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NEWS OF A WEEK IN CONDENSED FORM

RECORD OF MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS TOLD IN BRIEFEST MANNER POSSIBLE.

AT HOME AND ABROAD

Happenings That Are Making History—Information Gathered From All Quarters of the Globe and Given in a Few Lines.

Washington

Execution on the gallows sounds a criminal's life insurance policies, according to a Supreme court decision holding that the four infant children of James H. McGee, once mayor of Fayetteville, Va., who was executed in 1906 for wife murder, were not entitled to $15,000 insurance money from the Northwestern Mutual Life of Milwaukee.

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The Supreme court of the United States declined to grant an uncontentional the initiative and referendum method of legislation in the state, and decided that it has no jurisdiction over the form of government in the states, that being a political question for congress to deal with.

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President Taft sent to the senate the report of the employers' liability and workmen's compensation commission, and in the message accompanying it the president expresses the hope that the disability bill recommended by the commission will become a law.

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As the first disciplinary measure of the United States toward Columbia for the letter written to the state department by its minister, Gen. Pedro Nel Ospina, President Taft has directed Secretary of State Knox to strike Colombia from the itinerary of his trip through Central America.

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Declaring that to give Senator Stephenson of Wisconsin a clear right to his seat, is to notify the world that we are careless as to to whether seats in this body are to be bought and sold as so much merchandise, the Democratic "insurgent purse," five senators presented a minority report in the Stephenson senate seating against Stephenson, and brought squarely before that body the issue of his re-election.

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President Taft has nominated Julius H. Mayer of New York city as judge of the United States district court for the southern New York and Ferdinand A. Geiger of Milwaukee, to be judge of the eastern district of Wisconsin.

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Investigation of the war department as an outgrowth of the differences between the secretary of war and General Wood and former Adjutant General Ainsworth, which culminated in the latter's retirement after a threatened court martial, practically is assured.

Domestic

Mrs. Sarah Keene, the "mystery lady" of the Philadelphia hospital, is dead of old age. After thirty years in custody in that institution. She was taken to the hospital in 1881 suffering from smallpox. She was cured, but lost her memory.

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Patrolman Brogan of the New York police force picked up a sputtering, blackened fuse on Avenue B. He escaped up a hatful of snow and pulled it down tight over a long fuse affixed. Then he carried the pet gingerly to his grocer's headquarters where the experts diagnosed it as one of the most dangerous dynamite bombs that have been found in many months.

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Under two ordinances passed by the city commissioners, poolrooms, soft drink stands and all other forms of gambling will be inhibited at Salt Lake City after March 1.

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Demands for a general wage increase of 15 per cent were formulated at the biennial convention of the Order of Railway Conductors Agents in New York.

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The Mount Vernon Anti-Cigarette association, organized to fight the practice of charging admission to the home and tomb of Washington, has appealed to the interstate commerce commission for a reduction in the electric railway fare between Washington and Mount Vernon.

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Renate Green, a soldier, aged twenty-three, was arrested in New York city, charged with attempting to abduct small Francis H. Arnold, father of Dorothy Arnold, who mysteriously disappeared from her home more than a year ago.

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Three tenants were shot on the steps of the circuit court room at Shelbyville, Tenn., by a mob that had attempted to employ three negro gunmen to shoot them for the murder of S. W. Everson, a white detective. One was killed and another is near death.

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The price of lead has declined four cents—for a bond since 1892. The decreased steel tariff revision will benefit producers, who say, despite reports of lead producers, who appeared before the senate finance committee at Washington.

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After attempting to blow up the home of Florence Tinsley at Bowling Green, Ky., with dynamite, it is alleged, Martin Crockett attacked George Williams, a caller, and cut Williams' throat. Jealousy is supposed to have been the motive.

With the city of Shreveport, La., in festive attire and the streets thronged by merrymakers enjoying the last day of Mardi Gras, a cyclone swept over the western edge of the city, killing eight persons and injuring forty or more. All of the dead are negroes, except a baby.

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The federal grand jury at Chicago indicted three of the New York Central lines, four of their officials, three theatrical agencies, and two theatrical managers, charging them with rebating. The specific charge is that the railroads paid back $3 per cent of the cost of transporting the baggage trunks in the form of advertising, for which excessive rates were paid.

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Col. Theodore Roosevelt delivered a characteristic and stirring address before the members of the Ohio constitutional convention in the state house at Columbus. He set forth in detail his revised progressive policies, but, to the disappointment of many of his hearers, he himself did not say whether or not he would accept the Republican nomination for president if it were offered him.

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Four trainmen were killed and the Hoosier limited, near Fort Adams, Miss., choked with burning debris in the wreck that followed a head-on Illinois Central and Gulf passenger express train and a heavy freight train.

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Rev. Wallace W. St. Paul shot and killed his father, H. W. Wallace, a prominent banker at Drayton, N. D., seriously wounded his brother-in-law and then killed his wife. Wallace's act is said to have followed the father's refusal to give him twenty-five thousand dollars.

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The Missouri Democratic state convention at Jefferson City, eight delegates-at-large to the Baltimore convention, and when they closed their letter explaining that they had decided to keep hands off in the future, and make no effort to force the state organization one way or the other, Governor McCreary was authorized to select the home pass a partisan bill, taking the position that he was powerless to dictate legislation, and that he would be content to be numbered among the members of the general assembly to do what they considered best in the interests of the state.

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WON'T TALK ON NEW PRISON BILL

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NOT OBJECTIONABLE TO HIM

Capital Gossip Says Executive Overestimates Strength of His Friends, Representatives Brown and McCutcheon.

Frankfort.—While Governor McChesney has maintained silence relative to what he thought about the changes in the prison bill, there is a story going the rounds here to the effect that he was influenced in declaring for a bipartisan measure originated by the fear that Ed Brown and Harvey McCutcheon would be able to lead the Republican members of the general assembly to an other proposition. He, it is said, made the mistake of overestimating the strength of Brown and McCutcheon, present prison commissioners, and when they issued their letter explaining that they had decided to keep hands off in the future, and make no effort to force the measure one way or the other, Governor McChesney was authorized to select the home pass a partisan bill, taking the position that he was powerless to dictate legislation, and that he would be content to be numbered among the members of the general assembly to do what they considered best in the interests of the state.

Since then a newspaper representative, and asked if he would sign the bill if it passes the senate, the governor replied:

See No Objection in Bill.

"Did you ever ask that question of a man who was trying to escape from the latrine?" The latter replied that he could see no objection in it. Governor McChesney was asked to vote for Champ Clark for president on every ballot.

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White Lake wits, a fine summer resort, near Muskegon, Mich., was destroyed by an incendiary conflagration. The damage was $10,000.

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SCHOBERTH FOR CONGRESS.

Frankfort—Schoberth of Woodford, the present representative from that district, has announced himself as a candidate for congress to succeed Campbell, and will enter actively into the campaign. The announcement was made at a meeting held here on Saturday, and was followed by a dinner given in honor of Representative Schoberth by a party of Franklin county friends who participated.

Schoberth will be opposed for a candidate against Mr. Campbell, who will be nominated by the democrats in this district.

ROBERT CAMPBELL DIES.

McMechen, — Stepping into his home from the yard on Baltimore street, Robert Campbell, aged years, one of the most prominent citizens of Marshall county, said to his wife: "Do something quick for me," and then died. Death was due to a complication of diseases, but he was apparently in good health, although not working for the past few weeks. The survivors are his widow, three sisters, Miss Carrie, Miss Ellen and Mrs. Mary Schenck also two brothers John and Ir. H. P. Campbell, of Moundsville. Mr. Campbell was a member of the Knights of Pythias and also the Masonic fraternity.

SURVEY FOR NEW ROAD.

Winchester.—Notwithstanding the cold weather, a surveying corps is now engaged in the location of the new road which is proposed from this city, by way of Irvine, to run north with the new Lexington & Eastern extension beyond Jackson. The options on the right of way, taken some time ago, will expire March 1, but most of the land owners have accepted options until July 1.

DAMS ON ELKHORN.

Whitesburg.—Work is being pushed upon a large concrete dam across the Little Elkhorn, immediately above the new city of Jenkins. The dam will create a reservoir with a capacity of 45,000,000 gallons, and will supply Jenkins with water for municipal and fire purposes. Higher up the Little Elkhorn, Governor Beckham is building a storage capacity of 1, 000,000 gallons, for mining purposes.

SUCCEEDS COLONEL MOFFAT.

Frankfort.—With the approval of Governor McCreary, Adjutant General Allen appointed Captain Hal Corbin, son of Henderson inspector general of rifle practice, and commissioned him a Colonel. He fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Col. A. McLean Moffat.

SHEEP QUARANTINED.

Whitchester.—Dr. Payne, government livestock inspector, is here in the interest of the enforcement of the law requiring the quarantining of sheep affected with the scab. The disease has almost exterminated the sheep in only one small flock in this county and the owners are determined that it be raised on Clark county, because the flock is certain many infected flocks, it is said.

BUYS OUT COAL COMPANY.

Whitesburg.—It is reported that H. B. Smith, the railroad contractor, of Radford, Va., has bought a controlling interest in the Empire Coal Land corporation, a West Virginia concern, and entered into a contract with Riley Stacy, of Riley Station, for the mining and shipping of 1,000 tons of coal per day. The deal involves several hundred acres of coal land, and one coal mine.

APPEALS TO COURT.

Lexington.—W. Howard McKitrick, who was appointed chairman of the board of public works by Mayor Cassius M. Clay, resigned, and refused to again the mayor from removing him from the office, and Mr. Rupert, who was appointed to succeed him, from qualifying. The matter will be up to Judge Kerr will hear the arguments pending.

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Fairmont—Miss Edith Klein, aged 17, employed as a domestic in the home of Dr. Lacy Hawkins, took a quantity of carbolic acid in an effort to commit suicide. The young woman was called and attempted to shoot the unfortunate girl and it is thought she will recover. Disappointment in love is assigned as the cause.

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RUN OVER BY L. & N. TRAIN.

Middlesboro.—"Judge" Wilson, a deaf mute, was run over by the L. & N. freight train on the Wasiota Black Mountain branch and killed. The cars were cut off. He was brought to Middlesboro and turned over to the Daughters hospital, where he died a few hours later.

Williamstown.—"Boss" Morgan, who killed W. D. Collins at Corinth, last fall, has been indicted for murder.

DAMAGES FOR INJURIES.

Paducah—A compromise was effected in the damage suits of John M. Slaughter, Chauncey Slaughter and Noah Sands, members of the fire department, against the Illinois Central. They were injured last August when a collision occurred on the Sand on and Illinois Central locomotive Hasselkamper received $1,000, Slaugh for $500 and Sands $450. In the collision the engine and tender were badly killed, and his wife was given a verdict for $8,000.

MAKES TOUR OF INSPECTION.

Whitesburg.—J. E. Willoughby, chief construction engineer, locating engineer and superintendent, has finished a tour of inspection of the work from Jackson to Lexington & Eastern railroad from Jackson up the North Fork into Wright's Fork of Boone coal fields for a distance of 110 miles. The entire line was made on horseback. Mr. Willoughby was pleased with the finished work. He will start things trains will run by June 1.

Shepherdsville—The Bullitt county fair will be held here on Oct. 22 and 23. The following officers have been elected: Richard Watters, president; Dr. Ridgeway, vice president; Orra L. Roby, secretary; J. F. Combs, treasurer.

Georgetown—Mrs Nat Downing secured judgment for $5,000 against the Bluegrass Traction company in the Scott circuit court on account of injured personal injuries sustained while getting a horse near an interurban car.

RAISE POSTAL RATES?

PRESIDENT CONCURS IN RECOMMENDATION REGARDING SECOND-CLASS MAIL.

SENDS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

Transmits Postmaster General's Report Which Shows Profits in Parcel Department for First Time in History—Parcel Post Is Urged.

Washington, Feb. 22.—A raise in the rate on second-class mail matter is recommended in the annual report of the postmaster general which was transmitted to congress today, accompanied by a special message from the president. For the first time in the history of the department a profit is shown for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911.

Accompanying the document was the report of the commission on second-class mail matter appointed by joint resolution of congress on March 4 of last year and a brief message of the president. In it he calls special attention to the principal features of the report.

The report of the commission on second-class mail matter makes the following recommendations:

1. The rate of 2 cents a pound on copies mailed by publishers, whether they be regular subscribers, agents, or casual purchasers, and on news agents, subscribers or to other news agents.

2. The rate of 1 cent a pound on copies for copies mailed to subscribers within the county where published and the transient rate.

3. The present advertising rate to be retained, but not extended.

4. That the commission be authorized that the cent-a-copy rate for newspapers be extended to publications of a circulation not exceeding 2 ounces in weight, and that a cent-a-copy rate be established for publications exceeding 2 ounces in weight, but not exceeding 4 ounces, a further rate for local delivery, to be fixed.

As to the effect and adequacy of the proposed rates, the report says in part: In postage the commission says:

"The most impressive will not in the opinion of the commission be the opinion of the publishers of newspapers and periodicals, but the effect of the proposed rates upon the public. The commission is convinced that the great majority of publications will not be affected by the rate proposed, and that the remainder will be relieved after the rate has been fixed. Under the present law, however, the commission is convinced that a large number of publications are being carried at a loss to the government, and that the rates proposed for the carriage and handling of matter of the second class are necessary to relieve the existing burden and to prevent the further increase of deficits."

Again the president and the postmaster general concur in the recommendations of the commission.

President Taft again concurs in the recommendation of the postmaster general for the adoption of a parcel post system, and says: "I recommend the form of such a service on rural routes and in the city delivery service be first undertaken."

Hitchcock's recommendation for establishment ownership of the telegraph lines is not approved of by the president, who says:

"There is only one recommendation in which I can not agree—that is one for the ownership of the telegraph lines in the United States should be established. The telegraph lines are now operated in conjunction with the mail service by contract, and the present government ownership of only 1,000 miles of telegraph lines established for the postal service is not approved of by the postmaster general