

NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

Most Important Happenings of the World Told in Brief.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The National Rivers and Harbors Congress at its concluding session, by a resolution, declared for an authorized issue of \$500,000,000 worth of bonds, the proceeds to be used in the payment exclusively for such river and harbor work as may be authorized by congress, provision for the issue to be similar to the Panama canal bonds.

The house adopted a resolution providing for the naming of a committee to consider the proper means of dealing with the part of the president's message relating to the secret service and reflecting on members of congress.

President Roosevelt declared that if the authors of the Panama canal graft charges could be reached for criminal libel he would try to reach them. William Nelson Cromwell braced the stories as absolute falsehoods.

Members of congress who resent President Roosevelt's language in the part of his message concerning the secret service planned to rebuke him. Senator Arsenault, minister from Panama, presented his credentials to President Roosevelt.

That the outbreak of the foot and mouth disease now prevalent in several states was due to the importation into this country of either biological products or such material as straw or merchandise, or in the clothes or effects of immigrants, is the opinion of Secretary Wilson.

Andrew Carnegie was subpoenaed to appear before the house ways and means committee to testify in the tariff revision hearings being conducted by the committee.

The total estimates of the war department for the next fiscal year, as shown by the annual report of the secretary of war, amount to \$189,755,039, an increase of about \$52,000,000 over the appropriations for the present fiscal year.

Secretary Wilson decided that flour bleached with nitrogen peroxide is an adulterated product under the law and that it cannot legally be sold in the District of Columbia or in the territories or be transported in interstate commerce.

The government decided that the withdrawal of troops from Cuba shall be gradual, running into April.

PERSONAL.

United States Senator Hansbrough of North Dakota was attacked by serious illness in Minneapolis.

Abraham Ruef, former political boss of San Francisco, was convicted of bribery. He is liable to a maximum penalty of 14 years in the penitentiary.

President Castro was allowed to land at Bordeaux and was assured by the government that he would be welcomed as a private citizen and protected.

Charles E. Davis was found not guilty of the murder of Dr. Frederick T. Rustin in Omaha.

President Castro of Venezuela, interviewed at Santander, Spain, said he would land at Bordeaux and that his trip was taken for the purpose of settling all the international quarrels of his country. His general health was good.

John L. Sullivan, former champion heavyweight pugilist, was granted a divorce in Chicago.

Once reputed to be worth several million dollars, Samuel E. Gross, formerly of Chicago, was discharged in bankruptcy proceedings in the United States court in Detroit, Mich.

Gov. Deneen will take the University of Illinois "short course" in agriculture in 1910.

GENERAL NEWS.

Umpires Klem and Johnstone, who officiated in the decisive Chicago-New York game in the National League, have made charges that attempts were made to bribe them.

The Minnesota state supreme court affirmed a decision of the district court holding it unlawful for a practicing physician to practice dentistry.

Independence, Kan., voted to adopt the commission form of government.

Capt. James Waters of the British steamer Hornby Castle, which has arrived at Norfolk, Va., says the vast tract of still water in the Atlantic known as the Sargossa sea has disappeared.

The body of Rear Admiral Coghlan was interred in the Arlington national cemetery with full military ceremonies.

E. N. Blacker, a prominent business man of Bakersfield, Cal., shot and fatally wounded Adrian von Plank, an actor.

Proclaiming himself to be "John the Baptist, come to save the world," an armed fanatic, wrought up to a high pitch of maniacal fury, terrorized Edgewater, N. J. He appeared suddenly on the main street, waving a big revolver, held up the proprietors of several stores, exchanged many shots with a hastily formed posse and at last was wounded when the police and a mob of citizens ran him down.

The lumber interests represented by the Weyerhaeuser, O'Brien & Cook of St. Paul and Duluth and Edward Hines of Chicago are in Duluth working on the formation of a lumber trust which will control practically all the pine in North America.

A woman leaped with her little son from the window of a burning garage in Chicago and both were so badly hurt they died in a few minutes.

A force of 200 men, which landed from the Haytian gunboat, took without resistance the town of Gonaves, Hayti, and established authority there in the name of Gen. Simon.

Frank Cassini of St. Louis fatally shot his wife and himself.

The Springfield (Mich.) State Savings bank, with deposits of about \$90,000, was closed by Banking Commissioner Zimmerman while an examination is made of its affairs.

Eleven buildings in the village of Paton, Ia., were destroyed by fire.

The Peninsular & Oriental Steamship Company will begin next year to import hogs from China into Great Britain.

John R. Hegeman, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, was freed by the New York appellate court in a decision that, if it stands, will serve to quash all indictments now outstanding against insurance officials.

Louis Pratt, the religious fanatic, and Officer Mullane, wounded in the street battle in Kansas City, died. James Sharp, the leader of the band of fanatics, was arrested.

Laboring under the delusion that he had been marked as a victim of the "Black Hand," Thomas Fitzpatrick, aged 36, shot and killed himself near Galles, Mich.

After a brief argument with a crowd of negroes in a saloon in Memphis William Latura, a white saloonkeeper shot and killed three of the negroes and wounded others, one mortally.

Dr. A. S. Pitts, a prominent physician of Hazlehurst, Miss., was shot and killed by Dr. Thomas Birdsong, a dentist.

Three men held up an east-bound Great Northern train near Hilliard, Wash., and robbed the mail car. They missed \$20,000 in the express car.

J. P. Garroty, accused of attacking two little girls near Willow River, Minn., was saved from a mob by being spirited out of town.

Dr. G. E. Barnes, a veterinary surgeon, was burned to death in a fire that destroyed his house at Woodville, O.

The various copper properties of Phelps, Dodge & Co., the output of which has been as high as 100,000,000 pounds a year, are to be merged into a new corporation, capitalized at \$50,000,000.

Representative George L. Lilley, governor-elect of Connecticut, has been served with a subpoena to answer the complaint that in the recent campaign he, himself or through a financial agent, violated the corrupt-practices act.

Two bunco men worked the time-honored satchel substitution game at Minneapolis and got \$7,105 from R. F. Cargell, an aged cattle dealer from Clyde, N. D.

The board of regents of the University of Minnesota decided that members of the faculty must retire on reaching the age of 65 years.

More than a score of persons were injured, five of them seriously, and 100 more were thrown into a panic when a bomb was hurled into the air shaft of a tenement house at 320 East Sixty-third street, New York.

W. H. Crowninshield, aged 40 years, of Boston, Mass., said to be a nephew of Rear Admiral Crowninshield, was run down and killed by a railway train in Cleveland, O.

The police of Kansas City and a band of religious fanatics headed by John Sharp, who styles himself "Adam God," engaged in a fierce revolver street battle. Over 100 shots were exchanged, one patrolman and a little girl being killed, Sharp and two officers fatally wounded and two other officers slightly hurt.

F. D. Hirschberg of St. Louis, a millionaire merchant and prominent Catholic, was shot and killed in his house. It was not known whether it was a case of suicide, murder or accident.

Probably fatal injuries were sustained in an automobile accident near Washington by Senator Don Juan Barrios, minister of foreign affairs of Guatemala, who is here on a special mission. His companions, Dr. Luis Herrera, Guatemalan minister to the United States, and Gen. John Drummond, a wealthy planter in South America, were painfully hurt.

Miss Helen Chaffee, daughter of Lieut. Gen. and Mrs. Adna R. Chaffee, was wedded at Los Angeles to Lieut. John Hastings Howard, U. S. A.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier of Canada, was shaken up by the ditching of his train on the Great Northern at St. Vincent, Minn.

Charles W. Blow of St. Louis, manager of the American Linsed Company, shot and killed himself.

Thomas F. Gilroy, Jr., receiver of the Fidelity Funding Company of New York, which went into bankruptcy on October 28 last, announced that stockholders and creditors of that corporation would lose more than \$5,000,000 as a result of the failure. The creditors are mainly Catholic churches, priests and nuns.

OBITUARY.

Chief Hump, the Sioux leader who was at the head of the band which caused the trouble ending in the battle of Wounded Knee, the last important Indian fight in the northwest, died at Cherry Creek, S. D.

LABOR OF CONGRESS

BOTH HOUSES WILL SOON QUIT FOR HOLIDAYS.

AS TO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Both Senate and House Will Likely Take Similar Action in Reference Thereto.

Washington.—Both houses of congress expect to conclude the ante-Christmas holiday week of the session during the present week. The date of the adjournment for those holidays has not yet been definitely determined, but most probably it will fall on the 21st inst. In that event it is not expected that any business would be done on Monday week, because when the date becomes known members will leave for their homes in such numbers that it will be impossible to maintain a quorum.

The senate will take another adjournment from Thursday until the following Monday beyond providing definitely for the Christmas recess. The house will continue its work until Friday or Saturday, but will then adjourn until Monday unless another plan of adjournment is pursued. Some members who reside in far distant states are urging that the adjournment should begin on Saturday and the leaders are disposed to heed. When taken the holiday adjournment will be until January 4.

It is expected that both houses will deal during the week with the question of the paragraph in the president's message relating to the secret service. The Perkins committee probably will present its report to the house early, and in case a resolution dealing with the subject is recommended it will be acted upon before the dispersal of the house for the holidays.

The present program in the senate is to have introduced a resolution similar to that passed by the house which authorized a committee to deal with the question and report back. Who shall introduce the resolution and what committee shall be designated to perform the service are not yet absolutely determined.

In the senate effort will be made by Senator Carter to procure the passage of his bill providing for the establishment of postal savings banks, and on Wednesday that measure will give way to the Foraker bill authorizing the re-enlistment of the negro soldiers who were discharged without honor because of their supposed participation in the Brownsville riots of 1906.

Internal Revenue Decreases. Washington.—Commissioner John G. Capers of the internal revenue bureau in his annual report states that for the last fiscal year there was a decrease in the receipts of \$17,898,972, as compared with the previous year, and that for the first three months of the current year there has been a decrease of \$7,262,238, as compared with the corresponding months of the last fiscal year. The revenues for the full current year are estimated at \$250,000,000, which is \$1,665,000 less for last year.

Prepare for Inauguration. Washington.—James S. Henry, Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Press, has been appointed chairman of the press committee and Charles H. Boynton of New York vice chairman of the committee on finance for the inauguration of William H. Taft. Major General Barry, commanding the Army of Cuban pacification, has been designated to command the regular army division of the inauguration parade and Rear Admiral Sperry, commanding the Atlantic battleship fleet, will command the naval division.

Control of Cattle Plague. Harrisburg, Pa.—The foot and mouth disease which made its appearance among cattle in this state about a month ago has infected, it is estimated, 100 herds. All the cattle were killed by state and federal veterinarians and the indemnity for these animals will reach about \$50,000.

Fourteen Killed in Panama. Washington.—Fourteen are known to be dead three of them Americans, and fifty injured as a result of the premature explosion of twenty-one tons of dynamite at Bas Obispo, in the Panama canal zone.

Ruef's Sentence Delayed. San Francisco.—The pronouncing of sentence on Abraham Ruef, convicted of bribery, was postponed by Superior Judge Lawlor until next Saturday, December 13.

Treasury Buys Silver. Washington.—The treasury department purchased 75,000 ounces of silver for delivery at New Orleans and 50,000 for delivery at Denver at 48.961 per fine ounce.

BISHOP SPAULDING RETIRES. Affairs of Peoria Diocese Are Temporarily Turned Over. Peoria, Ill.—Bishop John Lancaster Spaulding, in a letter addressed to the priests and laity of the Roman Catholic diocese of Peoria, formally announced that active direction of the diocese had been turned over to Right Rev. A. J. O'Reilly, named by Archbishop Quigley as diocesan administrator. Until Bishop Spaulding's successor is chosen the diocese will be fully in charge of Father O'Reilly.

List of Exports is Larger. Washington.—More manufactures were exported from the United States in the fiscal year 1908 than in any preceding year, aggregating in value three-quarters of a billion dollars, according to the annual report of the chief of the bureau of statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor, just made public. His report shows that the value of exports to Europe is increasing yearly, being \$368,000,000 in 1908, as against \$355,000,000 in 1907; \$318,000,000 in 1906 and \$283,000,000 in 1905.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES

Items of Greater or Lesser Importance Over the State.

Glen McPeake, 13 years old, son of Frank McPeake of Nelson, was killed by the accidental discharge of a 22-caliber rifle which he had taken down to clean. The bullet entered his forehead.

The sheriff of Marysville, Mo., and Sheriff H. U. Miner of Tecumseh went out to Crab Orchard and arrested a young fellow named Thomas Beasley. It is said Beasley is wanted on a charge of burglary in the Missouri town.

Farmers should all have telephones. Write to us and learn how to get the best service for the least money. Nebraska Telephone Company, 18th and Douglas streets, Omaha. "Use the Bell."

M. F. Kalrn, who is serving a three-year sentence in the state penitentiary for defrauding the Barneston Horse company by a bogus pedigree, has applied to the governor for a pardon, and the case has been set for hearing by the governor on December 28.

David S. Grim, a Tecumseh grocer, has made a voluntary assignment of his stock to his creditors, and Sheriff Miner is now in charge of the store. Invoicing is under way. The creditors are said to be a wholesale grocery house of Nebraska City, a milling company and bank of Tecumseh.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Shewmake, southwest of Wilsonville, was entirely destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire is not exactly known, but is supposed to have caught from a defective stove. Mrs. Shewmake and children were the only ones at home at the time. Most of the contents were destroyed.

James Barton of Kearney, who discharged the contents of a neighbor's shotgun at his fleeing wife some time ago and was arrested on the charge of shooting with intent to kill, in district court reversed his plea of "not guilty," made in the lower court, and was sentenced by Judge Hostettler to two years in the penitentiary.

The Woman's Relief Corps of Alma presented the Alma High school with a fine silk flag and flag pole, and Governor-elect Shallenberger was able to be out and deliver one of his addresses to the school children. Mr. Shallenberger is getting along very well and hopes to be able to get around without the aid of crutches before long.

F. C. Whittlesey of Grand Island has been appointed as grand recorder of the Ancient Order of United Workmen to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of S. R. Barton, who has been elected auditor of state, the resignation to take effect after January 1. It is expected that he will be a candidate for election at the next biennial grand lodge session to be held in May.

Dr. J. E. Mathews of Omaha, whose license to practice medicine was revoked by the state board of health, secured no relief to his appeal to the supreme court. The supreme court affirmed the decision of the district court, which upheld the action of the board of health. Dr. Mathews was charged with having performed an illegal operation on Miss Edith Shert, a nurse.

Attorney Hamer of Kearney, who defended T. Turley four years ago when the latter was tried on the charge of shooting and killing Norman Bliss, near Shelton, was in Grand Island in the interest of a petition for the pardon of Turley, who was convicted at a second trial and sentenced to seventeen years in the penitentiary, the jury having returned a verdict of murder in the second degree.

C. E. White, superintendent of the Institute for the deaf, in his biennial report to Governor Sheldon, asks for an appropriation of \$50,000 for a new building. He suggests that the new building should contain a gymnasium, library, reading room, dormitory, museum and study room for 125 boys. He also says the school needs more land and more fences. During the biennium there were enrolled 217 pupils, of which thirty-five were new pupils.

E. O. Garrett, whom the official canvass shows to have been defeated for lieutenant governor by 202 votes, will not comply with the wish of his friends that the matter be referred to the legislature for a recount. Mr. Garrett's unofficial majority was over 1,000 votes. This statement of intentions is given out in a letter issued to friends who help send the Fremont book man several thousand votes ahead of most of the state ticket.

Chicago dispatch: Additional prizes awarded to Nebraska exhibitors of breeding stock at the International Live Stock exposition include first for senior yearling shorthorn bull to Howell Reed, Pilger, Neb.; third for senior yearling Aberdeen-Angus heifer to J. W. McClung & Son, Indianola; to Straub Bros., Avoca, first for bull 2 to 3 years, second for bull 1 to 2 years and senior yearling heifer; second in junior yearling heifer and third in senior heifer calf.

County Attorney E. R. Ringo and Sheriff Spearman of Sarpy county were called to Bellevue to investigate the cause of the burning of a barn and a stack of alfalfa, the property of A. C. Jewell. The result of the visit was the arrest of James Chandler and Bert Bressman, who are held for arson.

Thomas McGriffin, a Union Pacific engineer living in Omaha, had a foot crushed at the Ames crossing near Fremont. Something was the matter with his engine and he was outside fixing it when it was started, crushing his foot entirely off.

Burglars entered the P. V. Shirley general store at Wellfleet and secured \$50 that Mr. Shirley had in his cash drawer. Two young men of the town were arrested and taken before Justice Johnson, but as the evidence seemed to be insufficient to hold them they were discharged.

E. R. Riecke, a barber, aged 22, whose parents live at Joy, Ill., was horribly mangled and instantly killed in the Union Pacific yards at Grand Island. A company employe declares that the man jumped off before the train stopped moving and was dragged underneath it.

THE STATE CAPITAL

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS.

STATES DEBTS NEAR THE END

Auditor Searle Estimates that It Will Be Paid in Full by July 1st 1909.

Receipts of the Biennium. The estimated receipts for the biennium made by State Auditor Searle, including receipts of the temporary school fund, amount to \$6,654,392.18, and the expenditures estimated for the biennium amount to \$6,499,987.55, leaving a surplus of \$154,404.63. The receipts are estimated on a collection of 95 per cent of the general fund levy and on other funds actual collections. According to Mr. Searle the floating debt of the state will be wiped out by July 1, 1909.

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