

# Condensed News of the Week

White Jetton, a negro of Hope, Ark., was lynched by a mob of men for assaulting a white man. Jetton was under eighteen years of age.

John D. Churchill, president of the Kansas board of agriculture, wandered away from his home and died of exposure in the woods near Palmyra, Wis.

Colonel William M. Ferry, a well-known veteran of the civil war, is dead at his home in Park City, Utah., at the age of 80 years. He was secretary of the democratic national convention in 1872.

President Loubet of France has decorated Francis B. Loomis, assistant secretary of the United States, with the Legion of Honor. This is the second highest honor which the president of France can bestow and it was given in recognition of the interest Mr. Loomis aroused in France by his speech in behalf of international arbitration.

The first state in the consolidation of the United States Electric Light and Power company and the Consolidated Gas company was consummated a few days ago when the former company purchased the majority of the stock of the latter company. The capital of the reorganized company will be more than \$30,000,000.

Phliander C. Knox of Pittsburg, Pa., was unanimously nominated to succeed the late United States Senator Matthew S. Quay.

By quick action on the part of a signal man, a serious collision was averted in a suburb of Chicago. The signal to stop was apparently unnoticed by the engineer of one of the trains and to prevent its crashing into another passenger train the man in the signal tower turned the derailing device. This overturned the baggage car and the first coach and several persons were slightly injured.

Chief Justice Mason of Massachusetts died at his home in Brookline Jan. 2, of pneumonia. He was 68 years old.

Robert Heider, a 16-year old boy, while returning to his home in Oakland, Cal., from the St. Louis exposition, became demented and wandered around the plains near Stanton, Texas. He was almost famished when found.

The New York Times is established in its new home in Times Square New York. The building is referred to by experts as one of the most notable architectural triumphs of the world. It is the tallest structure in New York, being thirty-one stories high with an extreme height of 476 feet. It contains a thirty-ton girder in the construction of which 80,000 driven rivets were used. A fifty-foot railroad runs obliquely through its basement without contact at any point.

Dr. Chadwick, who has returned from Europe, had an interview with his wife in her cell at the jail in Cleveland, Ohio. The meeting was most pathetic, Mrs. Chadwick proclaiming her innocence and Doctor Chadwick telling her that he would believe her so until proven guilty.

While excavating for the foundation of the new National theatre, at Mexico City, Jan. 2, an ancient fountain was found, covered with hieroglyphics, figures of Indian warriors, priests, etc. Immense pieces of the foundations of some ancient buildings were also found.

The death of Mrs. Margaret Traylor, aged 83 years, took place as she had predicted just as the bells heralded the dawn of the new year at her home in East St. Louis. Several months ago she began preparing her shroud in anticipation of her death. She was attacked with chronic bronchitis a few weeks ago, and this resulted in her death.

The city of San Francisco was visited by a number of earthquakes January 1. While not very severe, the shock shattered several plate glass windows and twisted a tower on the city hall.

John Alexander Dowie has confirmed the report that he proposes to establish a second Zion City in Mexico and will occupy part of a tract of 1,000,000 acres fronting on the gulf of Mexico. He announces that he will have the Mexican Zion City completed before Jan. 1, 1906.

Benjamin W. Thomas, a scientist of international repute, died at Chicago, Jan. 1, aged 83 years.

The coolness of Rev. Dumoulin averted a panic at an Episcopal church in Chicago. Just before the close of the evening services the decorations above the altar took fire from a gas jet. The minister took in the situation at once and raised his hand, dismissing his congregation immediately in perfect order, after which the fire was extinguished.

William H. Baldwin, jr., president of the Long Island railroad, died at his home in Locustville, L. I., Jan. 2, of cancer.

In a fire which consumed the home of Frank Noweski, a Polish miner at Morris Run, Pa., the entire family of ten, except the oldest son, aged 18, was burned to death. It was with the greatest difficulty that the boy saved his own life.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Dallas, Tex., Jan. 2, says: "A special from Jefferson, O. T., says: Nathan F. Chidister is announced today by the attending physicians to be out of danger, although his funeral was preached two days ago and his body was in the coffin, ready for burial. Chidister was reported dead and all arrangements for the funeral and interment were completed. Just before starting for the cemetery the undertaker removed the coffin lid that the friends might have a last look at the remains. The underside of the lid was moist and it was discovered that Chidister was breathing. Physicians were summoned and he is getting well."

Two persons were killed and four others were wounded at St. Louis, Mo., by stray bullets used in the celebrations on New Year's eve.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 2, says: "Attorney General Hays today filed a petition for a rehearing in the case of Caleb Powers. The Powers case now stands with the last verdict of guilty reversed. Attorney General Hays' appeal is for a rehearing on the decision by the court of appeals. The court of appeals in reversing the death sentence ordered a new trial. The attorney general's petition today asks for a rehearing of the decision of the court of appeals. In other words, the court of appeals is asked to reverse itself and allow the death sentence to stand."

Brevet Brigadier General Edward R. Warner, retired, died suddenly of heart disease in the Marlborough hotel, New York, Jan. 2.

The monthly circulation statement issued by the comptroller of the currency shows the total circulation of national bank notes on December 31 to have been \$464,794,156, an increase for the year of \$39,631,138 and for the month of \$4,115,981.

United States Minister Conger has cabled from Peking to the Christian Herald, New York, confirming the death of Francis H. Nichols, the American explorer and correspondent at Tibet. Mr. Nichols left this country March 29, 1903.

The comparative monthly statement of the government receipts and expenditures issued shows the total receipts for December, 1904, to have been \$45,047,905 and the expenditures \$41,497,698, leaving a surplus for the month of \$3,550,207.

The Hungarian parliament died hard. Its expiring struggles were continued for nearly three hours with two intermissions and came to an end amid scenes of disorder and jeers from the opposition.

The monthly coinage statement issued from the bureau of the mint shows that the total coinage executed at the mints of the United States during December, 1904, was \$709,644.

Plunging down a steep grade in Sixteenth avenue, in Newark, N. J., a trolley jumped the rails on a curve at Bergen street, struck a steel trolley pole and fell over on its side, pinning the motor-man between the wreck of the front platform and the curb, and hurling the conductor to the sidewalk, probably fatally injuring the former. Slippery rails caused the accident.

A fire which broke out in the tobacco district of Greenville, N. C., destroyed two warehouses, and several small buildings, besides 1,000,000

pounds of tobacco. Losses, \$60,000; insurance, \$40,000. The fire is believed to have been incendiary.

The total capitalization of 1,491 companies, which incorporated in the District of Columbia during the calendar year just ended, aggregated \$2,236,52,750. The total capitalization exceeded the previous year by almost one billion dollars.

The discontent in the Westphalian coal fields in Germany has reached an acute stage, and a general strike, affecting 250,000 miners, is impending.

Rt. Rev. W. O'Connell, bishop of Portland, Me., received a papal brief appointing him assistant to the pontifical throne, accompanied by a complimentary letter from Pope Pius X.

The statement published in the United States that further proceedings of the international commission on the North sea affair have been adjourned until February is untrue. Rear Admiral Davis points out that the commission itself has taken no such action.

State Treasurer Newton of Colorado, in his annual report states that the strike cost the state \$776,464, and he recommends that the legislature authorize the issue of \$800,000 worth of "insurance bonds," payable in twenty-five years.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Boston, Mass., Jan. 5, says: "Henry G. Poor, widely known for many years as a railroad authority and an expert on financial affairs, is dead at his home in Brookline. Mr. Poor fell on the ice and broke his ankle three weeks ago and the shock to his system eventually affected his heart. He was born in Maine, in 1813. He was the oldest graduate of Bowdoin college."

Former Governor William Claflin died at his home on Walnut street, Newtonville, Mass. Death followed an illness of a few weeks, incident to old age. He was governor in 1872, 1873 and 1874.

The number of the surrendered garrison at Port Arthur is placed at 32,000 exclusive of about 16,000 sick men, making a total of about 48,000. General Stoessel is said to be suffering from cancer.

The steamer Dora from Colon and Panama has brought to Havana 111 passengers, three of whom are ill with what may prove to be yellow fever. They have been taken to the detention hospital. The others have been sent to the Mariel lighters and quarantined.

The Dodge jewels which were seized by customs officers in New York were sold at public auction, at less than half their original cost.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Berlin, Jan. 5, says: "A number of German papers are discussing with all seriousness the proposition of Dr. Ioa Hilsiker of Zurich, that women be called upon to serve the state one year after the analogy of the military service of the men. They do not go so far as Dr. Hilsiker in demanding compulsory service, pointing out that the cost is prohibitive, but suggest that a year of voluntary service might have many advantages, especially educational and disciplinary. The state, it is argued, could utilize women in army hospitals, asylums, public nurseries and also to train in the household arts."

A call has been issued for a meeting of the Santa Fe stockholders on January 24. A vote will be taken on a proposition to increase the capital stock by \$50,000,000 and to issue bonds for that amount. It is stated that most of this money will be used in building new road and improving the Santa Fe lines in the southwest.

Bishop Spalding of Peoria, Ill., suffered a stroke of paralysis and is seriously ill.

General Stoessel has presented his favorite Arabian horse to General Nogi, the latter accepting the animal in the name of the Japanese army.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Chicago, Jan. 6, says: "At a meeting today of representatives of 100 shoe manufacturers, members of the Western Association of Shoe Wholesalers, a resolution was adopted opposing the tariff on leather. In the resolution it is stated that congress will be asked to repeal the rates now existing on hides and leather."