

# EPITOME OF A WEEK'S NEWS

Most Important Happenings Told in Brief.

## PERSONAL.

Colonel (retired), who returned from the Panama canal to consult with the application committee at Washington in the fortification question, died on January 19, 1915, but his body was shipped through in the fall of 1914.

Frank Blosson, aged sixty-three, one of the most prominent men of Kalamazoo, was shot and killed by a man who had been with him throughout the country, died from an operation for perforation of the stomach.

Two thousand citizens gave John F. White, newly elected president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, a rousing reception when he arrived at his home in Oklaunion, Ia.

Herbert Cary Dumbos, business manager of the University of Wisconsin, has been awarded the grand cross of the Order of the Order of the Crown by the king of Roumania for his services to the nation.

Rev. Thomas Bertram, of 127 Lewis Roman Catholic Bishop of Lincoln, died at his home in Lincoln, Neb., aged sixty-four years.

Samuel H. French, Persian minister of finance, was shot and killed by a man who had been with him throughout the country, died from an operation for perforation of the stomach.

Deanster Richard L. Ashurst, aged twenty years, of Philadelphia, has been missing several days and is feared to have been drowned at Atlantic City, N. J., where he was on his way.

That Senator William Lorimer of Illinois is the next to be a victim of bribery and that account should not be closed is the conclusion reached by Senator Elmer H. Moore and announced by him in an address made at the door of the United States senate.

John J. Strebeck, of Rock Island, Ill., has purchased the Diamond J. line of steamers running between St. Paul and St. Louis during the summer and fall months, St. Louis and New Orleans in the winter.

## GENERAL NEWS.

Land tracts that are estimated to amount to the grand total of \$25,000,000 along the shores of Lake Michigan and from the Lake of the Huron waters are charged in the report of the Chicago registered lands committee as a basis for a recommendation that the Illinois attorney general be equipped with funds to open an aggressive fight in the state in the interests of the state in the state.

A condition of inefficiency, insubordination and mismanagement has been developed in the operation of the railway mail service that is likely to require an upheaval in and perhaps a reorganization of the entire service. Postmaster Hitchcock is incensed over the situation as it has been disclosed.

General Hago and his command of 300 federates entered the city of Juarez, Mexico, unopposed by the insurgents, and were received with joyful acclaim by the people of the city.

The Missouri capitol building was entirely destroyed by fire. The total loss, including the structure and many records and state papers, is estimated at \$10,000,000, with no insurance. Lightning struck the cupola of the dome.

Reverend's wife, one of the best and most fashionable social leaders in Chicago, was situated in the very center of the business section, was robbed between 9:30 and 10 a. m. by one man who held up two employes and carried off \$2,000.

In an out-of-the-way cabbage field three miles north of Kenosha, Wis., C. J. Jacobson, a farmer, found the dead body of Mary Zanon, 24 years old, the daughter of Paul Zanon, a farmer in the town of Somers. Miss Zanon disappeared from the residence of her parents on the night of January 7.

With the customary pomp and ceremony King George and Queen Mary opened the British parliament.

Prominent clergymen and laymen gathered in Chicago for a meeting in celebration of the silver anniversary of the founding of the Moody Bible Institute.

The coroner's jury investigating the explosion which occurred December 19 at the New York Central power house in New York and which killed 11 persons, reported that the accident was unavoidable. Engineer Albert Bergquist held for the inquest, was released.

# THE THINGS DONE AT STATE CAPITOL

## A CHARGE OF BRIBERY IS MADE AND AN INVESTIGATION IS OPENED UP.

### OFFER RESOLUTION PROTESTING AGAINST RECIPROcity WITH CANADA.

There May Be a General Junct For All and the First Move For It Has Been Made.

(By Tony Candor.)

The first session of the present legislature has come in the morning charges made by Sherman M. Townsend, a dismissed sergeant-at-law of the senate against Senator W. H. Bradley of Green Bay, Wis. Townsend, a dismissed sergeant-at-law of the senate against Senator W. H. Bradley of Green Bay, Wis. Townsend, a dismissed sergeant-at-law of the senate against Senator W. H. Bradley of Green Bay, Wis.

By a series of parliamentary tactics in which progressive Republicans and Democrats outmaneuvered the old guard, a resolution on the subject of direct vote of senators has become the unfinished business of the senate.

After 22 weeks of bitter struggling the Chicago Garment Workers strike was officially called off by the union leaders. The strikers must return to work as individuals and at the employers' terms.

The following appointments of the governor have been confirmed by the senate: Calvin A. Baker, Michigan insurance commissioner; J. C. Rowland, who was himself a member of the senate, as director of the Grand Rapids, member of the state board of health to be elected by the board of health of Grand Rapids; Dr. John H. Kellough, Battle Creek member of the state board of health; to succeed Dr. Angus M. Backus, Detroit, member of the health board, to succeed Fred E. Washington, of Holland.

Senator Watkins has introduced a joint resolution in the senate protesting against the reciprocity treaty with Canada on the ground that it will open the door to the market for goods and destroy the prosperity of the country. In both branches of the legislature the bill is being drawn to be introduced by the city members and the country members on this matter. The farmers are all opposed to the treaty while the city members are all strongly for it.

The flood of bills in the House still continues. Already 214 such bills have been introduced and the session will not pay until next week. It is expected that from the present rate something like 500 to 1,000 bills will be introduced, about two-thirds of which will be introduced after their introduction. One of the one-third that will come from the committee about one-third will be passed.

To spend \$1,750,000 on the roads of Michigan in the next two years is the plan proposed by the bill of Senator Levin, which has just been introduced and an appropriation of \$700,000 for this year and \$1,000,000 for the next two years to be paid out in state aid. The bill will also provide for the cost of constructing the main lines, one-third the cost of the roads of lesser interest and one-fourth the cost of the cross roads.

Lieutenant Governor John Q. Ross was governor of Michigan two whole days and didn't know it. Under the constitution which the governor leaves the state the lieutenant governor performs his duties and is in the charge. Top Gov. Osborn left the state Saturday night and did not return until Tuesday. Ross didn't know it, however, and therefore didn't even go into the executive office.

# ADMIT THEY ERRED

## HAMPTON'S RETRACTS CHARGE MADE AGAINST STANDARD OIL COMPANY.

### DID NOT SELL IMPURE CANDY

Magazine Publisher and Writer of A Legged Libelous Article, Because of Which Corporation Bought Standard Oil Company's Magazine, Admits That He Was Mistaken.

New York.—In the matter of the libel suits brought by the Standard Oil Company for \$25,000 damages against Hampton's Magazine and for \$100,000 damages against Cleveland Magazine, the former the publisher, and the latter the writer, of an article in the February issue of the magazine which defamed the company in connection with the sale of glucose and candy in Philadelphia, the following retract has been signed in the office of Shearman & Sterling, the lawyers who defended the company in the suits and have been issued from the company's offices at No. 25 Broadway:

"Hampton's Magazine, 66 West Thirty-fifth St., New York, January 31, 1915.

Standard Oil Company, 26 Broadway, New York.

"Dear Sirs: In the February issue of Hampton's Magazine there is published an article written by me, entitled 'Candy and Glucose in the Standard Oil Company.' In that article I referred to the investigation of Mr. Cassidy, with respect to the manufacture and sale of impure candies in Philadelphia, and to the fact that the Standard Oil Company had manufactured and sold impure material, which went into these candies, and that the various candies were arrested and fined at the instance of Mr. Cassidy, your company's lawyer.

"Upon investigation, I have ascertained that your company was in no way connected with the transactions referred to and I hasten to retract in the fullest manner all charges made against your company and to express my sincere regret that I should have fallen into this serious error. Yours truly, Cleveland Magazine."

Jan 31, 1915  
Standard Oil Company, New York City.

Dear Sirs: Referring to the copy of letter of Mr. Cleveland Moffett to you, we beg to state that we are convinced that Mr. Moffett was in error in his statements with reference to your company. We greatly regret that these errors should have been made. It is the desire of Hampton's Magazine to set the record straight in all matters in which we are involved. We will publish this letter and the foregoing letter of Mr. Moffett. Yours truly, Brent B. Hampton, President Standard Oil Company, Inc.

# LORIMER LASHED BY BROWN

Nebraska Threatens to Hold Appropriation Bill if Veterans' Status is Not Ordered.

Washington.—Senator Norris of Nebraska in a speech before the senate charged that Senator William L. Dyer of Illinois must have known that his election to the senate by the Illinois legislature was accomplished by corrupt practices. He held that Senators Hoagland and Bradley and Dyer, respectively, Lee, O'Neil, Browne, White, Lipik, Beckmeier and Wilson had been bought to elect Lorimer.

# WARREN IS SHOWN LENIENCY

Washington.—President Taft, Federal judge, commuted the sentence of Fred D. Warren, the Socialist editor, who was recently sentenced to six months imprisonment and \$1,500 fine, by striking out the imprisonment and reducing the fine to \$100. It is believed that Warren was commuted by the federal court on a technical infirmity of the statute.

# STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Michigan.—The Detroit man who is serving a sentence of 10 to 15 years in Marquette for forgery, and appeared before the supreme court a few weeks ago in charge of an officer to present evidence for release, will have to serve at least the minimum term, although a decision handed down. He was released on probation after appearing and later went to St. Louis. He was arrested there and brought back. He pleaded that as his first term he had given probation for the man to leave the state he was not subject to arrest.

Hattie Creek.—When a four-year-old daughter of Harry Haggerty, struck off a bunch of matches for clothing and the fire catches on her. Her mother could not reach her. The baby was so badly hurt about the head and chest that she never recovered.

Hattie Creek.—Former Judge of Probate George W. Hamm, whose criminal difficulties some time ago caused him to lose not only his wife but his political position and returned from Mason City, Minn., has returned to Kalamazoo. This is Hamm's third venture.

Kalamazoo.—At a session of the Michigan Historical and Pioneer society it was decided that the Pioneer society have the next winter meeting of the association. The following committee was appointed to arrange for appropriations for carrying on the next year's work: C. M. Burton, editor; William L. Haggerty, historian; Lawton T. Henshaw, Anson, and G. H. Henshaw, Lanier.

Jackson.—John Law, returned for life from Arizonia county, D. C. on Jan. 19, 1915, for killing an Indian. He was Jackson prison of Michigan. His wife, Mrs. Madam White, is eighty years old and cutting her third set of teeth. Three are through and three more are coming in the lower jaw.

Big Rapids.—Prof. A. C. Anderson of the Michigan College of Science, has delivered addresses in the state more than 100 people at the farthest distance here.

Houghton.—Mrs. Mary Adkins of John Adkins, school teacher, whom she declares cruelly punished when she was ten years old when William Adkins, her father, was killed by a train. Mrs. Adkins obtained possession of the club and brought it to court as part of the evidence.

Lansing.—Miss Edw. D. Ellis of Detroit, a married lady, M. N. N. has been refused the proposed law of primary law which Representative Stewart has favored in the house and hopes it will be passed.

Greenville.—According to information from Washington, the report of Greenville is 100% in 1915.

Sault Ste Marie.—Carpenter's wife and child who had been suffocated by smoke, John Tringali made his way from his burning home at Sault Ste Marie in the midst of a storm and was prevailed. Tringali was awakened by the crackling flames and found his wife and child lying in a stupor. He was slightly burned before getting out and was suffering severely in the cold weather when found and cared for by neighbors. The house and contents were totally destroyed.

Battle Creek.—Who told a famous social organization, seven prominent girls of the local high school caused a small sensation by throwing up their rights as pledge members. The girls have been asked to withdraw. The seven girls are "the ones" among the several hundred who are considered "socially ineligible" to the organization.

Houghton.—Allen P. Rees of Houghton, the copper country's leading attorney, was elected commander of the upper peninsula battalion of the Michigan naval brigade, succeeding Captain M. S. Goddell of Painesdale, time expired. Mr. Rees thus becomes captain of the U. S. S. Yantic, assigned to the upper peninsula battalion and stationed at Hancock.

Michigan.—Miss Viola Swadlow, who began a \$1,000 damage suit last summer against the Hookkie Stave company of Lapeer, died at the home of her husband, William Swadlow, after a board while operating a typewriter was awarded a judgment of \$5,741.31.

Plymouth.—Alonso Hart is being held in charge of holding a pay check from \$150 to \$100. Mrs. Jennie Thomas, wife of the city editor, was sentenced to six months imprisonment and \$1,500 fine, by striking out the imprisonment and reducing the fine to \$100. It is believed that Warren was commuted by the federal court on a technical infirmity of the statute.

Brighton.—Rev. Frank Kenedy of Lansing and Rev. Frank Taft of Laingsburg, assisted by Fr. Ryan, officiated at the funeral of John Loughlin of this village.

Port Huron.—John C. Murta, aged forty-nine, for 50 years editor of this city, died of Bright's disease. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Clarence Mann.—The Order of Railway Conductors of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen has postponed the annual ball, which was to have been held February 2, to February 27, because of the death of Samuel J. Rees, a prominent member.