

# NEWS OF THE WEEK

## Most Important Happenings of the Past Seven Days.

Interesting Items Gathered From all Parts of the World Condensed Into Small Space for the Benefit of Our Readers.

### Congressional.

Senators Long and Curtis are endeavoring to amend the public building bill in order to get more money for building in various Kansas cities. Representative Crumpacker of Indiana has been appointed on the house ways and means committee to succeed Representative Watson, resigned. The senate has made the postal savings bank bill the special order for December 14 next.

The senate has passed the postoffice appropriation bill carrying amounts aggregating \$229,027,367.

The house has passed a bill providing for the protection of owners of United States patents appropriated by the government. Claims for damages can be filed with the court of claims.

Senator Foraker has abandoned his effort to secure consideration at this session of his bill reinstating negro troops discharged from service for complicity in the Brownsville affair.

Senator Tillman occupied his old seat in the senate for a short time the other day.

The senate has passed the sundry civil appropriation bill without material amendment.

The Vreeland currency bill passed the house by a vote of 184 to 145.

The house committee on public lands has favorably reported a bill allotting in the state of Wyoming 1,000,000 acres of land to be subject to reclamation.

The senate has passed a bill establishing the Glacier National park west of the summit of the Rocky mountains and south of the international boundary line in Montana, comprising 1,000,000 acres.

The senate has passed the bill appropriating \$50,000 for a memorial to Abraham Lincoln on the site of the Lincoln birthplace in Kentucky.

The Vreeland financial bill as passed by the house was amended in the senate by substituting the Aldrich measure and then passed by a vote of 47 to 20. The bill now goes to conference.

The house has passed the omnibus public building bill. It carries a total of \$23,100,000.

### Miscellaneous

The Allegheny National bank of Pittsburg, Pa., whose former cashier, William Montgomery, is in jail charged with misappropriating \$594,000 of the bank's funds, has been closed by order of the comptroller of the currency.

Deputy Sheriff Farmer of Dawson, N. M., has been arrested in connection with the robbery of the Wells-Fargo Express company of \$35,000 at French recently.

The automobile endurance race from Kansas City to Lawrence, and Ottawa, Kan., and return Saturday resulted in perfect scores for 17 of the 28 cars which participated.

Private William Buwalda is to be court-martialed at San Francisco for attending a meeting addressed by anarchists and applauding attacks by the speaker against the government and particularly against the army and navy.

A movement is under way at the Methodist general conference at Baltimore to bring the church in closer touch with the laboring people.

A total of 11 watches have been found in the ruins of the Guinness home near La Porte, Ind.

At the second day's session of the conference of governors at the White House, Gov. Johnson of Minnesota presided in the morning and Gov. Deen of Illinois, in the afternoon.

The Reserve Trust company of Cleveland, has made an assignment. The liabilities are \$2,700,000.

The next national convention of the Rivers and Harbors congress will be held in Washington, December 9, 10 and 11 next.

The National Association of Retail Grocers will meet next year in Portland, Ore.

Assistant Postmaster General De Graw has ruled that all packages to be sent by rural route carriers outside the mails must be presented to the postoffice for inspection.

As a prelude to the conference for the conservation of natural resources of the country the president gave a dinner to which the chief executives of the various states were invited as well as the judges of the supreme court and several other prominent persons.

All the delegates to the Republican national convention have now been elected. Secretary Taft's managers claim that 700 will vote for their candidate in the first ballot.

Four persons were killed and several injured by a tornado in Chattanooga, La., the other day.

President Roosevelt addressed a large gathering of Methodists at the American university at Washington recently on "Good Citizenship."

Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma has vetoed the bill for the regulation of trusts and monopolies.

Midshipman Arthur L. Lucas of Cleveland, O., one of the graduating class of the naval academy, was drowned recently at Annapolis, Md.

Twenty-seven deaths from cholera have occurred recently in one British regiment stationed in India.

A case of the government against the Standard Oil company is being tried at Rochester, N. Y., in which the company is charged with receiving rebates. The company is indicted on 53 counts.

The White House conference of governors ended in a blaze of enthusiasm. The declarations adopted, while broad in scope make no specific recommendations for legislation. A resolution was adopted thanking President Roosevelt for calling the conference. An agreement was also reached to arrange for a meeting of the governors next year. The right of President Roosevelt to dismiss the negro soldiers concerned in the Brownsville affair from the army has been sustained in the federal court at New York.

Delegates from 50 commercial and shippers' associations of the east and middle west met in Chicago recently to discuss means to prevent the proposed increase in railroad freight rates.

The epoch-making conference of the governors of the various states with the president and other distinguished participants began promptly as scheduled at the White House in Washington. President Roosevelt called the first session to order and delivered an address explaining the objects of the meeting, the conservation of the natural resources of the country.

The movement of gold from the United States to Europe has resumed.

A call has been issued for the first national good roads congress to meet in Chicago on June 15 and in Denver July 6, the day before the opening of the Republican and Democratic national conventions.

The Minnesota Democrats in state convention formally endorsed Gov. Johnson as their candidate for president. They refused to declare for W. J. Bryan for second choice.

Three bandits robbed the Santa Fe station at French, N. M., and succeeded in escaping with \$35,000 in cash. The money was intended to pay the miners at Dawson.

The strike of the street car men in Pittsburg, Pa., has been settled by arbitration, the men accepting a reduction of one cent an hour in wages.

E. G. Lewis has been acquitted at St. Louis of the charge of using the mails to defraud in connection with the organization of the People's United States bank.

More than a foot of snow fell at Laramie, Wyo., the other day.

The supreme court of Missouri has decided that a fraternal association cannot issue life insurance policies under the non-forfeiture law of the state.

A tornado originated in the vicinity of Omaha, Neb., and moved south doing much damage to towns and farm property. At least 12 persons were killed and others injured.

The 747 state banks of Kansas report to the state bank commission deposits of \$1,000,000 more than one year ago and \$3,500,000 in excess of the amount reported in December.

An accident bulletin issued by the interstate commerce commission for the quarter ending December 31, last, shows the railroads killed 1,092 and injured 19,366 persons.

The armored cruiser Maryland was the trophy winner in the recent target practice at Magdalena bay.

The Socialists have nominated Eugene V. Debs of Indiana as their candidate for president.

### Personal

Secretary of War Taft has returned to Washington from Panama.

Julius C. Burrows of Michigan has been chosen as temporary chairman of the Republican national convention.

Most Rev. Peter Bourgade, archbishop of Santa Fe, died recently in a Chicago hospital.

E. B. Cowgill has resigned as president of the Kansas State Temperance union. He will be succeeded by J. K. Coddling.

George Eade, Jr., general western passenger agent of the Lehigh Valley railroad is dead at his home in Chicago.

The wedding of Miss Jean Reid, daughter of the American ambassador to Great Britain, will take place in St. James palace, London, on June 23 next.

Rev. Charles S. Mills, of Missouri, has been elected president of the Congressional Home Missionary society. In his address at the White House conference Andrew Carnegie declared that the coal supply of the country would be exhausted in 200 years and that the supply of iron would last only 100 years longer.

Ignatius Horstman, D. D., Catholic bishop of the Cleveland, O., diocese, is dead at Canton.

## LAST OF BIG BILLS.

### House Clears Decks in the Way of Appropriations.

The passage by the house of the general deficiency appropriation bill, carrying an appropriation of \$17,368,572, marked the completion by that body of the last of the great supply measures of the government. The bill was put through under suspension of the rules, with no time allowance for general debate. Several measures were passed by unanimous consent, including a joint resolution providing for the payment of an annuity for life of \$123 a month each of the widows of Surgeons James Carroll and Jesse Lazear, United States army, in recognition of their discoveries in connection with the transmission of yellow fever by mosquitoes.

The house under suspension of the rules passed a bill allowing the state of Idaho to reclaim 1,000,000 acres of land belonging to the public domain.

A bill appropriating \$5,000,000 for the enlargement of the capitol grounds and to provide a site for a monument or memorial to Abraham Lincoln and a dignified and adequate approach to the capitol building, was introduced in the house by Mr. McCall, chairman of the committee on library. One million of the five million carried in the bill is to be expended under its terms in the erection of a Lincoln monument.

### CUTS THROAT OF HIS WIFE.

#### Methodist Minister Murders While Temporarily Insane.

Temporarily insane, according to his own statement, the Rev. S. A. Coffman, aged 50 years, a prominent Methodist Episcopal clergyman of Rosstown, W. Va., killed his wife early Monday by cutting her throat from ear to ear. A moment after the crime, he says, he regained his senses and realized what he had done. He immediately surrendered himself and was locked up.

During the past week or two Rev. Mr. Coffman has been conducting a series of revival services. Sunday he finished his revival and appeared well pleased with the result. About midnight he and his wife were discussing the services when he suddenly seized a poker and began striking her on the head. There was a struggle, during which Mrs. Coffman succeeded in escaping from the house to a garden in the rear. She was followed closely, however, by her husband. When he had his wife powerless in his grasp he cut her throat from ear to ear, causing instant death. According to a statement made by the Rev. Mr. Coffman, when he looked on the lifeless body of his wife his sanity was immediately restored and he realized what he had done.

### BODY IS FOUND IN A CANAL.

#### Remains of Miss Bertha Vanderbilt Recovered.

The body of Miss Bertha Vanderbilt, the assistant in the library of Princeton (N. J.) university, who disappeared Wednesday afternoon, was found floating in the Raritan canal. The body was found by two boy campers who live in Trenton, N. J., while they were rowing up the canal. Although parts of the girl's clothing are missing, there appeared to be no signs of foul play. A few scars of a slight character which may have been received during the five days the body had rolled along the bed of the stream were found on the face and forehead.

Miss Vanderbilt was last seen about five o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Carnegie lake aqueduct and it is supposed that she was drowned in an attempt to ford the stream which flows under the canal. Miss Vanderbilt's parents live in Amsterdam, N. Y.

### INJURIES MAKE A MUTE TALK.

#### An Oklahoma Man Hadn't Spoken for Years Till a Train Hit Him.

George Berry, a deaf mute who was struck and run over by a Katy train at Shawnee, Okla., Friday and dangerously injured, astonished his relatives later by speaking distinctly. He will recover from his injuries. Berry's leg was broken in six places and his head was badly injured, but his skull was not fractured.

Emerging from twenty hours' unconsciousness he opened his eyes and created excitement by speaking plainly: "Give me water." This was the first intelligible utterance he has made since childhood. Physicians regard the case as most remarkable. Berry is still deaf.

### Texas Law is Illegal.

In deciding the case of the Galveston & San Antonio Railway Company versus the State of Texas, involving taxes on fuel and other Texas roads, the supreme court of the United States held to be unconstitutional the Texas law of 1905 fixing the tax rate on railroads equal to one per cent of their gross earnings when they lie wholly within the state and a proportionate sum when they lie partly within the state.

# ROUND THE CAPITAL

Information and Gossip Picked Up Here and There in Washington.

## Attorney General Is a Stay-at-Home



WASHINGTON. — Attorney-General Charles J. Bonaparte is an American who never has passed out of the dominion of Uncle Sam and who has registered a vow never to do so. When Mr. Bonaparte accepted a position in President Roosevelt's cabinet he made known this limitation on his usefulness and took the place only on condition that his official duties should never oblige him to leave the United States. Just why the attorney general has determined never to visit an alien land no one can say positively, though it is easily surmised that he makes this protest against the way in which his maternal grandmother was treated by the great Corsican. During the lifetime of the elder brother, Col. Jerome Bonaparte, Charles Bonaparte frequently was invited to Paris by the head of the family, then in his prime, Napoleon III., but he always disdainfully refused the invitation to join a family circle which frowned on American affiliations.

Mrs. Bonaparte has been a sufferer from a peculiar digestive trouble for many years, and she frequently has been ordered to the German spas for treatment. Mr. Bonaparte has urged her to go, but has refused to be persuaded into accompanying her. As she is a devoted wife of the old-fashioned type who would not appreciate a sojourn in Europe without her husband, Mrs. Bonaparte has been compelled to get what aid she could at American springs.

All the world knows how keenly disappointed the indomitable Elizabeth Patterson was when her only son decided to marry an American, Miss Williams of Baltimore, when she had chosen his princely cousin Charlotte Bonaparte for his consort. Rumor has it that Miss Williams, afterward mother of the present attorney-general of the United States, had reason to know of her august mother-in-law's sentiments regarding her. Charles Bonaparte emphasizes the fact that he at least of the American branch of the great Corsican's family is proud of being the only American, and he is so deep-dyed in his love of his native country that he will not leave her soil even for a brief visit.

## Senator's Neck Broken 35 Years Ago



SENATOR MONEY of Mississippi has lived 35 years with a broken neck and did not know it until the other day. Not until he went to a physician for treatment for neuralgia, from which he suffered for years, did he learn of his real condition.

At the first battle of Franklin, in April, 1863, Mr. Money was a cavalryman in the confederate service. While riding through the streets he was struck by a bullet that circled around his ribs, doing no other injury. The shock was such that Mr. Money was thrown from his horse and struck on his head. Being helpless he was captured and taken within the federal lines. He did not ask for hospital treatment, was exchanged later, rejoined his troop and fought until the war closed.

Years passed and Mr. Money en-

tered the senate. Neuralgia had taken a firm hold of him and his eyesight had grown so bad as to approximate blindness. He was advised to try osteopathy. He went to New York, accompanied by his son. Almost the doctor's first remark was:

"Why, senator, you have had your neck broken. I would say you were thrown from a horse and sustained the broken neck."

"That is just exactly what did happen," replied Senator Money, recalling the injury at Franklin.

"I can cure your neck," said the physician; "it will require but a moment's time."

The osteopath laid the senator on a table, took hold of the misplaced vertebra with both hands and put it into proper position.

The physician told Senator Money that he must take precautions until the weakened muscles regained their normal strength. He was cautioned not to turn his head in looking at anything, but to move his entire body. These instructions were observed and the neck apparently became as strong as it was 35 years before the operation.

## LaFollette's Wife a Real Help to Him



IT is quite the ordinary thing to say that the wife of a politician is his adviser. The politician likes to have it said, for there is a sort of sentiment which attaches to it which appeals to the people. The statement is not always true, but in the case of Senator and Mrs. LaFollette of Wisconsin it is, for Mrs. LaFollette is a keen judge of conditions.

The wife the senior senator from the Badger state met the man who became her husband at the University of

Wisconsin. She was Miss Belle Case, and her intellectual attainments first attracted Mr. LaFollette. A story told of their student days is as follows:

"Mr. LaFollette's great gift was that of oratory. He tried for all the prizes in sight, and had the air of a man who thought he could win. Miss Case had some oratorical talents of her own, and began to cultivate them early and late. She won in the end, for the special prize for oratory at graduation came to her and not to the man who later became her husband."

It was not long, however, before the would-be winner of the prize won the winner, and they were married shortly after their graduation from the university in 1879.

Mrs. LaFollette is very domestic, and the social life at Washington has little or no attraction for her.

## Famous Battle of Manila Bay Recalled



A MERRY echo of the shot which opened the battle of Manila Bay was heard at the Raleigh hotel the other evening when Admiral Dewey and many of his officers gathered to celebrate with a banquet the tenth anniversary of the famous fight. The admiral cut a large "victory" cake as calmly as he cut the cable a decade ago and the corks popped not so loudly, but as continuously as the guns popped at the Spanish fleet—and with happier results.

Not all the officers who won distinction at Manila was at the gathering. Gridley, who fired when he was ready, and several others have answered the salute of death, and a number are scattered around the

world on active duty, but enough were in Washington to make the reunion a striking one.

Chief among these present was Admiral Dewey. Another noted figure was Rear Admiral Coghlan, who won much fame at Manila and more in the "Hoch der Kaiser" incident. Other rear admirals who attended were Lambertson, Walker and Ford. With them were Medical Director Wise, Pay Director Galt, Representative Loud of Michigan, who was assistant paymaster on the McCullough; Lieutenant Commanders Brady, Boddicker, Price, Irwin, Scott, Kavanagh, Butler and Doddridge; Col. Berryman, U. S. M. C., and Pay Inspectors Martin and Price.

When he entered the harbor of Manila Dewey's fleet consisted of his flagship, the Olympia, commanded by Capt. C. V. Gridley; the Baltimore, Capt. N. M. Dyer; the Raleigh, Capt. J. B. Coghlan; the Boston, Capt. F. Wilder; the small cruiser Concord, Commander A. Walker; the gunboat Petrel, Commander E. F. Woody, and the revenue cutter Hugh McCulloch.