

GLEANINGS AT THE BRITISH CAPITAL.

Exceptionally Mild Winter Weather Prevails at London.

Temperature Many Degrees Above the Average For This Time of Year.

Country Houses Busy Entertaining—Amateur Theatricals a Positive Craze—A Scandal Agitating the Roman Aristocracy—New Rules at the White House Ridiculed by the London Press.

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Copyrighted, 1898, by the Associated Press).—The weather has been exceptionally mild, and trees and shrubs are budding. Wednesday was the warmest winter night in London since 1890.

All the country houses are most busy entertaining, country balls, amateur theatricals and tableaux being the staple attractions. Theatricals have become a positive craze, and plays like "Rosemary" and "David Garrick," requiring the best acting, are unhesitatingly chosen.

The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire's party at Chatsworth has been a great success. The shooting was excellent. On Thursday the Prince of Wales, Earl de Grey, Lord Ely and five others secured a record bag, including 800 pheasants.

At the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire had a huge tent erected at a convenient spot, and an elaborate luncheon was served there daily by the servants. The Princess of Wales and the ladies of the party drove there in a four-horse brake with postillions and an escort of mounted police.

Lady Randolph Churchill and Arthur Balfour, the First Lord of the Treasury, generally devoted the days to golf. Theatricals on Friday night were quite successful.

A scandal is agitating the Roman aristocracy. The celebrated duca house of Litta-Vicentini-Arez has renounced its Italian nationality. The Duke married Countess Rosa Parisi, a noted beauty, by whom he had two daughters and some time afterward a boy.

The American racing colors which will be seen in 1898 are about the same as in 1897. The acceptances for the Lincolnshire spring handicap include James R. Keene's St. Cloud and Voter.

The newspapers ridicule the new rules of etiquette at the White House, saying that President McKinley's protocol will soon rival President Grant's, who has long been taunted with adopting monarchical airs.

"Vanity Fair," quoting the rule beginning, "Invitations issued by Mrs. McKinley take precedence over all other invitations," says: "Such rules prove that under the stars and stripes it is quite possible to be a royaliste who is not (more royalist than the King). We wonder what Lincoln would have said to any officious understrapper suggesting such rules?"

It has been ascertained that the loss resulting from the so-called "Cripple Creek" fire amounts to \$750,000 (\$3,750,000). The inquiry is dragging, the evidence obtained being direct, but toward proving the fire of incendiary origin, and in the direction of demonstrating that the brigade has finished the design of a very large steam yacht for James G. Bennett, proprietor of the New York "Herald," which will probably be built at Clyde.

The Czar and Czarina will receive their friends at the Paris Exposition during the closing months of the war. He was employed by the New York "Tribune" as special correspondent during the Cuban troubles, and won distinction by his report of the Virginia massacre. Later he became managing editor of the Philadelphia "Times," and subsequently the editor of the Philadelphia "Daily News."

He was one of the founders and for many years President of the Clover Club of Philadelphia. He moved to Chicago in 1893, to accept the position of Chief of the Bureau of Publicity and Promotion of the World's Columbian Exposition. At the close of the fair he went to New York and engaged in literary work and newspaper correspondence for a year. He returned to Chicago as the editor of the "Times-Herald" in 1895, when the paper was purchased by H. H. Kohlsaat. Last May Major Handy was appointed by President McKinley as Special Commissioner to the Paris Exposition, where he rendered valuable service.

JACKSON DAY AT CHICAGO.

A Host of Democrats Celebrate the Event With a Banquet.

William J. Bryan, the Champion of Free Silver, the Guest of Honor.

He Arraigns the Secretary of the Treasury for His Views on the Financial Question, Contending That His Currency Plan Would Control the National Banks Full Control of the Paper Money of the Nation.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—A host of Democrats, quite a number of them from Iowa, Indiana and Wisconsin, celebrated Jackson Day by a banquet at the Tremont Hotel this evening. The Hon. W. J. Bryan was the principal guest.

Mr. Bryan was received with cheers when introduced, and spoke in part as follows: "It is especially fitting that at this time the American people should recall the name of Andrew Jackson, and gather inspiration and encouragement from his public career. We are engaged to-day in a contest very similar to that in which he played so conspicuous and honorable a part."

Mr. Bryan then urged the necessity of extending and perfecting the work of the Democratic Club, closing with the words: "I will therefore bid you be good cheer. Unless all political parties fall to pieces, the twentieth century will open with the money of the Constitution restored, and the motto, 'Equal rights to all and special privileges to none,' the controlling principle in all the departments of the Government. Then will our people sing a new song of a nation redeemed."

Speeches were also made by Senator Stewart of Nevada, Sam Morris of the Indianapolis "Sentinel," the Hon. James H. Lewis of Washington, R. T. Cobb of Atlanta, D. J. Campbell of Detroit, Mayor Taggart of Indianapolis and others.

BEATEN AND ROBBED. E. A. Brown Meets With a Painful Experience at San Jose.

SAN JOSE, Jan. 8.—E. A. Brown, who arrived here yesterday afternoon by private conveyance from Hollister, was robbed this morning of all his money, \$300. At the same time he was beaten and his head was painfully injured.

HE PASSES AWAY AT AUGUSTA, GEORGIA. Was Stricken With His Fatal Illness at Paris, France, Just Prior to Leaving for America.

AUGUSTA (Ga.), Jan. 8.—Major Moses P. Handy died at noon to-day. He remains will be taken to Berlin, Md., for burial.

Major Handy was stricken with the illness which ended with his death while he was preparing to leave Paris for America, after completing his work as Commissioner to the exposition.

Major Handy was born at Warsaw, Benton County, Mo., his father being Rev. I. W. K. Handy, a prominent Presbyterian clergyman. The family left Missouri for Virginia when Major Handy was a child, and he was reared and educated in the latter State.

Mr. Handy was a man of great energy and ability, and was a member of the Confederate service, and served with gallantry during the closing months of the war. He was employed by the New York "Tribune" as special correspondent during the Cuban troubles, and won distinction by his report of the Virginia massacre.

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AWFUL DISASTER ON THE OHIO RIVER.

An Explosion Causes the Destruction of a Towboat.

Eight People Were Killed and Several Others Seriously Injured.

The Hulk of the Vessel Sinks Almost Immediately After the Accident Occurs—The Explosion Was Terrific, Being Heard for Miles Around.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 8.—The towboat Percy Kelsey, owned by K. H. Brown & Sons of this city, blew up while going down the Ohio River near Glenfield, Pa., about 11 o'clock this morning, and six or eight of the crew were killed, and at least four of the others injured.

The boat was commanded by Captain Leslie Jones of Shousetown, Pa., and the crew was made up of two pilots, two engineers, two mates, two firemen, a chambermaid, cook and his deckhands, in all about twelve persons.

The Kelsey left Pittsburgh about 8 o'clock this morning with a tow consisting of seven barges and two flats of coal, and everything was apparently all right until the explosion took place, when the boat was literally blown to pieces and the tow scattered and lost.

The explosion was most terrific, and was heard for miles. Hundreds of persons ran to the river upon hearing the noise, and an awful sight met their gaze. Bodies were floating down the river, and the debris was scattered far and wide, but no live person was seen.

Four Negroes Meet With Summary Justice. Two Were Charged With Criminal Assault and the Other Two With Murder.

LITTLE ROCK (Ark.), Jan. 8.—Four colored men were lynched in the vicinity of Bearden, Ark., within the last few days. Two were charged with criminal assault, and two were murderers.

DEVOE AND HUNTLEY WERE LYNCHED FOR A CRIME COMMITTED A YEAR AGO. At that time they attempted to outrage Mrs. Paine, a respectable white woman at Bearden.

FATAL MINE EXPLOSION. Six Lives Supposed to Have Been Lost Near Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURG (Kan.), Jan. 8.—Six lives are supposed to have been lost by an explosion, probably of dust or gas, at 5 o'clock this evening, in shaft No. 5 of the Mount Carmel Coal Company's mine, six and one-half miles south of here, near Chicopee.

ARID LANDS. Commissioner Herrmann Opposed to Their Being Granted to States.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Commissioner Herrmann of the General Land Office has prepared an adverse report on the House bill, providing for the granting to the respective States of all arid lands within their areas, upon condition that the lands shall be reclaimed for agricultural purposes by the State.

TRAGEDY IN THE STREETS OF PARIS. PARIS, Jan. 8.—A girl named Dumas, well known as a model, was captured and stabbed in the back. Verrier shot her with a revolver as she was running away. He then knelt on her head and shot her three times, killing her.

HEIRS HAVE BEEN FOUND WHO WILL SHARE IN A LARGE ESTATE. LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—An old man named Joseph Blow died recently in a squall house on Alameda street. He was a miser, and left at least \$80,000 worth of property, and there was no apparent heir.

HANGED TO A COURTHOUSE WALL.

Chadwick Marshall the Victim of a Mob at Colfax, Wash.

Was Suspected of Murdering Young Hayden Near Farmington Last October.

Struck a Heavy Blow on the Head and Stunned While Protesting His Innocence, Dragged From the Jail and Lynched—Another Victim Wanted by the Mob Saved Himself by Stratagem.

COLFAX (Wash.), Jan. 8.—Chadwick Marshall, the suspected murderer of young Hayden near Farmington the night of October 23d, was taken from jail by a mob at 2 o'clock this morning and hanged to the west wall of the Courthouse.

Yesterday there was suspicion that a mob was collecting, but the officers made no preparation to resist it. The train from Spokane last night arrived at 1 o'clock, and the Sheriff's office afterward the prisoners in jail saw a mob of masked men march up Mill street, east of the jail. Jailer H. R. Trefl, who was the only officer about the Courthouse, was awakened and informed that an officer wanted a prisoner locked up. He dressed and came out, and was then confronted by masked men with drawn revolvers.

Trefl was informed that the mob wanted to hang "Blackey" Marshall and "Dakota Slim" McDonald, and demanded that Trefl give up the jail keys. The officer was led to the Sheriff's office, got the keys and gave them to his captors. Twelve of the mob then entered the jail, taking Trefl with them.

At the first the mob went into the woman's wing, where "Dakota Slim" was confined. "Slim" protested his innocence, and said "Blackey" Marshall admits his guilt, and if he implicates me I will go. The mob thought this a fair proposition, and went into the east wing of the jail, where "Blackey's" cell was unlocked. He had only time to say "Don't hurt me; before God I am innocent," when one of the mob struck him a heavy blow over the head with an iron bar, stunning him. A rope was then fastened around his neck, and he was dragged out of the jail and up the narrow stairs to the Superior Courtroom to a double window, where the rope was tied around a standard between the windows. Blackey's body was then pitched out head foremost, and left dangling at the end of an eight-foot rope against the Courthouse wall in plain view of the people on Main street.

While this was being done a part of the mob went to "Dakota Slim's" cell again. During their absence the prisoner had stuffed the keyhole of the cell door with rags, and fastened a sharp knife on the end of a broomstick. With this he kept jabbing through the barred door of his cell, thus preventing anyone from approaching the door to pick the rags out of the keyhole. His cell had two doors, the inner one being of solid steel, and behind this he protected his life. Finally one of the mob caught a glimpse of "Slim's" shoulder, fired a shot at him. The bullet passed through his sleeve, struck the wall and rebounded, striking him on the breast. He fell to the floor, exclaiming, "My God, they have killed me." One of the mob was heard to say, "Let's be sure we've killed him." Another said: "Let's give him another shot and finish him." Finally they decided that "Slim" was dead, and left. His wounds, however, are not serious.

The mob was at the jail less than ten minutes, and the jailer's family, who occupied rooms directly beneath the jail, did not know of any disturbance until "Blackey's" body was taken down, an hour later.

IMPORTANT OPINION. Rendered by Superior Judge Shaw of Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—Judge Shaw in the Superior Court to-day rendered an opinion in the case of the State Loan and Trust Company against John Bryson, Sr., H. J. Wollacott and W. G. Cochran. These three, who are stockholders in the bank, were also bondsmen of S. B. Hunt, who was Secretary of the bank. Hunt borrowed large sums of money from the bank and died. The securities were found to be worth less than his indebtedness in the amount of \$15,000. The bondsmen asked the bank to withhold proceedings against them until the securities could be realized upon, and later, when the security was found inadequate, they pleaded the statute of limitations. Judge Shaw refuses to allow this proceeding.

A MISER'S DEATH. Heirs Have Been Found Who Will Share in a Large Estate.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—An old man named Joseph Blow died recently in a squall house on Alameda street. He was a miser, and left at least \$80,000 worth of property, and there was no apparent heir. John F. Francis, one of the leading men of this city, on reading of the case, determined to have a man of the same name worked on the old Francis family place at Lyons, Iowa, years ago, and he interested himself in the case. The result is that brothers and sisters have been found living in Bainbridge, Lincolnshire, England, and they will get the property.

SENT TO BE HANGED. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—Woo Ting, the Chinese, who on September 2d shot and killed his uncle, Yee Lick Chang, in the Globe Hotel, was this morning sentenced by Judge James D. McHugh in San Quentin to a date to be set hereafter. Within ten days the condemned man will be delivered to Warden Hale.

CASE AGAINST DUDLEY DISMISSED. SANTA CRUZ, Jan. 8.—The case against Professor W. R. Dudley of Stanford University, accused of passing spurious coins, was dismissed this morning in the Soquel Justice Court, as it was purely a case of mistaken identity.

ALASKA TERRITORY.

Recommendations Which the Senate Committee Will Make.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Senators Thurston, Carter and White, constituting the sub-committee on Alaska of the Senate Committee on Territories, held a prolonged session to-day.

They practically decided to recommend that the Territory be given three Judges instead of one as at present, and that the Judges be authorized to appoint United States Commissioners, this power now being vested in the President.

They discussed the advisability of allowing the Territory a Delegate in Congress, and while they did not decide to recommend this course, they considered it with more favor than heretofore. There is great pressure for this concession. The principal objection urged against it is the difficulty of getting convenient polling-places.

CONGRESSMAN BREWER. Tended a Position as a Member of Civil Service Commission.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Ex-Representative Mark S. Brewer of Michigan has been tendered a position as a member of the Civil Service Commission. He has the matter under consideration, and his friends are generally of the opinion that he will accept.

Mr. Brewer is a personal selection of the President. He was a colleague of Major McKinley when the latter was a member of the House, and he was an original McKinley advocate in Michigan. He was a delegate at large at the St. Louis Convention, having been chosen on a McKinley and gold standard platform.

AN INSURGENT SURRENDERS. HAVANA, Jan. 8.—The insurgent Lieutenant-Colonel Soto, according to Spanish advices, has surrendered to the Government at the town of Sagua La Grande, with three of his officers and twenty privates. Senor Ricardo Galbis has been appointed Governor of the Banco Espanol.

CONDITION OF THE TREASURY. WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—To-day's statement of the condition of the Treasury shows: Available, \$241,850,342; gold reserve, \$161,334,813.

LYNCHINGS IN ARKANSAS. FOUR NEGROES MEET WITH SUMMARY JUSTICE. Two Were Charged With Criminal Assault and the Other Two With Murder.

LITTLE ROCK (Ark.), Jan. 8.—Four colored men were lynched in the vicinity of Bearden, Ark., within the last few days. Two were charged with criminal assault, and two were murderers.

The ravishers, Devoe and Huntley, were swung up near Harlow Mill ranch, about three miles north of Bearden, while the murderers met their fate near the town of Little Bay, a few miles south of Bearden. The work was done by separate mobs.

Devoe and Huntley were lynched for a crime committed a year ago. At that time they attempted to outrage Mrs. Paine, a respectable white woman at Bearden. Both escaped after their crime, and remained out of the vicinity for twelve months. A few days ago Devoe again put in an appearance, and was promptly arrested. Devoe was quickly gathered, and Devoe barely escaped lynching at that time. He was questioned regarding the whereabouts of Huntley, but at first refused to give any information. He finally stated that Huntley was working at Anderson's mill on the Cotton Belt Railroad, about twenty-five miles north of Bearden. Devoe was left in charge of a heavy wagon, and the remainder of the mob went to Anderson's mill to get Huntley. They found their man and started away with him, but they never returned with the negro. He was lynched after leaving Anderson's mill. When the mob returned to Bearden, they gave out the report that Huntley could not be found.

Devoe was then placed in a wagon, and the mob started with him to Harlow Mill ranch, three miles north of Bearden, where the crime was committed. Devoe was quickly gathered, and Devoe barely escaped lynching at that time. He was questioned regarding the whereabouts of Huntley, but at first refused to give any information. He finally stated that Huntley was working at Anderson's mill on the Cotton Belt Railroad, about twenty-five miles north of Bearden. Devoe was left in charge of a heavy wagon, and the remainder of the mob went to Anderson's mill to get Huntley. They found their man and started away with him, but they never returned with the negro. He was lynched after leaving Anderson's mill. When the mob returned to Bearden, they gave out the report that Huntley could not be found.

When the mob left Bearden with Devoe, the prisoner was chained to the bottom of the wagon, and a heavy guard surrounded the vehicle. Escape under such circumstances was impossible. When taken before Mrs. Paine, the old lady positively identified Devoe as one of the negroes who attempted an assault upon her.

The posse that Devoe a short distance away, and after placing a rope around Devoe's neck compelled him to stand erect in the wagon. The vehicle was then driven from under him, and the ravisher was left hanging in midair. A few shots were fired into his body, and he was returned to Bearden.

Mrs. Paine, the victim of the two fiends, was a respectable white woman, aged 80 years. She was prostrated by the excitement caused by the assault, and only recovered after a long illness. The two other men lynched were accused of the murder of Bart Frederick, a water pumper for the Cotton Belt Railroad at Kingsland, a few days ago. Frederick was thrown from his velocipede and murdered. His pockets were rifled and his watch taken. It was through the watch that a clew to the identity of the murderers was secured. The negroes left the timepiece at a store in Rison. A mob at once started in pursuit, and captured the murderers at a point near Little Bay. The details of this lynching are not obtainable, but it is reported that three negroes were captured and two were hanged.