

Condensed News of the Week

Having been alarmed as to the solvency of the East Side Savings Bank at Columbus, Ohio, the depositors of that institution made a run on it Jan. 23. The bank met all the demands, however, and the scare, which was caused by the cashier's shooting himself, is all over.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Paris, Jan. 23, says: "President Loubet received M. Rouvier, who announced his definite acceptance of the mission for the formation of a cabinet. M. Rouvier later held a meeting with M. Eugene Etienne, Gaston Thompson, Raymond Poincare, Henry Bertheaux, Ferdinand Dublief, Bienvenu Martin, Joseph Ruau and Jean Dupuy, who with M. Deleasse and one other still doubtful, will probably constitute the new ministry."

The clothing house of Simon Long's Sons, at Wilkesbarre, Pa., was destroyed by fire. The loss is \$80,000.

Three large barns belonging to the national horse and mule market were destroyed in East St. Louis and 100 mules were burned to death. The loss is \$35,000.

The home of Mrs. Chadwick was searched and \$10,000 worth of imported laces and ivory were found. The goods were taken to the office of receiver Nathan Loeser and if it is found that the duty has not been paid upon them, they will become a part of the fund which Mr. Loeser is accumulating for the creditors of Mrs. Chadwick.

In a head-on collision between two freight trains, near Shawnee, Tenn., four men were killed and three others badly hurt and burned.

Mrs. Clara C. Stranahan of New York, founder of the Barnard college for women, Columbia university, and who has been identified with the higher education of women in all parts of the country, died at her home in Brooklyn, aged 73. Apoplexy was the cause of her death.

Officers in the little village of Turopola, Hungary, fired upon a mob at that place, killing four and wounding one of them.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Chicago, Ill., Jan. 23, says: "King Oscar of Sweden is to be appealed to to assist Igna Hanson to clear herself of the charges of perjury brought against her as a result of her suit for \$50,000 damages against the Chicago City Railway company. The case of Igna Hanson has been replete with sensational features, involving first a civil trial, in which the young woman, apparently blind, deaf, dumb and paralyzed, was carried into the court room on a cot daily, while she sought to obtain a verdict against the railway company, and then a criminal trial, in which she, after what she claimed a miraculous cure, was able to appear in court to defend herself against the charges of perjury. The second case is still pending."

Plant No. 1 of the Cleveland, Ohio, Dryer Works, a branch of the American Agricultural company, was destroyed by fire Jan. 23. The plant covered three acres of ground and was valued at \$100,000.

A three cent fare has been inaugurated by the Cleveland, Ohio, electric railway, which operates every street car line in that city. The new rate is confined to a limited district and if it meets with popular approval will be permanently adopted.

Thomas A. Edison, the world-famous student of electricity and inventor, has undergone a critical surgical operation at his home in Orange, N. J. As is generally known Mr. Edison has had considerable trouble with his hearing and it is hoped that this operation, which was for the removal of a mastoid abscess near the brain, will benefit him. Mr. Edison is 57 years of age, but despite this fact the doctors say they expect an uninterrupted recovery.

Under date of Seattle, Wash., Jan. 24, the Associated Press says: "With 26,000 tons of freight, the largest cargo ever carried by a ship, and 141 passengers, the Great Northern Steamship company's new oriental liner Minnesota, has left this port and started on her initial trip to Manila and oriental points. Cotton comprises the greatest part of the vessel's cargo, which is made up of

general merchandise, structural iron and machinery, and seventy-five freight cars, for use on an oriental railroad."

The Halter block and the building occupied by the Lincoln, Neb., Overall Company, at Lincoln, were destroyed by fire Jan. 25. The loss is \$150,000.

It is reported that the czar of Russia is contemplating flight to Copenhagen. This is denied in some quarters and it is declared that the czar will appoint a mixed commission of officials, employes and workmen to consider the strikers' demands, particularly that of the eight-hour day.

Clarence D. Clarke will go to the United States senate to represent the state of Wyoming.

Governor Folk, who recently ordered that lobbyists shall remain at Jefferson City only thirty hours and shall state the object of their visit, says he is highly pleased with the manner in which his order is being obeyed. He has received letters of congratulations from people all over the country.

The state of New Jersey will be represented in the senate by John Kean, who will succeed himself. He was the choice of the republican joint caucus.

True to the predictions made by Rev. Ira Hicks, the famous weather forecaster and astronomer, the greatest part of the United States is having a siege of zero weather. The state of New York is struggling with a storm whose violence has not been equaled for years. Great suffering exists among the poor. One man lost his life in St. Louis. Even Kentucky reports a temperature of 6 below zero.

Roger Williams University was nearly destroyed by fire Jan. 24. This is a college for negroes at Nashville, Tenn. The loss is \$60,000.

Pitiful scenes were witnessed in St. Petersburg when the funerals of the victims of the tragedy of Sunday were held. In many cases a father and mother carried the body of a dead child in a wooden box, while some of the coffins were borne on common carter's sleighs. No demonstration occurred, but workmen and others stood uncovered in the streets as the groups passed with the dead. One hundred and sixty-seven funerals were held Jan. 25.

H. B. Collins, a Portugese, who has been living in Japan for several years, has been sentenced to eleven years' imprisonment for disclosing military secrets.

Twelve persons were injured in a wreck of train No. 6 of the Santa Fe road at Blum, Cal.

The Big Four passenger train was derailed at Earl Park, Ind., Jan. 25. Fifteen persons were injured, six of them seriously.

Walter L. Campbell, the blind ex-mayor of Youngstown, O., died of apoplexy at his home in that city, at the age of 62 years. Mr. Campbell was a musician and author of considerable fame.

John W. Fleming, the former assistant United States inspector of steam boilers, who has been on trial in the United States court in New York, on a charge of neglect of duty in connection with the burning of the excursion steamer, General Sloucum, last June, was discharged yesterday. The judge quashed the indictment.

General Christian T. Christensen of Brooklyn, died at Copenhagen, Denmark, Jan. 27. General Christian was a civil war veteran and participated in the first and last struggles of that war. Of late years he has been interested in the banking business. He was 73 years old, and is survived by eight children.

A revolutionary demonstration took place in London, Jan. 26, when the immense building known as "wonderland" was crowded with people. A revolutionary leader made a speech denouncing Emperor Nicholas and the grand Dukes. He was followed by a Londoner who delighted the audience with a speech denouncing Emperor Nicholas, Emperor William and King Edward and proposed that the people rid themselves of "all emperors,

thieves, and other loafers." Policemen were present in large numbers, but did not interrupt the proceedings.

A suit claiming damages to the amount of \$2,000,000 was brought in the United States circuit court by the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke company and the Webster Coal and Coke company, both of Pennsylvania, against the Pennsylvania Railroad company. The claim is based on alleged discrimination shown to competing companies by the railroad company and the refusal and neglect to furnish transportation for coal and coke owned by the plaintiffs. The coal companies also claim that they were refused certain rebates that were made to others. The action was brought under the provisions of the interstate commerce act.

Plans have been proposed for a universal exposition to be held in Paris in 1920 to commemorate the foundation of the French republic.

While felling a tree, Adolph Buschem of West Point, Nebraska, was crushed to death. The tree came down with a crash unexpectedly, pinning the unfortunate man beneath it and he died before medical aid could be given him.

The condition of Prince Eitel, the second son of the emperor of Germany, is said to be very serious.

Samuel H. Piles of Seattle, Wash., was chosen United States senator for Washington on the thirteenth joint ballot. He succeeds Charles W. Sweeney, the millionaire mining man from Spokane.

Under date of Johannesburg, Transvaal, Jan. 27, the Associated Press says: "The largest diamond ever discovered has been found near Pretoria. The stone weighs 3,032 karats and is said to be a pure white diamond of good quality. It is locally valued at \$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000. The famous Kohinoor, which is valued at \$600,000, weighs 123 karats, though it is said to have weighed 900 before it was cut. There is immense excitement here and at Pretoria as a result of the discovery.

Reports from Vancouver, B. C., say that the worst blizzard ever known in the Klondike region raged last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Snow piled to the height of twenty feet in many places, and miners and prospectors are said to be suffering intensely.

The Spanish cabinet, under the leadership of General Azcarraga, has resigned and King Alfonso has instructed Marquis Villaverde to form a new cabinet. The reason given for the resignation of General Azcarraga is that he has not been able to obtain the support requisite for a continuance in office.

The international commission to inquire into the North Sea incident resumed its sittings at Paris with diminished attendance and interest, owing to the many fishermen witnesses repeating practically the same story.

It is now announced that the strike in Russia is well under control by the authorities, and that many of the men have returned to work.

Captain R. F. Canterbury, a civil war veteran and a Missouri pioneer, died at Kansas City, aged 82 years. Captain Canterbury was born in Kentucky and removed in 1839 to Milan, Mo., where he established an Indian trading post.

About 300 pounds of dynamite stored in Pittsburg, Pa., exploded, blowing Vincenzo Pessimato, an Italian employe, to atoms, injuring forty persons and badly damaging fifteen houses in the neighborhood.

Germany sees a singular sight in the powerful center party co-operating with socialists in supporting a strike. The higher Catholic clergy are subscribing personally to the strike funds and are announcing subscriptions.

The plant of the Valley oil mills at Memphis, Tenn., was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss estimated at \$150,000. The insurance is \$110,000. A negro employe is missing and, as he was seen to enter the burning structure, he probably perished.

Miss Eugenie Uhrich, the well-known Catholic writer and editor, is dead at Limoges, France.