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THE PENSION BUREAU.

STEPS TAKEN TO TRANSFER IT TO THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

Favorable Report to Be Made on the Rock Creek Park Bill—The New Tariff and World's Fair Measures—Proceedings in Congress.

The Senate took up the Urgent Deficiency bill. An appropriation of $5,000 for the immediate relief of the Turtle Mountain Indians being proposed, Mr. Teller denied statements recently made by pulpit and press in reference to the Chipewas in Northern Minnesota. He said there were only 300 American Chipewas there, the rest being British Chipewas, who should be sent back to their own country—British America. The land talked about had belonged to the Sioux, and had been bought and paid for years ago.

In the House.

The House adopted a resolution calling on the Secretary of War and Secretary of the Interior for information as to whether a saving of expenditure would be effected by the transfer of the Pension Bureau to the War Department; also one calling on the Secretary of the Interior for an estimate of money likely to be needed for pension arrearages in case this limitation of arrears act is repealed. A bill was passed authorizing affidavits and depositions under the public land laws to be taken before commissioners of U. S. circuit courts or before the clerk of a court of record in the county where the land is situated.

Mr. Payson called up the bill to repeal the timber culture laws, but the bill went over without action, and the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Pension Appropriation bill.

The New Tariff Bill.

Major McKinley, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and his fellow Republican members, have finally agreed on a tariff bill and will report it on Thursday. The principal fight will be over the sugar schedule. The bill makes raw sugar from 16, Dutch standard down, dutiable at 35 per cent. ad valorem, and refined sugar above 16, Dutch standard, 40 per cent.

This will affect a reduction in the revenues of about $25,000,000, according to the estimates of the framers of the bill.

There will be a furious opposition to any duty on sugar from certain Western Republicans who favor putting sugar on the free list. One of them said that if the bill reported did not put sugar on the free list, it would be so amended in the House as to destroy its symmetry and compel its recommittal to the Ways and Means Committee.

The leaders of this opposition are Illinois and Minnesota Republicans.

Mr. Mills one day last week said to THE CRITIC that he knew nothing of the bill the majority of the committee was framing; that he was not consulted. He smiled as he spoke, as it in amused remembrance at the talk of republication papers of his bill which they dubbed the "Dark lantern" bill. The light this time seems to be shining in the opposite direction to what it did two years ago.

It is said that Major McKinley dined with the President yesterday evening and remained in consultation at the White House until midnight, when he gave out the paragraph concerning the sugar schedule which was printed in the morning papers.

World's Fair.

The House Special Committee on the World's Fair managed to come to an agreement on the bill this morning and will report it to the House to-morrow. The bill is left as it was published last Friday in THE CRITIC exclusively, except the ninth section. That section has been so amended that the President is not to issue his proclamation, inviting foreign nations to participate until after Chicago has raised a guarantee fund of $10,000,000. Mr. Wilson of West Virginia was present to-day and sided with the Chicagoans.

It is conceded that Chicago will have to do some lively hustling to raise the guarantee, but her representatives profess great confidence in her ability to get there, as usual, with both feet.

It is claimed that Chicago has never exhibited to the World's Fair Committee any books, papers or lists demonstrating the existence of any guarantee fund of any size.

The object of passing such a bill as has been ordered reported is to commit the Government, through Congress and the President, to the holding of a fair in the belief that when the pinch comes Congress rather than see the whole thing flatten out, will come to the rescue with an appropriation big enough to turn failure into success.

It looks as though Chicago will have a harder time to get the bill through than it had to win the site.

Charges Against Canaday.

A caucus of Republican Senators has been called to take place to-night at the residence of Senator Edmunds. Its object is to consider charges made against the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, W. P. Canaday. Mr. Canaday is from North Carolina. He has been a *protege* of Senator Sherman for a number of years. Recently a determined effort has been made to have him removed from his office to make room for a candidate of Senator Quay—Mr. Bailey—and this effort is expected to culminate at the caucus to-night. Mr. Canaday had a long conversation with Senator Edmunds yesterday afternoon, the result of which is not known.

Rock Creek Park.

The bill providing for the establishment and maintenance of Rock Creek Park was reported favorably to the House to-day, with the amendments heretofore noted in THE CRITIC.

A Big Bridge.

The House Committee on Commerce to-day ordered a favorable report on the bill to build a six-track railroad bridge across the Hudson River at New York.

Mr. Randall Improving.

Ex-Governor Curtin of Pennsylvania saw ex-Speaker Randall this morning. He says that Mr. Randall is much better now than he has been at any time within the past three months.

Called on the President.

Among the President's callers to-day were Senators Blair and Allison and Representatives Hausbrough and Cheatham.

GERMAN SOCIETIES

In Conference on the Question of Immigration.

A conference of delegates from German-American Societies convened in Edel's Hall at 10:30 o'clock this morning for the purpose of organizing to take action on the immigration question. R. Bartold of St. Louis, who is a delegate representing 40,000 Turners in the Southwest, was chosen President and Ewalt Schmitt of this city secretary.

In taking the chair the president said that it was not as Germans they were met, but as American citizens. The object of the conference was stated and a general interchange of views was had. No definite policy was outlined and there will be none before the meeting this evening, a committee being appointed to then report upon certain resolutions which have not yet been made public.

The following is a list of delegates: Washington, Paul Schultz, Simon Wolf and W. Elterich; Kansas City, F. A. Nitchy; Cincinnati, C. Remlin, representative of the different Western Turners' societies in his section; Philadelphia, A. L. Weiser; New York, H. Metzner and E. Guthman; Ohio at large, H. Sternberg; Pittsburg, Ewalt Schmitt. The Turners' societies of the southeastern section of the United States are represented by the following gentlemen of Washington city: G. W. Spier, H. H. Bergmann, Fred. Abel and F. Karl.

The conference at 12 o'clock adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock this evening.

THE GRIP ON SEVENTH STREET.

Cable Cars May be Running by the First of April.

It has not been definitely settled when the cable cars will commence running on the Seventh street line. They would be running to day had not the work upon the construction of the road been so long impeded by the fall rains. Probably there never was so much rain in Washington in one season as almost every day drenched the streets and made some places on Seventh street almost impassable from mud. Work upon the road had to be, time and time again, suspended.

The cars may be running, it is said, about April 1, but neither the cables or the pulleys have been placed yet, and that will take some time to accomplish.

The company will employ the services of two experts to "break the men in" as to the "grip" and all that, and as fast as they are so "broken in" the cars will be placed upon the track. One or two only will be put on at first.

FOR VICTIMIZING GOOD PEOPLE.

"Leland Stanford Orphans' Home" Was a Paying Institution

Professor Thomas A. J. Clemons has been collecting money for what he calls the "Leland Stanford Colored Orphan Asylum," which he claims is located at Spartanburg, S. C. It was ascertained there was no such institution in existence. A warrant was sworn out against the Professor yesterday and he was brought before Judge Miller this afternoon on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

Among those from whom he obtained money are Hon. C. P. Huntington, $300; Senator Stanford, $100; Grover Cleveland, $10; Mrs. Senator Hurst, $20; W. M. Evarts, $10; Chief Justice Fuller, $5; Calvin S. Brice, $25 and C. S. Fairchild, $25. The total amount collected was $876.

The case was adjourned until 3:30 in order to have Senator Stanford summoned and placed on the stand.

District Government Notes.

Permission has been granted to Pietro Duignola to erect a show stand in front of 856 E street northwest.

Charles C. Bury has been appointed overseer in the Washington Asylum at a salary of $600, vice Arnold, resigned.

Benjamin F. Higgins has been appointed a special officer for duty at the Northern Liberty Market, Fifth and K streets northwest, vice George Miles, deceased.

Thomas Kurtz has been pardoned from the workhouse.

The Commissioners have ordered the laying of a granolithic sidewalk on that portion of Eleventh street adjoining the *Star* building.

To Aid the Turtle Mountain Indians.

It is proposed to ask Congress for authority to expend $5,000 for the benefit of the Turtle Mountain Indians of North Dakota from the $25,000 appropriation made last February for the benefit of the Devil's Lake Indians. The Secretary of the Interior has already requested the President to authorize the expenditure of $2,000 to relieve the present urgent needs of the Turtle Mountain Indians.

For the Benefit of Patients.

The Commissioners this afternoon forwarded a letter to Secretary Windom recommending that the item of $4,500 for paving Florida avenue between Tenth and Eleventh streets northwest be included in the District Appropriation bill for 1891. The object of this is to provide a continuous smooth driveway for patients being conveyed to the Garfield Hospital.

Permits to Build.

Building permits were to-day granted as follows: Samuel Norment, four two-story brick dwellings, 220 to 226, alley in square 895, $4,000; C. W. Simpson, nine two-story brick dwellings, 2121 to 2131 Tenth street and 924 to 926 W street northwest, $10,000; James H. Walsh, two brick two-story dwellings, 1102 and 1101 Second street southeast, $2,500.

The Capital of Georgia.

Mr. W. E. Curtis, executive officer of the Pan-American Congress, assured a Georgia correspondent to-day that that body on its Southern tour would visit Augusta, Ga., because that city was the Capital of the State. The Georgian whistled softly and murmured, "Since when?"

Unlicensed Liquor Selling.

Emil G. Bruehl, the keeper of a grocery store on the Seventh street pike, was charged to-day in the Police Court with selling liquor without a license. Witnesses were examined and the case continued.

1,100,000 Gallons of Russian Oil.

GALATZ, March 18.—The Russian steamer Svet has arrived here and is awaiting to unload 1,100,000 gallons of petroleum.

Ship Carpenters on a Strike.

STETTIN, March 18.—All the ship carpenters in this city have gone on a strike.

The Dolphin at Key West.

The Dolphin has arrived at Key West with Admiral Gherardi aboard.

MR. TRACY IN COMMAND

WAS HE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESPATCH'S MISHAP?

He Was Ranking Officer of the Vessel, and May Have to Order a Court of Inquiry Into His Own Skill or Want of It.

A court of inquiry will probably be ordered to determine the responsibility for the Despatch running aground on Lower Cedar Point Shoal in the Potomac River. Such is almost the invariable custom when a United States vessel meets with a mishap of any kind, and, at the Navy Department, this is believed to be the course that will be followed in this instance.

The fact that Secretary Tracy was on board the Despatch may complicate matters somewhat, as, technically, when the Secretary of the Navy is aboard a United States vessel, by virtue of his office, he is the ranking officer, and in ordering a court of inquiry Secretary Tracy, in this case, would, in a technical sense, be constituting a court to inquire into his own seamanship, or lack of it.

No one for an instant imagines that a lawyer, when he becomes Secretary of the Navy, immediately develops into a sea captain; so that if this technical construction is not advanced Lieutenant W. S. Cowles, the real commander of the Despatch, would ordinarily be held responsible for the mishap.

Lieutenant Cowles, in a letter to the Navy Department, reports that the Despatch is "hard and fast." Information by rivermen is to the effect that at the point where the Despatch ran aground, the regular channel is sixty feet deep. Near this point are two lighthouses—Mathias Point light-house and Smith's Point light-house.

It is supposed that the Despatch was being steered by range and not by chart, and that the navigating officer mistook one light-house for the other. At the time of the accident the Despatch was running with a full head of steam and landed high on the shoals. It happened about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon in broad daylight, but the wind was blowing almost a gale at the time.

DISAPPOINTED SENSATIONALISTS.

Mrs. Condory Fails to Appear in Time to Satisfy Them.

Those who anticipated a sensation in the Police Court on the occasion of the trial of Golda Condory, charged with being a suspicious person, were disappointed. The case was set for this afternoon at 2 o'clock, but Mrs. Condory failed to put in an appearance at that time.

Many of the faces that were so conspicuous in the court-room last Friday night were there again to-day, but when it was thought that Golda had flown there was a general stampede from the court-room.

Later in the day Mrs. Condory walked into court, and, after some preliminaries, Judge Miller set this evening at 7 o'clock for the hearing.

KINCAID INDICTED.

He Will Be Arraigned This Week, if Strong Enough.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock an indictment of murder against Charles A. Kincaid was placed in the hands of Clerk Clark of the Criminal Court. The defendant, if he recovers sufficiently, may be arraigned on Saturday morning, but this is not certain.

Dog Show in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, MD., March 18.—The great bench show of dogs opened to-day at Natatorium Hall, adjoining Harris' Academy of Music. The exhibition of valuable mastiffs, St. Bernards, grey hounds, pointers, English setters, Irish setters, Gordon setters, foxhounds, cocker spaniels, collies, bull terriers, fox terriers, beagles, pugs, Blenheim spaniels, etc., is one of the finest ever held in the United States.

Sawed in Two Lengthwise.

PALMER, MASS., March 18.—Yesterday W. Johnson Brown of Broomfield, while at work in Slasher's steam sawmill, near Warren, was caught by the carriage and drawn upon the saw, which, beginning at his head, cut him completely through lengthwise. The deceased was about 35 years of age, and leaves a widow and five children.

Progressive Euchre Is Gambling.

MARSHALL, MO., March 18.—Judge Ryland, in convening the Circuit Court yesterday, charged the grand jury to pay special attention to gambling, and instructed them to investigate the playing of progressive euchre for prizes, which undoubtedly came under this head, and to indict where there was sufficient proof.

Jersey Methodists in Conference.

MILLVILLE, N. J., March 18.—At the session of the Methodist Episcopal Conference this morning the educational committee reported a plan for liquidating the debt of Pennington Seminary. They recommended that the trustees raise $20,000 by private subscription, and that the pastors raise $12,000 in the churches.

A Big Floating Torch.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 18.—The schooner Mabel Howard, from Boston, passed a burning lumber schooner. No one was aboard. The vessel is supposed to be the Lizzie D. Small, from St. John, N. B., for New York, before reported abandoned.

Mr. Depew Convalescing.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Chauncey M. Depew is rapidly convalescing, and on Wednesday he will start for St. Augustine, Fla. The length of his stay in St. Augustine has not been determined.

Paymaster-General Smith.

Brigadier-General William Smith, now at St. Paul, Minn., has been ordered to Washington, D. C., to assume his new duties as Paymaster-General of the Army.

"Yellow Jack" in Brazil.

PARIS, March 18.—Telegrams received here from Rio de Janeiro state that yellow fever has broken out at Campinas and Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Steamship Arrivals

At Glasgow—State of Indiana from New York.

At Bremen—Fulda from New York.

Preparing for the Burlesque.

From the New York Evening Sun.

"How should Mephistopheles be costumed, Mr. Penn?"

"Well, sir, I think a blazer would be appropriate."

CONCEALED THEIR CRIME.

Murder Committed Four Years Ago—A Whole Family Indicted.

BEDFORD, IOWA, March 18.—Henry Litzett was arrested here last evening and taken to Page County on the charge of murder, committed about four years ago near the Page and Taylor County line. The crime was discovered by a small boy, who, while fishing, found the decomposed body of a man in the Nodaway River tied with a rope to a stake driven in the bed of the stream.

Some months later Litzett's little daughter told the neighbors that her father and two other men had killed a man in their house. The story was investigated and the grand jury of Page County recently indicted Litzett and the two men that assisted him for murder and Litzett's wife and daughter as accessories. The other men engaged in the murder, whose names are not known here are also under arrest.

MR. SKIDMORE'S HOUSEWARMING.

They Blew Him Up with Dynamite and Killed His Dog.

BUTTE, MONT., March 18.—An attempt was made here yesterday morning to take the life of J. V. Skidmore by blowing him up with giant powder. Skidmore last fall jumped a claim and built the cabin which he now occupies. He was absent from the cabin a few minutes yesterday morning, and when he again entered an explosion took place, which knocked him senseless, killed his dog, knocked a hole through the roof and floor of the cabin, and shattered things generally.

Skidmore's face was lacerated by two pieces of iron, one of his legs was a mass of wounds, and the other was also injured. It is supposed an enemy put a can of giant powder in the cabin during Skidmore's temporary absence and lighted a slow fuse.

FARMER FISH AND ANNABELLA.

A Buxom Nova Scotia Girl Sues for Big Damages.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 18.—Farmer John R. Fish, aged 65, of Rehoboth, having been sued for $5,000 damages by Miss Annabella Phillips, a buxom Nova Scotia girl, who has two children that she calls after him, and one other, has deeded his valuable farm over to the two former upon condition that Annabella, his housekeeper, withdraw the suit. He also demanded her promise that she "would never again accept from him as valid a promise of marriage." She refused, and the suit goes on.

A BIG SENSATION.

Alleged Frauds Involving $2,000,000 in Fredericksburg, Va.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The *World's* Fredericksburg, Va., special says: It is reported here to-day (Monday) that the greatest sensation ever known in this section of the State will be developed to-morrow. The parties affected are said to be an official of Stafford County and the owner of a valuable and historical estate near this city. Detectives have discovered alleged frauds of over $2,000,000, and have been shadowing the accused parties at the instigation of a prominent Northern man.

John T. Lester's Will.

CHICAGO, March 18.—The will of the late John T. Lester was admitted to probate yesterday. Mr. Lester left an estate worth $750,000. This property goes to the members of his family in about the usual statutory proportions, except as to his daughter who recently married P. D. Armour's son and the peculiar circumstances of whose wedding were said to have helped to make Mr. Lester ill. To her he leaves only the income of $50,000.

Says the Association is Dead.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 18.—Elton Chamberlain, the pitcher, announces that he will not play with St. Louis this year under any circumstances. Chamberlain says the American Association is a dead issue, and he is through with Von Der Ahe. Chamberlain is now corresponding with Comiskey of the Chicago Brotherhood team with a view of joining that team.

A Deficit of $315,312.

NEW ORLEANS, March 18.—The *Times-Democrat's* Jackson, Miss., special says It is definitely learned that the report of the Legislative investigating committee will show the deficit in ex-State Treasurer Hemingway's accounts to be $315,312, the same sum reported by the expert commission. Mr. Hemingway still declares that complete investigation will show that he is not a defaulter.

Farms for English Boys.

LEAVENWORTH, KANS., March 18.—The Anglo-American Investment Company, owning 500,000 acres of Kansas farm lands, has bought the farm of Whitsed Laming, near Tonjanoxie, for $23,000 and will establish on it an agricultural training school for young Englishmen with enough means to buy a company farm. The school will begin with 100 students.

$5,000 on a Wrestle.

KANKAKEE, ILL., March 18.—Tom Connors of Milwaukee and Sam Matthews of Kankakee met here last night to decide the middle-weight wrestling championship of America. The match was for $250 a side. Matthews won the first fall, Connors taking the other two. About $5,000 changed hands.

General Hooker's Sister.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., March 18.—Mrs. Mary Brainerd, the only surviving sister of "Fighting Joe" Hooker, resides in this city and is comfortably well off. No other members of the family are in destitute circumstances.

Can't Be Extradited.

HARTFORD, CONN., March 18.—The Supreme Court has decided that the expedition of Eli Whitney and others of New Haven for an injunction to prevent demolishing the State House should not be granted.

Judge Cooley Improving

ANN ARBOR, MICH., March 18.—Judge T. M. Cooley has returned from the South, where he went several weeks ago for his health. He was much improved, but caught a slight cold, and was unable to be out yesterday.

SPECIAL TRAIN arranged for by Messrs. William Cramp & Sons for the accommodation of their guests to Philadelphia to-morrow, the 19th instant, to witness the launching of the U. S. steamship Newark, will leave Sixth-street Station, Pennsylvania Railroad, at 7:50 a. m., sharp. Arrive Philadelphia 11 a. m. Returning, leave Broad-street Station at 4:50 p. m.; arrive Washington 8:35 p. m.

HER NOSE BURNED TO A CRISP.

Horrible Accident that Befell a Family in Indiana.

SOUTH BEND, IND., March 18.—Mrs. Henry Hamer, her mother and an adopted girl were terribly burned this morning—Mrs. Hamer so badly that her recovery is doubtful. While Mrs. Hamer was filling a gasoline stove the oil ignited, and in an instant the curtains and carpet were in flames. Both women and the child seized the curtains and the clothing of all three took fire.

The old lady threw a shawl around the child, whose hair was nearly all burned off, and succeeded in extinguishing the flames. She then put out the fire in her own clothes by rolling on the floor, but not until her hands, face, neck and arms had been burned in many places to a crisp. Mrs. Hamer, who was heavily dressed, was powerless to help herself. Her mother finally cut off most of her clothing, but not until the woman had been almost roasted alive. Her nose was burned almost to a crisp, her neck suffered severely and some of her nails dropped off with the flesh.

ROBBED THE COUNTY'S CASH BOX.

Daring Burglars Make a Raid, but Only Get $600.

FORT SMITH, ARK., March 18.—The Circuit Court clerk's office at Greenwood, Sebastain County, was entered by burglars Saturday night, but so far as can be learned they secured only $600. They bored a hole in the door of the vault and blew that open, and then opened the County Treasurer's safe on the inside and secured all the money it contained. The County Collector had been at Greenwood all the week collecting the accounts, and the thieves evidently expected rich spoils.

SHOT IN HIS STORE.

Three Tramps Committed the Deed and Are Being Searched For.

FORT WAYNE, IND., March 18.—A. S. Henry, proprietor of a general store and agent and operator for the Nickel Plate Railroad at Hartsburg, Ohio, was shot and instantly killed to-night by three unknown tramps. They entered the store, evidently with the purpose of robbery, but the shooting alarmed the neighbors and the tramps fled without taking anything. Armed men are searching the country but no trace of the murderers has yet been found.

A TOUGH "TENDERFOOT."

Robbers Give Him Drugged Whisky, but Fail to Rob Him.

SALT LAKE, UTAH, March 18.—Last evening J. B. Weston of Colorado, who is visiting this city, formed the acquaintance of a couple of stranges, who first gave him drugged whisky and then tried to rob him. Weston fatally shot one of the men named Warner, and, after an exchange of shots, killed the second of the ruffians, a man named Granville. Mr. Weston then surrendered himself to the police.

LIEUT. STEELE'S COURT-MARTIAL.

Hearing the Evidence Against Him in the Chicago Barracks.

CHICAGO, March 18.—The court-martial appointed to try the charges of conduct prejudicial to the service against Second Lieutenant M. F. Steele, met here to-day. There were two specifications, striking Private Dell Wild and using bad language. He plead not guilty to both. The hearing is public.

Systematic Relief for Miners.

WILKESBARRE, PA., March 18.—A largely-attended public meeting was held here yesterday, in which all the churches and benevolent institutions united, and organized for the relief of the distressed miners. A central storehouse is to be established at once, to which all contributions are to be brought, and from which the supplies will be distributed.

Burned In Their Beds.

AUSTIN, MINN., March 18.—The residence of F. Augustus Carll, near Lansing was burned Sunday night. Yesterday morning neighbors found the charred bodies of Mr. Carll and his wife among the smouldering ruins. Mr. Carll was an early settler and owned considerable property. Nothing is known about the origin of the fire.

Transcontinental Railroad Business.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., March 18.—The Transcontinental Association was called to order yesterday by Chairman James Smith. The sessions of the association will be secret. Officers were elected and the report of business for the twelve months ending December 31, 1889, adopted.

More Bribers in the Toils.

NEW YORK, March 18.—George Miceeman was arrested to-day on an indictment charging him with extortion while employed in the sheriff's office. Joseph Young, a deputy sheriff was also arrested at noon and held in $10,000 bail, for bribery. Other arrests are expected this afternoon.

Thirty Years a Newspaper Man.

DAVENPORT, IOWA, March 18.—George H. Ballou, since 1859 connected with Iowa newspapers and for the last twenty-two years city editor of the Davenport *Gazette*, and Davenport *Democrat*, died yesterday, aged 57 years.

General Grant's Statue.

SPRINGFIED, MASS., March 18.—The plaster cast for an equestrian statue of General Grant, ordered by the city of Chicago of the artist, Louis Rebissos, has been completed and received at the Ames' works in Chicope, where the bronze casting will immediately be made.

Prince George's Little Ship.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 18.—The British war ship Thrush, which is coming to this station, in command of Prince George of Wales, is a small vessel recently launched. She is of 800 tons displacement and will carry six guns.

The Flack Divorce.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The trial of the Flack divorce conspiracy case was resumed in the Court of Oyer and Terminer this morning, a largely increased crowd being in attendance.

Bonn Shaken.

BONN, March 18.—An earthquake shock was experienced here to day.

Misunderstood.

From the New York Evening Sun.

"Ah, sir, I've seen better days," said the beggar, piteously.

"So have I," said De Jinks. "It's very nabsty to-day."

INDIANAPOLIS' HORROR

FIREMEN CRUSHED AND KILLED BY FALLING WALLS.

The Worst Danger Was Supposed to Be Over When the Terrible Catastrophe Came—Very Narrow Escapes—Corrected List of the Dead.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 18.—Bowen-Merrill & Co.'s book house burned last night. It was the largest in the State, with $125,000 worth of stock. The fire was supposed to be well under control at 5:30. It was then that an awful calamity occurred. The building, with its load of human beings, caved in. Fifteen men tumbled into the yawning abyss. Parts of Companies Nos. 3 and 6 were on the roof working their way down to the fire. No warning was given. The roof seemed sound and the walls substantial.

The scene on the heap of *debris* immediately after the collapse was dreadful beyond description. The limbs of men here and there were seen writhing, while trunks to which they belonged were buried from sight. A ladder lay across three men, and was weighted down by tons of bricks and timber. Another poor fellow, who was beyond all pain, lay close beside his fellows, a shapeless and mangled mass. The ladder lay across the stomach of one man, who was screaming with agony. Another with a broken arm and toasted body lay next to him.

Thomas Dillon, superintendent of the Brush Electric Light Company, and William Long had a miraculous escape. They were on the roof of the burning building cutting the electric wires when the crash came. By quick jumping both succeeded in reaching an adjoining roof and escaped injury.

A fund has already been started for the relief of the injured firemen and the families of the dead and injured. It has already reached the total of $2,000. Mayor Sullivan has issued a proclamation calling for subscriptions. The coroner has been investigating and will hold an inquest to-day.

"Wells" Robinson, who was rescued with a badly cut and bruised leg, gave the following account of the disaster: "I was working in the cellar when the crash came, and I was knocked and must have lost consciousness for a moment. When I recovered I found that a piece of timber had lodged across my leg and held me fast. Espey Stormer I could hear calling for help about ten feet away. He was in a worse place than I was, and he became quiet after a time. I struggled hard to get free, as it was terribly hot and the burning timbers were all around me. I jerked my leg free at last and crawled out between the wall and the ruins."

It was reported that three little newsboys had been standing very near the wall which collapsed, watching the actions of the firemen. If this is so there is little hope of them being taken out alive.

Fire Chief Dougherty is being very severely criticized for ordering the firemen on to the building when it was in such an unsafe condition. Five minutes before the crash came the firemen were warned by citizens to leave the building, but the warning was unheeded.

It will take fully twenty-four hours to remove all the *debris*, and until that is done there is no estimating how many lost their lives. The firemen who escaped think it is possible that there may be several bodies in the cellar, as a few minutes before the crash came several men were in the rear lower floor room of the building attempting to get out some of the firm's books that had not been burned.

Thomas Barrett, the driver of No. 6, was visited at his home, 275 South West street. He was found sitting up talking to a host of friends, who had gathered to ascertain the extent of his injuries, and was able to give his own account of the affair. Said he: "Tony Veltz was twenty feet from me. I was on the ladder on the Court-street side, and around me were Bloomer, Billy Reisner, McGinnis and Jones. I could not say how the wall fell, but it seemed to give way all at once just as the floors gave in, probably because the supports in the cellar were gone. I did not lose consciousness, but I was pinned down and could not get loose until they took me out."

An army of workmen is busily engaged this morning carting away the *debris* to exhume the bodies of the dead and injured buried in the ruins of the Bowen-Merrill book concern. The voices of several persons yet in the ruins can be plainly heard, and an excited throng of friends of the missing ones are anxiously waiting the clearing away of the piles of brick and broken timber that hold imprisoned, alive or dead, the missing firemen.

The list of dead as far as known at this hour is as follows:

ANDREW O. CHENEY, superintendent of the fire alarm telegraph.

GEORGE FAULKNER, engineer Company 1; imbedded in the ruins.

ESPEY STORMER, pipeman Engine Company 1; still in ruins.

DAVID R. LOWRY, pipeman Engine Company 2; still in ruins.

ULYSSES GLAZIER, substitute Engine Company 3.

HENRY D. WOODRUFF, pipeman, Engine Company 5.

GEORGE W. GLENN, pipeman, Reel Company 10.

ALBERT HOFFMAN, pipeman, Reel Company 10.

ANTHONY VOLZ, Hook and Ladder Company 2.

THOMAS A. BLACK, truckman, Hook and Ladder Company 3.

The injured number eighteen. The fire originated in the basement, from the furnace, but in what manner is not known. The furnace was recently refitted, and was supposed to be in good condition.

THE FIREMEN'S FAMILIES.

A Fund for Their Relief—President Harrison Subscribes.

The terrible accident at Indianapolis yesterday by which a number (now thought to be twenty-two) of firemen lost their lives by the roof falling in and plunging the unfortunate men into the seething mass of flames below, has set the Indianians at work to do what they can to relieve the families of the victims.

Colonel Perry S. Heath, correspondent of the Indianapolis *Journal*, has the matter in charge, and subscriptions will be received at his office, at 513 Fourteenth street northwest, and at the office of the Treasurer of the United States. Up to noon to-day the subscriptions amounted to something more than $500. Of this amount President Harrison subscribed $200, Attorney-General Miller, $100, and Treasurer Huston $50. Every member of the delegation in Congress from Indiana also subscribed. It is believed that $1,000 will be raised by night.

This is the most frightful calamity of the new year. The men who were burned and crushed to death were poor men and their families need help. The subscriptions should not be limited to citizens of Indiana.

Fire Raging for Five Days.

ASHLAND, WIS., March 18.—Fire has been raging in the West Vulcan mine near Norway since Friday afternoon. Estimated loss to date, $30,000. A party of five miners were almost frozen to death, being unable to get out to leave the bottom of the new shaft on account of the smoke.

HIS FATAL BLUE GUMS.

Death, in Horrible Agony, of One Negro Bitten by Another.

BIRMINGHAM, March 18.—Oscar Hill died yesterday in Clay County, in the most intense agony, from the effects of the bite of Henry Davis, a negro. The bite was inflicted about four months ago, when the two men had a quarrel, resulting in Davis biting Hill's finger to the bone.

Nothing was thought of the matter for several days, when the finger began to swell and was amputated. This did not prevent the swelling from going into the arm, however, and about ten days after the finger was taken off the arm was severed near the shoulder.

This appeared to heal, and no further trouble was anticipated until a few days ago, when the injured man began to show symptoms similar to those of hydrophobia, going into convulsions at the sight of water and being possessed of superhuman strength during these paroxysms of pain. These convulsions became more and more frequent, and death relieved his sufferings.

The negro who bit him is what is termed "a blue-gummed" negro, owing to the peculiar color of his gums, and there is a well established belief that a bite of such a negro is always fatal.

Some physicians indorse this opinion and maintain that the peculiar color of the gum is produced by a condition of the blood which, if communicated to a person with healthy blood through a bite or otherwise, proves fatal.

BENWELL'S BODY EXHUMED.

Miss Lockhart Identifies the Remains—Important Evidence.

WOODSTOCK, ONT., March 18.—Detective Murray and Miss Lockhart went to Princeton yesterday, where the body of Benwell was exhumed for identification by Miss Lockhart. Miss Lockhart was on the train which conveyed Birchall and Benwell to Eastwood on February 17. She sat two seats behind them and noticed them particularly. Her description of the two men coincided exactly with that of the deceased and Birchall.

On arriving at the cemetery in Princeton Miss Lockhart viewed the remains of Benwall and positively identified them as those of one of the men whom she saw on the train. Benwall's body was well preserved. Detective Murray regards this identification as very important, and considers the chain of evidence against the prisoner as about complete.

CHINESE LAUNDRYMEN MUST GO.

So Say the Big American Capitalists in the Business.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The proprietors of the big steam laundries in the United States representing, it is said, $25,000,000 in their plants, have decided that the Chinese laundrymen must be driven out of the business. The chief executive committee of the Master Laundrymen met in this city last night and decided that the association shall do everything, so far as it can, to wrest from the Chinese the control of the laundry business.

This action was precipitated by the attempt of Chinese Six Companies to purchase the largest laundries in the United States and run them exclusively by Chainamen.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stocks.

The following are the prices of the New York and Chicago markets as reported by special wire to C. T. Havenner & Co., Room 11 Atlantic building:

STOCKS.	*Open*	2:30	STOCKS.	*Open*	2:30
Chicago Gas	42¾	43	Northwest	110¾	110¾
Can. South.	55½	55	Omaha	32½	32½
National Tel	18½	18½	do. pfd	.....	.....
D., L. & W.	135½	135½	P. M. S. S.	37½	37½
Del. & Hud.	148½	148½	Reading	40½	40½
Erie	25½	25½	R. & W. Pf.	21½	21½
Jersey Cen.	.....	.....	do. pfd	.....	.....
L. & N.	83½	83½	St. Paul	68½	68½
L. S.	107½	106½	Tex. Pac.	.....	.....
Sugar Trust	67	67½	Union Pac.	62½	62½
Mo. Pac.	73½	73½	W. Union	83½	83
N. Y. & N. E.	46½	46½	Petroleum	87½	87½
N. Y. Cen.	107½	107½	Am. Cot's'd.	27½	27½
N. Pac.	30½	30½	Atch & Top.	36½	37½
do. pfd.	72½	72	Chi., B. & Q.	106½	106½

The Chicago Markets.

WHEAT.	*Open*	*Close*	PORK.	*Open*	*Close*
Jan	80	79½	Jan.	10 45	10 52
Feb	79½	79½	Feb	10 45	10 52
May	78½	78¾	May	10 50	10 52
CORN.			LARD.		
Jan	30	29½	Jan	6 10	6 12
Feb	30½	30½	Feb	6 12	6 15
May	31½	31½	May	6 20	6 17
OATS.					
Jan	21½	21½			
Feb	21½	21½			
May	20½	20½			

Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—Regular Call—12 o'clock m.—D. C. 3.65s, $500 at 122½; Columbia National Bank, 10 at 180; 10 at 180; 10 at 180; 20 at 180. Capital National Bank, 10 at 117. Columbia Railroad, 20 at 70. Capital and North O Street Railroad, 1 at 63. National Union Insurance, 15 at 20½. U. S. Electric Light, 10 at 117. American Graphophone, 100 at 15; 50 at 15. American Security and Trust Company, 20 at 32.

Miscellaneous Bonds — U. S. Electric Lights 1st, 6's, 100; U. S. Electric Light 2d, 6's, 115; W. & G. R. R. 10-40 6's, R'63-'93, 105½; W. & G. Convertible, 6's, 170; Masonic Hall Ass'n, 5's, C 1898, 105½; Wash. Market Co., 1st Mort., 6's, 110; Wash. Market Co., Imp., 6's, 120; Int'l & Seaboard Co., 6's, C 1907, —; Wash. Lt. Infantry, 1st, 6's, 1904, 104; Wash. Lt. Infantry, 5d, 7's, 1904, 100; Wash. Gas Light Co., Ser. A, 6's, 1901; Wash. Gas Light Co., Ser. B, 6's, 1921.

National Bank Stocks—Bank of Washington, 460; Bank of Republic, 250; Metropolitan, 265; Central, 280; Second, 185; Farmers and Mechanics', 188; Citizens', 163; Columbia, 180; Capital, 117; West End, 80.

Railroad Stocks — Washington and Georgetown, 275; Metropolitan, 165; Columbia, 60; Capitol and North O Street, 63½; Eckington and Soldier's Home, 80; Brightwood, 31.

Insurance Stocks—Firemen's, 45; Franklin, 52; Metropolitan, 80; National Union, 20½; Arlington, 180; Corcoran, 63; Columbia, 17½; German-American, 180; Potomac, 88; Riggs, 8½; People's 5½.

Title Insurance Stocks—Real Estate Title, 120½; Columbia Title, 6½; Washington Title, —.

Gas and Electric Light Stocks—Washington Gas, 44½; Georgetown Gas, 48; U. S. Electric Light, 110.

Telephone Stocks—Pennsylvania, 25; Chesapeake and Potomac, 85; American Graphophone, 15.

Miscellaneous Stocks.—Washington Market Co., 10; Washington Brick Machine Co., 225; Great Falls Ice Co., 185; Bull Run Panorama Co., 23; National Safe Deposit, 240; Washington Safe Deposit, 130; Washington Loan and Trust Co., 5; National Typographic, 20; Mergenthaler, 10; Pneumatic Gun Carriage, 4; Wash. Loan and Trust, Co., —; American Security and Trust Co., 31½.

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