

# THE NEWS.

## Domestic

Mary W. Snead, the aunt and mother-in-law of the murdered woman, Okey Snead, and the third of the sisters charged with connection with the crime, was placed under arrest in New York.

Collector Loeb, of the port of New York, left for Washington, to discuss the sugar fraud scandals with the President and Secretary of the Treasury.

Engineer Saab Davis, of the Georgia Central fast mail, put his hand through scalding steam to apply the emergency brakes after the driving rod had broken.

Charles L. Warriner's trial on the charge of embezzling funds from the Big Four Railroad was postponed at Cincinnati to a later date.

Four men were arrested in New York, charged with stealing more than \$100,000 worth of goods from freight cars of three railroads.

The business portion of Gardner, N. D., was destroyed by fire. The loss amounted to \$100,000, about half covered by insurance.

Robbers dynamited the vault of the Bank of Exeter, near Fresno, Cal., and secured \$7,000 in cash.

Eleven rollers of four coal companies were closed at Coal Gate, Okla., by Chief State Mine Inspector Peter Hanratty, because they had ignored his notice that they must cease maintaining mule stables in the mines.

Charged with sending a Black Hand letter demanding \$10,000, and threatening death if it was not given, Frank Puras was captured by state troopers at Malby, Pa., and lodged in jail to await a hearing.

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, which controls the traction situation in Brooklyn, announced plans for the creation of a pension system to be participated in by its 15,000 employees.

Herman Klitzke, a restaurant proprietor of New York, is charged with shooting Lizzie Shapiro, his former fiancée, and her companion, Max Goldberg.

Miss Alice Claypool, aged 18 years, daughter of a wealthy manufacturer, of Pasadena, Cal., was killed by an auto plunging over an embankment.

Adelaide Portwood, of Decatur, Ill., attempted to enlist in the United States Navy to be with her sweet heart.

J. P. Morgan & Co. have paid \$3,000,000 for six independent telephone lines in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

Arbuckle Brothers have turned over to the United States Treasury \$695,574 due on importations of sugar.

Mrs. Argyra Hunter, wife of Dr. M. L. Hunter, of Chicago, routed a burglar with a footstool.

Thirty divinity students of McCormick University handed their professors in Hebrew in effigy.

Policeman Emil E. Kolar, of Chicago, was discharged from the force on charges of cowardice.

The White Star liner Oceanic arrived, with 5,156 sacks of Christmas mail.

The big game season in New England has cost 34 lives.

Capt. Thomas Franklin, U. S. A., former commissary and treasurer at West Point, who pleaded guilty to embezzlement and was sentenced to two and one-half years in the federal prison at Atlanta, was released from custody under \$10,000 bail.

More than 150,000 depositors, with deposits of more than \$102,000,000, will be affected by an interest rate reduction of the Bowers Savings Bank, the largest in New York.

The breach of promise suit of Miss Juliette Hero against Dr. Anibal Zelaya, a nephew of President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, for \$130,000 damages is on trial in the Supreme Court of New York City.

Miss Bertha Leitza, of Pontiac, Mich., who shot and killed S. J. Morley when he taunted her with the fact that he was about to marry another woman, was acquitted.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co. have purchased 15,000 shares of Norfolk and Western common stock, presumably for Pennsylvania Railroad interests.

Seven persons lost their lives in a fire panic in a tenement in Cincinnati.

## Foreign

The mangled body of Madame Couin, widow of Jules Couin, governor of the Bank of France, was found under a train in Paris. The compartment in which she traveled was spotted with blood. Her rings and other jewelry are missing.

A will has been found in which the late George Sating, the eccentric art collector of London, left his art collection valued at \$15,000,000, to the British nation.

The Japanese Premier gave assurances that the death of Prince Ito will make no change in the government's policy toward China or in Korea.

The American-Chilean protocol inviting King Edward to arbitrate the Alsop claims dispute was submitted to the British Foreign Office.

"Count" Cuba and his American wife were convicted in Paris of the charge of swindling M. Fontant, a jeweler, out of \$40,000.

Archibald Gordon, second son of the Earl of Aberdeen, died in London from injuries received in an auto accident.

Duke Johann Albrecht of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, and Princess Elizabeth of Stolberg-Rossia, were married in Brunswick, duchy of Brunswick.

Arthur A. Wider cabled from Honolulu to Washington his resignation as associate justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii.

The German steamer Helene Mendel collided with the Swedish steamer Motala Strom, off Rotterdam.

Seven hundred and sixty-two miners lost their lives in an accident at the Onoura colliery in Japan.

A bomb was thrown in Lisbon at the Bishop of Braganza. The bishop was uninjured.

The Russian Duma by vote censured M. Chatcheplovitoff, the minister of justice.

# LEOPOLD SUGGUMBS AFTER GREAT FIGHT

## A Monarch With a Long Career Full of Scandal.

### THE COLLAPSE OCCURRED SUDDENLY.

His Morganatic Wife, The Baroness Vaughan, Almost Constantly At His Beside, While His Daughters Were Not Admitted—Drove His Daughter Stephanie Away From Beside Her Mother's Coffin—His Cruel Rule Of The Congo Checked By Intervention Of Foreign Nations—Prince Albert Of Flanders Heir To Throne

### THE DEAD KING.

Leopold Louis Philippe Marie Victor, King of the Belgians, born April 9, 1835.

Succeeded to the throne on the death of his father, Leopold I., December 10, 1865.

When 17 years old, in 1853, married the Archduchess Marie Henrietta of Austria.

The Queen died September 19, 1902.

Three daughters—Louise, Stephanie and Clementine. The two elder princesses have been estranged from their father.

Leopold's morganatic wife, the Baroness Vaughan, was the daughter of a porter.

### THE NEW KING.

Prince Albert, only son of Leopold's brother, the late Philippe, Count of Flanders.

Born April 8, 1875; married to Princess Elizabeth October 2, 1900.

Three children—Prince Leopold aged 8; Prince Charles, aged 6; and Princess Marie-Jose, aged 3.

The new ruler is one of the most popular members of the reigning house of Belgium.

Brussels, Belgium (Special).—Leopold II., King of the Belgians, died at 2.35 A. M., his aged and wasted body being unable to stand the strain put upon it. The collapse occurred suddenly and at a moment when the doctors seemingly had had the greatest hopes for his recovery.

Throughout the day bulletins issued from the sick room indicated progressive improvement. The bulletin posted at 6.30 P. M. gave the King's temperature, pulse and respiration as practically normal. Apparently the drainage of the wound was perfect, as no fever was present, and during the day the King had been able to take nourishment.

On Tuesday last the King underwent a serious surgical operation for intestinal trouble and astonished the surgeon by his wonderful recuperative power. Only a few hours after the operation he was able to sign an important military bill enacted by Parliament.

The public at large was satisfied that the King was on the road to recovery, but within the pavilion, where the King lay there was a feeling of anxiety, chiefly because of Leopold's great age. After a restful day, the patient was able to sleep for a brief period early in the evening, and the night passed quietly. But toward 2 o'clock, alarming symptoms appeared.

Suddenly the King turned and called to Dr. Thirax: "J'etouffe, docteur, j'etouffe" (I am suffocating).

Dr. Depage was summoned and the two physicians did everything possible to prolong life, but without avail. The end came quickly, and after a spell of weakness, peacefully.

### BIG SUM FOR WAR DEPARTMENT

Estimates Of Expenditures Will Carry Nearly \$96,000,000.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The estimates of expenditures of the War Department for the coming year, amounting to \$94,799,067, were favorably acted upon by the House Committee on Military Affairs, and the bill is ready to be reported to the House. The committee, instead of making the customary reduction of departmental estimates, increased several items and inserted one or two new ones, making a total increase in appropriation over the department estimates of about \$1,000,000.

The bill as completed, will carry nearly \$96,000,000. Last year's military appropriation was \$100,459,083. The general disposition of the committee was to accept the estimates of the department as being based upon the conservative military needs.

**10 Perish In Tenement.**  
Cincinnati (Special).—Ten persons lost their lives, seven others were injured, two probably fatally, and about 50 had narrow escapes in a fire which destroyed an old wooden tenement and lodging house at Third and Sycamore Streets. The fire was started on the second floor by a kerosene lamp, overturned in a quarrel between tenants. Four of the dead were found on the upper floors.

**\$7,200,000 Stolen In Six Years.**  
Montreal (Special).—Disclosures made in Judge Cannon's report on civic conditions in Montreal will cause steps to be taken at once to bring to trial the 14 officials and others, including eight aldermen, who are charged with malfeasance. According to Judge Cannon's report, a quarter of the city's income for the last six years, or \$7,200,000 has been feloniously used by the aldermen.

# U. S. MAY ESTABLISH A PROTECTORATE

## This the Next Probable Move in Nicaragua.

### Washington, D. C. (Special).

One of the projects for the solution of the Nicaraguan situation which has been strongly urged upon the State Department is the establishment of a protectorate, either singly by the United States, or jointly with Mexico. This may be regarded as necessary in the event that the insurgents fail to displace Zelaya by their own efforts, and may even follow an insurgent triumph which would leave the country without responsible leaders.

It is said that precedent for such action could be found in the cases of Santo Domingo and Cuba. In the first instance large sums of money were owing to American citizens which could not be collected from the Dominican government (then in a state of chaos) by diplomatic means. In the case of Nicaragua the government has defaulted in the payment of the agreed allotments in the Emery claim. In the case of Cuba a state of disorder that threatened the safety of the lives and property of Americans and other foreigners existed that was the warrant for intervention.

There is some reason to believe that a forward movement will be made by this government in the near future; perhaps as soon as a sufficient number of marines have been gathered off the Nicaraguan coast.

### Calls Zelaya Arch Criminal.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—In an address before the Senate advocating his resolution that this government capture and try President Zelaya for the murder of the two Americans, Cannon and Groce, Senator Rayner drew a picture of the dictator of Nicaragua, which for brilliancy of coloring, intensity of denunciation, sweep of eloquence and comprehensive grasp of the grave questions of law involved approached the matchless arraignment of Warren Hastings by Edmund Burke. Mr. Rayner spoke for less than an hour, but in the brief period of his address he held the undivided attention of the Senate, and when he had closed Senator Lodge, speaking for the Republican side, expressed his indorsement of all that had been said by Mr. Rayner, and Senator Culom, the venerable chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, to which the resolution was referred, assured Mr. Rayner that the committee would act without delay and that he, himself, would then have occasion to address the Senate. It is the general belief that with perhaps some slight modification the committee will approve of Mr. Rayner's resolution, and that the Senate, and subsequently the House, will carry out the purpose of the resolution by authorizing President Taft to use all the military and naval forces of the government that may be necessary to seize Zelaya and to punish him for his crime.

Senator Rayner made it clear at the very outset of his address that his resolution was aimed at President Zelaya himself, and not at the people of Nicaragua. Upon Zelaya alone he placed the responsibility for the murder of the two Americans, and upon him alone, therefore, should fall the punishment. Mr. Rayner favors actual corporal punishment; he did not demand an indemnity, which could come from the pockets of the unfortunate people over whom Zelaya has reigned with a rod of iron for many years, and that they should be taxed to pay for his crime. He suggested Zelaya's capture by the American forces, and his trial by a military commission, and he cited many precedents and opinions in favor of his position.

### Miners Still Buried.

Detroit, Mich. (Special).—A special to the Detroit Free Press from Negaunee, Mich., says that the four miners who were entombed in a drift at the third level of the Negaunee Mine have not yet been rescued. Rescuers are working frantically to reach them, but have little hope of accomplishing the task for several hours. The mine in which the accident occurred is owned by the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company.

# WASHINGTON BY TELEGRAPH

### The proposition to change the date of the inauguration of the President and Vice President of the United States was considered by the House Committee.

Conservation of all timber lands lying within the Yosemite National Park is urged by Major Forsyth, acting superintendent of the park.

Representative Hitchcock, speaking in the House, made an attack on Secretary Ballinger in connection with the public land frauds.

A scientific investigation of immigration shows that descendants of foreigners soon become Americanized.

Secretary of the Navy Meyer explained to the House Committee his plans for the reorganization of the Navy.

Chin Yin Ting, the new Chinese minister, arrived with his daughters and a suite of fifty Chinese.

At Secretary Knox's request the Senate committee temporarily postponed consideration of the resolution to investigate the Nicaragua affair.

President Taft arrived home from a two-day visit to New York and New Haven.

# ZELAYA GIVES UP THE PRESIDENCY

## His Resignation Submitted to the Congress.

### THE PRESSURE WAS TOO STRONG.

In His Message He Declares The Revolt And The Danger Of Foreign Intervention Beyond His Power Of Resistance—The Effort To Have His Puppets, Dr. Madrid, Named As His Successor—Failure Of His Desperate Efforts To Stem The Tide.

Managua, Nicaragua (Special).—Jose Santos Zelaya has resigned from the presidency of Nicaragua. He placed his resignation in the hands of Congress. Apparently there was no other course for him to take. The people were at last aroused. The guns of the revolutionists threatened the capital. The warships of the United States lay in Nicaraguan ports.

Managua has been seething for days. The spirit of revolt has spread even to the gates of the palace. Zelaya surrounded himself with an armed guard. Unchecked, the populace have marched through the streets, crying for the end of the old, proclaiming the new regime.

Dr. Jose Madrid, judge of the Central American Court of Justice at Cartago, who has been close to Zelaya and is now his choice for president, is on his way here. Madrid has his following, strong and influential, even among the revolutionists, but General Estrada, under whose command the great body of fighting insurgents now face Vasquez's troops at Rama, will have none of him. Estrada's word will bear weight in the choice of a president.

Zelaya has known, too, that Madrid is not acceptable to the United States, and he has sought to learn who would be looked upon with favor by that government as his successor, but the American government, so far as can be learned, has named no man, and the choice probably will lie with those who have gained the upper hand.

### N. Y. CENTRAL'S FLYER WRECKED.

## Many Are Killed and Injured in Collision.

Erie, Pa. (Special).—The Twentieth Century Limited, the New York Central fast train en route from Chicago to New York, collided with the rear end of passenger train No. 10, on the Lake Shore Railroad, at North East, Pa., 16 miles east of here, shortly after midnight.

At the time of the collision the Twentieth Century was easily making 62 miles an hour.

Six bodies have already been taken from the wreck, and it is believed there will be many more fatalities.

A crew of a freight train arriving here reported that when they passed the wreck scene at North East 59 injured had been removed from the debris to a small town and at night is cut off from both telegraph and telephone communication.

The Twentieth Century Limited is due at Erie at 11.45 P. M., and passed running faster than schedule time. Train No. 10, also East bound, left here at 10.05 P. M., and was scheduled to take the siding at North East, but it is believed the train did not reach the siding far enough in advance of the fast flyer to make a proper clearance. The wreck occurred directly opposite the North East Railway station.

Railway officials here refuse to make public any facts concerning the wreck.

Coroner Hanley has been notified of the wreck, and is preparing his morgue for the reception of the possible dead which may be brought here.

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### Killed Man Who Taunted Her.

Pontiac, Mich. (Special).—Miss Bertha Leitza, charged with shooting and killing S. J. Morley, at Bloomfield Hills, a month ago, was acquitted. During the trial she testified that she had bought a revolver contemplating suicide when she learned of Morley's intended marriage to another woman, and that she couldn't remember what happened, after Morley had taunted her the night of the shooting.

### Had \$62,000 In Her Possession.

Monterey, Cal. (Special).—Holding fast to a handbag in which were \$12,000 worth of diamonds and other jewelry, \$20,000 in railroad and industrial bonds and insurance policies for \$30,000 on property in Oakland, a well-dressed woman was found lying ill in the street. The woman could give little account of herself. She is about 55 years old. A letter was found in her bag addressed to Mrs. Ina L. Cummings, 529 Twelfth Street, Oakland, Cal.

# SOUTHERN TRAIN JUMPS TRESTLE

## Fourteen Killed and Over a Score Are Injured.

### WRECKS ON THE SOUTHERN.

October 2, 1904—Head-on collision near Newark, Tenn.; 62 killed and 162 injured.

November 23, 1906—Rear-end collision near Lawyers Station, Va.; 7 killed and 11 injured. President Spencer and prominent Baltimoreans among those killed.

December 8, 1906—Collision at Danville, Va.; 2 killed and 6 injured.

April 21, 1907—Collision at Woodlawn, Ala.; 2 killed and 7 injured.

June 15, 1907—Train plunged off 15-foot embankment at Black Branch, Tenn.; none killed and 57 injured.

October 17, 1907—Collision at Ruid, N. C.; 3 killed and 37 injured.

January 7, 1908—Derailment at Corral Mine Creek, Ga.; 3 killed and 80 injured.

### Greensboro, N. C. (Special).

Local passenger train No. 11 on the Southern Railway, known as the Richmond and Atlanta train, due in Greensboro at 6.40 A. M., was wrecked at 6.32 o'clock at Reedy Creek trestle, 10 miles north of here, falling 30 feet to the little stream below, and at 6 o'clock 11 dead bodies had been removed from the wreckage.

It is reported that 14 are dead. Twenty-five injured are being cared for at St. Leo's Hospital.

Much time was required to remove the dead and injured from the debris and it was 8.30 before the work was well under way. The injured were brought to this city as rapidly as they could be extricated and placed in St. Leo's Hospital.

George J. Gould, who with his son, Jay, was in one of the Pullmans when the train jumped the track, and who was reported dead, escaped with very slight injuries. He, with his son, Jay, and friend, R. H. Russell, of New York, former editor of the Metropolitan Magazine, had just got out of their berths when the wreck occurred. Mr. Russell was badly hurt by coming in contact with a car stove and is at the hospital.

The derailment was caused by a broken rail about 200 feet from the trestle that spans the small stream. The train was composed of two baggage cars, express and mail cars, three day coaches and two Pullmans. The engine and baggage, mail and express cars passed over in safety, while the day coaches and Pullmans were thrown from the trestle into the creek and along the banks, some 20 to 30 feet below.

At the point where the first coach left the track the right rail was broken about 18 inches from a joint. The rail was broken into fragments for several feet and torn entirely from the cross-ties. The truck wheels ran on the ties until near the trestle, when the outside wheels went over, allowing the brake beams and axles to fall on the guard rail of the bridge.

As the last coach was about on the trestle the five coaches toppled over, broke loose from the main and express car and tumbled into the mud and water below. The Norfolk Pullman fell into the water, while the Richmond sleeper, just in front, landed only partially in the water. The most of the injured and killed in the sleepers were in the Richmond sleeper, which was totally demolished. The Norfolk sleeper was not so badly torn up, but fell on its side in the swollen stream, submerging many of the passengers.

The railway had a corps of officials, physicians and laborers on the scene quickly after the news was received here. Improvised litters were quickly put into service as the injured were released from the wreckage. Pullman mattresses and blankets were used to protect the injured and the dead were wrapped and handled as tenderly as possible.

### Hero Keta For 6-Year-Old.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Vincent Brennan, the 6-year-old son of the late Patrick Brennan, has been recommended for a Carnegie Hero medal. The little fellow aiding in rescuing five-year-old Alfred Effer, who had fallen into Rock Creek, on December 5. The boy is probably the youngest hero on record, and his name has been sent to the manager of the Carnegie hero fund, by Commissioner Macfarland.

### IN THE WORLD OF FINANCE.

A consignment of \$250,000 gold was engaged for export to Brazil.

Bank of England reduced its discount rate from 5 to 4½ per cent.

All three Goulds and all their friends including Alvin W. Kretsch retired from the Western Union Board of Directors. They were succeeded by T. N. Vale, U. N. Bethel and their American Telephone and Telegraph party. A rumor says the Gould party is trying to get out of the Missouri Pacific and all its railroads.

Gross earnings of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company for October were \$11,811,174 against \$10,692,178 in that month last year.

Although President Oscar G. Murray, of the Baltimore and Ohio, was re-elected, it is firmly believed in financial circles he will resign very shortly and become chairman of the Board of Directors.

Philadelphia as a port shows up handsomely. In November the imports were \$7,883,738 against \$6,021,341 last year, while exports, were \$5,685,066, compared with \$7,704,417 in 1908.

# PENNSYLVANIA

### Criminal Law.

Carlisle.—Claiming the law under which James Alexander, a horse thief, was sentenced by Judge Sadler to thirty years' imprisonment as an habitual criminal is unconstitutional by taking into account imprisonments previous to his enactment, District Attorney William A. Kramer, counsel for Alexander, argued for an arrest of judgment. He contended that Alexander's sentence should have been seven years minimum and thirty years maximum, and read letters supporting his position from Charles P. Adams, of the Attorney General's office, and quoting Judge Von Mochiziker. Judge Sadler, saying the case contained important new points, reserved decision.

### Story Proves Fatal.

Lancaster.—Laughter over a funny story told her by her husband caused the death of Mrs. Daniel F. Shimp, of Ephrata. Mrs. Shimp, who had not been in the best of health recently, retired early. Her husband awoke her about midnight and told her a funny story he had heard. This caused the woman to laugh heartily and the exertion proved too much for her weakened heart. She was laughing as she died.

### Tobacco Expert Dies.

Lancaster.—Ezra Herr, for many years president of the Lancaster County Tobacco Growers' Association, and one of the best known authorities on agricultural subjects in the Eastern section of the State, died suddenly at his home at West Lamer. During the agitation over the tariff on Philippine tobacco, Mr. Herr was called to Washington frequently to confer with the national legislators. He was 67 years old.

### Bank Clerk Gone.

Lancaster.—Harrison I. Martin, until recently a trusted clerk in a local bank, and previously a clerk in the Treasury Department, is among the missing.

Warrants have been issued for his arrest on charges of false pretense. The young man, who is the son of a rich farmer of near Blue Ball, lived high, and a half-dozen local merchants allege they cashed worthless checks for him. In addition to this he is accused of forging his father's name to notes given for jewelry.

### 24 Strikers Sentenced.

Newcastle.—Twenty-four striking tin workers arrested charged with disorderly conduct were fined \$25 each or thirty days in the workhouse by Mayor Lusk.

### Mother Of 17 Children Dies.

Easton.—Mrs. Almira J. Robbins, wife of John W. Robbins, died aged 48 years. She was the mother of seventeen children, seven of whom, all boys, preceded her to the grave.

### James Young, Easton, Dies.

Easton.—James Young, one of the best known of the old time Democratic leaders in Northampton County, died in his 80th year, having sustained a second stroke of paralysis during the night. He served as sheriff for three years beginning in 1877, and was postmaster of South Easton under President Johnson. He was one of the oldest Odd Fellows in this section, having joined the order sixty years ago.

### Enlarge Automobile Works.

Wilkes-Barre.—The directors of the Sheldon Arle Works approved an issue of \$200,000 worth of bonds for improvement purposes. Most of this money will be used to erect buildings and install machinery for the manufacture of automobile springs and axles.

### Blown From 40-Foot Ladder.

Shenandoah.—After August Demus, a painter, had climbed forty feet up a ladder and was about to step upon a roof a gust of wind unbalanced him and he plunged to the pavement, his body barely missing shoppers passing beneath. He was picked up fatally hurt.

### Expert Killed By Dynamite.

Lansford.—In a premature explosion of dynamite at Nesquehoning, William H. Bond, an expert mining contractor, was killed and three laborers were slightly injured.

### Sharon Hill Postmaster Stays.

Sharon Hill.—Postmaster David Dalton received notice of his reappointment by President Taft.

### Assessment Of 60 Per Cent.

Pottsville.—At a meeting of the assessors of Pottsville, it was decided to place a valuation on local property equivalent to 60 per cent, of what it will bring in the market. This rating is the highest made anywhere in Schuylkill County, and Pottsville citizens are preparing to make a vigorous fight.

### Loses Eye Looking At Gauge.

Mount Holly Springs.—William Zug, engineer at the local electric power plant, had his left eye blown out by the explosion of a broken water gauge which he was examining.

### Augustin Querol, The Spanish Sculptor, Died In Madrid.

White pepper comes from the same berry as black pepper. White pepper is the seed only, while black pepper is the entire fruit.

Since its introduction from America the chigger has spread far and wide along the west coast of Africa and is now a greatly dreaded pest.

Two blind girls from the Royal Normal College for the blind have given some marvelous exhibitions of roller skating, including a waltz on skates.