

LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH

Domestic

An illustration of the efficiency of the school fire drill was furnished when the boys in the largest school on the East Side, New York, were emptied in less than two minutes after a slight fire in a chimney. None of the scholars is over seven years, while many are less than four.

As a result of being shot while a passenger on a Pullman traveling from Columbus, S. C., to Augusta, Ga., former Judge O. W. Buchanan died in a hospital at Augusta. The investigation of the shooting shows it was accidental, the shot having apparently been fired by boys playing with a gun.

A report has been sent to the Secretary of the Navy that Judge Richard S. Tutthill, of Chicago, released a boy accused of theft on condition that the lad would enlist in the Navy. Passenger trains in the subway under the East River bridge were nearly an hour in darkness and smoke owing to a fire in the Broadway tunnel.

The North German Lloyd liner Kronprinz Wilhelm had a narrow escape from being sent to the bottom as the result of a collision in the fog off quarantine, New York, with the British tramp Crown of Castle.

Mrs. Mabel Woodham Neely of Kalamazoo, whose infant son died of pneumonia while being treated by mental healers, is under arrest, charged with manslaughter.

Frank C. Martin, convicted in Philadelphia of using the mails to defraud, was sentenced to four years imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$5,000.

The Southern Railway has withdrawn its funds from all banks in Georgia, and has attachments from being served on the road's money.

Postmaster David J. Smith, of West Nyack, N. J., single-handed, drove off three burglars who had dynamited the office safe.

The town of Abraham, Minn., on the Great Northern Railroad, 50 miles from Minneapolis, was wiped out by fire.

Former President Cleveland quietly celebrated his seventy-first birthday at Lakewood, N. J. He is in excellent health and is attending to his duties as a citizen.

Every cotton mill in Rhode Island will announce a 10 per cent wage reduction on April 6.

The home of Henry Hills, a tobacco farmer near Louisville, was burned by night riders.

Mr. Bryan celebrated his forty-eighth birthday by making two speeches in Chicago.

The United Mine Workers' convention took action which will avert a general soft coal strike.

Teachers' salaries are to be reduced in Mobile to meet the loss of school funds formerly derived from saloon licenses.

Daniel LeRoy Dresser, former president of the Trust Company of the Republic, New York, was arrested, charged with misappropriating \$4,000 of the bank's funds. He was paroled in custody of his counsel.

Jere Knobe Cooke, the unfringed actor who played with Floretta Whaley, says he is earning a week's pay for a week's work as a painter and decorator.

Governor Hughes has appointed Chief Judge Charles Andrews to investigate the Jerome charges.

Raymond Hitchcock, the actor, was acquitted of one of the charges of assaulting young girls.

Tammany Hall has dropped Bourke Cochran, alleging that he is not a Democrat.

Beulah Hawkins, of Los Angeles, Cal., has been in a trance 40 days.

Attorney General Jackson has resumed his attack on the Ice Trust.

Foreign

The German Emperor has dismissed his cousin, Prince Joachim Albrecht, from the army, temporarily exiled him from Germany and warned him never to show himself at court again because he persists in his attentions to Marie Sulzer, the actress, despite the fact that he has not as yet been divorced.

Colonial Secretary Dernburg, of Germany, in a speech on the colonial budget, foreshadowed the organization of better governments for the colonies of Germany by the introduction of a special class of trained officials, who would master the native language and local conditions of administration.

It appears that the Duke of Abruzzi, who is reported engaged to Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of United States Senator Elkins, left Rome in February rather mysteriously, and though he promised to send his address to the King, he failed to do so.

It is reported that the Crown Prince of Japan will make his long contemplated tour of America and Europe this summer. Professor Beltzong has been recalled from Germany to accompany the Crown Prince.

Prof. Karl Hau, serving a life sentence in Karlsruhe for the murder of his mother-in-law, is reported to be hopelessly ill with consumption.

The Douma rejected by an overwhelming vote the bill appropriating 30,000,000 rubles for new warships.

General Smirnov was probably fatally wounded by General Fock in a duel in St. Petersburg.

In a battle with Hottentots in the Kalahari Desert the Germans lost 2 officers and 12 men.

The Earl of Dudley will succeed Sir Henry Northcote as Governor of Australia.

The weakened condition of Premier Campbell-Bannerman, of England, is causing anxiety and all hope that he would resume active leadership in the House of Commons has been abandoned.

The freedom of the City of London was extended to Florence Nightingale, organizer of nursing in the Crimean War, and who is now 87 years old.

British and German cruisers have been ordered to Haiti to protect their respective interests. The situation between France and the Haitian government has become acute.

The London Times will not be sold to C. Arthur Pearson, but will be taken over by a syndicate, the members of the present staff constituting the board of directors.

A lunatic attempted to enter the imperial gardens of the palace of Emperor Francis Joseph in Vienna, but was arrested and removed to an asylum.

TRAGEDIES OF THE ATLANTIC

Winter's Record of Casualties Shows 350 Dead.

A MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

Many Newfoundland Fishermen Among Those Who Perished—Burning of Steamer Cuthbert and Wreck of British Steamer Toleby—Remarkable Life-saving Feats.

Boston, Mass. (Special).—A review of the marine casualties of the coast of New England and British North America during the fall and winter seasons just ended, shows that about 350 lives were lost. Of this number 251 persons perished in the wrecks of 10 vessels belonging to the French fishing fleet of St. Pierre, Miquelon, last fall. These vessels were foundered in heavy gales which swept the Grand Banks. About 25 Newfoundland fishermen were also lost in these storms.

The most striking disaster was that which befell the British steamer St. Cuthbert, off the Nova Scotia Coast February 2. The steamer, while on a voyage from Antwerp to New York, caught fire, and in their endeavors to escape incineration 14 men perished—13 by drowning and 1 by falling into the burning hold. The particulars of the gallant rescue of the survivors by the men of the White Star steamer Cymric are well known.

Another notable disaster of the winter was the wreck of the British steamer Toleby, Galveston Tex., off Cape Fear. The Toleby struck the rocks at Freshwater Point, near Cape Race, in a heavy snowstorm on the night of January 13. The steamer broke in two and the crew was in danger of being swept overboard. They finally reached the beach, but encountered a steep cliff 200 feet in height and extending for miles. After suffering intensely from cold and flying spray for 18 hours, all hands were rescued.

One of the greatest feats in marine annals was the saving of 600 persons who were on the Canadian Pacific steamer Mount Temple when she struck on La Havre iron-bound ledges, off Bridgewater, N. S., on the night of December 2, while on her way to St. John from Antwerp. The steamer went on the rocks during a heavy snowstorm, and at the time it was thought she would go to pieces. The women and children were landed on iron-bound island by means of breeches lines and baskets, and the men were taken to the boats from fishing schooners and tugs.

On December 14 the Thomson liner Kildona, bound from Dundee for Portland, struck Brazil Rock, off Cape Sable, N. S., and was totally wrecked. The crew was rescued by the steamer Lunenburg.

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SOME ODD TALES AS TOLD BY WIRE

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Dances Until His Leg Breaks.

New York (Special).—In an endurance test two-step at the Hibernal ball, in the Alhambra Hotel, Peter Harrison, thirty-one, of East Fifteenth Street, avenue X, Sheepshead Bay, danced with his partner, Katherine Kelly, until his right leg snapped at the ankle.

He had been dancing thirty-five minutes with all couples finished except one, when in making a short turn his leg broke. He was still so intent on winning the prize that he demanded of the doctors of the Reception Hospital that they give him a crutch so he could finish.

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Lowell, Mass. (Special).—Miss Wilhelmina Crawford, twenty-nine years old, adopted in the Superior Court as her son James Butler, who is forty-six. Miss Crawford, who is well to do, says Butler's parents died when he was a boy. He was brought up in her father's family, and she got to entertain such a motherly feeling for him that she determined to have him as a son.

Dies in The Witness Chair.

Mount Vernon (Special).—The County Court of Jefferson County was brought to a dramatic adjournment when George McBride died while seated in the witness chair. McBride was the chief witness for the defense in a case on trial. He had told of his long acquaintance with the parties to the suit. The attorney turned to refer to some memoranda, and then asked the vital question in the suit. There was no answer. The trial judge was surprised at the man's seeming stubbornness, and left the bench in order to repeat the question himself to the witness.

One glance showed the judge that McBride was dead.

Killed After Thirteen Dinner.

Jackson, Mich. (Special).—Friends of Charles Hitchcock, a well known hotel man, are commenting on the superstition connected with the number 13. While he was visiting here last week a banquet was given in his honor.

At the table some one remarked that the date was Friday, the 13th. Then it was found that there was thirteen at the table.

Thursday, when Mr. Hitchcock's body was returned here, the incidents of the banquet were recalled. At Sturgis, Mich., he fell on his head while getting off a moving train.

Auto Hurls Girl Into Man's Lap.

Atlantic City, N. J. (Special).—As she stepped across Atlantic Avenue, Miss Agnes Grant saw an automobile bearing rapidly down. She hesitated, lost her presence of mind, and next instant there was a swish of skirts and a feminine shriek that startled pedestrians.

Dr. L. H. Bewly, who was driving the machine, jammed the brakes on, expecting that somebody about the size of Miss Grant was being killed, but with the swish of skirts there landed in his lap an indignant, but unhurt, young woman. The doctor took her to her hotel in his machine.

CAST OF BIG SKELETON.

Andrew Carnegie's Gift To The Emperor of Germany.

New York (Special).—On her next trip across the Atlantic the steamship Main, of the North German Lloyd, will carry a gigantic plaster cast of a skeleton of a prehistoric reptile that lived anywhere from three to ten million years ago.

The cast will be on display in the Carnegie Museum, at Pittsburgh, but when the Emperor of Germany sometime ago expressed a desire to see the huge form of the relic of the ages Andrew Carnegie at once called on meeting the German ruler's wish.

This plaster cast of the reptile skeleton weighs in all 9,400 pounds, and is packed away in 34 cases, all of which are being loaded this afternoon in the hold of the big steamship at its pier in Hoboken. The cast will occupy a great deal of space, as might be imagined when one is told that the huge lizard—the diplodocus—used to be 700 feet long and more than 16 feet in height.

MINISTER SENTENCED.

Accused of Sending Obscene Pictures Through The Mails.

Scranton, Pa. (Special).—Judge Archbold, in the United States Court, here, sentenced the Rev. H. E. Zimmerman, of Omaha, Neb., formerly a Lutheran minister in Dickinson, this State, to six months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$100 for sending obscene pictures through the mails. The charges against Zimmerman created a sensation in and around Dickinson, where he held a pastorate after being graduated from the theological seminary at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

When he was arraigned Zimmerman pleaded guilty, and some of the members of his former congregation testified to his good character. The defendant sought to excuse his conduct on the ground that he needed the pictures in connection with a magazine article which was in the course of preparation.

Will Reduce Opium Dens.

Shanghai (Special).—The Municipal Council of the Foreign Settlements of Shanghai at its annual meeting voted to reduce the number of opium dens in Shanghai by one-fourth. An amendment for the immediate abolition of all the dens was rejected. The decision is an outcome of active support of the project by the Governments of Great Britain and the United States, expressed through their respective Consular Offices.

Prisoner Leaps To Death.

York, Pa. (Special).—Arrested in Harrisburg as a horse thief and turned over to a York County officer who had a warrant for him, Samuel Knaub, aged 27 years, dived from the window of a fast-moving train on the Northern Central Railroad and met a tragic death. He had locked himself in a toilet-room, and, although handcuffed, dashed himself through the glass in a desperate effort to escape. The motion of the train drew him beneath the wheels and his head was crushed to a pulp.

THE JAPS WILL SEE OUR BIG FLEET

Mikado's Invitation Has Been Accepted By Government.

SHIPS MAY ALSO VISIT CHINA.

Fleet Will Remain a Week in Japanese Waters—The Invitation Says the People of Japan Desire to Express Their Friendship and Admiration for American People.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The American battleship fleet is to visit Japan. The desire of the Emperor of the island Kingdom to play host to the "Big Sixteen" was laid before Secretary Root by Baron Takahira, the Japanese ambassador. The invitation, which was couched in most cordial terms, was made the subject of extended consideration by President Roosevelt and his entire Cabinet. Secretary Root was directed to accept the invitation and the acceptance was laid before the Japanese Ambassador.

It is regarded in official circles here as more than likely that China will be next to bid for a look at the fleet, and that should this be the case the invitation would be accepted.

Secretary Metcalf and Admiral Pillsbury, chief of navigation, are arranging the details of the new itinerary. With the exception of China, it is believed to have been determined that all other invitations, should any be received, will be declined, for at least the fleet will now not be able to reach the Atlantic seaboard before the first of next March.

The itinerary, which seems to be the most direct, includes stops at the Hawaiian Islands, Samoa, Melbourne, Sidney, Manila, Yokohama and Hongkong. The fleet will make its way to the Philippines and then home by way of the Suez Canal, with only such stops as are necessary for coaling.

A Week At Japan.

Japan will have the ships a week, according to tentative plans. While the stops in foreign ports so far made have been on an average of 10 days' duration, a part of that time was occupied in taking on coal. With a visit to Manila first, no coaling operations would be necessary.

At least to any considerable extent, in Yokohama. This would enable the entire stay there to be given up to the festivities and show features of the visit.

The acceptance of the Japanese invitation is regarded in official circles as of considerable importance in the way of demonstration of cordiality existing between the American and Japanese governments. The added trip is nearly equal in distance to a voyage from New York to Europe.

Japan's Invitation.

The text of Japan's letter follows: JAPANESE EMBASSY, Washington, March 18, 1908.

Sir: Under instruction from His Majesty's minister for foreign affairs I have the honor to communicate to you that the imperial government, having learned of the contemplated visit of the United States battleship fleet from San Francisco to the Philippines Islands, is sincerely anxious to be afforded an opportunity to cordially welcome that magnificent fleet and to give an enthusiastic expression to the sentiment of friendship and admiration invariably entertained by the people of Japan towards the people of the United States.

I am further instructed to inform you that the imperial government is firmly convinced of the reassuring effect which the visit of the American fleet to the shores of Japan will produce upon the traditional relations of good understanding and mutual sympathy which so happily exist between the two nations and to express to you the hope of the imperial government that the fleet may be instructed to call at the principal ports of Japan in its extended cruise in the Pacific.

Accept, sir, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

K. TAKAHIRA, Hon. Eiharu Root, Secretary of State.

Famine Of Farm Workers.

Lancaster, Pa. (Special).—So badly do farmers here require help on their farms that the Farmers' League of Lancaster County has issued an appeal to the unemployed of city and town to go to the country for work. An appeal has been sent also to the Bureau of Labor and Immigration at Washington, asking that able-bodied immigrants be directed to this country.

Aged Man Shot By Police.

Williamson, W. Va. (Special).—Chief of Police Otis Riley shot and fatally wounded Alex Trent, aged eighty-six, who resisted arrest. Riley says the aged man drew a knife on him.

To Bottle All The Fleas.

Boston (Special).—Orders have been received by the immigration officials at Long Wharf to capture and bottle up every flea they can catch on immigrants for microscopic examination later. Each flea is to have a separate bottle, the vial to be labeled with the name of the flea's host, the host's home and the name of the captor.

May Be The Train Robbers.

St. Paul, Minn. (Special).—A special to the Pioneer Press from Bozeman, Mont., says that two men, answering the description of the Great Northern train robbers, who escaped from jail at Helena Saturday, were arrested at Bozeman by Sheriff Reynolds, as they alighted from a freight train.

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ROOSEVELT AND THE PLUTOCRACY

Talks to a French Editor of His "Crusade."

Paris (By Cable).—The Temps published an article on President Roosevelt from the pen of Andre Tardieu, its foreign editor, who has just returned to Paris from America, where he was received by Mr. Roosevelt three times.

After picturing the President's youthful vigor and his love for the struggles against wrongs and abuses, M. Tardieu quotes from the President's utterances to him, especially in connection with his "crusade."

"The President declared his struggle against plutocracy was because he was an enemy of socialism and anarchy. 'I am, after my fashion, a conservative,' M. Tardieu quotes Mr. Roosevelt as saying, 'and it is for this I combat the abuses of plutocracy. I know the people in Wall Street denounce me as a Judas Iscariot, but it is because I speak the language of truth to the American people that I think I am a good patriot. I am not a sentimentalist. Let them attack me; I will defend myself by appealing to the spirit of justice in the country. I will return the blows.'"

Continuing, Mr. Roosevelt said he thought that what the United States lacked most was a comprehension of the fact that she has interests throughout the entire world.

"I wish all Americans," the President said, "would feel that American politics are world politics; that we should be concerned in all the great questions."

Mr. Roosevelt then spoke with enthusiasm of the battleship fleet, which he said would go to Hawaii, probably to Australia and through the Suez Canal to Europe. He had ordered the fleet to make this voyage, first, because he wished to demonstrate to the American people that the Navy was effective and important and that they should be interested in and proud of it; and, second, because he desired to show to the other powers the naval force of the United States.

"We say," M. Tardieu quotes Mr. Roosevelt as remarking, "speak softly to carry the big stick; this is a good policy in international relations and it is good also in foreign politics."

BOY, DISGRACED, A SUICIDE.

Police Discovered He Had Sent Blackmail Letters To His Father.

Wheeling, W. Va. (Special).—Frightened because the authorities had discovered that he was the author of an anonymous letter sent to his father two weeks ago, in which the writer demanded that a certain sum of money be placed in a certain spot, Alexander Whitaker, son of A. Q