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Summary of News (Continued)

Life insurance companies are hit by the drastic Armstrong legislation, which goes into effect in New York with the new year.

After running the tourist steamer Messini Victoria Luise of the Hamburg-American line ashore at the Port Royal lighthouse near Kingston, Jamaica, Captain Bruinwig locks himself in his cabin and puts a bullet through his brain.

Spurred by the interstate commerce commission, the railroads promise to end the North Dakota fuel famine within two days and begin a race with the below-zero blizzard to the homes of the sufferers.

Chancellor Day of Syracuse University, the defender of Rockefeller, says the "spasm over swollen fortunes" is leading the country toward disaster.

Rudolph Spreckles in evidence at San Francisco declares that Abraham Lincoln promised to tie up all the city's street railways by a strike at a time of a municipal bond sale so a syndicate could buy on its own terms.

George C. Kimmel, alleged Kansas defaulter, who was found after eight years in a New York insane asylum, declared sane by a jury.

George Burnham, Jr., counsel for the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company, is sentenced to two years in state prison for larceny.

Valuation of 50 million dollars is agreed on for Chicago street railway property gives the country members of the state board of equalization at Springfield a text for a new attack on the city assessments.

James J. Hill purchased several hundred shares of stock in the First National Bank of Chicago and will be elected a director of the institution.

Railroad officials and the heads of labor organizations will meet in conference today in an effort to agree on a substitute to the LaFollette bill regulating the employment of men.

Remarkable demonstrations occur in Paris when Archbishop Richard, yielding to the separation law, vacates the Episcopal Palace, thousands of Roman Catholics kneeling in the street to receive his blessing.

William E. Curtis gives an interview with Secretary Root in which the secretary denies he "ripped the constitution up the back" in his speech last week or defended the policy of centralization of power, and says he merely reviewed present tendencies and explained what states must do to preserve their powers.

Justice Moody is sworn in as a member of the federal supreme court and Messrs. Straus, Metcalf and Bonaparte take their new cabinet places.

Senate adopts a resolution ordering an investigation of the International Harvester company.

President Roosevelt in special message to congress expresses unbounded faith in Panama canal project, praises men who are doing the work, censures unjust critics and commends conditions.

Secretary Taft in his annual report sounds a note of warning to the inhabitants of Cuba and says if insurrections are persisted in the strong

hand of this country will be imposed.

President in other messages to congress denounces land frauds, calls for remedial legislation and urges need of a new system of naval promotion to provide younger officers in high rank.

United States supreme court holds cattle quarantine order of Secretary Wilson unconstitutional because it covers state as well as interstate commerce.

Officials of the department of justice in Washington believe that Judge Landis will decide against the Standard Oil company's claim for amnesty.

WILL BE COURT MARTIALED

Officers of Negro Troops in Brownsville Riot Ordered to be Tried

Washington, D. C.—On the recommendation of the general staff the secretary of war has ordered the trial by court martial of Major Charles W. Penrose and Captain Edgar A. Macklin of company C, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth infantry, under the sixty-second article of war for "conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline" in failing in their duty to prevent and suppress the riot at Brownsville, Texas, last August.

The specifications will include among other things the charge that the two officers named failed to exercise due diligence in preventing the occurrence when the condition of affairs at Brownsville made it necessary that all proper precautions should be taken to prevent a clash between the troops and citizens and also that they did not examine the rifles of the men until daylight, although they learned of the true state of affairs by 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning.

The details as to the membership of the court and the place where the trial will be had have been left to the discretion of the commanding officer of the department of Texas.

DAHOMY'S EX-KING IS DEAD

The End to a Comic Opera Monarch in Algeria

Algiers—Behanin, ex-king of Dahomey, is dead. He had been under treatment for nephritis. His wife and son, Prince Ounaula, were at the exiled monarch's bedside when he died. The prince has asked for permission to accompany his father's body to Dahomey.

When Behanin was a king in Dahomey he had 130 wives, twenty-five umbrella carriers, a chief executioner with ten assistants, and 2,000 women soldiers. When he died in Algiers, he had five wives and a boy to wait on him. Behanin was taken prisoner by the French in West Africa in 1892. France had claimed the country for some time and a playful habit Behanin had of sewing prisoners in American clothes baskets and dropping them from the top of a tower to be cut up by his amazon soldiers gave France an excuse to declare war on humanitarian grounds and his his country.

When the ex-king was first exiled, he was taken to the island of Martin-

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ique and lived in a house next door to the place where the Empress Josephine was born. A guard had to be posted for several weeks at the latter house to keep the black ex-king out as he took it as an insult that he was not quartered in a royal house.

When Behanin was in Paris soon after his capture he insisted upon parading the principal streets of the capital clad in a cocked hat and a white sheet. As the weather was warm, the French government found it necessary to detail a policeman to follow the monarch and see that he kept the sheet on. Behanin resented the watch kept on him and "laid for" the policeman behind a rhododendron bush in the Tuileries garden. As the "cop" passed the bush, the black man hit him on the helmet with a sawed off war club of happier days and jumped into the Seine. He came out on the Latin quarter side of the river and the doings of the students and "his majesty" that night in the quarter before the police found him are still a vivid tradition.

After this escapade, the French government sent him to Algiers.

PATRICK BEGGING FOR LIFE

Final Appeal Made in a Letter Sent to Governor Higgins

New York—Lawyer Albert T. Patrick, under sentence for the murder of Millionaire Rice signed a petition to Governor Higgins begging him to commute the death sentence to life imprisonment.

The final appeal to the governor was signed by Patrick in the death house. It is not believed the document has been presented to Governor Higgins yet. John T. Millikin, brother-in-law of Patrick, who has spent a fortune to save his wife's brother from a felon's death is the one who insisted that Patrick should ask clemency. It is believed that the governor insisted on a personal letter of appeal from Patrick.

OPPOSITION TO BAILEY GROWS

Defeat of Senator for Re-election Openly Predicted by Foes

Fort Worth, Texas—Enemies of Senator Bailey now openly predict his defeat for re-election, and even his warmest supporters admit twelve votes against him in the legislature. A

week ago only four were conceded. Many others, however, are anxious for a change and it is expected that their ranks will be largely augmented by instructions from their constituencies.

Among those mentioned for senator are General M. M. Crane, Yancey Lewis and Horace Chilton, all of Dallas; Joseph D. Sayers and Attorney General Davidson of Austin; Judge Charles K. Bell of Fort Worth and Governor-elect Campbell of Palestine. As Dallas is the home of one of the senators it is probable that if Bailey is not elected the successful candidate will come from some other town.

CLAIMS THE CHINESE THRONE

Manchu Banner Woman Will Urge Right to Succession

Victoria, B. C.—A Victoria woman, a Manchu Banner woman, married to an Englishman, who was an officer of Gordon's army which suppressed the Taiping rebellion, has made claim to the throne of China. The woman, unwilling to make public her name lest relatives be assassinated at Peking, has addressed petitions to the British government asking that the claim be taken up with China. She claims to be a direct lineal descendant of the third Duke of Chou and as such asserts she has a right to the throne of China prior to that of the empress dowager. With her husband and family she has been living her for twenty-one years, since they came from Peking, where a younger brother, who she says, is next in line to herself to China's throne, is now residing.

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