

Domestic

The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, of New York, has been presented by the Pasteur Institute, of Paris, with a replica bronze of the bust of Louis Pasteur by Paul Duboué in recognition of the aid rendered during the recent epidemic of cerebro-spinal meningitis, which prevailed in France.

Edna Loftus, divorced wife of a jockey, secured the release of her lover, Harry A. Rheinstrom, from a sanitarium on a writ of habeas corpus, after which the couple fled from Ohio to Kentucky in an auto and were married.

Suspected of a jewelry store burglary, two men who had been taken in custody by the baggage man and ticket clerk at the Michigan Central Depot at Ypsalanti drew revolvers and fought a desperate battle for their liberty.

One hundred and forty paper manufacturers, members of the Paper Board Association, were indicted by the federal grand jury of New York on charges of maintaining an illegal combination in restraint of trade.

Train 23 on the Lake Shore, bound from New York to Chicago, ran into a construction train near Northeast, Pa. One man was killed outright, another was probably fatally injured and a third was badly hurt.

A fireman was burned to death during a fire panic in the Barnum and Cambridge Hotels, St. Louis.

Henry Harbaugh Apple, D. D., was installed as president of Franklin and Marshall College.

Mrs. Kate Mendelsohn, of Pittsburg, who has been unconscious for 100 days, is dying.

The price of hogs reached \$9.05 per hundredweight in Chicago.

While hunting for a man reported missing the police of New York discovered a tunnel leading from a house on the East Side under the street toward a bank.

Three men were killed in an explosion that wrecked a large section of the Dahlstrom Metal Door Company's plant, at Jamestown, N. Y.

Charles H. Acker resigned as vice president of the Southern Railroad and became connected with the Hawley Railroads in the same capacity.

Mrs. Flora Adams Darling, one of the founders of the Daughters of the American Revolution, died suddenly in New York from apoplexy.

Four men held up a bank in Williamsburg, N. Y., and shot a brother of the proprietor. Two of the robbers were captured.

Mary Manning, the actress, was granted an absolute divorce from her husband, James K. Hackett, the actor, in New York.

The Standard Oil Company denied being interested in the Milk Trust, which is being investigated in New York.

Prof. Samuel S. Sanford, of Yale, and son of the founder of the Adams Express Company, died in New York.

Reports have been received in New Orleans that plans are on foot for the refinancing of Guatemala.

Fire destroyed the plant of the Muncie Glass Company, at Muncie, Ind.; loss, \$65,000.

The Arctic Club of America dropped Dr. Frederick A. Cook as a member.

Alarmed by the activity of the special grand jury headed by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to investigate the so-called "white slave" traffic, many persons believed to have been engaged in that business have fled from New York.

Four striking shirtwaist-makers of New York, who were fined \$25 collectively for their activities as pickets, paid their fines in pennies.

A new indictment has been returned against E. Augustus Heinze, charging him with conspiracy to remove and mutilate the books of the United Copper Company.

Secretary Knox has given out a statement explaining his plan for an international court to settle the controversy in time of peace as well as in time of war.

Royal Edwards, aged twenty-one years, hounded by his conscience, confessed to a Seattle (Wash.) Justice that he was guilty of the Harrisburg, Pa., "embezzling" \$1,400.

Foreign

A collision between French and Turkish troops near Dohia, Tunis, on the Tripoli frontier, during which shots were exchanged, has caused France to make representations against the advance of Turkish troops in that territory.

Because United States Minister Fox, at Guayaquil, Ecuador, notified the foreign minister that the sanitary conditions were bad, the Ecuadorian press says the notice constitutes a menace against South American autonomy.

Herbert Tilford was sentenced by a London court to eight months at hard labor, for defrauding Miss Clara Libbey, of New Haven, Ct., representing himself as Sir Claud Campbell, of the British diplomatic service.

The Austrian steamer Irene, at Venice from Galveston and Norfolk, and the British steamer Elswick Manor, from Tyne, were in collision, and the Irene was slightly damaged.

The Russian Foreign Office has as yet taken no action on the memorandum presented by the U. S. government relative to the neutralization of the Manchurian railroads.

Queen Wilhelmina gave a banquet at the palace at The Hague in honor of Gen. Stewart Woodford, president of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission.

Miss C. A. Dayton, of New York, and William Phillips, secretary of the United States Embassy in London, are to be married there.

The jewels which Abd-el-Aziz, the former sultan of Morocco, pawned in Paris for \$300,000, have been redeemed by the Moroccan government.

The steamer Nasse Prince, from New York for Cape Town, was burned off Ascension Island.

A bill was introduced in the Belgian Parliament to legitimize the children of the late King Leopold and the Baroness Vaughan.

The royal palace at Tatoi, Greece, took fire from tapers on a Christmas tree, and the right wing of the building was destroyed.

The Hamburg-American liner Fuerst Bismarck, from Havana for Hamburg, went ashore in a fog near Chertou, France.

Suspensions Are Ordered By Secretary Ballinger.

SOME SERIOUS CHARGES ARE MADE.

Investigation Said To Have Disclosed A Disgraceful Condition Affecting The Material And Moral Welfare Of The Schools—The Superintendent Alleged To Have Business Interests Incompatible With His Duties—Other Officials Are Concerned.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Secretary Ballinger, of the Interior Department, suspended from office Superintendent John D. Benedict, of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma, and three supervisors as the result of an investigation which has disclosed "a disgraceful condition" affecting the material and moral welfare of the schools.

As a result of the investigation which the Interior Department has been carrying on for some time past, and which will be continued, other officials of the Indian Service may suffer a like fate to that of Superintendent Benedict and the three supervisors suspended.

The investigation which resulted in this action was entered into because of various reports reaching the department here, charging the officials already suspended, as well as others, with activities which it was thought were improper for government employees.

The suspended supervisors are Calvin Ballard, of the Choctaw schools at McAlester; Frederick H. Umholtz of the Chickasaw schools, Ardmore, and Walter Falwell, of the Creek schools at Muskogee. Before any further action is taken in their cases the four men will be allowed to make answer to the secretary of the interior as to the charges against them.

From the report made in the case it appears that Superintendent Benedict is connected with certain business interests in Oklahoma which have more or less business with the Indians, which relationship, it was believed, was wholly incompatible with his services as superintendent. He had permitted the schools to be reported, to fall into a disgraceful condition, and the supervisors have neglected their duties in the enforcement of school contracts and in matters affecting the material and moral conditions surrounding the conduct of the schools.

Secretary Ballinger and Commissioner Valentine, of the Indian Office, announced that the investigation of conditions surrounding the schools, although not conducted publicly, will be thorough, and that the conduct of the officers responsible for the present condition will be looked into most carefully.

CHILD CATCHES THIEF.

Little Mary Vaughn, highly commended by Magistrate, New York (Special).—Mary Vaughn, small, but plucky, earned the praise of a magistrate when Charles Moran, who says he is a salesman from Chicago, was arraigned in police court charged with snatching \$5 from a stationery store.

Mary was alone in the shop at the time of the alleged theft. She darted after the man, chased him on to the street and through the thick of the traffic, caught him and held on until a policeman came to her aid.

"You're a brave little girl," said the magistrate to her when he heard her story. Moran was held in \$1,000 bail.

Record Year In Pig Iron.

Cleveland, Ohio (Special).—Returns received from the coke and anthracite blast furnaces of the United States by the Iron Trade Review show that the iron production for December was 2,681,459 tons, bringing coke and anthracite pig iron production of the country for 1909 to the record-breaking total of 25,335,759 tons. This total production surpasses 1907, which was 25,299,732 tons, by a margin of 36,027 tons.

The country is now making pig iron at the unprecedented rate of thirty-two million tons per year.

A Sliding Village.

Parma, Italy (Special).—On the hills between Parma and Piacenza, which are about 36 miles apart, an immense landslide is slowly moving. It is two miles in length, half a mile in width and its depth is estimated at 75 feet. On top of the slide is the village of Scopello, recently occupied by a thousand people. It is doomed to destruction, and the inhabitants have evacuated the village, transporting their valuables and the furnishings and altars of their church to safer ground.

What Colleges Are For.

Madison, Wis. (Special).—President Lowell, of Harvard, spoke at the convocation at the university and scored those students "who come to college for its privileges and not for its responsibilities." Many, he said, have an idea that a college diploma completes their education, but their education is not completed until the sod is placed on them. Students, he said, should come to college to learn to do things as well as to learn facts.

Dog Gave Life For Owner.

Santa Rosa, Cal. (Special).—Letting itself be torn to shreds to save its master, a faithful dog met death near Skaggs Springs. A wild boar hunt is being held to exterminate a herd that has terrorized travelers through the forests for years, and one of the hunters was without a weapon when a huge boar broke through the underbrush. The hunter's dog met the boar's charge and was cut to ribbons before the boar was killed by other members of the party.

Sec. Knox's Proposition To Other Powers.

Elimination Of The Manchurian Railroads From Eastern Politics—A Proposition Looking To Neutralization Of These Railroads—Preservation Of Territorial Integrity Of Chinese Empire.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Secretary Knox has suggested to the powers interested in the Manchurian Railway situation a plan contemplating the neutralization of the railroads by their sale to China, the transaction to be financed by an international syndicate. If Mr. Knox's plan is carried into effect the result will be to take the Manchurian railroads out of oriental politics and place them under economic and impartial administration. The ownership of the railways will be vested in the Chinese government, the funds for the purpose to be loaned to China by the bankers of these countries which are pledged to maintain the open-door policy in China.

Discussing this subject Mr. Knox said: "The proposition of the United States to interested powers looking to the neutralization of the Manchurian railroads discloses the end towards which American policy in the Far East has been recently directed.

"As is well known, the essential principle of the Hay policy of the open door are the preservation of the territorial and jurisdictional integrity of the Chinese Empire and equal commercial opportunity in China for all nations. This government believes that one of the most effective means for the preservation of the territorial and jurisdictional integrity of the Chinese Empire and to promote the normal development of the Eastern provinces under the policy of the open door practically applied, would be to take the railroads of Manchuria out of Eastern politics and place them under an economic and impartial administration by vesting in China the ownership of its railroads, the funds for that purpose to be furnished by the nations of such interested powers as might be willing to participate in the open door and equal opportunity; the powers participating to operate the railway system during the period of the loan and enjoy the usual preferences in supplying materials.

Such a policy would naturally require for its execution the cooperation not only of China, but also of Japan and of Russia, who already have extensive railway rights in Manchuria."

WASHINGTON BY TELEGRAPH

A committee of the Federation of Labor presented to President Taft a formal paper containing fourteen charges of illegal conduct against the Steel Corporation.

Rev. Ernest Lyons, minister to Liberia, was in Washington to urge his movement for the financing by the United States government of the Liberian debt.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs laid aside the measure demanding the arrest and punishment of the nominal Emperor of China, who is the subject of a resolution introduced by former President Zelaya of Nicaragua.

The House adopted resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Congressman Griggs, of Georgia, and adjourned.

President Taft sent to the Senate the nomination of Capt. Charles E. Vreeland, of the Navy, to be a rear admiral.

Representative Mann introduced a number of bills bearing upon legislation in the interest of railroad employees.

President Taft nominated Amos H. Rolph and John A. Johnston to be District Commissioners.

An experiment is to be made on the New York docks with automatic sugar weighing scales.

Speaker Cannon declared himself a great believer in the caucus.

President Taft has bought a fine, strong saddle horse.

The attitude of France in still persistently objecting to the Chinese loan is mystifying, and has surprised Germany and Great Britain, as well as the United States.

Dr. Maurice F. Egan, United States minister to Denmark, stated that the King of Denmark did not bestow the Duneborg decoration upon Dr. Frederick A. Cook.

Jurisdiction over the registration of labels is left with the postoffice in a decision which the attorney general has transmitted to the House Committee on Patents.

An even half million dollars is asked in a deficiency estimate submitted to Congress for service in the public buildings throughout the country.

President Taft explained his position relative to insurgent patronage and corrected the report that he is using the whip to get them into line.

President Taft is still looking forward to a trip to Alaska late in the coming spring.

Col. James Gordon, of Mississippi, was sworn in as the successor to the late Senator A. J. McLaurin in the Senate.

M. A. W. Louis, one of the best-known experts in the handling of printing presses in the country, is dead.

Secretary Knox sent a communication to Congress dealing with the problem of Americanizing the consular field.

New York Police Unearth One On East Side.

HUNTING FOR THE MISSING MAN.

When Authorities Are Notified That Man Went Into A Cellar And Never Returned, They Investigated And Found Tunnel—Digging Up Street In Effort To Find Man—Branched Off Toward A Jewelry Store Next To Bank.

New York (Special).—A true case of the man who crawled into his hole and pulled the hole in after him is puzzling the police here. And there is more interest in the hole than in the man who dug it, for a cursory first inspection soon showed that it was an unobtrusive aperture in the floor of a tenement house cellar, the hole presently stretched into a tunnel, and that the tunnel pointed in the direction of the vaults of the East Side branch of the Fourteenth Street Bank, with deposits of \$10,000,000, and toward the safe of a jewelry shop next door, in which there lay \$50,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry.

Isidor Garbus ran to the police with a tale of the disappearance of his brother-in-law, Isaac Finkelnstein. The man had last been seen, he said, in the cellar of the tenement house where they lived. Isaac had gone downstairs to gather firewood. He did not return and under the wood pile Isidor had found a mound of fresh earth. The foundations of the house, he told the police, must have collapsed on his brother-in-law.

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Responsibility For Americans' Death Is His—President Madriz Begins To Probe.

Investigation Into The Deaths Of Groce And Cannon, Who Were Shot After A Hasty Court-Martial—Solomon Selva, The Prosecutor, Will Share The Responsibility With Zelaya—Another Battle Is Expected Soon.

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Government Inquiry Into Cost Of Living

Secretary Wilson Will Endeavor To Find Why Food Is So High—A Big Contract, He Says.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—In consonance with the resolution introduced by Representative Hull, Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, has ordered a sweeping inquiry into the cost of living in the United States.

"I realize," said Secretary Wilson, "that we have undertaken a big contract, but we can carry it out. We have the men and we have the money, to paraphrase a famous statement, and the work will be done thoroughly. Much of the work will be done by inspectors of the Bureau of Animal Industry, but other divisions of the department will be called upon to assist.

"The question of food supply is most complicated. In investigating it with regard to any particular locality three facts are to be considered: First, the price paid by the wholesale merchant to the producer; second, the cost of transportation from the place of production, and third, the difference between the wholesale and retail prices. The location of the place of production and consequently the question of transportation play a large part in the general results."

The resolution sets forth that during the past twelve months there has been an advance in the prices of commodities of from 11 to 30 per cent, and during the past thirteen years of more than 56 per cent, which is entirely disproportionate to the increase in wages, making it difficult for millions of people to procure food, clothing and shelter consistent with their needs.

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