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## KNOX WILL HEAD TAFT'S CABINET

He Has Accepted the Place as Secretary of State.

### PRESIDENT-ELECT PLEASED

Feels That He Should Be Congratulated in Securing Senator Knox's Services and Says He Is Recognized as One of the Greatest Lawyers in the Senate.

William H. Taft, president elect of the United States, announced the appointment of United States Senator Philander C. Knox, of Pennsylvania, as secretary of state in his cabinet.

The announcement followed the receipt by Mr. Taft of a telegram conveying the information from Mr. Knox that he would accept the premiership of the Taft cabinet.

Mr. Taft without delay made the announcement that the matter was settled.

"I feel that I am to be congratulated in securing the services of Senator Knox in my cabinet," said Judge Taft in making the announcement. "In selecting a secretary of state, I wanted, first, a great lawyer, and, second, a man who would fill the public eye, not only here, but abroad, as a man who stands out pre-eminently as a great American. Mr. Knox was a great attorney general; he was a prominent candidate for the presidency, and he is recognized in the senate and elsewhere as one of the great lawyers of that body."

Judge Taft also feels that from a political viewpoint the selection of Mr. Knox is most happy. He explained that there was often a feeling that the state of Pennsylvania, with its assured Republican majorities, often was slighted in the matter of recognition in the high councils of the party. That this will not be the case in the next administration was indicated by the announcement by Mr. Taft that he would invite Senator Knox to come to Augusta that he might consult him freely with reference to filling other places in his cabinet.

For Attorney General. From a reliable source in Washington it was learned that George W. Wickersham, of New York, is to be attorney general in Mr. Taft's cabinet.

### Couple Slain in Bed.

Wycomby Florezik, aged thirty-eight years, and Rozlye Florezik, twenty-four years old, his wife, were found murdered in their home, at 132 Bird street, Wilmington, Del. The gruesome crime had been committed with a hatchet. Between the beds in which the bodies were found was the cradle containing the two-months-old child of the couple. Splashes of blood were found on the infant, but it was not hurt.

In the adjoining room was the two-year-old daughter of the dead man and woman. She was badly frightened and had evidently been in her parents' room, because marks of blood were found on the floor of the room which she occupied. The bodies were found by Alexander Florezik, aged eighteen years, a boarder and half-brother of the murdered man, who did not spend the night at the house, but went there in the morning to learn why he could not get in when he went home. The police have taken the young man into custody.

### Penna. Capitol "Trimmers" Sentenced.

John H. Sanderson, contractor for the furnishing of the new state capitol; ex-Auditor General William P. Snyder, ex-State Treasurer W. L. Shues and ex-Superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings James M. Shumaker, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the state of Pennsylvania in the first of the cases growing out of the capitol scandal to be tried, were sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, \$500 fine and costs, the maximum punishment allowed by law, and after being in the custody of the sheriff for seven hours were released on \$100,000 bail. Their attorneys appealed from the refusal of the judge to grant a new trial and his sentence to the superior court, and that tribunal, sitting in Philadelphia, allowed a supersedeas. When the terms of this order staying the execution of the sentence were received at Harrisburg bail was entered in the sum of \$25,000 each for the defendants, this bail to hold good until the superior court decides their fate.

### Tobacco Trust Gets Hard Blow.

The American Tobacco company suffered a heavy blow when the final decree in the suit of the government

against the "trust" was filed in the United States circuit court in New York. The decree declares that the American Tobacco company, the American Cigar company, the American Snuff company and the McAndrews & Forbes company form a monopoly and illegal combination in restraint of trade, and they are enjoined from engaging in interstate commerce in leaf tobacco or any of its products or any articles used in connection with the tobacco trade until competition between them is restored.

### John D. Jr., Sues Newspaper For Libel

Upon a charge of criminal libel, which was made by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., S. S. Carvalho, president of the Star company, publishers of William R. Hearst's New York American, was arrested and arraigned in police court before Magistrate Finn. At the solicitation of Clarence J. Shearn, attorney for the Hearst publications, and without any objection being raised on the part of Assistant District Attorney Garvan, who had charge of the prosecution, Mr. Carvalho was paroled in the custody of his lawyer until Dec. 26 for examination.

Mr. Rockefeller, accompanied by his counsel, Lawyer Murphy, appeared in District Attorney Jerome's office and made complaint that the article published in the New York American of Dec. 17, under a Chicago date of Dec. 15, with the head line "J. D. Rockefeller, Jr. Originated Peonage In Stockade, It Is Said," tended to injure his good name, reputation and credit and to make him appear ridiculous.

## FATAL FIGHT WITH BIG RATTLESNAKE

Hunter Dies After Cutting Away Poisoned Flesh With Knife.

Kissimmee, Fla., Dec. 21.—While hunting thirty miles down the Kissimmee river, H. C. Fountain, a prominent contractor, aroused a big rattlesnake, and in a fight killed the reptile only after it had sunk its fangs into his flesh. With his hunting knife he cut away the poisoned flesh, digging out the wound, and when he was found by two men who were hunting with him was able to hobble with their aid. He reached this place Sunday, but died despite all efforts to save him. He could make no effort for relief for more than twelve hours.

## WE ARE A SWEET NATION

Uncle Sam's Sugar Bill Averages a Million Dollars a Day.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Cold figures gathered by the bureau of statistics show that the average American citizen consumes half his own weight in sugar every year and Uncle Sam's sugar bill averages a million dollars a day.

The total consumption of sugar in the United States in 1907, which is the latest year for which statistics are available, reached the almost unthinkable figure of 7,989,667,975 pounds. The per capita consumption was 82.5 pounds for each man, woman and child in the United States.

### Train Kills Mine Victim's Widow.

Monongahela, Pa., Dec. 21.—Mrs. George Eckens, a negro, whose husband was killed in the Marianna mine disaster three weeks ago, was run down and killed by a Baltimore & Ohio train at Findleyville. Mrs. Eckens created a scene at the mouth of the Marianna mine by attempting to jump down the shaft to search for the body upon learning that her husband was among the victims.

## DIES IN SOCCER GAME

Athlete Has Cerebral Hemorrhage, Caused By Excitement.

Baltimore, Dec. 21.—William A. Trotter, twenty-three years old, a member of the Mount Washington club's soccer team, died on the field in an exciting game with the Country school team. He was playing rapidly when he fell. He was dying when picked up. He had a cerebral hemorrhage caused by excitement. He was well known as an athlete.

### Takes Headache Powders and Dies.

New York, Dec. 21.—Shortly after taking two "instantaneous" headache powders, Mrs. Josephine Staten, aged thirty years, of Flatbush, became unconscious and, though two doctors worked over her for hours, she died in Kings county hospital.

### Blight Killing Chestnut Trees.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 21.—Farmers in southern Lancaster county report that the blight is steadily killing off the chestnut trees and that if its ravages are not checked it will not be long before the chestnut will be wiped out entirely.

## HANGED TO TREE BY ROBBERS

Italian Who Missed Train Meets Tragic Death.

### DISPLAYED HIS MONEY

He Stopped to Get Food For His Wife and Twelve Children, When Train Pulled Out Without Him—Family Was Carried to Another Town and Waited All Night For News From Him.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 21.—While en route with his wife and twelve children from Esterhazy, Can., to Petersburg, Va., where they expected to make their home, Charles Kreicar, an Italian, met a tragic death near Graham, Va. His body was found hanging to a tree, suspended by heavy twine around his neck.

The police believe that Kreicar, who displayed a large roll of money on the train between Cincinnati and Bluefield, W. Va., according to the conductor, was robbed and murdered.

When the train reached Bluefield Kreicar left it to get lunch for his wife and children. The train pulled out before Kreicar returned and he was left behind. Kreicar had the railroad tickets from Roanoke to Petersburg in his pockets, and when the train reached Roanoke after midnight Mrs. Kreicar and the twelve little ones entered a waiting room and remained there all night. A message told of the finding of the body. A small cord was about the neck.

The railroad tickets, \$5 in American money and two Canadian coins were in Kreicar's pockets.

## MURDERED AND ROBBED

Posse Tracking Highwayman Through the Deep Snow.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 21.—Patrick Green, of Montreal, a peddler, was killed near Plaster Rock, N. B., by highwaymen, who made their escape with a valise said to contain \$3000. The rifled valise has been found by the posse which started in pursuit of the murderers. Owing to the deep snow it is believed the men will be captured, as they cannot conceal their tracks.

### Found Will Nailed to Washtub.

Enclosed in a red envelope, which was nailed securely to the bottom of a washtub, the will of the late Patrick Monahan, of Charlestown, Mass., disposing of property valued at \$250,000, was found and offered for probate. Monahan was a grocer and was not married. When he died last September no will could be found, and John Monahan, of Chicago, a brother, was made administrator. The will was found as described in a sub-cellar.

### Monument to Governor Stuart.

Lingiestown, a small town about seven miles east of Harrisburg, Pa., will erect a handsome monument in honor of Governor Edwin Stuart. The inhabitants of the town fought the good roads movement for a long time, but recently gave the chief executive's policy a trial and were so pleased with its success that the residents have decided to honor "the Good Roads Governor" by placing a lasting tribute to his efforts.

### Dying Man Electrocuted.

While he was assisting in the making of tests at the power plant of the Allentown (Pa.) Electric Light and Power company, William Werley, an expert electrician, was suddenly stricken with heart failure and, grasping for support, received a shock that killed him. Werley, when he felt the attack coming on, called to the superintendent to throw the power off, and then sank, dying, to the floor.

### Teddy, Jr., a Major.

Governor Elect George L. Lilley, of Connecticut, has announced the appointment of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., as an aide-de-camp on his staff, giving him the rank of major. Mr. Roosevelt is now living at Thompsonville, where he is engaged in learning the carpet making business at a large manufactory in that village.

### Penny Places Big Rail Order.

The Pennsylvania railroad has just placed orders for 135,000 tons of steel rails for delivery as early in 1909 as possible. The order is reported to be about equally divided between open hearth and Bessemer rails. The price for Bessemer is \$28 per ton and for the open hearth rails about \$1 or \$3 per ton higher.

## FOUND PREHISTORIC HOUSE

Building 200 Feet Long, With Eleven Rooms, Dug Up In Arizona.

Washington, Dec. 21.—An American Pompeii is gradually being brought to light, according to the annual report of Charles B. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian institution.

Under a special congressional appropriation the work of excavating a prehistoric buried city at Casa Grande, near Florence, Ariz., has been conducted by Dr. J. Walter Fewkes. Already a number of structures have been discovered. The largest is a building 200 feet long with eleven rooms, the massive walls inclosing a plaza. In the central room there is a seat called by the Pima Indians "The Seat of Montezuma."

## TWO KILLED IN DUEL

Police Chief Shoots Man Who Had Fatally Wounded Him.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 21.—In a sensational pistol duel on the main street of Wytheville, Va., Chief of Police Walter McClintock and E. A. Cregger were killed. McClintock shot Cregger to death after he himself had been mortally wounded.

Chief McClintock and Deputy White had a warrant for the arrest of E. A. Cregger and his brother, David Cregger, charging them with robbery. When the officers met the Creggers and told them they had a warrant E. A. Cregger drew his revolver and began firing on McClintock.

## BABY'S BURNED BONES FOUND IN WOODS

Jersey Hunters Come Upon a Shocking Crime.

May's Landing, N. J., Dec. 21.—A discovery, investigation of which probably will reveal a shocking crime, was made by Stille Watson and a party of sportsmen while hunting near Estellville. The hunters were far from any much-travelled road when the party came upon the iron framework of a baby carriage in the center of a clump of burned laurel bushes. It was once a handsome rubber tired coach.

Underneath the coach was a pile of burned leaves and underbrush. In the ashes were found a number of small bones, resembling those of a child. They were burned black.

How and when the coach got there is a mystery. It was impossible to push the baby wagon into the bushes, and it is the belief that it was carried there.

## RAN WITHOUT WHEEL

Express Running Sixty Miles an Hour Narrowly Missed Being Wrecked.

Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 21.—One of the most remarkable happenings known to railroading occurred to a combination passenger and milk train, running on express schedule, on the Ontario & Western road.

When the train reached Summitville, near here, it was discovered that one of the wheels on the front end of the car was missing.

Trainmen were sent back over the road and found the missing wheel at Redhills switch, two miles and a half distant.

The train had run that distance at a speed of sixty miles an hour, and railroad men consider it miraculous that there was not a fearful wreck. The wheel had been thrown for twenty feet and was deeply imbedded in a bank of dirt.

## BURGLARS GET \$3000

Safe Is Dynamited in Country Store and Blast Awakens Town.

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 21.—One of the biggest safe cracking jobs ever pulled off in Lehigh county occurred when burglars entered Schuler's store, at East Texas, blew open the safe with dynamite and got away with over \$3000 worth of stamps, cash and securities.

The explosion that wrecked the safe was so loud that every one of the fifty inhabitants in the little village was aroused, but all thought that the report was caused by blasting at the Fogelsville cement quarries. Judging from the muffled sound, for the burglars had blanketed the safe before lighting the fuse.

Entrance was gained through the cellar, a railroad pickaxe having been used to force the door.

### Invents Watch to Sell For 20 Cents.

A friend of Daniel Drawbaugh, the veteran inventor, of Eberly's Mills, near Harrisburg, Pa., stated that he is about to perfect a watch which can be made and sold at a profit for 20 cents.

## JOURNALIST OF FAME DEAD

Major Orlando J. Smith, Founder of American Press Association.

### KNOWN THROUGHOUT LAND

President of Country's Largest Newspaper Syndicate—He Kept in Touch With Publishers All Over America. Thinker, Philosopher and Writer, as Well as Executive Head of Extensive Enterprise.

Dobb's Ferry, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Major Orlando Jay Smith, president and general manager of the American Press Association, died at his home on the Hudson.

He had been ill since September, at which time he was operated on for cancer of the stomach.

Through his long illness he retained his interest in daily events.

Major Smith was born June 14, 1842, on a farm near Terre Haute, Ind., of Vermont ancestry. His father, Hiram Smith, was one of Indiana's pioneers. He sent his son to the public schools and later to Asbury college, now DePauw university. In later years the university conferred on its distinguished alumnus the degree LL. D.

At the outbreak of the Civil War Major Smith enlisted. He served until the end of the war in the Armies of the Potomac, Ohio and Cumberland, rising to the rank of major in the Sixth Indiana cavalry. He was wounded near Atlanta, Ga., and was taken prisoner. After a confinement in a Confederate prison at Atlanta, Ga., Major Smith was exchanged and rejoined his regiment.

Major Smith was a member of the Loyal Legion. After the war Major Smith engaged for three years in cotton planting at Enterprise, Miss. Major Smith began his journalistic career at Terre Haute, Ind., as editor of the Terre Haute Mail. Later he acquired the Terre Haute Express. In 1873 he removed the latter newspaper to Chicago, continuing its publication as the Chicago Express.

In 1882 Major Smith founded in Chicago the American Press Association, the monument to his fame. Later the main offices of the American Press association were removed to New York, where they remain.

In person Major Smith was distinguished among men, tall and well built. He bore himself with dignity and ease, and his clean shaven face bore the impress of his splendid mind. In his later years his abundant hair became silvery white, adding an indescribable charm to his appearance. His manner was kindly and genial, without effusion. He had a keen sense of justice, to which testimony is borne by a host of employes, in whose welfare he took an active interest.

Major Smith is survived by a widow, two daughters and a son. The last named, Courtland Smith, is vice president and assistant general manager of the American Press Association.

## LIVED OVER A CENTURY

Woman 104 Years Old and a Man 105 Pass Away.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Rebecca Cohen, Steelton's oldest resident, died at her home in that place, aged 104 years. Mrs. Cohen was a native of Russia and came to this country over sixty years ago. She has a number of descendants in various parts of Dauphin and Lancaster counties. Her great age was well authenticated by family records.

### Was 105 Years Old.

Dunkirk, N. Y., Dec. 21.—William Ives, 105 years old, died at his home in Frogonia, after a brief illness. He was a vegetarian and never required the services of a doctor until within the last few months.

### Driven From Town; Attacked McKinley

Declaring at a meeting at Macomb, Ill., that the late President William McKinley was an anarchist, that he had turned more people loose to prey on society than any other man in the world, and that the assassination of McKinley was all right, except that it did not happen soon enough, the self-styled "Divine Healer" Schlatter only escaped personal violence from a mob through the intervention of the police. The officers escorted Schlatter to a hotel and to the first train out of town, followed by citizens threatening to do him violence if he did not leave at once. Schlatter went to Quincy, Ill.

## BOY DIES FOR HIS DOG

Struck By Train While Trying to Save Pet, Which Escapes.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 21.—Daniel Marshall, ten years old, gave his life to save that of his dog. The animal had run on the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, and a train was bearing down on it when the boy noticed his pet's danger. He ran across the rails to save it and was struck by the train. The dog escaped injury.

### Cardinal Lecot Dead.

Chambéry, France, Dec. 21.—Cardinal Victor Lucian Sulpice Lecot, the archbishop of Bourdeaux, died here of a hemorrhage of the brain while returning from a visit to Rome. Cardinal Lecot was the exponent of liberalism in the college of cardinals and went to Rome to submit to the pope a plan for the amelioration of the material condition of the French clergy.

### Fireworks For Christmas Burned.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 21.—Fire broke out in the wholesale establishment of William C. Baughauer. All kinds of Christmas fire works were included in the company's stock, and these explosives quickly wrapped the building in flames, and the fire was one of the most spectacular ever seen in this city. The loss is \$100,000.

## AZTECS' HORRIBLE HOLIDAY.

They Celebrated the New Year With Human Sacrifices.

The bloody and complicated ritual of the Aztecs commemorated the return of their masterful war god, the sun, from the south, and the ceremonies carried on in his honor occupied a period of several days. The initiatory rites began before daylight of the first morning, when the chief priest and his subordinates wended their way in solemn procession to the top of their greatest pyramidal sanctuary. Here the high priest retired alone to a small temple, whose doorway opened toward the east, and as the rising sun crimsoned and purpled the serrated mountains he knelt and sprinkled thickly upon the marble floor the sacred meal.

As the first rays of the newborn sun strike slantingly across the floor of the tiny temple the bearded priest beholds a miracle. Faintly at first, then stronger and stronger, grows an imprint in the meal of the naked foot of their war god. Upon this miraculous manifestation the high priest announces to the assembled courtiers that their god has returned to them and that the grand festival occasion is inaugurated.

Unhappily the first feast rites were of a gruesome and horrible nature, consisting mainly in sacrificing youths to the gods. It is said that they were feasted for days previous to the ceremony that they might be in a wholesome and pleasing condition upon their last and the war god's first great day. In other ceremonies human beings were killed and flayed, and the participants in the sacrifice enveloped themselves in the bloody skins of the victims, while they took part in a wild and uncanny dance.

While the observance of the new year among the Aztecs seemingly predominated in bloody rites, they were most likely confined to the religious order of the priests, and the great mass of the people, with no taint of blood on their hands, might be happy and revel in the feast of the new year.—New York Herald.

### Their New Year's Wishes.

Weary Wrangles—If I wuz only back at me old home, what a spread I'd have dis New Year's day! Oh, fur de wings uv a dove!  
Hungry Hank—Oh, fur de wings uv a turkey, wid some plum puddin' to come afterward!

## ELBERT HUBBARD INJURED

Roycroft and Author Crushed By Falling Tree.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Elbert Hubbard, the Roycroft and author, was nearly killed by a tree in the woods near his East Aurora colony. He was assisting workmen, when he miscalculated the direction in which one of the trees which he was felling was going to fall, and he was crushed badly. Mr. Hubbard will be laid up for some time.

### Arrested For Selling Colored Milk.

W. A. Taylor, a dairyman at Le-moyne, near Harrisburg, Pa., was placed under arrest by the order of Dairy and Food Commissioner Foust on the charge of selling milk artificially colored by the use of yellow anatto. This offense is the first of its kind to be noted in the state.

### President's Turkey Stolen.

The twenty-five-pound turkey gobler which Amos N. Mumma, of East Donegal township, near Mount Joy, Pa., intended to send to President Roosevelt for a Christmas present, was stolen from him Thursday night.