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WEEK'S NEWS BY TICK AND FLASH

What Interests the World Chronicled by Telegraph and Cable.

GLANCE AT FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Washington Looms Large as a Center of Interest—Legislature Busy in Many States—The Lights and Shadows of the News.

Washington

It was announced that the Navy Department will give the two new Dreadnoughts opportunity to engage in battle practice at an early day.

William S. Lewis, for thirty-five years mail clerk at the White House, died at his home in Washington. He was 86 years old and during the Civil War served as a bodyguard to President Lincoln.

Personal

The Johnson-Wells championship fight, scheduled for October 2, in London, was pronounced by the principals and promoters on account of the opposition of the authorities and a large element of the public.

In Albany, N. Y., Governor Dix told Senator Frawley he would send a message to the Legislature advocating the repeal of the Frawley boxing law and the Senator said he would fight to the utmost against repeal.

Sporting

Governor Dix, in a special message to the Legislature, urged the immediate repeal of the Frawley boxing law.

When the new stands there are finished Cincinnati will have a playing field which will permit of a home run to any field and inside the grounds. It will be the most spacious field on the circuit.

Checks are pouring in for seats for the first two games of the world series. Enough seats already have been applied for to insure filling the New York and Philadelphia parks to their capacity.

General

W. A. Post, head of the Newport Shipbuilding Company, said his firm would not bid on the new battleships because of the new eight-hour law.

Lady Augusta Gregory, the Irish dramatist, arrived in Boston, the purpose of her visit to this country being to direct the rehearsals of "The Play Boy of the Western World."

Attorney General Wickersham said the government had planned no indiscriminate attacks on corporations in its proceedings to enforce the Sherman law.

Wall Street heard that President Lovett, of the Union and Southern Pacific lines, is to become chairman of their boards and be succeeded in the presidencies by Julius Kruttschnitt.

R. O. Hammond, an inventor residing in Rome, N. Y., has taken out letters patent on an airship which can be held stationary at any height. In case of accident the engine and other dead weight can be cut out and the ship come down like a parachute.

Paune Wayne, the celebrated White House cow, a gift to the President, and noted for her plentiful supply of milk, will be one of the prize stock exhibits at the colored state fair at Macon, Ga., November 8 to 17.

The National Conservation Congress opened in Kansas City; Governor Hadley, of Missouri, urged advanced agricultural methods, as did Henry Wallace, the president; Judge Lindsey suggested a children's bureau to conserve their lives.

President Taft invaded insurgent Kansas, made nine speeches in which he exhausted all his set subjects, and at Kansas City at night, before the Conservation Congress, denied the theory that the United States would soon be unable to feed itself.

Sixty babies were sent from the New York Foundling Asylum to foster parents in Colorado and Nebraska. They left in a Pullman car that was lavishly supplied with a good provender and were accompanied by two Sisters of Charity and four nurses.

Bushop Burgess replied to T. L. Woodruff's aeroplane note, and expressed surprise that a man who once held such a high position "should acknowledge his intention to ignore the spirit if not the letter of the law."

Maycr Hindley, of Spokane, Wash., and a friend arrived here with a bag containing \$1,200,000 in Spokane bonds.

President Taft, speaking at Waterloo, Iowa, declared it was time to call a halt in warfare on prosperity, and made a plea for fair treatment of great business enterprises.

President Taft ended his trip through Iowa with a speech at Ottumwa.

Captain Englehardt, the pioneer German aviator, fell at Johannesthal and was killed.

The executive department of the Grand Trunk Railway was completely reorganized.

Snow fell at Hanover, N. H., for three hours, the first September snowfall recorded there in fifteen years.

The Northwestern, the last steamship to leave Nome in October, will bring out \$1,000,000 in gold dust.

Of 75,000 rats killed by the Seattle Health Department in the last fifteen months, only one was infected with bubonic plague.

Charles L. Manieson, ex-Congressman of Nebraska, died on board the White Star liner Cedric shortly after leaving Liverpool, en route to this country.

A strike on the Harriman lines of 35,000 men was decided on by union heads, following the refusal of Julius Union Pacific, to reopen negotiations Kruttschnitt, vice-president of the looking toward recognition of the federated trades.

Governor Dix, at Albany, sent a message to Sheriff De Mott, of Nassau County, directing him to take steps to prevent any violation of the law in regard to the holding of the aviation meet in that county on Sunday.

Dr. S. Dana Hubbard, of the Board of Health, told the members of the New York Library Association that greater precaution should be taken by the officials of circulating libraries against the dissemination of infectious diseases through books.

The New York Central Railroad fled with the Board of Estimate plans for the elimination of the surface tracks on Eleventh, or "Death" avenue. The figures of the railroad officials are \$65,000,000 for the improvement.

Mrs. Cora Barnes, killed by falling or leaping from a window of her home in New York, was a victim of melancholia. Her relatives, in an effort to cure her, had shown her baskets of gold, \$25,000 in bills and stocks in her own name, all her property, but were unable to convince her that she was not in dire poverty.

Foreign

Premier Caillaux said that the process of "editing" the Moroccan agreement with Germany was proceeding favorably.

W. J. Bowser, attorney general of British Columbia, says it is the intention of the province to stock its forests with red deer from England.

The investigation of the cause of the destruction of the battleship Liberte, revealed the fact that the present system of flooding magazines is defective.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced that Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated in Canada on October 30. He added, smilingly: "The government has still something to be thankful for."

The British admiralty will contest any claim for indemnity which the White Star Steamship Company may make because of the ramming of the Olympic and the cruiser Hawke.

Sir Edward Carson, the newly elected leader of the Ulster Unionists, presided at a conference in Belfast, at which a resolution to start a separate government was adopted.

The Chinese government issued an edict saying that the resignation of Prince Ching as premier, the head of China's first cabinet, would not be accepted.

The strike on the Irish railroads is not ended. The men voted to accept the terms offered and return to work. The companies then refused to reinstate strikers.

The French battleship Jurguiberry, while steaming out of the harbor of Toulon, struck a mass of iron, presumably hurled from the Liberte by the explosion. Her keel was badly damaged.

The first acts of war between Italy and Turkey were reported; a Turkish destroyer was sunk in the Adriatic and a beginning was made at landing Italian troops in Tripoli; Turkish soldiers sank the first two barges of the invaders.

The ex-Shah Mohammed Ali Mirza, of Persia, is reported to be near Astarabad with 400 Persian and Russian Turcomans. It is stated that he has seized and killed Adina Muhammad Khan, a Turcoman deputy to the Mejlis, or Parliament.

The Mexican government has issued a decree that corn may be imported free of duty through the ports of Progreso Isla del Carmen, Campeche and Frontera. This is done to relieve the shortage of grain in the states of Yucatan and Campeche.

In a speech at a dinner in Ottawa Earl Grey said that Canada is destined to be the most important factor in the empire, not excepting the United Kingdom.

Yellow fever has made its appearance at Merida, Yucatan; two deaths from the disease being reported. The superior board of health has taken vigorous steps to prevent a spread of the disease.

France's secret war appliances have been stolen from a firearm shop at St. Etienne in the last few months by the carload.

Turkey promptly rejected Italy's ultimatum demanding immediate evacuation of Tripoli and both sides made active preparations for hostilities.

The French battleship Liberte, at Toulon, was destroyed by the explosion of her magazines and from 350 to 400 officers and men were killed. Three other battleships were injured. The explosion was caused by fire.

ALL OF AUSTIN A GREAT RUIN

Pennsylvania Town Wiped Out When Concrete Dam Bursts.

LOSS WILL TOTAL \$4,000,000

Dam Was Property of Bayless Pulp & Paper Co. and Helped Form a Lake 45 Feet Deep and a Mile and Half Long—Gave Way Without Warning and Residents Were Caught Unaware—Only a Few Hillside Houses Are Left—Railroad Tracks Are Torn Up for Miles—Search for Dead.

Austin, Pa.—Austin, a town of 3,200 residents, in the northern part of the State, was swept out of existence and more than 200 of its people killed by a flood, followed by the breaking of the Bayless Pulp and Paper company's dam, one mile and a half north of the town. Almost five hundred million gallons of water rushed, in a wall 10 feet high, over the place, wrecking every structure in its path.

An accurate estimate cannot be obtained of the financial loss that the disaster will mean to Austin, but the opinion of several townsmen who are in a position to know places it at \$4,000,000. Of this the Bayless company is assigned \$1,500,000, the Buffalo & Susquehanna railroad \$500,000 and the rest in proportion.

The water ran into the first fork of the Sinnemahoning Creek, which was turned into a seething current, and the village of Costello, three and a half miles east of Austin, was also inundated. The Buffalo & Susquehanna Railroad Bridge at Costello was swept away. Communication with Austin was broken completely. The tracks of the Buffalo & Susquehanna Railroad were torn up for 25 miles.

Practically every building in Austin was destroyed. The buildings were swept into a gorge that was choked quickly. Fire followed the flood at once, and those imprisoned in the houses who were not drowned, were burned to death. Only a few houses on the hillside of the gorge of Sinnemahoning Creek escaped.

The pillar of water that jammed its battering-ram of cordwood through the valley, swept itself a clean path for an even mile. There it smashed a broadside against the full length of the principal street of Austin, gathering up as it went the boards that a minute before were houses, and heaved the splintered fragments against the more substantial line of brick stores.

Brick and steel gave way almost as completely as had the less solid construction. But the wave was hindered long enough to pile up to the height of a three-story building the mass of torn debris. Then the flood rippled ahead, swirling over the few small buildings that lay below until it came to railroad shops, where cars and locomotives were flung onto their sides and stripped of their wheels and roofs, and where the natural gas pipes in the engine rooms were snapped off. Then came the fire that finished the job in the yards and in the nearby kindling shops. After that the wall kept on going through the valley until it had brought down all but four of the houses in Costello, the village that lies three miles below.

The loss of life is still uncertain, but the estimates lie between 250 and 300. Enumerators of the last census have begun the task of going through the houses upon the hillside where the homeless ones have been taken in. It is only by elimination, the authorities believe, that anything like an accurate count can be made. The work of clearance has begun, but it will be a long task and even the census takers' work cannot be completed for many days. Only 60 are positively known to be dead, but scores are missing.

It is a curious fact that the list of the injured is practically negligible. The state physicians and nurses, who came supplied with bandages and medicines, have found nothing to do. They have turned their efforts to feeding and clothing the population that had every grocery store and meat market wiped away. The break in the dam that brushed off the one business street and crumpled up four churches did not injure or maim. It stamped out life or left those men and women untouched.

But it will be ten days before an accurate tally of the dead can be made. The work of digging the bodies from the mountains of timbers seems almost hopeless. Most of the houses were of wood and with hundreds of cords of lumber their ruins form a breastwork sixty feet high across half of what was Main street.

EIGHT CHILDREN DIE IN FLAMES.

Parents Left Them in Bed to Fight Blaze That Destroyed Home.

Indiana, Pa.—Eight children of Mr. and Mrs. William Dias, of Heshbon, near here, ranging in age from 13 years to 3 months, were burned to death when fire destroyed the family home.

The parents, after discovering the flames, left the children in their beds and went to the first floor, where they made an attempt to extinguish the fire.

ITALY'S WAR DECLARATION

The Evasive Reply of Turkey Prompted Invader to Act.

A VERY INCISIVE DOCUMENT

Italy Gives Passports to Turkish Ambassador in Rome and Demands Same for Its Representative in Constantinople.

Constantinople.—Following is the text of the declaration which the Italian Charge handed to the Porte:

"The Italian Embassy, carrying out the orders of the King, has the honor to notify you that the delay accorded by the Royal Government to the Porte, with a view to the realization of certain necessary measures, has expired without a satisfactory reply reaching the Italian government. The lack of this reply only confirms the bad will, or want of power, of which the Turkish government and authorities have given such frequent proof, especially with regard to the rights and interests of Italians in Tripoli and Cyrenaica.

"The Royal Government consequently is obliged itself to safeguard its rights and interests, as well as its honor and dignity, by all means at its disposal. Events which will follow can only be regarded as the necessary consequences of conduct followed so long by the Turkish authorities.

"The relations of peace and friendship being therefore interrupted between the countries, Italy considers herself from this moment in a state of war with Turkey. I have therefore the honor to make known to Your Highness that passports will be placed at the disposal of the Charge d'Affaires at Rome, and I beg Your Highness to hand passports to the representative of the Royal Government.

"Ottoman subjects may continue to reside in Italy without fear of an attack upon their persons, property or affairs."

"NO GOD IN WALL STREET."

Notre Dame President Calls It National Bad Example.

Cincinnati.—"Wall Street is our national bad example," according to the Rev. John Cavanaugh, president of Notre Dame University, who is attending the National Eucharistic Congress here. "Money has been enshrined there," he continued, "and God banished. These men of Wall Street proceed on the theory that the world is made of beasts of prey and beasts of burden. The money game is a ruthless thing that brutalizes the participants or crushes them."

GIRL DARES; YOUTH SHOOT.

He Didn't Know Rifle Was Loaded—It Was, and Girl Dies.

Lincoln, Mass.—"You don't dare shoot me, Charlie," said 16-year-old Marian Stevens, of Millers Falls, when Charles Wetherbee, aged 18, at whose home she was visiting, pulled down his father's hunting rifle from its rack.

The boy with a laugh pointed the rifle at her and pulled the trigger. The girl dropped dead with a bullet through her head. The authorities, after an investigation, decided to take no action.

ATHLETICS ARE CHAMPIONS.

By Defeating the Tigers Have a Clear Title to Pennant.

Philadelphia.—American League championship for 1911 was decided here when Philadelphia defeated Detroit by 11 to 5. It was the fourth time a local team piloted by Connie Mack has won the pennant in this organization and the first time Philadelphia has won the title in successive seasons. By repeating this year, Philadelphia earned the right to defend the title of world's champions which it won last year in a series with the Chicago National League club.

EUROPE IN DANGER.

German Protest at Italy's Act as "Brigandage."

Berlin.—The German newspapers show a tendency to condemn the action of Italy toward Turkey as high-handed.

The Frankfurter Zeitung calls it a "public act of brigandage" against which, the paper says, all Europe must protest.

The journal blames Italy for bringing the members of the Triple Alliance into embarrassment and danger.

WAR IN COPPER TRADE FEARED.

Guggenheim Interests, It's Said, Will Fight Rockefeller Group.

Philadelphia.—War in the copper trade, it is reported, is on the point of being declared between the powerful Guggenheim and Rockefeller interests. Controlling important low-cost producing properties, such as the Utah Copper and Nevada Consolidated, the Guggenheim party has tired of the experiment of restricting production to enable high-cost producing properties to make a profit.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY DROPS DEAD

Sea Fighter Falls in a New York Street From Apopleptic Stroke.

A SKETCH OF HIS CAREER

Blood Vessel in His Brain Burst—Skull Fractured on the Curb in His Fall—Body Quickly Recognized—His Naval Career.

New York.—Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, retired, the hero of the sea battle off Santiago and the Greely expedition, dropped dead in front of the Berkeley Theatre Building at No. 23 West Forty-fourth street. His death came just a week after he had been upheld for his part in the historic fight of July 4, 1898, in which Admiral Cervera's feet were annihilated.

A stroke of apoplexy caused his death.

The Admiral spent the summer at Lake George and about two weeks ago went to Mount Kisco to visit his daughter, Mrs. R. M. Stuart Wortley. He returned to New York and spent the morning at the New York Yacht Club.

Herman Schneider, who is connected with the Berkeley Lyceum Gymnasium, was the first to reach him. He was still breathing and Schneider rested the Admiral's head in his lap. A few minutes later Admiral Schley stopped breathing, and Dr. Krug, the first physician on the scene, pronounced him dead.

As soon as his identification had been established his son, Dr. W. S. Schley, of 42 West Forty-second street, was notified. He broke down when he recognized his father.

Schley, at the time of his death, wore a gold medal which had been presented to him by the State of Maryland for rescuing the Greely party of seven from the Arctic regions.

A large crowd gathered from Fifth avenue, and when they learned that the dead man was Schley, the men took off their hats and stood with heads bowed as his body was lifted. In addition to Dr. Schley and Mrs. Stuart Wortley he left a son, Capt. T. F. Schley, Mrs. Schley was Rebecca Franklin, of Annapolis, and the Admiral married her on September 10, 1863.

Winfield Scott Schley was born at Richfield, Md., on October 10, 1839. He spent four years in the academy and was first under fire on board the Water Witch, which was sent after a blockade runner at Mobile Bay.

Under Farragut, Schley served on the blockading force for several weeks, and was then transferred to the Potomac for a voyage to Vera Cruz. In July, 1862, he was promoted to the grade of lieutenant. Then came a year of service in Central and South America, after which he had a period as instructor at the Naval Academy, which he left to rejoin Farragut.

LICHTENSTEIN GOES TO JAIL.

Principal in "Sleeper Trunk" Case Sentenced to Four Months.

New York.—Pleading guilty to the undervaluations and conspiracy counts in two indictments found by the federal grand jury on July 22, Abraham Lichtenstein, treasurer of the Lichtenstein Millinery Co., was sentenced by Judge Hough in the criminal branch of the Circuit Court to serve four months' imprisonment on Blackwell's Island and pay a nominal fine of \$1. Lichtenstein is said to be the principal in the notorious "sleeper trunk" smuggling mystery.

TELLS OF KILLING WIFE.

Confesses to Police to Murder of Woman in Woods.

Chicago.—Broken down by a grueling examination by the police and the lack of his favorite drug, Dr. Homer E. Webber has confessed that he murdered his bigamous wife, Bessie Kent, whom he married on her insistence, just a week after he had married Zoe Varney, last January. Bessie Kent knew at the time he had just married the other woman, but promised to later divorce him.

FLIER DIXON FALLS TO DEATH.

Boy Who Topped the Rockies Caught in Down Current.

Spokane, Wash.—Cromwell Dixon, the aviator, who made the first crossing of the Rocky Mountains in an aeroplane, was killed here.

His machine was caught in a vertical air current and dropped. Dixon almost righted it when he was within 100 feet of the ground, but did not have time to straighten out before he struck.

TRAGEDY OF THE FLOOD.

His Brother Drowned at Austin, He Keeps Weird Night Vigil.

Keating Summit, Pa.—While the flood swept the Sinnemahoning Valley, E. Alan Earle, a pioneer farmer of Calley Run, whose only brother was carried to death before his eyes in the flood that swept Austin from the map, spent the night in prayer that his brother's life be spared. When day broke Earle found the body of his brother hanging from a tree with his neck tight between two limbs.

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"A few days ago I received a letter from a young man who started in 23 years of age, and has occupied several important positions, but owing to indigestion and inability to sleep he has been unable to concentrate his mind upon his work and has consequently been discharged on the ground of neglect of duty. He goes on to say that he is a young man of steady habits, but for years he has suffered from dyspepsia, which has affected his nerves that he is unable to sleep, and that it is not neglect upon his part, nor lack of interest in the business, but simply physical weakness. He asks my advice in this matter."

"For the benefit of a large number of those similarly situated I propose to answer this letter publicly, hoping that it may be the means of helping many who may be affected in this way."

"In the first place, the stomach must be made well before the nerves can be made strong. The nerves must be made strong before one can sleep well. No one is capable of doing his best who is in any way troubled with insomnia or any form of nervousness. The greatest generals have been men of iron nerves and indomitable will. They have had perfect digestion, being able to eat well, and digest all they ate."

"It is said that Napoleon lost the battle of Waterloo because of a fit of indigestion. Grant's enormous reserve power was due to a well-stomach. Abraham Lincoln said that he did not know that he had a stomach. Grover Cleveland, it is said, could work 12 or 16 hours a day, eat a hearty meal at 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning, go to bed and sleep soundly until 9 o'clock and get up refreshed, ready for a new day."

"Pres. Taft is another type of healthy manhood. Who thinks for one moment that he would be the President of the United States if he were a nervous, peptic or affected with some nervous ailment? I claim that two-thirds of the failures in professional and business life are due to weak and deranged stomachs."

"No business house would care to employ a dyspeptic representative to sell goods for them on the road. One-half the men who stand behind counters today, earning from \$12 to \$15 a week, will never get behind these figures, for the reason that they are physically weak. They lack the nerve power and commanding strength that come from a good, sound stomach."

"No one cares to hear a dyspeptic preacher. No matter how pious he may be, he is bound to reflect his bilious and audacious condition. He will unconsciously inculcate his hearers with his melancholy feelings."

"No one would think of entrusting an important legal case in the hands of a dyspeptic lawyer, any more than that of a dear one, in the hands of a physician who is nervous, irritable or a dyspeptic. Men must have good digestion, strong nerves and vital manhood in order to conduct a clean, clear-headed career either in medicine, law or business."

"I believe that more than half of the divorces can be traced to ill health. I want every dyspeptic to try my stomach treatment, for it corrects nearly all forms of indigestion and nervousness. It makes old stomachs almost as good as new. Its marvelous power for digesting food and getting the best out of it makes for good rich, red blood. This, in turn, strengthens the nerves, builds up the general system, and will surely prolong life and make it a pleasure to live and do the things allotted to us."

"Professor Munyon makes no charge for consultation or medical advice, nor a penny to pay. Address Prof. J. M. Munyon, Munyon's Laboratories, Fifth-third and Jefferson streets, Philadelphia, Pa."

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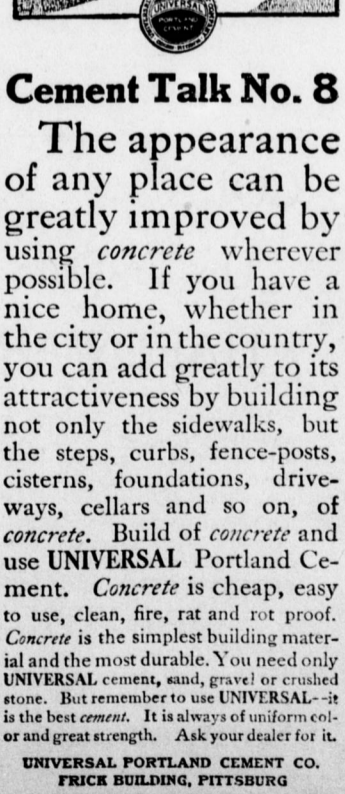
Mrs. Carter and her cook, says the Brooklyn Citizen, were discussing the murder which had harrowed the dusky citizens of the countryside.

"Will dey hang him fer killin' of his wife, Miss Cyarter?"

"We can't tell yet, Aunt Jinny. The court will decide. Of course, if they prove he did it on purpose—"

"Done it a purpose! Law, Miss Cyarter, in course he kilt his wife a purpose! Honey, ain't I done been married? Don't I know men?"

The world doesn't ask how you got there after you arrive.



Cement Talk No. 8

The appearance of any place can be greatly improved by using concrete wherever possible. If you have a nice home, whether in the city or in the country, you can add greatly to its attractiveness by building not only the sidewalks, but the steps, curbs, fence-posts, cisterns, foundations, driveways, cellars and so on, of concrete. Build of concrete and use UNIVERSAL Portland Cement. Concrete is cheap, easy to use, clean, fire, rat and rot proof. Concrete is the simplest building material and the most durable. You need only UNIVERSAL cement, sand, gravel or crushed stone. But remember to use UNIVERSAL—it is the best cement. It is always of uniform color and great strength. Ask your dealer for it.

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