

NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

Most Important Happenings of the World Told in Brief.

President Roosevelt has agreed to recommend to congress in his next message the passage of a law to conserve the public health, similar to the one proposed by the American Medical Association.

A mob of about 30 men attacked the Roanoke county jail, Kingston, Tenn., and killed George Cook, held on the charge of murdering John King, a ferryman at Southwest Point.

E. A. S. Blake, a contractor convicted of attempting to bribe John M. Kelly to qualify on the jury to try Abraham Ruef and vote for Ruef's acquittal made a full confession in court at San Francisco, implicating Ruef's counsel.

The body of a murdered man was found in a sack at Lapham's Lane, Mich.

Eight battleships comprising the second squadron of the American Atlantic fleet, under command of Rear Admiral William H. Emory, arrived at Amoy, China.

Fire broke out in the 11-story Neave building at Race and Fourth streets, Cincinnati, and in the panic that ensued about twenty persons were injured.

Two squadrons of cavalry and a band were ordered to Hawaii as an addition to the garrison there.

Rather than face the charge of having stolen money from her employer, Mary Lavin, 50 years old, a domestic employed in the home of Charles and John Cusick of Chicago, saturated her clothing with kerosene and burned herself to death.

Wreckage picked up in the North sea confirms the fears that the steamer Yarmouth foundered while crossing from the Hook of Holland to Harwich. Her crew of 23 men was lost.

The Farmers' Society of Equity was organized at Indianapolis, Ind., at a convention of representatives from a number of states.

The executive council of the National Woman's Christian Temperance union decided to hold its 1909 session at Omaha, Neb.

Reports from Tampico, Mexico, show that over 50 lives have been lost in the oil fields as a result of the poisonous gases emitted from the big hole in the ground caused by the recent fire.

A dispatch from Smyrna says that the Young Turks, believing that the sultan has a secret understanding with Tewfik Pasha, the foreign minister, have decided to depose him and replace him by his third son.

The Chicago-Duluth limited, north-bound, on the Northwestern road, left the track at Kempton, Wis. A number of passengers and several trainmen were injured.

The Barcelona municipality has offered a prize of \$1,000 for the best poster design for advertising Barcelona as a winter resort, and the mayor of the city has especially invited the competition of American artists.

With Gov. Curtis Guild, Jr., making an eloquent plea for religious toleration in its broadest and kindest sense, which brought thousands of Catholics to their feet in wild applause, and prominent Catholics delivering addresses, the opening day of the five-days' observance of the centennial anniversary of the founding of the diocese of Boston came to a close. The day opened with a pontifical mass in the Holy Cross cathedral, celebrated by the papal delegate to the United States, Most Rev. Diomedeo Falconio.

Tennessee militia were sent to the vicinity of Obion with orders to shoot on sight any masked men discovered. At Camp Nemo it was believed the ringleader has many members of the night riders were among those arrested. Confessions were obtained from several prisoners.

Two suffragettes created a scene in the house of commons by chaining themselves to the grille of the ladies' gallery and shouting for votes.

Rev. Dr. M. W. Stryker, president of Hamilton college, was dangerously injured in a runaway accident.

Alfred H. Curtis, former president of the National Bank of North America, testified that Charles W. Morse was to blame for the illegal banking transactions of which they are both accused.

Erick Els was decapitated at the American Steel & Wire Company mills at Cleveland, O., by a red-hot wire which coiled about his neck.

Mrs. J. I. Feltre of New York was robbed of \$1,700 worth of jewelry on a San Francisco street car.

"Ted" Burton, under arrest at Reelfoot Lake, Tenn., confessed that information he gave led to the murder of Capt. Quentin Rankin and implicated many persons in the night rider outrages there.

A. H. Curtis, co-defendant with Charles W. Morse, the New York financier accused of violating the national banking laws, took the stand in his own defense, promising to reveal everything.

Edward Cook & Co., soap-makers, obtained a libel judgment of \$115,000 against certain English newspapers owned by Lord Northcliffe, which charged that the company was attempting to form a trust.

J. Edward Swanson, a mine owner of LaFayette, Col., was instantly killed in a coal mine at Buxton, by a fall of slate.

Denny Hazel, convicted of murder, escaped from jail at Eureka, Cal., leaving his jailer locked in the cell.

The Fidelity Funding Company of New York, which was organized in 1898 to lend money on the property of Catholic institutions throughout the United States, went into the hands of a receiver with liabilities of \$3,941,027 and assets of \$3,579,315.

The supreme court of Illinois declared the new loan shark law invalid. Lugo and Nobledo, leaders of the Mexican revolutionists who raided the town of Viscaia in Mexico last June, have been sentenced to be shot.

OFFICER SHOT DOWN

PROMINENT CITIZEN OF WEEPING WATER INSTANTLY KILLED.

POSSE PURSUE MURDERERS

Heroic Measures Likely to Be Taken on the Malefactor if Overhanded by Hounds.

Weeping Water—Suspecting that Nightwatchman C. A. Ralston was going to arrest them one of the men thought to be the robbers of the Manley bank, five miles from here, shot and instantly killed the officer about 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Immediately the community was aroused and every man who could secure a weapon and a horse started in pursuit of the murderers; the sheriff made a fast drive from Plattsmouth in an automobile, bringing bloodhounds with him; officers in Lincoln were notified to bring hounds and come here as well as go to stations northwest of here in which direction the murderers went after shooting Ralston.

The Platte river bridges are also being guarded and the man hunt has been taken up with such vigor and determination that it seems almost impossible that the murderers can escape.

Cass county is a network of telephones. The lines have all been busy, Eagle, Murdock, Alvo, South Bend, Ashland, Louisville and others have been notified.

Feeling is so intense that only the cool heads of the prominent business men in the searching party will prevent a lynching should the men be apprehended.

The murdered nightwatchman is a member of prominent families and has lived in Weeping Water almost since boyhood. He was a terror to evil-doers and a very brave man. The men who committed the deed stopped all night at the Riverside hotel. They registered as Charles Selders and Arthur Munster and took breakfast there, eating dinner just before the murder. They came here looking like bums, but left wearing good clothes of a dark color and soft black hats.

They are about five feet ten or eleven inches in height and one was slightly stooped, one weighing about 160 pounds, while the other was thinner and weighed about 140 pounds.

From the hotel they went up the track to the coal chutes and behind the cars Ralston met them and they fired one shot, killing him instantly. He fell on his face in the cinders. The section foreman heard the shots and saw the men running away. He went to investigate and found the night watchman dying. Previous to going up the tracks Ralston was talking with a detective sent here to look up the Manley bank robbery and the detective told him to keep an eye on these men. In less than fifteen minutes Ralston was killed. Bloodhounds are also on the road here from Lincoln.

Charley Ralston is one of the best known men in central Cass county and connected with prominent families of Weeping Water. He had been night watchman at two different times, covering a period altogether of about ten years. He is a brother of Alfred Ralston, former butcher and cattle buyer.

Contracts for Army Supplies. Washington—Recent contracts awarded by the quartermaster general's office include 9,000 tons of oats to be furnished by Seattle and St. Paul firms. Bids received this week for 10,000 tons of hay for the Philippines have been rejected because of high prices and irregularity.

Catholic Census. New Orleans—According to the census of New Orleans, which Archbishop Glennon of St. Louis has been compiling for several months, and which was made public here, New Orleans has 181,549 Catholic communicants out of a total population of about 350,000.

Conservation of Resources. Many Candidates for Congress Pledge Support for the Movement. Chicago—Pledges of active support of the conservation of natural resources movement have been received by the officers of the Conservation League of America from more than one-third of the republican and democratic candidates for congress and President Walter F. Fisher declares that the league has every reason to be gratified with the results of its first national campaign. In addition to the signed declaration of support, which number 257, the league has received letters and telegrams from a considerable number of congressional candidates expressing approval of its policies and assurances of support.

Horsethief Shot by Sheriff. Rapid City, S. D.—Two horse thieves, named Harvey and Johnson, escaped from the jail at Oacoma in Lyman county Wednesday night and later while being re-arrested by the sheriff one of the malefactors was shot dead. It seems that Harvey and Johnson had stolen a team of horses, wagon and harness at Dallas and were overtaken by the officers and placed in the jail at Oacoma. With the aid of a stove lifter and some lumps of coal they pried and pounded a hole in the roof of the jail and escaped.

Receptions for Americans. Kobe, Japan.—The reception accorded the visiting business men from the Pacific coast of the United States on their arrival here was of a most enthusiastic nature and attended by scenes of popular demonstration such as have not been observed here since the exciting days of the Japanese-Russian war. Sunday the Americans, accompanied by the governor of this province and many high municipal and provincial officials, were entertained on a trip about the beautiful island sea of Japan.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Greater or Lesser Importance Over the State.

THE STATE CAPITAL

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS.

MORE STATE FAIR BUILDINGS

Secretary Mellor Starts Campaign for Stock Pavilion and Grand Stand on the Fair Grounds.

Will Ask For \$100,000. Secretary W. R. Mellor of the state board of agriculture is planning to ask the next legislature for \$100,000 for a large stock pavilion on the state fair grounds. The board of agriculture is now gathering information relative to the cost and size of a building suitable for that purpose. An appropriation of \$100,000 will be needed if a building similar to those used in other western states is erected. Secretary Mellor also desires to start a new steel grand stand for the track, but is not positive that the legislature will be asked to appropriate money for the stand. A live stock pavilion is greatly needed, the little structure now used for that purpose being too small and is now used only for showing horses. The cattle were shown in a tent at the last fair.

Missouri spent \$70,000 for a stock pavilion and Minnesota paid \$110,000 for one without seats. A steel grandstand of reinforced concrete construction, made in accordance with the latest plans, with a seating capacity of 12,000, would cost \$150,000.

The Iowa state board wants to build a larger stock pavilion and a steel grandstand. Secretary J. C. Simpson, accompanied by President Cameron of the Iowa board, took an architect with them on a recent trip to examine structures at the Michigan fair grounds, and the Canadian national exposition at Toronto and examined a steel grandstand at Belmont, N. Y. Secretary Simpson, writing to Secretary Mellor, said:

"I think the Nebraska state fair has a great future. I have heard much complimentary mention made of your fair from exhibitors and visitors alike. With the growing attendance which you have at your fair, it would be my opinion that you would want a stand seating capacity at the present time of from 5,000 to 10,000, and left in such a way that you could add to it later."

"As you probably know, the stock pavilion on our grounds is much too small for our purpose, and if building at this time there are quite a few changes which we would make in the construction. Each of the stock buildings which we have erected since ours has been improved upon. Our building is an exact reproduction of the one on the Illinois state fair grounds and was built the following year. Next Missouri built one, then Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana and Kentucky at Louisville. I think the pavilion on the Indiana state fair grounds at Indianapolis is probably the most perfect of any that has been constructed. It cost them in the neighborhood of \$100,000 to \$110,000. Our building was built in 1902 and cost about \$45,000. The outside dimensions are 175x225, the ring being 120x170. The main thing we have to complain of in our building is that the seating capacity is not half large enough. We contemplate at some future date adding another 100 feet in the length of this building, taking down the outside walls and rebuilding them to increase the seating capacity."

Has Done Good Work in Japan. Miss Elizabeth Russell, who founded the Kwassui girls' school at Nagasaki, Japan, in 1879, celebrated her seventy-first birthday a short time ago. She is still connected with the school, where she does the work of three people. Beginning with a handful of girls, the school has grown until at present the enrollment is considerably more than 100. It numbers among its graduates some of the best known women in the Japanese empire, several of whom traveled many miles to show their respect and gratitude to their old teacher at her birthday.

Starch, like everything else, is being constantly improved, the patent Starches put on the market 25 years ago are very different and inferior to those of the present day. In the latest discovery—Defiance Starch—all injurious chemicals are omitted, while the addition of another ingredient, invented by us, gives to the Starch a strength and smoothness never approached by other brands.

Australia's First Theater. The first recorded production of a play in Australia took place in June of the year 1788. It was called "The Recruiting Officer." The proceeds of the first play night (some \$20) went to the family of a man who had been drowned. In January, 1796, a rough and ready playhouse was opened and the public had to pay one shilling a head for admission. The payments were made in kind, wheat, four or rum taking the place of the usual currency.

The Silkworm. The silkworm, which spins or produces silk threads, was a native of China. For thousands of years the Chinese would not allow the eggs of the silkworm to go out of the country. About 550, two monks are said to have brought to Europe a few eggs hidden in their canes. Now it is quite domesticated and has been so long fed by man that the female is as nearly motionless as if she had no wings, and the male merely flutters without leaving the ground.

SAYINGS OF SAGES. The essence of generosity is ever in self-sacrifice.—Taylor. In all things it is better to hope than to despair.—Goethe. Humility is to make a right estimate of one's self.—Spurgeon. No thoroughly occupied man was ever yet very miserable.—Landon. There is no genius in life like the genius of energy and industry.—Mitchell. Adversity borrows its sharpest sting from our own impatience.—Bishop Horne.

They Want to Know. The charitable people of London have formed a union to see that the money given by them is properly spent.

Densely Populated. The microbe population of a twelve-ounce piece of cheese has been estimated at 5,000,000,000.

Always Welcome. Even those who marry for love alone do not object to a little money on the side.

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