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## EPITOME OF A WEEK'S NEWS

### Washington

By a practically unanimous vote the national house of representatives passed the anti-election campaign contribution bill and then swung immediately into consideration of the Canadian reciprocity bill.

To celebrate the victories which certain Democratic reforms have won a big Jeffersonian birthday banquet was held in Indianapolis, among the guests being many leading members of the Democratic party from all parts of the country.

The national house of representatives by a vote of 296 to 36 passed the Tucker resolution proposing a constitutional amendment for the direct election of United States senators. The ways and means committee reported favorably on the reciprocity and free list tariff bills.

In line with the Democratic caucus action of the national house, Chairman Underwood of the committee on ways and means introduced a bill to carry into effect the Canadian reciprocity agreement and another to place on the free list about 190 articles now dutiable under the Payne-Aldrich law. These include farm implements, meats and other foodstuffs, rough lumber and boots and shoes.

### Domestic

By command of President Taft these orders were sent to the officers in command of the American troops on the Mexican border: "Inform officers of the Mexican federals and revolutionists that there must not be a recurrence of what happened at Douglas, Ariz. If there is the United States will do everything to protect its citizens and interests, even to the extent of using force." A note of the same purport was sent to President Diaz of Mexico and to Francisco I. Madero, Jr., leader of the revolutionists.

David Jayne Hill of Rochester, N. Y., has resigned his place as ambassador of the United States to Germany. The resignation was accepted promptly by President Taft, but in the formal letters given out there is no intimation of the reasons for Mr. Hill's withdrawal.

Three men were pinned into a pool of mud and drowned when the automobile in which they were racing through Melrose Park, Ill., skidded and pitched into a ditch.

The Polo grounds, the New York Nationals' magnificent home—the big green baseball arena in the country—was swept by fire. Everything inside the fences was ruined, except the left field bleachers and the club house.

Adrian C. Joss, better known in the baseball world as "Addie," well-known pitcher of the Cleveland American baseball team, died at his home in Toledo, O., of tubercular meningitis.

Three persons in St. Louis and others in adjacent towns lost their lives in a storm. More than one million bushels of grain stored in the Burlington elevator was blown into the river.

Eshon R. Van Valkenberg, member of the 1879 rowing crew of Hillsdale, Mich., then four-oared champions of the world, shot himself on the steps of a Cleveland church while his wife was inside praying.

Rangers in the national forests will be supplied with portable telephone sets with a special flexible wire which can be easily and quickly run along the ground to isolated places in the forests.

President Taft made a fruitless attempt to save the lives of a small negro boy and his mother, who threw the child into the tidal basin of the Potomac and jumped in after him. Mother and boy were drowned.

An itinerant window cleaner whose thieving operations in the last few weeks have cost a score of well-to-do New Yorkers many thousands of dollars is being sought by the police as one of the most successful and dangerous house robbers in that city.

Panic-stricken when their ship, the Ottawa, struck a reef near Algona, Wis., in a heavy fog, Capt. Claus Wegberg and five members of his crew took to their gasoline launch and were drowned when the boat capsized in the heavy sea.

The United States boundary commission, which is to re-establish the boundary line between Texas and New Mexico, will leave Monahan, Tex., on April 15, for the southeast corner of New Mexico, where it will begin its work.

During a battle which resulted in the capture of the city of Agua Prieta, Mexico, by the rebels under command of "Red" Lopez, American troops crossed the border from Douglas, Ariz., and stopped the fighting. Three Americans were killed and several wounded on the American side during the engagement.

A terrific wind and rain storm struck St. Louis, during which three persons were killed and many thousands of dollars worth of property damaged.

County option for Illinois was killed in the lower house at Springfield by a vote of 52 to 62.

Edward Thibodeau, president of the National Trucking House company, appeared before the Helim committee at Springfield, Ill., which is investigating the Loup River election case, and strenuously objected to the production of his personal banking accounts. He was served with a subpoena duces tecum and given six days to weigh the matter.

The case of Benjamin C. Barnes, assistant manager of the Duquesne (Pa.) office of a cash register company, is on trial before a jury in the circuit court at Anderson, Ind. Miss Cecil Hill, who accused him of trying to enter her Pullman berth, failed to identify him.

More baseball for the boys and more dancing for the girls are recommended and discussed in the first annual report of the bureau of recreation of the New York city department of parks.

Six men and one boy escaped from the Macon county jail at Decatur, Ill., by overpowering the turnkey and taking from him his keys.

Less than two per cent. of the complaints of crime reported to the New York police under the present administration of the department result in arrests, according to statistics compiled by the district attorney's office under instructions from the grand jury.

A heavy wind storm, attaining the velocity of a tornado in some sections and accompanied by rain, hail and lightning, swept over Western Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma, killing 13 persons, practically destroying Whiting, Kan., and Big Heart, Okla., injuring almost a hundred persons, wrecking scores of buildings and putting almost every telephone and telegraph wire in the territory out of commission.

President Taft announced the appointment of Curtis Guild, Jr., former governor of Massachusetts, as ambassador to Russia to succeed Ambassador W. W. Rockhill, who goes to Constantinople as ambassador.

Five hundred miles of carpet was shipped by a New York firm to San Francisco on a special freight train of 60 cars. The shipment weighs 1,500,000 pounds, and is worth \$1,000,000.

Gen. Frederick D. Grant has decided not to attend the coronation as the military representative of this government. Maj. Gen. A. W. Greoley, retired, has been selected in General Grant's place and will attend.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in New York city against William J. Cummins, president of the failed Carnegie Trust company, and now under indictment. The liabilities are given as \$5,000,000 and the assets as worth \$400,000. Payson Merrill was appointed receiver, with a bond of \$100,000.

### Foreign

King Alfonso and Queen Ena washed and kissed the feet of ten poor men and women as a part of the Maundy Thursday celebration in the royal palace at Madrid.

It is reported in London that gold bars valued at \$20,000,000, a part of the wealth of the late dowager empress of China, have been sent secretly to England.

### Personal

Denman Thompson, the actor who made "The Old Homestead" famous, died at his country estate in West Swazey, N. H. Mr. Thompson had been ill with heart disease and pneumonia for several weeks.

Washington society is stirred over an assignment filed by Mrs. Albert Clifford Barney, a wealthy Washington widow, whose engagement to Christian Hemmick, son of Ronald Hemmick, former consul at Geneva, recently was announced. In the assignment Mrs. Barney transfers all her property to her two daughters.

The National Association of Cotton Manufacturers held a notable convention in Boston.

More high life is said to be in store for Hetty Green. The little flat in Hoboken will be closed May 1 and Mrs. Green, it is understood, will reside with her son, Col. Edward H. Green, at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York city.

Dr. Svante Arrhenius, president of the famous Nobel institute of Stockholm, Sweden, and one of the best known European scientists, is in New York city for a series of public addresses at Columbia university.

## MET DEATH BY FIRE

Five-Year-Old Child Killed by Flames in Cornfield.

## HAPPENINGS OVER THE STATE

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

Utica—The five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Meyer was burned to death on the Meyer farm two and one-half miles northwest of Tamaqua, Neb. The little girl was playing in the field where her father and others were working. She set fire to some cornstalks and the wind blew the flames toward her, lighting her clothing. The girl screamed and her parents rushed to her aid, but before the flames were extinguished she was burned to a crisp. The parents were both severely burned in trying to help their daughter.

Living in School House Attic.

Beatrice—Residents of the vicinity of Clatsop, in the northwest part of Gage county, are excited over the discovery that men have been living in the attic of a school house in that vicinity, and are of the opinion that the mysterious strangers were two or more of the convicts who recently escaped from the penitentiary at Lincoln.

Ostrich Farm at Sidney.

Sidney—Parties from Southern California have been here the past week negotiating for ten acres of land one mile from Sidney for an ostrich farm. They say the climate of western Nebraska is better adapted for these birds than that of Arizona and California. There is much interest in the project here.

Bad Fire at Elkhorn.

Elkhorn—Fire which threatened to wipe out the town destroyed H. A. Nolte's grain elevator at a loss of \$4,000, partially covered by insurance. The Grove hotel, directly across the street from the elevator, was on fire three times before the flames were under control.

Automobile Fatality.

Lexington—After skidding viciously, an automobile driven by Bob Reed turned turtle and Reed was instantly killed. Mrs. R. N. Metzger, who was in the car with him, was seriously injured.

Hastings Man Drops Dead.

Hastings—Fritz Dannenberg, an attendant at Ingleside hospital, dropped dead of heart failure. He had complained about 5 o'clock in the evening of not feeling well, but there were no indications of anything serious.

Dropped Dead in Depot.

Hastings—A traveling man by the name of Moore of Milwaukee fell dead in the depot here as he was buying a ticket to leave town.

**NEBRASKA STATE CAPITAL LINCOLN**  
A movement is on foot to oil the streets at West Point. Columbus postoffice will close on Sundays hereafter. Bob Shenck, an old resident of Kearney, dropped dead of apoplexy. The official dog catcher at Lincoln has captured and killed over 300 canines.

At the Hyannis election bonds for the water works failed to carry. The vote was 27 for and 14 against. Rev. D. B. Lake at Auburn is suffering from locomotor ataxia and has been unable to leave his room for several weeks.

Alma is presenting claims as the logical location for the new agricultural school to be located in southeast Nebraska. The Lincoln navy recruiting station has received a letter from the navy department at Washington requesting the local officers to put forth every effort to secure recruits without lowering the standard required by the navy.

Harry Palmer, who shot and killed his wife at Hastings and then attempted suicide, has been recovered. Thursday marked the close of the hunting season in Nebraska on ducks, geese and all breeds of water fowl. There will be no more lawful hunting for these birds until September 15, the opening of the winter season.

While at work at the water works at Holdrege, Dick Madison was caught in a belt and one of his feet was entirely pulled off, and the bones in the other leg broken in several places. Doctors think he has a good chance to recover. The North Platte Valley Teachers' association closed a three days' session at Bridgeport with a banquet, at which nearly 100 teachers were present. Bridgeport was selected as the meeting place for 1912, for the fifth consecutive time.

Jacob C. March is one of the really old men of Lincoln. If he lives till July 16, he will be ninety-four years old. He enjoys the distinction of being a veteran of the Seminole Indian war, which occurred more than three-quarters of a century ago. It is believed that there are only two survivors of that conflict now living.

Shields cafe was destroyed by fire at Falls City.

Work of laying mains between Wyomung and Blue Springs has begun. Franklin voted against any pool halls, bowling alleys, or box ball alleys.

George Wright, a six-year-old Tecumseh lad, jumped out of a buggy and broke a leg. Ray Sluyter, a nine-year-old Clay Center boy, was run over by an auto and pretty badly bruised up.

There were thirty-four autos on the streets of Fairbury one day last week, and most of them belonged to farmers. A collection of live alligators in Fairbury's greenhouse is an interesting attraction for the people of Fairbury.

William Noel, an Omaha electrician, was killed when he came in contact with a high voltage wire at the top of a pole.

Lee Livingston, eighteen years of age, accidentally shot himself in the face, forehead, while hunting Saturdays about two miles from Clearwater.

Active operations have been commenced on the Beatrice waterworks system which is to take the place of the present system, which uses Elm River water.

The Methodists of Sterling will erect a new church building to cost from \$8,000 to \$9,000 on the site of the old building, which was destroyed by fire last August.

Work has begun on the construction of the new \$30,000 Catholic church building at Osmont. This will be one of the finest edifices in north-eastern Nebraska.

Alex Holland, a ranchman near Alliance, died suddenly Saturday. He was alone at the time of his death, his wife being at Alliance, where the children were attending school.

Arnold is much interested in a new railroad project and the women of that place have raised \$500 from entertainments and suppers that will be applied to the fund for its promotion. The \$80,000 high school voted by the people of Nebraska City last May has just been started. Excavation is now under way and the actual work of construction will begin in a few days.

The practice of Sunday closing at the Fremont postoffice will be inaugurated soon by Postmaster Reynolds. Only important mail will be distributed and only box patrons will be able to get it.

The Utica board of Trustees has approved the plans for the new Methodist church. Work will probably be commenced in a month. The new church will be built of brick and will cost about \$5,000.

Confirmation services in the German Lutheran churches at Deshler drew large audiences Sunday. The churches were beautifully decorated with flowers and a number of confirmations were made.

Excitement is at fever heat in West Point and the proposed branch of the electric interurban railway project to run from Omaha to Sioux City, a branch of which is proposed to be run from Oakland to West Point.

The Artell fire department was called to Wilcox last week to help extinguish the fire that swept away a half dozen buildings last Friday morning. The hose cart was hitched behind an automobile and the run of perhaps eight miles was covered in eighteen minutes.

**STATE CAPITAL LINCOLN**  
In one of the most elaborate events of the season Chief Clerk Henry C. Richmond of the house Monday night ended the legislative doings with a sumptuous feed given at the Lincoln. Some half dozen newspaper men, fourteen clerks in their chief's and the senate office and several friends of the genial Omaha man were guests at the affair.

**Bills in Effect July 5.**  
Because the journal shows that the legislature ceased work on April 6, all laws which do not carry the emergency clause will go into effect July 5. The emergency measures are effective as soon as the governor signs them or within five days after being delivered to him, unless he specifically vetoes them.

**Lancaster to Sue State.**

A resolution introduced by Selleck of Lancaster, which was adopted, gives permission once more for the county of Lancaster to sue the state to recover a mixture of state and county funds lost in the Capital National bank of Lincoln in the year 1903. The amount alleged to be due the county is \$5,000. The Selleck resolution recites that the legislature once before gave permission for the bringing of the suit, but that the suit was dismissed in court without the knowledge of the county officers.

**Medical College For Omaha.**

The senate recommended for passage H. R. 538, appropriating \$100,000 for a new building on the campus of the university medical college at Omaha. It is understood that the passage of the bill by the legislature means the removal of the entire university medical college to Omaha.

**One hundred and forty leading citizens, including many women, were appointed by Mayor Gainer as a commission to arrange for a safe, sane and patriotic celebration on July 4.**

## TROUBLE IS COMING

BREAKERS AHEAD FOR DEMOCRATIC HOUSE MAJORITY.

## LEGISLATION IS TOO HASTY

is Expected to Meet With Check, Because Minority Intends to Fight Tariff Reform.

Washington.—So far in the extraordinary session of congress it has been plain sailing for the well-organized Democratic majority in the house of representatives, but in view of a strong minority there are breakers ahead.

Democratic leaders refer with pride to the achievement of passing the bill for the popular election of United States senators and the campaign publicity bill in two legislative days and bringing before the house the Canadian reciprocity agreement with assurance of its ratification by an overwhelming majority by the middle of this week.

To all these features of the legislative program there has been little opposition. The wonder of it, to the experienced observer, was the demonstration of the smoothly running Democratic machine.

But by what is to follow, the free list bill, approved by the Democratic caucus and favorably reported by the new committee on ways and means, the rapid pace of legislative progress is expected to receive a check.

Reciprocity discussion, begun Saturday, furnished an opportunity for the minority leaders to intimate their intentions and to make it clear that the bill placing on the free list manufactured articles in demand by the farmers will be fought as stubbornly as any proposed Democratic tariff measure ever was opposed in congress.

The majority leaders realize the bill cannot be rushed through, and they are preparing to meet the assault upon it in a prolonged debate.

Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee intends to submit to the house the committee's report on the free list bill on the concluding day of the reciprocity debate, so that it will be over and be called up the following day.

The tariff debate, it is expected, will begin at once, and it is the hope of the Democrats that the bill can be put upon its passage within two weeks. The determination of the minority leaders to assail it from every angle doubtless will result in keeping the measure before the house for a much longer time.

The minority members of the ways and means committee, in considering the proposed free list, voted solidly against it, maintaining it was a hastily framed measure, ill advised and not sufficiently backed up with information relating to the revenues concerned. Furthermore, it was pointed out that the tariff board had not been consulted.

## PEACE TALK IN THE AIR.

Madero's Army Reported in Force Near Juarez.

Washington.—Anxiety over developments in Mexico endangering the lives and property of Americans near the boundary line was plainly evident in official circles here Sunday night. President Taft, until nearly midnight, received bulletins at the White House from the war department regarding the insurgent forces at Agua Prieta, but retire confident that an attack would not be made before Monday. All peace talk is in the air.

## FORTY REBELS KILLED.

Heavy Life Loss in Battle North of Chihuahua.

Chihuahua, Mex.—Forty or more insurgents were killed and more than 100 were wounded in a battle fought between Sanz and Santa Clara canyon, about fifty miles north of here, according to federal couriers. They brought orders to have hospital cars ready for federal wounded. The federals report five killed, but later developments may change the figures. Several women and children are believed to be among the killed.

## Constitution for Portugal.

Lisbon.—The cabinet has begun the discussion of the project for a constitution to be submitted to a constitutional assembly. The scheme provides for a body which will consist of 235 members.

## Says Prelates Are Lukewarm.

London.—W. T. Stead, in a universal peace meeting here Sunday, complained strongly of the apathy of the archbishop of Canterbury and the Anglican church toward the peace movement.

## A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS.

Head of Mexican Republic Wants Men to Serve for Six Months.

Mexico City, Mex.—A general call for volunteer soldiers to serve for six months was posted here Sunday. The call is made to all citizens between 18 and 45 years who desire to lend their services to the country. The pay is one peso (50 cents) a day, besides clothing and equipment. The customary inducement of advancement in rank and pay to those who prove worthy is included.

## WIFE BEATER GIVEN TASTE OF THE LASH

Five Cuts on Bare Back Bring Groans From Lips of Baltimore Man.

Baltimore, Md.—Frank McCauley, convicted wife-beater, suffered punishment for his crime despite the pleadings of his victim and helpmeet, when Sheriff Jack Hanson laid the lash across his bare back five times.

The first blow made him wince. At the second, when Sheriff Hanson's arm grew pliant, a slight groan came from the victim's lips. At the third his effort at control became more evident and his hoarse exclamation rose higher in the stillness of the jail. At the fourth stroke of the lash tears



Sheriff Lashed Wife Beater.

were streaming down McCauley's face, but his nerve held.

With an angry hiss the cat-o-nine-tails swept through the air for the final stroke. It made the last of the series of stinging red welts upon the white flesh. This time there was no groan. Every muscle of the rigid body collapsed and McCauley hung for a moment, held only by the cords which bound his wrists to the cross.

In a second he revived and walked quietly back to the jail.

The jail physician declared after examination that he had suffered no serious shock.

## FROG THAT CATCHES BIRDS

Shares Fame With Mark Twain's Jumping Frog of Callaveras County.

St. Louis, Mo.—Mark Twain's Jumping Frog of Callaveras county may be called upon to share his fame with a sparrow-catching frog of St. Louis. This frog, which is the property of Oscar Berghaus of Cote Brillante avenue, has now gone into winter quarters in his owner's basement, but is expected to renew his activities next spring.

He was captured near Alton by a St. Louis fisherman. The frog, an enormous fellow, was sunning himself on a log. The fisherman pushed him off into the water with his pole, but the frog immediately returned. This was repeated three times, then the fisherman caught his hook in the frog, dragged him ashore, brought him to St. Louis and presented him to Mr. Berghaus. Berghaus dug a small pool in his backyard, built a low fence around it of mesh wire, sowed some grass seed to make it look like a swamp and turned the frog loose there. Attracted by the grass seed some English sparrows be-



Sparrow Catching Frog.

gan to haunt the place, and what was Berghaus' surprise, upon coming home one evening, to have his wife tell him that the frog had been catching the sparrows. He watched them himself and found this to be the case, the frog grabbing a sparrow by the leg whenever one came near him and making a brave fight for an addition to his menu. The sparrows finally became frightened and quit haunting the frog's enclosure, whereupon he settled down to a quiet life interrupted only when he was transferred to his winter quarters.

## Pound of Cheese Kills Him.

Newburgh, N. Y.—William Thomas, a farm hand, taking Secretary of Agriculture Wilson's advice to eat lots of cheese, came to Newburgh, bought a pound of cheese, and, returning to the farm, made a meal of it with crackers. Then came an attack of acute indigestion, and in an hour Thomas was dead.

## Bee Stings Man's Tongue.

Jeffersonville, Ind.—How it came about he does not explain, but Clarence Scott, living in Carr township, got a bee in his mouth, and his tongue swelled so badly from the sting as to threaten him seriously with suffocation, but the swelling subsided in time to his great relief.

## DUPED MANY MEN IN HIGH CIRCLES

DAVIE, THE "BOY BROKER," IS RUN TO EARTH IN BRAZIL.

## HE GOT AWAY WITH \$300,000

Solely on His Nerve He Won Confidence of Men Prominent in Business—Schemes Were Many and Varied, but He Got the Money.

Boston, Mass.—Robert Emerson Davie, who was familiarly known about Boston, Mass., as the "boy broker," and who suddenly disappeared late in November, leaving behind him many people who are said to have lost upwards of \$300,000 through entrusting their money to his care for investment, has been arrested in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and will be brought back to this city. The career of Davie furnishes one of the most sensational chapters in local "high finance," for he not only obtained the confidence of many people in ordinary walks of life, but also of business men of wealth, prominent in public life and the best financial standing. Not a few of these well known men of Boston and Massachusetts, with two or three of international reputation, are said to have been among his victims.

Davie had a fine suit of offices in Boston, an attractive apartment at Brookline, Mass., and a partly finished summer place at Weston, in the section known as "millionaire's hill." His career had been meteoric, and like the famous rocket, he "came down like a stick." Starting as a moderately-paid clerk in a broker's office he quickly branched out in the brokerage business for himself and is said to have made money at a rate almost beyond belief. One of his claims, when success began to be his, was that he was closely allied with J. P. Morgan & Co. and as most of his customers and friends placed implicit confidence in his ability and honest motives, no one thought of questioning this assertion. When the inquiries were made it took almost no time to prove that J. P. Morgan & Co. never before had heard of Davie, the Boston broker.

One of Davie's strongest points was his apparent—almost too apparent, on second thought—profession of relig-

ious feeling. He discussed the prophets of the Bible with almost as much fluency as he did the profits of his brokerage investments and with equal fluency telling effect upon his ministerial and other religiously inclined friends. Among Davie's friends in the religious field was the Rev. Wilbur R. Chapman, D. D., the evangelist.

Davie's deceptions and unfair dealings are said to have had a much wider scope than the stock market, especially during the latter part of his stay in Boston and when he is believed to have been hard pressed for money. On this latter point, however, opinions differ, some claiming that he lost about all that he had obtained and others alleging that he left with a large amount of cash.

A short time before he disappeared Davie hired an automobile of a Boston garage and paid \$125 in advance for a week's rental before taking it to New York, where it disappeared. Later it was recovered.

At the New York horse show at Madison Square garden, New York city, Davie showed a fine string of horses and even entered a coach against the Vanderbilts. Later it developed that a blooded horse which he exhibited—one which was greatly admired in the show—had been borrowed from a Boston friend. This animal was sold for several thousand dollars and the owner was not notified of the transaction.

Davie had gone to the Massachusetts state prison and preached to the inmates as one manifestation of his religious fervor after the Chapman Alexander revivals two years ago.

After Davie left it became known that he had been going with a Wellesley college senior and that they were engaged, the young woman believing that he was a young man of exemplary character. It was a severe shock to the girl when she learned after his disappearance that Davie was married and that his wife, finding it impossible to get along with him after a few months' experience, had returned to the home of her parents in Hyde Park, in which town Davie formerly lived.



Robert E. Davie.