

Condensed News of the Week

Secretary Taft, who is a graduate of the class of 1878 at Yale university, will be the orator at the commencement exercises of that institution in June.

The house of delegates of the Porto Rican government has adopted the following resolution: "First—To protest against the false accounts published by the press of the United States attributing to the house sentiments of hostility toward the American people. Second—To declare that the house of delegates of Porto Rico is inspired with a fundamental sentiment of adherence to the people of the United States and with the most cherished ideal of preserving the personality of the Porto Rican people and promoting their welfare."

An Associated Press dispatch, dated London, Feb. 12, says: "The Torrey-Alexander revival rather hung fire in London in the beginning of the week, probably owing to fear of difficulty of finding seats, but the later days of the week have brought crowded audiences and tonight Albert hall was packed within fifteen minutes after the opening of the doors, and fully 10,000 persons were turned away."

King Edward has appointed the Prince of Wales to the position of lord warden of the Cinque ports, to succeed Lord Curzon.

A large sled, upon which fourteen persons were coasting, collided with a wagon on the grounds of the University of Kansas and several of the party were badly injured.

Official announcement has been made of the promotion of Ambassador McCormick of Russia to the Paris embassy. Mr. Meyer, the new ambassador to Russia, will take his place sometime in March.

Fanny Moran-Olden, the famous opera singer, died in Berlin, Feb. 13, in a sanitarium where she has been a patient for some time.

The Battle House, Mobile's historic hotel, was destroyed by fire February 13. The loss is \$400,000.

The eight-story building of the Schwabacher Hardware company at Seattle, Wash., was destroyed by fire February 12. The loss is \$400,000.

Twenty-four families were made homeless by a fire which destroyed a four-story flat building in Chicago, February 13. A most thrilling escape from death was made by Mrs. A. J. Donaldson, who after throwing her little child to safety, leaped from the second-story window. A fireman, seeing that she would probably strike the ground head downward, caught her by the shoulders, thus turning her body so that her feet struck the pavement. Mrs. Donaldson fainted but was not injured.

The Kentucky Wesleyan college, the main school of the Methodist Episcopal church, was destroyed by fire February 14. The loss is \$75,000.

William Allen White, the noted author and editor, is dangerously ill with erysipelas at Manitou, Colo.

A panic was narrowly prevented at the Macauley theatre at Louisville, Ky., February 14, when Maxine Elliott was presenting her play. Someone in the gallery shouted "fire," which set the auditors on their feet. It took considerable effort on the part of the attendants to quiet them. An investigation proved that there was no fire.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra have sat for their portraits, in their robes of state. The artist is John Colin Forbes, who is commissioned by the Canadian government to make these paintings for the Dominion houses of parliament.

Iri Reynolds, the man who is said to have held a package of \$5,000,000 in securities belonging to Mrs. Cassie Chadwick, is dangerously ill at his home in Cleveland.

Former Governor Boies of Iowa is dangerously ill at Hot Springs, Ark., where he went recently for his health. His family has been summoned.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 14, says: "A monster petition, urging Governor Pennypacker to commute to life im-

prisonment the death sentence of Mrs. Kate Edwards was presented to the governor this afternoon by three women from Cleveland, O. The petition, which contains the signatures of 175,000 men and women of Ohio, is two miles long and weighs fifty pounds. The delegation argued that Mrs. Edwards' sentence ought to be commuted because she was not responsible for her crime and that she killed her husband in self-defense. The governor said that the matter was out of his hands, but promised to refer the petition to the board of pardons. The petition contains the signatures of lawyers, ministers, public men and thousands of women. Carl Mueller and H. H. Anderson, Cleveland attorneys, have obtained permission from the board of pardons to appear before that body at tomorrow's hearing in behalf of Mrs. Edwards.

The two houses of the state legislature of Wyoming adopted the following resolution, February 14: "Whereas, An attempt was made to introduce certain malicious resolutions in the Wyoming senate reflecting on the character and services of F. E. Warren, senator from Wyoming in the senate of the United States; and whereas, The people of Wyoming at large, as well as members of this legislative assembly, have full knowledge of the untruthfulness of each and every charge contained in said resolutions and of the high, honorable and faithful service rendered in the state and nation for many years by Senator Warren, Therefore be it resolved, That we hereby express our confidence in the wisdom, patriotism, integrity and fidelity of Senator Warren, and in his entire devotion to the interest of the Wyoming people and the nation."

After taking the twenty-second ballot, the deadlock still remains unbroken in the Missouri legislature, which, for the past three weeks, has been engaged in the work of choosing a United States senator.

Miss Annie Fitzhugh Lee, daughter of General and Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee, became the bride of Lewis Brown, jr., of the Seventh United States cavalry at Norfolk, Va. The marriage occurred at the historic St. Paul's Episcopal church and was a full military wedding.

The Missouri supreme court has rendered an opinion in which it holds that while osteopaths are not physicians and surgeons under the laws of the state, they are liable for damages resulting from injuries sustained by persons whom they treat.

General Lew Wallace, world-famous as the author of "Ben-Hur" is dead at Crawfordsville, Ind., aged 78 years. General Wallace was a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars and was at one time the United States minister to Turkey. His health has been bad for several years and recently he has suffered greatly. His last words were: "I am ready to meet my Maker." His wife, son and daughter were at his bedside.

Nearly 300 Philippine scouts, who have been at the World's fair, have remained here and will go to Washington for the presidential inauguration in March, after which they will return to their homes.

Susan B. Anthony, the famous woman suffrage advocate, celebrated her eighty-fifth birthday Wednesday, February 16, on which occasion she was the recipient of many gifts and congratulations.

Under date of Florence, Italy, February 15, the Associated Press says: "The affairs of Countess Montignoso (former wife of King Frederick Augustus of Saxony) took a dramatic turn today. For some time the countess has suspected that her German nurse, Mahote, was planning to abduct the little princess, Anna Monica Pia, and place her in care of her father, the king. Today, under the pretext that the German consul was waiting to see the nurse at the gate of the villa, where the countess is residing, the latter led Mahote to the gate. Then quickly pushing the nurse outside and closing and locking the gate, the countess cried: 'Go to your master, spy.' Entering the house, the countess ordered all of Mahote's belongings thrown out of the window to the street. The nurse protested against her ejection, but unavailingly, and later applied to a locksmith to aid her in re-enter-

ing the villa, saying she had lost her key. The locksmith declined."

William Cullen Bryant, publisher of the Brooklyn Times and secretary of the American Newspaper Publishers' association, is dead at Plainfield, N. J. Apoplexy was the cause of death.

A non-commissioned officer has confessed that he was bribed to place the loaded shell in the saluting gun which was fired on the chapel where the czar and his family were attending the blessing of the waters some weeks ago.

Emperor William has been given the degree of doctor of laws at the University of Pennsylvania. He will receive the honor February 22 at the same time that it is bestowed upon President Roosevelt.

Twelve buildings were destroyed by fire on February 17, at Bryant, S. D. The loss is \$60,000.

A resolution has been passed in the West Virginia senate to investigate the charges against the governor of the state. The resolution contains the following provisions: "Senators Marshall, McGinnis and Carigan are constituted an investigation committee to probe corruption charges made on the floor of the senate, in newspaper reports and whatever may be gathered from the four winds."

One woman was burned to death and fifteen men and women had narrow escapes from death in a fire at the Winton Hotel in New York, February 17.

Great excitement prevails at St. Petersburg, as the result of the assassination of Grand Duke Sergius. The czar is prostrated and the widow of the murdered man, who is very popular among the people, is bowed with grief. The assassin has been captured, but instead of displaying fright he is said to have coolly remarked that he did his work well and was satisfied.

On Wednesday last the republican city convention of Chicago met and nominated the following ticket: For mayor, John M. Harlan; for city attorney, John F. Smulski; for city treasurer, Moses E. Greenebaum; for city clerk, Francis P. Brady.

Grand Duke Sergius, the governor-general of Moscow, was assassinated February 17.

Jay Cooke, the great financier, died at the home of his son-in-law in Orgontz, Pa., of old age, February 16. He was 83 years, and though he has been ailing slightly for some time, he recently gave a reception to 125 young women of the Ogontz school and was in good spirits.

It has been definitely announced that the Wells-Fargo company's bank and the Nevada National bank have merged. The entire capital will be \$6,000,000 and the surplus \$3,500,000. Isaac Hellman, president of the Nevada National bank, will be president of the new institution, which will be known as the Wells, Fargo, Nevada National bank of San Francisco.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 16, says: "The annual meetings of stockholders of the Oregon Short Line Railway company, the Union Pacific Railway company and the Union Pacific Land company, which were originally set for last October and have been adjourned every thirty days since, were again postponed today."

The recent trouble in St. Petersburg labor circles seems to have taken new life. All the men who returned to work demanded that their comrades who were arrested during the riots be set free. It is said that Father Gopon is directing this movement.

Two men were killed and a number of others injured in an explosion which destroyed a British submarine boat, off Queenstown harbor, Ireland.

Emperor William and Empress Augusta Victoria, with a small but brilliant company of cabinet ministers and high officers of both services, were present at the unveiling of the statue of Admiral Coligny in front of one wing of the palace at Berlin.