



J. Norman Davis shot and fatally wounded Alfred H. Law, editor of a newspaper at Walden, Colo. Then Davis blew out his own brains. Editor Law had charged Davis who had been removed from the position of engineer of the town pumping plant with having tampered with the machinery in order to interfere with the work of his successor.

A New York dispatch says: "The United States authorities today secured the secrets of the white slave trade in America, covering the ramifications of the nefarious business in nearly every one of the larger cities with its international connections, involving Canada and France chiefly. The information came from Harry Levenson, one of the trio arrested as the result of the long campaign conducted by District Attorney Whitman. Arraigned in the court of special sessions, Levenson today pleaded guilty to the indictment against him and was remanded to the Tombs. Levenson has pulled down the en-

tire structure of the trade on the heads of the leaders, and it is expected that many arrests will follow in the effort to stamp out the entire traffic which extends from coast to coast and from the gulf to Alaska. Levenson's plea came as a sensational climax to the charge made by Assistant District Attorney Reynolds, that Helen Hastings, a girl of 11, had disappeared and was presumably murdered that her testimony should not help the case against the prisoners. When last seen she was in the home of Belle Moore, the negress, who, with Alexander Anderson, a negro, were arrested when Levenson was."

The National Farm Home Association in session at St. Louis elected the following officers: President, Governor S. H. Hadley, Missouri; first vice president, Gifford Pinchot, Washington; secretary, State Immigration Commissioner J. H. Curran. Among the directors are Archbishop Glennon, St. Louis, and Henry Wal-

lace, Des Moines. The association proposes to capitalize for \$1,000,000 and to provide 640 model farms for worthy applicants.

General John P. S. Gobin, prominent in Pennsylvania national guard circles, and at one time lieutenant governor, died at his home at Lebanon, Pa.

A large part of the town of Car-tago, Costa Rica, was destroyed by an earthquake. Five hundred people were killed and several hundred were injured.

Two hundred men were entombed in a coal mine at Palos, Alabama, as a result of an explosion.

Theodore Roosevelt delivered an address at Christiania, Norway, before the Nobel prize committee on the subject of "international peace." He declared that the nations should join hands in checking the growth of naval armaments.

A woman known as Mrs. Gavin died at Rio Vista, Calif. It is now claimed that she was in fact Kate Bender of the notorious Bender family of murderers who operated many years ago in Kansas.

Tom McCarthy, a prize fighter, was killed in a fight with Owen Moran in San Francisco. A movement is on foot to stop the fight scheduled between Jeffries and Johnson for July 4. Governor Gillette has been appealed to to stop the fight. His private secretary has answered this appeal with the following letter: "Gentlemen: This office is in receipt of your letters enclosing resolutions by the ministerial union relative to suppressing the Jeffries-Johnson prize fight or contest July 4, 1910. Governor Gillette is en route to Washington and probably will not return to San Francisco for a month. Acting Governor Potter will not be in this office for a week or ten days. Replying to your letter in their absence, permit me to say the governor is not in favor of prize fights, that he has never attended one in his life and says he never will. However, under the laws of California, I believe he is helpless to prevent or suppress this so-called boxing contest because the law allows such contests, if the necessary permit has been granted by the local authorities. In this instance I understand this permit has been granted."

The farmers' convention at St. Louis adopted resolutions as follows: "First. As far as the constitution and charter of the farmers' union permits we pledge to our fellow workers in industrial pursuits our best efforts to the end that their rights and liberties, with our own, shall be preserved. Second. Our officers are authorized and directed to confer with the officers of bona fide organized labor organizations to this end. Third. We pledge ourselves to give preference to the products of the industrial workers who manifest their intelligence to protect themselves by organization and urge reciprocal purchase of products of union farmers. Fourth. Our legislative committees are pledged to co-operate with the similar officers and committees of organized labor to secure such relief and reformatory legislation as may be necessary to conserve the rights and freedom to which the workers, as men and citizens, are entitled under the constitution of the United States."

At the farmers' convention in St. Louis, resolutions were adopted favoring postal savings banks, provided the deposits be centralized; a parcels post; for restriction of foreign immigration by a head tax on each immigrant; for abolition by

congressional enactment of dealing in futures; for restriction of the "white slave" traffic and for increased appropriations for the agricultural department. It also was voted to ask congress for an appropriation of \$150,000 for drainage of swap lands in Louisiana, Missouri Mississippi and Arkansas. Conferences between the executive committees of the farmers' educational and co-operative union and the American society of equity, looking to a consolidation of the two organizations also were held.

In an uprising at Lamas, China, one thousand Chinese soldiers were killed.

Tom L. Johnson, former mayor of Cleveland, has returned to America in improved health.

Theodore Roosevelt was given the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by King Frederick's University at Christiania, Norway.

An Associated Press dispatch from St. Louis says: "After eighteen years of fighting, the peoples' party announced today it as ready to unite with a new political party regardless of name to the end that rights and equal justice shall by law be the inheritance of all citizens. The announcement was made by Jay W. Forrest, of Albany, N. Y., chairman of the peoples' party national committee. A call was issued by the committee to all citizens regardless of party allegiance to joint in a national conference here February 22, 1911. The call scores the republican and democratic parties for exploiting the people for the benefit of Wall Street. Insurgency in congress is praised and Senators La-Follette and Gore are held up as the leaders of the present thoughts of the people."

GRATEFUL

We can not feel too grateful to Theodore Roosevelt for his thoughtfulness in advising the American people how to think about this dreadful catastrophe in Rome. There would have been Orange riots in the streets of New York today and the burning of a Catholic church or two in Kansas, if this calm, manly, high-minded telegram from Rome had not appeared simultaneously with the shocking news that the pope and Mr. Roosevelt will not meet. But we are sorry for the pope. He will miss the grasp of the mighty hunter's hand and the assurance from his own lips that he did visit every Catholic mission within reach just as he visited the Protestant missions; that, on the one hand, he loves his Catholic fellow citizens, and, on the other, he loves the Protestant and Hebrew fellow citizens just as much. Later on, we are sure, when the pope reads this magnanimous telegram, he will repent in sack-cloth and ashes. As for the American public, it will never forget that Mr. Roosevelt prevented an outraged Protestant country from rising in its wrath and inaugurating religious warfare. All our people will today speak kindly to their Catholic friends, as he wishes, and put their revolvers back into their holsters.—New York Evening Post.

WEATHER SIGNS FAIL

All signs fail in the year 1910. The groundhog and lion and lamb March entry and exit saws have been horribly humiliated. The groundhog day was too dark for his shadow, but winter bowled along just the same for six weeks. March came in like May and went out practically as pleasantly.

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