

# The News

## Domestic

Among the indictments returned by the federal grand jury of Denver, Col., is one against Ora Haley, a cattlemen, who is charged with illegally fencing 10,000 acres of range land near the Colorado-Wyoming boundary.

Major General McKee, in command of the ten companies of the Indiana National Guard remaining at Muncie on account of the strike of the street railway employees, ordered two more companies to leave for their homes.

Fire broke out in the business section of Albion, Ill., and destroyed the Edwards County Bank building, the New National Bank building, the Telephone Exchange, two clothing stores, a shoe store and a drug store.

Mrs. James Valentine, wife of an ironmolder, became suddenly insane and attacked her six-year-old son with a hammer and razor, wounding him frightfully. She then cut her own throat and will die.

The New Jersey Railway Commissioners, in their annual report to the Governor, state that from July 29 to December 1 last year 108 persons were killed and 198 injured by the railroads in New Jersey.

Harry J. Lewis, traveling salesman for a Detroit garment house, and formerly a prominent cigar manufacturer at Minneapolis, was found dead in the bathroom of his apartments in Detroit.

Judge Kohlsaat rendered a decision in favor of the government in the suit against Captain Carter, charged with having embezzled \$700,000 of government funds through conspiracy with Greene and Gaylor.

Secretary Taft, in reply to question of Llewellyn Lewis, secretary of the Ohio Federation of Labor, gives his views for the correction of abuses in the injunction against strikes.

Joseph Miller, of Chicago, who claims he was strangled on a steamer at Norfolk and taken to Europe, arrived in New York on the steamer Moskwa from Rotterdam.

Detectives from important cities of the country declared that Cleveland is the center of the so-called "Black Hand" operations.

Despondent because he could not properly care for his family, Joseph H. Sheppard killed himself.

W. B. Thomas was elected president of the American Sugar Refining Company.

Miners persistently declare that there are 100 bodies in the Darr Mine.

Edwin Gould forced Augustus F. Heinze out of the Mercantile National bank by demanding over a million of the bank's stock to satisfy notes due from Heinze to Gould.

Charles N. Whitney, member of a New York brokerage firm that handled Vanderbilt interests, shot and killed himself, owing to ill health.

Dr. Henry Beates, Jr., president of the Medical Council of Pennsylvania, declares that the average medical college is inefficient.

Three persons were killed and eight injured in the wreck of the Collier special on the Southern Railroad near Atlanta, Ga.

Phineas Wheeler, aged 86, a veteran of the Civil War, of Rome, N. Y., shot himself owing to an attack of the grip.

Acting President Thomas, of the American Sugar Refining Company, is in favor of publicity for corporations.

Col. James Hamilton Lewis, in a lecture before the law school of the Northwestern University said: "When a woman starts out to perjure herself, all hell cannot keep her record."

F. Augustus Heinze, former president of the Mercantile National Bank of New York, was indicted and placed under \$50,000 bail to answer a charge of overcertifying a check for \$62,761.40.

George L. Chase, president of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company for 40 years and Capt. George Taylor, a fire insurance president for 40 years, died within a few hours of each other.

A monument in memory of the 74 men who died in the explosion on the United States gunboat Bennington was unveiled at San Diego, Cal.

The assay office, in Wall Street, the oldest building on the thoroughfare, is to be torn down.

Samuel Fessenden, author of the phrase "Good Almighty hates a quitter," died in Stamford, Ct.

Mississippi has formed an organization for deeper inland waterways.

## Foreign

William Redmond, member of the British House of Commons, in an address in Rome said that political liberties were greater in Australia than the United States because Irishmen formed the nucleus of the Australian population.

The White Star Line has reduced Atlantic rates on second and third class passages, by \$7.50 to \$5, respectively, for the purpose, it is said, of fighting the Cunard Company, and the latter has announced similar reductions.

Conferences in Manchester, England, for a settlement of the dispute between the cotton mill owners and the employees are said to indicate a settlement.

The discovery of a revolutionary plot among officers of the artillery at the fortress of Warsaw, Russia, has led to the imprisonment of seven officers.

Rioters burned the Protestant Episcopal chapel in the Province of Chekiang, China. The disorders are directed against the dynasty.

Storms on the English Channel and the west coast of Europe caused a number of small wrecks and the loss of more than 40 lives.

The financial statement of the Bank of France is a tribute to the wisdom of that country's banking laws.

The subdirector and cashier of the Bank of Yucatan and ten other persons were arrested on the charge of stealing \$740,000 from the bank.

The French press still fears there will be war between Japan and the United States.

## RAGING FIRE IN A SKYSCRAPER

### Firemen's Hard Fight Above the City's Roofs.

### SPECTACULAR BLAZE IN NEW YORK.

#### Half the Firemen in Manhattan Fail to Control the Fire Until the Building Was Burned Out—Sensational Rescues From the Roof of the Building.

New York (Special).—Four firemen went to their deaths when they responded to a fire that ruined the Parker Building, a 12-story business structure occupying the block between East Eighteenth and Nineteenth Streets, on Fourth Avenue.

Fought by half the firemen of Manhattan and apparatus that blocked the streets for blocks, the flames were never controlled, and only with difficulty confined to the building in which they originated. Floor after floor gave way and dropped to the basement, and beneath these and crumbling walls no less than 30 firemen were caught and either killed outright or seriously injured.

When the fire had burned itself out and the firemen's roll was called, three men of Engine Company No. 72 and one from Fire Patrol No. 3 failed to respond.

Tim Hutchinson, of Patrol No. 3, was removed, dying, to the hospital. Captain Wilson and Captain Garvin, of Engine Companies Nos. 24 and 72, who were injured internally, were among those dangerously hurt.

When the casualties began the Florence Hotel, which adjoins the burned building on Eighteenth Street, was made a temporary hospital, where fire department physicians gave immediate aid to the injured. The monetary loss was estimated at \$1,500,000.

The fire was one of the most spectacular as well as disastrous in recent years. From start to finish its course was marked by heartrending scenes, sensational escapes and flashes of heroism.

The fire was discovered shortly after 5 o'clock by the night watchman, George Noyes, who found a blaze on the fifth floor in the offices of the Hooker-Jackson Company, publishers of the Encyclopedia Britannica. The fire spread rapidly and shot at once to the roof.

After the fire had been in progress about an hour it was discovered that six men employed in the offices of the Suffolk Engraving Company had gone from the fifth floor to the roof and were penned in there, with no means of escape. The fire department has recently been equipped with a new gun for shooting ropes to the tops of high buildings and it came into play for the first time tonight.

Captain Gordon took some men from Hook and Ladder 3 to the roof of the Florence House, next door, which is seven stories high. The gun was loaded and fired. The rope shot up to the twelfth floor of the Parker Building and was made fast to a chimney, and the men got down safely.

Seven firemen of Engine 72, which first arrived, ran up to the fifth floor of the burning building after 85-foot extension ladders had been raised to the windows of that story to make possible the firemen's retreat. After a fruitless effort to stay the flames at the place of origin the firemen were driven to the windows only to find that the tops of the ladders had been burned, cutting off their only retreat.

Preacher on Trial. Springfield, Ill. (Special).—In the United States District Court here Rev. Dr. James A. Kaye, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, at Lincoln, Ill., was placed on trial charged with counterfeiting. Dr. Kaye admits making coins, but says he was simply experimenting to ascertain whether he could make medals for the children of his Sunday School.

Sees Peace Ahead. Paris (By Cable).—The "Matin," referring again to the American-Japanese situation, declares President Roosevelt spoke to a diplomat in Washington a few days ago in the following words: "All will be arranged in the most satisfactory manner. The last memorandum received from Japan was expressed in the most conciliatory terms, and there is not the slightest apprehension of a conflict."

Airship to Carry 100. Berlin (By Cable).—Count Zeppelin proposes to build an airship to carry 100 persons. He calculates that it will be necessary to build it only 26 feet longer than his latest airship, which is 137 feet long, and which carries eleven persons, in addition to 3,300 pounds of ballast. Experts believe that the count will succeed in his undertaking.

Nearly Cuts Head From Body. Coldwater, Mich. (Special).—Vernon L. Nettleton, a hardware dealer, about 50 years old, while suffering, it is supposed, with acute melancholia due to business troubles, rose from his bed and gashed his sister's throat. He then returned to his own room and nearly severed his head with a carving knife, dying almost instantly. Miss Nettleton is expected to recover.

Nominated By The President. Washington, D. C. (Special).—The President sent to the Senate the nomination of Fred T. Dennett of North Dakota to be Commissioner of the General Land Office; also the nominations of James F. Tracey of New York to be a member of Philippine Commission and Secretary of Finance and Justice and Gregorio Aranaeta of the Philippine Islands to be an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands.

## WILL GET A HEARING

### Brownson Controversy To Be Aired in the Senate.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The Navy Department and the quarrel between President Roosevelt and Admiral Brownson will be investigated by the Senate. When Admiral Brownson resigned rather than acquiesce in the appointment of Surgeon Stokes to the command of the hospital ship Relief, Senator Hale, in a carefully prepared statement, landed Admiral Brownson's courage and manly independence. Thursday Mr. Hale, who as chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee, is the Senate's arbiter on all naval matters, introduced a bill which has for its purpose the settlement of all the pending controversies between line and staff, which raises the pay of officers and men and which seeks a general way to improve existing conditions. The bill made, of course, no reference to the Brownson episode, but it was understood by every member that Senator Hale had taken this method of bringing the controversy between the President and the late chief of the Bureau of Navigation to the official attention of the Senate.

## TRAIN DROPS 25 FEET.

### Four-Score Passengers Hurt In Wreck of Special.

Atlanta, Ga. (Special).—The second section of what is known as the Collier special, running from Cleveland, Ohio, to St. Augustine, Fla., was wrecked between Dallas and Hiram, Ga., on the Southern Railroad, on a trestle twenty-five feet over the nearly dry bed of Copper Mine Creek. Five of the seven cars went into the mud. Three trainmen are dead, and more than eighty passengers, most of them residents of Ohio, were injured.

Engineer James Edwards, who was caught beneath the cab of his engine when it overturned, after clearing the trestle, was killed. Road Foreman of Engines Schnapps, and the negro fireman, Mose Baldwin, were injured fatally and died soon after reaching Atlanta on the second relief train.

Mrs. Emil Hoover, of Columbus, Ohio, is in a dying condition, and Miss Florence Studebaker, of Cleveland, probably will die.

The injuries to the passengers consist chiefly of broken limbs and bruises.

## TOOK AWAY \$110,000,000.

### Immigrants Returning To Europe Carried About \$200 Apiece.

New York (Special).—According to the North German Lloyd Line, which has made a careful computation based on the figures of steamship agents, money changers, and railroad men, more than \$110,000,000 was taken out of the United States by the immigrants who returned to their native places last year. The estimate is that each of the 550,045 foreigners had about \$200 with him.

As an offset to millions that departed, it is noted that 1,346,688 aliens who arrived last year brought with them, according to the estimate of the Commissioner of Immigration, about \$27,273,269. Much of this, however, was furnished to the immigrants by relatives or friends in the United States.

Takahira May Not Come. Paris (By Cable).—The Rome correspondent of the Matin says that M. Takahira, Japanese Minister to Italy, who, it was recently reported, had been appointed Ambassador to the United States, has not yet begun packing his household effects. In diplomatic quarters it is doubted that he is going to America.

## WASHINGTON

An increase of a million dollars in the appropriation for projectiles and ammunition was asked for by Rear Admiral Mason, chief of the Naval Bureau of Ordnance.

A congressional lottery was conducted in the House of Representatives for rooms in the new office building of that body, which is now nearing completion.

Judge James F. Tracey, of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, declined the proffered appointment as member of the Philippine Commission.

In his annual Chief of Staff General J. Franklin Bell urges more pay for the Army and the restoration of the canteen.

Secretary of the Navy Metcalf sent to the House an estimation of \$2,000,000 for submarine torpedo boats. The President listened to arguments for and against the use of bazoote of soda in catsup.

Representative Sterling introduced an employers' liability bill in the House.

The subcommittee of the Banking and Currency Committee of the House agreed to the proposition of Chairman Fowler for national bank guaranteed credit notes.

A measure making train-wrecking, where life is lost, a capital offense, was offered in the House of Representatives by Moore, of Philadelphia.

A number of coal operators met to perfect an organization with a view to have effective precautions against mine disasters.

Representative Gaines introduced a resolution for the preservation of the old home of Andrew Jackson, near Nashville, Tenn.

Surgeon Stokes received final instructions from Secretary Metcalf prior to leaving for his duties on the hospital ship Relief.

Gen. Winfield S. Edgerly has been ordered to assume command of the Department of Dakota.

## A VICTORY FOR MAYOR SCHMITZ

### Appellate Court Decides Indictment Defective.

### MR. RUEF BENEFITS BY RULING.

#### According to the Opinion of Judges of the District Court of Appeals the Compelling of French Restaurants to Pay "Fees" to Abe Ruef Was Not a Crime.

San Francisco (Special).—The District Court of Appeals handed down a decision setting aside the judgment in the case of former Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz, convicted of extortion in the French restaurant case. Abe Ruef also benefits by the ruling of the upper court, for according to its decision, he pleaded guilty to an act that was no offense against the laws of the state.

According to the appellate judges, the compelling of French restaurants to pay "fees" to Abe Ruef was not a crime, even though Ruef divided the "fees" with the Mayor. After discussing the point, the court reversed the judgment against Schmitz on the ground that no acts constituting a crime has been proved against him. Abe Ruef, who pleaded guilty to extorting money from the French restaurants, is, therefore, equally guiltless.

In passing upon the legality of the indictment the Appellate Court said: "The indictment is claimed to be invalid for two reasons: 'First, that it does not allege any threat to injure property, and second, it does not allege that the threat was to do an unlawful injury.' 'There is no allegation as to any threat to injure any business in direct terms, but only the threat to prevent the parties from obtaining a license to sell liquor.'"

A license to sell liquor is not property in the ordinary sense of the word, says the court.

Commenting on the second contention of Schmitz's attorneys, that this was no threat to do unlawful injury, the court declared that: "We are clearly of the opinion that the indictment is insufficient, as it does not allege nor show that the specific injury threatened was an unlawful injury."

It is not an unlawful act, reasons the court, to threaten to hold up the licenses of the restaurant-keeper or actually to do so.

The decision wipes out the French restaurant cases and pending charges of extortion against Schmitz and Ruef must be dismissed.

Both are now entitled to release on bail. If they obtain the necessary bonds they can remain at liberty until such times as a jury finds them guilty on one of the indictments charging them with receiving bribes from corporations. Owing to the number of cases against them the bail, figured at \$10,000 a case, would reach an enormous figure.

Schmitz and Ruef cannot take advantage of the decision for 60 days. The prosecution has 20 days in which to ask of a rehearing. Then the Appellate Court will have 10 days to consider the application. When that is done the prosecution will go through the same procedure in the Supreme Court, which will take the same length of time. Consequently, Schmitz and Ruef will still be kept in the county jail for two months at least.

The news of the decision of the Appellate Court spread quickly over the city, causing consternation in some quarters and delight in others. District Attorney Langdon said Schmitz and Ruef will be prosecuted on other indictments that are public offenses.

## SEWED UP MAN'S HEART.

### Surgeon, Working Between Beats, Take Stitches in Pericardium.

Youngstown, Ohio (Special).—Drs. Harry M. Carvey and L. B. Johnson, of the city hospital staff, sewed up the pericardium or heart covering of Tony Topley, stabbed four times in a knife fight, one wound being through the lung and penetrating the pericardium. They were compelled to stitch between beats of the man's heart.

The surgeons decided on the unusual operation as the only chance to save his life. They lay bare the pericardium by cutting four ribs from the breast bone and turning them back. They took seven stitches in the covering.

## BANK LOOTED OF \$740,000.

### Mexico City (Special).—Seven hundred and forty thousand dollars is missing from the Bank of Yucatan.

Fernando O. Rodriguez, subdirector, and Mateo Ponce, former cashier of the bank, with ten other persons have been arrested. A lawyer, P. G. Ponce, and Eduardo Ponce, son-in-law and son, respectively, of the cashier, are among those arrested, all of whom are among the most prominent people of Madeira.

## Wireless Worked 2310 Miles.

### Nauen, Prussia (By Cable).—The wireless telegraph station here succeeded in keeping in constant communication with the steamer Cape Blanco during the run from Hamburg to Tenerife, in the Canary Islands, a distance of 2310 miles.

## Burglars Returned For Plunder.

### New York (Special).—Burglars who stripped a shoe store in Leonia, N. J., several nights ago and hid their plunder, returned for it with a wagon. They were seen by Marshal Paul Minnerly, who attempted to arrest them. They fired on him, sending a bullet into his breast and causing a wound which the physicians say will probably prove fatal. The thieves escaped.

# NEWS OF PENNSYLVANIA

## OPPOSE NEW ROAD LAW.

Williamsport (Special).—At the closing session of the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, held here, the representatives from nearly sixty counties expressed themselves in favor of legislation that will revolutionize the present policy of the State Highway Department, and also the repeal of the State road law passed by the Legislature in 1903. The primary objections offered against the system of management in vogue in the State Highway Department is the high salaries paid to the Commissioner and his assistants, which they claim are exorbitant, while township supervisors are obliged to serve gratis.

The objection offered to the State road law of 1903 was that the additional \$1 tax, which is levied upon every taxable in each township, in addition to the regular road tax levy, was an imposition and an outrage. The farmers want more money for county roads by appropriation from the State, believing that too much of the State funds are expended foolishly, especially for salaries.

The delegates to this convention believe that there should be appropriations to township supervisors for the purpose of constructing and maintaining good roads from the State Department. President W. A. Gardner, of Potter County, said:

"As long as township supervisors are dependent only upon the revenue from road taxation for the maintenance of roads in Pennsylvania, especially the mountainous districts, will always bear a reputation for poor county roads. Too much money is being wasted by the State Highway Department that would otherwise prove of great benefit to the roads of the State."

## TAKES GROUND HOG AS MODEL IN LIFE.

### Oxford (Special).—Claiming that the secret of the long lives of biblical character was simply that of hibernation and seeing no reason why people of today should not attain such venerable years, Thomas Cochran, of Elk Township, who has just passed his one hundred and fifth birthday, is calmly lying in bed at his home, waiting for the second day of February, upon which he annually makes his appearance and takes his accustomed place among the family.

He patterns his life after that of the ground hog and is persuaded that his long years and remarkably good health are the result of careful study and the adoption of their mode of existence. He commenced this style of living some years since, upon learning of the many years which some ground hogs lived. He argued that it must be due to the fact that they retired to their holes and awaited the coming of Spring, so he concluded to do likewise.

With the first cold snap of Winter he goes to bed and never comes down stairs until the second of February, which is ground-hog day. Even then he does not venture out, but watches the women going to church and if he sees their shadow returns to bed; otherwise he resumes his duties. He is confident he will live many years yet and his appearance fully indicates that it may be probable.

His senses are all acute yet, his mind perfectly clear and he never has an ache or pain. He is a wonder of the neighborhood, but many of his neighbors declare they would not care to live so many years if they had to adopt his means of living in order to prolong life.

## ROAD SUPERVISORS FINED.

### Allentown (Special).—James Yeaker, Adam Miller and Daniel Yeaker, supervisors, of Upper Milford Township, were found guilty of maintaining a nuisance by refusing to repair a roadway.

The case was bitterly fought, and was the first in many years in which supervisors were found guilty of willful neglect to repair a roadway. Judge Treder sentenced them to pay nominal fines.

## Youthful Inventors Burn.

### Pottsville (Special).—Experimenting with the manufacture of illuminating gas from soft coal, Norman and Zaughn Hipple, aged 15 and 11 years, respectively, of this place, were badly burned. The accumulated gas in the receptacle in which they were making it suddenly exploded. The hot coals and other materials were hurled into their faces. The elder boy may lose his sight.

## STATE OBITUARY.

### Wrightsville.—After an illness for more than a year, Colonel R. W. Drenning, a prominent citizen of Wrightsville, died. Death was caused by erysipelas. The deceased was colonel on the staff of the department commander G. A. R. of Pennsylvania. He was prominent in fraternal circles and was twice elected Chief Burgess of Wrightsville.

### Altoona.—Clarence Clark Clemson, head bookkeeper in the Altoona Trust Company, and a thirty-second degree Mason, died from heart failure resulting from an operation at the Altoona Hospital for gall stones, aged 43. He was a brother of D. M. Clemson, of Pittsburg, one of Andrew Carnegie's young partners.

### Scranton.—Robert Reeves, for thirty years superintendent of the Scranton Gas & Water Company, died after a brief illness with pneumonia. He was an expert of high standing in water works system and was invaluable to the company. He was connected with various corporations and was a member of the Elks.

## TWO MINERS KILLED.

### Shamokin (Special).—A terrific explosion of gas occurred in the Scott shaft, owned by the Susquehanna Coal Company, killing Michael Tobias and Joseph Carmasky, and badly injuring William Redwing, all miners.

The victims were cutting coal at the time, when a big body of gas was encountered. The three men were working close together and had no time to escape. They were blown a big distance. Several more men in the gangway had narrow escapes.

A rescuing party was quickly organized and amid much peril the injured and dead were removed from the smoking passageway. A lot of mine timber was blown down by the explosion.

## Aiding in White Plague Fight.

### Pottsville (Special).—The Schuylkill Medical Society at its annual meeting here arranged for a mass meeting to be held at this place on February 4, when Dr. Howard S. Anders, of Philadelphia, president of the Philadelphia Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, will deliver an address on that pertinent theme. Dr. A. B. Fleming, of Tamqua, was chosen president and Dr. G. O. O. Santee, secretary-treasurer of the society.

## LEWIS FURNITURE SOLD.

Avondale (Special).—Household furniture belonging to Irwin A. Lewis, the young Franklin township farmer, awaiting trial in West Chester for the murder of his stepdaughter, Mary Newlin, last June, has been sold at public sale. Mrs. Lewis and the baby that was born to her on July 4, but a short time after the tragedy, are now making their home with John Newlin, the father of the young woman.

The matter of asking for a change of venue in the trial has been mentioned, but so far no move has been made to do so. District Attorney MacElree has not definitely decided yet whether or not he will be a witness in the case and turn the work for the Commonwealth over to Assistant District Attorneys Harris L. Sproat and Robert S. Gawthron.

Lewis is said to have made a statement to Mr. MacElree to the effect that he buried the child after she had fallen from a wagon house door. Physicians claim that she was buried alive, so it is this point that Mr. MacElree desires to bring out at the trial.

## CUT THROAT WITH SAW.

### Pottstown (Special).—While laboring under a fit of temporary insanity during illness, Edward Goldschmidt, son of John Goldschmidt, of 535 Kink Street, cut his throat with a carpenter's saw and died in the Pottstown Hospital.

He was 37 years of age, single and was employed at the Washington House. He was a member of Pottstown Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and was quite popular.

A brother, Gottlieb Goldschmidt, ended his life several years ago by hanging himself in Richards' Woods, about a mile north of town. His unconscious body was found by several students of the Hill School who were taking a walk.

## CUT IN TWO BY TRAIN.

### Altoona (Special).—Dorsey Sal-yards, aged 40, trackhand, was cleaning snow from switches in the Hollidaysburg railroad yard when he was run over by a train of cars, dying a few hours later.

While trying to board a freight train at Huntingdon a man aged about 35 years was hurled against a fence which separates the east and west bound tracks and was thrown under the train. His body was cut in two. He was identified by papers found in his pockets as Thomas McMahon, a sailor on the Great Lakes.

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## STATE ITEMS.

### William P. McCoy, of Doylestown, formerly clerk in the Doylestown National Bank, has been appointed treasurer of the new Bristol Trust Company.

### George Adams, a printer, who recently located at Palmira, lost his way several miles from town and sank exhausted under a tree, where he died. He was 42 years old.

### An ordinance has been approved by Parkersburg Borough Council permitting the proposed Parkersburg Gas Company to use the streets of the town for laying service pipes, on condition that the company furnish free gas to the public school and