

NEWS SUMMARY

Three men were drowned at Clifton, Arizona, in the recent floods. Bubonic plague is raging in Yokohama, according to latest advices.

The business portion of Arcadia, Fla., has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$250,000.

Emperor William opened the Reichstag, himself reading the speech from the throne. The speech was occupied chiefly with domestic affairs.

It has been formally decided at Tokio to elevate the Japanese legations at London, Washington, Paris, Berlin and St. Petersburg to embassies.

Ex-Councilman James P. Davenport was killed and seven other persons were more or less seriously injured in a trolley car collision in Los Angeles.

During the fury of a storm at Superior, Wis., four prisoners, after attempting a general jail delivery at the county jail, escaped by boring through a brick wall.

William S. McWilliams has confessed to the murder of his wife and five children whose mutilated bodies were found in their home near Independence, Iowa.

Andrew Hamilton, to whom the New York Life Insurance company has paid hundreds of thousands of dollars, charged to legal expenses, has been located in Paris.

The British allotment of \$31,350,000 of the Japanese loan of \$125,000,000 was so largely over-subscribed that the lists were closed three hours after they were opened.

His jugular vein severed and his neck broken, the dead body of Frank W. Noetzel, aged 28, was discovered in Detroit, Mich. He had been murdered for his money.

The monthly coinage statement issued by the director of the mint shows that the total coinage executed at the mints of the United States during November, 1905, was \$3,447,210.

The Indiana supreme court has decided that telegraph companies cannot be compelled to furnish market quotations to brokerage firms which do a so-called bucket-shop business.

Work on the great dam which will conserve the flood waters of the Rio Grande and reclaim a quarter of a million acres of land above and below El Paso, Texas, has been authorized.

The town of Safford, Ariz., is entirely cut off by high water. The Globe Gila valley railroad is washed out on both sides of the town. Heavy rains have fallen all over southern Arizona.

Growing out of a trivial cause, a suspension of work occurred on the river front at New Orleans. The result is that no cotton is being hauled and other laboring organizations are idle.

The American Exchange bank, owned by J. M. Mitchell of Mt. Carmel, Ill., was robbed early Tuesday of \$1,000. A part of the safe was blown through the building and across the street.

Col. Wilder S. Metcalf, who succeeded Frederick Funston as colonel of the Twentieth Kansas regiment in the Philippines, has been reappointed to the office of United States pension agent at Topeka.

Nearly a score of persons were injured when a crowded passenger train on the Long Island railroad crashed into a section of a freight train which had broken apart a few minutes before at Newton, L. I.

Several Panamanian and foreign capitalists are endeavoring to obtain from the government of Panama a concession to build a railroad across the isthmus, the probable route of which would be from Chiriqui to Bocas del Toro.

According to advices received by the steamer Iyo Maru, agents of Hawaiian planters are endeavoring to induce numbers of Russian prisoners in Japan to emigrate to Hawaii, offering them work on the sugar plantations.

The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business November 30, 1905, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$999,752,831, which is a decrease as compared with last month of \$12,893,294.

A terrific blow-out of gas has occurred in the Humble oil field, Texas, tearing a hole in the earth 100 feet in diameter. A derrick and machinery house tumbled into the opening and the escaping gas gives the disturbance a volcanic appearance.

Carl Axel Fred, a tourist from Concord, N. H., died at the county hospital at San Bernardino, Cal., after lying unconscious for four days. The county physician states emphatically that every indication points to Fred having been sandbagged.

SAKHAROFF ASSASSINATED BY WOMAN REVOLUTIONIST

The Murder Called at Home of the General and Fired Three Revolver Shots at Him.

London.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, in a dispatch dated December 5, sent via Edytkunen, East Prussia, says: "Lieutenant General Sakharoff, former minister of war, was assassinated today.

"The government had deputed General Saratoff to visit the province of the agrarian riots there.

"A woman belonging to the so-called 'flying column' of the revolutionary movement, called at the house of the governor of Saratoff at noon Wednesday and asked to see General Sakharoff.

"She fired three revolver shots at the general, killing him on the spot.

"The event has created a profound impression in St. Petersburg, owing to fears that the revolutionists here will follow the example thus set."

SHIP SUBSIDY BILL REVIVED.

Revised Bill of the Merchant Marine Commission.

Washington.—The supplemental report and revised bill of the merchant marine commission were presented on Wednesday in the senate by Chairman Gallinger of the commission, and in the house of representatives by Representative Grosvenor. The revised bill, according to the estimate of the commission, will produce an increased revenue from the tonnage taxes of \$1,900,000 in the first year of the operation of the bill from July 1, 1906, to June 30, 1907. It is estimated by the commission that the actual expenditures on account of the bill in the first year of its operation will be \$150,000 for naval volunteer retainers, \$666,250 for mail subventions to new lines, and \$67,000 for the increase of mail subventions to two existing lines, a total of \$1,283,250.

SECRETARY SHAW'S REPORT.

Shows Large Increase in Revenues and Decrease in Expenditures.

Washington, D. C.—The annual report of Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw, submitted to congress on Wednesday, shows that, compared with the fiscal year 1904, the government's receipts for 1905 increased \$12,886,896.21, and there was a decrease of \$5,879,447.10 in expenditures.

However, notwithstanding this large increase in receipts and decrease in expenditures, there is a balance of \$23,004,228.60 on the wrong side of Uncle Sam's ledger—that is the size of the deficit for the year.

Ammonia Used to Capture Insane Woman.

Girard, Kan.—Mrs. Ina Berry, who since Friday had held the town officials at bay from her fort in the toilet room of a Frisco railway coach on the tracks here, was removed Wednesday shortly before noon, after she had been partially overcome by the fumes of ammonia. A bundle of rags saturated with the drug had been pushed through the window of the toilet room. Before surrendering Mrs. Berry fired one shot at her captors, but without effect. The woman is insane and defied all attempts to get her to leave the car, shooting at everyone that came within range.

DIVORCE CHURCH AND STATE.

French Senate Passes Bill Amid Great Enthusiasm.

Paris.—The senate on Wednesday, after a long debate, adopted the bill for the separation of church and state by a vote of 181 against 102. The vote was announced amid enthusiastic scenes. Former Premier Combes participated in the debate, contending that the measure assured neutrality of religion, moral liberation and the social pacification of France.

MORE RESIGNATIONS.

McCall to Resign Presidency of the New York Life.

New York.—The Evening Sun of Wednesday says that President McCall and Vice President George W. Perkins of the New York Life Insurance company are going to retire from office in that company. Mr. Perkins' retirement, the Sun says, will probably take place soon and Mr. McCall's at the next annual election of trustees in April.

Peace Will Not Last.

Los Angeles, Cal.—At a public reception in his honor Wednesday night, Lieutenant General and Chief of Staff Adna R. Chaffee of the United States army, predicted that the United States will again go to war. He said: "Gentlemen, war will come again. There are plenty of men in this room who will see our country at war again. Not on our own soil, perhaps. You must remember that we have now become one of the nations of the earth. We have great interests to defend."

AMUNDSEN FINDS MAGNETIC POLE

Explorer is Also Accredited With Discovering the Northwest Passage.

News Received in Message Sent by a Courier of Nansen, the Norwegian Explorer—Success Comes After Years of Search by Arctic Explorers.

Seattle, Wash.—Major Glassford, in charge of the government cable office here, received a message Tuesday addressed to Nansen, the Norwegian explorer at Christiania, from Captain Roald Amundsen of the ship Gjoa, at Fort Egbert, Eagle City, Alaska, telling of a trip by dog team from Herschel Island to Eagle City. Major Glassford gave the message to the Post Intelligencer for publication.

While the message is incomplete in details, it purports to be from a member of an exploring party sent out by Nansen, and states that the party is safe with the ship Gjoa, wintering at King Point.

Captain Amundsen, who set out from Fort Egbert in a small craft with a crew of but eight men, found the north magnetic pole, whose discovery is originally accredited to Ross in 1831, although many scientists doubt that Ross really located this elusive guide to the compasses of the world. The North magnetic pole has been generally assumed by geographers as being on Bothnia, the most northerly peninsula of the American continent, and close to King Williamsland. It is supposed to be a shifting sphere of influence, though its variations are not great.

Having gone from Greenland to a point in the vicinity of Heerschel Island, it would seem as though Amundsen has at last found the northwest passage for which Arctic explorers have been searching for years.

TURKEY YIELDS TO POWERS

Sultan Awaits Unanimity on Part of Ministers.

Constantinople.—The council of ministers has agreed to yield to the demands of the powers in principle but the sultan has not yet issued an irade approving this action.

It seems that the war minister refused to sign the ministerial note on the subject, which is couched in conciliatory terms, and pronounces in favor of the acceptance in principle of the requirements of the European concert. The sultan said he was awaiting unanimity on the part of the ministers before sanctioning their action.

President Sends Names to Senate.

Washington, D. C.—The president on Tuesday sent the following nominations to the senate: Secretary of state, Elihu Root of New York; secretary of the navy, Charles Joseph Bonaparte of Maryland. Among other nominations were the following: United States attorney, William C. Bristol, district of Oregon; interstate commerce commissioner, Franklin Lane of California. In addition to the above nominations all of the recess appointments made since the senate adjourned last March were sent to the senate. These include officers in the diplomatic and consular service, treasury officials, postmasters, interior department officials, army and navy officers, in fact every branch of the public service is represented.

Republican Senators Hold Caucus and Appoint Steering Committee.

Washington, D. C.—A caucus of Republican senators was held Tuesday, following the adjournment of the session of the senate. Senator Allison was chosen chairman, and by unanimous consent was authorized to appoint a steering committee to serve throughout the congress. The chairman also is instructed to name a commission to fill committee vacancies. No discussion was had of any proposed legislation, and the caucus adjourned within ten minutes of the time it convened.

Prominent Salt Lake Suicides.

Salt Lake City.—Louis Crockwell Karrick, formerly prominent in business and mining enterprises throughout the state, and identified with the Liberal party at the time of its organization, committed suicide early Tuesday morning in his apartments at the Cullen hotel by shooting himself through the head. Financial losses and domestic troubles are said to be the direct cause of his deliberate deed.

Mark Twain Celebrates Birthday.

New York.—Mary Twain on Tuesday night was the guest of honor at a dinner at Delmonico's, given by George Harvey in honor of the humorist's seventieth birthday. The guests were confined closely to writers of imaginative literature, and about 170 authors were present, nearly half of them women. During the dinner a congratulatory cable message was received from England, signed by forty of the most distinguished writers there. Twain made a characteristic address.

FIFTY-NINTH CONGRESS IS NOW IN SESSION

The First Day's Session of the Senate Adjourned Out of Respect to the Memory of Senator Platt.

Washington, D. C.—The assembling on Monday of the members of the Fifty-ninth congress for their first session was marked by no unusual incidents, but it attracted to the capital crowds of spectators, who took a lively interest in the proceedings.

The house was in session for more than three hours, and while the proceedings followed the programme that has marked the opening of congress for many years, there was enough of interest to hold an exceptionally large audience during the entire time.

The preliminary steps to organization were taken by the house. Joseph G. Cannon of Illinois was re-elected speaker; other members of the house took the oath of office; the officers and floor-employees of the body were re-elected; the rules of the last congress were adopted, and members went through the formality of drawing for seats.

Senators Allison and Morgan were appointed by Vice President Fairbanks as a committee to notify the president that congress was ready for any communication he desired to make. The senate was in session only twenty minutes. Senators Aldrich of Rhode Island, Knox of Pennsylvania, Warner of Missouri and Frazier of Tennessee took the oath of office, and an adjournment was taken as a mark of respect to the late Senator Platt of Connecticut.

President Roosevelt's message to congress received the attention of the house for two and a half hours Tuesday. Its reading was listened to with marked attention, and at its conclusion the document was applauded. Preliminary steps were taken toward appropriating the needed emergency funds for the Panama canal. The house received and ordered referred to one of the regular election committees a protest from the Fifth Congressional district of Illinois, stating that Anthony Michalek, who was sworn in on Monday as a member of the house from that district, is not a citizen of the United States.

Representative Howell of Utah on Tuesday introduced a bill to annex that part of Arizona lying north, and west of the Colorado river.

Upon motion of Mr. Goldfogle of New York a resolution was read expressing the sympathy of the American people for the distressed Jews. The senate was in session for almost three hours Tuesday and gave practically all of its time to listening to the reading of the president's message.

Mr. Brandegee took his seat as a senator from Connecticut.

Williams Will Again be Party Leader.

Washington.—For two hours on Saturday the Democratic members of the house discussed party policies and procedure with a view to solidifying the minority and acting harmoniously upon all matters of a partisan character that may come before the house. This discussion followed the nomination of officers to be voted for on Monday and was precipitated by a variety of resolutions on these subjects. John Sharp Williams was unanimously chosen as the nominee for speaker, and his action of the caucus makes him the minority leader for the ensuing congress to succeed himself.

DEATH BEFORE DISGRACE.

Suicide of Captain Alga P. Berry of the Regular Army.

Vancouver, Wash.—Captain Alga P. Berry committed suicide here Thursday by shooting himself through the heart. He was recently tried by a general courtmartial at Vancouver barracks and found guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. The order for his dismissal arrived Wednesday. Berry was a graduate of West Point, class of '96, and was on duty as quartermaster of the transport Buford at the time the charges were preferred against him.

Dumped Into a Roaring Furnace.

Mobile, Ala.—Nine persons occupying a "pull boat" on Middle river, which runs between the Tensas and Alabama rivers, met a terrible fate Saturday, all being burned to death in a fire that destroyed the boat. Sidney Wheat, the negro steward, was the only survivor of ten men who lived on the craft. Wheat escaped death by being awake owing to illness. The crackling of the burning timbers warned him just in time, he making his escape just as the huge structure of the boat collapsed.

Goats Devastating Island.

Honolulu.—The island of Lanai, the smallest inhabited island of the Hawaiian group, is being laid bare by the ravages of wild goats and the blowing away of its vegetation and soil by high winds. Governor Carter has just returned from a trip to the island, in the United States tug Iroquois, and expresses the opinion that if steps are not taken to prevent the continued destruction of vegetation, the island will probably become barren altogether. There is much suffering on the island.

BLOODY BATTLE AT SEBASTOPOL

Mutinuous Sailors Try Conclusions With Soldiers and Are Defeated.

Town and Forts Bombaraded by the Guns of Cruiser Under Command of Lieutenant Schmidt, But Rebels Wage Losing Fight.

St. Petersburg.—Sebastopol was the scene of a desperate battle on Wednesday between the mutinous sailors and the troops in the forts on the shore.

During the battle the town and the forts were bombaraded by the guns of the cruiser Otchakoff, which lies a burning wreck off Admiralty Point, its hull riddled with shells and its flaunting red ensign of revolution hauled down. Many of the crew of the Otchakoff were killed or injured.

According to the most reliable reports obtainable, the barracks of the mutinous fleet, which numbered ten vessels, had surrendered, and the whole position is now in the hands of the troops under the command of General Nepleuff.

The battle was begun by the troops on shore, who opened fire on the Otchakoff, which was defiantly displaying the red flag. The commander, Lieutenant Schmidt, immediately returned the challenge, replying with both batteries, one trained on the town and the other on the Fort Alexander batteries on the north shore.

During the battle the sailors on shore, entrenched in the barracks, defended their position with machine guns and rifles against the attacking infantry. After an engagement lasting two and a half hours, with the Otchakoff riddled and on fire and the cruiser Dneper and another vessel sunk, Lieutenant Schmidt, who had been badly wounded, surrendered the entire squadron. The mutinous sailors on shore surrendered to the Brest and Bieloostok regiments.

According to this report the Panteleimon (formerly the Kniaz Potemkin) was injured below the water line, and a torpedo boat is ashore on the rocks.

The demands of the mutineers are said to include the convocation of a constituent assembly and the complete realization of the liberties promised by the imperial manifesto.

WORK OF WIND AND WAVE.

Many Wrecks Result From Storm on Lake Superior.

Duluth, Minn.—The net results of the great storm on Lake Superior, as far as known, are the total wrecks of the steamers Mataafa, Crescent City, Edenborn and Lafayette; the sinking of the Ellwood in Duluth harbor, the stranding of the barge Manila and the steamer W. B. England, the stranding of the Bransford at Isle Royale, and two barges missing, the Maderia and Constitution. The Bransford escaped with a puncture in her forward compartment and succeeded in reaching Duluth. A fireman off the Lafayette was drowned and the second assistant engineer of the Edenborn was lost. Their names were unobtainable.

SENATOR BURTON SENTENCED.

Six Months in Missouri Jail and a Fine of \$2,500.

St. Louis.—United States Senator Joseph Ralph Burton of Kansas was on Wednesday sentenced in the United States circuit court to serve six months in the Iron county jail, Ironton, Mo., and to pay a fine of \$2,500 as the penalty for conviction on the indictment charging that he had acted in the capacity of a paid attorney in behalf of the Rialto Grain and Securities company of St. Louis before the postoffice department to prevent the issuance of a fraud order. This is the second time the senator has been convicted, the previous sentence being six months in the county jail and a fine of \$5,000.

Senator Patterson Fined \$1,000 for Contempt of Court.

Denver.—The supreme court on Wednesday held United States Senator Thomas Patterson to be in contempt of court for printing certain cartoons and editorials in his two newspapers and fined him \$1,000, directing that he be committed to jail until the fine should be paid. Subsequently the court ordered a stay of execution for sixty days, pending an appeal by Senator Patterson to the supreme court of the United States.

Squiers Resigns.

Havana.—The American minister, Herbert G. Squiers, has cabled his resignation to Washington. The Cuban government had cabled a message of complaint to Washington against Mr. Squiers' attitude on the Isle of Pines question, following his persistent opposition to the Anglo-Cuban treaty, which the Cubans have chosen to consider unreasonable. Edwin V. Morgan, at present American minister to Korea, has been appointed American minister to Cuba to succeed Minister Squiers.

NORTHWEST NOTES

A searching party has found John H. Rule, who was lost in the mountains near Basin, Mont. Both of his feet are badly frozen.

Robbers entered the Farmers and Merchants' bank at Forest Grove, Ore., blew open the safe and secured \$5,453.78 in currency.

The news comes from Fort Benton, Mont., that Harry Meyer, a shepherd employed near Chimney Rock is missing, and it is feared he has been frozen to death.

Representatives of the Milwaukee road are now negotiating for a right of way and depot grounds in Sheridan, Wyo., for its transcontinental line which is to cross Wyoming from Dakota.

Former Judge Gilbert K. Little of Seattle, the pioneer American attorney in the canal zone, died last week at Ancon. Judge Little at one time presided over the Hilo circuit in Hawaii.

As the culmination of a quarrel between their wives, J. Martin shot William Bernard at Butler's camp, near Belfast, Skagit county, Washington. Bernard died a few hours after the affray.

S. D. Bell of Sheridan, Wyo., a prominent stockman of that state, died suddenly in Billings, Mont., of paralysis, being seized by the illness shortly after consummating an extensive purchase of sheep.

More than 150 heads of Indian families have assembled at the agency at the Colville (Washington) Indian reservation to consider the opening of the south half of the reservation and allotments of land to the Indians.

The dead body of Ben Harris, a sheep herder, has been found on the Marias river, about fifteen miles from Chimney Rock, Mont. He became bewildered in the late storm and, losing his bearings, wandered about until overcome by the cold.

Sid Houk has been convicted at Dillon, Mont., of the murder of Owen Ellis, a prominent stockman, and sentenced to twenty-five years in the state penitentiary. Houk's defense was that he shot Ellis to save his own life. Houk is a well-known gambler and it was in his saloon that the tragedy was enacted.

Nick Williams, 24 years old, died in Bellingham, Wash., as a result of injuries received while clearing right of way for the Columbia Improvement company. A large tree which he and another man were felling struck a loose branch and hurled it at his back, bored a hole in his body and pinned him to the ground.

Charles Sponder, 45 years old, was instantly killed at Bellingham, Wash., by a falling stump at the city gravel pit. The stump had been undermined and an effort was being made to remove it. Although warned of the danger, he went underneath to cut a root, which let the stump down on him, crushing the life out of him.

The supreme court has confirmed the decision of the district court of Lewis and Clark county, awarding \$50,000 damages to Martin Burke of Butte. Burke was a miner at the Colusa-Parrot mine and grasped a wire upon which the insulation was faulty, fearfully burning his hands and otherwise making him almost a physical wreck.

James A. Warford has been found guilty of murder in the first degree for killing Ike Lebo at Goldfield, Colo., a year ago. The jury recommended life imprisonment. Warford was acting as a deputy sheriff on election day, and shot and killed Lebo and a man named Miller, who, he said, drew guns on him when he started to remove them outside the polling place.

Justice of the Peace Henry A. White of Rainier Beach, south of Seattle, was instantly killed by a street car near his home. He left one street car and was standing on the opposite track when struck by the car. His body was horribly mangled.

The executive committee of the Wyoming State Teachers' association has selected Douglas as the place of meeting in 1906, the time to be during the meeting of the Wyoming state fair at that place, perhaps the first week in October.

Three masked men, while holding up the Hillyard Bar saloon, in Spokane, shot Thomas Kehoe, the bartender, twice in the head, and when he came out from behind the bar they beat him over the head with their revolvers. It is thought that he will die.

Eugene George Schaeffline, a bartender, was drowned at Seattle in sight of his wife, who was unable to assist him. Schaeffline returned home intoxicated and stepped off a wharf on which he lived. He sunk out of sight before his wife could call assistance.

United States Senator Charles W. Fulton of Oregon and Judge C. H. Carey of Portland have been named as delegates by the Oregon Development league to represent the league at the approaching convention of the National Civic Federation at New York.

Mrs. Emma Campbell, wife of David H. Campbell, was burned to death at Maple Falls, Wash. Her dress caught fire from flames which are supposed to have burst from a defective heating stove. With garments ablaze she rushed to a neighbor's, and died soon afterward.