

THE NEWS.

Domestic

A new indictment found by the federal grand jury of New York against F. Augustus Heine, the copper man and president of the Mercantile National Bank at the time of the panic, charges Heine with taking sums from the bank aggregating \$2,250,000 between March 14 and October 14, and misapplying them for his own use.

William Adler, former president of the National Bank of New Orleans, which crashed to a ruin after his flight to Honduras December 20, 1907, was found guilty by a jury in the United States District Court on 74 counts in the indictment brought against him under the national banking laws.

Two of the five men convicted in the "Turpentine Trust" case at Savannah, Ga., were sentenced to serve three months in jail, while fines ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 were assessed in each case.

Frederick Zimmerman, said to have been a stocking thief, was shot and killed by Adams Express Company detectives in Philadelphia.

Jacob Rika, of New York, has been elected president of the Playground Association of America.

Seven divorces in 28 minutes was the new record in the speedy dissolution of the marriage bond set by Superior Judge George H. Cabaniss, of San Francisco.

The transport *Prairie* which arrived at the Philadelphia navy yard from Newport, will transport four hundred men to the Isthmus of Panama.

The New York Air Brake Company filed papers with the Secretary of State of New Jersey, increasing its capital from \$10,000,000 to \$13,000,000.

The anthracite coal operators elected as their representatives on a board of conciliation: W. L. Connelley, S. D. Warriner and W. J. Richards.

Nearl Harris, a negro, is held in Madison county jail in connection with the killing of Charles Cheatham at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rifts in the south polar cap of Mars were reported by Prof. Percival Lowell from his observatory at Flagstaff, Ariz.

More than 5,000 persons attended the memorial services in honor of the late Heinrich Conried at New York.

Mrs. Alice Braun, of Waterloo, known throughout the musical world as Rose Ettlinger, died in London.

Engineers in wireless telegraphy will be trained in the engineering department at Ohio State University.

Harry Allen, of Kansas City, was struck by a New York Central locomotive at Rochester, N. Y.

Twenty men were blown to pieces by the premature explosion of dynamite in the stone quarry of the Callahan Road Improvement Company, near Albany, N. Y.

Judge E. H. Gary, of the United States Steel Corporation, will present a \$100,000 Y. M. C. A. building to the town of Gary, Ind.

The New York Central Railroad has paid \$136,000 in fines for granting rebates to the American Sugar Refining Company.

The aged machinist of Painesville, O., who claimed to be the missing Archduke Johann of Austria, has disappeared.

A monument to Capt. Henry Wirz, who was in command of the federal prison, was unveiled at Andersonville, Ga.

Extraordinary large schools of mackerel are reported from Cape Henry and Cape Henlopen.

Foreign

A garden party given by Prince Shimazu, of Japan, at Tokio, to Rear Admiral Harker, commander of the third division of the Pacific Squadron, U. S. N., and to Rear Admiral Lambton, commander of the British Squadron, was a magnificent affair.

The Berne copyright convention passed its second reading in the German Reichstag, the copyright legislation of the United States being sharply attacked during the discussion.

Lady William Beresford, of England, who died recently, left an estate of \$960,000. She was the daughter of late Commodore Price, United States Navy.

M. Lopekine, former director of police in St. Petersburg, was sentenced to five years' hard labor for being a member of a revolutionary organization.

Only about 1,000 French government employes in Paris are on strike. A discussion of the strike in the Chamber of Deputies caused a wild scene.

The French government has made Henry Viznaud first secretary of the American embassy at Paris, a grand officer of the Legion of Honor.

The U. S. revenue cutter *Tahoma* arrived at Alexandria to protect American interests.

The new cable connecting Venezuela with the outside world was opened.

Portugal has a new ministry, with Wenceslao de Lima as the premier. Earthquakes have been doing considerable damage in Ecuador.

The first day of the postal strike in France passed off without any disturbance and without any serious inconvenience to a government for commercial service.

The report of a British departmental committee reported that the American beef combination may prove dangerous to the British trade.

The Venezuelan government and the French Cable Company signed an agreement in settlement of all outstanding difficulties.

The Emperor and Empress of Germany exchanged greetings with the King and Queen of Italy and Brindisi.

The appointment will be announced presently of Marquis de Villalobar as Spanish minister at Washington.

An enthusiastic welcome was given to the United States Commission upon its arrival at Monrovia, Liberia.

Muhammad, son of Morocco, demands the evacuation of Spain of the Rif region.

COLLISION CAUSED BY TRAIN ROBBERS

Plundered Mail Runs Back Wild into Passenger Cars.

TWELVE PERSONS ARE INJURED.

Trainmen See the Collision Impending And Place Ties On The Track To Lessen Its Violence—One Of The Bandits Is Said To Be An Old Engineer—The Amount Of Their Plunder Is Unknown, But It May Reach \$20,000—Deputies Are Now In Pursuit Of Robbers.

Spokane, Wash. (Special).—Following the holdup of a Great Northern passenger train by six bandits between Colbert and Mead, 12 persons were injured when the locomotive and the mail car, cut off from the rest of the train, ran back wild after the bandits had rifled the mails of an unknown amount and collided with the rest of the train, which had been left standing where the bandits got possession of the train.

Having taken the detached mail car down the track a considerable distance, the robbers looted the registered mail, and reversing the engine, sent the locomotive and the mail car crashing back into the passenger coaches.

The conductor saw the wild cars backing down the track 25 miles, and he and another trainman placed ties on the track to stop their flight; but the cars, though partly stopped by this means, plunged into the coaches, throwing passengers from their seats, cutting them with glass from broken windows. A trainman nerved to the task sprang aboard the locomotive as the collision occurred and shut off the steam, stopping the havoc.

When the train reached Colbert late some switching had to be done. While the engine crew was busy at this work two men sprang into the cab and, thrusting a revolver against the bodies of Engineer Wm. Miller and Fireman John Hill, ordered them to do as commanded. The engineer and the fireman complied, and the mail cars were cut off from the rest of the train by four other robbers. The locomotive and the mail car were then run up the track a few miles. Then the engineer and the fireman were forced to leave the cab.

Two of the robbers went to the door of the car and ordered it opened. Their command was obeyed by Benjamin F. Stumpf, mail clerk, who was hurried away from the cars, with the engineers, by a dozen revolver shots.

Manning the locomotive themselves, the outlaws took the mail cars down the track and looted the registered mail. Then they started the locomotive back toward the rest of the train and escaped to the west.

Conductor C. L. Robertson had a brakeman end in the telegraph wire to send word to Spokane. While he was busy telegraphing, about a half hour after the locomotive and the mail car had disappeared, he saw the powerful locomotive career toward the coaches in which many persons were asleep, as the robbers had acted quietly in seizing the mail car.

Many of the passengers knew nothing of the holdup until awakened by the collision.

BIG CIRCUS TENT IS BLOWN DOWN

Canvas Takes Fire and Pandemonium Reigns in Audience.

Accident At Corry, Pa., During An Exhibition Of Cole Brothers' Circus—Heavy Poles Crush Several Persons—Reserved Seat Section Also Collapses With Struggling, Shrieking Crowd—Mothers Lose Children In Excitement—Tenmen Work Heroically.

Corry, Pa. (Special).—The main tent of the Cole Brothers' Circus blew down, without a moment's warning, at 8 o'clock P. M., during a heavy windstorm, while the big top was crowded with spectators for the evening's performance. At the same moment the entire reserved seat section blew down and during the ensuing, struggling, struck by the circus people ran madly about, it is reported, more panic stricken than the audience.

A portion of the tent took fire from the gas lamps and blazed up. Cries of fire and shrieks of agony caused the struggling and battling section of canvas to resemble an inferno. The canvas men, braver than the performers, worked like Trojans, cutting holes in the canvas, and released the frightened people as soon as they could be reached.

The Fire Department and all the doctors in the town were called out to assist in recovering possible victims.

Among the injured are Mrs. Byron Davis, struck by pole, seriously injured; Chief of Police Stevens, slightly injured by a pole; Charles Tuttle, city clerk, struck by pole; extent of injuries unknown.

The damage to the show itself is but slight.

TRUST MAGNATES ARE SENT TO JAIL

Sentences Imposed in Naval Stores Case.

Spencer P. Schotter And J. F. Cooper Myers Are Given Three Months In Jail By Judge Sheppard. In Addition To Being Fined, While The Three Other Convicted Men Are Only Fined—The Case Will Be Appealed.

Savannah, Ga. (Special).—Overruling the motion in arrest of judgments offered by the defense, Judge William B. Sheppard sentenced the five men found guilty of violating the Sherman anti-trust law and in two cases jail sentences were imposed.

Spencer P. Schotter, chairman of the board of directors of the American Naval Stores Company, was sentenced to serve three months in jail and to pay a fine of \$5,000.

Edmund S. Nash, president of the company, was fined \$3,000.

J. F. Cooper Myers, vice president of the American company and president of the National Transportation and Terminal Company, was sentenced to three months in jail and to pay a fine of \$2,500.

George Mead Boardman, of New York, treasurer of the American Naval Stores Company, was fined \$2,000.

Carl Moller, of Jacksonville, Fla., agent of the American and general manager of the National Transportation and Terminal Company, Jacksonville, was fined \$5,000.

Mr. Schotter and Mr. Myers were sentenced to terms in the Chatham County jail because they had been before the court two years ago, entering pleas of guilty.

Mr. Moller's sentence was made heavy because of his connection with the Terminal yards in Jacksonville, where regrading and regrading were alleged to have taken place.

The case will be appealed to the United States Court of Appeals as soon as the bill of exceptions can be prepared and certified by the court. A writ of error citing 53 grounds was granted immediately after sentence was passed. Nearly everything the court permitted to come before the jury, to which the defense entered protest, was attacked.

Bond in the sum of \$20,000 was given for all the defendants jointly, and they were released pending the determination of their appeal. The costs they must pay if the conviction and sentences stand will, it is said, reach \$17,000.

The defendants were sentenced separately. Judge Sheppard made no long address, but immediately after each man had been sentenced, he said he could not be pronounced a privilege of which they took but small advantage.

The defense was represented by W. W. Mackall, former Judge Samuel B. Adams and Gen. Peter W. Meldrum. With Mr. W. C. Tomer, of Jacksonville, the government was represented by Assistant District Attorney Alexander Akerman.

CAPTAIN PETER C. HAINS FOUND GUILTY

Convicted on Manslaughter in the First Degree.

On The First Trial The Jury Stood Six For Conviction Of Murder In First Degree And Six For Acquittal On The Ground Of Insanity—Result Is A Compromise—Believed Mrs. Hains Was Guilty And That Annis Deserved His Fate, But Barred Unwritten Law.

THE CASE IN A NUTSHELL.

Date of murder—August 15, 1908.

Place—Bayside Yacht Club, Long Island.

Victim—William E. Annis, accused of betraying the wife of Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr.

Accused—Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., United States Army, and his older brother, Thornton Jenkins Hains, author.

Trial of Thornton Jenkins Hains began December 14. Last of one month. Acquitted after the jury considered case 22 hours.

Trial of Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., began April 19, ended May 11; jury out three hours.

Verdict—Manslaughter in the first degree.

New York (Special).—Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., was found guilty of manslaughter in the first degree by the jury which tried him for the killing of William E. Annis, a publisher, at the Bayside Yacht Club, Flushing, L. I., August 15, 1908. The penalty for manslaughter in the first degree is from one to 20 years' imprisonment. The prisoner was immediately remanded to the custody of the sheriff until sentence is imposed.

Captain Hains showed no emotion when, on command to rise and face the jury, he heard the verdict against him. His face wore the dull and uncomprehending look which has been noted during the trial.

According to the assertions given out by the lawyers for the defense a few minutes before the quick returns of the jury, the verdict was totally unexpected. Mr. McIntyre basing hopes of a mistrial resultant from disagreement upon a story which had been told him that the two jurors were holding out for conviction, while the others were for acquittal. The jury, which went to its deliberations at 1 o'clock, reported ready to bring in the verdict at 4 o'clock.

Judge Garretson was notified by Court Captain Ashmead and hurried from the hotel to convene court. The Hains counsel rushed in from the Flushing Hotel and the district attorney's staff from "Ye Olden Tavern."

Captain Hains seated himself at the counsel table and dully awaited the word to stand up and face his jury when the 12 men had fled into the box. Judge Garretson announced that there must be no sign of approval and disapproval at the verdict, and the clerk of the court was ordered to demand the result of the deliberations.

The officers will see that everyone will remain in his seat," said the clerk.

"Defendant, rise," sang out the court clerk. The army officer, his face deadly pale, his lips closed tightly, reached out and, grasping the table in front of him, rose to any assistance, and no one offered any. Slowly the prisoner turned his head and directed his gaze at the foreman of the jury.

"Have you agreed upon a verdict?" the clerk asked the foreman of the jury.

"Yes, we have," replied the foreman.

"Manslaughter in the first degree," he added without waiting for any further questions from the clerk.

Captain Hains stood facing the jury, squaring his shoulders, thrown back in military fashion, as Foreman Sunding recited the verdict. As he heard the decision of the jurors Hains' face was as white as chalk. He stood for a few moments motionless, staring at the jury after he heard the verdict. Then one of his lawyers touched him, and he quietly sat down.

In striking contrast to the demeanor of the prisoner was the grief of his aged father, Gen. Peter C. Hains, and his brother, Major John Power Hains. For a moment they sat as if dazed, then broke down and wept. The Captain's aged mother, who was such a pitiful figure in court during the trial, was not in court.

TWENTY BODIES BLOWN SKYWARD

Premature Explosion of Dynamite in a Stone Quarry.

A THOUSAND POUNDS GO OFF.

Thirteen Holes Had Been Drilled When Perforation Cap Accidentally Explodes, Firing All The Charges—Workmen And Tons Of Rock Hurled Hundreds Of Feet Into The Air—Panic Reigns In Village Half A Mile From The Quarry—Fragments Of Unrecognizable Dead Carted To Morgue.

Albany, N. Y. (Special).—At least 20 men were killed by a premature blast of dynamite in a stone quarry operated by the Callahan Road Improvement Company, near South Bethlehem, 11 miles southwest of Albany.

One thousand pounds of dynamite exploded, and the bodies of the victims were hurled hundreds of feet by the concussion and so badly mutilated as to be almost beyond recognition. As darkness was falling a wagon drew up to the enginehouse loaded with bodies that had been picked up back on the quarry hill. A crowd of grief-stricken relatives gathered around, eager to identify the dead, only to turn away at the sickening sight.

Italians with shovels found here and there portions of bodies and their clothing. The bodies were boxed to the enginehouse, which served as a temporary morgue.

The Callahan Road Improvement Company furnished crushed stone for road building. The preparations for the day's blast had been going on for six weeks. Thirteen holes, 75 feet deep, had been drilled at points about 20 feet back of the face of the big quarry, and the explosion of the dynamite with which they were to be loaded was expected to displace 40,000 tons of rock.

Over 8,000 pounds of dynamite were to have been used. The workmen had placed 500-pound charges in six of the holes and were working on the seventh when a percussion cap was prematurely discharged. A terrific explosion followed, which hurled tons of rock into the air and scattered the bodies of the victims in all directions. The officers were standing nearby at the time directing the work.

Houses in the vicinity were shaken and windows shattered by the concussion and consternation reigned in the little village half a mile away.

That was capable of recognition of LeRoy McMillen was his head, found some distance from the explosion and nowhere near anything that might have been his body.

The body of one of the Callahan brothers, John, was found on top of the hill above the quarry. He had been drilled and was being filled, 50 feet from the explosion.

In the pit below, outside of the displaced rock, lay the body of the other brother, Charles. All there was left to identify him by was a charred trunk and a hat. Both bodies were torn to shreds.

The bodies of Baumes and Maloney were burned black and dismembered.

The quarrymen being unfamiliar with the powder expert, Zephart, there is some doubt as to the identity of the bodies whose charge holes were a large man, six foot or more tall, weighing about 250 pounds or more. Such a body, dismembered and with the head and face burned beyond recognition, was picked up.

In addition to the trunks and larger part of the bodies recovered, there were three feet wide and ten long was filled heaping with burned and broken arms and legs, parts of heads and trunks of the victims of the accident.

The nine bodies of Italians not yet recovered are either buried in the rocks or have been blown into such small pieces that it will be impossible to associate them as bodies.

THE FOURTH MEMBER OF GANG TO DIE

Death Taking Off State Capital Crafters.

The Philadelphia Contractor Out On \$25,000 Bail Pending An Appeal, Expires At Sherry's. In New York—He Charged Six Millions For Work On Big Structure That Cost One Million.

New York (Special).—John H. Sanderson, the Philadelphia contractor, who has been out on \$25,000 bail pending an appeal in his conviction for defrauding the State of Pennsylvania in the building of the \$13,000,000 capitol building at Harrisburg, died in his apartments here at Sherry's. He has been living at Sherry's ever since his conviction on March 12, 1908, having come there with his bride.

All information concerning Mr. Sanderson's death was refused at Sherry's, and the statement was at first given out that he was out of town. It was known that he had been ill in his apartments for several months. Whether or not his wife was with Sanderson is not known, but it was said by a friend that his wife was in Philadelphia.

When the contracts for the new capitol were let Sanderson was found to be the favored bidder, although it was later brought out that he was by no means the lowest bid.

When the bills for the building began coming in, items in them attracted the attention of the authorities, and a commission was appointed by Governor Pennypacker to investigate the matter. The commission had not gone far before it became known that large frauds had been practiced, and in 1907 indictments were found against a number of men concerned in the letting of the contracts and the actual work of building. Among the men indicted were former editor Gen. William F. Snyder, former State Treasurer William L. Mathews, former Superintendent of Public Grounds James M. Shumaker, Sanderson and a number of lesser officials and contractors.

It was charged that Sanderson had charged \$6,434,748.94 for the work and that it had cost him \$1,574,339.65 to do it. An examination showed that where he had contracted to put in masonry work he had put in two legislative houses he had put in putty and veneered it with mahogany. In the furniture transactions involving payments of \$53,000 Sanderson had presented bills on which the state was defrauded of \$15,000.

SEVEN PERSONS DROWN.

Lauch Capsized And None Of The Occupants Could Swim.

Eau Claire, Wis. (Special).—Not being able to swim, George Hall, R. H. Swain, Susan's wife and four children were drowned in the swollen waters of the Chippewa River, when Hall's gasoline launch, which they were trying out for the first time, capsized in midstream, striking some sunken piling.

No body save the launch capsized, but men fishing on the river bank heard cries for help and saw Swain and Hall clinging to the overturned boat. The current carried them rapidly down the stream.

The overturned boat and the men soon disappeared from view. The launch was found later on a sandbar.

A Suicide Pact.

Vienna (Special).—All Fahuy Bey, secretary of the Turkish Legation at Belgrade, and Mile Ludovica Milnecka were found dead in a room of a hotel in Scullin, across the river from Belgrade, this morning. The couple were lovers, and it is evident that the tragedy was pre-arranged. The secretary apparently shot the young woman and then committed suicide. A sum of money was laid out on a table in the room, with the request that they be buried in the same grave.

American Becomes A King.

Carmel, Ill. (Special).—News has been received here of the death of Edgar Thompson, king of the Fiji Islands, who left his home at Albion, near this city, 25 years ago in search of adventure. Some years after his departure Thompson's sister, living in San Francisco, received a letter from him telling her of his adventures and stating that he had been married to a young princess of one of the Fiji Islands and had been crowned king. Inquiry through the United States consular department verified his story.

New Typewriter Speed Record.

Kansas City, Mo. (Special).—A new speed record for typewriting was made here by E. A. Trefzger, of New York, when he wrote an average of 105 words from copy each minute for 15 minutes. Trefzger was second in the international contest recently, when Rose L. Fritz won the hour contest.

B. M. Downing Killed.

Falls Church, Va. (Special).—Bedford M. Downing, of Falls Church, is dead as the result of a pistol shot wound inflicted about 12 o'clock P. M. Dr. George B. Fidelity, who was called, says he is of the opinion that Downing accidentally shot himself.

Across one of the main streets of Cincinnati and facing the celebrated Fountain Square hangs in front of a liquor store, a big wooden sign on which is painted: "Let us send a gallon of our best whiskey by express to that dry town of yours."

Consul Wilbur T. Gracy, of Tsingtau, reports that the section of the Pekin-Kaiguan Railway from Nankow to Huailia was opened on February 6. From the entrance to the pass at Nankow the road rises 1,800 feet in 10 miles.

The Mexican Central plant at Aguascalientes for preserving railroad ties with oil, which was started some years ago as an experimental plant to develop and perfect the Ebanol oil process, is now treating about a carload, or 3,500 ties daily. Each tie takes up about three gallons of oil.

According to their own figures the Pennsylvania's coal and coke traffic in a week is almost exactly equal to Chesapeake & Ohio's similar traffic in one month.

IN THE WORLD OF FINANCE

Gold exports for the year now approximate \$50,000,000.

Uncle Sam has \$62,000,000 in national bonds.

New York Air Brake will add \$3,000,000 to its capital stock.

It cost Tonopah approximately \$8.50 to mine and treat a ton of ore.

Montana Tonopah has made a payment of \$10,000 upon its bill, leaving the debt upon that property \$40,000.

Samuel Newhouse, "King of Utah mines," is in the West looking over his properties.

In the first quarter of 1909 Utah Copper earned net \$382,470 compared with \$540,282 in the last quarter of 1908.

Trading in Belmont continues active in Philadelphia, but the price of the stock changes by the smallest possible fraction.

Philadelphians who paid \$4 a share for 100,000 shares of Mohawk which is now worth an equivalent of \$16 a share in Goldfield Consolidated, still remain a fair proportion of their original purchase.

Danced Herself To Death.

Chicago (Special).—Marie Fron, 20 years old, danced herself to death in a public dance hall, according to the verdict of a coroner's jury. The girl possessed a frail constitution, but waltzing was a mania with her. She was warned by her parents not to exert herself, but the music caused her to forget the warning and she danced continuously until she had to be carried out of the hall fainting. She died in a hospital.

Florence Nightingale 90 Years Old.

London, Eng. (Special).—Florence Nightingale, who has just entered her ninetyeth year, has received innumerable congratulatory messages and bouquets. She is very feeble and is now confined at all times to her room.

White Mountain's Hotel Affire.

Plymouth, N. H. (Special).—The Penigawasset House, one of the largest hotels in the White Mountains, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Saved In Their Cellars.

Kansas City, Mo. (Special).—Five members of the Eckstrom, supposed to have been killed on their farms at Cheonan, Kansas, in the tornado, and Charles Quance, a ranchman who was believed to have succumbed near Larned, Kan., escaped unharmed to tornado cellars. The fact became known when wire communication was resumed with these points. The known dead from the storm in this part of the Southwest is three and the injured 55.

Deposed Sultan's Funds.

Constantinople (Special).—The Minister of Finance has decided that the cash fund in the imperial palace of Yildiz, the residence of Abdul Hamid, the deposed sultan, shall be used in meeting the expenditures incurred by the mobilization of the First and Second Army Corps and the march on Constantinople to restore constitutional government. The funds in question amount to nearly \$5,000,000.

\$2,515,000 For C. and D. Canal.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—A bill providing for an appropriation of \$2,515,000 for the purchase of the Chesapeake and Delaware canal was introduced by Representative Bland (Dem.), in the event of the purchase of the canal the sum of \$166,000 is appropriated.