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LATEST NEWS.

BY WIRE.

Rubber Co. President Killed.
Akron, Ohio.—George H. Alling, thirty-nine, president of a rubber company, while inspecting some electrical wiring at the plant in Barber-ton, was caught in a machine and crushed to death.

Harry Prendiville Dead.
Worcester, Mass.—Jean Paul (Harry) Prendiville, well known as a composer, died suddenly of apoplexy at his home here. He was born on the island of St. Helena, sixty-two years ago. Prendiville wrote and arranged more than 200 musical pieces, mostly for bands and orchestras.

Shoots Married Woman and Self.
Wilmington, Del.—Charles Tindall, twenty-six, a single man, shot and killed Mrs. Clara Newcomb, twenty-three, at her home, Tindall then shot himself through the head, dying instantly. Jealousy was the cause of the double tragedy.

Jere Lillis on Western Trip.
Albuquerque, N. M.—Jere F. Lillis, a Kansas City banker, who was slashed with a knife by "Jack" Cud-dahy, went through Albuquerque on his way to California.

Mrs. Kathinka S. Sutro.
New York City.—Mrs. Kathinka Swackhamer Sutro, widow of Emil Sutro, died at the Hotel St. Remo. Mrs. Sutro was the author of several novels, including "In Two Hemispheres." She was born in Germany seventy-five years ago.

Captain Hobson Unopposed.
Montgomery, Ala.—The withdrawal of W. C. Davis for the nomination for Congress in the Sixth Alabama District leaves Captain Richmond P. Hobson, candidate for re-election, unopposed.

College Taboo Towels.
Houghton, Mich.—Towels have been tabooed at the Michigan College of Mines. This does not mean that soap also has been put under the ban, but that the faculty has decided that towels are relics of barbarism and are unsanitary and expensive. When a student now washes his hands, his face he uses a big sheet of paper for drying purposes and then throws it into a waste basket.

Throw Opium Into Sewer.
San Francisco, Cal.—Ten thousand dollars' worth of opium was hauled and poured into a sewer by the Government officials. The drug was confiscated by the customs officers after a search of a transatlantic liner.

Tannery Burns: Loss, \$1,000,000.
Elkins, W. Va.—The Hamblton Tanning Company's plant at Hamblton was destroyed by fire. The loss is about \$1,000,000, partly covered by insurance. The plant employed 300 men.

Clerk Caught by Decoy Letter.
Wilmington, N. C.—Everett McAl-lister, twenty-nine years old, for the last six years general delivery clerk in the Wilmington postoffice, was arrested by postoffice inspectors and charged with abstracting letters containing money and other valuables. Marked copies from a test letter were found on his person when taken into custody.

Big Drop in Canadian Exports.
Montreal, Canada.—W. H. Bradley, Consul General of the United States for Canada, said that the returns furnished his office showed that there had been a falling off of exports from Canada to the United States. Shipments of pulp wood through Montreal decreased fifty per cent.

BY CABLE.

Vanderbilt's Marc Aurele Wins.
Paris.—William K. Vanderbilt's three-year-old bay colt Marc Aurele, by Rising Glass—Madame Butterfly, won the Prix de Hodouan, a selling stake worth \$600, at the English racing meeting.

An Kaiser's Personal Guest.
Berlin.—Ex-President Roosevelt is to be the Emperor's personal guest at the palace in Berlin from May 12 to 15.

Germany Offers Aero Prize.
Berlin.—The War Ministry has offered \$4500 in prize for the best altitude and passenger carrying performances by German subjects in German built aeroplanes during aviation week at Johannisthal next August.

Austria and Russia Agree.
St. Petersburg.—Count Borchold, the Ambassador to Russia from Austria-Hungary, and M. Ivolovky, the Foreign Minister, signed an agreement which restores to normal the relations between Austria-Hungary and Russia and pleads for the observance of the status quo in the Balkans.

Ho's Assassin Executed.
Harbin, Manchuria.—The assassin of Prince Ho, Inchan Ansan, the Korean fanatic, was executed at Port Arthur. He shot the statesman here on October 3.

Plague Reappears in Hawaii.
Honolulu.—Bubonic plague reappeared in Hawaii, and two white girls, daughters of A. B. Lindsay, postmaster at Honolulu, and niece of Alexander Lindsay, Territorial Attorney General, died of the disease. The campaign against plague infected rats was pressed vigorously.

Vicount De Vogue Dead.
Paris.—Vicount Marie-Eugene Melchior de Vogue, author and member of the French Academy, died here. He was born at Nice in 1843.

KILLED IN A FIRE TRAP

Sixteen Dead and Missing From Benzine Explosion.

Clerk Who Went to Fill Three Cigarettes With Oil Caused the Fatal Accident.

Chicago, Ill.—Eleven persons lost their lives and five are missing as a result of a fire that destroyed the six-story building at No. 1906 Wash-burn avenue, occupied by L. Fish & Co., furniture dealers. The structure was equipped with only one fire escape, an antiquated ladder in an alley, and wires from which signs and a glass canopy covering the sidewalk were hung had to be cut before the firemen could raise ladders. A Coroner's jury was impaneled for the most sweeping official investigation since the Iroquois Theatre disaster. The records show the building had not been inspected for ten years.

The identified dead are: Ethel Anderson, eighteen, stenographer; Miner W. Bres, advertising manager; Rose Brucke, seventeen, stenographer; Mrs. Hannah Burden, thirty, widow, forewoman folding department; Harry Darlington, forty, painter; William Green, twenty-four, clerk; Ethel Lichtenstein, eighteen, stenographer; Veronica McGrath, seventeen, stenographer; Harry M. Mitchell, member of the firm and its auditor; Gertrude Quinn, twenty, folder; Lillian Sullivan, sixteen, folder.

The missing are: Bert St. Clair, twenty-eight, confidential clerk; Mary Wargo, twenty, folder.

Three others, whose names were not learned, were reported to be missing.

The fire started after Leo Stoeckel, a clerk, went to the fourth floor to fill three pocket cigar lighters with benzine at the request of Mr. Mitchell, the member of the firm who lost his life.

"I don't know just what happened," Stoeckel said in police headquarters, where he is being detained. "Each lighter had a little button on the side to ignite the benzine. I filled them from a five gallon can of the fluid used for cleaning furniture. I may have touched a button. There was an explosion and I was blown twenty feet."

Forty employees escaped from the building, which was a mass of flames before those in the upper stories realized what the explosion meant. The firm's offices were on the sixth floor, and the firemen and girls trapped there peered down into a raging furnace. Mr. Mitchell, who was a brother-in-law of Solomon Fish, one of the partners, died in attempting to rescue the girls on this floor.

His body was found together, and their position showed they had been praying when death came.

Alexander Bush, a street car conductor, identified one of the bodies as that of Miss Brucke, whom he was to marry shortly. He recognized a number of trinkets and the engagement ring he had given her.

BE PREPARED FOR WORST.
Friend Tells Senator Jotham P. Aldis at Albany.

Albany, N. Y.—Senator Jotham P. Aldis, of Chenango, whose trial before the Senate on a charge of having accepted a bribe of a thousand dollars to influence his official action as majority leader in the 1907 session of the Assembly, came to a close, was told by a close personal and political friend to prepare for the worst.

"It would be difficult for any person not actually in touch with the situation at the Capitol to appreciate the bitterness that exists against Senator Conger among his fellow-members of the upper house.

One of the Senators who voted for Aldis for majority leader in the recent Senate caucus and who, therefore, cannot be regarded as an Aldis partisan, said that regardless of any verdict he would move to have Conger preferred against Senator Aldis before the Senate committee.

"And should the Senate fail to expel Conger, I shall offer my resignation," said this Senator. "I cannot sit in this Chamber with a man like Conger."

MOUNT ETNA IN ACTION.
Volumes of Smoke and Lava Issued From Volcano.

Catania, Sicily.—From the top of the old crater of Mount Etna volumes of white smoke were issuing, while from the new craters that have formed lava was gushing. From time to time large incandescent masses exploded with loud detonations and emissions of black smoke. From Catania and along the entire railway surrounding Etna thousands of persons were watching the volcano, following with telescopes the progress of the eruption.

It has been ascertained that the openings from which the lava was issuing number fourteen. The heat from the currents was so intense that it was impossible to approach nearer than 150 feet of them. The progress down the mountain side averages fifteen feet every seven minutes.

Law Takes Some Birds Off Hats.
The Assembly, Trenton, N. J., passed the bill making any woman found wearing a "closed season" bird on her hat guilty of a criminal offense.

Colonel Hoyt For Brigadier-General.
The President, at Washington, D. C., nominated Colonel Ralph W. Hoyt, Twenty-fifth Infantry, to be brigadier-general.

English Bank Raises Rate.
The directors of the Bank of England raised the minimum rate of discount from three to four per cent.

Demand For Heretics.
There is a steady demand for most kinds of deerskins, and arrivals are kept waddy full picked up.

Sculptor MacMonnies Married.
Frederick MacMonnies, an eminent American sculptor, and Miss Alice Jones, a daughter of the late United States Senator John P. Jones of Nevada, were married in Lucerne, Switzerland.

Priest a Martyr to Duty.
The Rev. John H. Boersig, of Madison, Ind., who died in Indianapolis of blood poisoning, contracted the disease while he was administering the sacraments to a dying parishioner one year ago.

Large Business in Wool.
With increased buying of wools suitable for carded wools there is some falling in the market and some leading houses report a larger business than has been recorded for two months.

DECLARED HE KNEW

SECRETS OF COURT

Albany Lobbyist Learned of Decisions in Advance.

JUDGE M'CALL'S \$35,000 CHECK

Insurance Probe Witness Says Buckley Said Bill Would Fail Without Money For the Boys—The Bill Did Not Pass.

New York City.—"The Story of a Lobbyist" might be a fitting caption to the evidence brought out at the fire insurance inquiry as to the career of William H. Buckley, an Albany lawyer who for years was a legislative agent at the State Capital for the fire insurance companies, were the revelations put in narrative form.

On the face of the documentary evidence produced Buckley was well-nigh invincible at Albany. If the letters, which were entered on the records, contained statements of fact—and for the most part they were letters exchanged between Buckley and the late George P. Sheldon, who was president of the Phonic Fire Insurance Company, of Brooklyn—Buckley's power with the Legislature was well worth the money he admits he received.

And Buckley's influence at Albany went even further, according to his own words. He was able to learn in advance of a decision of the Court of Appeals, he said, and would keep Sheldon informed as to what was coming off in the Court.

Miles M. Dawson, a consulting actuary of New York City, said under oath that Buckley had informed him that he could not get favorable action on a bill in which he was interested unless he paid some money to "the boys."

When evidence was produced showing that E. M. McCall, now a State Supreme Court Justice, had written Buckley's name above his own on a check for \$35,000, which was one of the three checks made by the Phonic Fire Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, through Sheldon to Buckley, the latter became greatly aroused. He said that Mr. McCall had nothing at all of the transaction, and had merely acted in the matter at his request. He admitted that he had not indorsed the check and identified the handwriting in which his name was written as that of Justice McCall. Mr. Hotchkiss said he would be glad to have the matter cleared up by the Justice.

Buckley told almost nothing, and virtually all the information being gained from the letters which Mr. Hotchkiss produced. The first, dated April 29, 1903, was from Sheldon to Buckley, and read in part:

"I note that the Court of Appeals has decided that the franchise tax law is constitutional. I wish I could have got onto this early enough, for I am satisfied that this is one of the things that have been hanging over the market, and if I could have learned previously what the decision was likely to be, there would have been money in this for all of us. Whenever anything like this is pending in Albany it will always pay you to advise me, if you can, of the probable outcome."

Buckley replied the next day: "I am sorry I did not know it would be of interest to you to have information about the franchise decision. I told some of our friends two weeks ago what it would be, but I was advised from very important quarters that as long as the decision would be that the law was constitutional it would not have much effect on the market and I didn't think it advisable to say much about it. I had been the other way you would have been advised, because I knew of your interests in 'big gas.' In the future I will keep you advised."

It was a dramatic moment when Dawson appeared on the scene unexpectedly and was sworn in as a witness.

Dawson, who was consulting actuary of the Armstrong committee, which investigated the life insurance companies, said that in 1905 he drew up a bill relating to the method of valuation of life insurance policies which afterward was made a law on the recommendation of the Armstrong committee, although it failed the first year. He went to Albany and had the bill introduced.

"While in the lobby of the Senate," he continued, "Buckley, whom I had known for some years, came to me and told me that the bill wouldn't pass unless money was provided 'for the boys.' He said that 'the boys' thought I would get a liberal fee, and I ought to divide with them. I told him I wasn't there to bring any one. Buckley said he didn't like to have me speak of it in that way. The bill did not pass."

Mr. Hotchkiss turned to Mr. Buckley: "What have you to say to this?"

"I never said a word to Mr. Dawson of money 'for the boys,'" he said.

Henry Evans, president of the Continental Fire Insurance Company, was on the stand long enough to say that he contributed \$2500 to a fund Sheldon raised in 1902 to defeat legislation adverse to the companies.

WOMEN PERISH IN POWER BOAT.
They Go Over a Dam in Upper Mill Pond in Hillsboro, N. H.

Hillsboro, N. H.—A motor boat, rendered unmanageable by the sudden stopping of the engine, was swept over the dam of the Upper Mill Pond here, hurling two young women, Mrs. Mollie Dares and Miss Mildred Craige, to their death.

GIRL STRANGLED, BURNED

AND PUT ON FIRE ESCAPE

Ruth Wheeler's Body Found Under Welter's Window.

SHE WAS SEEKING WORK

Wrote to a Commercial School For a Stenographer and Child of Fifteen Was Sent to Him and Strangled in His Rooms.

New York City.—Ruth Wheeler, fifteen years old, who only recently was graduated from the Merchants' and Bankers' Business School at Madison avenue and Fifty-ninth street, went back to that school to see if the school knew of any place where she could get employment as stenographer. The school gave her the address of Albert Welter, 224 East Seventy-fifth street, who had sent a postcard to the school asking that a candidate for stenographer be sent to him. Ruth Wheeler went to see him about 9.30 in the morning, and in his flat she was murdered and an attempt was made to burn up her body.

When she did not come home at dinner time her sisters, with whom she lived at 313 West 134th street, set out to find her, and being business girls went first to the school. They learned that she had been there and that she had gone to answer the call of Albert Welter. They went then to Albert Welter's rooms, only to find that he denied any knowledge of their sister, but that he did not like his behavior and they went to the police of the East Sixty-seventh street station.

Welter was arrested and sent to a cell under \$5000 bail, charged with abduction, only because Ruth Wheeler's two sisters fell convinced that he had done wrong. In his rooms was found a memorandum book with "Ruth Wheeler, \$7 a week," written in it. Later Ruth's body, burned almost beyond recognition, was found at Welter's home and he was charged with murder.

John Taggart and his wife, who occupy rooms on the fourth floor of the building at No. 224 East Seventy-fifth street, directly adjoining the Welter apartment, were attracted to a bundle on the fire escape.

A closer inspection of the bundle led Taggart to believe that his neighbor had wrapped a quantity of old clothes in the bag. Although he was surprised at its weight he pushed the adjoining yard, four flights below.

A skirt which had been hanging on the rail alongside the bundle was also thrown into the yard by Taggart. Taggart called on John Mohl, the janitor of the place, and they went into the yard where the bundle had fallen. Mohl shrank from the news of a pocket knife, but Taggart drew his pocketknife and ripped open the sewed end of the bag.

As the cords were released the jagged ends of the arms and legs protruded over the paper wrapping. Taggart instantly realized that he had found a human body and attempted to cut further into the bundle, but his progress was hindered by picture wire which bound the inner wrappings over the head and chest of the murdered girl.

There was not a shred of flesh on the portions of the body found in this bundle, but a turquoise necklace and a shred of silk which was a part of the girl's shirt were taken to disprove the theory that it was a woman. They were identified by Ruth's sisters. The arms and legs were missing from the bundle, which also contained a quantity of burned coal and charcoal.

Ruth Wheeler came of a hard working and respectable family. Her father, John Wheeler, died several years ago in his service as a railroad man at Spuyten Duyvil, having previously served as an engineer on the steamship line between New York and Bermuda, and her mother then reared her four children, whom she succeeded in educating for their work in life. There were four of them—Pearl, Adelaide, John and Ruth. As each reached the age when it was possible to go to work and contribute to the family's support each dozen years ago in his service as a railroad man at Spuyten Duyvil, having previously served as an engineer on the steamship line between New York and Bermuda, and her mother then reared her four children, whom she succeeded in educating for their work in life.

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Welter persistently denied his guilt. He said he was an expert German stenographer and wanted to exchange lessons with an English stenographer. He is about eighteen years old, and has not lived at home for six months.

INCOME TAX VOTE VALID.
After Opinions From Washington Kentucky's Approval is Upheld.

Frankfort, Ky.—Governor Willson has decided that the Legislature's three attempts to adopt the Federal income tax resolution were productive of at least one passage.

The Legislature adopted a resolution to amend the Federal income tax law, and during the third attempt at passage the Legislature adjourned.

Congressman Ollie James arrived here from Washington, D. C., with a bundle of proposed amendments, including Senator Root's, that the second passage was legal. It was said that James was prepared to make a test in the courts, but the Governor had already decided to certify the resolution.

THREE MEN KILLED

IN BATTLE ON TRAIN

Pullman Car Passenger Slays Colored Porter and a Conductor.

J. H. BETHEA BECOMES A MANIAC

Drowned Out by Fire Hose at Wilmington After an Hour's Fight and Bullet Riddled, the Murderer Fell Dead.

Wilmington, Del.—A battle in which three men were killed began on a north-bound Baltimore and Ohio Railroad train between Newark, Del., and Wilmington, at 5 o'clock p. m., and was concluded at the Delaware avenue station here. Several others were wounded.

The dead are: O. E. Wellman, forty, of Philadelphia, conductor of the train. J. H. Bethea, forty, of Dillon, S. C. Samuel Williams, fifty, colored, Pullman porter.

The injured are: John J. Wiley, forty, a Wilmington Park guard, shot in the groin and hand. Mathew Haley, a citizen, shot in the leg.

Others were grazed by flying bullets. The tragedy was an outcome of a quarrel between Bethea, who was a passenger, and Williams, the porter in the Pullman parlor car Mercury, bound from Washington, D. C., to Jersey City.

Betha, who had been drinking, shot the porter through the heart, killing him instantly. Wellman, the conductor of the train, heard the first shot and, running back, remonstrated with Bethea, who still held the smoking weapon in his hand. Although the negro was dead, the slayer fired a second shot, the bullet entering the victim's stomach. Then, without a word, Bethea turned and shot Wellman, who fell dead.

The double murderer, before the passengers could interfere, barricaded himself in the lavatory of the Pullman car and threatened to kill the first person who attempted to open the door.

Meantime the train reached Wilmington. As it pulled into the station a hurried call was given to the police station. Police Captains Kane and Evans, Sergeant Kelleher and a squad of patrolmen, reinforced by park guards and a posse of trainmen and citizens, rushed to the scene.

Betha was called upon to surrender, but he only opened the door far enough to point an automatic revolver at the police and the crowd and fired at them.

After an hour's fierce battling the police saw they would be unable to drive the man from the car and a call was sent to the Waterwitch Fire Company for its engine. The apparatus responded on a run. In a few minutes Bethea, drenched with water, staggered to the platform, and again the right arm. He tried to fire again, but Sergeant Kelleher fired and at the same time sprang upon the man. Bethea fell dead at his feet.

Betha had gone to a Baltimore hospital for treatment and had become demented.

Columbia, S. C.—J. H. Bethea was a well-to-do contractor of Dillon, S. C.

FOSS ELECTED TO CONGRESS.
Gets 5640 Plurality in Massachusetts, Overturning Plurality of 14,250.

Brockton, Mass.—On issues of high tariff, Canadian reciprocity and the high cost of living, helped by party disaffection, Massachusetts Republicans lost their strongest Congressional district, the Twentieth.

Eugene N. Foss, running on the Democratic ticket, overturned a plurality of 14,250 given in 1908 to the late W. C. Lovering and won the seat made vacant by Mr. Lovering's death by a plurality of 5640 over William R. Buchanan, Republican. The total vote was: Foss, 14,980; Buchanan, 9340.

DEATH FOLLOWED ANTITOXIN.
Mrs. Smith Died in Convulsions After Being Inoculated For Diphtheria.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Mrs. Guy E. Smith, of this city, died as the result of being inoculated with antitoxin. She died in convulsions five minutes after the antitoxin had been administered by a physician.

PALMETTO HAPPENINGS

News Notes of General Interest From All Parts of the State.

Housebreaking no Crime.
The South Carolina Supreme Court has handed down a decision in a robbery case against a young white man of Batesburg of interest through the State, whose conviction is reversed. The defendant is Ralph Clark. The court finds that the jury's verdict of "guilty of housebreaking" is no crime. In South Carolina to break into a house is not against the law, though to break in with intent to steal or commit a felony is a crime. The alleged robbery was from the store of M. E. Rutland. This was the case in which the Batesburg chief of police, Darby, got involved in a criminal charge of a capital offense from the mother of Clark. Mrs. Rankin, whose home Darby searched. He was acquitted in the case brought against him.

Chester Wants Union Depot.
A mass-meeting was held at the court house at Chester to discuss again, after several years, the matter of a union depot for Chester. M. S. Lewis stated the object of the meeting, stressing Chester's need for a union station.

A. M. Aiken read a resolution which was unanimously adopted stating that the four railroads entering Chester should build at once, at some convenient place, a union passenger station, and that a committee of 12 be appointed to study the subject at once to the railroads and the railroad commission. The city council will be requested to call a special meeting and pass similar resolutions.

Good-Bye, Ticks.
The following bulletin has been issued from the State veterinarian's office at Clemson college:

The State and federal agents in tick eradication work are now being placed in the field for the summer's campaign and by April 1 the entire force will be at work in the northwestern counties of the State—Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens, Union, Cherokee, Spartanburg, Chester and York. Every effort will be made to completely free this area from ticks and place it above the federal quarantine line this year.

Greenville's New Depot.
Work of clearing away the houses in the McBee avenue section, Greenville, where the new Charleston & Western Carolina depot is to be erected, is proceeding rapidly, and it will be only a few days before work will be begun on surveying the foundation.

The new station will cost about \$40,000, and its completion is promised by December 1.

Dr. Boyce President Due West.
A special from Due West states that at a meeting of the board of trustees held Thursday night, Rev. Dr. T. G. Boyce, formerly a native of Mecklenburg county, N. C., was elected president of the Woman's College, an office made vacant by death several months ago. Dr. Boyce has been living in Tennessee for some years, and is one of the ablest men of his church, the Associate Reformed Presbyterian. The schools for boys and girls at Due West have long been famous for the high type of men and women which it turns out.

Shot to Death at Batesburg.
An unfortunate tragedy was enacted at Batesburg Thursday when W. B. Glenn, superintendent of the electric light plant, shot Clinton Rhoden to death, on one of the main streets of the town. The weapon used was a pistol; four shots were fired, and each shot took effect. One witness stated that Rhoden was unarmed. It is stated that there had been bad blood between the men for some time.

A Corporation "President" Arrested.
John Ryan, of Wilmington, Del., claiming to be president of the United States Guarantee company of that city, who was arrested in Gaffney, and taken to Orlando, Fla., by Deputy Sheriff Gordon of that city. Ryan refused to go without requisition and this delayed his departure. He is said to also be wanted at Douglas.

Landrum Man Deserts Home.
John Blackwell, of Landrum, suddenly disappeared from his home some days ago, leaving a wife and six children. A few days later he was heard from, stating that he was in Cincinnati and that he would never return. It is believed that he became mentally unbalanced as a result of reading circulars sent him by a house of that city.

Negro Boy Drowned in Well.
Horace Johnson, a 15-year-old negro boy, who lived with his sister, Emmetta Jenkins, Florence, fell into a well in the back yard of their home and was drowned.

It was ascertained that the boy was subject to fits, and it is possible that one struck him while at the well, and he fell in. Coroner Cooner viewed the body and decided an inquest unnecessary.

General Bell in Fatal Accident.
The wife of Major Slocum was killed and General Franklin Bell was injured in an auto accident in Washington, D. C.

Graded Butter Scarce.
The scarcity of upper grades of butter tended to direct attention to first and second, which had fallen in price at steady prices. Fancy storage butter was inquired for, sales ranging from thirty-one cents to thirty-two cents.

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JUSTICE BREWER PASSES

End Comes Suddenly Monday

Night by Apoplexy

Washington, Special.—David Josiah Brewer, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, died Monday night at 10:30 o'clock as the result of a stroke of apoplexy. His death followed within a minute or two before he could be carried to his bed. Mrs. Brewer was with him when the end came. Justice Brewer was 73 years old.

The end came altogether unexpectedly. Although he had not been feeling well for the past few days, the aged jurist was up and out Monday, apparently in the best of health and spirits. He was in equally good spirits at dinner and spent the evening in reading.

Shortly after 10 o'clock he retired to his room, and within a few minutes Mrs. Brewer heard a heavy fall and went to investigate the cause. She found her husband prone upon the floor of the bath-room. He did not regain consciousness and died before a physician, hastily summoned, could reach the house.

Eight Killed on Cruiser Charleston.
Manilla, By Cable.—The report that a fatal accident had occurred on the United States cruiser Charleston, was confirmed Monday. Eight men were killed and several others slightly injured.

During practice at sea off Olongapo, the breech lock of a three-inch gun blew off and in flying across the deck cut through a steel stanchion and mowed down the men. Seven of the victims were instantly killed. The eighth died as the Charleston was hurrying to Cavite.

The cause of the explosion is not known. Rear Admiral John Hubbard, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet, has ordered an investigation. The bodies of the victims will be buried at Cavite.

The Charleston, which is rear admiral Hubbard's flagship, returned today to the frigate range. Her commanding officer is Commander John H. Gibbons. She is a protected cruiser of 9,700 tons and carries 68 guns.

Pittsburg Bankers Rotten Too.
Pittsburg, Pa. Special.—Monday was "Bankers' Day" in Pittsburg. The district attorney has questioned more than 100 officials and employees of the six city depositories in reference to money being paid to city councilmen to obtain the passage of the bank ordinance in city councils during 1908. Forty or more councilmen have confessed that they received money for the passage of the ordinance. Two bank presidents, one now serving a term in the penitentiary for bribery have admitted that money was paid to have the ordinances passed.

The grand jury wants to know who were the men "higher up" in the bribery.

It has been asserted in various confessions now in the hands of the district attorney that the six city depositories provided a fund of \$102,500 to secure the passage of the bank ordinance, which included an interest rate of only 2 per cent, whereas other reputable institutions made written offers to pay 2 1/2 per cent, on daily balances. The bankers will be sharply examined on these facts.

To Reimburse Old Depositors.
Washington, Special.—A bill to reimburse the 61,131 depositors in the Old Freedman's Saving and Trust Company has been favorably reported to the Senate by the Committee on Education and Labor. For this purpose \$1,291,744.50 is made available. One provision of the bill prevents the employment of a legal representative to assist in collecting the money. Claims must be made within one year after the bill becomes a law.