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## THE NEWS IN BRIEF

### Items of Interest Gathered By Wire and Cable

#### GLEANINGS FROM DAY TO DAY

Live Items Covering Events of More or Less Interest at Home and Abroad.

#### National Affairs.

Samuel Gompers asserts that an attempt was made to bribe him for a large sum to desert the cause of union labor.

On the 90-mile test ride into Virginia Major George G. Bailey was thrown from his horse at Falls church and his ankle sprained.

The Ordnance Bureau of the army has devised a new projectile and high power powder that is expected to surpass any now in use in the world.

Dr. Carvill Callejo of Madrid, physician to the King of Spain and delegate to the Tuberculosis Congress, was thrown from a Washington street car and injured.

Southern doctors state that tuberculosis which is now the curse of the colored race, was almost unknown among the negroes before they were freed.

Samuel Gompers, in his bribery charges, alleges that Broughton Brandenburg wrote out a bogus "deathbed confession" repudiating labor which Gompers was expected to sign.

#### The South.

Congressman Carter Glass says the Virginia depository law is infamy.

About \$60,000 more will be needed to complete the Appomattox river diversion project.

Booker T. Washington made an address at the Roanoke Fair and urged negroes to stay on the farm.

More than a score of persons were seriously hurt by the collapse of a spectators' stand at the Roanoke Fair.

Cases against rioters who tried to break into Portsmouth jail in order to lynch a negro assailant, were dropped.

Walter Elkins was served with a summons to appear in court to answer the breach-of-promise charge filed by Miss Louise Lonsdale.

Mr. James W. Paul, of Philadelphia, died suddenly of cerebral hemorrhages at the Homestead Hotel, Hot Springs.

But very little cotton is being sold in the South just now. It seems that the farmers generally are inclined to want the price to go higher. Quite a lot is being stored in the warehouse here.

#### Foreign Affairs.

Archbishop Farley sailed from London for New York.

The cholera in St. Petersburg is slightly checked by frost.

The people of the Azores are battling with plague and famine.

Wilbur Wright covered 22 miles in 30 minutes and 14 seconds in his aeroplane.

The Irish vote, alined by government opposition to the carrying of the Host, defeated the Liberal candidate at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

#### Political.

Judge Taft spoke at Milwaukee and other places.

A million copies of Hughes' opening speech will be distributed.

Iowa gave Taft a big welcome and Indiana was cordial to Bryan.

Bryan spoke at Cincinnati and complained that Roosevelt was not giving him a square deal.

T. Coleman Dupont resigned as director of the speakers' bureau of the Republican National Committee.

After a conference with the President, Senator Scott predicted that Taft would carry West Virginia by 255,000.

Haskell replied to the President declaring a Roosevelt official granted Standard Oil rights in Oklahoma when it was a territory.

Senator J. B. Foraker in a carefully prepared statement, defended himself against the Hearst charges and attacked Taft and Roosevelt.

In his address as chairman of the Independence Party State Convention William R. Hearst read more letters connecting public men with trusts.

#### Miscellaneous.

Leslie Carter, former husband of the actress died in Chicago after a long illness.

James J. Hill and Professor McLaughlin, in addresses before the Nebraska bankers, said that the bank deposit guaranty law was a

## THE CONFERENCE OPENED

Medical Scientists From Every Nation on the Globe Gather at Washington to Discuss Ways and Means of Fighting Great White Plague—Thirty Speeches Made in Response to Cortelyou's Address of Welcome.

Washington, Special.—Monday witnessed one of the most notable gatherings ever assembled in Washington, when medical scientists representing every civilized nation united with their American brothers in an effort to solve the problem of how best to cope with tuberculosis. The occasion was the official opening of the sixth Triennial International Congress of Tuberculosis. The auditorium of the new National Museum was filled with men who have consecrated their best talents to the study of tuberculosis, representatives of the sovereigns of foreign countries, high government officials and others. The keynote of every utterance reflected the hope that the day is not far distant when medical science shall triumph over the great scourge.

#### TRAMPS IN CONVENTION.

Hobo Delegates From All Over the Country Gather in New York—Many of Them Ride the "Blind Mail" to Get There—Millionaire Hobo Acts as Chairman.

New York, Special.—Having reached New York City in various ways not generally used by those who, in traveling, seek comfort, delegates from all parts of the country met in the Manhattan Lyceum to attend the opening session of the national convention of the unemployed. When J. Eads How, of St. Louis, who is known as the "millionaire hobo" called the meeting to order in his capacity as chairman, he faced an auditorium well filled with men, many of whom had made their way to the convention through the use of the art of swinging and holding down the "blind mail" riding the tops and trucks and canvassing the village for "hand outs." One delegate said he had ridden 3,000 miles on the trucks to attend this convention. The country at large was well represented at the meeting, though the delegation from the Pacific coast did not put in appearance. It was said, however, that it was on the way and might be expected before the end of the convention, October 2d.

Mr. How, in the course of his introductory remarks, entered a defense for the "hobo" which term, he said, is a description applied to wandering railroad workers of the West; and before discussion of the evening's topic, "National Health of The Unemployed," began he read a poem from J. H. Seymour, who signed himself "The Hobo Poet," which compared the lot of the "hobo" with that of the "pampered son of wealth," and said that the former was of incomparably more service to humanity.

Robert McHugh, of Boston, and Dr. William Ross, of New York, were among the speakers. Mr. McHugh dwelt on the lack of moral cleanliness among the rich and ascribed the lack of physical cleanliness of the poorer classes to the extravagance of the people in the upper caste.

Dr. Ross in his remarks said: "There are two classes of men unemployed, those who want to work if they could, and those who will not work. Many of the latter class do not owe their condition to wilful indolence, but to social environment. The rotten tenements make physical degenerates. It is little wonder that a child born under such conditions takes naturally to whiskey drinking and morphine using."

#### Haskell's Successor.

New York, Special.—Hermann Ritter, editor of the Staats Zeitung, and vice chairman of the publicity bureau of the Democratic national committee has been appointed by National Chairman Mack as treasurer of the national committee to succeed Gov. Charles N. Haskell, of Oklahoma, who resigned his position last week in Chicago.

#### Virginia Wants Fleet to Return.

Washington, Special.—For the purpose of convincing the President that Hampton Roads would be decidedly a better place than New York for the Atlantic battleship fleet to terminate its cruise around the world on February 22d, Congressman Maynard, of Virginia; John Taberlake and Alvah H. Martin, of Norfolk, called at the White House Monday. Congressman Maynard advanced numerous reasons why Hampton Roads would be more advantageous than New York, but the President gave the Virginians no definite answer.

## DROUGHT IS SERIOUS

### Large Section Suffering Badly For Rain

#### DISEASE OUTBREAK IS FEARED

Each Day Increases the Seriousness of the Unprecedented Conditions Which Obtain in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia.

Pittsburg, Pa., Special.—With losses aggregating several million dollars from forest fires and heavy damage to crops and live stock; the reported loss of a number of lives due to fighting timber conflagrations; the enforced idleness of thousands of workmen owing to the suspension of manufacturing establishments because of lack of water; the health authorities anticipate a serious epidemic of contagious diseases and many small streams dried up and practically obliterated, the drought of 1908 which has held western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and West Virginia in its grasp for more than two months remains unbroken; each day gradually increasing the seriousness of the unprecedented situation.

Three times during the excessive dry spell there have been very slight rains, accompanied by much lightning and thunder, but the rain fall was so slight that many persons were unaware of the fact and were only convinced that it had rained when shown evidences of the same on tin roofs.

Aside from the millions of feet of timber destroyed and the daily loss to manufacturers and farmers, probably the most serious phase of the situation is the threatened disease epidemic. A majority of the population of western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and West Virginia are even now suffering from throat affections caused by the great accumulation of dust and the heavy clouds of smoke. In this city, used to smoke, the sun is almost obscured by smoke from forest fires miles away and persons in the vicinity of these fires are experiencing difficulty in breathing. It is feared that when rain does come it will wash great amounts of filth into the already stagnant streams with the result that disease, especially typhoid fever, will become epidemic. The health authorities have sounded warnings to the public to boil all water used for internal purposes and say by doing this only can many deaths and much sickness be prevented.

Next in importance comes the enforced suspension of numerous industries and the throwing out of employment of thousands of workmen, many of whom had just returned to work following the recent depression. While in the Pittsburg district the water supply is sufficient to carry on all business the low stage of the rivers has caused a congestion of much coal in this vicinity.

Every available barge and float has been loaded with coal and at present with almost twenty million bushels in the Pittsburg harbor, the river coal mines have been compelled to shut down for the want of shipping facilities. There are about 15,000 miners employed in river mines along the Monongahela valley. This great fleet of coal is for the supply of points in the West and South and the probabilities are there will be a coal famine experienced, especially in the Northwest, should conditions prevent the shipment of the coal before cold weather sets in. In West Virginia lumber plants, glass factories and iron and steel mills, located along the rivers, are closed on account of insufficient water. In Eastern Ohio the same conditions prevail and it is feared the great iron and steel mills at Youngstown, O., employing over 20,000 men, will have to suspend operations unless the drought is speedily broken.

#### Interest in Yarn Mill Sold.

Yorkville, S. C., Special.—Mr. J. B. Pegram, of this place, who with Mr. W. B. Moore bought a controlling interest in the Neely Yarn Mill, located here, about two years ago, and who with Mr. Moore was actively engaged in the management of the business, sold his interest to Mr. Moore about two weeks ago because of impaired health.

#### Arranging for King Peter's Junket.

Belgrade, Serbia, By Cable.—The Stampa says that the question of the visit of King Peter to the foreign courts will shortly be settled by the joint action of the powers. The expressed desire of the powers that the officers who were instrumental in the death of King Alexander and Queen Draga be removed from the active list will be complied with, says the Stampa, after which King Peter will be received with full honors at the courts.

## PART OF HEAD BLOWN OFF

Contractor Joseph Edgerton and Two Negroes Seriously, Probably Fatally, Injured by Explosion of Dynamite in Blasting on New Railway.

Rutherfordton, N. C., Special.—An accident occurred on the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railway some seven or eight miles northeast of this place Friday night in which a white man and two negroes were seriously, if not fatally, injured. Mr. Joseph Edgerton, of this county, a sub-contractor, was the most seriously injured and now lies in the Rutherfordton Hospital in this town hovering between life and death, with the chances of his recovery against him. The facts so far as have been obtained are these:

Mr. Edgerton and the two darkies whose names could not be learned, had just finished drilling a hole in which they had used a small quantity of powder and dynamite to spring it. After giving the first blast sufficient time to cool, as they thought, they then inserted a large quantity of dynamite, powder and fuse and were engaged in tamping it down, when it was thought the fuse caught from the blast in springing the hole and caused an explosion. The whole of Mr. Edgerton's forehead was blown off, leaving his brain exposed. Both eyes were put out and he received bad wounds in the side and stomach. He was brought to the hospital Friday afternoon when the first news of the accident was made known. It is impossible to learn the extent of the injuries of the negroes, but they are also badly wounded.

Mr. Edgerton would have completed his contract next week. He is a good citizen and many are the expressions of regret over the sad accident.

#### Engineer and Fireman Dead.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—Southern Railway southbound passenger train No. 41, from Charlotte to Seneca, ran into an open switch one mile and a half south of Wellford, a station twelve miles south of this city, Friday night about 8:45 and Engineer W. J. Fonville, of Greenville, and his colored fireman were killed. The baggage-master had a leg broken. None of the passengers suffered more than being badly shaken up. The engine and tender turned completely over. Dr. Earl, of Greenville, rushed to the scene in an automobile and rendered aid to the injured baggage-master. A wrecking crew left here at midnight. Traffic will be blocked for several hours. It is believed by officials of the road that the switch was thrown by some miscreant.

#### Confesses to Wrecking Train.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—Charged with having had a hand in throwing open the switch at Wellford, resulting in wrecking Southern passenger train No. 41 and the death of Engineer W. J. Fonville and Fireman Bowers and the serious injury of Baggage-Master McConey and several passengers, Clarence Agnew, colored, was arrested near Wellford by Constable T. W. Moore. Agnew made confession in jail here. The negro finished serving a term on the chain-gang at Greens Wednesday. He says his home is Teococ, Ga.

#### Cholera Condition Bad.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—St Petersburg is in the grasp of Asiatic cholera, which already has exceeded in severity and number the visitation of 1893. The disease is increasing daily at an alarming rate, and unless the authorities show in the future a much greater degree of ability to cope with the situation than they have in the past, there is every reason to fear that it will get out of hand.

#### Attempt to Wreck Freight Train.

Greenville, S. C., Special.—It was learned recently that an attempt was made to wreck freight train No. 71, on main line, at Taylors, near this city. The switch at that place had been thrown open, but the engineer happened to see it in time to reverse his engine and thus prevent the wreck.

#### Another Ginner Warned by Night Riders.

Greenville, S. C., Special.—Another ginner of Greenville county has been warned by the night riders to close his plant until further notice. Mr. T. C. Griffin is the ginner and his ginny is situated only a few miles from that of Mr. Willimon who was notified a few days ago to close. Sheriff Gilreath has made an investigation, but has secured no evidence which would incriminate any one.

## HELD UP AND ROBBED

C. E. Mangum, a Durham Liveryman and Horse-Trader, Held Up Near East Durham by Three White Men and Besides Being Robbed, Is Shot Twice in Arm.

Durham, N. C., Special.—Late Wednesday night C. E. Mangum, a liveryman and horse-trader of this city, drove to police headquarters with two pistol balls through his left arm and a hole through his trousers, made, he said, in a fight for his purse of which he was robbed and with it \$3,700. Mangum had been to Raleigh trading horses, collecting money and foreclosing mortgages. The trip through the country was made in a single buggy and he was leading four horses. Near East Durham, under a tree, three unmasked men ran out and seizing him by the throat, took his pistol from his belt, while he squaled so as to alarm the neighborhood. The robbers tore his clothes nearly off and, securing his purse, jerked him out of the buggy. They opened fire upon him and of the ten remembered shots he says he was touched three times. The men ran and were not identified. Mangum came first to Squire Morton in East Durham, about 10:30 and gave the alarm. Sheriff Howard and all officers were notified and began a search. He is inclined to hot air, but the officers say they have seen him recently displaying unusual amounts of money and one policeman vouches for the amount alleged to have been lost.

#### Springfield Rioter Found Not Guilty.

Springfield, Ill., Special.—Abraham Raymer, charged with leading the mob that lynched William Donegan, a negro 80 years old, during the recent riots, was found not guilty. The jury was out three hours and took only one ballot. As soon as the verdict was announced Raymer grasped the hand of each juror and made a speech thanking them. This is the first riot case involving a total of 117 indictments. It was proved that Raymer was a member of the mob and the court held that any member of the mob was guilty in the eyes of the law, but the jury acted on the lack of evidence to prove that Raymer had a hand in the actual lynching.

#### Mayor Commits Suicide.

Tampa, Fla., Special.—In the presence of his wife, who had just told him good-bye, intending to begin proceedings for divorce, Francisco Millian, mayor of West Tampa, committed suicide in a bedroom at his residence Wednesday afternoon by placing the muzzle of a revolver in his mouth and discharging two bullets through his brain. His wife had decided to leave him and when she said farewell Millian replied: "It is best to end everything now," and suicided. Millian had served eight terms as mayor of West Tampa, and enjoyed the respect of all citizens. He was a Cuban by birth. Louis Millian, a son of the deceased, states that he had made two attempts to commit suicide recently.

#### The Hains Trial.

New York, Special.—An extraordinary term of the Supreme Court in Queens county was convened Monday with Justice Garret J. Garretson presiding, to facilitate the trial of the Hains brothers for the murder of William E. Annis. Attorneys for Capt. Peter and T. Jenkins Hains will likely attempt to delay the trial as long as possible and it is unlikely that the brothers will face judge and jury before next month or November. The special term of court was ordered by Governor Hughes in order that the Hains brothers might be tried without unnecessary delay.

#### Forest Fires Still Raging.

Rhineland, Wis., Special.—Satuit a settlement of half dozen homes, three miles east of Rhineland, was destroyed by fire Tuesday. The settlers fled to Moens Lake, where they are cared for. No loss of life has been reported. Rhineland is now regarded as safe, and the fires have been quieted by lack of wind.

#### Case Goes Against B. & O.

Baltimore, Special.—The application of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company for a preliminary injunction to restrain the Interstate Commerce Commission from enforcing an order relative to coal car distribution was denied by the United States Circuit Court here. The order to which the railroad company objected was one requiring the railroad company to include so-called "private" and "foreign railway fuel" cars in making up its percentage of allotments of cars.

## KILLED IN A WRECK

### Early Montana Snowstorm Is Responsible For Collision

#### A NUMBER SUSTAIN INJURIES

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway Passenger Train Crashes Into Freight Train on the Northern Pacific Railroad at Youngs Point, Mont., Resulting in a Number of Fatalities.

Livingston, Mont., Special.—Plowing through a snowstorm, eastward bound, a Chicago, Burlington & Quincy passenger train running over the Northern Pacific Railroad, crashed head-on into a freight train at Youngs Point, where the trains were to pass and in the demolition that resulted a crowd of lives were crushed out and score of persons were injured, several probably fatally. The freight flagman failed to signal the passenger in time to prevent the collision, it is said, because of the blinding snow. The express car telescoped with the smoking car and most of the fatalities and injuries were of persons in the latter car. The express car was raised over the platform of the smoking car and the superstructure swept the seats away. Not a passenger in the smoking car escaped death or injury.

Fireman Ora Babcock jumped and was killed. Milo Holloway, a brakeman, was killed. The smoking car's debris was hopelessly mixed with heads, bodies, legs and arms, presenting a horrible sight. In one place seven bodies were so tightly wedged together that they were separated only with great difficulty.

The known dead:  
Colonel Bonson, of Utah.  
John Cawlin, Billings, Mont.  
Lon Anderson, Hardy, Mont.  
Lorenz A. Stewart, Dean, Mont.  
H. C. Gombles, Minniston, Iowa.  
E. L. Eimock, Denver.  
D. H. Barnes, Seattle.  
G. M. Konsick, Anaconda, Mont.  
Ora Babcock, Billings, Mont.  
S. C. Hingdon, Chico Springs, Mont.  
Charles E. Johnson, Denver, district passenger agent, Nickel Plate Railway.  
George Battlerock, Anaconda, Mont.  
John Ryan, Cushing, Okla.  
Milo Holloway, Billings, Mont.  
Siehemram, address unknown.  
Four unidentified coal miners.

#### Says Gambling Must Stop.

Lynneburg, Special.—In dismissing D. M. Dabney and O. Patterson last week in the police court, after holding that there was no evidence to convict them of operating a gambling resort, Mayor Smith declared that gambling must cease in Lynneburg. In future, he said, persons found in raids will be held as principals, and not as witnesses, and they will be fined under the State law, instead of having their cases treated under the common law. He also declared that technicalities would not go in his court; that the place to raise them will be in the Corporation Court on appeal.

#### New Political Party.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Politics was given a new turn in this State when a call was issued for the assembling of what is termed "The Liberal Party." Delegates from all States in the Union are asked to assemble in Chattanooga, October 8th, to nominate candidates for President and Vice President. The call is signed by Sidney C. Tapp, as chairman, and R. D. Woodhall, as secretary, both men being Atlanta residents.

#### News of the Day.

Walter Moore of Portsmouth, jumped overboard from a launch with a blazing gasoline tank, thereby saving himself and six friends from serious injury or death.

Mr. Isadore I. Strause, of Richmond, whose will was probated, made a number of bequests to charitable institutions.

President Roosevelt received his friends and neighbors from Oyster Bay.

A decree annulling the marriage of Helen Maloney to Arthur Herbert Osborne was handed down in New York.

The Michigan Supreme Court decided that the Maximum Rate law is constitutional.

The Congressional committee investigating the subject was informed that there is enough wood for pulp to last for generations.

One of those charged with causing the Springfield riots was convicted and sentenced to hang.