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## EMPEROR IS DEAD.

### Emperor of China Is Numbered Among the Dead.

### WORD REACHES WASHINGTON.

Was Dominated by Empress Dowager of China.

### NEARLY A PRISONER.

Nob State Historical Society.

### Death of Emperor of China Removes Ruler of Millions of Asiatic Peoples Whose Dominion Was Determined by a Strong Willed Woman in the Empire.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 12.—The emperor of China is dead. News of the emperor's death reached here this morning.

Word that the emperor was sick reached here some three days ago. The present emperor has not been a great force in China. He has been dominated by the strong willed woman who was the empress dowager. In 1909 the emperor was virtually a prisoner.

As emperor, however, the dead ruler was in theory all powerful over some 500,000,000 subjects.

### Empire is Quiescent.

New York, Nov. 12.—Wade Gardner, agent for the Hong Kong and Shanghai banking corporations, received a cable this morning stating that the emperor of China had died. No details were given. The situation throughout the empire is quiet.

### Death is Confirmed.

Washington, Nov. 12.—A cablegram from the United States minister at Peking to the state department confirmed the news of the death of the emperor of China.

### AFFINITY TIES THE SCORE.

### Artist Earle Is Nursing Black Eye and Bumped Head—She Uses Chair.

New York, Nov. 12.—Ferdinand Pinney Earle, of "affinity" fame, is nursing a black eye on his castle-like home in Monroeville, N. Y. He is also caring for a large bump upon the same side of his head.

These marks of battle he confided to a neighbor, were inflicted by Julia Kuttner Earle, his "affinity" wife, whom he wedded only this year after putting aside his first wife and his children last fall.

His bride, Earle told his neighbor, used a chair as her weapon. The score between the artist and his soul mate now stands even, for two months ago he beat and choked her and spent several days in the Goshen jail after pleading guilty.

### Elliott's Plan Meets Approval.

Chadron, Neb., Nov. 12.—Superintendent of City Schools, R. I. Elliott, returned Tuesday from Lincoln, where teachers at the state association held their last week. Superintendent Elliott spoke on the topic, "The School Man in Politics." His speech is said to have been one of the best given at the banquet. While in Lincoln Superintendent Elliott arranged with Normal Training Inspector Downey to introduce a department of normal training in the Chadron high school. Miss Chase, a recent graduate of the University of Chicago, has been secured as the new special teacher in the department. The Chadron high school will have the only normal training department available in this section of the state, meaning that a great number of teachers in northwestern Nebraska will come here to take up advanced courses. Superintendent Elliott has also made it possible for this school to grant teacher's certificates authorized by the state, being much preferable to the county certificates, the only kind hitherto possible to acquire without attending a state normal or university. Superintendent Elliott, who was formerly of Lincoln, is making himself exceedingly popular in his up-to-date method of school superintending, and his new department will provide a great blessing to the teachers and educators of the northwest.

### Bryan a Philanthropist.

Denver, Colo., Nov. 12.—William J. Bryan's philanthropy was brought to light today by a close friend here, who said he had "got tired of hearing people call Bryan selfish."

He declared that while on his tour of the world, Bryan found eight young men who impressed him as intellectual and laboring to educate themselves. Bryan, he says, has one protégé in China, two in Africa, one in St. Petersburg, one in Constantinople, one in Japan, one in India and one in

### Amts at Omaha Corn Exposition.

Des Moines, Nov. 12.—Elaborate preparations are being made by the Iowa agricultural colleges at Ames and other agricultural centers in Iowa to make a big display at the Omaha Corn Exposition, which soon begins. The governor has taken particular interest in the movement, and the state will be officially represented.

### Issues Challenge to Corn Huskers.

Lake City, Ia., Nov. 12.—One Swinson believes he can beat any man in Iowa husking corn. For two days in succession he husked 147 bushels in eleven hours and has taken a challenge to the champions of Iowa and Nebraska.

## MAINE DISASTER IN WESTPHALIA.

### Three Hundred and Thirty-nine Men Perish in Railbed Colliery.

### 37 BODIES ARE RECOVERED.

Of 380 Miners Working Underground at Time of Explosion Only Six Escape Without Injury—Rescuers Driven Back by the Flames.

Hamm, Westphalia, Germany, Nov. 12.—The greatest mine disaster in many years in Germany occurred at the Ruedel mine, about three miles from this place. There was a heavy explosion about 4 a. m. and almost immediately the mine to a few of its miners working underground at the time only six escaped without injury. Thirty-five men were taken to a hospital and thirty-seven were dead when brought to the mouth of the pit. The remaining 342 have been given up for lost.

The explosion, which was unusually violent, destroyed one of the shafts, which had to be partly repaired before the rescue work was begun. In addition, the flames and smoke proved almost insurmountable obstacles in the early efforts of the rescue parties. A special corps, composed of the men who rendered such valuable aid in the terrible mine disaster at Courrières, France, in March, 1906, arrived upon the scene shortly before noon, but were unable to enter the mine, being forced to await the result of the efforts of the firemen to keep the flames in check.

Meantime, heartrending scenes took place at the mine when the dead and wounded were brought to the surface, and there were similar scenes in the town when the injured were transported through the streets to the hospitals. At 1 o'clock the fire had made great headway and after a consultation of the engineers it was decided that any further attempts to rescue the entombed men would be in vain, owing to the impossibility of entering the galleries. At the same time an order was issued to flood the mine. First reports indicated that the accident was the result of an explosion of coal dust, but the statements of the injured men render this improbable, and it is not clear just what caused it.

## GERMAN COUNCIL HOLDS MEETING.

### Future Course of Kaiser Causes Speculation in Berlin.

Berlin, Nov. 12.—The five members of the foreign affairs committee of the federal council held a meeting and discussed recent events. The assembling of this committee is a very rare occurrence and much interested speculation was aroused by the intimation that the meeting was called with the idea of taking some step to prevent Emperor William from pursuing an independent course in the foreign affairs of the empire. In well informed circles it is admitted, however, that the committee had nothing more than read certain papers relating to the Casablanca incident. They were entertained at dinner by Chancellor von Bülow.

The day has been full of rumor and surmise concerning what attitude Emperor William would adopt toward Chancellor von Bülow, the reichstag, and public sentiment at large. His majesty spent the day fox hunting and had breakfast in the forest Prince von Wuerstberg, his most intimate friend, is with him. The present is a time when the smallest circumstances are studied in order to arrive at an understanding of what his majesty's future course may be, and there is satisfaction that he is with the prince, whose influence is regarded as restraining and wise.

### Muders Her Lover With Hatchet.

Omaha, Nov. 12.—One of the most cold blooded crimes in the annals of the South Omaha police department was the murder of James W. Chenault, a colored pool hall man and gambler, by Laura Porter, Armed with a knotted hatchet the woman literally chopped out the man's brains. Then turning away from the blood-covered form of the man with whom she had lived for the past year, she calmly changed her clothing and went to Omaha. There she visited several

## ONLY WILLIAMS IN DOUBT NOW.

### Democrats Abandon All Hope of State Ticket.

### ARE SURE ONLY OF GOVERNOR.

Democrats Have Elected Shallenberger for Governor and the Railway Commissioners Will Take Official Count—Interesting Developments.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 12.—Special to The News: Democrats have abandoned all hope of carrying any state offices except governor and railway commissioner. Williams, Republican, may be defeated for the latter office by a slender plurality but it will take the official count to tell the tale. The failure to pull the Democratic state ticket through will cause grief to Governor-elect Shallenberger. The state government is directed for the most part by board meetings. On these the governor has but a slender vote. Shallenberger will be in the minority on the state board of equalization, printing and purchase and supplies. The state board of public lands and buildings will have supervision of the state institutions and can boss the governor's appointees. The state banking board will be republican and the members may resist the efforts of the Democrats to pass a bank guarantee law. On the whole the coming session of the legislature promises to be the most exciting in the history of the state.

## MURDER PLOT BALKED BY DETECTIVE.

### Mother is Intended Victim and Daughter is Prime Mover.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 12.—Detectives today closely examined May Otis in an endeavor to find out whether the woman who sought to hire a man to kill her mother is mentally sound. A careful mental examination will probably result and if sane, a charge of inciting crime will be entered against the unmarried daughter.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—Miss Mae J. Otis, thirty-six years old, was arrested here, charged by the police with having instigated a plot to murder her mother, Mrs. Sarah Otis, fifty-seven years old. According to the police, the mother was to have arrived in Chicago from Mauston, Wis., tomorrow and a private detective supposed by Miss Otis to be a "stranger," had been employed to help her. Instead of promoting the scheme the detective notified Police Captain O'Brien. The mother is said to have money and life insurance to the amount of \$15,000.

The woman's movements have been watched by the police for several days. Some time ago she called on a private detective agency and explained her plans. It was arranged between the agency and the police to carry on the affair. Detective Mackay was introduced as a "stranger" from Mauston, Wis., and told Miss Otis that, according to him, she paid \$500 on account of the case him a promissory note for \$2,500 more. Just as Mackay received the money at Mrs. Otis' home, the police officers who had been observing them stepped out and arrested the woman and daughter. It was found she had considerable money in her possession. This, she explained, she had drawn out of the bank to pay the expenses of the trip. When asked of the police the girl merely said she had to take and explained again at the trial. It is believed she is innocent.

## LIQUOR INTERESTS SATISFIED.

### Wave of Prohibition Has Had Little Effect on Bocce Consumption.

Washington, Nov. 12.—The wave of prohibition which it is claimed, has spread over the country, apparently has had little effect on the consumption of alcoholic liquors and especially bocce, according to evidence brought out at the hearing on the proposed tariff revision before the house committee on ways and means. It was apparent, too, that the liquor interests on the whole well satisfied with the present tariff on spirits, wines and other beverages, as the wine growers and importers were gratified the only interests represented at the hearing.

### Abruzzi Goes to Milan.

Rome, Nov. 12.—The duke of the Abruzzi visited Milan to see what progress is being made on the jewels which he ordered for Miss Eklind. He conferred also with members of Queen Margherita's household with reference to the attitude of the queen mother.

### Brooklyn Theater Burns.

New York, Nov. 12.—Less than an hour after a large audience had left the Park theater a Brooklyn play house, fire was discovered last night and an hour later the building was in ruins. One fireman was hurt, but not seriously. The loss will be about \$125,000, covered by insurance.

## FOR A LABOR PARTY.

### Compers is Behind It—Lewis May Try for Mitchell's Place.

Denver, Nov. 12.—The convention of the Federation of Labor was flooded with resolutions today by members realizing that it was the last day in which they could be submitted. Robbins, speaking for President Compers, today advised the formation of a definite political party. It was rumored today that President Lewis of the miners' union may attempt to get John Mitchell's place as second vice president of the federation.

### Four Children Burned to Death.

Alliance, Ohio, Nov. 12.—Four children, the youngest four, were burned to death at the home of J. M. Wagoner, a dairyman, here today. One child escaped badly burned. Wagoner endeavored to rescue the children and was himself badly burned.

### Gun Slays Two.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—Two men were accidentally today and a dozen overcame by one in a rooming house where a gas jet was left open.

## BOMB EXPLOSION WRECKS HOME.

### Italian Quarter of Philadelphia Sene at Black Hand Outrage.

Philadelphia, Nov. 12.—The burning home of Imballia Sene, in the Italian quarter of this city, was wrecked by a bomb placed on the front porch early this morning, supposed to be the work of the "Black Hand." Sene, a Greek laborer and his family of seven, occupied front rooms on the first floor of the house and Sene and three children were badly hurt. The front of the house was practically blown in. A few days ago Giuseppe Rocco, who lives near the Sene home, was warned in a "Black Hand" letter to place \$1,000 at a point indicated in the northern part of the city. An aunt, Ann Philip, had just come to his home from Italy, supposedly bringing a good sum of money. When the threatening letter was received she left and went to the boarding house, which was demolished this morning.

## FARMER'S LOSS BY FIRE IS \$6,000.

### Henry Wedekind Loses Everything but His House.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 12.—Special to The News: Henry Wedekind, living nine miles north of here in Madison county, suffered a severe fire loss Tuesday afternoon. Two barns, three tons of harness, lawn implements such as forks and tools, three calves, a number of young pigs, the windmill supply tank, hay, a spring wagon, a new spreader, about 500 bushels of wheat and more oats and a corn crib containing about 4,000 bushels of corn were lost.

Mr. Wedekind had only about two days of husking left. Everything on his place burned but the house and a corn crib containing about 2,000 bushels of corn. His loss was about \$6,000 with about \$1,000 insurance. He has already ordered lumber and next Monday carpenters will start to rebuild his farm premises. Mr. Wedekind is one of the most prosperous farmers in that part of the county. Mr. Wedekind and his sons were husking corn in a field two miles away when the fire occurred. Mrs. Wedekind had taken lunch to the working party leaving only two small boys and a grandfather and grandmother at home. "Grandpa" Wedekind discovered the fire in the hay when he went out to the barn with one of the boys to do a little work. The hay had burned so much that he was unable to put it out.

## WILL STOP IN WASHINGTON ON HIS WAY BACK FROM BROOKLYN.

Hut Springs, Va., Nov. 12.—President-elect William H. Taft left here today for Brooklyn, where he is to deliver the oration at the dedication of the prison ship martyrs' monument. Immediately after the ceremonies at the monument he will leave for Washington and will spend the night at the White House, having accepted an invitation to be the guest of President Roosevelt. It will be the first time the president and Mr. Taft will have seen each other since the election. The president's message to congress probably will be in shape for Mr. Taft's personal and Mr. Taft's cabinet probably will be discussed. On Sunday morning he will attend religious services with the president, returning here in the evening.

## CUBAN PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN CLOSES.

Havana, Nov. 12.—At the close of the presidential campaign, which ended with a great conservative demonstration in Havana, the Conservative and Liberal leaders expressed their selves with the utmost confidence as to the result. The election probably will be very close, but indications are rather favorable to the success of the

## TREASURER CHARGED WITH GAMBLING.

Clay Center, Neb., Nov. 12.—W. N. Ocker has been arrested on two charges of gambling. He is county treasurer and prominent in this part of the state. Ocker waived preliminary hearing which he appeared in the county court and was bound over under \$500, which was furnished. The case has created a sensation, owing to the defendant's position and standing in the community.

## WINTER CHAUTAUQUA AT GUIDE ROCK.

Guide Rock, Neb., Nov. 12.—A winter chautauqua will be an unique feature of the coming season in Guide Rock. It is an innovation in many respects. The entertainments continue

## 2 KILLED IN WABASH WRECK.

### Three Engines in Collision near Springfield.

### ENGINEERS JUMP TO SAFETY.

Wreck on Wabash Road Brings Death to Two Trainmen and a Fatal Injury to a Third—A Head-on Collision—The Dead.

Springfield, Nov. 12.—Two men were killed and one fatally hurt in a collision between a double-headed freight train and a switch engine heading the cars of coal on the Wabash here today.

As the three engines started to couple the engineers jumped and escaped.

The dead are: Fireman Snipe, Redman Wagon, The fatally injured, Fireman Williams.

## A HOME TALENT PLAY.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 12.—Special to The News: The Leo Dramatic club gave a play entitled "Jerry, the Outcast" at the Holy Family school hall Sunday evening, which was well attended. It is composed entirely of home talent. Harry Randall, taking the part of Jerry, received many favorable comments. They expect to go to Corning soon and play it for the benefit of the new church just erected there.

## SIX CHINESE FROM CANADA KILLED WHILE LANDING AT BUFFALO.

Buffalo, Nov. 12.—A motor boat containing ten Chinamen and three white men, was wrecked on the breakwater at the foot of Michigan street. Six of the Chinamen were drowned, being dashed to death against the rock-ribbed pier. The four survivors were rescued by the crew of a police boat. The three white men escaped and the federal authorities and naval detective force are scouring the city endeavoring to round up men suspected of being engaged in the smuggling of Chinamen into this country from Canada.

## GOMPERS TO FIGHT MEASURE.

### Says Bill to Amend Anti-Trust Law is Aimed at Labor.

Denver, Nov. 12.—At the twenty-eighth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, President Samuel Gompers, in thanking the speakers of the day, said that he had heard since coming to Denver that it was intended by the present session of congress to pass a bill amending the Sherman anti-trust law in a way detrimental to the labor movement. He said if such an attempt were made he would fight it in the halls of congress. At the request of Mr. Gompers, the secretary then read a letter from William J. Bryan, in which he thanked President Gompers and the other members of the federation for the support given him during the recent presidential campaign.

## ANARCHISTS ARRESTED AT OMAHA.

Omaha, Nov. 12.—Two arrests have been made as a result of the visit to this city of Emma Goldman, the uncrowned queen of anarchism. Herman Minkelsolvel, her secretary, and M. Haeckel, a "volunteer," were arrested for carrying a sign through the streets announcing in fiery letters that "Emma Goldman, Anarchist" would speak at Labor temple. Miss Goldman has been in the city several days spreading the anarchistic propaganda.

## BARREL OF BEER CAUSES GRIEF.

Tekamah, Neb., Nov. 12.—A half barrel of beer has brought down young Tekamahites to grief, and one of them has been assessed \$150 fine and costs. This town being "dry," Gustav Anderson, G. Workman and Charles Way were forced to have their refreshments shipped in from an outside town. They did not and the beer arrived on election day. In order to evade the law, the three youngsters took it to the rear of a voting booth where they were arrested. It being within 100 feet of the polls, Anderson was first fined and it cost him \$140, but the other two took an appeal.

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## THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER.

### Temperature for Twenty-four Hours. Forecast for Nebraska.

Condition of the weather as recorded for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m. today:

Maximum	31
Minimum	13
Average	22
Barometer	30.40

Chicago, Nov. 12.—This bulletin is issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows: Fair tonight and Saturday. Rising temperature Saturday.

## OIL CASE TO HIGHEST COURT.

### Supreme Bench Will Be Asked to Sustain \$29,240,000 Fine.

### CONFERENCE AT WASHINGTON.

Application Will Be Made for Writ of Certiorari to Bring Up and Review Action of Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Following the loss at the circuit court of appeals in Chicago in regarding the United States government a restraining order of the Standard Oil case, now valued by its \$29,240,000 fine, the department of justice officials decided to carry the case to the supreme court of the United States. The decision was reached after an all day conference between Attorney General Bonaparte and government attorneys who have been engaged in the case. An application will be made to the supreme court, which it is expected Monday, Nov. 16, for a writ of certiorari to bring up and review the action of the circuit court of appeals. The following statement was issued by the department immediately following the appointing of the final conference: "A prolonged conference was held at the department of justice with respect to the action of the circuit court of appeals in Chicago in refusing a restraining order of the Standard Oil case. At different times during the day Attorney General Bonaparte was in consultation with Solicitor General Hoyt, United States Attorney King of Chicago, and his assistant, J. H. Willson, and F. B. Kellogg, special counsel in the civil suits against the Standard Oil company. It was found that a considerable number of changes had been made in the opinion of the court of appeals originally rendered, and that Judge Baker of that court had filed a separate concurring opinion which differed materially in its reasoning from that of Judge Grosscup. After a careful consideration of all phases of the situation it was determined that an application should be made to the supreme court of the United States when it reconvenes Nov. 29 for a writ of certiorari to bring up and review the action of the circuit court of appeals. The necessary papers for this purpose will be prepared without delay."

## SPLIT IN THE TEMPERANCE RANKS.

### Anti-Saloon League to Ignore Prohibition Party in Future.

Des Moines, Nov. 12.—At a secret session of the central district convention of the American Anti-Saloon League it was decided to adopt a policy ignoring the Prohibition party entirely. Tricky on the part of the Prohibitionists during the recent campaign in Nebraska was openly charged. It was further declared that resignation with the party had resulted in failure and defeat for the Anti-Saloon League in every state where it had been attempted.

## REBEKKAH ELECT OFFICERS.

Beatrice, Neb., Nov. 12.—The sixteenth district convention of Rebekahs brought 100 delegates to Beatrice, where the convention was held. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Cassady of Beatrice; vice president, Belle Young of Beatrice; secretary, Mrs. Campbell of Beatrice; treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Gilmore of Beatrice.

## NORMAL WORK AT TABLE ROCK.

Table Rock, Neb., Nov. 12.—In the future the Table Rock school will be permitted to do normal training. The county board has just been notified by State Superintendent McBrien that the school has been selected for this work, its maintenance being tentative on its success in the normal work.

## WATERWAYS BONDS CARRIED.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—With official figures on its three counties missing, the returns of the secretary of state's office indicate that the proposition to issue \$26,000,000 in bonds for the construction of a deep waterway won by a majority of approximately 105,000 of the total vote cast.

## ROOT NOT A CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR.

Boston, Nov. 12.—In an interview published here, Secretary of State Elihu Root stated that he was not

## RAY LAMPHERE PLACED ON TRIAL.

### Introduction of Evidence Begins in Guinness Murder Case.

### CORONER IS FIRST WITNESS.

Jury is Secured and Prosecutor Smith Outlines Case Against Accused Man, Tells in Detail What the State Expects to Prove.

Lafayette, Ind., Nov. 12.—The introduction of evidence in the trial of Ray Lamphere, for the murder of Mrs. Belle Guinness and her three children by suffocating them to the house, began this morning a jury having been secured and State Attorney Smith having made his opening statement to the jury. Caspar Buel was the first witness called.

Prosecutor Smith's opening statement continued an hour and in it he went into great detail as to what he would prove. After reading the Indiana statute, which provides that where a person or



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persons lose their lives in a fire will fully started by another, even though he had not intended to cause the death of the person or persons, it becomes murder in the first degree and is punishable by life imprisonment. Prosecutor Smith stated: "All we are required to show is that the defendant set fire to the house and three occupants lost their lives by reason of this act."

Mr. Smith says the evidence will show that Lamphere made remarks to various persons indicating his hatred for Mrs. Guinness and his intention to do her harm, including statements that he knew how to get money from her. The fact that Mrs. Guinness left for Lamphere was touched on, and then the prosecutor took up the story of the night of the fire and what the state would prove. He said that by Lamphere's own statements it would be proven that he set the alarm clock at Mrs. Smith's house, when he spent the night, for 3 o'clock in the morning of April 23, and that fifteen minutes later he left there.

"We will also prove," continued the state's attorney, "by Lamphere's own statement that he took the road going by the Guinness house and that he was on the spot when the fire broke out, about 4 o'clock, and that he was the only person around at that time. We will prove that he was at the Lake Erie crossing at 4:50 a. m. This is a mile and a quarter away. We will show that instead of going on the highway, Lamphere jumped over fences and ran along through the woods to Julia Ross' place, where he was going to get a broad axe before continuing on the Warwick place, where he was employed."

"We will show by the evidence that when he was arrested at 7 o'clock at night that the first thing he said was 'Did those folks get out of the house?' So you see the foremost thing in his mind was the burning of the house."

State superintendents present asserted that the Prohibition party was their greatest foe in the fight to secure the election of men favorable to temperance legislation. The liquor interests took advantage of this fact, said the league officials, and used every means to further split the temperance ranks. National Superintendent Casper made an address, in which he pointed out the disadvantages of any cooperation with the Prohibitionists.

Victory, B. C., Nov. 12.—Further news was received by the Reading News regarding the recent and raiding treasury at Copper Island. According to later advices the Russian mobsters that six men of the raiding gang, known as the "Reds" and another three were drowned when attempting to escape.

No Rebating Oil Witness Avers. New York, Nov. 12.—That attorney of the practice of rebate giving and taking between the railroads and oil shippers has made the establishment and successful operation of independent refiners in the western oil fields practicable was the declaration of William Geiser, a Kansas oil producer, a witness in the hearing of the government's suit to dissolve the Stand-