injured and a number of others less seriously hurt in the wreck on the Southern railway near Greensboro.

The Rev. David C. Hughes, father of Governor Hughes of New York, died at the executive mansion, following a recent stroke of apoplexy.

Testimony of the Brokaw divorce went to show that the plaintiff made the money of the millionaire fly.

Reports from the east say Mr. Willard has been offered the presidency of the B. & O. railroad.

Sensors Burkett and Brown may split on the selection of a new district attorney for Nebraska.

President Taft has promised to speak at the next meeting of the farmers' national congress, which meets in Lincoln October 5 to 11, 1910.

Leslie M. Shaw declared there is no doubt in the minds of those who have studied the proposed central bank that such an institution would be owned, or at least controlled, by the Standard Oil company.

The state occupation tax upon corporations was upheld by the supreme court of Nebraska.

President Taft said at Hartford, Conn., that the time might come when a civil pension list will become a necessity.

George A. Puckett, five years editor of the Roswell (N. M.) Daily Record, died from tuberculosis.

Many million acres of coal land will be opened to use for agricultural purposes if congress should pass a bill introduced by Representative Mondell of Wyoming.

Mrs. Frank Hicks and four of her children were burned to death when a crude oil stove exploded setting fire to their house at Wayne, Kansas.

Another failed bank in Oklahoma is giving state officials much concern. Nebraska hogs topped the market at Denver, bringing \$8.47 1/2.

Imports of hides and skins for the calendar year will aggregate nearly a hundred million dollars.

General Leonard Wood, now in command of the department of the East, will be the next chief of staff of the army.

Iowa has a candidate for the United States supreme court when there is another vacancy. He is Judge Horace E. Deemer, of the supreme court of that state.

WORK IN CONGRESS

NOT MUCH DOING UNTIL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.

ADJOURNMENT FOR A TIME

Appointment of Lurton to Be Associate Justice Occupying Attention of the Senate.

Washington.—With probably fewer than a quorum of members of either house in the city, all legislation in congress during the next two days will be by common consent. The house will undertake nothing more than the passage of some bills of minor importance and the completion of its work on the District of Columbia appropriation bill, which already has been under consideration for two or three days.

It has been hoped that the army supply bill might be taken up and disposed of before adjournment, but that program has been abandoned in the face of the departure of so many members. It is expected that very little time will be necessary for the disposal of the District bill, and with it, out of the way the house, in the main, will simply "tread water" until the time for adjournment for the holidays.

The senate will undertake very little except the confirmation of Hon. Horace H. Lurton to be associate justice of the supreme court of the United States. The nomination will be reported favorably to the senate on Monday and an effort will be made to have it acted upon. The present indications are that there will be no objection to such a course and that Mr. Lurton's confirmation will take place before the beginning of the holidays, thus enabling him to take his seat on the supreme bench upon the reconvening of that body after the holidays.

It is not expected that a quorum will be present either Monday or Tuesday, and if such should prove to be the case a call for an aye and no vote would have the effect of postponing action until January. No one seems willing to accept this responsibility, and Senator Bacon of the judiciary committee, who has charge of the nomination, is hopeful that the expediency of such a call will not be resorted to.

Undoubtedly there are a number of senators who consider Mr. Lurton's age to be against him, but their objection does not go to the extent of pronounced opposition.

Some investigation is being made of Judge Lurton's decisions as a circuit judge, with a view to determining the foundation of the charge that they are in the interest of corporations, and a statement covering this phase of the question probably will be presented to the senate when the subject is taken up for consideration.

In the main, the disposition is to allow the president to have his way in the selection of a successor to Justice Peckham, but many of the senators are disposed to make a record regarding Mr. Lurton's shortcomings, if he has any.

If it were a question of success or defeat, Mr. Lurton would have many champions and there is no doubt that he would be confirmed on a vote. The only question involved at this time is the advisability of delay. He would be confirmed soon after the holidays, even though the question should be deferred so long.

Both houses will adjourn on Tuesday for two weeks, the day for the reconvening being fixed for Tuesday, January 4.

Green B. Baum is Dead. Chicago.—Gen. Green Berry Baum, former commissioner of pensions, died at his home here after an illness of several weeks. He was 80 years old.

To Enforce Food Law. Washington.—A comprehensive enlargement of the activities of the Department of Agriculture in the administration of the pure food act is contemplated. Their object is to inaugurate for ports where the department has no chemical laboratory, a systematic inspection of foods, as in done at the ports where such facilities exist. For this purpose there has been established a complete chain of laboratory districts, with headquarters, to which will be sent samples of imported goods when necessary.

Oklahoma Bank Law Attacked. Oklahoma City.—Restraining orders against State Bank Commissioner Young were asked in a suit argued in the district court. The United States Fidelity and Guaranty company and the Southern Surety company, sureties for the State School Land commission in the protection of funds deposited with the Columbia Bank and Trust company, asked the court to prevent the bank commissioner from making the state guaranty fund and state banks preferred creditors in closing up the bank's affairs.

Cardinal Satolli Fatally Ill. Rome.—Cardinal Satolli has suffered a severe relapse from nephritis. Extreme weakness has been marked and he is often delirious. The doctors fear a fatal issue.

Rumor of Menelik's Death. Rome.—A rumor was circulated here that King Menelik of Abyssinia, was dead, but there is no confirmation of this. The latest dispatches from Abyssinia, which are dated December 12, merely announce the illness of the king, but give no details.

WILL FIGHT THE STEEL TRUST

ORGANIZED LABOR PREPARES TO OPPOSE "OPEN SHOP."

Copy of Grievances Is Sent to President Taft and Governor of States.

Pittsburg, Pa.—At the close of a momentous two-days' conference here Tuesday, war was formally declared upon the United States Steel corporation by the leaders of organized labor throughout the United States and Canada.

The decision to battle long and hard against the stand taken by the steel corporation in its policy of "open shop" was reached by the labor conferees only after hours of debate and a dead-tie vote.

In a resolution adopted by the national labor leaders, organized labor throughout the country is called on to thoroughly and completely organize all employees in the iron, steel and tin plate industry, ordering an assessment of ten cents per member, recommending appointment of committees to see the president, congress and the governors for the purpose of laying before them the "grievances from which labor suffers at the hands of the steel corporation."

At the conference, which passed the remarkable battle decree, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, presided, and through him the measure was put upon the record books of the executive council of the federation.

The grievances of organized labor against the steel corporation, as set forth in the resolution, have been forwarded to President Taft and the United States senate and house of representatives. The governors of the states in which the United States Steel corporation owns plants or has interests will also receive a copy of the resolution.

The resolution deals principally with the low wages paid the men in the employ of the steel corporation, the hours of work and the general condition of oppression under which the corporation is alleged to hold its employees.

Thorough organization of all employees in the iron, steel and tin plate industry and co-related trades is urged and a call for organizers to assist in the work is made.

JOHN W. GATES IN NEW ROLE

Appears Before Methodist Conference and Warns Delegates Against Speculative and Other Gambling.

Galveston, Tex.—John W. Gates, the once prominent Wall street figure, appeared in a new light at the Gulf District Methodist Episcopal conference in session at Port Arthur, when he addressed the gathering of church men and laymen, warning them against speculation and all other forms of gambling.

He pictured the life of a man who gambled, and speculated, and turned fortunes in a few hours, jumping from pauper to millionaire, and then to pauper, as compared with the tiller of the soil, and the mechanic and the merchant, who earns his money by labor and by shrewd business methods, invest well his savings.

Woman in Quatrell Raid Dies. Emporia, Kan.—Mrs. Sallie McKinney, who, tradition says, led Quatrell and his band into Lawrence on the memorable occasion of the sacking of that town on August 31, 1863, died here after a long illness.

Prison for All Who Aid Strike. Sydney, N. S. W.—Business has been so demoralized by the miners' strike that the legislature took the drastic step of passing a bill rendering both strike leaders and employees who instigate or aid a strike or lock-out liable to imprisonment for a year.

New Japanese Envoy Arrives. San Francisco.—Baron Yasuwa Uchida, new Japanese ambassador to the United States, arrived here Friday on the liner Tenyo Maru.

WOULDN'T IT BE MEAN?



COOK COMMITTEE IS AT WORK

Members Are Fully Acquainted with Explorer's Records—Loose-Dunkle Affidavits Create Excitement.

Copenhagen.—The meetings of the Cook committee at the observatory are rigorously guarded.

The committee is now fully acquainted with the explorer's records and it is said that they contain nothing Dr. Cook could not have compiled after his return, during his five months' stay in Greenland or aboard the Hans Egede, where there was an abundance of voluntary assistance by a scientist versed in exploration, a knowledge of instruments and also of the use of a typewriter.

The Loose-Dunkle affidavits have arrived and are creating much excitement.

Private advices from Christiania state that Nansen, who has hitherto declined to give an opinion, disbelieves Dr. Cook's claims.

New York.—Capt. B. S. Osborn of this city, secretary of the Arctic club, has written Capt. Joseph E. Bernier in Ottawa, Ont., and others that Capt. August W. Loosé's story of his dealings with Dr. Cook, as published in a New York newspaper, was concocted for sale without regard to the truth.

"In the presence of witnesses," said Capt. Osborn, "I heard Loosé say: 'I was out for the money and I didn't care how I got it.'"

Capt. Osborn does not believe that Loosé's narrative as supported by his affidavits, was a part of any plot to discredit Dr. Cook.

"The idea originated with Loosé and Dunkle," says Capt. Osborn. "They had for sale matter in this controversy so explosive that nobody dared handle it. When they found that out, they cast about for something else. Dunkle was the promoter. Loosé the workman. Also, Dunkle got most of the money. That's what Loosé says, and now he is casting around to see where he stands. He's got a conscience and it smart's."

SUGAR CO. PAYS \$695,573

Arbuckle Bros. Reimburse United States for Money Due as Customs Duties on Imports.

New York.—Arbuckle Bros., generally credited with being the largest independent rivals of the American Sugar Refining Company, have acknowledged that from 1898 to 1907 they, too, failed to pay the government all the money due as customs charges on imported sugar.

In settlement of all civil claims against them, the Arbuckles have offered and the treasury department, with the concurrence of the attorney general, has accepted payment of \$695,573. But criminal prosecution of those responsible will in no wise be hampered or conditioned by this acceptance.

Johnny Thompson Gets Decision. Kansas City, Mo.—The championship aspirations of "Fighting Dick" Hyland were rudely shattered last night when, after ten rounds of fast milling, Johnny Thompson was awarded the decision over the Californian. The bout was a whirlwind affair, both boys being of the aggressive kind. Thompson twice sent Hyland to the floor.

Gen. W. W. Dudley Dead. Washington.—Gen. W. W. Dudley of Indiana, formerly commissioner of pensions, died Wednesday of Bright's disease.

To Take Over Potash Mines. Berlin.—The government of Prussia, which owns three potash mines, has presented to the federal council a bill extending imperial control over the potash production of the country. Many of the existing potash contracts are with American firms.

Blow Up Bank; Steal \$2,000. Lawton, Okla.—Five robbers entered the Citizens' State bank at Geronimo, a small town near here Friday, dynamited the safe and escaped with \$2,000 in cash.

Henry W. Blodgett Resigns. Washington.—Henry W. Blodgett, United States attorney for the eastern district of Missouri with headquarters at St. Louis, has resigned and the resignation has been accepted.

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PRESIDENT RESIGNS

ZELAYA TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION TO NICARAGUAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

LOOKED UPON AS FORMALITY

Rule's Action Is Acclaimed by People with Shouts for United States and Estrada—Sends Message to Assembly.

Managua, Nicaragua.—President Zelaya has resigned. He sent his resignation as chief executive to the national congress of the Nicaraguan republic on Thursday.

Five deputies were appointed immediately upon the receipt of the resignation to draft a bill looking to its acceptance, which is now considered a mere formality.

Accompanying his resignation Zelaya sent the following message to congress:

"The painful circumstances into which the country is plunged call for acts of abnegation and patriotism on the part of good citizens, who are the witnesses of the oppression of the republic by the heavy hand of fate. The country is staggering under a shameful revolution which threatens the nation's sovereignty and a foreign nation, unjustly intervenes in our affairs, publicly providing the rebels with arms, which has only resulted in their being defeated everywhere through the heroism of our troops."

"To avoid further bloodshed and for the reason that the revolutionists have declared that they would put down their arms when I surrendered the executive power, I hereby place in the hands of the national assembly the abandonment of the remainder of my term of office, which is to be filled by a substitute of their choosing, with the hope that this will result in good to Nicaragua, the re-establishment of peace and particularly the suspension of the hostility of the United States, to which I do not wish to give a pretext for intervention."

News of the president's action spread throughout the city, and soon great crowds moved through the streets, shouting for the United States, Estrada and the revolution.

Apparently there was no other course for Zelaya to take. The people were aroused. The guns of the revolutionists threatened. The warships of the United States lay in Nicaraguan ports.

Managua has been seething for days. The spirit of revolt has spread even to the gates of the palace. Zelaya surrounded himself with an armed guard. Unchecked, the people have marched through the streets, crying for the end of the old, proclaiming the new regime.

Who will take up the reins no one knows nor cares. There is no doubt that congress will act quickly.

Dr. Jose Madriz, judge of the Central American court of justice at Cartago, who has been close to Zelaya and is now his choice for president, is on his way here.

Madriz has his following strong and influential, even among the revolutionists, but Gen. Estrada, under whose command the great body of fighting insurgents now face Vasquez's troops at Rama, will have none of him.

Estrada's word will bear weight in the choice of president.

Zelaya has known, too, that Madriz is not acceptable to the United States, and he has sought to learn who would be looked upon with favor by that government as his successor, so far as can be learned, has named no man and the choice probably will lie with those who have gained the upper hand.

RUSH MARINES TO CORINTO

U. S. S. Buffalo with 700 Men Aboard Gets "Hurry-Up" Sailing Orders—American Citizens Alarmed.

Washington.—The United States ship Buffalo, now at Panama with 700 marines on board, was Friday ordered to sail at once for Corinto.

This action was taken as the result of a telegram received from the United States consulate at Managua, in which it was stated that inasmuch as Zelaya, in his message resigning the presidency, had made unpleasant reference to Americans, and owing to a report which was current in that city to the effect that civilian adherents of Zelaya had been armed with daggers, the citizens of the United States had appealed to the consulate for protection.

Another telegram from the American consulate at Managua states that it is currently rumored there that when Madriz arrives in Managua Zelaya will formally surrender his office to the national assembly, and that that body has already received instructions from Zelaya to cast its vote for Irias as president of Nicaragua.

The conclusion of the United States officers at Managua is that by the selection of Irias, Zelaya would still retain his hold on power and continue to dominate the situation.

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KING LEOPOLD PASSES AWAY

AGED MONARCH UNABLE TO LONGER STAND STRAIN.

After Restful Day, Alarming Symptoms Appeared, Physicians Unable to Prolong His Life.

Brussels.—King Leopold of Belgium died at 2:35 o'clock Friday morning, his aged and wasted body being unable to stand the strain put upon it. The collapse occurred suddenly and at a moment when the doctors seemingly had had the greatest hopes for his recovery.

Apparently the drainage of the wound was perfect, as no fever was present and during the day the king had been able to take nourishment.

The public at large was satisfied that the king was on the road to recovery, but within the pavilion, where the king lay, there was a feeling of anxiety, chiefly because of Leopold's great age.

After a restful day the patient was able to sleep for a brief period early in the evening and the night passed quietly. But towards two o'clock alarming symptoms appeared.

Suddenly the king turned and called to Dr. Thiriar:

"I am suffering."

Dr. De Page was summoned and the two physicians did everything possible to prolong life, but without avail.

The end came quickly and, after a spell of weakness, peacefully.

Prince Albert arrived at the death bed about twenty-five minutes later.

The young man who will ascend the Belgian throne, the pride of his nation and one of the best educated of royalty, a lover of outdoor sports and fair play, wept as he stood beside the remains of the uncle whose death had made him king and across the watching city there swept the cry:

"The king is dead; long live the king!"

Leopold II, king of the Belgians, was born April 9, 1835. His father was Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg, an uncle of the late Queen Victoria. His mother was a daughter of Louis Philippe of France.

Leopold's father was elected king of the Belgians in 1831 when they escaped from Dutch rule, and Leopold II, succeeded to the throne in 1865. At the age of 18 he was married to Marie Henrietta, daughter of the Archduke Joseph of Austria. On his majority he entered the Belgian senate. During the following five years he traveled in Spain, Morocco, Algiers, Egypt, Palestine, India and China, earning the distinction of being the most traveled monarch in Europe when he became ruler of Belgium. Leopold often expressed a desire to visit the United States in later years, but the coming of old age, his cares and perhaps, to a certain extent, his pleasures prevented.

12 DEAD; 25 HURT IN WRECK

Broken Rail Derails Southern Railway Passenger Train—Cars Fall Down Thirty-Foot Embankment.

Greensboro, N. C.—Local passenger train on the Southern railway, known as the Richmond and Atlanta train, was wrecked Wednesday at Reedy Fork trestle, ten miles north of here, and 12 dead bodies have been removed from the wreckage. It is reported 14 are dead. Twenty-five injured are at St. Louis hospital.

George J. Gould, who with his son Jay, was in one of the Pullmans when the train jumped the track and who was reported dead, escaped uninjured.

The derailment was caused by a broken rail about 200 feet from the trestle that spans the small stream. The engine and baggage, mail and express cars passed over in safety, while the day coaches and Pullmans were thrown from the trestle into the creek 30 feet below.

DR. DOXEY HELD FOR MURDER

Officials at St. Louis Cannot Explain Arrest—Wife Is Charged with Poisoning William Erder.

St. Louis.—Dr. L. B. Doxey, Columbus, Neb., husband of Mrs. Dora E. Doxey, was lodged in the police hold here over night. Opposite his name on the record is, "Charged with first degree murder."

The arrest of Dr. Doxey was surrounded with mystery. No indictment has been returned by the grand jury investigating the death of William J. Erder. The circuit attorney's office said the police were not ordered to make the arrest.

Mrs. Doxey was brought here from Nebraska on information charging first degree murder. The coroner's jury returned a verdict holding that she poisoned Erder, whom she is charged with having married last April.

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