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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

A protest has been filed in congress by the legislature of Georgia against the action taken by congress in proposing to the state a constitutional amendment providing for the direct election of senators. The protest asserts that the course followed was unconstitutional.

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Legal battle over the validity of the indictments against the Union Match Company comes to a close in the Sherman anti-trust law has begun in the United States Supreme court in Washington.

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The United States did more business within the month of November than in any previous month in the history of this country's foreign commerce, according to a statement by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. The value of goods exported last month was $152,134,906, and of exports $177,894,481. This marked a great increase over the business done in November, 1911.

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J. Pierpont Morgan told the money trust investigating committee of the house in Washington that all the money in Christendom and all the banks in Christendom could not form a monopoly that would control money. He disclaimed any knowledge that he wielded a vast power in modern business, and declared emphatically that he sought no rich power.

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Stirred by the defiant and evasive attitude of President Madero toward demands by the United States, that Mexican murderers of Americans be punished, and that indemnity be given for the loss of American life and property, President Taft sent an ultimatum to Madero under which he must act or suffer the downfall of his government.

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Domestic

Six persons were fatally injured and a score seriously hurt at Elkin, Ga., when a section of a school house in which a Christmas entertainment was being given collapsed.

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Physicians are astounded at the cure of Miss Ida Schooley of Virginia, who lived ten months with a fractured skull, but who finally succumbed to her injuries.

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Not one member of the Ninth Kansas cavalry, one of the state's most active regiments in the Civil war, is drawing a pension. This fact developed upon recruiting of a new band by officials at Topeka from H. H. Lapham of Lorton, Va., a member of the Ninth Kansas.

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The bodies of Lieutenant Kearny Arthur, and Chester Lawrence, newspaper man, have been taken up to the water side by side in a little undertaking shop at Redondo beach, California.

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John S. Heyler, nineteen years old, son of the late county magistrate died in the Memorial hospital at Morristown, N. J., after he had been run down and crushed by a train which he had attempted to board while it was moving.

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Insisting that he is through riding in automobiles and other vehicles and on horseback and that hereafter all his walks shall be among the beauties of nature, Governor Osborn of Michigan has announced that instead of touring car and limousine and his horse to his most unique steed.

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A school building in Upper Sandusky, O., was almost totally destroyed by fire just as 2 Christmas programs was about to begin. The fire was caused by an overheated stove. The children all escaped without a panic.

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A pickaninny, ten years of age, was rescued by a steamer's crew from the branches of a tree on which he had climbed and to win during a hurricane that swept the island. The lad had been carried out to sea by the storm.

Following a crusade against alleged bootleggers by the city officials of Leslie, Ark., property of the mayor and city attorney has been dynamited.

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To the strains of "Marching Through Georgia," played by Gertrude Brown, fourteen years old, fifty pupils of the Lincoln school in Springfield, Mo., filed out of their burning school building in perfect order, all escaping through the dense smoke and fiery flames around. The building was burned to the ground.

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Joseph H. Logue, diamond merchant in the McVicker's theater building, Chicago, was murdered in his office. His lifeless body, with his hands tied behind, and an ugly bullet wound in the back of his head, with a pool of blood on the floor, was the tragedy discovered by the shop boy. Four suspects were arrested.

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The United States government's $750,000,000 oil suit, involving 46,728 acres of oil land in the Coalinga oil fields of California, contesting rights of the Southern Pacific Railroad company and its thirty-three subsidiary companies, was filed in the federal district court in Los Angeles, Cal., suit.

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Capt. W. H. Van Schaick, convicted of criminal neglect and sentenced to ten years in Sing Sing, as a result of the loss of 1,200 lives on the excursion steamer, the General Slocum, June 15, 1904, in the East river, New York, has been granted a full pardon by President Taft. The pardon is effective Christmas day.

Balkan War

The Turkish peace delegates, at the resumption of the conference with the allies in session at St. James' palace, London, announced their willingness to treat with the Greek representatives regardless of Greece's refusal to join the armistice, but insisted that Turkey must be permitted to retain Adrianople.

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Vice-Admiral Halil Pasha, formerly minister of marine and Mahmud Mukhtar Pasha, ex-minister of the Ottoman cabinet, was killed in an engagement between the Greeks and Turks at Bardanellos. Four other officers of high rank were killed and a considerable large number of sailors were killed or wounded.

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Foreign

The viceroy and viceroine of India, Baron and Baroness Hardinge, narrowly escaped assassination by a native fanatic while making their state entry into the new imperial capital of India. Three splinters from the bomb which killed one attendant and injured another, penetrated the back and shoulders of the viceroy.

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Mexican rebels commanded by Gen. Pascual Orozco, Jr., have captured Guaymas, Mexico, the important seaport town of the lumbering and ranching district south of Juarez. The capture was effected after the rebels had defeated a force of 1,000 Federal troops in exercises and taken the federal commander, Gen. Jose Blanco, prisoner.

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The British schooners Cartagena and Georgiana foundered in the Gulf of Mexico between the Campeche banks and Jamaica during the recent West Indian storm. All on board, a total of twenty-two in number, were drowned.

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Mme. Block, no-ellst, who July 21 shot and killed Mrs. Minnie Bridgeleck, wife of James B. Bridgeleck, an employe of the Paris branch of an American harvester company, was acquitted in the assize court in Paris of the charge of homicide.

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Refugee federal soldiers arrived in Juarez, Mexico, to report that the rebel irregular troops gathering in that section practically were annihilated when rebel commander, Col. Tomas Urbina, of Durango, was killed by federal officials at Topeka from H. H. Lapham of Lorton, Va., a member of the Ninth Kansas.

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Twenty-two of the twenty-seven members of the crew of the Furness steamship Bermudian, from Halifax, N. S., for St. Johns, lost their lives in the wreck of the steamer on the rocks near St. Shotts during a northeast gale. Five survivors were those who reached land in a boat brought the news to Trepassey.

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Personal

Governor-elect William Sulzer of New York began the public work he undertakes in the west and in his own state by addressing the Chicago Real Estate board.

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J. T. Mordica, who, while stationed with Hancock's Veteran corps at Washington, near the close of the Civil war, was one of the special detail which had charge of the execution of Mrs. Surratt and the other conspirators in the assassination of President Lincoln, is dead at his home in Dresden, Ill.

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By a margin of sixteen votes Wat Jenkins, Ore., elected Miss Clare Mumford, of Mayor Miss Mumford has the distinction of being the first woman

THE RAILROADS WIN

KENTUCKY RAILROAD COMMISSION ABANDONS EFFORT TO RAISE TAXES.

Same Assessment of Tangible Property as Last Year Is Conceded—Chairman Finn Opposes the Settlement.

Frankfort.—Reversing their action of last week, the state railroad commission, by a divided vote, fixed the assessment of the tangible property of the railroads in this state the same as last year. W. F. Klair, of Lexington, and Grant Gerrard, of Winchester—Klair, Democratic, and Gerrard, Republican—voted to fix the value of the tangible property the same as last year. Chairman Finn, of Franklin, Democrat, protested against such an assessment and stood for a substantial increase of assessment.

The commission received a letter from the Illinois Central Railroad Co., dated December 14, accompanying the petition of the commission to make a partial assessment, but December 17 withdrew the agreement.

In the statement agreed by the commissioners when the board adjourned it was said the "evidence introduced by the railroads is more in detail than elucidating."

It read the state $2,500 for the commission to make the tour of inspection and fully $100 to make the stenographic report of the hearings.

The railroads desiring the assessment made as last year, and these declining to entertain the proposition of the commissioners that they thought the assessment of last year was large enough, and that is the view that Commissioners Klair and Gerrard took in making the assessment. The result was a complete victory for the railroads.

Big Companies are United.

In connection with the licensing of the Kentucky Stock Insurance Company of Louisville to write insurance in Kentucky, it is announced that the Tennessee Indemnity Company has merged with it, making it the only livestock insurance company south of the Ohio River. The Tennessee Indemnity Company has on its books $600,000 written in Tennessee and Virginia, and the new company starts out with a capital stock of $250,000. There are only six such companies in the country. Commissioner of Agriculture J. W. Newman is president of the company, which has 500 stockholders in Kentucky. President S. B. Buckley, of the Tennessee Indemnity Company, comes over as vice president of the new company, and Vice President Pogelsong as secretary. Both of them are from Nashville. The general offices of the company will be on the eighth floor of the Inter-Southern building.

May Bring New Action.

Obstruction of the channel of Poor Fork of the Cumberland river by rock thrown into the stream when contractors were blasting a right of way along the mountain side for the Louisville and Black Mountain railroad, was declared by the court of appeals to be unlawful, and the rule laid down that damage caused by the use of explosives as a consequence creates a new cause of action. This opinion was delivered in the case of John L. Turner vs. J. M. Brooks & Co., wherein a suit for destruction was caused before Turner bought his land and his action was settled with the company for damages caused by the overflow. The suit was up as a bar to further recovery, but the court held that the contractors would be liable for damages for each succeeding overflow.

Mooted Question is Settled.

The mooted question of the date from which the statute of limitations begins to run on property omitted from assessment for taxes, and recovered upon opinion furnished the state Auditor by the attorney general's department by Assistant Attorney General Morris. The statute of limitations can not be collected on omitted property five years after cause of action accrues, and the opinion of Morris construed that to mean after it should have been assessed. The Auditor wished to know the date from which it runs, and the legal department fixed the date at the adjournment of the County Board of Supervisors.

Young Man Admitted to Practice.

Major Wm. Dinan, of the adjutant general's department, was sworn in to practice before the court of appeals upon motion of Assistant Attorney General Charles Morris. Major Dinan is one of the youngest men who improve their time with study when their official duties for the day are over, and his friends predict he will come back to Frankfort from Henderson some day and take a leading part in public affairs.

Library Commission Hears Report.

The Free Library Commission met here in a semi-annual session and heard the report of the librarian, Miss Fannie Rawson, for the last six months. The report showed that the library now contains 2,074 volumes, of which 1,024 were accessioned during the six months. Eight hundred and forty-one volumes were bought for the traveling libraries, five hundred and fifty-six made since June 1 of the traveling libraries, 98 were returned, and 28 books are out $7. The commission loaned 141 volumes in Frankfort.

Working in the Institutions.

The book-worm campaign of the State Board of Health has been temporarily moved to Frankfort, and two bacteriologists, Messrs. James and Fenwick began the work of examination at the Institute for the Feeble Minded. It is probable that the work will be taken up at the State Reformatory. Besides doing this work at the institutions, the bacteriologists offer their services in outside cases in the immediate neighborhood where it is suspected the disease exists.

Special Acts Held Good.

In reversing the Franklin circuit court in the case of Charles Carroll, a Louisville attorney, vs. State Auditor H. M. Bosworth, the court of appeals knocked out a link in the "economy policy"—the one by which Atty. Gen. Garrett sought to head off special acts of the general assembly, permitting individuals to bypass the state and validating claims otherwise uncollectible.

Carroll took part in the printing investigation by the 1912 session of the general assembly and was employed to bring suit to recover alleged overpayments to Henry Bacon, who had a contract with the state printer. He declined employment by Atty. Gen. N. B. Hays, because it was thought the attorney general had no power to bind the state; but after private individuals in Louisville had employed him for the same purpose, Attorney Carroll offered his services to Atty. Gen. Hays and they were accepted.

The suit was prosecuted to conclusion, Mr. Carroll received $500 from his clients, and the general assembly by a resolution directed the auditor to pay him to use the state "in order that the county might allow, after hearing proof as to the value of said service, a reasonable fee to the said Carroll, not exceeding $500." The act also directed the auditor to pay the claim allowed by the court.

The appellate court held that "the claim of the state against the auditor's bond or allow a private claim against the state thereunder, can not be maintained," declared the act contained but one subject, expressed in its title, it was clearly within Section 59, Subsection 1, of the constitution, which permits the general assembly to legislate unauthorized or invalid acts of any official or public agent of the commonwealth.

The court held that this act merely "ratified the act of the attorney general, saying that his services were well and faithfully performed, and passed a judgment in his favor for that amount.

The attorney general has held against all claims allowing claims against the commonwealth, and refused to pay Carroll's claim.

Election In Held Void.

The McCreary county seat election must be held over the Court House, the court of appeals has decided its examination so that no one will be left in possession of the court house.

One of the passengers told substantially the same stories of the wreck and rescue, the feature of which was the heroism of Engineer Ed Hall and Fireman Ed Hall, who, in the excitement of the moment, were not aware that they had the same name.

Just in the nadiest way imaginable. Each one of your cards for 1913 is now on the invitation (presumably just the mother and debutante) and each one of your husband's cards for each lady and one for the man whose name appears on the envelope. Then a tiny pencil, cannot accept; how shall I accept? Please send a prompt answer. Inclose all in one cardable envelope and send to your accustomed place to arrive on the day of the reception. I am very glad to help you at any time.

For a Christmas Party.

Will you please give a program for a Christmas party, an inexpensive one? I do not want to spend much. Christmas party for my classmates and I'm a girls affair for an afternoon.—M. C. D.

I feel very sure that the above letter has been answered by the previous to the publication of this issue, so I am doing more. The letter came too late to be printed before today.

Regrets Should Be Sent.

I have received an invitation to the marriage reception of a friend, to which I am unable to go. How do I know I must send regrets.—Jessie.

A wedding reception requires regrets, just the same as a formal dinner. Do not fail to send them. Such a social function, I hope you sent regrets, for they really ought to be late to help you this time.

To a Reader.

There are contests pertaining to Shakespeare in the Chicago schools in this department. I cannot repeat previous letters now, as our paper says there is so much holiday material that it will have to be used now. However, if you care to send me a letter with a stamped envelope, in care of the paper, I will send you the name of a book that contains Shakespearian contests.

Reply to an Anxious Reader

You are perfectly right in your judgment of a woman who leaves her personal toilet articles exposed around in a business office and scribbles her name in unexpected places. She is a most annoying person to have in the office and I wonder the man permits it.

Rel'y to "Blue Eyes."

All invitations at which a luncheon or dinner is to be served require immediate replies, also invitations to card parties.

Reply to "A. E. R."

Your question has been answered in our department. I think you had better look for the answer there at the office where you procure the license.

MADAME MERLIN.

Navy Blue and Scarlet.

As a last example, one can adopt while little frock of fine navy blue serge set in close pleating from the waist, over which falls a scarlet cashmere made with a short basque slit up at the sides and held in position at the waist by a patent belt pierced with gold buckles, and which is threaded a tasseled silk ribbon, which ties in front in a bow. The corsage is embroidered all over in black silk fine scroll-like designs, and the sleeves, which are of navy blue to match the skirt, are piped with scarlet and ornamented with little scarlet buttons. The yoke of this frock is of cream spotted net (which is matched by the trilling at the sleeves), with a turned collar, and at the top, where the yoke ends, a tasseled cord, a knotted yoke also