

Condensed News of the Week

Owing to the thorough measures adopted by the Russian government, the threatened massacre of the Jews in the Kishineff district recently was prevented. Later reports, however, are to the effect that threats of violence are frequent and it is believed that the riotous element of the population have agreed on Easter as an occasion for further massacres of the Jews. Many of the Jews in the province are making preparations to emigrate to the United States, and those who cannot do that, but must remain, declare that they will defend themselves, regardless of results.

It was announced from Frankfort, Ky., on January 16 that the house committee on suffrage and elections has decided to report favorably the Hefin suffrage bill. This measure in effect disfranchises on the ground of illiteracy.

The famous boodle trials at Grand Rapids, Mich., are in progress and much interest is manifested in the proceedings. No less than five former aldermen of the city have admitted that they were paid various sums as bribes in connection with the water franchise for the city.

James L. Blair of St. Louis and former counsel for the St. Louis exposition, died at Eustis, Fla., on January 16. Mr. Blair was born at St. Louis on April 2, 1854, and was the third son of the famous General Francis Preston Blair. Last fall Mr. Blair became known throughout the country because of his connection with certain alleged fraudulent transactions in conducting the affairs of an estate of which he was a trustee, and it is believed that the strain upon him at that time did much to hasten his death.

A fire originating in the rooms of the Daily News, a newspaper at Wheeling, W. Va., on January 17, entailed the loss of an entire block in the business portion of the city with damage and loss aggregating \$200,000.

Orders were recently sent by the Turkish government to the governor of Beirut, Syria, to pay the arrears due the troops in that district, the non-payment of which has kept the troops in a mutinous condition for some time. The mutineers numbered about 1,300 men, and there was about \$80,000 in arrears of their pay.

The republican editors of Missouri, in convention assembled at St. Louis on January 16, adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That the president of this association be instructed to telegraph President Roosevelt its congratulations upon his patriotic, consistent attitude with regard to the recognition of the republic of Panama and to inform him that the republican press of Missouri is a unit for his renomination at Chicago next June."

Dr. F. Pollack Hyatt, who was consul at Santiago de Cuba five years prior to the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, died at his home in Jersey Shore, Pa., on January 17 at the age of 68 years. Dr. Hyatt served during the civil war as surgeon in Washington and in 1877 was sent to Florida as the personal representative of Samuel J. Tilden to count the vote in that state. President Cleveland appointed Mr. Hyatt consul at Santiago, President McKinley retaining him in this position until the outbreak of the Spanish-American war in 1898.

The socialist party has decided to hold its national convention on May 1 at Chicago, Ill.

According to a special cablegram to the Omaha World-Herald dated Berlin, January 17, it seems that the German government has joined with France and England in sending a note to the government at Washington asking that the United States agree to adopt the international laws for the prevention of epidemical diseases, which international laws were recently adopted at a sanitary conference at Paris, where the United States and Turkey were the only countries not represented.

According to a cablegram from London, under date of January 17, Hon. Sir Henry Keppel, admiral of the fleet, is dead. He was born in 1809.

Some attention is being directed to the efforts of Jacques Lebaudy, a Frenchman, to organize a military company for his so-called "Empire of Sahara," in Africa. He proposed to draw the of-

icers and non-commissioned officers for two battalions from Great Britain and the United States, and it is stated that he will submit to President Roosevelt an invitation to name any officers of his former Rough Riders for commissions.

Eighty-eight democratic members of the Maryland general assembly met in caucus at Annapolis on January 18 for the purpose of nominating a candidate for United States senator to succeed Senator McComas. They reached no conclusion in the first meeting and there seems to be some division as to the candidate to be selected.

George B. Cox of Cincinnati announced on January 18 that he was a candidate for delegate at large to the republican national convention, and this announcement was received with much interest, as it is regarded as completing what is known in Ohio as the "Hanna" slate. The other three candidates for delegates who are known to be friendly to Mr. Hanna are said to be Governor Herrick, former Governor Nash and Congressman Dick. It is understood that Senator Foraker will name four others for delegates in opposition to the Hanna men, and that what is known as the "administration" slate will be headed by Senator Foraker.

The fifteenth annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America opened in Indianapolis, Ind., on January 18, with about 1,000 delegates present. Canada was also represented in the convention. The meetings continued for ten days and many matters interesting to the labor interests of the country were discussed. President John Mitchell delivered a speech reviewing the work done during the year.

Disturbances are reported from Southwest Africa among the Herreros, who are said to be murdering settlers and burning homesteads over wide areas. The German colonial troops in the disturbed districts are insufficient to deal with the revolters and the reichstag will be immediately asked to authorize the sending of reinforcements.

There seems to be a better condition in Manchuria and other disputed territory between Russia and Japan. It was made known on January 20 that Russia is now considering the evacuation of Manchuria and the arranging of a modus vivendi with Japan. Some authorities are of the opinion that the action of the United States in making a treaty with China without Russia's consent, is construed by Russians as an unfriendly act, and the completion of that treaty upset some of Russia's plans in the east. It is regarded as almost certain, however, that Russia will make concessions to Japan, and war may be averted, after all.

The constitutional convention of Panama met on January 19. The Panama minister of war reported to the convention that the republic is ready to fight to maintain its independence, and gave in detail the preparations made in case of invasion of Panama by Colombia.

Senators McLaurin and Money of Mississippi were elected on January 19 by both houses of the legislature to succeed themselves in the United States senate.

A dispatch from Detroit, Mich., dated January 19, says: The Detroit board of commerce tonight adopted resolutions, declaring that "the joint high commission should be reconvened for the purpose of negotiating a new reciprocity treaty with Canada and the approach to its deliberations on the part of representatives of the United States should be in such a spirit of liberality and concession as may lead to agreements satisfactory and beneficial to the United States." Resolutions were also adopted indorsing the action of the United States government toward Panama.

Judge William L. Penfield, the solicitor of the state department at Washington, has formally announced himself a candidate for the Indiana republican gubernatorial nomination.

On January 19 the supreme court of Delaware decided two cases involving J. Edward Addicks, and Mr. Addicks must show the books of the company of which he is president. The second case decided that the company headed by Mr. Addicks need not file with the state secretary a certificate of the condition of the company on

the ground that it was chartered by a special law prior to the enactment of the present general corporation laws of the state, which laws require statements to be filed.

According to reports from European sources, King Peter of Serbia is prepared to voluntarily renounce the throne and allow the powers to nominate his successor. It is said that King Peter's successor will only be permitted to ascend the throne on the condition that he agrees to punish the leaders of the conspiracy which resulted in the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga.

On January 19 President Palma of Cuba ordered the congress of the island to adjourn, and the session came to an end. This action was taken by President Palma on account of the inability of the houses to arrive at a decision as to the date of adjournment.

As a result of the bursting of a reservoir at Bloemfontein, South Africa, on January 17, sixty persons were drowned and 176 houses and three hotels were destroyed.

As a result of investigations of charges of fraud at the recent elections held in Colorado, eleven judges of election have been arrested, charged with "wilfully, corruptly and negligently violating the election laws."

The republican state convention, to elect four delegates at large to the national convention to be held in Chicago, June 21, is to meet in Lincoln, Neb., on May 18, according to the decision of the committee. At the meeting of the committee at Lincoln on January 20, President Roosevelt was indorsed for president and John L. Webster of Omaha for vice president.

A boiler explosion in a mill of the Cambria Steel company at Johnstown, Pa., on January 21, brought down the whole section of roof and caused the death of at least fourteen men. Many others were injured.

The heavy snowfall throughout many sections of the eastern part of the country on January 20 caused the blockading of trains on several roads. In some places in New York state trains were delayed several hours by the heavy snowfall, which is declared to be the worst for many years.

The attempt to organize all the great German steel companies into a syndicate has resulted in a failure. The conference held for the purpose of effecting a combination succeeded in splitting the steel industry into two groups, each of which will compete with the other.

About 800 hack and carriage drivers of St. Louis went on a strike on January 20 to enforce their demands for \$12.50 a week, a twelve hour day, 25 cents an hour for overtime and recognition of the union. Contrary to the practice at Chicago, however, when that city was afflicted with a like strike, it is announced that there will be no interference at funerals.

On January 20 the house of representatives in the Kentucky legislature passed a bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for a new state capitol building.

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