

THE SURVEY OF THE DES MOINES

Everything Looks Promising for the Work to be Taken up Looking Toward the Improvement of the Stream.

THIRTY-THREE BRIDGES

Boat Route is Blocked But the Bridges Could be Reconstructed in Case River Was Made Navigable.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—Indications are that the obstacles to a survey of the Des Moines river from the city of Des Moines to Keokuk have been cleared away.

Representative Hull appeared before the board of engineers of the war department, which has a review authority over the river and harbor projects. He spoke in support of Major Riche's inspection report, which was to the effect that the Des Moines river ought to be made navigable.

Representative Hull went over in considerable detail the reasons why the Des Moines river if improved would be patronized by a large commerce. He dwelt on the richness of the tributary territory, of its vast resources in the way of freight to be carried, and gave exhaustive data for the enlightenment of the board.

In the afternoon the board went over Major Riche's report, reached its conclusions, and forwarded the report to the chief of engineers, General Marshall. That officer will pass on the matter.

Officially nothing is disclosed as to what the board has found, but unofficially it is stated that the report of the board is favorable to the survey. General Marshall undoubtedly will approve the report of the board if it is favorable.

Representative Hull said that he had no doubt that the report of the board of engineers was favorable to a survey of the Des Moines river. He is well satisfied with the showing which he was able to make before the board.

One of the difficulties in the improvement of the Des Moines river is that there are thirty-three bridges without draws in them between Des Moines and Keokuk. This will increase the expense of improvement of the river for navigation purposes. At the same time if there are sufficient reasons why the river should be improved, the bridges will not be permitted to stand in the way.

DAUGHTER OF THE SUGAR KING

Wedding Today of Miss Havemeyer and James Watson Webb in St. Bartholomew's Church.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Miss Electra Havemeyer, daughter of the late H. O. Havemeyer, the "sugar king," and James Watson Webb will be married today in St. Bartholomew's church. Miss Havemeyer will have her cousin, Miss Louise Jackson, for her maid of honor, and her sister, Mrs. Peter H. B. Frelinghuysen, as her matron of honor. The bridesmaids will include Miss Margaret Dix, Miss Anita Peabody, Miss Ethel Cowdin and Miss Katharine S. Atterbury. W. Seward Webb, Jr., will act as his brother's best man, and among the ushers will be Vanderbilt Webb, Robert L. Bacon, Joseph W. Burden, George Whitney, James J. Higginson, Jr., Gordon Abbott, Howard Roome and Ernest Tracy. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Dr. R. Heber Newton, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Endicott Peabody, of Grotton, Mass. The reception which follows at the home of the bride's mother Mrs. H. O. Havemeyer, in East 66th street, will be very small, on account of the death of Hamilton McK. Twombly.

Stole \$60,000 Mex. EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 8.—Pablo Yordi, a Swiss arrested here in 1908 and held for extradition, was today returned to Mexico to answer a charge of swindling the bank of Jalisco at Guadalajara, Mexico out of \$60,000 Mexican. While employed in the bank of Sonora Yordi is alleged to have written to the bank of Jalisco notifying it that a customer would call with a letter of credit and asking that it be honored. Yordi is accused of presenting the letter himself, securing \$60,000 and fleeing to El Paso.

\$5,000 Fire at Iowa City. IOWA CITY, Feb. 8.—Two fires Saturday and Sunday night caused \$5,000 damages in the Albany hotel. The contents of the second and third floors were nearly destroyed. The cause of the fires is unknown.

PICTURES TAKEN DURING WAR

Law Suit Over the \$150,000 Collection of Wet Plate Negatives Has Come to a Close in Washington.

IOWA IS INTERESTED

Dr. McClure of Davenport Got His Home Paper Into Expensive Law Suit by Talking About Them.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—The law suit over the \$150,000 collection of original negative taken during the Civil war, by Mathew Brady and Alexander Gardner, under the authority of the Government and the protection of the Secret Service, came to an abrupt end today.

The suit, which has been several years in progress, has involved several hundred witnesses, including the statements of prominent army officials, affidavits of old soldiers, and war department records; its facts date back in 1861.

Allan Pinkerton, founder of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, and first chief of the Secret Service, and known throughout the Civil War under the alias of "Major Allan," authorized Brady and Gardner, two of the first operators in outside wet plate photography, to enter the lines of the Union Army and take photographic negatives of fortifications, encampments, and army movement. Proofs were deposited with the Government, while original negatives remained the property of the photographers, who stored them in warehouses.

Four years ago, Edward B. Eaton, a prominent antiquarian of Hartford, Conn., came to Washington with a bill of sale transferring the title of 7,000 of these valuable negatives to his ownership. The property, which was stored in the warehouse at 920 E. street, N. W., was delivered into his possession and the historic negatives were removed to Hartford and placed in a vault.

The recovery of the negatives created wide interest throughout the Grand Army of the Republic and during the discussion Dr. H. C. McClure of Davenport, Iowa, denounced the authenticity of the negatives, stating emphatically that wet plate photography was not sufficiently developed during 1861-65 to take these remarkable negatives. The Davenport Democrat and Leader published this statement, which resulted in a suit being brought against that newspaper for \$50,000 libel and damages by Mr. Eaton, attorneys Clark and Hutchinson of Des Moines representing the plaintiff, and Lane and Waterman of Davenport the defendants.

The evidence that developed proved a revelation. Negatives were produced showing President Lincoln on the battlefield of Antietam with A. Pinkerton, in the tent with General McClellan, and in conference with officers of the army. It was a decided sensation in grand army circles when negatives were produced showing the interior of Andersonville prison and the hanging of Wirtz, the prison keeper, at Washington, including negatives of Mrs. Surrat and the Lincoln conspirators hanging on the gallows. Records in the war department were introduced to prove their authenticity, together with a congressional enactment in which it was shown that Brady was paid \$27,800 for taking the negatives.

Record was shown in which President Garfield once spoke of the negatives as worth \$150,000 and in which General Grant considered them invaluable as historical witnesses of the great war.

OLDEST SETTLER CANNOT REMEMBER

Remains of Prehistoric Village Found by Man While Digging a Ditch.

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 8.—A prehistoric village was discovered fourteen miles from Coehise, Ariz., according to news received here today. Frank C. Erwin was digging an irrigation canal when he uncovered a wall twenty feet long, covered with hieroglyphics. He stopped work and notified the Smithsonian institute of his find.

Langford to Fight. LOS ANGELES Cal., Feb. 8.—"Sam" Langford will meet "Jim" Flynn in a ten round bout before the Pacific Coast Athletic club of Los Angeles tonight. In December, 1908, Langford knocked Flynn out in a round at San Francisco which probably means that Flynn will be an easy mark in tonight's encounter.

GIRL PLUNGES OVER THE FALLS

Committed Suicide at Niagara and Went to Her Death With a Smile Upon Her Face as She Sank.

LEFT NOTE ON THE BANK

Without a Moments Hesitation, Walked Into Deep Water and Was Swept to Death Over the Cataract.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 8.—A young woman, thought to be Miss Beatrice R. Snyder of Buffalo, committed suicide by wading out into the river just above Prospect Point and going over the American falls. As her body swept over the brink of the cataract, she turned her face toward her would-be rescuers and smiled a farewell to them.

A park policeman paid scant attention to the woman when she first appeared on the path leading to the river bank. Then, as she began to run toward the river, it was too late to intercept her.

Without a moment's hesitation, she waded into the stream. She turned once and smiled toward the men who were calling to her to stop, and continued to move rapidly into deep water. In an instant she was whisked from her feet and carried rapidly toward the brink of the falls.

On the bank was found a handbag and in it this note: "Mamma and Papa—May you both forgive me for bringing this awful disgrace upon you in these years of your life. Also may our Heavenly Father forgive all my sins. But I have been very good, thank God. You will find a slip for the money under your dresser scarf. With my heart full of love for all your kindness and tender love, good-bye. Lovingly, BEATRICE."

There was a card in the purse bearing the name of Beatrice R. Snyder. With the lower river jammed with ice and the jam increasing hourly, there is little hope that the body will ever be recovered.

SWEDEN'S KING HAD AN OPERATION

Reported to be Getting Along Fairly Well, But the People Are Very Much Worried

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 8.—News of the sudden illness of King Gustave, which made a midnight operation necessary, has thrown the people into consternation and despite the assurances of the physicians, services are being held in many of the churches to pray for his safety.

The palace is deluged with inquiries as to his condition. The king has slept several hours since the operation.

Jack Johnson. NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion, will not be brought to trial for some time, on charge of assaulting Norman Pinder. When the case was called today before Justice Goff, Assistant District Attorney Moss declared he had not had time to investigate the case. The case was marked off the calendar for this term.

RACE RIOT IS SOON SUPPRESSED

Three Negroes Killed and the Trouble is Over at the Government Dam Construction Camp in Tennessee.

EARLY IN THE MORNING

Police Sent to the Scene and Had Trouble in Putting an End to an Apparently Serious Situation.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Feb. 8.—That three negroes have been killed and the danger of rioting is at an end, is the latest news from Hales bar, where apparently helpless whites were besieged in the government dam construction camp by negroes armed with rifles.

Capt. William Burke, who left the scene early today, is reported to have telephoned the following message to local police headquarters: "Three negroes dead. Trouble all over. Start back in two hours after we get breakfast."

PRESIDENT TAFT IS STRENUOUS

Takes Honors from Roosevelt and the Secret Service Men Would Like the Old Days.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—"Most folk have the impression that Theodore Roosevelt was the most strenuous president who ever occupied the white house," said a member of the cabinet today, who was also a member of the Roosevelt administration.

"He was not in it with William Howard Taft. The president is not making much noise, but he is on the move about as much as a man can be. If you want any verification of this statement, ask the two secret service men."

"When Roosevelt was boss of this land they thought they were up against it, because he kept them trailing after him on a ten-mile hike, with an occasion plunge through a stream in Rock Creek park. In those days, however, Mr. Secret Service Man got through work about 5 or 6 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Roosevelt liked to spend his evenings in the white house. Now, the secret service men are sighing for the good, old days.

"They do not plunge through any streams, but they get a lot more walking than during the reign of Roosevelt, and their work is not done when they return to the white house. The president spends less time in the white house than any president I ever heard about."

Incorporation Bill. WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The president's incorporation bill was today referred to the judiciary committee by an overwhelming vote. Senator Clark, republican, Wyoming, had moved its reference to that committee and Senator Newlands, democrat, Nevada, to the committee on interstate commerce. "This is a purely economic question," said Newlands, "it deals entirely with corporations doing business between states. The bill should be considered by the committee which handles questions pertaining to trade." The senate, however, did not see it that way.

NEGROES PAY FOR THEIR CRIME

Pair of Them Convicted of Assault Upon White Woman Were Hanged This Morning in Kansas City.

THE 400 WITNESSED IT

Both Men Issued Statements Last Night in Which They Denied Charge of Being Guilty.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 8.—John Williams and George Reynolds, negroes convicted of assaulting a white woman, were hanged here this morning.

During the night both men issued statements denying their guilt. About 400 persons witnessed the execution.

On the night of December 23, Mrs. W. H. Jackson was seized by the negroes while on her way home. She was dragged to a vacant house and kept at the mercy of the negroes for more than an hour.

STATE SENATOR ALLD ON CARPET

Investigation Being Made of the Charges That He is Guilty of Bribery.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 8.—Solons of the upper house of the New York legislature today began their investigation into the charges by Senator Benn Conger that his colleagues in the senate, Majority Leader Jotham P. Allds, had accepted money to influence legislation.

Rules governing the investigation provide that it shall be conducted by the senate, sitting as a committee of the whole, with the senate rules so amended as to permit rollcalls on motion, to vest it with power to limit debate, to enforce the attendance of its members, to issue subpoenas, and compel the production of books and papers. The rules of evidence recognized by courts of record will govern the admission of evidence.

Both Senator Conger and Senator Allds, if they so request, will be heard. After the testimony is all in and arguments of counsel on both sides have been heard, the committee of the whole will take a vote on the question of whether, in its opinion, the charges have been sustained, and then again resolve itself into the full senate to receive the report of the committee of the whole and pass upon it.

After the investigation has begun the senate will meet at 10 o'clock in the morning, instead of at 11 o'clock, and after devoting an hour to its regular business will take up the investigation of the Allds charges from 11 to 1 and from 2 to 5 in the afternoon.

Mexican Election.

OAXACA, Mex., Feb. 8.—Troops have been sent to the town of Petao on the Vera Cruz and Oaxaca border to quell an election riot which is raging there today. According to advices received here several persons have been injured among them the municipal president. The riot grew out of a duel between Supplicio Martinez and Juan Augustin, rival candidates for office. Seventy men are under arrest.

PEARY HONORED THIS EVENING

North Pole Discoverer to be Honored Guest at Banquet and Will be Given a Purse of \$10,000.

HE WILL TELL HIS STORY

Civic Forum Will Give National Testimonial to the Man Who Really Reached the Top of the Earth.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—A "national testimonial" to Commander Robert E. Peary will be held at the Metropolitan opera house this evening, with Gov. Hughes presiding and a number of other distinguished men in attendance. A feature will be the presentation of a \$10,000 purse to the discoverer of the north pole. The affair is under the auspices of the Civic Forum.

The commander will tell a complete illustrated story of his trip to the pole and show some pictures of the far north which have never been publicly displayed. All the principal companions of Peary in the journey have been invited to be present.

The expenses of the affair are guaranteed by the committee in charge and if there is a surplus above the Peary purse it will go to reduce the debt of the Civic Forum.

The admirers of Commander Peary behind the movement feel that New York, from which his vessel, the Roosevelt, sailed on the successful expedition, should be the first to hold a great public meeting at which honor befitting the high character of the deed he accomplished should be paid him.

Commander Robert E. Peary and Jacob H. Schiff, the banker, had a long conference in the pole discoverer's suite at the Hotel Imperial. Mr. Schiff's name being closely associated with finance as Peary's is with exploration, those who saw them together immediately jumped to this conclusion: "Mr. Schiff is going to put up money for Peary to make a dash for the south pole."

Maybe so; maybe not. Commander Peary, when asked about the conference said: "It was a personal talk and I cannot say anything about it for publication. No, I will not say whether or not it dealt with exploration." Mr. Schiff made reply to the same effect.

FAIRBANKS AND THE POPE OF ROME

Ex-Vice President was Promised an Audience and was Then Denied the Visit.

ROME, Feb. 8.—The unhappy incident which marred the visit here of former Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks has been the subject of animated discussion, particularly among members of the American colony.

Mr. Fairbanks had expressed a wish to pay his respects to the pope and had been announced that an audience would be granted the distinguished American. Subsequently it was learned that he had promised to address the local society of the American Methodist Episcopal church and following the receipt of this information at the vatican it was announced that Mr. Fairbanks would not be received by the pontiff unless his purpose to address the church society was abandoned. Mr. Fairbanks elected to keep his engagement with the Methodists.

Protestants generally warmly congratulated the former vice president on what they termed his dignified attitude in the matter. The Catholics on the other hand, expressed deep regret that what was intended to be in the nature of a homage to the pontiff should be given rise to a cause for friction.

Each party accuses the other of having assumed an irreconcilable attitude. The Catholics place the responsibility for the unpleasantness upon what they describe as the offensive Methodist propaganda being conducted in Rome.

Underpaid Professors.

IOWA CITY, Feb. 8.—A group of underpaid professors at the State University have formed a \$50,000 farming concern and will manage a big farm in Alberta, Canada, this coming season to increase their income.

Triplets Celebrate Birthday.

CLINTON, Feb. 8.—Iowa's oldest triplets, Clinton Burlingame, of Fulton, Ill., Mrs. Ada Hartson and Mrs. Ida Golden of Clinton, celebrated their 52d birthday anniversary in Clinton.

CENTRAL AMERICAN VOLCANO BELCHING

Worst in the History of the Mountain and the People are Fleeing in Terror From the Neighborhood.

THE LAVA IS FLOWING

Great Masses of Rock Have Been Thrown Two Miles and Considerable Damage Has Been Done.

PORT LIMON, Costa Rica, Feb. 8.—Residents in the neighborhood of the volcano Poas are in flight following an eruption reported to be the worst in the history of the mountains.

Streams of lava are flowing through the fertile valleys at the foot of the mountain and villages, towns and plantations are being destroyed. Rocks weighing 200 pounds have been hurled two miles from the crater and have crushed through roofs of houses with great damage.

Considerable destruction from this source occurred at Lalecheria. The villages and towns in the volcano zone almost as far as San Jose, the capital, have been deserted. In Cabardella the streets are filled with ashes, almost to the roofs of the houses. It is reported that there has been some loss of life on the plantations near the volcano, but no definite news has yet been received.

A party of scientists has set out from San Jose to visit the volcano and make observations.

ROOSEVELT STARTS FOR ANOTHER CAMP

Route is 108 Miles Long, Through Savage Lands and Will Tax the Party's Strength.

NIMULE, Uganda Protectorate, Feb. 8.—The ten days' march to Gondokoro was begun by the Smithsonian African scientific expedition. The first camp will be at the Assa river, twelve miles north of this place, if the plans of the party do not miscarry.

The location of the camp site is good and well adapted to the convenience of the explorers, but the path lies through an unpeopled district and the porters were well burdened with food supplies.

The distance from Nimule to Gondokoro is, roughly speaking, 108 miles, and this stage of the expedition will be as severe a test of physical endurance as the party has had.

Another Black Hand Case.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 8.—Joseph Levalde, a well to do Italian, was shot in the back and killed by a mysterious assassin. The murderer is believed by the police to be a member of the same gang that recently murdered Antonio Cienni, a rich merchant, because he refused to be black mailed out of \$5,000.

THE WEATHER.

Weather Forecast.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; colder Wednesday.

For Iowa: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; colder tonight and east portion Wednesday.

For Illinois: Partly cloudy and colder tonight; Wednesday fair and colder.

For Missouri: Partly cloudy and colder tonight; Wednesday fair, with colder east portion.

Weather Conditions

The northern area of low pressure has centered in a marked depression near Lake Superior, and a trough extends thence southwesterly to another depression in western Texas, the eastern field of high pressure covering the middle eastern states.

There has been rain in some portions of the gulf and southeastern states and scattered snow flurries from the central mountain region to the upper Mississippi valley, with warmer in the eastern half of the country.

In the northwest the temperature is falling with a field of high pressure over Montana.

Conditions indicate fair weather for this section tonight and Wednesday, becoming colder tonight.

Local Observations.

KEOKUK, Feb. 8.—Bar Ther. Wind Weather. 7 p. m., 20.18 37 3 Cloudy 8 p. m., 20.08 31 3 Clear Feb. 7.—Mean temperature, 29 degrees; maximum, 41; minimum, 19. FRED Z. GOSBOWISCH, Observer.

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