

SUMMARY OF THE
WORLD'S EVENTSIMPORTANT NEWS BOILED DOWN
TO LAST ANALYSIS.

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Brief Notes Covering Happenings in
This Country and Abroad That
Are of Legitimate Interest to
All the People.

Washington

Angered by the ridicule of Secretary of State Bryan's peace program and at the song with the refrain, "Damn, damn, damn, the insurrection," sung at the banquet of the military Order of Carabao, in Washington, President Wilson ordered that an investigation of the events at the dinner be made.

Passage by the senate at Washington of the Owen currency bill was assured when amendments to two of the most important sections of the measure were defeated by the administration forces.

According to the annual report issued by Secretary of Commerce Redfield at Washington, the foreign commerce of the United States during the past year increased from \$421,000,000 over the year 1912. It reached the great total of \$4,279,000,000 in value. Of this great sum \$2,466,000,000 were exports and \$1,813,000,000 were imports. Our exports of domestic manufactured goods of all kinds amounted to \$1,607,000,000, or 63 per cent of our total domestic exports. On June 30 of this year the total documented merchant shipping of the United States comprised 27,070 vessels of 7,866,618 gross tons. This is the largest tonnage of our history and, excepting the British empire, exceeds that of any other two nations combined.

Senator Elihu Root of New York severely arraigned the administration currency bill in the senate at Washington.

Representative Harrison of Mississippi has prepared a bill, which he will introduce in the house at Washington, to declare illegal options and futures on cotton, hops, wheat, corn, oats, rye, barley, sugar, pork, lard, bacon or other agricultural or food products.

Andrew Carnegie takes little stock in rumors of business depression either present or impending. At the White House in Washington when asked what he thought of the general business outlook, Mr. Carnegie said: "The recent reports of impending widespread business depression are all tommyrot."

The administration currency bill was subjected to many attacks during the debate in the senate at Washington.

A sweeping investigation of transit rates on live stock over railroads in western classification territory was ordered by the interstate commerce commission at Washington.

Mountain Laurel is proposed as the official national flower of the United States. A bill introduced in the house at Washington by Representative Kinkaid of New York.

President Wilson has taken more cold and canceled all his engagements by order of his physician. Chief Justice White and Justice Lurton also are confined to their homes in Washington suffering with colds.

The house at Washington was turned into a circus for an hour and a half. Representative Hiram Johnson debated the prohibition question before crowded galleries. Underwood rose unexpectedly to charge Mr. Hobson with misrepresenting him.

Domestic

The Mississippi river steamer Shilo sank while tied to a Memphis dock. All the passengers had left the boat and the crew reached shore safely.

J. K. Cadding, former warden of the Kansas state prison, told an audience at Salina, Kan., that he was not the felon who is sent to prison, but the misused boy from the American home. He declared that the American home is becoming a training school of lawlessness.

Three persons were murdered and two seriously wounded in Chicago within twenty-four hours. Jealousy and marital troubles were responsible for the murder of three persons, the self-destruction of their assailants, and the serious injury of two others.

Joseph Anderson was shot and killed by Mamie Lindsay at Lancaster, Pa. It is said that the dead man was jealous of his son, who had seduced him in wishing the affection of the woman. She was arrested.

Six men were killed, one woman and two children are missing and thought to have perished and one man was fatally injured, it was reported, when the Salvation Army boat for men at Cincinnati.

Governor Major of Missouri told the house roads committee at Washington that he favored the federal government's rental of peat roads in agricultural communities and that the lowest rental proposed in the pending Blackford bill would be sufficient to maintain such roads.

The first conviction under a new state law concerning fraudulent advertising of merchandise was obtained when William H. Meloney of Hartford, Conn., was fined \$20. He advertised a sale of second-hand goods at his home. The complainant testified to buying for \$20 a rug advertised to be worth \$65, and which later was found to have been bought at a department store for \$12.50.

The revenue cutter Windom is being rushed to Velasco, the town nearest the inundated section in Texas. Harry A. Black, chairman of the Galveston relief committee, telegraphed Secretary McAdoo at Washington that two counties are almost entirely under water.

"We are clearly of the opinion that there should be a substantial advance now, provided that such additional revenue can be obtained without imposing upon the public unjust and unreasonable transportation charges," says the conference of railroad commissioners in its report upon the proposition of the Boston & Maine railroad to increase its rates.

One hundred guests narrowly escaped incineration and more than \$125,000 damage was caused by a fire which destroyed the Astoria hotel at Chaffee, Mo.

Fire destroyed the warehouse of the Illinois Warehouse company at Peoria, Ill., causing a loss estimated at \$300,000.

The corner of Philadelphia disposed of an unusual medical case when a jury rendered a verdict that Norman B. Muselman, twenty years old, had died of horse asthma complicated with an injection of diphtheritic antitoxin. "It is impossible for a person suffering from asthma to be a horse without strangling or feeling ill," the coroner's physician said.

The motorcycle corps of the New York police department of 23 men has arrested more than 13,000 persons in the last year. The total of fines imposed has been over \$117,000.

Charges that American Telephone and Telegraph company, the Central Union Telephone company and the Chicago Telephone company conspired to wreck the Interstate company and drive it from the competing field in Illinois, were made in a bill filed in the circuit court on behalf of 78 bondholders of the Interstate company.

Mexican Revolt

Americans, Germans and Spaniards, who arrived at El Paso, Tex., from Chihuahua, Mexico, report that Francisco Villa, the rebel leader, virtually has constituted himself dictator there and that he refused to heed the requests of representatives of foreign governments. Villa sent word to the federal commander, who had retaken Torreon, that if he marched on Chihuahua, Luis Terrazas, Jr., son of Gen. Luis Terrazas, the wealthiest native in Mexico, would be executed.

Rear Admiral Fletcher, commander of the American fleet in Mexico, warned the rebels and federalists fighting at Tampico to cease firing, threatening to open upon them with the guns of the battleship if his order was not obeyed. Both sides obeyed.

Americans who arrived at El Paso, Tex., from Chihuahua reported that their occupation of that city the rebels had entered the British vice-consulate and forcibly seized Luis Terrazas, Jr., a son of the wealthiest landowner in Mexico and placed him in jail.

Foreign

The suffragists around London fired a lumber yard at Devonport, England, and destroyed property worth over \$400,000.

The battleship Haruna, a sister ship of the Kongo of the Japanese navy, was launched at Kobe, Japan. It was built in England and is said to be the equal of the American warship Texas.

Twenty women and children were injured in London in a riot growing out of an attempt by the police to disperse a procession of suffragettes in the New Street district.

"Mona Lisa." Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, the mysterious disappearance of which from the Louvre in August, 1911, has been the world into consternation, was found in Florence, Italy. The man who stole it was arrested.

The Russian government proposed the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Peking and the entire province of Chihai, China, including the legation guards, the regular Chinese troops and the troops guarding the railway between the sea and Peking. Russia considers conditions in the north of China no longer dangerous to foreigners.

John Holloway, vice-chairman of the state dockers' board, was shot during a riot between nonunion coal men and strikers at Dublin.

CARRANZA GOES TO INSPECT MINES AT CANANEA



General Venustiano Carranza (arrow), the Mexican rebel leader, on his way with a bodyguard and followers to inspect the mines at Cananea, in the state of Sonora.

FAST TRAIN WRECKED

PRESIDENT OF N. Y. CENTRAL ESCAPES AN ACCIDENT.

Fireman Is Killed—Reward of \$1,000 Offered for Capture of Men Who Did Deed.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 15.—Twenty-eight men of train No. 16 on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad, bound from Chicago for New York near Wickliffe, east of this city Saturday was the result of a deliberate act of train wreckers, is the belief of Lake Shore officials. They assert that the train was removed from the rails. The company has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest of the person tampering with the rails.

Attached to train No. 16 was the private car of the newly elected president of the New York Central system, Alfred H. Smith. Mr. Smith, after a visit to his aged mother in this city and a hurried western trip, was returning east. The private car was not derailed.

The fireman of the locomotive was killed.

President Smith, after a talk with the engineer, Joseph Lamb, issued this statement: "The engineer told me that when the train was about a mile from Wickliffe the engine suddenly leaped into the air, indicating plainly that an obstruction that could not readily be seen and yet would cause derailment had been on the track. The accident is mystifying in view of this and the added fact that it was a perfectly straight stretch where the wreck occurred."

Mr. Smith helped to operate a hand-car four miles up the road to a telephone office to summon aid.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRE

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 15.—Piers were wrecked, others badly damaged, and pleasure boats carried ashore, three men seriously injured by waves. Scientists say the disturbance was caused by a sequake.

Williamson, Del., Dec. 15.—L. J. Moore of Salisbury, Md., and Mrs. Harry Pierce of Wilmington, a widow, were killed in an automobile accident near Newark, Del.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The growth of the agitation "for a universal strike" against the church is causing serious concern among German religious dignitaries. The immediate aim of the movement is to encourage secessions, which already have very considerable proportions from the established state church.

Milwaukee, Dec. 15.—Emil Seidel, first Socialist mayor here, will again lead Social-Democratic forces in the coming election. The entire Socialist ticket that was in office has been nominated for re-election.

New York, Dec. 15.—A bomb exploded on Friday in the office of the O. K. Bottling company, 124-52 West Thirty-eight street, exploded and killed an eighteen-year-old girl, Ida Auswitz. Thomas McCabe, the office manager, was badly hurt. The bomb was delivered by an expressman and when the girl opened it her head was blown almost to pieces. Nearly every window in the building was shattered.

Nation Will Build Railway. Buchanan, Dec. 15.—The chamber of deputies voted unanimously on Saturday a credit of \$45,000,000 for an extensive scheme of railway construction. This work will extend over seven years.

Want Governor Johnson for Senator. San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Gov. Hiram W. Johnson will be asked by the executive committee of the Progressive party to run for the senate in 1916. The committee so decided.

VILLA IS DICTATOR

TELLS FOREIGN CONSULS IN CHIHUAHUA THAT THEY MUST OBEY HIS ORDERS.

REBEL WARNS GERMAN ENVOY

Threatens to Chase Him Across the Border—Wealthy Mexican's Son Held Hostage—Federalists Are Victorious at Tampico.

City of Mexico, Dec. 17.—The rebel loss in the battle between federalists and constitutionalists at Tampico is estimated at 1,000 men.

The imperialist quotes an anonymous banker as saying the Mexican government had obtained a loan of \$100,000 from English capitalists.

Huerta became a dictator without constraint for a second time Monday Congress, which had given him a clean bill of health for his assumption of power and regarded him the authority he assumed, adjourned until April 2.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 16.—Americans, Germans and Spaniards, who arrived on Sunday from Chihuahua, Mexico, report that Francisco Villa, the rebel leader, virtually had constituted himself dictator there and that he refused to heed the requests of representatives of foreign governments.

Villa sent word on Sunday to the federal commander, who had retaken Torreon from the rebels, that if he marched on Chihuahua, Luis Terrazas, Jr., son of Gen. Luis Terrazas, the wealthy Mexican, would be executed.

Telegrams were sent to Washington on Sunday night advising that the United States protest against such execution. Villa first demanded \$2,000,000 from the Terrazas family, but has changed the demand to one the Chihuahua be immune from attack. Gen. J. Terrazas has appealed to the United States government to prevent the execution of his son.

Foreigners who left Chihuahua and came here add that the rebel leader had seized \$5,000,000 worth of property belonging to foreigners, had put to death about 20 Mexican civilians, including Sergeant Sanchez, a lawyer and former state official, and had commanded the American, German and British consuls to obey his orders.

Otto Kueck, the German consul, went to Villa against the execution of tribute from Germans. Villa threatened Kueck, saying the latter would be executed by the rebels if he persisted in his protest. A store in which Kueck was interested was required to pay \$30,000.

All homes and property of the expelled Spaniards were ordered to be the personal use of the rebels. "Villa's attitude towards the consuls was hostile," said a German clothing merchant. "The German colony went to Mr. Kueck for protection. Mr. Kueck went to Villa with a protest. Villa said, 'I cannot shoot you, but I can kill your border.'"

Washington, Dec. 16.—After four days of fierce fighting the Mexican federal garrison at the seaport of Tampico, reinforced by the arrival of gunboats with troops, ammunition and dynamite, has driven the attacking rebels out of range of their guns.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 16.—The transfer of American soldiers to the battle during the incessant fighting at Tampico was attended with considerable difficulty.

Ordered to Shoot Civilians. Mayaguez, Germany, Dec. 16.—Sentinel on the fortifications and artillery testing ground, who have been stoned and shot at for several nights have been ordered to shoot their assailants on sight.

Unionist Wins in Scotland. Glasgow, Dec. 15.—The unionist candidate, W. Watson, won the by-election for the South Lanarkshire seat in parliament last night by a vote of 5,000 to 4,000. Sir Walter James, a liberal unionist, was defeated.

MONA LIZA IS FOUND

SEARCH FOR PAINTING ENDS WITH ARREST IN ITALY.

British Government Once Offered \$5,000,000 for Da Vinci's Work—Offer Was Refused.

Florence, Italy, Dec. 15.—"Mona Lisa." Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, the mysterious disappearance of which from the Louvre in August, 1911, threw the art world into consternation, was found in Florence on Friday. The man who stole it was arrested. He is an Italian.

The famous "Joconde" was found when the picture was offered by an Italian resident of Paris to an antiquary.

Both the picture and the Italian are now in custody of the police.

"I stole the picture," said the man. "In order to avenge the thefts which Napoleon I committed in Italy."

When the Mona Lisa disappeared from the galleries of the Louvre various stories were told of its going. It is not a large painting. It is painted on wood, was once retouched and the paint badly cracked, so that little of Leonardo's original brush work is in view, although everyone could see the mysterious smile.

The "Mona Lisa"—more properly known as "La Joconde"—is one of the world's most famous paintings, and is regarded as priceless.

The value of the work can only be imagined, since all offers to buy it were refused, among them one reported to have been made by the British government of \$5,000,000.

FINE 5 BROKERS \$4,000 EACH

Defendants in Cotton Pool Federal Suit Plead Non Contumace—Recalls Patten Case.

New York, Dec. 15.—Five defendants in the federal suit against brokers who formed a cotton pool in 1909 pleaded non contumace before Federal Judge Grubb and were fined \$4,000 each. The defendants, who were charged with violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, were Col. Robert M. Thompson, of New York; Eugene G. Seal, of Dallas, Texas; William P. Brown and Frank Hayne, of New Orleans; and W. H. Rothschild, of Woodville, Texas. Judge Grubb said that the defendants said he did so on the same grounds upon which a \$1,000 fine had been imposed upon James A. Patton, of Chicago, several months ago.

U. S. SHIP DISABLED AT SEA

Battleship Vermont Damaged While on Way Home From Cruise in the Mediterranean.

Washington, Dec. 15.—With her starboard main shaft broken and several of her compartments flooded, the battleship Vermont is limping toward Hampton Roads on her return from the Mediterranean cruise under convoy of the battleship Delaware and the colliers Orion and Jason.

A radiogram to the navy department on Friday from Rear Admiral Charles B. Badger, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, describing the accident, said there was no cause for alarm.

The Vermont made its way to Hampton Roads under her port engine, making eight knots in comparatively smooth sea.

Postmaster Commits Suicide. Corning, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Just as a postal inspector began examining the books of the post office at Cameron Mills, Otsego county, James A. Smith, the postmaster, shot and killed himself.

\$75,000 Fire at Vienna, S. D. Vienna, S. D., Dec. 15.—Seven store buildings in this village, all those on the north side of the main street, were destroyed by fire on Saturday afternoon. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

38 MINERS PERISH

BLACK DAMP HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR DISASTER IN COLORADO SHAFT.

ONLY TWO ARE FOUND ALIVE

Dead Badly Mangled, Making Identification Practically Impossible—Rescue Work Starts Promptly, and Bodies Are Recovered.

New Castle, Colo., Dec. 15.—An explosion of black damp in the Vulcan mine of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company, one and one-half miles east of here, east of L. L. Crawford, mine foreman; L. Walters, first boss, and 35 miners on Tuesday.

Of the 40 men composing the day shift at work only two, W. J. Pinley and John Dawson, escaped.

Thousands of frantic women and children gathered at the mine watching rescuers bring out the bodies of the victims. All the victims were at work in the lower level, every nook and cranny of which was penetrated by the single, all-enveloping crash of one explosion. The two survivors worked above the two upper levels in which air passages prevented the collecting of the deadly dust particles.

Father J. P. Carigan of Glenwood Springs parish, formerly a Denver priest descended into the mine working while the work of bringing out the bodies was starting and went clear through the level.

J. W. Cummins, district manager of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company, definitely announced a dust explosion as the cause of the accident after investigation. He said the force of the blast shook the whole mountain and rocked the buildings on the mine tipple. He said the explosion occurred in room 13 of the lower level and extended all the way to room 38.

The first men into the mine were Superintendent Charles S. Meerdink and Jack Stone, a miner, who volunteered to accompany him. They went all the way through the workings and returned with the message that caused the hospital throng at the mine mouth to lose all hopes of ever seeing their friends and loved ones alive.

The work of taking out the bodies commenced shortly after the explosion occurred. The men were horribly mangled and identification was difficult, but they were gradually checked off from the time card.

So all-permeating the explosion that it spread the mine free from dust and the rescue work was conducted by men with open lamps in their caps and without the crying help of a major.

The scene at the mine mouth was more distressing than customary in such disasters, for the last flicker of hope for life had died away. The majority of the dead men were Americans, nearly all young men from the vicinity of New Castle, sons of prominent families. The men who had replaced the Italian miners that went out on strike.

A snowstorm added to the difficulties of the rescuers and the confusion of the scene.

DEATH CALLS NOTED PRELATE

Cardinal Rampolla Who Possessed Large Wealth and Gave With Liberality, Expires.

Rome, Dec. 15.—Cardinal Rampolla, formerly papal secretary of state and at the death of Pope Leo XIII. the man most widely discussed as possible successor, died here on Tuesday. The cardinal was an Italian nobleman, being in addition to his position as a prince of the Roman Catholic church, Marquis del Tindaro. The cardinal was active in the campaign of state in the negotiations by which Leo XIII. sought to prevent war between the United States and Spain over Cuba by urging Spain to treat General Weyler and grant autonomy to the Cubans. The cardinal's attitude was one of friendliness toward the United States. Possessor of large personal wealth, he was known as liberal with it.

DEFEAT SPECIAL G. O. P. MEET

Republican National Committee Votes Down Get-Together Plan at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 15.—By a vote of 35 to 14 the Republican national committee decided on Tuesday not to hold a special national convention to reorganize the Republican party. The states which voted for the convention were Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, North and South Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Washington and West Virginia.

Six Injured in Car Collision. Council Bluffs, Ia., Dec. 15.—E. L. Wyant, motorman, was injured, perhaps fatally, and Grover Smith, a passenger, seriously injured, while four others were fatally hurt in the collision of two cars here in a fog.

Wisconsin Bars McFarland. Milwaukee, Dec. 15.—Packer McFarland, a Chicago broker, was suspended by the boxing commission for one year from taking part in any boxing contest for failure to give a satisfactory bond with Jack Britton.

Bank Officials Convicted. Stigler, Okla., Dec. 15.—E. L. Pannin and E. W. Hickman, officials of the Choctaw Commercial bank, that failed at Stigler, Oklahoma, guilty of misappropriation when the bank was insolvent. They were each fined \$1,000.