

Condensed News of the Week

Mrs. Anna Walker, widow of the late Congressman Robert J. C. Walker of Williamsport, Pa., is the sole devisee in her father's will, bequeathing to her his estate of \$50,000,000. She is now one of the richest women in the world, but she will manage the great chemical company which has been left her by this will.

The American school for boys at Erzeroun, Turkey, has been destroyed by fire, supposedly through accident. The American school for girls at the same place was burned last January by incendiaries.

David B. Hill has signified his intention to retire from politics on January first next. Referring to Mr. Hill's announcement, the Associated Press says: "Having been engaged in active politics since his youth and having served as city attorney, alderman and mayor of Elmira, member of the legislature, lieutenant governor, governor for seven years and United States senator for six years, he feels that he has been sufficiently honored by his party and that he has rendered political service during a period of years sufficient to entitle him to be relieved of further active political effort. He desires to devote more time to his personal affairs and professional duties than he has in the past."

Blinded by the dust from a machine in front of him, Barney Oldfield, the famous automobile racer, lost control of his motor, and crashed into a fence, killing two men, badly injuring himself, and completely demolishing his car.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Seattle, Wash., Aug. 28, says: "Amid the cheering of 300 men and women, the shrieking of whistles and the playing of the national anthem, the final splicing of the Seattle-Sitka government cable was made today in the harbor ten miles out of Seattle. Ten minutes later Mayor Ballinger of Seattle cut the rope holding the joined ends of the wires aboard the United States cableship Burnside and with a splash the completed wire connecting the United States and Alaska fell to the bottom of Puget Sound and the work of months on the part of the signal corps of the United States army was completed."

George J. Gould has just purchased an English bulldog, for which he paid \$5,000.

An Associated Press dispatch from Cripple Creek, Colo., dates Aug. 29, says: "A. G. Leeduc, a returned deportee, who was taken from the custody of two deputy sheriffs by a body of armed men, was escorted by them to the Canon City road, where he was released with a warning to remain away from this district."

An Associated Press report dated Valparaiso, Chili, Aug. 28, says: "August Moller, jr., American vice consul here is dead."

An Associated Press report under date of London, Aug. 29, says: "The death is announced of Vice Admiral W. R. Rolland, retired. He was born in 1817. Admiral Rolland received a gold medal from the United States government for saving part of the crew of the United States brig Somers, upset off the island of Sacrificios, on the west coast of Mexico."

The Liverpool chamber of commerce has sent a communication to Foreign Minister Lansdowne, requesting him to represent to the government of the United States the desirability of reconsideration of its decision of last July restricting the American consular district of Liverpool by the exclusion from it of a large number of manufacturing towns, which decision has caused great inconvenience to consignees.

John T. Davis, only son of the democratic nominee for vice president, Henry G. Davis, is a patient in the Davis Memorial hospital at Elkins, W. Va. He was brought from New York suffering with typhoid fever, with which he was attacked while at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Armistead, in Seagate, one week ago.

Reorganization of the street railway service of Chicago was foreshadowed yesterday in the operations on the stock exchange, and the report from New York that a \$36,000,000 syndicate had been formed for the purchase of stock controlling the Chicago City Railway company by interests connected with the Union Traction company.

It is reported at Asuncion, Cape of Paraguay, that President Ezrura is willing to resign, but that so far he has been dissuaded from so doing by the Generals Caballera and Oscobbbada, who, actuated by personal reasons, have brought pressure to bear on the executive. No further news as to the progress of the revolution has been received.

The Militair Wochenblatt of Germany estimates the nominal strength of the Russian Manchurian army at 205,000 men without any deductions for killed, sick or wounded.

A supplemental report of the special master in the sale by common pleas court of the United Salt company properties filed at Cleveland, O., showed John D. Rockefeller to be the highest bidder and the probable purchaser of the concern.

General M. S. Hascal died at his home in Oak Park, Chicago. He graduated from West Point in the class with General Phil Sheridan and took part in many battles during the civil war.

By direction of President Roosevelt, Julius H. Weiss has been appointed receiver of the land office at Del Norte, Colo., vice Percy Hobart, removed on account of physical disabilities.

Commander James H. Perry of the bureau of steam engineering will retire for age with the rank of captain. He is now ill with typhoid fever.

Lalo Yang, now the center of operations in the Russo-Japanese war, has been the scene of a terrible battle, with terrible loss to both sides. This fortress is about 150 miles north of Port Arthur. The fighting line is seven miles long; the Japanese forces numbering about 240,000 men, while the Russians number about 170,000. There are from 600 to 1,000 guns engaged on each side. A report dated on the afternoon of September 1, says that the Russians have begun to retreat, although it is admitted that this is really a decisive point, commanding the Trans-Siberian railroad. Both sides are straining every nerve, realizing that the fortunes of war for a whole year are in the scale, and neither side is in the mood or the position to spare men in the effort to achieve a final victory.

A new phase of the strike situation presented itself on August 31, when President Donnelly ordered out the employes of the independent packers, and President Gompers of the National Federation of Labor has been appealed to to help settle the difficulties. The new order of President Donnelly affected 3,000 men.

Princess Louise of Saxe-Coburg, it now appears, escaped alone from her hotel at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning. She was joined under the trees in the hotel garden by two women and a man. They entered a two-horse carriage, which was waiting outside and were driven away in the direction of Munich. A man named W. Gratz, who was stopping at the hotel, has not appeared since Monday night. It is supposed that he provided the means for the flight of the princess and that he was an agent of Lieutenant Count Mattassich-Keglevitch, with whom she eloped in 1897.

An investigation proves that the fire which destroyed the American school for boys at Arzeroun, Asiatic Turkey, August 29, was accidental. The school belonged to the American board of commissioners for foreign missions.

The secretary of state, R. W. Scott, who is acting premier of Canada, has not heard of overtures being made for a renewal of a conference between Canada and the United States on the reciprocity question. The time is not considered opportune for a conference, since the views expressed by members of the house of commons were adverse to such a proposal, it being urged that it rested with congress to first reduce the tariff now existing against Canada.

Evidence of a shortage of window glass has shown yesterday by the withdrawal of former quotations by the American Window Glass company, the leading producer and the only concern operating factories in the country. Prices have been advanced from 15 to 20 per cent over the rates prevailing last week.

Sir Charles Hardinge, the British ambassador at St. Petersburg, has informed the foreign office that the report that the Russian government has

compensated the owners of the German steamer, Thea, which was sunk by the Vladivostok squadron, is incorrect.

Mrs. Julius Lehmann, wife of the former member of the St. Louis house of delegates, who is serving a term of imprisonment for boodling, has become violently insane from brooding over her troubles.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Chicago, Sept. 1, says: "The Journal of the American Medical association will publish tomorrow the statistics regarding accidents on the Fourth of July. The total number of deaths from lockjaw was ninety-one as against 460 the previous Fourth. But there were ninety-two deaths from other causes, against only sixty last year. The total deaths were 183 and the total number of persons injured, not fatally, was 3,986."

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Washington, D. C., Sept. 1, says: "The monthly comparative statement of the government receipts and expenditures shows that for the month of August, 1904, the total receipts were \$44,903,390, and the expenditures \$51,246,603, leaving a deficit for the month of \$6,343,212. The deficit for the two months of the present fiscal year is \$23,750,941.

The state democratic convention for the state of Wisconsin was held at Oshkosh, September 1. George W. Peck was nominated for governor by acclamation and the remainder of the ticket is as follows: Lieutenant governor, Dr. H. A. Lathrop; secretary of state, James P. Nolan; treasurer, Andrew Jensen; attorney general, Wm. A. Wolfe; railroad commissioner, Edward L. Hanlon; insurance commissioner, Henry Fetzer; chairman state central committee, A. F. Warden.

The steamship Baltic brought into New York 2,600 passengers in the steerage in addition to 671 in the cabin, making a total of 3,124 persons on board, including the crew. Among the steerage passengers were a number of returning Americans. William Riley, a cattleman, was in the steerage, having completed his 204th round trip across the Atlantic.

Judge Lanning in the United States circuit court of New Jersey signed an order allowing an appeal from the decision of Judge Bradford in the Northern Securities case.

An open switch caused the wrecking of the westbound Imperial limited express on the Canadian Pacific railroad on September 2, at Winnipeg, Man., killing five women and badly injuring a porter and the engineer.

An Associated Press dispatch from New York, dated September 2, says: "Receiver Smith of the United States Shipbuilding company, sold at public auction today in Newark, N. J., the 300,000 shares of Bethlehem steel stock held by the shipbuilding company. The only bidder was a representative of the Standard Trust company. The upset price of \$7,500,000 was bid. The sale was made pursuant to agreement between Charles M. Schwab and the reorganization committee, by which the Mr. Schwab will retain control of the Bethlehem company."

President Donnelly of the butchers' national organization, in a speech delivered at the conference of the Allied Trades' union in Chicago, declared that the most effective way to settle the strike is to bring about a meat famine. In this connection President Donnelly said: "The conference board has decided to place all meats upon the unfair list. The order goes into effect on Saturday evening, September 3, at 5:30 p. m. The order will be sent to every packing house in the country and no member of the meat cutters and butcher workmen union will be allowed to dress any animal until the strike is settled. This action is the result of the request that the public refuse to eat meat, and no person, no matter in what capacity employed in handling meat, must handle the same after 5:30 p. m. on Saturday. The packers have resorted to extortion as the result of the strike, buying live stock on the hoof for almost nothing and charging almost any price for the dressed product. The public will now be given an opportunity to retaliate by refusing to eat meat until such time as they can procure the same at a fair market price."