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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.

PERSONAL.

H. Clay Pierce, an oil magnate of St. Louis, and Mrs. Virginia Prickett Burrows of Edwardsville, Ill., were married in London.

William Dean Howells, the author, is reported ill at his summer home at Elliot, Me. He will sail for Carlsbad next week with his daughter.

Caleb Powers, recently pardoned after a long term in a Kentucky prison for alleged complicity in the murder of Gov. Goebel, is said to be a candidate for congress in the Eleventh Kentucky district. It is also said he will soon wed Miss Eleanor Robson of York, Pa.

Leslie M. Shaw, former secretary of the treasury, in an address at Chautauque, N. Y., said the people had made cowards of their congressmen and that Hearst would beat La Follette for the presidency if Roosevelt, Tatt and Bryan should die.

Gov. John A. Johnson of Minnesota was the orator and central figure of "Swedish day" at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle. Thousands of Swedes from all parts of the country took part in the festivities.

John Galvin, vice-mayor of Cincinnati, took the oath as mayor, succeeding the late Col. Leopold Markbreidt.

President Reyes of Colombia resigned and his successor will be elected August 3.

GENERAL NEWS.

Complaints by western senators that there is a "joker" in the leather schedule of the tariff bill caused delay in action on the measure by the senate.

When the czar of Russia arrived at Cowes, England, he was guarded by the guns of 154 warships.

Testimony given by Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw at her son's trial for murder when it was desired to show him irrational was used against Harry Thaw, who now is fighting to prove that he is sane.

A report from Barcelona, Spain, said

the city was quiet after its bloody battle and people were returning to work.

After Alexander Graham Bell's aerodrome had made three short, but successful flights near Ottawa, Can., it was wrecked in landing.

The New York police believe Lok Wing, the Chinese vice-consul, was murdered because he had aided them in the search for Leon Ling, slayer of Elsie Sigel.

When she had failed to touch the end of her nose with the point of her index finger with her eye closed, Mrs. Harriet R. Berry was sent to an asylum for observation concerning her sanity by a New York magistrate.

It is announced that the government is planning to expend \$6,000,000 on fortifications at San Pedro, Cal.

Night riders have warned the builders to cease work on a new school-house near Bethpage, Tenn., close to the Kentucky state line, and they have demanded the resignation of a trustee.

William H. Marker, cashier of the First National bank, Tipton, Ind., whose brother fled after stealing more than \$100,000, resigned.

A person seeking revenge turned off the ventilating apparatus in a coal mine at Pittsburg, Kan., and 40 miners were overcome by gas.

Eleven persons died in Chicago from heat and injuries sustained in an electrical storm.

William McCracken of Onaga county, Okla., is under arrest in London, Ky., charged with feigning death to swindle an insurance company out of \$5,000.

The state of Missouri has offered a reward of \$300 for the arrest and conviction of the men who lynched George Johnson, white, slayer of John W. Moore, a farmer at Platte City.

Marysville, Tex., was destroyed by fire and several men had narrow escapes for their lives.

The \$5,000 forfeit posted by James J. Jeffries for a fight with Jack Johnson was covered by the negro and a battle between the heavyweights now seems certain.

Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture has announced that a quarantine will be declared against Kentucky sheep to prevent the spread of scabies.

The steamer Cadillac of Cleveland was sunk in a collision with an unknown vessel opposite the St. Clair flats in the St. Clair river. The crew remained on the steamer, which was only partially submerged.

Two messmates named Foster and Williams had a boxing bout on the battleship Vermont at Provincetown, Mass., and Foster received injuries which caused his death.

Five West Point cadets said to have been involved in the recent hanging of Cadet Sutton are to be sent home to await action by President Taft on the recommendation for their dismissal.

THINKS THAW INSANE

EXPERT DECLARES PRISONER WOULD BE A PUBLIC MENACE IF AT LARGE.

BLOW TO WHITE'S SLAYER

District Attorney Scores Heavily When Physicians Take Stand in Sanity Hearings at White Plains, N. Y.—Jerome Recalls Trial.

White Plains, N. Y., Aug. 4.—Justice Isaac N. Mills again stepped into the examiner's case at the session of the Thaw sanity hearing and from Dr. Amos T. Baker, acting superintendent of the Matteawan asylum, obtained the clearest statement yet expressed on the stand at the present proceedings regarding the mental condition of the slayer of Stanford White. The result of his questioning might be claimed as an advantage by either side. The witness said that he did not consider the opportunities he had to examine the prisoner sufficient to permit him to form a satisfactory conclusion, nevertheless, he declared his belief that the prisoner was now insane and that his release would be a menace to public safety.

Mills Recalls Burch Murder.

Justice Mills recalled the Jennie Burch murder in which he had directed the defendant's acquittal on the ground of insanity. After two months in the asylum she was discharged cured and free.

"Do you notice any change in Mr. Thaw either way?" he inquired.

"No; he is no worse, no better."

"Suppose you had this man Thaw with no previous history of the case, what would have been your position?"

"This man showed certain evidences of mental feebleness. I should have had strong suspicions of him confined to the data at hand. My position is that the man is insane."

Calls Thaw Public Menace.

"That's enough," said Justice Mills. "And when you say he is insane you mean his being at large would be a public menace?"

"Yes, sir."

This followed Dr. Baker's examination, and then Mr. Jerome recalled Thaw.

Jerome put in evidence two letters written by Thaw, one concerning Evelyn Nesbit and couched in such romantic language that the writer himself concluded: "I did not start to write poetry."

Jerome questioned the witness again regarding his famous "green pencil" letter, in which he compared himself to a white pencil that wrote green when a green light fell on it.

White's influence "Green Light."

White's influence being the green light, Thaw said he thought the figure such a one as a sane man would use.

The district attorney asked the witness if he had such faith in his mental soundness that he would be willing to submit to an examination by the state's alienists. Mr. Morschauer objected and Justice Mills interrupted again to say that Jerome's experts had had plenty of opportunity to study Thaw during his long examination on the stand.

Says Thaw Dominates Counsel.

"I noticed almost from the first," said Dr. Austin Flint, commenting on his observation of Thaw at the first trial, "an attitude of extreme importance. His manner was that common to one affected with paranoia. It was what we call the 'in sane aspect.' It seemed to me a lack of appreciation of his peril."

The witness said Thaw appeared to dominate his counsel entirely. Speaking of the present hearing, Dr. Flint declared he had observed the same attitude on Thaw's part. "I think he has taken a more active part than ever before," he said.

Dr. Flint said he thought Thaw was now insane—"a true paranoiac." The witness described paranoiac. Answering Jerome's query as to whether or not a paranoiac was dangerous to be at large, Dr. Flint said:

"A persecuted paranoiac is the most dangerous of the insane."

He was led to his conclusion, he said, largely by Thaw's family history. "Paranis," he asserted, "never attacks one of untainted heredity." Further the conclusion was drawn from Thaw's evident delusions regarding White and his associates, and finally the homicide itself. This act Dr. Flint termed "a classical paranoiac murder."

Lunatics of this class, he said, almost always kill in a theatrical way and never express remorse.

ZEPPELIN AIRSHIP BALKS.

Count Makes Two Attempts to Leave Frankfort, But is Compelled to Return.

Frankfort, Aug. 4.—The airship Zeppelin II left here for Cologne, a distance of 110 miles, but was obliged

to return on account of an accident to her machinery. She had gone but a short distance when one of her propeller blades broke and another worked loose and fell to the ground. The airship descended at the same place from whence it had started. This is the second unsuccessful attempt the airship has made to reach Cologne.

Twelve Bodies Recovered.

Stettin, Aug. 4.—Three fishing boats have been wrecked near here in a heavy storm. Twelve bodies have been cast up by the waves.

The thirty-ninth annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America opened in Chicago with solemn mass at the Holy Name cathedral. Hundreds of churchmen and laymen were in attendance.

The Associated Ohio Dailies held their yearly meeting at Cedar Point, O., and were addressed by Auditor of State E. M. Fullington.

A report received in London said rebels at Barcelona, Spain had proclaimed a republic and that the fighting was continuing with renewed ferocity. Official announcements from Madrid declared the rebellion has been put down.

Twenty thousand buildings were destroyed and thousands of persons faced starvation in a fire at Osaka, Japan.

The conference report on the tariff bill was adopted by the house, 195 to 183, and it went to the senate where, it is believed, it will be adopted before the end of the week.

Human beings of Milwaukee may be called upon to give up part of their skin to be grafted on the leg of a kangaroo.

After spending two days as the guest of the president of France, Emperor Nicholas of Russia departed for Cowes where he will visit the king of England.

By chaining tramps to trees and letting mosquitoes bite them, Special Officer Hahner of Delanco, N. J., has caused all "hoboes" to give the town a wide berth.

After trailing her husband and Mrs. Clara Pizzani from New York to Canton, O., Mrs. Tony Panilla killed him with a revolver and then murdered the woman with a butcher knife.

Following the report that the rebels had surrendered in Barcelona and the Moors had retreated from Melilla, official announcements given out at Madrid said the situation in Spain was improving. It is said 400 were slain and 1,000 wounded in the Barcelona battle.

Orville Wright won the \$30,000 prize offered by congress, surpassed the government's requirements and set a new speed record for aeroplanes, in the final test at Fort Myer.

Claude Brooks, a negro, was hanged at Kansas City, Mo., for the murder of Sidney Herndon, a well-to-do real-estate owner, formerly of Tyler, Tex., Jan. 12, 1908.

Phillip Swift, son of Edward F. Swift, the Chicago packer, was seriously injured when his automobile, running a mile a minute, struck a telephone pole at Lake Geneva, Wis.

Roy Griswold, who was arrested at Georgetown, Col., on suspicion that he was the slayer of Peter Waelitz at Belleville, Ill., proved an alibi and was released.

W. P. Kreis, a union pressman, was shot and seriously wounded at Atlanta, Ga., by G. W. Stovall, a non-union pressman, who was attacked by union sympathizers aroused by a strike.

The Chicago grand jury, which has already indicted a police inspector, a detective and others, returned indictments against 20 keepers of illegal establishments.

Arthur Eulan, John Amest and Henry Zebotski, while raising sunken logs from the Wisconsin river, about two miles south of Merrill, Wis., were drowned.

A bronze bust of James J. Hill, paid for by public subscription, was unveiled at the Seattle exposition, Gov. Johnson of Minnesota delivering the address.

Incomplete reports from the district devastated by the earthquake in Mexico indicated that more than 100 persons lost their lives and several towns were nearly destroyed.

Noah R. Marker, the absconding assistant cashier of the First National bank, returned to his home in Tipton, Ind., was arrested, taken to Muncie and released on a \$10,000 bond. He said he had been fishing in Missouri and returned to spend his birthday with his family.

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