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SNAPPY AND BRIEF

Items Gathered and Told While You Hold Your Breath.

SOME EVERY DAY HAPPENINGS

Lively and Crisp as They Are Garnered From the Fields of Action at Home and Abroad.

The Traders and Truckers Bank of Norfolk has been closed and Terry B. Gordon its president is indicted in three counts.

President Taft does not believe there is need of modifying the Sherman anti-trust law.

Hon. David A. DeArmond, member of congress from Missouri, lost his life early Wednesday morning by trying to rescue his favorite and namesake grandson as flames were consuming his home at Kansas City.

One of the 26 miners rescued alive from the Cherry, Ill., mine has since died, leaving the number saved 19.

An enormous amount of dynamite was placed under a fruit and wine house in Danville, Ill., and was exploded early Wednesday, \$50,000 damage was done but no one was killed. It is believed to have been the work of the Black Hand.

Three wholesale concerns in San Francisco plead guilty Wednesday to violating the U. S. pure food law. One had shipped apricot brandy that never had an apricot in it. Another had sold peachless peach brandy and a third had been selling 45 per cent cotton seed olive oil.

It is said that President Taft sat down to his Thanksgiving dinner, which included a 50 pound mince pie, a 26 pound omelette and a turkey of enormous size.

It is asserted that Americans within Zelaya's territory are insulted if they refuse to contribute to his war fund and men suitable for soldiers are imprisoned for not joining his army.

An unusually severe Pacific storm prevailed about the Oregon coasts early in the week. Considerable damage was done.

The Alsop claim now pending diplomatically between the United States and Chile is about to be submitted to King Edward as arbitrator.

Five cars of flour have been seized in Georgia (at different points) recently as in violation of the pure food law. Chemicals were used bleaching it.

A woman in San Francisco recently obtained a divorce on charges which include about all the symptoms of the hookworm. The judge insisted that he did have hookworm but granted the divorce.

A collision by an auto and a trolley car at Los Angeles, Cal., killed five outright with two critically injured. The car that was taking the dead to their home was struck by a car also and eight persons were more or less seriously injured.

At Muskegon, Mich., Thanksgiving Day a party was taking naphtha boat ride before going to a wedding of a friend. A small explosion occurred from which the girls took fright and capsized the boat drowning five of the party. Four were members of one family.

Lyman Gage, noted as President Cleveland's Secretary of the Treasury was married his third time on Thanksgiving Day. He is 73 and the bride is 35.

The Women's Missionary Union in session at Greenwood, S. C., last week entered a protest against the wearing of excessively large hats in church.

Richard Watson Gilder, publisher of the Century Magazine, died last Friday.

At Barnwell, Ala., Saturday night a young lady refused to dance with a young man. Out of it grew a pistol battle resulting in the death of two and the injury of three.

Twenty of the entombed miners at Cherry, Ill., were rescued alive Saturday. There seems a faint hope of rescuing others.

A farmer near the road between Fairmont and Morganton, W. Va., fell upon the plan to make some tips by deepening a little stream across the road. Many autos come along and of course they stick—cooled off. He is handy with a team to pull them out, only two to ten dollars.

Mrs. Allen F. Reed was convicted Saturday at Denver, Col., of attempting to extract \$100,000 from Mrs. Genevieve Phipps by threatening to blow her up with dynamite. Insanity was pled in her defense.

Raleigh, N. C., has a complete system of associated charities and begging on the streets is at an end.

ALABAMA VOTES AGAINST

Prohibition Amendment to Constitution Lost by Majority of 18,000 or 20,000.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—All indications point to a majority of between 18,000 and 20,000 in Alabama against the prohibition constitutional amendment Monday. Chairman J. Lee Long, who has been in charge of the fight against the amendment, claims that the majority against the amendment will be fully 20,000.

Jefferson county, in which Birmingham, the largest city in the State, is in spite of the fact that the fight has been concentrated here, gave a majority of over 1,000 against the amendment. Mobile, Montgomery and Cullman counties show the largest majorities on the victorious side and it appears the amendment has carried in but three counties, Talladega, Macon and Sumter, with Lee in doubt.

Monday's election being the first time the State has ever had an opportunity to pass on the prohibition question, is regarded as especially significant. Still it cannot be regarded as a straight anti-prohibition victory because of the personal politics that has been injected into the issue. Its association with the administration of Governor B. B. Comer and his reputed ability to name a successor to the governorship in Judge S. D. Weakley, author of the prohibition bills, have figured prominently in the result.

A significant feature of the result is the fact that sentiment against the amendment is so widespread. Rural precincts, small towns and cities alike are, for the most part, returning substantial majorities on the winning side.

There has never been seen here anything like the enthusiasm shown in Birmingham over the result. The result everywhere is regarded as a distinct repudiation of the present State administration which has been particularly radical in its so-called reform program.

Kills Sweetheart's Father.

Camilla, Ga., Special.—Pursuing his eloping daughter who had run away from home with Columbus Huey, T. J. Sellers, one of the wealthiest farmers of Mitchell county, was shot to death in the public road 10 miles southwest of here Saturday afternoon, when he caught the fleeing couple. Leaving his body in the road, Huey and Miss Sellers, it is alleged, went on, driving rapidly in a buggy, intending to complete the elopement with a wedding.

Cotton Crop Estimate.

New Orleans, Special.—The Times-Democrat in presenting its correspondents' final reports on the cotton crop of 1909, states that the concentration of opinion points to a total of 10,625,000 bales.

The figures by States are: Alabama, 1,650,000; Arkansas, 725,000; Georgia and Florida, 2,000,000; Louisiana, 350,000; Mississippi, 1,100,000; North Carolina, 725,000; Oklahoma, 625,000; South Carolina, 1,150,000; Tennessee, 300,000; Texas, 2,600,000; total, 10,625,000.

Five Cars of Flour Seized.

Macon, Ga., Special.—Pure food Inspector P. A. Methvin has seized five cars of flour which it is alleged have been bleached through the use of nitrogen peroxide in violation of the pure food laws of Georgia and the United States.

Two of these cars are held at Macon; one at Thomasville; another is at Cedartown and the fifth is held at Brunswick.

New Mexico's Governor.

Washington, Special.—Chief Justice W. J. Mills, of the New Mexico Supreme Court has been appointed Governor of the Territory to succeed George Curry, resigned. The tender of the office to Justice Mills was made last week, and he promptly indicated his willingness to accept. It followed conferences between Postmaster General Hitchcock and National Committeeman Solomon Luna, of New Mexico, with the President, and later with Secretary Ballinger.

Reported Himself Dead to Avoid His Victims.

Princeton, Ind., Special.—H. E. Agar, who arranged a false report of his death by drowning to escape those whom he swindled through grain operations Friday was found guilty of embezzlement. Sentence was deferred pending a notice for a new trial. Agar was captured at San Benito, Tex., several months ago after a chase which lasted nearly two years and extended throughout the country.

EGGS IN SALT.

A woman poultry raiser writes that her method of preserving eggs is packing them in dry salt. Have the top layer of eggs at least three inches below the surface of the salt. Pack in a large jar with the points of the eggs downward. Cover the top of the salt over with paraffine. She says the eggs will keep for several months.—Farmers' Home Journal.

TRIBUTE PAID D'ARMOND

Thousands Attend Funeral of the Dead Congressman and His Little Grandson.

Butler, Mo., Special.—No such honor and show of affection for a departed citizen has been displayed in Missouri in many years as was paid Friday by hundreds of prominent public men of the State and many from outside the State who joined the citizens of Butler in paying their respect to the memory of the late Congressman David A. DeArmond, who burned to death here last Tuesday in a fire that destroyed his home. Congressman DeArmond died in a vain effort to save the life of his favorite grandson, David A. DeArmond, 3d.

The bodies of both victims were buried in the local cemetery in one casket following simple services at the Methodist Episcopal church, where the late Congressman was a member. The burial services were in charge of the Masons.

Mourners literally blocked the streets leading to the church and hundreds followed the bodies to the cemetery.

REVOLUTIONISTS GAIN GROUND

Commander of the Cruiser Des Moines Now in Nicaraguan Waters Wires That Blockade by Revolutionary Forces is Effective.

Washington, Special.—The Nicaraguan revolutionists are gaining ground, according to advices received here from the commander of the cruiser Des Moines now in Nicaraguan waters. The dispatch adds that American interests are being protected and that the blockade by the revolutionary forces is effective.

A New Orleans special says there is much rejoicing among the revolutionary forces in Nicaragua, according to passengers arriving Thursday on the steamship Marietta di Giorgio from Bluefields. The following of General Estrada are elated over what they claim has thus far proved a successful advance against the government of Zelaya and are sanguinely predicting the fall of Managua, the Nicaraguan capital, within a short time. This air of hopefulness has been strengthened by the attitude of the United States, threatening a demand on Zelaya for reparation for the death of the two Americans, Groce and Cannon.

That the revolutionists have received what is a comparatively formidable supply of arms and ammunition was the news received here Thursday by Consul General Sussman, representing the Estrada government at New Orleans. According to a cable to the consul the steamship Utstein, which was loaded and sent out of New Orleans with war supplies for the insurgent forces reached Bluefields. The vessel cleared at New Orleans for Port Barrios but remained at that port for only a short time before proceeding to Bluefields.

Mr. Sussman made known for the first time just what the Utstein cargo consisted of. It was as follows: Two Gatling guns, 2,100 rifles, 250,000 rounds of ammunition and a complete outfit for making cartridges.

Croce and Cannon Held Commissions in Insurgent Army.

Washington, Special.—Groce and Cannon, the two Americans executed by order of President Zelaya of Nicaragua last week, held commissions in the insurgent army, according to private advices received here from Bluefields, where the revolutionists' government is located. The dispatch stated that the State Department of the United States had been notified to this effect. The State Department has been anxious to clear up the point whether the two men had commissions or were merely acting in their individual capacities, for in the former event they would have been entitled to treatment as prisoners of war.

Lyman J. Gage Weds Again.

San Diego, Cal., Special.—Lyman J. Gage, former Secretary of the Treasury was married Thursday afternoon to Mrs. Ada Ballou, at the home of the bride's parents, in Coronado, Cal. Mr. and Mrs. Gage left Thursday night for Denver and later will visit cities farther east. The bride gave her age as 35, and Mr. Gage his age as 73.

The Pan-American Thanksgiving.

Washington, Special.—President Taft and his official family, the diplomats representing the South American republics, Cardinal Gibbons, head of the Catholic Church in America; Mgr. Diomedea Falconio; the Papal Delegate; Director John Barrett, of the Bureau of American Republics, and other diplomats and officials joined in the service held at St. Patrick's Church, this city, where the pan American Thanksgiving was inaugurated. The idea was suggested by Rev. Dr. William T. Russell, pastor of the church, who formerly lived in Baltimore.

DR. COOK DISAPPEARS.

Brother Quiets the Exasperations By Saying the Doctor is Near New York Taking a Rest.

New York, Special.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook dropped completely from public view Sunday. Not even John R. Bradley, whose money was behind his polar explorations, knows where he is. Confiding his secret to only one man and perhaps to his wife, the Brooklyn explorer slipped quietly and mysteriously away, leaving behind a string of puzzled and exasperated friends, and a debate more acrimonious than that which followed his announcement of September last that he had discovered the North Pole on April 21, 1908.

Charles Wake, an insurance man of this city, appears to be the only one who knows the mystery of Dr. Cook's whereabouts. And Wake is firm in his resolve to keep his lips sealed until Cook himself sees fit to take the public into his confidence.

A New York dispatch says that they found Dr. Frederick A. Cook Sunday night, that is, an authoritative statement was issued by his brother, W. L. Cook, saying that the explorer, who mysteriously dropped from public view Saturday, was still in the vicinity of New York, recuperating. He was on the verge of a nervous breakdown and his retirement was absolutely necessary.

The statement, as issued by Mr. Cook follows: "Dr. Cook is in the vicinity of New York trying to get a much-needed rest. If he decides to go to Europe there will be no secret concerning his departure. I think that his friends and critics alike should be charitable enough to allow him to rest until his health is fully restored. He has not been reading the newspapers in the last few days and is not responsible for the statements that have been issued by those who were acting as his spokesmen. "In sending his data to Copenhagen, Dr. Cook has fulfilled his obligations to the public."

WALTER WELLMAN SPEAKS.

Takes Strong Ground Against the Claims of Dr. Cook—Believes Him an Impostor.

Washington, Special.—Walter Wellman, whose preparations for a conquest of the North Pole in an airship were abandoned upon the announcement of the claims of Dr. Frederick A. Cook and Commander Robert E. Peary issued here Sunday night a long statement in which he analyzes the narrative of the two explorers, declaring that of Peary "precise, workmanlike, consistent, credible in every particular," and denouncing that of Dr. Cook as a self-evident and even deliberate imposture.

"Cook's story is suspicious both in what it does tell and what it does not tell," Mr. Wellman declares. "He is generally vague and indefinite but, like most men of his class, altogether too precise at the wrong place. Nowhere does the story ring true. It was always an approximation of reality itself. This is true of his figures, his description, everything."

"Those of us who have had a share in Arctic work," say Wellman, in considering his analysis, "and who have felt anxiety that no blot of fraud should stain the proud record of effort and sacrifice, had a first hope—that Dr. Cook would be able to demonstrate his good faith. This was dissolved in the analysis of his own story. A second hope—that he was the victim of some hallucination of mental illness and himself believed he had been to the Pole though of course he has not, vanishes in the light of earlier and subsequent events. There remains, though one says it with keenest alternative that the journey which he did make, and the report which he gave of it, were deliberately planned from the outset."

The gist of Mr. Wellman's finding is that with his meager party and equipment Dr. Cook could not possibly have accomplished the feat for which he claims credit, that his astronomical data are too minutely precise to have been made under the claimed conditions in the field, and that the explorer's dash for the lecture platform and his acceptance of "crowns of flowers placed upon his head by innocent women and children" before submitting his field records to scientific examination all conspire to his discredit.

Triple Murder and Assault.

Frontenac, Kan., Special.—A triple murder and an assault on a woman was enacted on a lonely road a mile north of here some time Friday night. The dead are Mr. and Mrs. William Bork, Germans, of Frontenac, and their son, who was 2 1/2 years old. Mr. Bork was presumably killed while trying to defend his wife. The child probably was slain because the murderer wished to silence him. The Borks were Friday night, when they started to drive home to Frontenac from the home of Mrs. Bork's mother two miles out in the country.

NEW CUSTOMS FRAUDS.

Customs Weigher is Arrested on an Indictment Charging Him With Conspiracy to Defraud the Government in Connection With Importations of Figs in 1906.

New York, Special.—A new series of alleged customs frauds was brought to light here Friday with the arrest of Thomas C. Giddings, a customs weigher, on the indictment charging him with conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with importations of figs in 1906. According to the Federal prosecutors, Giddings underweighed two shipments of figs consigned to local importers, recording the weight of the first shipment at 30,000 pounds, instead of 40,600 and defrauding the government of the duty on 8,700 pounds of the figs contained in the second shipment.

The indictment against Giddings, it is intimated, is the first of a series which the government hopes to obtain from the grand jury now in session as a result of following up Collector Loeb's investigations and dismissals.

Two more assistant weighers were dropped by Collector Loeb from the customs service Friday.

Mr. Loeb announced that with these dismissals the "general house cleaning" in the customs house as the result of the investigation into underweighing frauds had been completed. Some individual cases remained, however, on which he might find it necessary to take action, the collector added.

Including Friday's dismissals, a total of 83 men have been removed by the collector since the work of re-adjustment of the staff in the customs service began. The men dismissed Friday were civil service appointees, and their successors will be chosen from the civil service list of eligibles.

The collector said he wished to correct a misapprehension which appeared to him to be somewhat general, to the effect that the civil service rules had been disregarded in the dismissals and appointments previously made during the upheaval. This was not the case, he declared, the civil service rules having been strictly regarded and appointments of new men in all cases having been made from the civil service lists.

Mrs. Ford is Indicted As a Participant in the Big Four Frauds.

Cincinnati, O., Special.—An indictment was returned by the Hamilton county grand jury Friday against Mrs. Jeanette Stuart Ford, whose name has been mentioned in connection with shortage of \$643,000 in the accounts of Charles L. Warriner, former local treasurer of the Big Four Railroad. The indictment charges Mrs. Ford with receiving funds stolen from the Big Four by Warriner. Mrs. Ford is now out on bond on a charge of having received \$1,000 of the money alleged to have been taken by Warriner. When informed by her attorney that she had been indicted, Mrs. Ford appeared in court and pleaded not guilty. Her bond was placed at \$2,500 which she furnished.

Five Persons Drowned.

Muskegon, Mich., Special.—Five persons were drowned in Muskegon lake Thursday afternoon, when a pleasure launch, carrying a party of nine young people, capsizing as the result of a panic following a gasoline explosion. Four of those who lost their lives were members of one family.

The party started out to attend a wedding on the north side of the lake and decided to take a short cruise before going to the festivities. They encircled the lake and were within 150 feet of the north landing, when in some manner some gasoline exploded. The girls became panic stricken.

Killed Two and is Killed.

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.—After cutting to death Burt Woods, a showman attending a carnival here, and fatally cutting John S. Smith, a companion, Jesse Altman was shot and killed here Friday morning by Smith just before the latter died. Altman was known as a desperate character and had twice been arrested for murder, his former victims having been negroes.

King Edward Arbitrator in Chilean Dispute.

Santiago, Chile, By Cable.—William Pierrepont, the American charge d'affaires Friday made a proposal to the Chilean government—that the Alsop claim, which is in dispute between Chile and the United States, be submitted to the arbitration of King Edward, who is friendly to both sides. The proposal was accepted and the two countries will ask the British monarch to act as arbitrator.

WASHINGTON NOTES

Admiral Sperry has been detailed by the Secretary of the Navy to assist the national waterways commission in its work. He will give attention to various questions and will aid the commission in the preparation of its forthcoming report. The commission will report to Congress about the first of next January.

James Freeman Curtis of Boston Mass., now assistant United States district attorney and once intercollegiate champion of the United States has been chosen Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. Announcement to this effect was made by Secretary MacVeagh. Mr. Curtis succeeded James B. Reynolds, who resigned to become a member of the tariff board, and he will have special charge of customs matters.

Preparations are being made for 400 marines to sail from Philadelphia either for the canal zone or for Nicaragua. This will constitute the first armed force to land in Nicaragua if developments in the situation within the next few days require such a course to be pursued. All will depend upon the action to be taken by the state department, which is marking time pending the receipt of additional details of the killings of the two Americans, Grace and Cannon.

The gunboat Princeton was Friday ordered by the Navy Department to sail for Corinto, Nicaragua, to join the gunboat Vicksburg, already at this port. The Princeton is now at the Bremerton navy yard, Washington, undergoing repairs. On her way down the coast the Princeton will stop at San Francisco. Some time ago it was arranged that the Princeton should relieve the Vicksburg on the western coast of Central America, and it is in conformity with this plan that the Princeton is now ordered to Nicaragua. The Vicksburg, however, will remain at Corinto, or the immediate vicinity, until peace in Nicaragua has been restored.

John W. Langdale, the aged assistant superintendent of parking, who was arrested Monday night for cutting the throat of a negro who had followed and assaulted him, died suddenly at Georgetown University Hospital of paralysis of the neck. Bernard Brown, the big negro whose throat was cut from ear to ear by Langdale, is still alive, a patient at the Casualty Hospital. The negro as soon as he is well will probably be placed under arrest and charged with having killed Langdale.

The gold mines of the United States produced \$94,560,000 worth of the precious metal during 1908, according to the Geological Survey and the Bureau of the Mint. The total gold product was 4,574,340 ounces, a net increase in value of \$4,124,300. Colorado leads with a productive value of \$22,871,000. Alaska was second with \$19,858,800 and California third with \$19,329,700. Porto Rico was the smallest producer, with a total of only \$600. The Philippines show an increase of \$219,800 to \$254,500.

George H. Brown, who laid out the grounds surrounding the Capitol and the White House, died at his home here Tuesday of pneumonia. Mr. Brown was superintendent of the Botanic Garden. Since 1870 he had been in the employ of the Government in Washington.

Collector Loeb, of New York, left for home Tuesday, after concluding his conference with President Taft and Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh and other officials here, regarding the customs conditions at his port.

Washington's first snowstorm of the season drove Robert E. Peary, Arctic explorer, into a taxicab Wednesday. He stepped out to the pavement in front of President Taft's office about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and, with his coat collar turned up around his ears, hurried into the reception room. After waiting about half an hour, Mr. Peary was admitted to the inner sanctum and was closeted with President Taft for about 20 minutes.

While no expression of opinion could be obtained here Friday on the proposed selection of King Edward as arbitrator in the Alsop claim, which this government is pressing on Chile for settlement, it is generally understood that the State Department will welcome any move that will bring about an adjudication of the vexed question. The claim, which involves more than \$2,000,000, has been held against Chile for more than a quarter of a century. It is based on concessions made by the Bolivian government to a syndicate of Americans.