

# Condensed News of the Week

Admiral Dewey is confined to his bed with an attack of the grip.

In a mine at Pottsville, Pa., six men were killed and fourteen were injured, by a falling rock.

Mrs. Cassie Chadwick appeared for hearing February 17. She was in excellent health and spirits, and examined the claims against her in the most critical manner, throwing several of them aside. One of the claims which she repudiated was a bill for six months' services from her maid, Freda Swanstrom, at \$45 per month. It will be remembered that this is the young lady who stood so steadfastly by Mrs. Chadwick during her arrest and imprisonment in New York.

The women of Moscow have addressed the following appeal to the empress: "Oh, sovereign," the petition says, "we believe your mother's heart feels all the horrors of war as we do. Peace is violated not only beyond the frontiers, but even in the heart of the fatherland. We see in recent troubles the beginning of calamities that may crush all Russia if the emperor does not seek to avert them. All the bases of life are shaken and all the moral foundations are trembling. Mothers who have to bring up the young generation are saddened by seeing that it is impossible to train up children on the basis of truth, love and duty when the social life of the country does not rest thereon. Our best forces are perishing. Mothers whose hearts are breaking can not remain silent. More lives will be sacrificed because what is happening is not spasmodic, but the results of earlier calamities. The emperor can still save Russia by his puissant will. Be our pleader. Pray to the emperor to listen to the voice of the country. If the emperor leads the country in paths of greatness its women will help in the work of organizing by guiding their brothers and children into the new way and a life of light."

George J. Englehart, former mayor of St. Joseph, Mo., and the head of several business houses in that city, is dead at his home in East Orange, N. J.

The city of Indianapolis was visited by a most disastrous fire February 19. It started in the wholesale warerooms of the Fahnley & McCrae Millinery company, from whence it spread to several drug stores and hotels, consuming in all eight large buildings. The loss is \$1,000,000.

The body of the late Harry S. Scovel, the well-known war correspondent during the Spanish-American war, who died in Havana, was brought to Wooster, O., and interred in the cemetery there.

Midshipman Wesley Battle, son of Surgeon General Samuel W. Battle, retired, dropped dead at the navy academy February 19, of heart disease. The young man was going to dinner and was seen to fall, but when his classmates reached him, he was dead. He was very popular and belonged to the rowing club at the academy. He was 21 years of age.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 21, says: "The lower house of the legislature today passed the bill repealing the present statute known as the 'breeder's law,' which authorizes pool selling on horse races in certain enclosures. The proposed law, known as the Godfrey bill, not only repeals the 'breeder's law' but prohibits pool selling on horse races in any part of the state. The bill will now go to the senate where it is expected a determined fight will be made by persons interested in the several race tracks of the state. When the bill was introduced in the house, Governor Folk sent a special message to both houses of the legislature strongly advising the repeal of the 'breeders' law,' and the enactment of a substitute prohibiting gambling on horse races."

The identity of the assassin of Grand Duke Sergius still remains a mystery. He is just as unconcerned as when arrested and informs the police that neither they nor spies can protect those who are doomed to death.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated New York, Feb. 20, says: "Denis Donohue, financial editor of the New York Commercial, who has been running in a magazine a series of articles, 'The Truth

About Frenzied Finance," which are in reply to the statements of Thomas W. Lawson about financial conditions, was arrested today on a warrant issued upon complaint of Herbert Gray of Haverhill, Mass. The complainant alleges that Donohue made statements reflecting upon him, amounting to criminal libel, in his replies to Lawson's articles. Donohue was paroled when arraigned in police court."

Sir Henry Irving, the famous actor, collapsed after a performance in a London theater, February 21. He suffered from a severe chill.

A large double pier of the Hoosac tunnel docks in Charlestown, together with a great deal of valuable freight, was completely destroyed by fire February 21, entailing a loss of \$1,000,000.

Indiana suffered the loss of two remarkable men during the past week. One was Anthony Watt, a resident of Connersville, who was 82 years of age, the oldest member of the Elks in the world; the other was Henry Kruger of Boone county who served in the German, English and United States armies and who was a witness of the famous "Charge of the Light Brigade." Mr. Kruger was 84 years of age.

Sixty years and five days is the total sentence imposed upon Major Carrington, who was convicted of falsifying vouchers of the civil government to the amount of \$1,500. Major Carrington was tried on five separate counts, the penalty for each of which was twelve years and one day. The case, which was tried in the city of Manila, P. I., will be carried to the supreme court of the islands.

A dramatic scene was enacted in the Indiana house a few days ago, when Representative Baker announced that he had received a sealed envelope, which he held in his hand, together with a request that he vote against the anti-cigarette bill. He said he had not opened it. In compliance with cries of "open it," Mr. Baker tore open the envelope from which he drew a \$100 bill. An investigation was ordered.

The lower house of the Missouri legislature has passed what is known as the Silver bill, providing that witnesses in bribery cases shall be immune from punishment. The vote was 120 to 12. The Missouri senate, however, defeated a similar measure.

Long Acre, the center of the motor car and carriage industry of London, was the scene of a disastrous fire February 22, when \$1,250,000 worth of property was destroyed. Hundreds of automobiles were burned and there were some exciting escapes of tenants occupying flats above the warehouses.

Under date of Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 22, the Associated Press says: "Jerry McCraith, a unique figure in the early history of the northwest, is dead at the county poor farm. McCraith gained considerable notoriety some years ago by filing a claim in San Francisco to the largest part of what is known as Oregon, Washington and Idaho under an old Spanish grant. He fought the case until his means were exhausted and he was obliged to work his passage back to Walla Walla."

The action of the United States supreme court in declaring the Kansas anti-trust law constitutional opens the way to the prosecution of the coal trust of that state, which will be commenced at once.

The Adolphus Busch glass works building at St. Louis was destroyed by fire last night, entailing a loss of \$75,000. The fire is believed to have started by electric wires. It is stated that the loss of the plant throws 500 employes out of work.

A search is now being made in New York for diamonds and other dutiable property that Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick is supposed to have smuggled into this country.

A terrible accident occurred at Birmingham, Ala., February 20, when 150 of the best miners in that district were killed by the explosion of gas in the Virginia mines. Seventy-five of the bodies have been recovered. No hope is entertained of finding any of the men alive. Three men have been recovered whose hearts were still beating

when brought to the surface of the mine, but they died immediately upon reaching the outside air.

Mrs. Carrie Nation, the saloon smasher was saved from being ground under the wheels of a train at South McAlester, I. T., by a local newspaper man. She attempted to catch the handhold on the car steps of a moving train and her body was swung between the cars. She was hastily pulled out by the newspaper man and thrown on the car steps. She was not seriously hurt.

Louisville, Ky., is at present agitated by a remarkable religious revival movement. Thus far 4,000 converts have been announced. The revival began February 12.

The George Washington university at Washington, which from 1821 until recently has been known as the Columbian university, was formerly dedicated February 22 under its new name.

The Agra diamond, weighing thirty-one carats, was sold at London yesterday for \$25,000.

The federal grand jury at Cleveland, O., yesterday returned two additional indictments against Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, making seven in all now standing against her in the United States district court.

The Chicago Tribune of February 22, says: "Anthony Huddleson, aged 101 years, the first white settler in Pierce county, is dead at the home of his grandson near Trimball, Wis. Mr. Huddleson was born in Virginia and was a direct descendant of the family of which Daniel Boone was a member. His youngest child is 52 years of age and his oldest 80."

The Chicago Tribune of February 22 says: "The beef trust is one step nearer its fate. The United States authorities, acting on orders from Washington, called yesterday for a special grand jury, before which evidence will be laid to prove criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. Indictments of the heads of the great packing houses are expected to follow. Simultaneously in fifteen cities deputy United States marshals served subpoenas on the clerks and managers in the employ of the various packing firms to appear before a grand jury in Chicago on March 20. In all 185 summons were served, 130 of them in Chicago. None of the heads of the corporations were served, as the evidence to be given will bear against them. This latest move of the federal authorities is the result of an eight months' investigation by secret service men into the conduct of the business of the packers since being placed under the injunction issued by Judge Grosscup on May 10, 1902."

The work of the international commission appointed to inquire into the North Sea incident was completed February 23 at Paris, and the Havas agency has given out the following report: "The conclusions as a whole are quite favorable to Russia, recognizing that Admiral Rojestvensky could legitimately consider himself in danger and act as he did. However, the report contains reservations calculated to satisfy British susceptibilities, the most important being that the commission believes that the Russian fire lasted too long and also that Rojestvensky should have speedily notified the British maritime authorities of the deplorable incident. Upon the question of the presence of torpedo boats, the commission frees all navies from the imputation."

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Austin, Tex., Feb. 23, says: "It developed today that members of the Texas legislature are in correspondence with members of congress at Washington urging the federal government to come to Texas and investigate the operations of the Standard Oil company in this state. Senator Decker admitted on the floor of the senate today that he had sent a telegram to Representative Campbell of Kansas, urging him to have the federal authorities visit Texas and he said he hoped his plea would not be in vain, inasmuch as he felt that great good would come of such an investigation on the part of the federal government. It is understood that other members are of like opinion and it is just possible that before the legislature gets through with its oil legislation some action may be taken with regard to the proposition of Senator Decker as made today."