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IMPORTANT NEWS NOTES OF A WEEK

LATEST HAPPENINGS THE WORLD
OVER TOLD IN ITEMIZED
FORM.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

Condensed into a Few Lines for the
Perusal of the Busy Man—
Latest Personal Infor-
mation.

PERSONAL.
Some of the most powerful families in Germany are shaking with apprehension lest Signora Maria Tarragona, a Spanish beauty, be not prevented from publishing her memoirs. She threatens to expose incidents in the private lives of members of one of Germany's reigning families, of several officers of the crown, and of other prominent men.

The victory of Manchuria has sent a tremor of Peking urging that the "new provinces" be thrown open to all nations. The purpose is to offset Japanese and Russian activity in Manchuria by the influx from other countries.

After five years' service on the circuit and supreme bench in the Panama zone, Judge Lerin C. Collins has left to start home for Chicago.

While Mrs. Joseph Toner of Hempstead, N. Y., attended the funeral of her husband, burglars entered her home and stole \$2,390. This sum represented the savings of her husband, who just before death converted all his property into cash.

Members of the house of representatives are angry because they did not receive invitations to Helen Taft's inaugural party. It has been learned that the invitations were sent through the Washington post office and were not delivered promptly.

Mrs. Theodore P. Shonta, wife of the president of the Interborough Railway of New York city, who arrived aboard the liner Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, omitted to mention in her declaration that she had \$26,690 worth of new jewelry with her. This oversight caused the customs inspector to have the jewels sent to the appraiser's office, where they will be held pending an investigation.

Prof. Charles Otto Whitman, head of the department of zoology at the University of Chicago since 1892, and known as one of the greatest American biologists, died of pneumonia at his residence in Chicago.

Kyle Helzer, the actor, is making plans with Charles Frohman and a touring company in London to charter a steamship and make a tour around the world with a dramatic company.

GENERAL NEWS.

Bombardiers have massacred the Turkish garrison at Kerak, a town in the Turkish vilayet of Syria, and killed more than 100 Christian inhabitants of the place in revenge for the execution of a Muslim chief.

"Not guilty" was the verdict of the jury in Vinson, Ind. In the case of Myrtle Moore, manager of a circuit of theaters, who was charged with murder in the killing of Charles E. Gibson, a wealthy operator in the Indiana Illinois oil fields.

Political differences led to a street fight in Havana between Severo Molina and Sanchez Figueroa, in which the former was killed and the latter probably fatally wounded. Both were liberal members of the Cuban house of representatives.

A mob burned the headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World at Fresno, Cal., severely beating members of the organization and surrounding the city jail, where other members were being held. A demand was made that the prisoners be turned over to the mob, but no effort was made to enter the jail.

Oakland, Cal., adopted the constitutional form of government by a vote of 6,825 to 2,815.

The treasurer of the Portuguese ministry of finance has been arrested charged with paying the debts of Queen Maria Fla., grandmother of King Manuel.

J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York announced that Edward F. Whitney and George W. Perkins will retire from the firm on January 1, 1911, and that William H. Porter, president of the Chemical National bank, and Thomas W. Lamont, vice-president of the First National bank, will become partners in the firm.

The bark Mantanzas, sailing from Brunswick, Me., 35 days overdue, arrived at Philadelphia after having been given up for lost even by her owners. The crew of 11 men suffered terribly hardships, once having been driven to the extremity of hatching the ship's cat and eating the carcass for food.

United States secret service agents were ordered to begin a sweeping investigation of the forty-six Chicago bank outages which have destroyed thousands of dollars' worth of property, imperiled hundreds of persons, terrified many more citizens and baffled the police for months.

Eighteen men, including three police officers, were injured, 11 streets closed to traffic and the windows broken in over 100 more smashed in a riot of Toronto, Ont., citizens following a mass meeting called by Mayor Geary to protest against the installation of pay-as-you-enter cars.

Reports from Funchal say that the situation growing out of the cholera epidemic is serious throughout Madeira. Cholera riots occur daily. The food supply is running short.

There are heavy floods in northern Portugal. The Souza river, normally a small stream, is a raging torrent 36 feet deep.

The state department decided that Italy is entitled to the extradition of Porter Charlton, which was demanded on a charge of murder and who confessed to the murder of his wife near Lake Como, Italy.

After a battle with the censor lasting five years, "Salome" was produced at Covent Garden theater in London. The name of John the Baptist was not mentioned, being replaced by the euphemism "The Prophet."

According to the terms of the will of the late Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, the Christian Science church, the source from which it came, will get the major portion of her estate, including the value of copyrights, which is about \$1,500,000.

A revolutionary outbreak is threatened in Honduras and intense excitement prevails throughout the country. Martial law has been proclaimed and the larger cities of the republic and the jails are filled with political prisoners.

In a shooting match in which two boys used each other as targets, Albert Perin, fifteen years old, was killed by his playmate, Jesse Osborn, sixteen years old, at Indianapolis.

Current reforms, extension of the scope of the national banking law, if there are no immediate general changes in the monetary system, civil service retirement, a customs service free from political influences, business-like methods in the daily transactions of the government and abolition of red tape wherever it clogs the wheels of the government's business are among the recommendations in the annual report of Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh, presented to congress.

The United States district court for the eastern district of Pennsylvania decided that there is no general conspiracy among the anthracite coal carrying railroads or coal companies to restrain trade or commerce, or to monopolize the trade or to maintain certain prices, but it did decide that the Temple Iron company is a combination of anthracite coal carrying railroads in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Information reaches St. Paul, Minn., from Menominee, Mich., that Nan Patterson, who was tried three times on the charge of murder, was married to Sumner Prescott, a young manufacturer of Marinette, Wis., at St. Paul on October 24 last.

It costs so much per capita to educate the children of Montclair, N. J., that the school board has engaged Prof. Paul H. Honn of Harvard university at \$50 a day to investigate and report as to how the expenses of the schools may be reduced.

Five votes elected W. N. Ruby to the Colorado supreme court because the parties neglected to put up candidates to fill the unexpired term of the late Chief Justice Robert W. Steele.

George D. Horras, formerly a banker of Sioux Falls, S. D., was released from the Leavenworth federal penitentiary after serving three years for violation of the national banking laws. Horras was only twenty-six years old when he went to prison.

Seven Chinese girls brought to San Francisco in the steamer Manchuria assert they were kidnapped for the slave trade in Hongkong and confined on the ship in a locker 14 feet square, into which no light was let during the whole voyage.

Exonerating Secretary of the Interior Ballinger on all the charges brought against him and condemning his accusers as having been inspired by a deep feeling of animosity, built upon a supposed difference in policy respecting conservation, a majority of the congressional committee which investigated the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot case submitted its report to congress.

Juan Sanchez Azcona was arrested at Washington by direction of the department of justice on request of the Mexican government. Azcona is a member of the inner council of the Mexican revolutionists. He was known to be closely associated with Francisco I. Madero, leader of the insurrectionists. Azcona is a former member of the Mexican congress and a journalist.

Fire destroyed the Fendrich cigar factory, the largest independent factory in the world, and several other business buildings on Main and First streets, Evansville, Ind. The losses will run over one million dollars, partly covered by insurance.

Duven Bros., the greatest art and unique dealers and connoisseurs in America, own the United States government \$5,000,000, according to an announcement made by Collector Loeb of the port of New York.

Dr. Simon Flexner, director of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, underwent a successful operation for appendicitis at the Presbyterian hospital in New York. His physicians report his condition as excellent.

The issue of whether or not William Lorimer is entitled to his seat in the United States senate will be submitted to that body before the Christmas recess of congress, according to the present plans of the subcommittee that is taking the evidence in the case. That was the program announced by Senator Burrows, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections.

An anti-treating ordinance was adopted by the Tacoma (Wash.) city commission, making the buying of an intoxicating drink for another person a misdemeanor.

LIVELY AT 92 YEARS

WRITES LETTERS TO HIS LITTLE
GIRL, 70 YEARS OLD.

HAPPENINGS OVER THE STATE

What is Going on Here and There
That is of Interest to the Read-
ers Throughout Nebraska
and Vicinity.

McCook—Probably one of the most remarkable men in this section of the state is "Grandpa" Sherman Cummings, who, although he is about to celebrate his ninety-second birthday, still dresses himself, shaves, reads and does about all the things that a man of thirty-five or forty years his junior would do.

Grandpa Cummings has always been an enthusiastic wheelman, and most of his birthdays in the '80s were not considered properly celebrated until he had taken his daily spin on his bicycle.

The proudest achievement of this venerable old sire, however, is his penmanship. For instance, he has just written a letter to one of his daughters, his "little girl"—a grandma of many children and who is seventy years old herself.

A Cut in Wages.

Nebraska City—Because of a falling off in the census report of the population of this county nearly 3,000, the salaries of many of the county officials are reduced and all are greatly worried. It reduced the salary of the sheriff to \$1,500, county commissioner to \$500, county attorney to \$300 and county assessor to \$600.

No Christmas Carols.

Fremont—As a result of activity on the part of Fremont ministers who objected to an entertainment at the theater here on Christmas Sunday, which did not contemplate a religious program, the university glee club's engagement for that date will be cancelled.

May Lose His Eye.

Chadron—While getting ready for his run, Engineer William Bower of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad had one of his eyes cut by a lubricator glass blowing out and will probably lose the eye entirely.

Tendered a Reception.

David Qust—Governor-elect Aldrich was the guest of honor at a monster reception tendered him by his fellow townsmen and friends at the opera house. The governor responded to the words of friendship largely non-partisan, with a pleasing address.

Wynore to Own Plants.

Beatrice—At a special election held in Wynore, the bond proposition of \$57,000 for a new waterworks system carried by a majority of 245, while the electric light bonds carried by a majority of 286.

NEBRASKA

Pickrell was visited by a fire Sunday, the most disastrous in its history.

Fremont gained more than 25 per cent in population during the past ten years.

The First Presbyterian church at Fremont dedicated their new house of worship Sunday.

John Schwartz, 70 years old, fell down a stairway at Beatrice and was instantly killed.

Rev. Austin, pastor of the M. E. church at Plattsmouth, was thrown from an automobile and seriously injured.

Professor Rouse, former superintendent of the Plattsmouth schools, has been elected dean of the normal school at Peru.

Pat Ryan, well known in the west as an old time Indian curio dealer, was found dead in his bed in his room at Omaha.

Dean Beecher was consecrated bishop of Omaha Wednesday with an impressive sermon. There were seven bishops at the service.

Rev. S. B. McVey, formerly pastor of the U. B. church at Crab Orchard, has been assigned to the pastorate of the M. E. church at Steele City, Neb.

Idaho Bill's wild west show is now nicely quartered for the winter in the Platte valley north of Hastings, where the horses can be properly cared for during the winter months.

The Morton-Gregson ginning house at Nebraska City, which has been closed for the past six months undergoing repairs, will be opened at once and will begin slaughtering hogs. This plant has a capacity of 1,500 hogs per day.

Andrew Kline, who was suffocated when his home caught fire at Wilber, died Saturday afternoon from pneumonia caused by smoke and gas.

Fire broke out in the attic of the high school building at Columbus and damaged the building to such an extent that no school will be held for a week or more.

Fremont is still agitating good roads to that place.

There is talk of a third newspaper at Sterling.

Plattsmouth is suffering from a series of burglaries.

Charles Boyd, living near Fairbury, got mixed up with a buzz saw and lost several fingers.

Mail service, which was discontinued some time ago at Rockford, east of Beatrice, has been resumed.

Under the direction of the Y. M. C. A. a chapter of the Boy Scouts of America is soon to be installed in Lincoln.

Waltbill wants the county seat of Thurston county changed from Pender to that place, and is securing signatures to a petition to that end.

The corn crop of the state is estimated at 208,000,000 bushels. This is more corn than was raised in Nebraska in either of the past two years. The corn in general throughout the state is said by grain men to be better than it was last year, although the crop south of the Platte is not up to the normal yield.

Horace H. Philpot, for eight years the Lincoln correspondent of the Omaha Bee, was tendered a complimentary dinner at the Lincoln hotel Saturday night, at the conclusion of which he was presented with a gold watch, an evidence of the esteem in which he is held by the men who attended the banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cleland, pioneers of Buffalo county, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Wednesday, it being attended by every member of a large family of sons and daughters. Three sons-in-law, four daughters-in-law, and sixteen grand-children were present, as were a few invited guests.

In addition to the farmers' institute and school of instruction in Beatrice during the week beginning December 12, there will be institutes held at Ellis on Monday and Tuesday, December 5 and 6; at Virginia on Wednesday, December 7, and at Union Hall on Wednesday and Thursday, December 7 and 8. All are in Gage county.

An experiment in sheep feeding has proven profitable to Frank Bicknell, a farmer near Springfield. Bicknell bought 1,000 head of sheep in poor condition about six weeks ago and turned them out on his farm. They fattened rapidly and when shipped, made him a profit of nearly \$1 per head above expenses of handling and feeding.



The report from the state penitentiary for the month of November shows total receipts of \$1,694,84. Of this amount \$889.55 was received from the sale of wheat. A United States warrant for \$80.85 is included in the receipts. This covers the safe guarding of two federal prisoners.

In the monthly summary issued by the weather bureau the precipitation in November of this year is shown to be the smallest in the past ten years. Only 1.4 of an inch fell, while for the same month last year 7.4 inches fell. The mean temperature for the month is shown to be 33 degrees. The normal for this month is 38 degrees.

The battery of field artillery offered by the war department has not yet been accepted. The Nebraska national guardsmen of Beatrice have the first chance. The state will pay \$1,000 a year and the city that obtains the prize must pay \$2,000 a year for the maintenance and care of the equipment. No city has yet signified its desire to pay that amount.

Henry Seymour, secretary of the state board of equalization, has written a letter detailing the credits that one should be assessed on and the debts that should be deducted. The question is inchoate, but the best that can be got out of the present complex of laws is included in the letter. In it he also lays down the law that dogs are to be taxed by precinct assessors, no matter what the county or city may do with reference to dog taxes.

C. H. Rutge, a member of the state fair board, has returned to Lincoln from Chicago, where representatives of thirty-six large state and provincial shows met. Great efforts are being made to get uniform classifications of exhibits in all state fairs, he says, and also to get uniform premiums for all of the different classes. This will tend to equalize the attractions of the various shows to exhibitors and will also give one accurate ideas of how certain exhibits in other states compare with local exhibits, on which judgment has been passed by state fair officials.

The squirrel and chicken season closed last week in this state. Game Warden Gellins says that he has received no complaints about the depredations of squirrels this year. The opening of the season on these little animals by the last legislature has served to allow hunters to keep their numbers down. When the game laws were before the legislature for consideration many letters were produced, in which farmers stated that the squirrels, particularly in the southeastern part of the state, had made life miserable.

MEN AND A BEAR FOUGHT TO DEATH

THREE PROSPECTORS AND INFURIATED BEAST ALL PERISH
IN DESPERATE BATTLE.

SKELETONS TELL THE STORY

Ghastly Discovery is Made in a Deserted Cave by a New Mexico Sheriff While Searching for a Horse Thief.

Albuquerque, N. M.—It was a brave battle that these three men and this old bear fought, and every one of them died a hero. No admiring multitudes cheered them on and urged their flagging energies. Each fought till the breath left him, and the rugged old master of the castle fell across the corpses of the invaders.

It is a story without words that was told Cleo Stewart, sheriff of Eddy county, New Mexico, and his two deputies, Carl Gordon and Henry Boyd, when they stumbled upon the four skeletons a few days ago in a cave in the fastnesses of the Guadalupe mountains while hunting for a horse thief.

The sheriff and his men had information that the horse thief, who is known as "Calico" Ryan, was in hiding in the mountains, and they saddled their horses at Carlsbad and rode fifty miles to the locality that was said to conceal the man for whom they were searching. At length they came upon the bat guano cave that was discovered a short time ago by Jesse Plowman, a 12-year-old boy. Stewart and his companions thought they would explore the cave. They made their way some distance into the interior, and at length came to a wide rock chamber. The light poured in through a hole in the roof, and showed clearly the surroundings.

In the center of the chamber were four skeletons. A closer inspection showed that three of them were those of human beings and that the fourth was that of a big bear. Among the bones were two rusty knives, a pistol and some metal buttons. The clothing had rotted away, and it was evident that the tragedy had been enacted many years before. But the surroundings told the story, and it needed not the recital of words to tell the sheriff and his men what had happened. They saw it as if they had been on the spot when it was enacted.

Old Bruin sat at the door of the cave, which was his castle, back in the days when no white man had previously disturbed the wild stillness. Down from the valley of the Pecos came three prospectors after the gold that the Indians told the Spaniards was there. When near the entrance to the cave they saw the fierce old bear, but they were brave fellows and they thought it would be an easy matter to kill him, feast upon his carcas, and take up their abode for the night in

his retreat. With deep growls the bear warned them off, but they pressed onward. The bear retreated into the cave and the men followed. Two of them were armed with heavy knives and the third had a huge pepper-box pistol. At length they cornered the bear in the big chamber and he resolved to make his last stand.

The intruders, although armed only with the knives, thought they were a match for one bear, and they eagerly closed with him, plunging their knives again and again into his shaggy body. At every stroke of his paws Bruin tore the flesh of his adversaries. Finally one of the men fell dead or dying by the side of the one with the pistol. Then the other sank exhausted beside his two comrades. Bruin had conquered, but his eyes were already glazing, and when he raised himself on his hind legs to behold his work he suddenly felt the chill of death upon him and he sank dying upon the bodies of his antagonists.

The days lengthened into months and years and the main body of hardy pioneers came to regard their missing comrades as lost, while their bodies moldered into dust and their clothing rotted and their knives and pistols rusted, till at length only the whitened bones of the four who had battled there were left to tell the tale.



The Battle in the Cave.

HOBBLE GARTERS GO WITH HOBBLE SKIRTS

LATEST FEMINE ADJUNCT
WHICH SERVES AS A DEFT
LITTLE HITCHING STRAP.

Chicago.—The divided garter is the latest feminine requirement. It is a hobble skirt adjunct. It is a tether. The device is designed that their owner may be warned against taking long strides when wearing a tight dress, thus avoiding the dragging of the hobble to the knee.

It is made with a band of elastic connecting the two garters as usually worn, that is, the circular garters. The divided garter is not really divided, but rather it makes one garter of two, and gives one skirt the air of



Regulates the Hobble.

being two. The divided garter is doubly and trebly fastened—it is intended as the invisible mentor of the hobble skirt. It is a sort of deft little hitching post which prevents one leg running away from the other.

The ordinary garter of silk elastic and ribbon, and with a love of a buckle, still fits at the proper angle just above the knee, or, well, just below, but the bifurcated arrangement, which is nothing more nor less than a third garter sewed up the middle, holds together the other two garters and is warranted to withstand any mad dog scare and to restrict movements too expansive for the hobble skirt. As a pull-back it has no equal. There's no running away from this garter or from anything or anyone.

THREE-LEGGED CAT SCRAPPER

Dorchester Tabby, Whose Foot Was Amputated, Proved Good Match for Other Felines.

Boston, Mass.—"Pretty," the handsome Angora cat belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Somers, 98 Hancock street, Dorchester, has only three legs. And the story of how he lost his fourth leg is interesting.

He was born with the usual number of paws and was especially nimble and expert with them. One night, however, "Pretty" was run over by a street car and his left forepaw was crushed.

Mr. Somers found the kitten lying in the street helpless and brought him into the house. It was a cold night, and it was first thought that the cat's paw was frozen. He was placed beside a radiator to thaw out.

When the seriousness of the injury was learned, however, Mr. Somers carried "Pretty" to the cat hospital, where the little leg was amputated. In a week or so "Pretty" came back home in good shape, and has since been able to get around pretty lively for a cat with only three legs.

He is now 2 years old, is very affectionate, and especially fond of the youthful son of Mr. and Mrs. Somers. "Pretty" keeps jealous guard over young William Somers, and will allow no other cats or dogs to approach him.

"Pretty" is also a great scrapper, and, even with his missing paw, is more than a match for other felines with the usual number.

Hog Saves Man From Death.

Pittsburg, Pa.—A billiard shot in mid-air, with a human body and a dressed hog as the objects, saved the life of William Apple, driver for a packing firm, when his wagon was struck by a Pennsylvania train at Homestead.

Hog carcass, parts of the wagon and the driver were in the air when the body of the porker caromed against Apple, deflecting his body as it was falling before the locomotive. Apple landed on the pilot and just as the train stopped he rolled off beside the track with a few bruises and scratches.

Kills Eagle Attacking Girls.

Aurora, Ill.—Days when big eagles carried off little children were recalled after Eva and Anna Brummell, little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Brummell, living near Eola, discovered one of the famous American birds, making for them while they were driving the cows home. They ran screaming to their father, who took them to the house, got his shotgun and killed the eagle. The bird measured 8 feet from tip to tip.

Amelia Young is Dead.

Salt Lake City.—Amelia Folsom Young, widow of the famous Mormon prophet and leader, Brigham Young, died at her home here Sunday. She was 72 years old and her death was caused by paralysis.

Peary Must Show Macon.

Washington.—Representative Macon of Arkansas threatens trouble for Captain Robert E. Peary, the arctic explorer, when the question of honoring him comes up on the floor of the house. He is a member of the naval affairs committee, which has before it a bill to make Peary a rear admiral in the navy. Mr. Bacon contends there is no more proof that Peary discovered the pole than Dr. Cook. It is the committee reports the measure he will fight it to the last.

HEAD OF THE COURT

WHITE, DEMOCRAT, NAMED AS CHIEF JUSTICE.

NOMINATION TO THE SENATE

New Supreme Chief Justice Has Participated in Some Very Famous Cases.

Washington.—Associate Justice White of the United States supreme court is to be elevated to the chief justiceship of that tribunal. President Taft will send the nomination to the senate Monday at noon. It is expected the two new associate judges, to fill vacancies on the bench, also will be named Monday.

It was reported, though neither confirmation nor denial was obtainable at the White House, that President Taft will name as associate justices Judge Willis Vandevanter of Cheyenne, Wyo., now a federal judge in the Eighth United States circuit, and Joseph Rucker Lamar of Georgia, a former justice of the Georgia supreme court.

It was also reported, likewise without confirmation, that the new court of commerce will be named by the president Monday and will consist of: Martin A. Knapp of New York, at present United States district judge of the middle district of Pennsylvania; William B. Hunt of Montana, now a judge of the court of customs appeals.

Arthur C. Denison of Michigan, at present judge of the western district of that state.

Julian W. Mack, of Chicago, now judge of the appellate court of the First Illinois district. Mr. Mack is a democrat.

To fill the vacancies on the Interstate Commerce commission in place of Chairman Knapp and former Senator Cockrell of Missouri, who retires on Dec. 31, it was reported tonight the president will name D. H. Meyer of Wisconsin and C. C. McChord of Kentucky.

Justice White was strongly urged for promotion. In October last, just as the president was leaving the summer capital at Beverly, it became known that he was seriously considering his appointment as chief justice, and the fact was sent out in dispatches at the time. When he was again in Washington, however, the Hughes sentiment grew stronger and all other candidates seemed eliminated from consideration.

As a member of the supreme court it has fallen to Justice White's lot to participate in some of the most famous cases in the history of the tribunal. Although a confederate soldier and a democrat, he is said to probably hold the most clearly marked ideas of federalism of any of the supreme court justices. He was with the government in all of the so-called insular cases, involving the Philippines and other island possessions.

POSTAL DEFICIT IS REDUCED.

Annual Report of Postmaster General Hitchcock Made Public.

Washington.—In the space of twelve months a reduction has been made in the deficit of the postoffice department of \$11,500,000, according to the annual report of Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock.

While a year ago the fiscal records of the postal service disclosed a deficit of \$17,500,000, the largest in the history of the country, the excess of expenditures over receipts for the year ended June 30, last, amounted to only \$5,884,556. In commenting on this reduction, Postmaster General Hitchcock says in his report:

"It is most gratifying to report that this unprecedented reduction has been made without any curtailment of postal facilities. On the contrary, the service has been largely extended."

German Socialists Warned.

Berlin.—Discussing international politics in the reichstag, Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg warned the more radical of the exponents of socialism that they would be held to account for excesses resulting from their teachings.

Third