

Condensed News of the Week

The customs department has located more than \$50,000 worth of diamonds and jewels owned by Mrs. Chadwick, upon which no duty was paid when they were brought to this country from Europe. Most of the jewels are being held by residents of Cleveland, Ohio, as security for loans made to Mrs. Chadwick.

Alva Adams was inaugurated governor of Colorado January 10, at noon. Governor Adams walked arm in arm with Governor Peabody into the house of representatives where the inauguration took place. Governor Peabody will contest the right of Mr. Adams to the governor's seat. His notice of contest was filed Jan. 13.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Manila, Jan. 10, says: "In an engagement, which took place on January 8, with refractory Moros on the island of Jolo, Lieutenant James J. Jewell and one private of the Fourteenth United States cavalry were killed and Second Lieutenant Roy W. Ashbrook of the Seventeenth United States infantry, Captain Halstead Dorey of the Fourth United States infantry, Second Lieutenant R. C. Richardson of the Fourteenth United States cavalry and three privates were wounded."

A distressing accident occurred Christmas day out on the sea. The *Marpesia*, a Norwegian ship, carrying a cargo of naphtha, was destroyed and only seven of her crew were saved. These men had to jump when the explosion occurred and were rescued by the Danish steamer *Gallia*, which happened to be passing near by. The Associated Press describing the accident, says: "Gas from the fluid accumulated steadily and by Christmas the *Marpesia* was a loaded bomb, needing only the slightest spark to blow the whole structure to atoms. How the spark reached the highly charged hold never will be known, but suddenly there came a terrific report, the forward deck shot up into the air with a crash and a roar, and in a moment the entire ship was wrapped in flames."

On account of stories that have been circulated about illness and death, due to "snakes in cabbage," the Illinois board of health has issued a statement, in which it says: "The state board of health has rigidly investigated, through its inspectors, every report of sickness or death attributed to eating cabbage, and in each case failed to find the slightest ground for the alarming stories circulated over the country."

The Arkansas senate has adopted a concurrent resolution extending to the people of the Cherokee and Choctaw nations in Indian Territory an invitation to take such action as shall enable that portion of Indian Territory which they occupy to become part of the state of Arkansas.

Following the recent letter of President Roosevelt, urging strict enforcement of the law against the emitting of dense smoke from chimneys in the District of Columbia, the police court in Washington imposed fines aggregating \$480 in nineteen cases against Lidley S. Sinclair, general superintendent of the Potomac Electric Power company. Fines were also imposed in several other cases.

An official report says that altogether twenty persons were killed during the labor disturbances in the oil regions in Russia, and that forty-four oil towers were burned.

The state department at Washington has informed the Chinese government through Minister Cheng Liang Cheng that it regards the Hankow-Canton railway as an American corporation, pure and simple, and as such, entitled to the protection of the government; also that it would not look with favor upon the proposed cancellation of the railroad's franchise by the Chinese government.

M. Paul Doumer, former governor general of French Indo-China, was elected president of the chamber of deputies of France by 265 votes, against 240 votes cast for M. Henry Brisson, former president of the chamber. M. Doumer is an opponent of Premier Combes.

A meeting to indorse and further the movement for general arbitration treaties was held at the Chamber of Commerce in Boston, under the auspices of a committee on international arbitration, appointed at a mass meeting of citizens held there about a year ago.

Finance Minister van Rheinbaden, in introducing the budget in the Prussian diet, referred

to German-American trade relations. He said it was wholly erroneous that Germany could gain anything through a decline in the economic prosperity of the United States.

An agreement to burn their share of surplus cotton was reached at a mass meeting of the farmers at Brazos, Tex.,

Dorothy Deneen, the 10-year-old daughter of Governor Deneen of Illinois, was successfully operated upon for appendicitis at Chicago.

A government inquiry may be the result of the amazing state of affairs existing in connection with the "Standard Oil Bank," otherwise the National City bank of New York, and the "wash sales" made by Munroe & Munroe of Montreal, of Boston copper stock. It is said that these "wash sales" confirm the charges of Thomas W. Lawson in his "Frenzied Finance" articles.

In a rear end collision near Riverside Junction, N. Y., four persons were injured. By a miraculous accident the passenger locomotive was derailed and overturned. This diverted the course of the onrushing coaches and averted great loss of life, as the trains were under full headway.

The condition of Bishop Spalding, who was stricken with paralysis January 6, is said to be encouraging. He has regained partial use of his left arm and can speak more freely. His brother, Dr. Spalding, is attending the bishop, and is assisted by another physician.

While fighting fire in a barn at Ashland, Wis., four firemen were badly injured by the explosion of dynamite which had been stored there. The barn was blown to fragments and nearly every window in the vicinity was broken.

While playing in the first act of "Carmen," fifteen members of the chorus of the Metropolitan Grand Opera company of New York, were injured by the collapse of a bridge used as a part of the scenery on the stage.

Ex-Governor Lowndes of Maryland, died suddenly at his home in Cumberland, Md., Jan. 8, of heart failure. Mr. Lowndes was preparing for church and seemed in the very best of health when he suddenly fell unconscious to the floor, dying in a short time. President Roosevelt was among the number who sent telegrams of condolence to the family.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Ottawa, Ontario, Jan. 8, says: "An attempt is about to be made to drive all United States currency out of Canada. To attain this end it is proposed to introduce legislation at the coming session of the dominion parliament, either as a government measure or a private bill. Mr. Robert Bickerdike, member of parliament, of Montreal, as a prominent representative of the business and banking interests in parliament, proposes to make the circulation of American silver money in Canada a criminal offense. He will introduce a tentative measure in the form of an amendment to the Canadian criminal code providing that any one uttering or offering in payment any copper or silver coin other than Canadian shall become liable to the penalty of double the nominal value thereof.

Nine Italians, believed to be the leaders of the Mafia, or "Black Hand" society, were captured by the Jersey City police officers Jan. 8. These men were captured upon information given to the police by a man whom they had invited to become a member of the society.

J. W. Lieb, Jr., president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, has been honored by King Victor Emmanuel with the decoration of knight commander of the crown of Italy.

Nearly 2,000 persons attended the memorial exercises in honor of the late Samuel M. Jones, known as "Golden Rule" Jones, given at Cooper Union, New York.

R. B. Vinson was dragged to death by his team at Rapid City, South Dakota. He is supposed to be the son of a wealthy Baltimore man.

It has been reported that Sviatopolk-Mirsky, successor of Minister of the Interior Von Plehve of Russia, is about to resign. The reason given is that the minister was greatly disappointed at

the failure to bring about certain reforms which he had earnestly worked for. The man who will take his place, should he resign, is M. Witte, who is said to be the Bismarck of Russia, although he is hated and feared at court. Even the czar seems to shrink from the influence of this man and has been reluctant to accept the resignation of Sviatopolk-Mirsky.

An Associated Press dispatch dated London, Jan. 11, says: "The Morning Leader's Copenhagen correspondent reports the discovery at Lund, Sweden, of a book containing the text of Shakespeare's 'Titus Andronicus,' printed in London in 1594. The oldest edition hitherto known is the 1600 quarto."

The St. Louis Plate Glass company's plant was destroyed by fire Jan. 11, causing a loss of a quarter of a million dollars. About 500 employees will be out of employment until the plant is rebuilt.

The board of directors of the St. Louis Exposition held their monthly meeting Jan. 10. A report was read showing that the company now has a surplus of \$998,000 and that \$350,000 is due from wrecking companies for fair buildings. Post exposition expenses will be paid from the aggregate of this amount, leaving a small surplus which will be divided among the stockholders.

One of the largest buildings of the Farr and Halley oil cloth company of Camden, N. J., was destroyed by fire Jan. 11. Loss \$175,000.00.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Chicago, Jan. 11, says: "President E. P. Ripley of the Santa Fe Railway company, has withdrawn his request for a rehearing before the interstate commerce commission in the Colorado Fuel and Iron company rebate case. His reasons for this action are given by him in the following telegram sent to the chairman of the commission: 'Since requesting a rehearing in the matter of the investigation of New Mexico coal rates, I have been furnished with notes of evidence already taken and find that there is no testimony to support the criticism of the press that have concerned me personally the most, and that while there may have been technical violations of the law, yet inasmuch as I know them to have been unintentional and that they resulted in injury to no shipper and in view of the fact that the entire matter is the subject of a pending civil action which will be heard before a federal court, I beg to withdraw such request.'

While talking over a telephone George Betz was instantly killed and two other men were burned and shocked seriously at St. Louis, by the crossing of an electric light and a telephone wire.

Having been frightened by an unusually long line of depositors who were anxious to deposit their money in the State Bank at New York, several hundred ignorant Hebrews of the east side of the city made a rush upon that institution Jan. 11, to withdraw their savings. Scores of policemen were on duty to prevent panic. Truckload after truckload of silver and gold was drawn to the bank to meet their demands.

In an unusually heavy fog near Raton, New Mexico, two trains came together with a crash and several passengers are believed to have been killed.

K. H. Sarazohn, the founder of the first Jewish newspaper in the United States died at his home in New York, Jan. 12, aged 70 years.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 11, says: "Judge Ryan, in the St. Louis circuit court today, ordered that the \$60,000 fund alleged to have been used in connection with the suburban railroad boodle deal, and now in a safe deposit box, be used in payment of a note on which it was borrowed by a former president of the railroad company. The money is held under an impounding order issued by the criminal division of the circuit court, it having been used as evidence in trials of members of the municipal assembly."

The heart of the city of Chelsea, Mass., was destroyed by fire Jan. 12. The Academy of Music and the Hotel Savoy were burned down, and one fireman was probably fatally injured. Loss \$200,000.