

**NEWS SUMMARY**

Burke, W. Va., a town of 2,000 population, has been destroyed by fire.

Five persons were burned to death in an Italian tenement house fire in New York City.

The Norwegian parliament, by 100 to 11 votes, has appropriated \$200,000 annually for the new king's civil list.

Reports from the district burned over by prairie fires near Aberdeen, S. D., indicate heavy losses to farmers.

The report that Austria has promised to support Russia against the movement for Polish autonomy is officially denied.

Eight miners were killed by a gas explosion in the new shaft of the Brazell Coal company, on the outskirts of Bentleyville, Pa.

Increased cost in the construction of army buildings is a feature of the report of General Humphrey, quarter-master-general of the army.

Fritz Kaffitz, a real estate dealer, shot and killed his brother, Ludwig, in Los Angeles, while temporarily insane. He then killed himself.

A bulletin issued by the census bureau places the total products of the manufacture of New Mexico at \$5,705,880, an increase of 40 per cent in five years.

Chief of Police Jong, of Port Hope, Ontario, and his sister-in-law, Miss Grier of Toronto, were drowned near Haliburton, Ont. They were on a hunting trip.

The court at Philadelphia having declared "John Doe" warrants served during election illegal, a number of men charged with election frauds will be released.

In an explosion at the Buckeye Powder works at Edwards station, Illinois, two men met instant death and several other employees were injured, two of them seriously.

Thomas W. Lawson has been held for the December session of the superior court on a charge of criminal libel preferred by Clarence W. Barron, of Boston.

Midshipmen A. W. Fitch and Leigh Noyes, who acted as referee and timekeeper, respectively, in the fight between Branch and Meriwether at Annapolis, have been reduced to the ranks.

It is reported that in the government of Erivan 700 Armenians from a number of villages attacked the Tartar village of Cors, killed 400 of the villagers and plundered and burned all property.

A band of pillagers drove a herd of cattle into a church in the village of Malinovka. The peasants, resenting this sacrilege, attacked the pillagers and lynched forty-two of them outside the church.

State Senator J. E. Harding will not contest the election of I. E. Buffman as the Democratic senator from the Second-Fourth Ohio district. This will leave the state senate in control of the Democrats, 19 to 18.

Replying to an imperial message ordering him to speedily return to Tokio and render a personal report of the recent war, Field Marshal Oyama has named November 25 as the date of his departure from Manchuria.

The British steamer Bavaria, bound from Barry for Bordeaux, has been lost off Belle Isle, France. Part of her crew has been landed at Moir Moutier, France. The captain and fourteen men are missing.

The interstate commerce commission has announced its decision ordering that the minimum percentage of air brakes in the cars in trains used in interstate commerce shall stand increased 75 per cent on and after August 1, 1906.

Father Cushing, who was suspended from the priesthood of the Catholic church by Bishop Mats of the diocese of Colorado, on the charge of conduct unbecoming a priest, died at Mercy hospital in Denver last week of heart failure.

Twelve expert oil well drillers from the northwestern Pennsylvania oil fields have sailed from New York for Roumania. The party goes to Roumania under contract with the Standard Oil company to develop the oil field of that country.

Six men have been taken into custody by the police in connection with the murder of Miss Evan Meyer, who was shot and almost instantly killed by an ambushed assassin while the girl was walking with her lover near the city limits of Cleveland, O.

Mr. Willis, the Englishman recently employed by the Turkish tobacco revenue department, who was captured by brigands some months ago and held for ransom, has escaped from his captors and reached Russia, eighteen miles distant from Monastir.

**SCHOOL GIRLS JUMPED FROM THE WINDOWS**

Were Cut Off From Stairway by Fire and Forced to Leap for Their Lives.

Lawrence, Mass.—All but one of the 400 girls attending the parochial school of St. Anne's parish, whose lives were endangered by fire in the building Wednesday, escaped without injury, although twenty-five of them were caught in acts as they were dropped from a third-story window by a teacher. Rena Drouin, 12 years old, was taken to a hospital suffering from the effects of fright and inhaling smoke, but it is thought that she will recover.

All the pupils except those on the third floor, who escaped by means of the net, marched out of the building in good order when the alarm was given. The fire was caused by an overheated furnace.

Sister Mary, one of the teachers, and her twenty-five pupils, who were on the third floor, could not get down the stairs on account of the dense smoke. The teacher led the children to the window beneath which the firemen stretched a net. Under the sister's direction the girls climbed over the sill and were assisted to drop and were caught safely in the apparatus held by the firemen.

**AMERICANS WILL BE SHOT.**

Murdered Two Men in Chihuahua for Insurance Money.

El Paso, Tex.—In Chihuahua on Wednesday, Judge Rios sentenced C. T. Richardson, C. S. Harle and William Mason, three Americans, to be shot. The three men were accused of murdering two men in Chihuahua for life insurance money, Richardson being an insurance agent; Mason, his brother-in-law, the assistant agent, and Harle being the examining physician. They murdered a man named Devers, whom they deceived from El Paso, and another man named Mitchell, who is said to be a half-brother of Mason. Richardson is from Rochester, N. Y., where he had a bad record as a lawyer, and where he married Mason's sister. The case has been in the Mexican courts three years, the arrests having taken place in El Paso, and the men having been extradited from here. Harle was formerly an El Paso physician.

**RAILROAD RATE MAKING.**

Possibility of a Bill Being Patched up for Discussion at Next Session.

Washington, D. C.—Railroad rate making was again considered by the senate committee on interstate commerce on Wednesday, but in an informal way, as no measure has yet been presented to the committee upon which it can base its action. Views were expressed by several members which indicated a sharp division as far as the situation has developed. There is the further indication that a majority of the committee will favor a measure giving the interstate commerce commission more power, which means in some form control over rates. It seems to be quite well understood that three Republicans and enough Democrats favor such legislation to insure a rate making bill being reported.

**KILLED AT WEDDING.**

Bingham Assassin Breaks Up Celebration of Wedding Ceremony.

Bingham, Utah.—An assassin's bullet, which every circumstance indicates was meant for other than its victim, inflicted fatal injuries on Mike Francevic about 9 o'clock Tuesday night, and in the space of a second changed a gay wedding scene, in which Miss Michal Francevic had become the bride of Matz Sabin, into wild disorder. The bride, flying to the aid of her father, had a narrow escape from being struck by one of the bullets which pierced the walls of the house. The man who fired the shot is as yet unknown. Eleven arrests have been made, although none of the suspects hold out strong promise of being the man wanted. It is believed the tragedy is the result of an old feud.

**La Follette Calls Special Session.**

Madison, Wis.—Politicians generally agree that Governor LaFollette's ultimate purpose relative to the United States senatorship is not clarified by his call for a special session of the legislature December 4. They hold that the main purpose of the call is to remedy a law relative to rebuilding the capitol. This work would be at a standstill if the law is not perfected. The governor will at least not go to the senate for the opening of congress.

**Court-Martialled for Fighting.**

Annapolis, Md.—Midshipman Minor Meriwether, Jr., of Lafayette, La., a member of the third class of the naval academy, was put on trial here on Wednesday before a naval court-martial on charges that include that of manslaughter, in having caused the death of Midshipman James R. Branch, Jr., of New York, a member of the class above him, as a result of a prearranged fist fight which took place on the evening of Sunday, November 5, last.

**HEAVY DEFICIT FOR PAST YEAR**

Report of Postmaster General Shows a Shortage of Fifteen Million.

Vast Sums Must be Paid Each Year by the Government to Cover the Losses in the Department Over Which Cortelyou Presides.

Washington, D. C.—Postmaster General Cortelyou recently completed and forwarded to the secretary of the treasury the estimates for the postoffice department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907. They show a reduction of expenses wherever it is believed it will not impair the service, but provision for development of postal facilities to meet the growing needs of all sections of the country.

The estimates for the postal service at large—the field service—aggregate \$193,000,000, an increase over last year's appropriation of about \$27,000,000. This increase represents the normal growth of the service based upon what the postal authorities regard as the most careful and conservative estimates. Each succeeding year sees a large increase in the business of the department. The principal items in the increase are the rural delivery service, railway mail service, compensation to postmasters and their clerks and compensation of letter carriers.

For the maintenance of rural delivery service and its proper extension over \$29,000,000 will be required. This is an increase of \$3,600,000 over the appropriation for the current year, which in turn is over \$5,000,000 more than that of last year, so that the present estimate is \$1,400,000 less than the increase of the present over the preceding year.

The deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906, was \$14,572,584. "This amount, the difference between the expenditures and the revenues of the department," it is officially announced, "may be said to represent the actual cost of the postal service to the people. If recent calculations are as accurate as they have been frequently in the past they afford good reason for believing that the deficit for the year ending June 30, 1906, will be considerably less. It is an interesting fact that the total revenue for the fiscal year 1906 exceeded the total expenditures for the fiscal year 1904 by nearly \$500,000."

**BODY FOUND BY HUNTERS.**

Wiley L. Brown, a Salt Lake Attorney, Perishes From Exposure.

Salt Lake City.—The body of Wiley L. Brown, prominent in Utah politics at the time statehood was granted, instrumental in the organizing of the Republican party in the state, and an attorney who achieved considerable prominence at the bar, was found by hunters Tuesday morning on Pine ridge, five miles up City Creek canyon. For three years Mr. Brown had been demented. Frequently he wandered about in the hills for days. The corpse was stripped save for an undershirt and lay not far from a trail leading over the ridge. The flesh was drawn and pinched, which made it evident that he had died from exposure.

**Moffat Says Road Will be Built.**

Salt Lake City.—A special to the Herald from Denver, says: "It is absolutely certain that the Moffat road will be constructed to Salt Lake City as rapidly as men and money can accomplish it." This was the statement made for David H. Moffat to O. H. Hewlett and John J. Critchlow on Tuesday by his nephew, Fred, of Denver. The two Salt Laker met Mr. Moffat's representative in connection with their work for the Merchants & Manufacturers' association of Salt Lake, and found him already heart and soul in the movement. David H. Moffat being in New York, his nephew was his authorized spokesman, and he was positive in asserting that the line will be rushed into Utah.

**Four Men Blown to Atoms at South River, N. J.**

South River, N. J.—Four men were blown to pieces Tuesday afternoon by an explosion at the laboratory of the International Smokeless Powder & Chemical company at Parlin. They were: John Pierce, Frank Spraford, John Applegate, J. W. Redpath, superintendent of the laboratory. What caused the explosion will never be known, as only the four men were in the building at the time.

**Unknown Steamer Goes Down Off Coast of Nova Scotia.**

Halifax, N. S.—The violent storm which swept the coast of Nova Scotia the latter part of last week apparently has claimed another victim. A two-masted steamer is thought to have gone to the bottom on Thursday afternoon off Beaver harbor, on the east coast of the province, fifty-five miles off Halifax. Her identity has not been established, and so far as can be ascertained not one of her crew survived.

**KOREANS ARE COMPELLED TO ACCEPT JAP TREATY**

The Premier Tried to Escape From the Palace, But Was Prevented by Armed Japanese.

London.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that the naval plans of Japan include the formation of a special squadron to cruise in the southern seas as far as Singapore. The same correspondent says: "The details of the negotiations at Seoul show that the Koreans had no alternative but to accept the treaty drawn by Japan. The premier tried to escape from the palace, but was prevented by Japanese gendarmes. He still persisted in his refusal to sign the protocol, whereupon the emperor dismissed him. Several other ministers resigned, but the emperor refused to accept their resignations. General Hasegawa, now commander of the Japanese troops in Korea, will be the Japanese governor general of Korea.

**SHAW CONSENTS TO STAY.**

Secretary of the Treasury Will Not Resign for Some Months.

Washington.—Secretary Shaw will remain as secretary of the treasury in President Roosevelt's cabinet until the conclusion of the approaching session of congress, and perhaps for several months longer.

It has been understood, in a tentative way, that Secretary Shaw expected to retire from the cabinet about the 1st of February next, or sooner, with a view to greater freedom in promoting his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination in 1908, although the secretary himself never has announced his intention to be a candidate. At a conference between the president and secretary on Monday, Secretary Shaw consented to continue as secretary of the treasury until the close of the approaching session of congress, and perhaps some time afterwards.

**MANY LEFT STRANDED.**

Prince Louis Sails Away, Leaving Many of His Sailors Behind.

New York.—About two hundred sailors from the British squadron commanded by Prince Louis of Battenberg were missing from their ships when the squadron made ready to sail Monday. Several of those who had overstayed their leave were turned away when they tried to board their ships in the morning. As it was within a few hours of the fleet's sailing time when they made their belated appearance, the officers treated them as deserters, refusing to let them step aboard. The officers said they were willing to lose these men on the principle that they are worthless and their loss is a good riddance. Many of the rejected sailors wept upon being refused permission to return to their ship.

**CLARK LETS CONTRACT.**

Road to Bullfrog to be Finished by April 1.

Salt Lake City.—Senator Clark, in an interview here on Monday, said: "We have let the contract for grading the line from Las Vegas to Bullfrog to Deal Bros. & Mendenhall of Springville, and they are preparing to begin active work at once. Grading on the extension will be under way by December 1st, and we expect to have the road completed and in running order within six months. The territory in southwestern Nevada is opening up splendidly, and with the shipping facilities the new line will afford the amount of development there will naturally be increased, and we expect to see a great mining region opened up."

**BURNED TO DEATH.**

Half-Witted Cripple of Shreveport, La., Perished in Flames.

Shreveport, La.—Fire Monday morning destroyed the city hall, city market, two store buildings adjoining it on the west, slightly damaged the city prison, caused the death of one person and the injury of three firemen. Loss, \$75,000. Walter Wood, a half-witted cripple, who was permitted to sleep in a room over the market, perished in the flames.

**Noted Mormon Dead.**

Phoenix, Ariz.—News comes from Mesa City, that Benjamin F. Johnson, a noted Mormon patriarch, died Saturday night at the age of 87 years and 3 months. Johnson was formerly private secretary to Prophet Joseph Smith, and served fourteen terms in the Utah legislature before coming to Arizona many years ago. His posterity numbers, it is stated, approximately 800. For years his birthday has been the occasion of an annual festival among the Mormons in this section.

**Red Flags in London.**

London.—There was another "poverty parade" in the streets of London Monday afternoon. Some five to six thousand unemployed men and a sprinkling of women marched along the Thames embankment to Hyde Park, where they listened to speeches and adopted resolutions condemning charity as a cure for lack of employment and demanding the summoning of parliament to initiate works of national utility. Red flags were seen and banners demanding work.

**STEAMER GOES TO THE BOTTOM**

Over One Hundred Lives Are Lost Off the North Coast of France

The Vessel Ran Into a Snowstorm, and, While the Passengers and Part of the Crew Were Asleep, Foundered on the Rocks.

London.—The Southwestern railway's cross channel steamer Hilda was wrecked off St. Malo, on the north coast of France, and it is believed that 100 or more of her passengers and crew were drowned. The Hilda left Southampton Friday night for St. Malo with considerably more than 100 souls on board. Her passage was greatly delayed by a fog in the channel, and when nearing St. Malo she ran into a severe snowstorm, apparently missed her course and foundered on the rocks off Jardin lighthouse, three miles from St. Malo.

The company's steamer Ada, outward from St. Malo, rescued five of the passengers and one of the crew.

The crew numbered twenty-six and there were about a hundred passengers, all Frenchmen, the majority being onion dealers from St. Brieuc and neighborhood.

The majority of the crew and passengers were asleep at the time. Two boats were lowered, one of which contained five men, who arrived at St. Servan. The second boat was picked up empty at St. Cast, where thirteen bodies were washed ashore. The top of the Hilda's funnel and her mast were visible at low tide, according to the telegram from St. Servan.

The Hilda was built at Glasgow in 1882 and registered 848 tons. She was a screw steamer of iron construction, and was 235 feet in length.

**PERISHED IN FLAMES.**

Thirty-nine Lives Lost in Lodging House Fire in Glasgow.

Glasgow.—The most terrible fire that has occurred in Great Britain for many years broke out here Sunday in a cheap lodging house for men in Watson street, and resulted in the loss of thirty-nine lives and the severe injury of many others.

The dead were mostly workmen in the prime of life. They presented a horrible sight, their blackened faces bearing evidence of terrible struggles to escape.

Many men were sleeping in the attic floor above the burning fourth floor, and these had narrow escapes. The flames burst through the floor, and it was impossible for the men to descend. The windows were securely fastened and the men had to break them so that they could climb through to neighboring roofs.

**Went Over the Boundary Line.**

Portland, Ore.—A peculiar legal entanglement is likely, it is said, to result from a raid made Saturday night by Portland police on the Milwaukee Country club, a gambling resort operated in the city of Milwaukee, Clackamas county, a town lying on the Willamette river a couple of miles south of the city limits of Portland. According to the character of the city of Portland, which is in Multnomah county, franked by the state legislature, the police power of Portland to suppress gambling extends a distance of four miles outside the boundaries of the city.

**PROGRAMME IN KOREA.**

Further Details of the Convention With Japan.

Seoul, Korea.—The new convention agreed upon by Japan and Korea, in addition to establishing the status of Japanese residents and the transfer of the management of foreign relations to Japan, provided that there shall be no interference with existing treaties and also for the retrocession of the administration of external relations, when the Korean government is capable of so doing.

**Russia Makes Threats Against the Turks.**

London.—The Sofia correspondent of the Times says that the disregard by the Turkish government of Russia's oft-repeated protests against the strengthening by Turkey of her fortifications in the Bosphorus and the Black sea littoral has resulted in a demand by Russia for the immediate payment of the arrears of the Russo-Turkish war indemnity, threatening in the event of non-payment occupation of a point on the Turkish coast.

**Russian Prisoners' Mutinous.**

Tokio.—A telegram from Nagasaki says that 800 of the Russian prisoners of war bound for Vladivostok on board the vessels Vladimir and Boroneji, have shown signs of mutiny. The officers of the two vessels applied to the Japanese authorities to dispatch troops and police officers to their assistance. One hundred coastguards have boarded the Boroneji and four Japanese torpedo boats have surrounded the two Russian ships.

**GREAT STRIKE IN RUSSIA HAS BEEN DECLARED OFF**

For the Moment the Czar's Domain is Free From the Ravages of the Hordes of Idle Workmen.

St. Petersburg.—At midnight on Saturday the railroad strike throughout Russia was formally declared off, the men deciding to return to work at noon on Monday. The Workmen's council held a protracted session and hotly discussed the abandonment of the strike. Many of those present, especially the leaders of the extremist faction, advocated a continuance of the strike, declaring that only war to the knife with the government was possible, and urged that the strike be enforced until the Cronstadt mutineers were unconditionally pardoned and martial law in Poland abolished.

The intransigents insisted that the proletariat of the whole country was ready to flare in a resumption of the former general strike if the St. Petersburg workmen would stand to their guns only a few days longer. They declared that the strike committee in Moscow was debating the question of joining the call for a universal strike, and produced a telegram from Ribinsk saying that the workmen in the shops of the motor power department of the railroad had struck and traffic was at a standstill.

The orators of the other faction resented sharply the insinuations of treachery and poltroonery, and warned their opponents that they ran the danger of being deserted and entirely discredited if they persisted in ordering a continuance of the strike. This faction finally won out, and the strike is over.

**CUTTING LOOSE FROM RADICALS.**

Russian Liberals Are Flocking to the Support of Witte.

St. Petersburg.—The sudden awakening of the conservative and liberal elements to the imperative necessity for resisting to the utmost the attempt of the radicals and socialists who are conducting the present strike to obtain the upper hand has galvanized the leaders into action and has started a healthy movement in favor of entirely cutting loose from the radical wing.

Dmitri Shipoff and Guckoff and other leaders of various groups, including constitutional democrats, have gone to Moscow to urge the zemstvos assembling there to unite the forces which desire to prevent anarchy in condemning the political strike and to join in supporting the government in its efforts to restore tranquility and introduce the new regime. The government is able to take a firmer stand because of this reaction in public opinion.

**WAS ONLY A BLUFF.**

Isle of Pines Rebellion Regarded as Somewhat Ridiculous.

Havana.—Americans who have arrived here from the Isle of Pines are unanimous in asserting that the participants in the meeting of November 11 had no idea that the so-called territorial officers would attempt to assume office. They say it was universally understood that their election was only a basis, first for an appeal to Washington, and second, as a newspaper advertising movement, it having been long a matter of complaint on the part of some of the residents of the Isle of Pines that the newspapers were not in sympathy with their efforts. It is asserted on good authority that exactly thirty men attended the meeting on November 11, besides many women.

**Mining Congress at an End.**

El Paso, Tex.—At the last session of the mining congress on Saturday the action of Friday recommending that the executive committee select Phoenix, Ariz., as the next meeting place, was unanimously rescinded and the choice left with the executive committee. Directors were elected as follows: For one year, J. H. Richards, Idaho; Thomas Ewing, San Francisco; Frank Watson, Oregon. For two years, John Dern, Utah; George E. Dorsey, Nebraska; E. R. Buckley, Missouri. For three years, E. A. Colburn, Colorado; C. M. Shannon, Arizona; J. W. Malcomson, El Paso.

**PRAYING FOR PEACE.**

Deputation of Clergy Visit the Distracted Emperor.

St. Petersburg.—The emperor on Saturday received at Tsarkoe-Selo a deputation of clergy for the holy synod and joined with them in prayers for the restoration of peace and tranquility of Russia, the appeasement of class hatreds and the establishment of mutual relations of love and confidence. The ceremony was impressive.

**Constitutional Party of Finland Decides Upon Single Chamber Diet.**

Heisingfors, Finland.—At a meeting on Saturday of a thousand representatives of the constitutional party from all parts of Finland, a resolution was adopted in favor of a single chamber diet, the members to be elected from all citizens over 21 years of age without distinction of sex. The meeting also resolved to telegraph to Secretary of State Linder at St. Petersburg calling on him to resign immediately.