

Summary of News

Socialists at Lodz deal death to force 100,000 workmen on strike. Six are killed and twelve wounded.

James Bryce, newly appointed British ambassador to the United States, though 68 years of age, is a tireless athlete, according to word from London.

Having failed by every other means to wean his youngest son, Prince Augustus William, from socialistic tendencies, Emperor William arranges his engagement to Princess Alexandra Victoria, whom he relies on to tame her fiance.

Proposal for a tunnel under the British channel, which engineers say is practicable, may be defeated by the opposition of English military men, who hold that the tube would be a peril.

Travel may be made easy by an association which will be started by a German duke, the purpose of which will be to aid wanderers, obtaining for them discounts at hotels and investigating cases of imposition.

King Edward and his holiday hunting party at Sandringham are compelled to abandon their sport by one of the heaviest snow storms England has had in many years.

Deer hunt during the open season in Ontario Province, it is estimated at Ottawa, was the greatest in the history of Canada in point of game slaughtered.

Ambiguous bulletins give little idea of real condition of King Oscar and his recovery is considered doubtful.

New separation measure, giving the government power to deal severely with the Roman Catholic church, is adopted by the French senate.

National congress of Indiana, in session at Calcutta, cheers the declaration by a speaker that the people should demand home rule, the same as granted the Boers, whom they helped to conquer.

Archbishop Ireland's statement regarding the Vatican-France controversy does not find favor with the church authorities in Rome because of the American prelate's criticism of the French clergy.

Joseph Leiter and his mother, in an automobile, run over and killed a boy in Washington, and their chauffeur is under arrest.

Giving no signs of the agony caused by two bullets which her husband fired into her head, Mrs. John O'Rourke of Morris Park, L. I., feigns death until her spouse, thinking himself a murderer, kills himself.

"Fainting Bertha," the notorious Chicago shoplifter, escaped for the second time from the insane hospital in Elgin.

Samuel Reymer and his young wife, formerly Nellie Paris, a dancing girl, were reunited in Pittsburg with the family of their husband after an estrangement of almost two years.

Mrs. Marie Elsie Balfour, who lived in a shanty in Los Angeles, ends her life, leaving a fortune, which no one knew she possessed, to the poor.

Pending move by the government to bring about a settlement of the strike of firemen and engineers on

the Southern Pacific, the situation remains unchanged, both sides claiming gains.

One of the largest office buildings in Denver is damaged by fire to the extent of \$200,000 and one of the finest libraries in the west is completely ruined.

Many prominent ministers and citizens of New York, including J. Pierpont Morgan, sign an appeal to Secretary Root asking the moral support of the United States of a movement to correct abuses of the natives of the Congo Free State.

Bill to disbar illiterates from voting in Missouri, which is said to be aimed at the negroes, will be urged in the legislature of that state.

Expert estimates demand for wheat in northwest for the first eight months of 1907 will be 10 per cent less than for the same period of 1906.

Negroes seized the town of Wahalak, Miss., kill three white men and threaten to massacre the entire white population of the place.

Coroner's jury finds freight crew responsible for the wreck at Enderlin, N. D., in which nine persons were killed and forty-five injured, and censures "Soo" road for employing inexperienced men.

At New Orleans it is reported that the gateway for transcontinental freight over the Southern Pacific road is closed by the striking firemen, but officials of the road claim that all passenger trains are running regularly.

J. G. Phelps Stokes withdraws his support from the West Side Y. M. C. A. of New York because it has established classes in real estate and stock investments, declaring such teachings to be un-Christlike.

Children of orthodox Jewish families in New York boycott the public schools because of the Christmas exercises.

Three persons have frozen to death in the frigid weather which hold New York.

"Grandma" Ella Marks, who celebrated her 114th birthday in New York, and was once 5 feet 8 inches tall, is now 4 feet 6 inches, and growing shorter.

The Christmas mail in the New York postoffice broke all previous records, the number of letters and packages in four days totalling over 500 million.

Judge Duncan of the common pleas court at Findlay, Ohio, holds that probate court has no jurisdiction in anti-trust suit against the Standard Oil company and throws out verdict of guilty against the company.

Pope receives 517 survivors of the pontifical army and exchanges Christmas greetings with them, thanking them for their services in the past as defenders of the papacy.

George W. Perkins, partner of J. P. Morgan, and Charles S. Fairchild, former president of the New York Security and Trust Company, are indicted on six counts charging the New York Life Insurance company by a New York grand jury.

James J. Hill announces that he will

retire from active business July 1, and will be succeeded by his son in control of enterprises.

Attack on the university of Wisconsin and the normal and other schools of that state is made by Superintendent Cary, who tells the Wisconsin Teachers' association in Milwaukee that little progress has been made in fifty years.

Reorganization of the public school system of Illinois and the appointment by the legislature of a commission to determine what steps shall be taken to this end are advocated by the State Teachers' association at its convention.

Alexander J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania railroad, died suddenly of heart disease.

New York corporation counsel planning to sue electric lighting companies for \$3,600,000, alleged to be overcharges on bills to the city during the last six years.

Mrs. Russell Sage gives out a statement in New York saying residents of other cities need not apply for aid from her, and that she will be in no hurry to distribute her wealth to charity.

Governor Davidson, in his message to the Wisconsin legislature, will urge the Massachusetts plan for control of public service corporations.

Revision of the state school laws after a study of systems prevailing in the United States and abroad is suggested by Governor Deneen who, in an address to the State Teachers' association at Springfield, advocates the appointment of a committee by the legislature for the work.

In junction to prevent the Great Northern Railroad company, James J. Hill and the other officers of the road from proceeding with the proposed 60 million dollar increase of stock is asked at St. Paul by Attorney General Young, who alleges violation of the law.

Drastic action, which may mean seizure of a railroad, is threatened by Governor Gooding of Idaho in a letter to Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane. The executive blames the entire coal famine in his state on the Oregon Short Line, which, he says, simply seeks big dividends.

Justice Bischoff at New York sustains "Judge" Andrew Hamilton's demurrers to the suits of the New York Life to compel him to account for \$574,250, but holds he must account for \$75,000 given him to pay taxes.

Another Milwaukee boodler pleads guilty and is fined, former Supervisor August Puls admitting that he received \$50 for his vote and agreed to accept \$50 more.

Decks are cleared at Washington for a great struggle over President Roosevelt's discharge of the negro troops, and an unusually exciting debate in the senate is looked for.

Secretary Root says the state department will take no action in regard to the Congo beyond urging the Belgian government to do everything in its power to ameliorate the condition of the blacks.

Decision in lower court fining Enrico Caruso for annoying women is affirmed by Recorder Goff in New York and there is no appeal.

Wisconsin teachers, in session at

Madison, table President Roosevelt's plan to introduce target practice in other schools, but endorse his spelling.

Charles S. Fairchild, former secretary of the United States treasury, now in Rome, is greatly surprised to learn by cable of his indictment in New York and that George W. Perkins in connection with the insurance scandals and denies that he derived any profit personally.

Secretary of Commerce and Labor Straus appoints a commission in Washington to inquire into the steerage law.

Henry C. Morris of Chicago, speaking at the convention of the American Political Science association at Providence, R. I., declares that cheap labor in America's insular possessions menaces good wages and the high standard of living.

Eckern and LeRoy lead in the race for election as speaker of the new Wisconsin assembly.

Senator Beveridge and Vice President Fairbanks open fight which is to be waged in the Indiana legislature, the senator seeking the enactment of a primary law as the only chance of defeating the Fairbanks forces.

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