

NEWS OF A WEEK
TOLD IN BRIEF

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS GATHERED FROM ALL POINTS OF THE GLOBE.

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Notable Happenings Prepared for the Perusal of the Busy Man—Summary of the Latest Home and Foreign Notes.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Theodore Roosevelt officiated for the seventh time as president of the United States at the New Year's reception at the White House. Assisting him in exchanging the salutations of the season were Mrs. Roosevelt and the members and ladies of the cabinet.

President Roosevelt and family returned to Washington from their holiday at Pine Knot, Va.

The federal government, replying to a pamphlet issued by President Moffatt of the Standard Oil company of Indiana, calls his allegations "evasions" and scores the concern as a hardened law-breaker.

The American battleship fleet sailed from Port of Spain for Rio Janeiro, which Admiral Evans said he expected to reach on January 10.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Dr. Nicholas Senn, Chicago's "fighting doctor" and one of the foremost surgeons of the central west, died at the age of 63 years.

Lamar Jackson, a full-blooded Choctaw Indian, has been appointed to a cadetship in the United States military academy at West Point by Congressman Charles D. Carter of Oklahoma.

The State Bank of Rockyford, Col., closed its doors following a run. The liabilities exceed \$400,000, and the assets are placed at over \$25,000.

Friends of Secretary Taft outvoted the Foraker faction in the Ohio state committee and primaries were ordered for February 11 at which Ohio Republicans will express by direct vote their choice for presidential nominee.

Two women were killed by an explosion in a fireworks factory in Rochester, N. Y.

Gov. Folk of Missouri announced the appointment of Virgil Rule to succeed Circuit Judge Jesse McDonald, who resigned. Judge Rule was once a St. Louis newsboy.

Louis M. Givernaud, a member of the firm of Givernaud Bros., said to be the first to establish silk manufacturing in the United States, died at Los Angeles, Cal., of heart trouble, aged 75 years.

United States Circuit Judge Pritchard at Richmond, Va., named two referees for the Seaboard Air Line railroad.

Suffering from melancholia Charles Becker of Belleville, Ill., former state treasurer, shot and killed himself.

Nightriders raided the town of Russellville, Ky., dynamited the tobacco warehouses and burned other buildings.

Allison J. Noller, secretary general of the Supreme Council of the Ancient Order of Scottish Rite Masons, southern jurisdiction, died of the grip in Washington.

John D. Rockefeller gave \$2,191,000 more to the University of Chicago.

Court Bon de-Castellane and his cousin Prince Helio de Sagan, had a sensational fight in Paris.

Ulrich Augustus Hoegger, a Swiss artist, was probably fatally burned in a fire which burned his studio in Philadelphia and destroyed paintings said to be worth \$100,000.

Although officially declared dead several years ago and for many years believed by his wife and friends to have died, George M. Gable appeared in court at Lancaster, Pa., to claim \$12,000 from the estate of his uncle. His wife had remarried.

During the calendar year 1907 the bureau of navigation reports 1,056 vessels of 502,508 gross tons built and specifically numbered in the United States, compared with 1,045 vessels of 333,291 tons in 1906.

Phillip F. Kramer of Portland, Ore., a locomotive engineer employed on the Isthmian canal, was murdered by robbers.

The vaudeville war was finally concluded when George Middleton, president of the Western Vaudeville association, and his associates signed an agreement to take over Cella & Oppenheim's theaters in Kansas City, Milwaukee and Louisville and the new theater being built at St. Louis.

The torpedo boat flotilla arrived at Para, Brazil.

The New Jersey pardon board refused to pardon Walter A. McAllister and William Death, who were sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment in 1901 for complicity in the murder of Jennie Bosschier of Paterson.

Prof. Thomas Day Seymour, senior professor of Greek in Yale university, died in New Haven, Conn., after a short illness of pneumonia.

An alleged attempt was made to assassinate Father Volitas, pastor of St. Ann's Catholic church at Spring Valley, Ill.

A petition in voluntary bankruptcy was filed by Henrietta Crossman, the actress, and her husband, Maurice Campbell, in the United States district court in New York.

Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador, left Washington on his way home to report to the emperor.

Receivers were appointed for the Passaic Steel company of Paterson, N. J.

Twenty-three hundred barrels of beer, valued at \$17,500, was poured into the sewers of Oklahoma City, Okla., by United States Internal Revenue Collector Charles Howard.

Five persons were injured and two street cars were riddled with stones at Muncey, Ind., in a riot that followed an attempt of the Indiana Union Traction company to run cars manned by strike-breakers. The strike followed the refusal of the company to sign again the wage agreement that has been in effect for five years.

Plotting was resumed on the streets of Muncey, Ind., between the striking employees of the street railway company and the strikebreakers. Two thousand men began stoning the cars. Shots were fired and nine persons were injured.

St. Anne's Orphans' home at Terre Haute, Ind., was burned, but the 100 children were saved.

James G. Stowe, former consul general to South Africa and a well-known manufacturer, died in Kansas City.

Roy Howard, 19 years old, was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary for the murder of Martha Piercy at Des Moines, Ia.

Secretary Metcalf announced that Capt. J. E. Pillsbury had been selected as chief of the navigation bureau of the navy department.

Curtis Guild, Jr., was inaugurated for a third term as governor of Massachusetts.

Fire that brought death to Charles Fizone, eight years of age, fatal injury to Louis Fizone, 16 years of age, and almost cost the lives of 50 others, broke out in the coal yard of Antonio Fizone, in San Francisco, and caused damage to the extent of \$50,000.

J. W. Belknap, a wealthy lumberman, was dangerously injured, H. A. Kemp was hurt, and Charles H. Tidy and a housemaid, had a narrow escape from being burned in their beds at Greenville, Mich.

A suit to oust Peter Everhardy from office as mayor of Leavenworth, Kan., on the charge that he failed to enforce the prohibition law, was filed by the attorney general.

A Pennsylvania passenger train collided with an engine at Montandon, Pa., and a dozen passengers were hurt.

Judge Charles I. Thomson died in Denver of asthma. He was a member of the Colorado court of appeals for 12 years.

Gov. Sheldon of Nebraska wanted to give the lieutenant governor \$100 of his salary for serving as governor several days, but found the law forbade it.

Mrs. A. Mosher of Lincoln, Neb., while smoking a pipe in bed set her coverlet afire and was burned to death.

De Troos, premier and minister of the interior of Belgium, died at Brussels.

Mrs. Mary Ramsey Wood died at Hillsboro, Ore., aged 119 years.

Mrs. Anson Jones, widow of Dr. C. Anson Jones, the last president of the republic of Texas, died in Houston.

A bill was filed in the United States circuit court at Atlanta asking that the Georgia prohibition law be declared unconstitutional.

Nine miners were killed and several injured by an explosion in a mine at Carthage, N. M.

Edward Ritchie and William Hay were appointed receivers for the Wilson-Hanna Lumber company, one of the largest lumber firms in Cincinnati.

Capt. N. B. Thistleton of Cairo, Ill., was nominated on the Republican ticket for the seat from the Twenty-fifth congressional district made vacant by the death of Representative George W. Smith.

Mine Inspector James Martin of Plains, Pa., died suddenly of hemorrhage of the lungs, aged 56 years. In September, 1897, while sheriff of Luzerne county, he led the deputies who fired upon several hundred striking miners at Latimer, and 12 were killed.

James Francois Edmond Guy-Desaigne, the French minister of justice, dropped dead of apoplexy during a session of the senate.

Judge John W. Barr, a distinguished Kentucky jurist, died in Louisville of pneumonia at the age of 82.

In spite of the recent financial depression, the port of New York collected \$212,657,926 in duties during 1907, an increase of \$3,131,018 over 1906.

After a long illness, Mrs. Charles Gibson, 78 years old, widow of Sir Charles Gibson, died at her home in St. Louis. Her husband died eight years ago.

Wireless messages from Sitka, Alaska, were received at Mare Island and Point Loma, Cal.

Mrs. A. B. Upton committed suicide in Elgin, Ill., by drinking carbolic acid. Her husband, formerly a merchant of Elgin, deserted her three weeks ago.

The Herbert Baxter Adams prize for the best essay on European history was awarded to William Spence Krehbiel of Chicago, by the American Historical association at Madison Wis.

The body of Thomas Charles Bruce in Highgate cemetery, London, was exhumed and the coffin was found to contain the remains of a human body, thus exploding the romantic tale told by Robert C. Caldwell and others, who swore during the recent hearing of the Bruce perjury case that it contained a roll of lead.

A severe earthquake, probably in Central America, was recorded by seismographs in America and European cities.

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Rev. Edward Twitchell Ware was installed as president of the Atlanta (Ga.) university, which his father founded.

Charles Franklyn Regid, former actor, more recently a wealthy whip and automobile, who came into prominence about ten years ago, when at the age of 32 he married Mrs. Adele Ronalds, then 20, and widow of Thomas A. Ronalds, a New York society leader, died at his country mansion at New Rochelle.

Gov. Sparks of Nevada called an extra session of the legislature to convene January 14, 1908, to take action on the Goldfield troubles.

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Because Rev. Ernest Sweeton in a sermon at Newburg, Ind., said that any woman who danced was of questionable character, young men on Newburg attacked the minister with decaying eggs and with clubs.

The grand jury in San Francisco returned four indictments for alleged embezzlement against officials of the California Safe Deposit and Trust company.

Andrew Carnegie donated \$10,000 for a public library for Fairbury, Neb., under the usual conditions—the donation of a site and the appropriation of \$10,000 a year for maintenance.

Transatlantic passenger traffic during 1907 was increased by nearly 1,000,000 over 1906. A total of 2,957,328 was carried, according to figures given out by the North German Lloyd company in New York.

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Balaam Outdone

Being the Reminiscences of a Nature Fakir

By John Kendrick Bangs

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kitchen floor an' went straight on up through the roof an' perched on the chimney for ten minutes before disappearing in the clouds."

"What'd he say to that?" laughed Si.

"Nothing," said the Captain. "He looked at me out o' the corner o' his eyes, an' ambled off up the street, an' disappeared round the turn leadin' down to the beach."

"He prob'ly thought you was lyin' to him, an' took offense," suggested the Postmaster.

"No," said the Captain. "He came back the next afternoon about the same time," said the Captain. "He stopped at the gate jest as he did before, an' stickin' his nose over the fence he ast me if we had much lightnin' around here. 'Yes,' says I. 'That is, they have a lot o' what they call lightnin' around here but it ain't know high to a Katydid, longside o' the lightnin' they have further up the coast.' An' then I told him about a streak that come along one night on my father's farm up back o' Bar Harbor, an' stayed with us for five full days. Most lightnin' comes like a flash, does what it has to do and disappears," I says to him. "But this here streak took a fancy to a sixty acre tract o' woods we had, an' kep' workin' away on it for five days, at the end of which time it had knocked down all the trees, burnt the timber, trunk, branch an' stump, an' then plowed up the field so's we was able to sow it with corn when he'd got the job finished an' disappeared." "Ever been struck?" says he. "Yes," says I, "dozens of times. Last time it hit me was summer before last. I was settin' right where I am now talkin' to another jackass, when a bolt seven inches wide come in the kitchen door, through the house an' right out here behind me. It took me between the shoulders an' when it got through with me I found myself settin' on the deck of a lumber schooner seven miles off York Harbor, makin' for Boston an' without a scratch, an'

over my hens without so much as a peep o' sorrow, an' turns the occasional visit o' the midnight skunk into a beautiful an' fragrant mem'ry." Then that jackass begun an' told me what a bessin' them o'ternombleys was to the farmer. How it brought people into our midst, who bought our eggs an' butter, an' patterned our roadhouses, an' eat our doughnuts. "May be," says I. "Maybe so! But I ain't noticed that I ever ast to have any people come into my midst. My midst ain't more 'n middlin' strong, anyways," I says, "and it's got all it can do digestin' its own troubles without burdenin' itself with the trials of the gasolene aristocracy from the cities. As for the butter 'n eggs they consume is the butter they spread on the country side, an' the eggs they scramble in the highway when their chariots o' fire bump into our waggons goin' around turns at forty miles an' hour. They's prob'ly in that, an' I ain't sayin' that some o' them farmers up round here don't load their waggons an' sort o' lay around waitin' to be run into for sake of a quick sale, but that sort o' thing don't breed no permanent prosperity."

"You was dead right about that," said Si. "I've tried it myself, an' it don't pay, considerin' the time ye losse waitin' for an' ottembley to come an' bunt ye."

"Tain' good business anyways," said the Captain. "Not often preaps, but often enough to keep things goin' some."

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