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NEWS NOTES CONDENSED

A Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There

Foreign.

The strike movement in Paris is gaining strength and causing no end of trouble.

Special dispatches from Berlin state that the Lokai Anzeiger publishes the report that Count Forgach, the Austro-Hungarian minister to Serbia, has been assassinated.

The powers will again impress on Serbia the importance of coming to an amicable arrangement with Austria-Hungary and negotiations to this end are now going on. France, Great Britain and Russia have united in presenting a joint note to Serbia advising the Belgrade government to find a basis of negotiations with Austria-Hungary.

London importers of American meat have decided to test the legality of the regulations of the local government board, which gives the local health officers absolute authority to condemn meat which in their opinion is unfit for food.

General.

An 8-year-old school boy was kidnapped and held for ransom at Sharon, Pa.

Memorial exercises for Grover Cleveland were held at Carnegie hall, at which President Taft spoke.

Congressman Ollie James wants to know the position of President Taft on the income tax.

Party lines will be split when the tariff bill comes up in the house. Lieut. Semmes Reed, U. S. N., naval aide to President Taft, was probably fatally injured while riding with several other naval officers in Rock Creek park. His horse stumbled and fell upon him.

Chief Engineer Herschell Main of the navy, retired, died in Washington, aged 63 years.

Queen Helena of Italy is still suffering from the effects of her accident at Messina, during the days immediately following the earthquake.

FOREIGN

It is understood in diplomatic circles that the Serbian government is ready to accept the advice of the powers regarding the peaceful tone of its reply to the last Austrian note which is to be made shortly.

The naval scare in England has been revived by rumors that the British government is considering the purchase of three warships of the Dreadnought type now being built in England for Brazil. The government has the option of taking over these vessels.

The new American ambassador to Austria will be Richard C. Kerens of St. Louis.

The estate of the late Bishop Henry C. Potter of New York foots up \$381,563, according to the schedule filed.

Sammel J. Tilden's massive and handsomely carved bedstead brought only \$10.50 at a New York auction.

Pennsylvania's new senator, Mr. Oliver, was born in Ireland.

The senatorial deadlock in Illinois is still on.

Roosevelt will have no more public functions. He declines all invitations. Russia has decided to send a consul to Harbin, Manchuria.

Speaker Cannon rewarded the men who helped him out of a bad hole. The president sent a brief message to congress dealing with the tariff.

The war between Austria and Serbia amounts to a probability. The telegraph strike at Paris has assumed serious proportions.

The extraordinary session of the Porto Rican legislature came to an end without having accomplished the passage of the budget.

To call a man a liar in the state of Georgia is a breach of the peace and means a fight, declares the state court, of appeals in a decision handed down recently.

A bill to provide subventions for the ocean mail service will be introduced in the senate in the near future by Senator Gallinger.

The pope has sufficiently recovered from his recent indisposition to receive an American pilgrimage of thirty persons on their way to the holy land. Cannon of Illinois was re-elected speaker of the first congress.

Mrs. Earl Gore, wife of a station agent at Glencoe, Ill., was burned to death in vainly trying to save the life of her baby.

Mr. Roosevelt in his British East Africa trip will follow very closely in the footsteps of Sir William Winston Churchill whose trip in that land was ended by fever.

Ambassador O'Brien at Tokio will remain at that post. Former Secretary of Commerce and Labor Oscar Straus will be appointed to some other embassy.

Cuban self-government, for a month at least, has been successful. One of the most important features of the Payne tariff bill is the numerous changes in phraseology of the present law which it contains.

The country's safety requires the vast naval expenditures, was the declaration in British commons.

Charles L. Burpee of Denver, a prominent banker and former acting mayor of Denver, dropped dead at the home of his sister in Rockford, Ill.

Prediction is made that Ex-President Roosevelt will not survive the malarial climate of Africa.

Never has a more brilliant official function been held at the White House than the diplomatic reception, the first given there since President and Mrs. Taft have occupied the executive mansion.

The democrats in the house will oppose the establishment of a duty on coffee.

The control of the Japanese army has been transferred from the general staff to the war office.

"Mexico will intervene in the affairs of Central America if such action becomes necessary to preserve the peace of that nation.

Andrew Carnegie was a caller at the White House, coming, he said, to pay his respects to President Taft.

President Taft said his would be an optimistic administration to an optimistic country full of hope, cheerfulness and confidence.

The Nevada senate killed the deposit guaranty clause of the banking bill. Every republican voted against the bill, as did three democrats.

The two houses of the Pennsylvania legislature in joint session formally declared George Tener Oliver of Pittsburgh elected to the United States senate to fill the unexpired term of Philander C. Knox.

Washington.

The department of agriculture has sent out notice of judgment for misbranding canned corn under the pure food law. The corn in question was shipped from the Audubon Canning company, Audubon, Ia., and was sent to a company at Ogden, Utah. It was found by the department that the cans were short of weight, the cans being branded as holding two pounds, whereas they contained less than two pounds.

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh expressed his satisfaction with the general features of the new tariff bill. He said: "Reserving the expression of an opinion as to the particular rates adopted by the ways and means committee, it is a pleasure to note, the manner in which the committee has responded to the general expectations of the people as to a genuine revision of the tariff and the way in which they have undertaken to fulfill the pledge and promises of the republican party."

The Iowa delegation promises to be in the thick of the fight against free hides, as every member of the delegation is expected to oppose free hides as provided for in the tariff bill. Chief fights over the bill promise to center around free hides, maximum and minimum features of measure, lumber, coal and steel.

What congress will do with "Chairman Payne's tariff bill presented yesterday is topic of absorbing interest in the national capital.

According to official announcement the six hundred foot tower which the government proposes to erect for wireless telegraph purposes may be located at Annapolis, Md.

Chairman Payne of ways and means committee submits tariff bill to congress—generally sweeping reductions yet expected to produce \$350,000,000 revenue.

Taft's tariff message was conspicuous for its brevity, the attention of congress being called to his inaugural as to his desires.

The treasury department sent out an advertisement for bids to be opened April 1 for the construction of the public building at Kearney, Neb.

The comptroller of the currency has approved the application of the Grand Island Banking company at Grand Island, Neb., to transfer into the Grand Island National bank, with a capital of \$100,000.

There is authority for the statement that there will be no more changes in the war department as a consequence of the advent of the new administration. General Oliver, as the assistant secretary of war, who was appointed to that position by President Roosevelt in 1903, will remain as chief civilian assistant to Secretary Dickinson and will continue to have charge of affairs relating to the enlisted branch of the army, as well as the affairs of the organized militia.

Personal.

Dr. A. D. Foster, surgeon in charge of the American marine hospital at Amoy, China, reports sporadic cases of bubonic plague in Amoy.

Captain Peter C. Haines, Jr., U. S. A., will be put on trial April 19 at the court in Flushing, N. Y., on the charge of murdering William E. Annis at the Bayside Yacht club in August of last year.

Charles Morton, the missing baseball manager, has been found at Chicago. Assistant Secretary Coolidge says there is marked improvement in the condition of the treasury.

The Wisconsin assembly passed a bill to detach territory from the town of Roosevelt, Taylor county, and create the town of Taft.

Johnson, the colored puglist, says he will fight Jeffries if challenged.

Ex-President Roosevelt is getting all things ready for his start for South Africa.

Edward Payson Weston has started on his walk from New York to San Francisco.

It has just been discovered that Dr. Lee De Forest, the inventor of the radio wireless telephone, was born in Waterloo, Iowa.

Queen Victoria's private journal fills 100 closely written books.

Ex-Senator Foraker says he is going to retire from political life.

Prof. Goethals, who was appointed head of the American School of Oriental Research, will start for Palestine next month.

Edmund N. Morrell, former governor of Kansas, died recently in Texas.

Senator Bailey is again on the warpath against newspaper men who re-

IS READY TO START

ROOSEVELT INSPECTS HIS DUNNAGE FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

GOES TO STEAMER TUESDAY

Members of His Family Gather at Sagamore Hill for Final Reunion.

Oyster Bay, N. Y.—Happy in the prospect of his departure Tuesday morning for his long-planned African "safari," or hunting trip, ex-President Roosevelt was the soul of good humor Sunday at his home at Sagamore Hill, where the members of his family gathered for a final reunion before the long journey to the jungle. The ex-president was in high spirits and took a delight in looking after his personal belongings. W. Emlin Roosevelt and his family, cousins of the ex-president, called in the afternoon. Ex-Secretary of the Interior Garfield visited Mr. Roosevelt and extended his wishes for a safe journey.

Mr. Roosevelt was up with the sun, as he said, to make the most of the first day of spring. Nearing church time, the start was made on foot for Christ church, three miles away. Mr. Roosevelt walked with his wife and cousin, while Archie and Ethel proceeded on foot ahead. Rev. Henry Washburn, rector of the church, incorporated a special prayer for Mr. Roosevelt's safe return in the regular prayer.

Several of the congregation pressed about Mr. Roosevelt at the close of the church service and wished him a fine journey and good luck.

Mr. Roosevelt and his wife made the long trip back to Sagamore Hill on foot and seemed not to mind the clouds of dust raised by passing vehicles; rather, Mr. Roosevelt took it as an experience that might likely be met on the dry veldt outside of Nairobi, where he will make his headquarters in British East Africa.

After luncheon Mr. Roosevelt, with two officials of the steamship company, made a careful inspection of all the baggage in order to see that everything was right and tight for the four-weeks trip to Mombassa. The baggage was checked for Naples and will be taken to the steamer at Hoboken.

"I am going to New York in the morning," said Mr. Roosevelt, "and will go to the steamer to inspect my quarters and see that my personal baggage is safely cared for. I shall take with me my wearing apparel, rifles, ammunition, one tent from here, books and some scientific instruments."

New York.—Immediately upon the arrival of the steamer Hamburg at its pier, a score of carpenters and decorators were set to work remodeling the suit of staterooms which Mr. Roosevelt is to occupy. The original imperial suite consisted of only three rooms. The alterations will make the suite one of five rooms.

Under the supervision of an expert decorator, brought over from Germany, the entire suite will be rearranged. The first room will be a drawing room immediately off which will be Mr. Roosevelt's bedroom. Connecting with this will be a dressing room, after which will come Kermit Roosevelt's room, and last of all the bathroom.

Man Who Operated Siberian Railway During the War Dies.

St. Petersburg.—Prince Michael Hilko, a member of the council of the empire and formerly minister of communication, died suddenly. He was present at the inaugural meeting of the Russo-British Chamber of Commerce when he fainted. The prince was removed to his residence, but did not regain consciousness.

Modjeska Is No Better.

Los Angeles.—The condition of Mme. Modjeska, who is lying very low at her country home near Santa Anita, remains practically unchanged. It is not thought she can live.

THE COOPERS FOUND GUILTY.

Jury Fixes Penalty at Twenty Years in Penitentiary.

Nashville, Tenn.—After filing a bond totaling nearly \$1,500,000, Colonel D. B. Cooper and Robin J. Cooper, convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary for the killing of former United States Senator Carmack, retired to the home of Judge J. C. Bradford and discussed the next move in the case. Although Judge Hart fixed the bond at \$25,000 for each defendant, there was a rush to sign it on the part of the wealthy citizens of Nashville, which fairly swamped the clerk in the criminal court. If a new trial is granted it will probably not take place before next winter.

Debate Over Tariff.

Washington.—The house of representatives will this week begin the serious consideration of the business for which the extra session of congress was called, the revision of the tariff. The Payne bill, which has only been read in the house, will on Monday be laid before that body for discussion, and Chairman Payne of the committee on ways and means will make the first argument in support of it. This will be the beginning of the general debate on the bill, and it is expected to proceed several days.

THE DOCTOR.



BANK ROBBERS FIGHT CITIZENS

BOLD BANDITS IN RAID AT BALD KNOB, ARK.

Part of Band Shoot Up Town While Cracksmen Make Vain Attempt.

Bald Knob, Ark.—While some of their number rode about the streets discharging their weapons and holding the populace in terror, others of a band of robbers worked for more than an hour Friday in an unsuccessful effort to dynamite their way into the vaults of the Bank of Bald Knob.

The first explosion was heard shortly before three o'clock. As citizens emerged from their houses they were greeted by the bullets of the outposts and quickly ran to shelter while the robbers held undisputed sway, keeping up an almost continuous fire and taking chance shots at any who came within range. In the meanwhile those at work in the bank building continued to explode dynamite but, as it proved, with little success other than to partially wreck the building as well as an adjoining structure.

Before beginning operations the robbers destroyed telephone communication of Bald Knob but overlooked a railroad telegraph wire. A message to Augusta over this wire brought a posse of citizens from that place who joined several other posses hastily formed here and immediately started in pursuit of the band.

Investigation showed that although the outer doors of the bank vault were blown away, the inner doors were not opened and the bank officials state the robbers did not secure any money. Both bank buildings were dynamited.

VEGETABLES A LIQUOR CURE.

Meat Causes Appetite for Rum Declares Washington Doctor.

Washington.—"If you have a strong appetite for king alcohol and tobacco and want to be cured of the habit, just eat a vegetable diet for six months."

This was the advice given by Dr. D. H. Kress of this city in an address entitled "Dyspepsia and Its Relation to Intemperance" before the American Society for the Study of Alcohol and Other Drug Narcotics. He discussed the evil effects of an excessive diet and declared that over-eating leads to drunkenness. "If you would not become a drunkard," said Dr. Kress, "then quit eating meat."

Other speakers were: W. P. Sprattling of Baltimore on "Alcohol as a Cause of Epilepsy," and G. O. Webster of Chicago on "Alcohol and Public Health."

Insurance President Coured.

Albany, N. Y.—The court of appeals Tuesday decided in effect that John R. Hegeman, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, must stand trial on the charge of perjury in connection with alleged misstatements made in his annual report of the Metropolitan Life, filed with the state superintendent of insurance on January 1, 1903.

Change Yale Commencement Date.

New Haven, Conn.—A change in the date of the Yale commencement day was the most important business transacted at the meeting of the Yale corporation, which was attended by President Taft, a member of the corporation. Commencement, which is held on the last Wednesday of June, has been changed to come on the next to the last Wednesday of that month.

Climax to Insurance Scandals.

New York.—What is probably a final echo of the insurance scandal of three years ago was heard Thursday when District Attorney Jerome appeared before Justice Blanchard in the criminal branch of the supreme court and requested that indictments for forgery against George W. Perkins of the New York Life Insurance Company; Charles S. Fairchild, a director of the New York Life, and Robert A. Grannis, vice-president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, be dismissed. Justice Blanchard reserved decision.

Pays \$2,750 for Killing Man.

Birmingham, Ala.—A consent verdict for \$2,750 against Gov. Comer of Alabama for the killing of J. D. Biles by the governor's automobile was awarded. The governor's chauffeur was en route to the depot to meet the governor when the accident happened.

Papke Whipped by Flynn.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Jim Flynn was given the decision over Bill Panke at the end of a ten-round fight Friday night.

ROOSEVELT LAUGHS AT DANGER.

Says He Will Come Out of Africa's Jungles Alive.

Oyster Bay, N. Y.—Former President Roosevelt, in a speech to the "Roosevelt Neighbors of Nassau County, N. Y.," Thursday assured them that he intends to disprove the gloomy forebodings of Prof. Starr, who declared that Mr. Roosevelt will not come out of Africa alive if he follows the itinerary he has mapped out.

He promised those present, if he proved he is right, that in a year and a quarter they would celebrate together. From this remark it appears that Mr. Roosevelt will be absent from the United States no longer than 15 months.

Wearing silk hat and dark rain-coats, with a red carnation in the buttonhole, and carrying umbrellas rolled tightly, the delegation arrived on a special train from Mineola and other towns near by.

Mr. Roosevelt declared he was deeply touched by their kind and thoughtful courtesy.

"I am now back with my friends and neighbors of Nassau county," he said, "and I feel deeply the way everybody has greeted me. It is with the deepest pride that I feel you regard me as having not entirely unworthily represented you at the White House. There is nothing very much out of the ordinary in being a decent public servant. There are certain rather commonplace qualities which all insist upon in any man who takes public office, and these he must have in a somewhat unusual degree."

LOUISVILLE STATION BURNS.

Fire Causes Loss of \$400,000 to the Railroad.

Louisville, Ky.—By the destruction Thursday night at a loss of \$400,000 of the Union depot, the local terror for five of the country's chief railroads, Louisville will probably benefit by a new Union station. This was decided by the Commercial club, half an hour after the building at Seventh street and the Ohio river was a mass of smoking embers and debris.

Crossed wires in the attic of the big structure which was erected by the Illinois Central in 1890 are charged with the responsibility for the blaze. Chief Clerk W. G. Roach to Superintendent Egan of the Illinois Central fell through a skylight in an effort to escape and was badly injured. All other occupants escaped unhurt.

GOETHALS DEFENDS THE CANAL.

Chief Engineer Answers Criticisms of Panama Work.

Washington.—A strong defense of the present plan of building a lock canal at Panama, not only because it is deemed more desirable than a canal built on sea level, but because of the saving in time and money, is contained in a special report of Lieut. Col. George W. Goethals, chairman and chief engineer of the Isthmian canal commission, just made public.

The report, which is an exhaustive one, deals with every phase of the canal's construction, and in it Col. Goethals handles without gloves those critics who he says are predicting nothing but disaster and failure to the enterprise.

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Angry Women Invade Iowa Senate.

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Speeches were made violently denouncing recent unfavorable action by the senate. Rev. D. Everett Smith of Indianapolis led the demonstration. The committee announced it will grant a hearing to the liquor interests next Tuesday.

Would Tax Deadly Weapons.

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REBELLION CRUSHED

CUBAN OFFICIALS SAY SURRENDER IS OFFERED.

ONE OF LEADERS SLAIN

Government Statement Asserts the Revolutionists Are Willing to Give Up If Their Lives Are Saved.

Havana.—The revolution which began in Santa Clara province Monday bids fair to be stamped out by the government at once. While official reports say the rebellion is incipient others take it more seriously.

After withholding news of the trouble, the palace officials have announced that the father of two of the members of the band headed by Sergt. Cortes of the rural guard had visited Gen. Montegudo, chief of the guard at Camajani, and told him that the insurgents implored the clemency of the government and were anxious to surrender on the promise that their lives would be spared.

Gen. Montegudo, accompanied by a strong escort, thereupon started for the insurgent camp. The general expected to receive their surrender Thursday.

The insurgents are now completely surrounded by a cordon of more than one thousand rurales, drawn from the garrisons in various parts of the island, including Havana, but owing to the rugged character of the country it will be extremely difficult for the troops to come to close quarters with the rebels.

While the government still insists that the band consists of only eight men, it is alleged that the movement is far-reaching and includes quite a large number of those who have become discontented with the way affairs have been conducted.

Lavastida, a former captain of the rurales guards, was shot and killed by the detachment of the guard sent out to arrest him. It is alleged that he resisted. Lavastida was reported off place as having been arrested at Placetas on the charge of complicity in the insurrectionary movement. It is rumored that the uprising is more serious than the authorities are willing to admit.

Secretary of Government Alberdi and Gen. Machado went to the palace at nine o'clock yesterday to confer with President Gomez. Later a cabinet meeting was called, and it was intimated that an official statement would be given out soon. President Gomez is in receipt of many telegrams from officials, veteran organizations and private citizens pledging loyalty and active support in the maintenance of the republic.

Reports received here from various parts of the island show an extraordinary concentration of the rurales guards in the directions of Vuelitas, Camaguey and Placetas, apparently far in excess of the requirements to pursue and capture the eight men who started the movement and who are still at large.

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KIDNAP MILLIONAIRE'S NEPHEW

RANSOM OF \$10,000 DEMANDED FOR RETURN OF BOY.

"Dead Boys Not Desirable," Says Note Instructing Mother to Advertise in Papers.

Sharon, Pa.—Kidnapers of William Whittle, the eight-year-old son of James H. Whittle, an attorney, who was taken from school Thursday morning have demanded \$10,000 ransom for returning the boy to his parents. Detectives in all parts of the country are searching for the victim of the bold plot.

Accompanying the demand for ransom is a covert threat that the boy will be killed unless the money is produced.

At one o'clock a letter directed to the mother was delivered at the house by a mail carrier. Mrs. Whittle at once recognized the handwriting on the envelope as that of her son. Opening it, she found the following communication written in a strange hand:

"We have your boy and will return him for \$10,000. Will see your advertisement in the papers. Insert in Indianapolis News, Cleveland Press, Pittsburgh Dispatch, Youngstown Vindicator, A. A.—Will do as requested. J. P. W. Dead boys are not desirable."

The penmanship and spelling of the note indicated it had been written by a man of fair education. Mr. Whittle decided to comply with the conditions of the letter and sent for publication to each of the newspapers specified the note it directed him to insert.

Hundreds of telegrams and telephone messages have been sent to the police of various cities, asking their assistance in the search for the boy and his abductors. The first fruit of these came when Chief of Police Crain of this city received word that the rig in which the lad was taken away had been recovered at Warren, O.

Attorney and Mrs. Whittle are among the town's leading residents. The former is a brother-in-law of Frank H. Buhl, the multi-millionaire steel man.

Chicago.—If Willie Whittle, the eight-year-old boy who was kidnaped from school at Sharon, Pa., Thursday is not found soon, Pat Crowe, the man who stole Edward Cudaby, son of the millionaire Omaha packer, may join the search for the abductors. Crowe's wife has urged him to do so.

Agents of the boy's parents were communicated with by Mrs. Crowe in the belief that her husband can give material aid in running down the criminals and restoring the child.

When Mrs. Crowe read of the Pennsylvania kidnaping she believed she saw there an opportunity for her husband to act.