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NEWS OF THE WEEK

THE LATEST NEWS OF THE
WORLD BRIEFLY TOLD.

NORTH, EAST, WEST, SOUTH

Foreign Lands Throughout the Na-
tion and Particularly From the
Great Southwest.

CONGRESSIONAL.

A bill to secure proper representation of the United States at international conferences and for the proper employment of former presidents of the United States was introduced by Senator McCleary of Kentucky. It provides that former presidents of the United States shall be ex-officio representatives for life at Pan-American and international conferences in which the United States may participate. Four other members of this commission are also provided for, all to receive \$10,000 annually and expenses. They are to take up all questions looking to international peace.

Senator Flint introduced a bill to reimburse the Southern Pacific railroad to the extent of \$1,663,136 for expenses incurred in controlling the break in the Colorado river and thereby saving the overflow and destruction of the Imperial Valley in California.

Unrestrained opportunity to express views on the immigration question was afforded members of the house by the decision to take up and consider a bill appropriating \$250,000 for an immigration station in Philadelphia, and so many took advantage of it that the code of laws bill, which the managers of the house had planned to take up, was sidetracked for the day. The discussion of the immigration station bill opened up the whole subject of immigration and excited the interest of the whole house. The debate was notable in that it was indulged in largely by members serving their first terms and who found in the bill a chance to make their maiden efforts at speech-making on the floor of the house. The entire session was devoted to a consideration of the bill, which was passed, and at 4:53 p. m. the house adjourned.

Believing that the religious part of the proceedings of the house of representatives should be preserved in official form, Mr. Houston of Tennessee offered a resolution directing that the prayer with which the chaplain opens each day's session be printed in the Congressional Record.

It was decided that the senate committee on finance would hold no more meetings for the consideration of the Aldrich financial bill until after the arrival of the mass of financial data which has been requested from the treasury department. Except in a few places, the bill is thought to be in the shape in which it will be reported. The treasury department, however, may be the means of settling certain contentions in the mind of some of the members, and the data will therefore be awaited.

The senate passed a resolution declaring that no communication from heads of departments, chiefs of bureaus or other executive officers will be received by that body unless they are sent in compliance with law or are transmitted by the president. The resolution was the result of objections made by Senator Heyburn and Senator Hale to the reception by the senate of bills sent by Secretary Garfield in connection with a communication.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Cheaper Pullman fares and better Pullman service is what George S. Loftus, chairman of the National Hay Association, has started to get for the public. Loftus is in Washington, getting his case before the interstate commerce commission.

Japanese spies have been dogging the movements of Lieut. James H. Walker all the way from Japan to America. They took the trail the moment the officer stepped outside his hotel and never flagged in their watchfulness until he departed for Washington.

Bureau of insular affairs reports its recommendation for a reduction of the tariff on imports from the Philippines.

Judge Grenebaum, in a lecture in New York, declares that bad cooking drives many husbands to drink.

Consumers of natural gas piped from wells in Oklahoma to factories in Southern Kansas have appealed to the federal authorities for relief from the new law being enforced in Oklahoma cutting off the supply. The law prohibits the piling of natural gas out of the state.

The pardon attorney has reported to the president that conditions do not warrant the pardoning of Thomas Barrett, federal prisoner in the Missouri penitentiary, serving a five years' sentence for complicity in naturalization frauds which were unearthed in St. Louis nearly five years ago.

Secret preparations are being made to elevate Mrs. Augustus Stetson of New York city to the supreme leadership of the Christian Science church. The prime movers in the scheme are convinced that the venerable Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy is close to death.

Bernard Woden, consul for Belgium in San Francisco and Oakland, may cause some diplomatic complications because of his imprisonment in the Oakland jail. A policeman found him in company with a stranger in Oakland's tenderloin and took him to a police station for his own protection. Woden did not have the money for bail and was held until a friend came to his rescue.

Elbert Palmer, the last one of the jurors in the trial of John R. Walsh to affix his signature to a verdict of guilty, signed affidavits at his home on his farm near Harvard, Ill., which tend to show he was coerced and intimidated by the other jurors.

Papers were served on Arthur Herbert Osborne, the husband of Helen Maloney, the heiress who recently eloped to London with Samuel Clarkson, a young Englishman, in a suit brought by Miss Maloney to annul their marriage.

Application was made in the United States supreme court for a review of the judgment of the lower court fining the Chicago & Alton railroad and its officers \$45,000 for granting rebates to Schwarzschild & Sulzberger on meat shipments.

Judge Smith McPherson of the United States district court delivered a blow to the advocates of state rights by declaring unconstitutional the law passed by the Missouri legislature of 1907, which prohibits foreign corporations from transferring suits against them from the state courts to the federal courts.

Japanese bellboys have been introduced in Boston hotels with a success that indicates that many negroes and white boys now employed in this capacity will be dismissed.

Japan promises to check emigration of its subjects to Canada, and Canada is said to have been empowered to expel Nipponese who enter the Dominion by way of the United States.

Michigan railroads decide to abolish passenger association, and organizations in other sections of the country are regarded as needless.

Judge Dana, in the Shawnee county district court at Topeka, Kas., assessed a fine of \$12,600 against the International Harvester Co., which the court found guilty on forty-three counts of violating the Kansas anti-trust law. The maximum fine is \$1,000 a count and the minimum \$100.

Rush of emigrants to Europe for January shows big increase.

After March 1, when the nine-hour day for railway telegraphers goes into effect, the roads will use phones in many stations, giving employment to women and displacing telegraph operators; and use of block signals will cause the closing of many small stations.

Expectation is that a state primary law will be passed in Kansas, in which event it is said Senator Long will fall of election for another term and old political machine will be wrecked.

The attorney general announced that, pending a decision of the supreme court as to the provision of the Hepburn law, which requires railroads to dispose of their coal mine holdings by May 1 of this year, the government will not prosecute the roads for failure to obey the law.

Augustus Hartle has at last decided to abandon his litigation to obtain a divorce from his wife, Mrs. Mary Scott Hartle.

More than 100,000,000 ties were used in railroad construction and renewals during the year 1906, according to a circular issued under the joint auspices of the Forest Service and Census Bureau of the government. The figures show that approximately three-fourths of the ties were hewed and the others sawed, while the average price paid per tie was 48 cents.

Charged with having operated upon and willfully caused the death of a woman hospital patient while he was under the influence of drugs, Dr. P. H. Dahl, one of the wealthiest and most prominent surgeons in Northwestern Iowa, is under arrest at Fort Dodge.

Mrs. Herbert M. Sears of the well known and wealthy family of that name of Boston, committed suicide by plunging from a window of her apartment, on the thirteenth floor of the Hotel St. Regis, to the Fifth avenue pavement, in New York.

As a result of a decision handed down by Justice Hough in the United States circuit court, E. H. Harriman will be compelled to appear before the interstate commerce commission and answer all questions put to him save those relating to the purchases of Union Pacific and Southern Pacific stock in connection with the dividend of August, 1906. In the same order, Justice Hough directed that Otto H. Kuhn of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., do likewise.

England is alarmed for Japan's future. British statesmen think the combined political and financial crisis there about the most serious any nation could possibly face. It needed only a glance at the country's balance sheet to tell some time ago just what was coming, but no one seemed to appreciate the imminence of the danger.

Mrs. Lydia Bradley, millionaire philanthropist, founder of the Bradley Jolytechnic Institute, died in Peoria, Ill., aged 92.

Amalgamated Association of Street Car Men is enforcing a boycott at Muncie, Ind., that is paralyzing the business of the town.

Daniel O'Reilly, counsel for Harry Thaw, announces in New York that Evelyn Nesbit Thaw will tell her story in public for a second time.

American National Red Cross is to inaugurate general campaign for increase of membership.

BLOW TO 2-C. FARE

PENNSYLVANIA SUPREME COURT
INVALIDATES STATE LAW.

TWO OF THE JUSTICES DISSENT

Majority Opinion Sustains the Lower
Court—Old Rate Will
Be Restored.

Philadelphia, Pa.—By a divided court, the Pennsylvania two-cent railroad rate law was declared unconstitutional Monday in the state supreme court. As a result of the decision, the Pennsylvania railroad has already announced that it will put into effect the old scale of passenger fares, operative before the two-cent law went into effect, as soon as practicable.

Four members of the court united in sustaining the decree of the lower court, which declared the law unconstitutional. Chief Justice Mitchell, in handing down the decree, said:

"The court below availed themselves of all the best evidence obtainable and considered it with exemplary patience and care. Their conclusions that the enforcement of the law of 1907 against the complainants would be an injustice to the corporations is, beyond doubt, just criticism."

Justices Nisperse and Stewart filed dissenting opinions, while Justice Potter only gave qualified assent to the majority decision.

Juror Claims Coercion.

Chicago, Ill.—Elbert Palmer, the last one of the jurors in the trial of John R. Walsh to affix his signature to a verdict of guilty, Monday signed affidavits at his home on his farm near Harvard, Ill., which tend to show he was coerced and intimidated by the other jurors. These affidavits, secured by Florence Sullivan and Fred D. Kellogg of counsel for Mr. Walsh, will be used as the mainstay of defense in the fight to secure a reversal of verdict when the case is carried to the United States court of appeals.

Syndicate to Take Life Society.

New York—Announcement was made Monday by Edward Lauterbach that a syndicate of New York men has been formed to take control of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society. The new syndicate, it was stated, will take over the shares for which E. R. and O. F. Thomas paid \$550, at less than \$200 a share. Commissioner Rittenhouse declared he found the company's assets \$441,601 less than its liabilities.

Thin Ice Costs Six Lives.

New York—Six boys lost their lives in New Jersey Monday as the result of venturing on thin and treacherous ice. At Newark, Gustav Hartman, 10 years old, his brother Louis, 9 years old, and Lee Smith, 10 years old, were drowned in a pond. Arthur and Harry Morgan, twins, 12 years old, and Horace Weeks, 12 years old, were drowned at Tenafly after breaking through the ice of a small pond there.

Slayer Seeks Death.

Joliet, Ill.—Frank J. Constantine, convicted slayer of Mrs. Louise Huse Gentry of Chicago, captured after a world chase and sentenced to prison for life, is near death, the result of a leap from a gallery of the penitentiary in an attempt to end his life. He made his spectacular attempt at suicide while under extra guard, plunging 30 feet and crashing on the stone flagging of the rotunda.

Family Poisoned; Five Dead.

Austin, Tex.—The whole family of C. Sauer, a German farmer, living 30 miles northeast of here, was poisoned while eating supper Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Sauer and three of the children have died. Two other children are seriously ill. It is reported that the poison was placed in the food by a cook who went suddenly insane.

Three Trainmen Killed.

Corydon, Junction, Ind.—A Southern railway locomotive plunged from a high trestle, turned completely over and killed Clarence Dunham, engineer; W. H. Scott, fireman, and Frank Carter, a brakeman, Sunday. James Pritchett, conductor, and Clyde Stewart, a brakeman, were badly injured.

Syrian Finds Stolen Girls.

Omaha, Neb.—Marianna and Diana Yuana, 12 and 15 years, respectively, who, their father, Melan Yuana, declares were kidnapped in St. Louis last June by John Mitchell, king of a band of gypsies, were found at a kypsy camp near here Sunday night.

Cars Collide in Fog.

Paris—In an impenetrable fog, which enshrouded Paris and its suburbs Sunday, rendering all transportation most dangerous, two electric cars collided at Vitry. Forty persons were injured, several of them seriously.

Vermont Slayer Gets Life Term.

Bennington, Vt.—A verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree was brought by the jury in the case of Alfred Mahan, charged with the murder of his 4-year-old niece, Ethel Mahan, at North Bennington, last summer. The penalty is life imprisonment.

Independents to Have Smelter.

Helena, Mont.—That an independent smelter is to be erected in Helena by the mine owners of the state of Montana seems assured.

HOOSIER HAPPENINGS

Latest News of Interest from Various
Towns in Indiana

"PROHIB" CRUSADE IS ON.

State Chairman F. W. Lough Makes
Strong Fight for Temperance.

Indianapolis.—Prohibitionist state headquarters in the Union Trust building have been opened with a flourish, and several hundred visitors welcomed by the new state chairman, F. W. Lough; the assistant chairman, Unus Lough, and the state secretary, Edward W. Clark.

For several years the headquarters of the Prohibitionists had been maintained at Franklin. Party leaders believed that headquarters should be more centrally located and moved them to this city. The Prohibitionists will occupy rooms 2 and 23 Union Trust building. The rooms have been freshly painted and decorated. Portraits of men and women who have given their lives to temperance adorn the walls. The portrait of Miss Frances Willard occupies a prominent place. Big glass vases of carnations and roses helped brighten the rooms on the opening day. Chairman Lough will spend the most of the time during the next three months traveling over the state in the interests of prohibition. "We are going to try to elect some Prohibitionists to the next session of the legislature," he said. In the absence of Chairman Lough his wife, Mrs. Unus Lough, will be in charge of the office as assistant state chairman. Secretary Clark will spend considerable time in the office. Mrs. Lough will be assisted in her work by Miss Rebecca Hanna, office secretary.

Commit Daylight Robbery.

Richmond.—A bold daylight robbery was reported here. The victim was John Fee, who drives a moving van and who at the time was about four miles north of Connersville. Two negroes did the work and stole \$9.50 from Fee, after which they got into a buggy and drove away. One negro covered Fee with a revolver while the other went through his pockets. The police of Richmond and Connersville are working on the case.

Sunday "Lid" Is On.

Hartford City.—For the first time in years there is a strict observance of the Sabbath in this city. Mayor James Lucas issued an edict to this effect and at the same time gave explicit instructions to the police under his command that all the laws regarding Sunday closing must be observed to the letter. Cigar stores, bakeries, candy kitchens and all other shops must close and stay closed during the day.

Soldier Says Farewell.

Fairfield.—Over 200 people were at the station when Robert Duncan boarded the train for Columbus, O., where he will enlist in the United States army for a term of three years. From Columbus he will go to the Philippines. Jesse Randolph, Orin Stilwell, Fern Rakestraw and John Stilwell, four young men of Fairfield, went to Anderson to enlist in the marine corps.

Trustees Leads Mob.

Rolling Prairie.—The weird, spectacular and sensational was witnessed here, when a well-organized mob, at the head of which was Township Trustee Bement, visited the homes of a man named Appleton and a woman named Lewellyn, and by threats of tarring and feathering them compelled them to make avowal of their determination to live respectable lives.

Prepares for Debates.

Richmond.—At Earlham college preparation is being made for the debates that are to be held with Butler and Wabash—a triangular contest. Each institution will be represented by two teams and will debate both the affirmative and negative side of the question, which is: "Resolved, That the United States should subsidize its merchant marine."

Wills Gold to Orphanist.

Crawfordsville.—Clarence Clark, a blind boy, who is a student in the Indianapolis School for the Blind, is bequeathed \$500, according to the will of the late Mrs. Julia Hoefgen, filed for record. The boy attracted the attention of Mrs. Hoefgen while he was playing the organ in the North Side Mission Sunday school in this city.

Find Baby's Arm in Pond.

Oakland City.—Small boys, playing about a pond on the outskirts of Oakland City, found an infant's arm and, although officers have been working on the case, no new developments are reported. The little arm had been cut off at the shoulder. It was lying on a pile of brush in the pond when noticed by the boys.

Lawshee's Brother Dies.

Wabash.—Oscar Lawshee, aged 60, an undertaker for years, died of pulmonary tuberculosis. He was a brother of A. L. Lawshee, third assistant postmaster general, who arrived from Washington just before his brother's death.

Clothing Store Suspends.

Newcastle.—The Hub clothing store in this city was closed to the public and a notice on the door states that the store is closed pending a settlement with the creditors.

FEDERAL GRAIN INSPECTION.

J. W. McCordle Goes to Washington
to Urge Passage of Bill.

Indianapolis.—John W. McCordle, of the board of state tax commissioners, went to Washington to appear before a joint meeting of the committees on agriculture of the two houses of congress, to speak in favor of the bill which provides for the federal inspection of grain. Mr. McCordle said he expected the committees to meet within the next ten days. He does not go officially as a representative of the Indiana grain dealers. He himself believes in the federal inspection of grain and he is now preparing information which he will present before the committees.

"I believe we should have uniform inspection of grain," said Mr. McCordle, "but we will never have uniform inspection until we place the inspection in the charge of federal officers." Mr. McCordle believes the federal inspection of grain is necessary to the welfare of the independent grain dealers and shippers. The bill for the federal inspection of grain was introduced in the house by Representative Watson, and in the senate by McCumber of North Dakota.

Chooses Sister; Divorced.

Evansville.—Choosing blood ties above the marital bond, Mrs. Sallie Woods, a young matron, has refused to leave her sister, with whom she and her husband have lived for two years. When told to make a choice between living with her sister or coming with her husband to live in a house by themselves Mrs. Woods refused to be a modern Ruth and told her husband to go his way. It resulted in a divorce.

Murdered in Arkansas.

Clay City.—William Sommerlot, a well-known farmer in this neighborhood, has been advised of the death of his brother, Michael Sommerlot, in Cross county, Ark., where he was murdered and robbed. Till within a few years he lived near Coal City, in this state. He removed to Arkansas to engage in the lumber business, in which he employed many men and handled considerable money.

Ensley Gets Chair.

Indianapolis.—Republicans of this, the seventh district, re-elected Oliver P. Ensley district chairman by acclamation, adopted resolutions strongly endorsing the candidacy of Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks for the presidential nomination and endorsed Representative Overstreet, National Chairman Harry S. New and William L. Taylor for the gubernatorial nomination.

Two Officers to Resign.

Terre Haute.—Capt. A. C. Dudley of company B, Indiana National Guard, will send his resignation to the governor, as will also Second Lieut. E. F. Fisher. Capt. Dudley says that since the Dick law went into effect so much work has been required of him that he cannot attend the lodges to which he belongs and his Sundays are mostly occupied with company affairs.

Chester Weekly Caught.

Jeffersonville.—Morris M. Barnard, assistant superintendent of the Indiana Reformatory, left for Los Angeles, Cal., to take charge of Chester Weekly, wanted for violation of parole. The journey is the longest ever taken from the institution to return a paroled man and Mr. Barnard was accompanied by his wife and will make a short visit before returning.

Acceptance Postponed.

Bloomington.—The resignation of Rev. Thomas J. Clark, pastor of the Kirkwood Avenue Christian church, was presented. It was not accepted, but the privilege of the church or of the pastor terminating their relations was extended to September 1. In the meantime, the church will look for another pastor.

Negroes Fight Bloody Battle.

Marion.—Bob Davis was shot through the lung, William Guilford was shot in the head and Ben Weaver was struck over the head with a billiard cue, following a quarrel over a game of pool. The parties are all negroes, and the trouble took place in the poolrooms conducted by Grant Williams, colored.

Mitchell Wishes to Know.

Mitchell.—The city of Mitchell has employed H. D. Orchard of Bloomington to audit the books of the town of Mitchell, as the present treasurer refuses to accept the books as turned over to him by the town clerk. No direct charges are made against the town.

Find Body After Long Search.

Indianapolis.—Four days and four nights, filled with anxiety for the welfare of his son who had disappeared, had passed when Edward Carr went to his home and found the dead body of the boy lying on the floor in a downstairs room. Wilbur Carr, 18 years old, the son, had been seen last by his father four days before. A bottle that had contained carbolic acid which was found lying near him on the floor, told the story of suicide.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Sunday School Lesson for Jan. 26, 1908
Specially Prepared for This Paper

LESSON TEXT.—John 2:13-17. Memory verses 15, 16. GOLDEN TEXT.—"Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever."—Psalm 93:5. TIME.—The spring of A. D. 33. PLACE.—In the temple at Jerusalem. PLACE IN THE HISTORY.—This was the first year of Jesus' ministry. This was one of his first two "signs," illustrating his work as Redeemer.

Comment and Suggestive Thought. The first sign which Jesus gave was the revelation of his glory at Cana of Galilee related in the first part of the chapter in which our lesson is found. At the close of our last lesson we left Jesus and his five or six disciples on the way from Bethabara to Galilee. The disciples had as yet but slight acquaintance with Jesus, his character, his powers and his mission. They believed in him, but they needed a deeper foundation for their faith and a fuller knowledge of his work.

Everything about this miracle must have been a strange and wondrous revelation of Jesus to them, as a light from within, or as the sunlight shining through dull stained glass windows reveals the true nature of the picture wrought in them, and they are ablaze with royal colors such as are the exquisite lamp shades of Favrre glass, that require the electric bulb within to bring out their lovely hues. Jesus was a prince in disguise, and he threw off his outward guise and appeared in his own royal glory.

What Did This Miracle Reveal to the Disciples Concerning the True Nature of Jesus?—(1) It revealed the miraculous powers residing in him which would enable him to do the work the Messiah was to do. (2) It made known to them that he was sent from God as his son with divine credentials worthy of his origin and his mission.

The Second "Sign." The Cleansing of the Temple.—Not long after the "sign" at the wedding, a strange, almost discordant, note was heard in that anthem of love and joy and hope. That experience did not express the whole of life, nor the whole of the mission of Jesus. The new "sign" was as illuminating and marvelous and unexpected as was the first. It was the act of a hero, a patriot, a reformer, and a king.

(3) "And the Jews' passover," the great annual religious feast of the Jews to which all good Jews were expected to come. Sometimes, according to Josephus, as many as 2,000,000 visitors were present. "Jesus went up" from Capernaum (v. 12) "to Jerusalem." Jesus was particular to attend these great feasts, for however much they were often perverted and misused by some, they were divinely appointed services.

Jesus' Heroic Act of Patriotic Reform.—When Jesus entered the temple, and saw this desecration of his Father's house—where he had seen many a time during his youth—his soul flamed with indignation. What he saw was contrary to all law, Jewish, Roman and Divine, and what he did was patriotic toward all three kingdoms under which he lived.

(5) He alone, unaided, unknown, "made a scourge of small cords," ropes made of rushes like a Roman flagellum or scourge with several lashes, and "drove them all out of the temple," the court, "the sheep and the oxen," and those who trafficked in them. He did not strike the men, most probably not even the animals, and such a scourge would not hurt them. The owners would naturally follow their cattle without the gates. "Poured out the changers' money." Upon the marble pavement, thus stopping their traffic.

(6) "And said unto them that sold doves." The doves, being in cages, could not be driven out.

"Take these things hence." The boldness of the act may well have given a hush to the noisy crowd, and the voice of Jesus rang out: "Make not my Father's house a house of merchandise."

How Was It Possible for Jesus to Succeed in This?—Why did this great burly crowd of drovers and soldiers, and elders in authority yield to the single voice of an unknown young man?

Because they knew that they were in the wrong. "Conscience makes cowards of us all." Because they knew that God was on his side, and "one with God is a majority."

Because Jesus embodied in himself, as a prophet, the moral sentiment of the nation. "All the true friends of law, who must have been long grieved by this disorder, would defend the righteousness of his action, thus rendering resistance impossible."

What This "Sign" Revealed as to the Nature of Jesus and His Kingdom.—Let no mistake be made concerning what is meant by a Christian spirit. Let us not, as is too often done, take one side of the character of Christ in forming an estimate of the whole.

Note how Jesus acted for the reform of the world. He did not spend his time in denunciations of the Roman or Jewish authorities before his disciples. He sometimes uttered "woes," but it was to the face of evil doers. When he could reform a wretch, he reformed it. When he saw sickness, he cured it.

We are to be reformers. We are to be courageous and heroic in reform, in cleansing the world from sin.

But our first work is where we are. In our hearts, in our principles, in the things which we can touch, for which we can vote or act or teach.