

# EPITOME OF A WEEK'S NEWS

### Most Important Happenings Told in Brief.

#### WASHINGTON NEWS

President Taft in an address at Norwich, Conn., said he favored letting every man worship God as he chooses.

The senate voted to submit the income tax question to the state legislatures for an amendment to the constitution.

The corporation tax amendment to the tariff bill suggested by President Taft was passed by the senate by a vote of 60 to 11.

Roosevelt still worries the senate, the library committee of that organization being unable to agree which of two busts, one in repose or the other in strenuous attitude, to accept.

Senator Borah of Idaho, speaking in favor of an income tax, said the trusts favor the corporation tax because they can make the people foot the bill.

#### PERSONAL

Rev. Dr. Will C. Carleton served 36 hours as a policeman at Mason City, Ia., and made three arrests for minor offenses.

Monsig. Falconio, apostolic delegate to the United States, was received by the pope, who praised his work in this country.

Miss Marion Lawson, daughter of Thomas W. Lawson, and James Fuller Lord of Chicago were married under the largest American flag ever made and in the center of 11 acres of roses at Scituate, Mass.

Miss Marry Harriman, daughter of the railroad magnate, is a director of the National Association for the Promotion of Kindergarten Education, organized in New York.

Judge Ray S. Reid of La Crosse, waterways commissioner for Wisconsin, has been commissioned by Senator Burton to go to Europe to lay out the route for the congressional party which will study European waterways.

#### GENERAL NEWS

Fourth of July celebrations throughout the country cost 44 lives, caused injury to 2,361 persons and resulted in \$724,515 damage by fire.

James Corcoran, an aeronaut, was killed by a fall from a balloon in sight of 5,000 persons at Portland, Me.

Educators at the Denver convention expressed the opinion that the object of the public school system of the country is not to train boys for the presidency.

Henri Lemoine, who swindled Sir Julius Wernher out of many thousands by declaring he could make diamonds, was sentenced to six years in prison by a Paris court.

Martin J. Sheridan won the national all round championship of the American Athletic union at New York by making 7,285 points, breaking his own record of 7,130 1/2 points.

Referee Roche gave the decision to Stanley Ketchel over "Billy" Papke after 20 rounds of fighting at San Francisco.

H. F. Strange, a confederate veteran and five children were burned to death at South Boston, Va.

After failing to see Premier Asquith members of the Women's Freedom league announced that they will seek an audience with King Edward.

Jikiri, head of the Moro outlaws and all of his band were killed by United States soldiers in a desperate battle near Patian on Jolo island.

An unidentified man and woman, evidently to carry out a suicide pact, allowed their boat to drift over a dam at South Bend, Ind., and both were drowned.

Mrs. Lillian D. Hoag of Los Angeles, Cal., went without food for 49 days and cured a disease from which she suffered.

Officials of a New York hospital say John Early who was held a year in Washington as a leper, hasn't a trace of the disease.

Allison V. Armour of New York entertained Kaiser Wilhelm on his yacht at Travemunde, Germany.

President Taft accompanied Mrs. Taft to the "summer White House" at Beverly, Mass., and will return after congress adjourns.

Prof. James H. Hyslop told a remarkable story of how the ghost of R. Swain Gifford, a great artist, has taught Frederick L. Thompson, a goldsmith, to paint masterpieces.

Tennessee's "dry" law went into effect at midnight June 30 and all but two saloons were closed.

Five hundred terror-stricken people scrambled for their lives when the fire started in a moving picture theater at Euclid Beach near Cleveland. All escaped without injury.

A duel was fought between Col. Orestes Ferrera, president of the Cuban house of representatives and Senor Monleon, a representative. Rapiers were used and both received slight injuries.

The British steamship Whakatane was in collision off Dungeness in a fog with the French steamship Circe. It was an exceedingly narrow escape from a disaster as the Whakatane had 300 persons aboard.

Col. Ivomik of the quartermaster's department at Nickolskoye, Siberia, was shot and killed by an attendant of the military canteen. The colonel stopped two soldiers on the street and rebuked them for failing to salute him properly. The attendant, who noticed the incident, drew a revolver and shot the colonel dead.

Broughton Brandenburg, the magazine writer, who was acquitted last week on the charge of larceny in connection with the publication of a letter purported to have been signed by the late Grover Cleveland, arrived in St. Louis to face the charge of enticing away his stepson, James Shepard Cabanne III.

The United Society of Christian Endeavor began its twenty-fourth annual international convention in St. Paul with President Francis E. Clark in the chair and a large attendance of delegates and other visitors.

Great Britain is willing to surrender the territory in Liberia on which its subjects are trespassing on proper diplomatic representations by the United States.

New trials were granted by the supreme court of Tennessee to eight night riders convicted of killing Capt. Quentin Rankin at Reelfoot Lake.

Carey A. Bebee of Seattle and Miss Margaret Hall of Lewiston, Mont., were married by wireless in a balloon at the Seattle exposition.

Three persons were killed by a tornado and hail stones as large as eggs at Gainesboro, Sask.

Col. Orestes Ferrera and Senor Monleon, members of the Cuban house of representatives, fought a duel with rapiers, both being slightly wounded.

Fire in a nickel theater in Cleveland, O., caused a panic among 500 persons, but all escaped without injury.

Gleason M. Guist, according to the police of Newton, Kan., has confessed that he killed his uncle, C. M. Guist.

Col. S. Ivomik of the Russian army was shot and killed at Nickolskoye, Siberia, for rebuking two soldiers who failed to salute him properly.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1909, 278,394,418 pounds of coffee were imported, according to a customs report at New Orleans.

Two strange women in an auto called at the home of Comptroller Metz in New York and left a package containing \$875 for the "conscience fund of Manhattan."

Two daughters of a Montana rancher named Mueller, living at Helena, slipped into the Missouri river from the bank and were drowned. A brother, aged 13, was drowned trying to save them.

The committee which investigated charges against meat inspection at East St. Louis reported to Secretary Wilson that they were unfounded.

H. F. Jahn, president; E. T. Larson, cashier, and George H. Meadow, assistant cashier of the First National bank, Ironwood, Mich., were held to the grand jury following charges that \$300,000 of the bank's funds are missing.

The Wright aeroplane was badly damaged in landing at Fort Myer after Orville Wright had made a sensational flight. The aviator was not hurt.

Cornell crews won the varsity four, cup and shell races, defeating Syracuse, Columbia, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin with ease.

Charles Carr was arrested in St. Louis and taken to Carmi, Ill., where he was charged with bigamy by Miss Verne Wood, who found after her marriage with him that he had a wife.

Bertram R. Graves of Dows, Ia., a student at the University of Iowa, was drowned at Iowa City.

The schooner John Schuette of Toledo was sunk in collision with the steamer Alfred Mitchell of Duluth at Detroit.

An employe of the Hotel Ruisseamont at Lake Placid, N. Y., was burned to death, but all guests escaped when the hostelry was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$200,000.

Twenty men were killed by a landslide at the new docks at Newport, England.

The gold output of the Fairbanks district in Alaska from the opening of spring to June is estimated at \$4,750,000.

Papers found in the clothing of a man who died in a railway station at Yuma, Ariz., indicate that he was Sir Arthur Carl Stepney of London, a baronet of large estates.

The body of the man found in the river at Spring Valley, Ill., was identified as that of Charles Butler of Peru, Ill., after it had been exhumed from the potters' field.

## WIT OF HOUSE DIES

### FRANCIS CUSHMAN, WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE, PASSES AWAY AFTER OPERATION.

### CHOSEN ON TARIFF BODY

Congressman Had Occupied Seat in Lower Branch for Ten Years—His Humor Was Used in Interest of His Views Only—Friend of Cannon.

New York, July 7.—Francis W. Cushman, representative in congress from Toooma, Wash., died in Roosevelt hospital from pneumonia. At his bedside at the time were, besides the doctors and nurses, United States Senator Samuel H. Piles of Washington, and Andrew S. Burlingame of this city, a life-long friend.

Congressman Cushman underwent an operation a short time ago, and pneumonia resulted. The body will be sent to Washington.

While Representative Cushman possessed unchallenged the title of "House humorist," he was universally regarded as far more than that. His high ability was recognized by Speaker Cannon in committee assignments, particularly in his selection to fill a vacancy on the ways and means committee at a time when a great tariff bill was to be reported to the house of representatives.

#### Used Humor Forcefully.

One striking thing about Representative Cushman was that he never displayed his gift of humor to the house for its mere amusement, but always with a view of impressing his views more forcibly upon the body. In contrast with some humorists that have passed into history, his fame does



Francis W. Cushman.

not rest on a single speech. His maiden effort in the house attracted so much attention to him that ever thereafter he gained a hearing as soon as he arose. His style of expression and his homely appearance had quite as much to do with the effect as his humorous remarks.

One of his first speeches to attract attention touched on the effects of the panic of 1903.

#### Stomachs Fall with Tide.

In describing the impoverished condition to which his constituents were reduced, he said they were forced to live on clams washed ashore by the incoming tide. "Their stomachs," he concluded, "rose and fell with the rising and falling of the tide."

He probably will be long remembered by reason of the effectiveness of his humor in the debates on the Payne tariff bill in the house. His speech in defense of retaining the duty on lumber secured several additional votes for it, it was said, at the time the house voted on the schedule. Cushman's acquiescing to a rule for a vote on the Payne bill, with reduced rates on lumber, assured its passage. In describing his feelings to the house, he likened them to a cow puncher in Wyoming, whose ability to raise 1,000 cattle in one summer with one cow as a starter, caused a rope to be placed around his neck by a vigilance committee.

"They asked Bill what he had to say," explained Mr. Cushman. "Old Bill rolled his quid into the other cheek and said: 'Well, gentlemen, I s'pose I've got more interest in this performance than any other gent present, but I am the least enthusiastic over the program.'"

The Washington congressman held the title of being the homeliest man in the house and of looking more like Lincoln than any other public man of recent years. In summing his career once, he said he had been a water boy, section hand, cowboy, school-teacher, lawyer and congressman. He was in congress for more than ten years.

The attendance for the first month of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition was 667,971. President J. E. Chilberg said the net profits for the month were \$86,000.

The 116 suffragettes who were arrested for rioting in London were released from jail without bond and must appear in court on July 9.

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