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NEWS OF THE WEEK

THE LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD BRIEFLY TOLD.

NORTH, EAST, WEST, SOUTH

Foreign Lands Throughout the Nation 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.

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Bernard Weden, 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. Weden 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 Clark, a young Englishman, in a suit brought by Miss Maloney to annul their marriage.

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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 Nisperose 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 \$2,000, 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, 15 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 gypsy camp near here Sunday night.

Care 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 \$2,500 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 Organist.

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.