

# LATEST NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH

## Domestic

Oscar Hammerstein has secured a temporary injunction against the New York World, restraining the newspaper from publishing letters alleged to have been written by the impresario to Miss Frances Lee.

Herbert F. L. Pankle and Arthur Andrews testified that Thornton Hains held the crowd at the Bayview Yacht Club at bay with a revolver, while Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., shot William E. Annis.

The steamer Catalone, from Boston to New York, collided with and sank the British steamer Daghestan south of Godney Channel. The crew of the Daghestan were saved.

President-elect Taft arrived in Augusta, Ga., and was received with a joyous demonstration. Mr. and Mrs. Landon A. Thomas are entertaining the Tafts until Monday.

It is reported that interests identified with Standard Oil are behind the plans to build places to rival the American Smelting and Refining Company.

The committee appointed by Governor Hughes to investigate Wall Street methods of transacting business held its first meeting and organized.

Anton Rudy, a plumber, of Newark, N. J., obtained damages from a local union for keeping him out of work.

Thirty-two million dollars of the Dime Savings Bank will be carried through the streets of New York.

The telegraph companies at Chicago reported rain and fog generally from the Colorado line to Philadelphia and from St. Paul to Louisville, but not putting them out of commission.

A naval board composed of Commander William Gill, Commander Edwin A. Anderson and Lieutenant Commander F. N. Freeman started to inspect sites for the establishment of a torpedo station on the Pacific Coast.

The unique opportunity of buying real elephants, lions and other denizens of the jungle for Christmas presents is afforded on account of the involuntary bankruptcy of the Norris & Rowe circus.

As a result of the closing of the Citizens' State Bank of Napoleon, O., the creditors of the Ohio German Fire Insurance Company, now in the hands of two trustees, may lose \$132,000.

Governor J. Franklin Fort, of New Jersey, presided and made the principal address at the International Tuberculosis Exhibit in the American Museum of Natural History at New York.

Henry F. Agar, formerly secretary and treasurer of the Princeton Milling Company, Princeton, Ind., charged with forgery and embezzlement amounting to \$100,000, was arrested at Harlingen, Tex., after a two years' search.

After an entire day devoted to an attempt to get a jury to try eight alleged night riders on a charge of murdering Capt. Quentin Rankin, court adjourned with only two men in the jury box.

Miss Sarah Campbell, a trained nurse, who spent 10 weeks on a barren island in the Pacific Ocean with 53 shipwrecked men, arrived in San Francisco with her hair turned white.

The prosecution outlined its case and witnesses described the shooting of William E. Annis at the trial of Thornton Hains.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has placed orders for 135,500 tons of steel rails.

Alice Neilson, the grand opera singer, has filed a petition of bankruptcy.

Chief American Horse, a noted Stouff chief, is dead.

## Foreign

Sir Max Wacteler, who is touring European capitals advocating the abolition of empire, returned from the formation of the United States of Europe, was received by M. Pichon, French minister of foreign affairs.

Three Japanese plumage hunters, marooned on Lee Heron Island, in the Pacific, for three months, were rescued in a starving condition by the Commercial Pacific Cable Company's schooner Florence Ward.

A former Portuguese detective implicated in the plot resulting in the assassination of King Carlos and his son, the Crown Prince, was arrested after attempting suicide.

Great Britain has not tendered her good offices to compose the differences between Brazil and Argentina arising from the activity of each country in increasing its naval power.

The blasting oil ship Katan Kadoma was bombarded with aerial bombs during the rains at Singapore and sunk, it being the only way to extinguish the flames.

At a meeting of the senate of the New University of Dublin the Very Rev. James H. Walsh, Lord Archbishop of Dublin, was elected chancellor.

Lord Morley, secretary for India, in an address in the House of Lords, unfolded a plan for the reform of the Government administration of India.

The prospectus of another South Manchurian Railroad loan of \$10,000,000 was issued in London.

Officers of the American battleship fleet were entertained at dinner by Gov. Sir Henry McCallum, of Ceylon, at Colombo.

General Simen, leader of last revolution in Haiti was unanimously elected President by the Haitian Congress.

The arrest of all natives suspected of revolutionary activities in India has helped quiet down the population.

An operation for cataract was performed in London on Gen. William Booth, of the Salvation Army.

Oiga Stein, arrested in New York, was put on trial in St. Petersburg, charged with forgery and embezzlement.

The Earl of Granard, whose engagement to Miss Mills, of New York, was announced a few days ago, sailed on the steamer Adriatic, from Southampton.

Fifteen persons were killed and 20 injured in a collision between a passenger train and a freight train in the Pough Tunnel, near Limoges, France.

Walter Wright sailed his aeroplane at a height of 290 feet at Le Mans, breaking all records for height.

# CAPITOL GRABBERS EACH GET TWO YEARS

Sanderson, Mathews, Shumaker and Snyder Also Fined \$500.

## STATE LEADERS FACING PRISON.

Contractor Sanderson, Former State Auditor Snyder, Former State Treasurer Mathews and Ex-Superintendent of Buildings Shumaker Gave Two Years in Penitentiary.

Harrisburg (Special).—Two years' imprisonment and a fine of \$500, the maximum penalty, was the sentence meted out by Judge Kunkel in the Dauphin County Court to each of the four men who were convicted of defrauding the State in connection with the furnishing of the Capitol building in this city.

Immediately after sentence was pronounced the defendants were recommended to the custody of the sheriff and taken to a side room pending application for a supersedeas, which was made in this city.

The four defendants are John H. Sanderson, Philadelphia, contractor for the furniture; James M. Shumaker, Johnstown, superintendent of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings at the time the contract for furniture was let; William P. Snyder, Spring City, and William L. Mathews, Media, respectively, Auditor General and State Treasurer during the operation of the contract, and by virtue of their positions members of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings.

The men were convicted of defrauding the State out of \$19,308 in a contract for wooden furniture. Other charges involved large sums in the aggregate. They were tried last spring, and last week they were being a new trial.

The men convicted were tried a second time and acquitted of a charge of defrauding the State in a metal furniture contract.

## BLAZING SCHOOL BUILDING.

Six Hundred Children Escape Injury—Money Loss, \$100,000.

Altoona, Pa. (Special).—A fire which threatened the destruction of Altoona High School building, erected at a cost of \$750,000 a few years ago, started at 10 o'clock A. M., while 600 pupils were busy with their studies.

As soon as it was discovered the bell for the drill was sounded, and the pupils, thinking it was merely another drill, calmly formed in line and marched out of the building.

The school was cleared practically before the arrival of the first fire engine, which came from only two blocks away.

Within five minutes the building was filled with dense smoke, and had the children remained that long many, it is believed, would have been suffocated. The fire started in the lumber room underneath the auditorium, probably from the heating pipes, and worked its way between the partitions to the third floor.

The loss is estimated at \$100,000. Several valuable paintings were destroyed.

## IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

Contrasting Features in Foreign Trade of United States.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Lower prices for imports and higher prices for exports were characteristic of the foreign trade of the United States at the end of the fiscal year 1908, according to a preliminary bulletin of the Bureau of Statistics.

This decline, it is said, applies especially to manufacturers' materials imported and foodstuffs exported. In manufacturers' materials, whether raw or partly manufactured, the average prices for the year were markedly lower than for the preceding year and were also much lower at the end of the fiscal year than at the beginning of the year. To this falling off in prices is due the decline in the total value of imports, though in many cases there was shown to have been an actual decline in quantity.

Regarding foodstuffs, the bulletin says they do not, as a rule, share in the decline in value, either as to imports or exports, suffered by manufacturers' materials.

Shot By Youth.

Boston (Special).—Miss Maud Hartley, the beautiful 17-year-old daughter of Dr. R. Ames Hartley, was shot and almost instantly killed as she was about to board a car at Highland Avenue and Cherry Street in Somerville by James Harmon, the son of a police sergeant in that city.

The shooting of the young man's advances is said to have been the motive for the crime.

India Raising Less Cotton.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Decrease in the area devoted to India to cotton culture is shown by the fact that there are at present 17,313,000 acres under cotton, as compared with 17,719,000 acres a year ago and 19,732,000 acres the year before that. The most noticeable decrease is in Bombay, where it amounts to 14 per cent.

New Philippine Judge.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—President Roosevelt announced the appointment of Sherman Moreland, of Elmira, N. Y., as associate justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, vice James F. Tracey, of Albany, N. Y., resigned. Judge Tracey's retirement is due to his desire to return to the practice of law in Albany. The President called a commendatory letter to Manila on Judge Tracey's work.

Highwayman Rob A Bank.

Gibson, Neb. (Special).—Five highwaymen blew up the Holloway Exchange Bank of this city, held the inhabitants at bay while they obtained \$500 from the vaults, and escaped in an automobile, the citizens pursuing them.

New Justice For Panama.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—President Roosevelt announced that he had selected Wesley M. Owen, of Lorain, Ill., to be a justice of the Supreme Court on the Isthmus of Panama to fill a vacancy.

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## LIFE-GUARDS SAVED MILLIONS.

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In Hot Message to Congress He Scores World's Proprietor.

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Washington, D. C. (Special).—The President in a special message to Congress answers the charge made in connection with the purchase of the Panama Canal and excoiates Joseph Pulitzer, proprietor of the New York World, in which paper the charges were first published. Others who joined in the criticisms are included in the excoiation.

In language probably more emphatically denunciatory than was ever used in such a document, Mr. Roosevelt says Mr. Pulitzer is guilty of blackening the good name of the American people, and it should not be left to a private citizen to sue him for libel. Mr. Pulitzer should be prosecuted by the governmental authorities, declares the President, and continues:

"Compares Pulitzer To Embezzler.

"In point of encouragement of inquiry, in point of infamy, of wrongdoing, there is nothing to choose between a public servant who betrays his trust, a private servant who is guilty of blackmail, or theft, or financial dishonesty of any kind, and a man guilty as Mr. Joseph Pulitzer has been guilty in this instance.

"It is therefore a high national duty to bring to justice this villain of the American people, this man who wantonly and wickedly and without one shadow of justification seeks to blacken the character of reputable private citizens and to convict the government of his own country in the eyes of the civilized world of wrongdoing of the basest and foulest kind, which he has not one shadow of justification of any sort or description for the charge he has made."

The attorney general, Mr. Roosevelt adds, has under consideration what steps shall be taken against the editor.

In clearing Charles P. Taft, brother of the President-elect, and Douglas Robinson, the President's brother-in-law, of the accusations made by the World, Mr. Roosevelt says:

"Now, these stories as a matter of fact need no investigation whatever. No shadow of proof has been, or can be, produced in behalf of any of them. They consist simply of a string of infamous libels. In form they are in part libels upon individuals, upon Mr. Taft and Mr. Robinson for instance. But they are, in fact, wholly, and in form partly, a libel upon the United States government."

"I do not believe we should concern ourselves with the particular individuals who wrote the lying and libelous editorials, articles from newspapers, or articles in the news columns, but we should be concerned with the real offender in Mr. Joseph Pulitzer, editor and proprietor of the World."

Assumes Responsibility Himself.

The President says he alone is responsible for steps taken in obeying the will of Congress by the purchase of the canal, and adds that the law was strictly complied with. The actual transaction was carried through by P. C. Knox, of Pennsylvania, then attorney general, through John Hay, then secretary of state, and Elihu Root, then secretary of war, were cognizant of all the essential features.

The President declares that William Nelson Cromwell did not have to give the names of his clients, and acknowledges assistance from that gentleman in the recent investigation of the whole affair.

The payments to the French owners of the canal are also gone into in detail. These were made under the supervision of the Civil Tribunal of the Seine.

## DOINGS AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

The acceptance of the resignation of Representative C. N. Brumm, of Pennsylvania, from the Sixtieth Congress by the Governor of Pennsylvania was read in the House of Representatives.

President Roosevelt has begun preparing for submission to Congress a mass of evidence upon which he based the statements in his annual message regarding the Secret Service.

The President will send to the Senate the nomination of Sherman Moreland, of Elmira, N. Y., to be associate justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands.

James F. Tracey, of Albany, N. Y., an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands, has resigned and the resignation has been accepted by the President.

During the 37 years the German federal government has existed, 27,707,876 natives of Germany have emigrated, nearly five-sixths of them to the United States.

A bill to authorize the Lackawanna Railroad to build a bridge across the Delaware River was favorably reported by the House Committee on Commerce.

By unanimous vote the House adopted a resolution calling on the President to prove to his charge that members were fearful of an investigation by the Secret Service agents.

Senator Bourne (Oregon) introduced a bill providing that the salary of the President be increased to \$100,000 a year, and that of the Vice President to \$25,000 a year.

The President sent a message to Congress in which he submitted his recommendations in regard to improving the form of government for the District of Columbia.

Senator Rayner introduced a resolution providing for an investigation of the President's order directing the removal of the marines from the warships.

Germany's fiscal policy that allows liberal bounties upon the export of grain products as a corollary to high duties on imports is proving beneficial to the agricultural and milling interests of the empire.

The Secretary of the Navy has ordered a court of inquiry to meet at Boston next Monday to investigate the circumstances attending the grounding of the ship Yankee.

Capt. C. B. T. Moore has been detached from duty at the Navy Yard at Philadelphia and ordered to command the armored cruiser Colorado of the Pacific fleet, at Ensenada.

A dispatch to the Isthmian Canal Commission from Panama said that with the exception of B. H. Cole, who is critically ill, those injured in the Isthmian dynamite explosion are improving.

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# THE PRESIDENT TO HELP NATIONAL MUSEUM.

Arrangement With Smithsonian Made Public.

## COLLECTION OF UNIQUE VALUE.

Mr. Roosevelt Wrote Secretary Charles D. Walcott Outlining His Proposed Trip and Asking for Field Taxidermists to Accompany the Expedition.

Washington (Special).—The agreement between President Roosevelt and the Smithsonian Institution as to the President's hunting trip in Africa was made public by Charles D. Walcott, secretary of the institution, after he had conferred with the President. At a meeting of the board of regents of the institution held Tuesday before the board, which, in turn, adopted the resolution given, thereby entering into a contract with the President for certain work. The letter and resolution follow:

"The White House, Washington.—Oyster Bay, N. Y., June 20, 1908.

"My Dear Dr. Walcott: About the first of April next, I intend to start for Africa. My plans are, of course, indefinite, but at present I hope they will be something on the following order:

"By May 1