

# SUMMARY OF THE WEEK'S NEWS

Governor Broward has appointed Dr. G. W. Lamar of Quincy as medical supervisor of State convicts, a position recently created by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions.

That the Interstate Commerce Commission will have to undertake an investigation of the bituminous coal-carrying railroads, including the New York Central as well as the roads supposed to be in the alleged Pennsylvania merger, seems probable.

After persistently denying her marriage to Wilson Mizner for three days, the widow of Charles T. Yerkes exercised her feminine prerogative this afternoon and acknowledged her young husband in the presence of a mass meeting of reporters.

Advices from Paris say that confidence is expressed in Ministerial circles that an agreement will be reached at Algeciras on the basis of French control of the police, on the condition of the appointment of a certain number of foreign officers.

Brigadier General Frederick D. Grant, son of the great commander, now in charge of the Department of the East, with headquarters at Governor's Island, has been promoted to the rank of major general, following on the retirement of General S. S. Sumner.

Mrs. Helen Wilman Post, the Mental Science healer, was found guilty of fraudulent use of the United States mail and was sentenced to thirty days' imprisonment in the Duval County jail and to pay a fine of \$500. A motion was made for a new trial.

Marion County will have a new courthouse, and preparations are being made for the erection of a handsome building in Ocala. The need of a new courthouse for Taylor County is urgent, and citizens of Perry are agitating a movement toward that end.

The German Government has announced that failure to reach an agreement at Algeciras would not lead to war. Delegates at Algeciras are making great efforts to prevent a deadlock between France and Germany on the question of control of police; the main issue, it is believed, will soon be laid before the conference.

While Mauricia Dethiers, a well-known Parisienne performer, was going through her act, called the Circle of Death, at the circus in London, her automobile left the track and crashed into the arena. Her body was badly crushed, and her death occurred in a few hours.

The sanitarium at Tampa, built by leading Spanish and American citizens, was formally dedicated. The magnificent hospital building bears the following inscription on its doors: "Erected by the Centro Espanol of Tampa. For the good of humanity and the honor of the country."

Gladstone Dowie reaches New York from Jamaica, and as he steps from the steamer he nearly loses his reputation for never having been kissed, for a pretty young actress, on a wager, trips up to him for the purpose of imprinting a chaste salute upon his lips, but at the last moment her nerve fails her.

John F. Wallace, former chief engineer of the Panama Canal, tells the Senate investigating committee that he considers William Nelson Cromwell, the Government's confidential advisor, a "dangerous man" because of the multiplicity of his interests and because of the influence he seems to have over Secretary Taft.

Certificates from Christian Science healers and osteopaths presented by teachers to the Mount Vernon, N. Y., board of education as an excuse for absence, were refused. The board not only refused to receive the certificates, but decided that the teachers presenting them must lose their pay while out of school.

The board of construction of the navy has about decided to recommend the installation on board either the South Carolina or the Michigan, the two new battleships now being designed, of turbine machinery. The question has been under consideration for some time. It is probable that bidders will be invited to offer their own designs for such machinery.

Following shocking disclosures as to his morals, which led to runs on two banks of which he was president and the closing of one of them, Rev. George H. Simmons, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., killed himself by poison. For five years the preacher-financier had been outwardly a model of virtue, and one of the most prominent leaders in religious, financial and political life in the city.

Governor Broward was in Chicago this week, where he had a conference with Thomas W. Lawson in regard to insurance matters. Governor Broward will serve on the committee appointed by Mr. Lawson to receive the insurance proxies in the New York Life and Mutual Life, the other members being Governor Johnson of Minnesota, Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin and ex-Attorney-General Monett of Ohio.

Rev. Joseph Murgas of the Slavonic Catholic Church of Wilkesbarre, Pa., who has invented a new system of aerial wireless telegraphy which is now being adapted to practical use, has announced that experiments in underground wireless telegraphy which he had been conducting for some years, had reached the stage when he could promise that it would not be long before he sent a wireless underground telegraph message to Europe.

Billiard tables, heavy steel safes, desks, chairs, lounges, carpets, canceling machines, typewriters, letter files, bookcases, and dozens of other articles, without regard to bulk or weight, are shipped through the United States mails at all times of the year, according to testimony given by Edwin C. Madden, Third Assistant Postmaster General, before the House committee on postoffices and post roads. The weight of this matter runs up into millions of pounds annually.

The statement is made in Washington by persons who claim to know what is going on behind the scenes that unless other Presidential candidates bestir themselves Vice-President Fairbanks will at no distant day have a sufficient number of delegates pledged to him to make him a most formidable candidate for the Presidential nomination in 1908. Fairbanks has had the Presidential bee in his bonnet for many years.

Frank Campbell, winner of the \$25,000 prize for guessing the exact attendance at the St. Louis Exposition in 1904, is a convict in the State penitentiary of Nebraska, who still has a year to serve. He comes from Webster County, where he was convicted of embezzlement. Campbell will get only \$12,500 of the prize, as he, fearing that he might have difficulty in getting the money while imprisoned, agreed to pay a lawyer half for getting it.

Army officers arriving at San Francisco on the transport Logan report that the prospect of trouble in China is the chief topic of discussion in army circles in Manila. The Thirteenth infantry and two squadrons of the Eighth cavalry have received orders to prepare for field service. Their officers have made preparations to start on twenty-four hours' notice, and they expect to be sent to Peking.

Much advice is received at the White House regarding the wedding of Miss Roosevelt and Mr. Longworth. Little, if any, of it reaches the President and the Roosevelt family, but Secretary Loeb finds the mail every morning filled with letters containing suggestions as to the wedding ceremonies, and quite a number from persons who are opposed to the use of wine at the wedding breakfast.

Forty cases against grocers and other dealers who have sold adulterated food have been started in justice courts by the Illinois Pure Food Commission. The charges were for the use of formaldehyde in milk, coloring distilled vinegar, glucose and aniline dye in jelly and preserves, illegal flavoring extracts and fraudulent spices. Some of the best known manufacturers and jobbers in Chicago are named in the complaints. The defendant, however, in each case, will be the dealers who, it is admitted, is often an innocent party to the deception.

Thomas W. Lawson, in Chicago, speaking of the insurance investigation, said: "The members of the committee have merely wandered around the fringe, paddled upon the beach of the great insurance robbery. Hughes has been at them day after day, like a hungry dog, trying to bark them into effective action, but they have been afraid to get after the real men—those who have taken away the money in bunches of five and ten millions, plunder that aggregates \$150,000,000."

Senator Edmund W. Pettus of Alabama, the oldest member of the Senate, had a fainting spell Tuesday and for a time his friends were greatly concerned over his condition. Senator Pettus was stricken in the Democratic cloakroom just as the Senate was assembling. He was attended by Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire, who is a physician. After restoratives had been applied the venerable Alabamian revived but declined to follow the advice of his friends to go home, remaining in the chamber all day.

Speaker Cannon and Chairman Tawney of the House committee on appropriations demand a reform in the United States secret service, and will insist that the appropriation is made only for the protection of the Treasury Department that counterfeits and illicit distillers may be detected. At present the men of the secret service are doing many things not contemplated by law, and if the practice is not stopped a great police "spying" system, similar to that of Russia, will be the result.

Countess Boni de Castellane (formerly Anna Gould) has entered a suit for divorce. It is said that the Countess absolutely declined to resume her relations with her husband. After repeated but vain attempts by Count de Castellane's advisers to arrange a settlement the representatives of the Count and Countess left the court and the suit will proceed. Friends of the Count and Countess express little hope that any adjustment of their differences will be brought about, but as divorce proceedings under the French law are very lengthy new developments may occur before the case comes up for trial. A decree cannot be pronounced under from three to six months.

Another suit has been entered against Col. W. D. Mann, editor of Town Topics, whose hearing on a charge of perjury is now in progress. The latest suit is in connection with the picture of President Roosevelt in Fads and Fancies, about which Colonel Mann had such a hot dispute with Secretary to the President Loeb. That dispute, it is said, served to call the attention of the photographer, Peter A. Juley of New York, to the illustration of the President in Fads and Fancies taken by Juley, and on which he holds the copyright, and for which he claims no credit was given him. The picture shows the President seated on a horse in the act of jumping a six-barred fence, the President being in riding coat and breeches.

In speaking on the railway rate bill in the House, Hon. W. B. Lamar said: "The Hearstism of two years ago is the Hepburnism of this year; the extremism of the Fifty-eighth Congress is the moderation of the Fifty-ninth Congress; the radicalism of the past session is the conservatism of this. This bill was wrung from your fears." He also declared that "it is the criminally rich of this country, the predatory rich, the smug, hypocritical rich, who have extorted their money and filched it out of the pockets of people better than themselves, who principally denounce this proposed legislation. These are the people that we are striving to reach by the legislation of this bill." At the close Mr. Lamar was heartily congratulated.

Bishop Hoare of Hong Kong, in an interview in London on the situation in China, expressed the view that the outlook was more serious, in the south, at any rate, than before the Boxer rising. He said: "The persistent American boycott is stirring up much trouble, and there is danger that the Chinese may extend the boycotting principle, inevitably leading to a general anti-foreign feeling among the more ignorant classes. The attack on the Rev. Dr. Beattie, the American Presbyterian missionary at Fati, was particularly daring, as it occurred just across the river from the Canton settlement and within a few yards of European gunboats. It is also significant that such a pro-foreign official as Viceroy Yuan Shi Yai should have discharged Professor Tenney. The spread of the boycott will be a more difficult matter to meet than was the Boxer movement. As the exclusion of the Chinese from the United States and the Philippine Islands caused the boycott of American goods, so their exclusion from Australia and Canada will cause a feeling against Great Britain."