

WEEK'S  
NEWSSummarized for  
Very Busy Readers

## Washington

Information on the telephone situation which has been acquired by the independent companies is to be given to the government to aid in its dissolution suit under the Sherman anti-trust act against the American company.

W. F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic national committee, after a conference with President Wilson at Washington announced that he believed the Republican party would be the chief contender against the Democrats for the presidency in 1916.

John Hobart Marble, a member of the interstate commerce commission, died at Washington after an attack of acute indigestion, by which he was stricken on Thursday in Philadelphia.

Thomas Rees, editor and owner of the Springfield (Ill.) Register, and former state senator, was appointed commander general to the countries bordering the Mediterranean, in behalf of the Panama exposition.

Washington society received the greatest shock administered since President Wilson assumed office, when the annual New Year's reception, which has been held at the White House for nearly a century, will be abandoned for the present.

A final decision not to adjourn the session of congress, and to avoid even a constructive recess, was reached by the senate steering committee at Washington.

President Wilson sent to the senate at Washington the nomination of Henry M. Pindell of Illinois, to be ambassador to Russia.

Sidney Moulthrop, the stenographer accused by James Hamilton Lewis, senator from Illinois, of having falsified and published the letter informing H. M. Pindell of the terms upon which he would be made ambassador to Russia, is in jail at Washington. He was arrested on a forgery charge.

With the prospect of a lively contest over the question of national or state control of the country's forests and water power, the fifth annual Conservation congress opened in Washington.

## Domestic

A move to create a commission of 25 leading business men of the state of New York to study the state business and recommend to the next constitutional convention a system of management which will take the business affairs of government out of politics was inaugurated by Governor Glynn at the dinner of the chamber of commerce of New York at the Waldorf.

How B. F. Youakum and associate officials of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad proposed to "unload" small lines and "unload" them on the "Frisco" system at big profits was revealed by Mr. Youakum himself at the commerce board inquiry at St. Louis into the cause of the "Frisco" receivership. Mr. Youakum admitted he and other officials were partners in the syndicate that sold the small lines to the Frisco.

Governor Colquitt of Texas headed the annual "turkey trot" parade at Cuero in which participated 5,000 turkeys, which stalked through the streets of the town of a few hundred each behind trained leaders.

Eight officials and agents of the Florida Fruit Lands company were indicted by the federal grand jury at Rochester, Minn., in the heart of the city, and escaped with more than \$200 in cash. The force of the explosion blew out one side of the building.

The Ohio Oil company at Findlay, O., raised the price of oil five cents a barrel. This sent all grades to the highest mark ever known. Illinois, Princeton are \$1.48; North Lima, \$1.49, and South Lima and Indiana, \$1.44.

Two thousand delegates of the I. O. O. F. grand lodge and Rebekah B. assembly at Springfield, Ill., attended the dedication of a \$50,000 addition to the building.

Leon Bonnett of Okmulgee, Okla., who gives his age as 108 years, was an active participant in a Mississippian lodge demonstration at Tulsa. Bonnett became a Mason in London three quarters of a century ago. He still works at his occupation as an electrician.

J. V. Smith, game warden at Grand Rapids, Minn., arrested his son, Fred Smith, for hunting with a dog. The young man was fined \$10 in a justice court.

Hans Schmidt, slayer of Anna A. Schiller, is sane and must go to trial for his life next Tuesday, according to a decision made by Judge Foster at New York.

George H. Batchelder, who for more than thirty years was known as a circus bareback rider and tumbler, died at his home at Providence, R. I. He was eighty-six years old.

Oliver Wilson of Peoria, Ill., was re-elected worthy master of the National Grange at Manchester, N. H. The expected strong opposition of the so-called insurgents to Mr. Wilson did not materialize.

Gord and trampled by an enraged bull, the body of David Weber, a prominent farmer living a mile west of New Boston, Ia., was found in a field of his farm. No one witnessed the tragedy.

Packey McFarland of Chicago easily defeated Ed Alberts of New York at Waterbury, Conn., at the Auditorium in a ten-round glove contest. Packey's bout from start to finish, and at no time was he forced to extend himself.

Mr. J. P. Williams, who is said to be the only woman president of a railroad in the south, was re-elected president of the Georgia, Florida & Alabama railway at a meeting of stockholders at Bainbridge, Ga.

Most of the evidence at hand continues to indicate that Provisional President Victoriano Huerta is considerably determined not to concede to the demands of the United States for his elimination as president of Mexico.

While a great international fleet is virtually lying at the Atlantic and Pacific ports of Mexico, President Huerta of Mexico presented to his congress a message attempting to justify all his dictatorial acts.

Provisional President Huerta ordered General Mass, commander of the Mexican army at Vera Cruz, Mex., to resist the American marines, if an attempt is made to land them.

General Mass has asked the American consulate at Vera Cruz to order Alexander Escobar, a Daniel Madrid, who has taken refuge there after the government had granted them liberty from Uva under small bail. Consul Canada has asked Washington for instructions whether to deliver the men or not.

With a loss of hundreds of lives and great destruction of property in the recent earthquake at Mexico, Mexican rebel commander, describes as the "bloodiest battle of the revolution," Victoria, capital of Tamaulipas, was captured by the constitutionalists.

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