

# Condensed News of the Week

An Associated Press dispatch dated Washington, D. C., Dec. 28, says: President Roosevelt had a few friends at the white house tonight to listen to a lecture by Prof. Charles E. Waldstein of Cambridge, England, who is seeking international co-operation in the exploration and excavation of the ancient city of Herculaneum. The lecture took place in the east room, the audience including, among others, Secretary Hay, Senator and Mrs. Lodge, Gifford Pinchot and Commissioner Garfield."

C. T. Beckwith, the aged president of the Citizens' National Bank of Ohio, which was ruined through the operations of Mrs. Chadwick, is seriously ill with heart trouble brought on, his physician says, by worry over his financial affairs.

The emperor of China has decided to decorate President Francis of the St. Louis exposition, for his great work in the way of making a success of the fair. The decoration will probably be that of the Double Dragon.

On Dec. 28, Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his entry into the Russian service. Both the president and Mrs. Roosevelt extended their congratulations to the count, the former sending his picture and his autograph and Mrs. Roosevelt sending a great bunch of flowers from the white house conservatory.

Reports from London say that Mr. Choate, the American ambassador to England, will resign very shortly after the inauguration of President Roosevelt.

New York and vicinity has received so far this year a fall of twenty-nine inches of snow.

Three men were killed and three others very badly hurt in a collision of two ice boats on Onondaga Lake, N. Y.

Hugh Price of Wisconsin, former congressman from Wisconsin, died at Denver, aged 45.

Governor Odell refused to issue requisition papers to Sheriff Barry of Ohio for Leroy S. Chadwick, husband of Cassie L. Chadwick. The reason for refusal is said to be that the papers failed to prove that Dr. Chadwick was in Ohio when the forgery of Andrew Carnegie's name was committed. Later the papers were issued.

The chapel at Sailors' Snug Harbor, a home for old seamen at New Brighton, Staten Island, was destroyed by fire December 26. The loss is \$75,000. The chapel contained one of the finest organs in the United States. The 800 old seamen at the home helped to extinguish the fire.

The present chamber of deputies at Greece will be dissolved and Theodore M. Delyannia, former premier will be appointed to organize a new cabinet.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Paris, Dec. 26, says: "The attorney general's statement of the Dreyfus case, which it is believed will demand the cancellation of the Rennes judgment without indicating further steps, will not be ready before the end of January. This means that a retrial of Captain Dreyfus before the full supreme court of appeals can not occur before May."

General William H. Powell, one of the best known civil war veterans in the country, is dead at his home in Illinois, Dec. 26. He was a school-mate of the late President McKinley.

Mrs. Nellie Sharp, sister of Mrs. U. S. Grant, died at Washington Dec. 26.

The eight companies of soldiers on duty on the World's fair grounds, will remain at the exposition until Feb. 3.

In accordance with the president's suggestion that some form of corporal punishment be arranged for wife-beaters, a number of clergymen in the District of Columbia, have started a movement which may result in the establishment of the whipping post.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Washington, D. C., Dec. 26, says: "Mr. Russell, the Ameri-

can minister of Bogota, Colombia, advised the state department today of the arrest in Bogota of three opposition members of the upper house of the last congress for circulating publications against the government. The present government, Mr. Russell adds, is inspiring confidence."

Part of the Acadia Powder company's mill at Halifax, N. S., blew up shattering every window in the village, and doing damage to the extent of \$25,000. No lives were lost.

The German subjects at Fez have been warned by the German legation to make ready to leave at a moment's notice, as great trouble is expected.

An Associated Press dispatch dated London, Dec. 28, says: "The correspondent at Tangier of the Times learns that the anti-foreign policy of the sultan of Morocco, was the outcome of a meeting of the principal Fez Moors, who, fearing French designs, sent a deputation to the sultan, demanding the rupture of relations with France, the stoppage of the French commission and the dismissal of Europeans in the sultan's service, and of pro-European viziers. The Moors are agreed that any attempt to arrest the deputation would be the signal for a revolution."

The cylinder head of the great power engine of the Chelsea jute mills in New York, was blown off and Engineer Charles Heebe was instantly killed, and his assistant badly injured. Nearly 1,200 young women who were working in the building went into a panic and many of them were slightly injured in attempting to escape.

Twenty-two physicians, accompanied by several other men and women, sailed for Panama Dec. 27, to participate in the Panama medical congress which will hold its fourth meeting in Panama January 3, 1905.

Under the direction of Attorney General Moody, a petition has been filed in the United States district court at St. Paul, against the General Paper company, charging that company with interfering into a combine to control the sales of the products of twenty-four paper mills. The petition asks the United States court to declare the combination unlawful.

Despite the recent denial by the British authorities that they will annex the Tonga islands, a report from Melbourne, Australia, says that Great Britain has assumed control of the legal and financial affairs of the islands, the native chiefs having consented.

Premier Von Koerber of Austria, has decided to resign his position as he finds his duties too burdensome.

Thomas Watson, the candidate for president of the people's party in the last election, has incorporated a stock company for the purpose of publishing and circulating a monthly literary paper called Tom Watson's Magazine. The capital stock is \$125,000.

Judge Francis J. Wing has forwarded to the president his resignation from the office of judge of the northern district of Ohio. Mr. Wing says his reasons are purely personal, as he wishes to resume his law practice.

Congressman William Mahoney of the Eighth Illinois district, died at Chicago, Dec. 27.

Mr. James F. Secor, one of the oldest naval engineers in the country, died at New York, Dec. 27, at the age of 90 years. He built the Mare Island navy yard at San Francisco, the Pensacola navy yard, and built many of the iron clads, monitors and dry docks used in putting an end to the civil war.

A syndicate is being formed by Cleveland, O., men to furnish ball up to the sum of \$40,000 for Mrs. Cassie Chadwick.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Rosebud, Mont., Dec. 28, says: "The Northern Cheyenne Indians are in a pitifully destitute condition. Commissioner Jones, on the advice of J. C. Clifford, Indian agent, ordered that no food be issued to the Indians except the very young, the aged and infirm, basing his action on the theory that

they were self-sustaining. The Cheyennes are willing workers, but the government failed to give them work. Complaints are coming that the starving Indians are raiding and slaughtering the herds of cattle in the vicinity of the reservation. C. F. Nislen, an Indian commissioner, spent several weeks on the reservation, and has left for Washington to lay before the secretary of interior the facts in the matter."

Four convicts at the California state prison, who attempted to make their escape, were shot down by the guards, and it is likely that three of them will die.

The Cudahy Packing company of Sioux City, Iowa, has shipped another 1,000,000 pounds of beef to the besieged Russians at Port Arthur. A former shipment of the same amount was captured by the Japanese mosquito fleet and was used by the besiegers.

The hearing of the case of W. R. Hearst against the anthracite coal carrying railroads, has been postponed indefinitely. It was to have been heard January 5, 1905.

An Associated Press dispatch dated St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 29, says: "A special to the Dispatch from Aberdeen, S. D., says: The crowd of men who went from Selby to Bangor Tuesday night and carried off by force the county records in the court house and then left word that they would return last night for the court house itself, kept their promise. The building has been torn down and piled on wagons, and is being hauled to Selby in sections to be rebuilt there. Although the action of the Selby men has aroused much bitter feeling, the Bangor residents made no resistance."

Five hundred and fifty of the 700 steerage passengers that arrived on a steamer at New York, Dec. 29, were Russians.

Jones M. Withers' camp No. 675, United Confederate Veterans, forwarded to the president an invitation to visit Mobile, Ala., assuring him of a hospitable southern welcome from all confederate veterans.

In a fire which destroyed their home, three members of a family named McMillan at Geneseo, N. Y., were burned to death.

The Chinese minister had a long talk with Secretary Hay about the arbitration treaty which this government has invited China to negotiate. The preliminary exchanges on the subject are being kept secret.

In Chicago Judge Walker decided that the city is not liable for damages growing out of the loss in connection with the loss of life in the Iroquois theater fire.

If the duty is acceptable to him, Rear Admiral Lambert will probably be appointed president of the lighthouse board.

Holly's hall, the historic dormitory on the old campus of Harvard university, was damaged by fire to the extent of \$6,000, and the building was barely saved.

The Russian admiralty court has agreed to a rehearing of the American claims in the case of the Portland-Asiatic line steamer Arabia, captured by the Russian Vladivostok squadron July 22, if it can be shown that the claimants were unable, on account of lack of time, to perfect their appeal from the decision of the Vladivostok court.

The Connecticut Tobacco Growers' association has sent to each senator and representative from Connecticut in congress a circular letter protesting against the removal of the tariff from Philippine tobacco.

Justice Olmsted of New York handed down an opinion, holding that the law against the selling or giving away of street railway transfers is constitutional.

All arrangements for the dissolution of the Hungarian parliament have been completed and the members of the opposition at length realize that Premier Tisza will carry out his purpose of appealing to the country.