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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

IN the Senate on the 18th resolutions were offered and referred authorizing the Committee on Woman Suffrage and the Library Committee to sit during recess. Senator Gibson's resolution for the appointment of a select committee on our relations with Mexico, after some debate was referred. Senator Call's resolution for the appointment of a similar committee on the relations between the United States and Cuba and the West India Islands was also debated, and after a short executive session the Senate adjourned. In executive session, William Walter Phelps, John A. Kasson and George H. Bates were confirmed as Samoan Commissioners to the Berlin conference. Among the nominations sent in by the President were: Smith A. Whitfield, of Ohio, to be Second Assistant Postmaster-General; A. D. Hazen, of Pennsylvania, to be Third Assistant Postmaster-General; John W. Mason, of West Virginia, to be Commissioner of Internal revenue; William W. Thomas, Jr., of Maine, to be Minister to Sweden and Norway; Samuel R. Thayer, of Minnesota, to be Minister to the Netherlands, and Charles R. Mitchell, of Connecticut, to be Commissioner of Patents.

IN the Senate on the 19th the Vice-President announced as the committee on the centennial celebration in New York Senators Hiscock, Sherman, Hoar, Voorhees and Eustis. Senator Sherman's proposed amendment to the rules requiring resolutions calling on heads of departments for information to be referred to the appropriate committee was debated at length and recommitted. After a brief executive session the Senate adjourned. Among the confirmations were: Brad. D. Slaughter, United States Marshal for Nebraska; Smith A. Whitford, Second Assistant and Abraham D Hasen, Third Assistant Postmaster-General; Samuel R Thayer, Minister to the Netherlands; William W. Thomas, Minister to Norway and Sweden, and a number of other nominations. The President sent in a long list of nominations, among them Whitelaw Reid, of New York, to be Minister to France and Julius C. Goldschmidt, of Wisconcin, to be Consul-General at Vienna.

IN the Senate on the 20th a communication was received from the Governor of Rhode Island stating that the resignation of Senator Chase had been accepted. A brief executive session was held and the Senate adjourned. Among the confirmations were: John M. Mason, of West Virginia, for Commissioner of Internal Revenue and Charles R. Mitchell, of Connecticut, Commissioner of Patents. The President sent in the names of Fred. D. Grant, of New York, to be Minister to Austria-Hungary, and John C. New, of Indiana, Consul General at London.

WHEN the Senate met on the 21st it immediately went into executive session and confirmed a number of Territorial nominations, comprising all that had been reported from the committee. Official notification, however, was not sent to the President. The President sent in another list of nominations for Territorial offices and postmasters.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

THE Chinese Minister at Washington has served notice that he will demand full indemnification for all damage done to the property of Chinamen in Milwaukee

SECRETARY TRACY of the Navy has ordered inspections of all vessels laid up at the Eastern navy yards to ascertain their exact condition and the time necessary to prepare them for active service.

SURGEON-GENERAL HAMILTON has returned to Washington from attendance upon the quarantine conference recently held in Alabama and his visit of inrpection to quarantine stations on the Gulf coast. He reports that all stations are in good condition and well managed.

CHAIRMAN BRITTON, of the inaugural committee, has handed to the commissioners a check for $26,000, this being the amount received over expenses. The fund is to be invested and the interest devoted to relieving the poor of Washington.

MRS. PRESIDENT HARRISON was reported suffering from a severe cold on the 19th.

THE State Department is informed by the United States Consul at Shanghai, that great distress has been caused by the floods in the Yellow river, and that thousands of persons are starving and perishing from exposure, and that, although partial relief has been afforded by Europe and America, more is needed to avert suffering.

SECRETARY WINDOM is said to be the authority for the statement that United States Treasurer J. W. Hyatt will retain his position until June 30, when J. N. Huston, of Indiana, will succeed him.

THE Inter-State Commerce Commission has sent notice to all the leading railroads to appear before the commission by their proper representatives and be prepared to furnish information in regard to their passenger rates.

A GREAT sensation was the elopement of Chief Justice Fuller's fifth daughter Pauline with J. Matt Aubrey. The parties were married by a justice of the peace at Milwaukee, Wis.

THE lady with whom Justice Gray, of the United States Supreme Court, will wed is Miss Jeannette, daughter of Associate Justice Matthews.

FIRE broke out the other night in Cross' lumber yard in the eastern section of Washington and totally destroyed the sash and blind factory. The loss was heavy.

A HIGHLY complimentary report on the new gunboat Yorktown has been made by the naval board, of which Commodore Pitzhugh is president.

THE President has commuted to imprisonment for life Albert Green, sentenced to be hanged April 5 in Washington for murder.

THE EAST.

A PREMATURE explosion of a blast in the tunnel company's works at Cumberland, Md., recently killed two men and seriously injured two others.

THE New Jersey Assembly has passed the Wertz bill repealing the local option portion of the High License bill passed by the last Legislature.

CHARLES H. NORTH & Co., 33 and 34 North Market street, Boston, a large pork packing firm, have assigned. The liabilities will probably be $750,000.

REV. WILTON MERLE SMITH, the once noted base-ball player of Princeton College, has been installed as pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, New York City.

AN express train on the Vermont Central railroad struck a bowlder on a curve three miles from Bellows Falls, Vt., the other night, but the cars left the track on the side away from a thirty-foot embankment and no one was injured.

THE Christian scientists, mind healers and kindred practitioners of New York State at a meeting in Buffalo adopted a petition to the Legislature for the repeal of the statute restricting medical practice.

GOVERNOR BEAVER, of Pennsylvania, has granted a respite until April 24 to Mrs. Sarah Jane Whiteling, the Philadelphia murderess, whose application for commutation of the death sentence has been rejected by the board of pardons.

THE striking weavers of Fall River, Mass., have agreed in mass meeting to accept the terms offered by the State Board of Arbitration.

JUDGMENT has been entered in the New York City clerk's office against ex-Senator Stephen W. Dorsey for $4 525 due the Nevada Bank of San Francisco.

MRS. HENRY MOTT and a team of horses went through the ice on Lake Champlain, N. Y., the other day and were drowned.

THE striking feather workers of New York City have given up their strike for better wages and about all resumed work at the old wages.

ROBERT SIGEL, son of General Franz Sigel, who pleaded guilty to forging pension checks, has been sentenced by the United States district judge in New York City to six years' imprisonment at hard labor.

A DYNAMITE factory, eight miles from Lakewood, N. J., blew up on the 21st. Two men were blown to atoms.

MRS. PIERRE, of New York, won the prize at the beauty show at Nice recently.

MRS. WILHELMINA LEBKUCHNER has been acquitted in New York City of the willful poisoning of her three children a year ago.

THE trial of the alleged Whitecaps of Great Barrington, Mass., has begun. One of the victims identified several of the party.

JUDGE WHEELOCK G. VEAZEY, of the Supreme Court of Vermont, is prominently mentioned for the next Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R.

THE WEST.

METHUDY & MEYER, lumber dealers of St. Louis, have made an assignment. Their liabilities were not known, but their assets were $248,000.

CHICAGO Republicans have renominated Mayor Roche. The Democrats have nominated De Witt C. Cregier.

THE Barrett boys sentenced to hang for the murder of Tollefson, a street car driver of Minneapolis, Minn., on the their trial tried to prove an alibi and denied the crime. They have now confessed.

THE loss by the burning of the copper works at Anaconda, Mont., was estimated at over a million dollars as about half the machinery was a total loss. Hundreds of men were thrown out of work.

BY the explosion of a boiler in a saw mill at Pound, Wis., recently two men were killed and five badly injured.

FIRE in Peoria, Ill., the other morning destroyed Comstock & Avery's large four story brick furniture store, causing $100,000 loss.

THE Mojave river bridge near Barston, Cal., has been destroyed by high water.

JUDGE BATES, of the Ohio Supreme Court, has decided that the State law imposing a fine on restaurant keepers for refusing to feed colored people is unconstitutional.

THERE is a rush of gold seekers to the Sweet Grass Hills, near Big Sandy, Mont.

THERE is said to be much opposition to the confirmation of Lewis Wolfly as Governor of Arizona and it is reported that charges have been made against him.

SMITH BROTHERS' mill, salt works and lumber yard at Bay City, Mich., burned recently. Loss, $75,000.

MAMBRINO PRINCE, the noted trotter, died at Lebanon, Mo., recently.

HALF the business portion of Colfax, Ill., was destroyed by fire recently. The losses aggregated $40,000.

Two young stage robbers, T. C. Cuff, of Arkansas, and N. C. Stutson, of Kansas, were sentenced at San Luis Obispo, Cal., recently to San Quentin for fifteen years each. This was their first crime and the express box only contained $13.

FOUR desperadoes robbed a passenger train at Canyon Diablo, near Winslow, Ariz., the other night. Only a small amount was secured by the robbers

A BOTTLE of sulphuric acid was thrown at W. P. Rand the other evening at Chicago as he stepped out of his house. Rand recently declined the nomination for city treasurer on the Labor ticket, and severely criticised the mode of conducting the primaries.

GOVERNOR COOPER, of Colorado, has signed the Cattle Inspection bill.

MUCH suffering was reported on the 21st among the emigrants awaiting the opening of the ceded lands. General Weaver telegraphed the facts to Secretary Noble.

THE SOUTH.

GOVERNOR WILSON, of West Virginia, has decided to call an extra session of the Legislature about June 1 to settle the Gubernatorial muddle and act on important matters.

TWELVE buildings in the business part of Orange Court House, Va., were destroyed by fire recently. Loss, $50,000. Cause, incendiarism.

NORTH CAROLINA negro preachers are urging the negroes to colonize in Arkansas and Mississippi. Meetings are being held nightly, at which speeches are listened to by thousands of negroes, advising them to go.

LAST fall the seventeen-year-old idiotic son of Abraham McMasters, of Weston, W. Va., was sandbagged by robbers. He was unconscious three weeks, then became as a new born infant. He has lost all remembrance of his past life and acts like a baby. His mind is apparently all right.

DETECTIVE BALDWIN and an armed posse were reported on the 18th entrapped by moonshiners in the wild regions of West Virginia.

THE new international bridge at El Paso, Tex., will soon be completed, the work of track laying having commenced.

JEFFERSON DAVIS writes to Rev. William Jones, of Atlanta, Ga., denying statements recently made that officials of the late Confederacy meditated a union of Church and State.

RECENTLY the pavement in front of the burned Mammoth building at Louisville, Ky., gave way and dropped to the floor of the cellar, a distance of seven feet, carrying with it about twenty men. Several were seriously hurt.

NEELY BRYANT, aged seventeen, has been sentenced to two years' in the penitentiary for killing his father during a quarrel near Bonham, Tex.

IT is reported that the Republican members of the West Virginia Legislature have entered into an agreement to refuse to obey the call of Governor Wilson for an extra session, on the ground that he is not the lawful Governor and is therefore without authority to issue such call.

A CLOUD burst in Dayton, Tenn., the other night caused the death of Alexander Vaughn, washed away several houses and did great damage to the railroad and iron furnaces.

CHANCELLOR COBB, of Alabama, has decided that the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia road has no right to vote the stock of the Memphis & Charleston road and that the former's control of the latter is illegal.

H. H. CHEEK, an emigrant agent, has been put in jail at Greensboro, N. C., for inducing negroes to go West.

THE large estate of the late W. A. Thomas, of Richmond, Va., has been placed in the hands of a receiver. This is the latest legal move in the case in which the property is claimed by a colored natural daughter.

GENERAL.

THE Persian Government has forbidden engaged to grant no railway concessions without consulting Russia.

THE annual report of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad for 1888, shows comparatively as follows: Gross earnings, $23,789,267. Decrease from last year, $3 786 910. Expenses and taxes, $16,682,459. Increase, $2,784 546. Net earnings, $4 906 708. Decrease, $6,571,457. Total net earnings, adding interest, exchange and other income, $5,076,309. Total decrease, $7,260,910.

IT is asserted by friends and relatives of Mary Anderson that she is not at all insane, but is suffering from overwork.

FOUR trainmen of the Intercolonial line were killed recently near Rimouski, Que., by a collision between the Halifax express and a freight train.

THE Yantic has been ordered to Hayti.

SIX thousand men were thrown out of work by the burning of the Pfullinger cotton mills at Stuttgart, Germany, recently.

GENERAL SALAMANCA, the new Spanish Governor, of Cuba, has made a fine record already, and the press and people are in hearty accord with him.

THE Agricultural League of Belgium has unanimously adopted resolutions in favor of import duties on all agricultural products.

THE German bark Johanne Auguste, from Moodyville for Montevideo, has been lost. Her crew have arrived at Valparaiso. The Norwegian bark Orvar Odd, from Brunswick for Buenos Ayres, has been abandoned at sea. Her crew have arrived at St. Michaels.

THE American fishing vessel W. H. Foy has been seized at Grand Manan, N. B., for violation of customs laws.

REAR ADMIRAL BELKNAP has been prevented from sailing for Japan to take command of the Asiatic squadron because of the habeas corpus proceedings begun by Ensign George Ormsby, now confined at the Mare island navy yard for not joining a ship when ordered.

AT a banquet at Rome recently Cardinal Parocchi, the Pope's vicar, said that if in the future it should become necessary for the Pope to leave Europe, he would find a sure refuge among the American Bishops, who would receive him with honorable hospitality.

THE sealing steamer Wolf has arrived at Montreal with 28,000 seals. She reports that the fleet composed of the Neptune, Terra Nova, Esquimaux, Iceland and three Harbor Grace steamers, have taken 200,000 seals.

SIR THOMAS GLADSTONE, only surviving brother of William E. Gladstone, the great British statesman, died recently, aged eighty-five.

A RIOT broke out in Cardiganshire, Wales, on the 20th, consequent upon an attempt to collect tithes.

Two fishing boats were swamped in a gale off Stornaway, England, the other day and twelve men were drowned.

AN English blue book issued recently shows that England has been in accord with America in reference to Samoa.

THE riots at Pesth, Hungary, were renewed on the 21st.

THE Pope has decided in favor of the Canadian Jesuits against Cardinal Taschereau. The branch of the Lavalle University at Montreal, in consequence, will be closed.

A SEVERE earthquake shock was reported at Smyrna on the 21st.

RUSSIAN officials have tested and reported favorably upon a Russian invention for applying the revolver principle to the barrels of Borden rifles. By this arrangement a machine gun is obtained which will fire 480 shots a minute.

THE Canadian Government has under consideration the advisability of excluding American lard by increased duty or otherwise, in view of the extensive adulteration practiced.

HENRY VILLARD'S scheme to interest German capitalists in the $12,000,000 consolidated Edison Electric Light Company failed.

THE report of a paper trust in England has been denied.

A REGATTA took place recently from Monaco to Nice. The American yawl Menitu came in first among the foreign yachts.

THE LATEST.

IT was stated on the 22d that Chauncey M. Depew had been offered the English Mission and that he would accept.

THE marriage of Miss Elizabeth Rockefeller, eldest daughter of John D. Rockefeller, of the Standard Oil Company, to Charles A. Strong, son of Rev. Dr. Strong, of Rochester, N. Y., took place at New York on the 22d.

THE Mexican Government has taken steps to prohibit the importation of American lard.

BUSINESS failures (Dun's report) for the seven days ended March 21 numbered 249, compared with 261 the previous week and 243 the corresponding week of last year.

THE President has issued a proclamation relative to the illegal hunting and killing of seals and other fur animals in Behring sea within the limits of the United States.

GENERAL WADE HAMPTON has returned to survivors of the Sixty-fifth Pennsylvania volunteers and Fifth cavalry a couple of flags captured by the Confederates in the war of the rebellion.

IT is believed that a few days will see a general reduction in the wages of coke workers throughout the Pennsylvania region, instead of a strike on their part for higher wages.

STANLEY MATTHEWS, Associate Justice of the Supreme Bench, died at Washington on the 22d after a long and painful illness. He was born in Cincinnati July 21, 1824.

COUNT SCHOUVALOFF, the noted Russian statesman and diplomatist, died on the 22d. He was born in 1827.

A GENERAL suspension of work at the Pennsylvania Coal Company's mines has been ordered. The company has fifteen large collieries.

JOHN GILT, one of the seamen of the steamship America, was killed recently, at the mouth of the Chesapeake bay, Md., by an immense wave striking him full in the breast.

IT is believed that the stolen mail pouch, which was found ripped open and secreted in a culvert near Piedmont, W. Va., contained a large amount of money and valuable letters.

A SINGULAR case developed at Cincinnati the other day in the efforts of George Duffy and George Draess to convict each other of having drowned a man in the canal.

S. V. CONWAY, wholesale hardware, of Shreveport, La., has applied for an extension of one, two and three years. Assets, $150,000; liabilities, $90 000.

THE Barrett boys, Tim and Pete, were hanged at Minneapolis, Minn., on the 22d for the murder of Thomas Tollefson, a street car driver, whom they had robbed.

GERMANY has acceded to the request of France for permission to transfer the remains of Generals Carnot and Marceau to France.

HUNDREDS of sympathizers took part in a demonstration at Hamburg the other day on the occasion of the expulsion of the Socialist Schlumke.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

Close of the Encampment.

The State encampment of the G. A. R. closed at Emporia on the 14th by the election and installation of the following officers: Captain Henry Booth, of Larned, Department Commander; Ira Collins, of Kinsley, Senior Vice-Commander; J. B. Armstrong, of Colby, Junior Vice-Commander, and R. F. Holland, of Lyndon, Chaplain.

The various committees appointed to examine and report upon the reports of the department officers presented the results of their investigations, among which was the indorsement of the recommendation by Assistant Adjutant-General O. H Coulter for establishing a permanent headquarters in some central locality in the State.

The salary of the Adjutant-General was reduced from $1,500 to $1,200 per year, and the office of Quartermaster-General, "which was formerly worth $600 a year," was abolished. It was voted to hold the next encampment at Salina. The following resolution was adopted by the department encampment:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the department that it is due to the veterans of the Union army that the Commissioner of Pensions should make the following ruling, to wit: That it shall be permissible for applicants for pensions to allege nervous disability not occurring at a particular time or place but as the outcome or result of the sum total of the hardships endured by the soldier during the whole period of his service while in the line of duty.

The Woman's Relief Corps elected the following officers: Mrs. Belle C. Harris, of Emporia, president; Mrs. Mary Buckner senior vice president; Mrs. Ida Moore, Abilene, junior vice-president; Mrs. Eliza Brown, Olathe, treasurer; Mrs. Helen Scofield, Washington, chaplain.

The Sons of Veterans elected C. S. Nation, of Fredonia, Colonel, and C. D. Jones, of Norton, Lieutenant-Colonel. The installment of the newly elected officers took place jointly and publicly in the evening at the Whitely Opera House and was largely attended. After the installation addresses were delivered by ex-Governor John A. Martin, T. H. Soward, General Harrison Kelly, Colonel Ira Collins and others.

Miscellaneous.

Two years ago Alexander McClardy, a farmer living near Ingalls, had a misunderstanding with Allen Huff, since which time the two had not met until the other morning, when Huff appeared at McClardy's house and at once opened fire upon the unarmed farmer with a revolver. The latter fell dead at the first shot. Afterward the murderer attempted to destroy all traces of his crime by burning his victim's body, but was frustrated by the neighbors, who immediately placed him in custody.

ON the afternoon of the 15th seven prisoners escaped from the Wyandotte County jail. They were Samuel Thomas, colored, held for wife murder; Red Quinn, under sentence for burglary; Henry Hardy, colored, horse stealing; Andy Rafferty, colored, grand larceny; Mike McCann, Fred Dawson and William Baum, professional burglars. Their escape was effected by cutting a hole through the wall with a hatchet supposed to have been given to them by a crazy woman.

THE other evening Marco Hellman, a young man connected with a California wine house, gave a champagne supper at the Copeland Hotel in Topeka to seventeen young men, whose acquaintance he had formed during a short stay in the city. Thirty-six bottles of champagne were disposed of, as well as numerous bottles of California wines. Hellman went to Kansas City soon after the banquet, but the matter was brought to the attention of the grand jury and as a result a number of the young men were taken before the grand jury and requisition papers issued for Hellman.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER BOOTH has announced in an official order that he has located the permanent headquarters of the department of Kansas G. A. R. at Topeka. Heretofore the headquarters have been temporarily located in the city in which the Commander resided.

THE other day as Miss Myrtle Weber, the sixteen-year-old daughter of W. C. Weber, a stonemason, was attempting to cross the railroad track at Winfield by means of the platform of the caboose of a freight train which blocked the street, it started backwards and she was thrown under the wheels and dragged about fifty yards before the train could be stopped. Jack-screws had to be applied and the wheels raised before the body could be extricated. She received frightful injuries and one leg had to be amputated near the body.

THERE are 455 posts of the G. A. R. in the State, a loss of four during the past year, but there had been a gain in membership up to December 31 of 1,425, making the total membership 18,827, and the Adjutant-General thinks the acquisitions since December will bring the total membership up to 19,500. There has been over $10,000 expended in charity during the past year.

A SINGULAR divorce suit was recently filed in the district court at Atchison. Frances M. Goldsmith asked to be divorced from her husband, C. E. Goldsmith. She sues by her next friend Emma Joseph, and alleges in her petition that in August, 1884, at the age of eleven years and nine months she was married to the defendant, he also being a minor. She further alleges that she married young Goldsmith, who is her aunt's stepson, in order that she might escape the custody of her father, who was an improvident man. A condition of the marriage was that she was not to live with her husband, but that she was to be sent to school, and when she would arrive at the age of eighteen she was to be divorced without question. In accordance with this agreement she was sent to school. She says that she has never lived with her husband; that she has no knowledge of his whereabouts, and he has never claimed marriage rights. She therefore asks that the marriage be set aside.

BOYD ASHER, aged thirteen years, and his sister Bertha, aged fifteen, were drowned in the Verdigris river at Independence the other day. They had gone to the river after a barrel of water, drove down a steep bank and found when it was too late that the river was high. The team was carried down stream and both young people and the mules were drowned.

THE recent rains throughout the State have added materially to the crop prospects.

IT is estimated that it costs the people of Kansas annually $700,000 for school books.

THE officials of the grass station at Garden City are very sanguine that good results will be obtained there this year in the propagation of grass peculiarly adapted to the plains of Western Kansas.

FRANK ROBERTS, a notorious criminal in the custody of an officer, while being taken to the penitentiary, jumped from the window of a train near Topeka the other night, which was moving at the rate of thirty miles an hour. He was handcuffed but succeeded in making his escape.

A BESIEGED BAND.

The McClellandtown Robbers Surrounded By Armed Vigilantes.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., March 23.—At intervals from seven o'clock to midnight Thursday night men on horseback, mostly alone, occasionally in pairs, were seen to leave Uniontown, coming at random from all directions, but all galloping away toward the mountains. Few who saw them suspected that this was a party of vigilantes that was secretly organized, and which has been the only organized expedition yet made to capture the McClellandtown robbers. There were ten from Uniontown and five from the vicinity of the late neighborhood of the band, among them the victims from McClellandtown—and all men of grit and determination. They were to have been joined by twenty-five or thirty men along the road and from the vicinity of the outlaws' camp near Markleysburg, where the people are greatly excited and willing to aid in removing the bad gang from among them. They appointed a meeting place near the point of assault, and were to assemble quietly after midnight and no attack was to have been made until daybreak yesterday morning.

The outlaw band were known to still be ensconced in the hill house, and the movements of the posse were made as quietly as possible to avoid letting the band know of the intended assault. The party were all well armed with revolvers, and in the portion from here there were twelve repeating Winchester rifles.

The party proposed to surround the house and if necessary to starve the gang out, shooting any one who made his appearance with arms.

Yesterday afternoon word reached here that the vigilantes had tried to force an entrance into the log house in which the robbers are at bay during which shots were exchanged on both sides without injuring any one. The robbers refuse to surrender and are prepared to sell their lives as dearly as possible and to die if they can not escape under cover of the darkness.

Nine men and three women constitute the party in the house, among whom Lewis, Sullivan and Ramsey were recognized. The attacking party have the house well surrounded and are watched from a safe distance by about 100 wondering mountaineers who have no arms, all the armed men in the neighborhood having joined the posse.

The outlaws have an abundance of ammunition, four Winchester rifles and sixteen revolvers and are not afraid to use them. The attacking party are proffered a cannon which is in the vicinity with which to batter down the house, but hesitate as yet to use it until they ascertain if they can do so legally. The last messenger's trip was for information on this point.

The vicinity of the robbers' den is ablaze with excitement, men hurrying there from all parts of the mountain and, with a good leader, they expect to finally land the band in jail.

THE DOUBLE ALARM.

Burning of a Bagging Factory and Death of a Woman.

ST. LOUIS, March 23.—At three o'clock yesterday afternoon a double alarm was turned in for a fire in the Standard bagging factory, on Stoddard avenue, near Twelvth street. The building had a frontage of 175 feet on Stoddard avenue and ran back about the same distance. The whole concern was a motley group of old buildings, with very little fire protection. The main structure in the center was three stories high, topped off with a big modern ventilator. It was here the fire started and owing to the inflammable nature of the building and contents the flames spread rapidly.

Immediately upon the cry of fire the wildest panic ensued amongst the 200 employes, most of whom were girls. A rush was made for the narrow stairway, but before half the number could escape they found themselves cut off by heat and smoke. The few men employed in the building worked bravely and rapidly and succeeded in leading the panic stricken girls through the smoke and flames to a place where they could drop to the lot adjoining the building and all were thus saved with the exception of Ada Lebrecht, who was found horribly burned.

Charles Gufron, a middle-aged man, worked heroically in getting the girls out of the burning building. He remained on the third floor too long and when he turned to go out found all means of escape cut off save by the window. He took his only chance, jumped and was terribly injured by the fall, but will not die. A man was run over by a fire engine during the excitement and badly injured and was taken away from the scene by friends before his name could be learned. The pecuniary loss by the fire is small.

WASHINGTON.

Interesting Report as to Work in the Departments.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The special committee appointed in the last Congress to investigate the methods of doing business in the executive departments, of which Senator Cockrell is chairman, has completed its work, and the report prepared by Senator Cockrell, who has really been the committee, will be made to the Senate in a few days. The document is exhaustive and interesting, containing numerous illustrations of how red tape and senseless adherence to form and precedents interrupt and retard the dispatch of public business.

The report will show that in some departments—the pension and land bureaus for instance—it requires as long a time as four or five years to settle a claim or get information of certain kinds. Claims filed as far back as 1884 in these bureaus are still undisposed of. In some offices efforts are making to get out of old ruts and adopt new and better methods, with the result that business is dispatched with greater accuracy, more speedily and with more benefit to those interested.

The Paymaster-General's office is up with current business, and requests for information are answered within twenty-four hours. In the Surgeon-General's office Dr. Ainsworth has introduced a card index, by the use of which he has caught up with the business—over a year behind at the time he took hold—and been able to furnish information in 72 per cent. of cases against 59 per cent. under the old style.

Fight With Mexicans.

RIO GRANDE CITY, Tex., March 22.—Santos Basaldna, a notorious Mexican outlaw, crossed the river into this county Monday with fifteen raiders. Rangers overhauled Basaldna and his gang on the bank of the river, just preparing to recross. A hot fight took place and two Mexicans were killed while fording the river. The rest reached the other side in safety. Two of the rangers were wounded. Basaldna was one of the leaders in the Juan Garcia abduction. It is believed that he was trying to abduct a rich resident of the county.

THERE was a report at New York recently of a movement to corner the orange trade.

METHODIST APPOINTMENTS.

Appointments in the Southwest Kansas Conference.

LARNED, Kan., March 20.—The Southwest Kansas conference appointments were made Monday as follows:

Garden City district—A. P. George, Presiding Elder, post-office, Camer n, Kan.: Alpine, to be supplied; Ashland, to be supplied; Buxine, Francis A. Goodrich; Beaver City, F. L. S., E. F. Rose; Bucklin, to be supplied; Cimarron, Charles Brown; Coolidge, supplied by J Craig; Dighton, Charles R. Robinson; Dodge City, W. P. Pose; Englewood, to be supplied; Ensworth and Ingalls, supplied by Williams, Simmons, Fowler and Minola; Osborn, B. Shaw; Garden City, Morris Baneford; Horace, to be supplied by C. D. Westwood; Hugoton, supplied by J. B. Bradley; Jetmore, J. Hamlin Smith; Johnson City, Ashborg, Caldwell, Lakin, Waldo, B. Marsh; Leoti, Gary P. Van Wye; Liberal, to be supplied; Meade, J. S. Tall; Marena, supplied by R. C. Arendorff; Montezuma Charles E. West; Ness City, N. H. Davis; Nonchalanta, supplied by C. E. Crandle; Ravenna, to be supplied; Richfield, J. L. Mills; Santa Fe, to be supplied; Scott, C. E. Williams; Spearville, John W. Crouch; Syracuse, Jonathan Zook; Tribune, to be supplied; Ulyssea, Irvin B. Pulliam; C. Lester, A. P. Luse and Edwin S. MacCarney left without appointments to attend one of the schools.

Larned district—Harrison Wait, Presiding Elder, post-office, McPherson, Kan.; Burdett, Richard A. Dodeson; Bushton, supplied by H. B. Hestwood; Canton, W. H. Garmaway; Chase, Joseph E. Hopkins; Conway, William J. Barron; Ellinwood, George W. Hawes; Frederick, C. H. Montgomery; Garfield, Frederick F. Bornstort; Great Bend W. R. Watson; Hosington, Frank M. Pitkin; Kinsley, J. A. H. Wilson; Larned, Granville Lowther; Little River, W. J. Miller; Lost Springs, Eykil H. Rubicane; Lyons, N. Asher; McPherson, A. O. Obright; McPherson circuit, Micah P. Dixon; Marion, S H. Enyeart; Marion circuit, Wilbur B. Clark; Pawnee Rock, supplied by W. Bartile; Rush Center, supplied by W. H. Walker; Sterling, A. J. Buxler; Sterling circuit, supplied by J. A. Vickers.

Newton district—J. T. Hanna, Presiding Elder, post-office, Newton, Kan.; Annilley, C. H. McMillan; Arlington, supplied by T. W. McKinney; Burrton, E. B. Abbott; Buhler, supplied by John F. Sanders; Chelsea, Isom B. Chace; El Dorado, James C. Hall; Elmer, Charles E. Davis; Florence, Charles C. Woods; Halstead, Joseph Coombe; Heston, supplied by R. G. Hammand; Hutchinson, First church, C. A. King; North church, C. R. Thoburn; Leon, Richard B. Engle; Macksville, supplied by J. W. Kirkpatrick; Newton, W. J. Martindale; Nickerson, J. M. Archer; Peabody, D. C. Ridgeway; Patwine, David S. VanGundy; Pontiac, to be supplied; Partridge, Edward R. Williams; Sedgwick, A. T. Burris; South Hutchinson, supplied by L. C. Buckles; Sylvia, George W. Dalby; Stafford, Spencer S. Sulligar; St. John, Adolph Hoffman; Seward, supplied by C. H. Gaither; Valley Center, W. A. VanGundy; Walton, Henry C. Wharton. James Pruen left without appointment to attend one of the schools.

Winfield district—T. S. Hodgson, Presiding Elder, post-office, Winfield, Kan.; Akron and Valley Center, Matthew T. Long; Anthony, A. H. Parker; Argonia, Oscar A. Smith; Arkansas City, D. D Akin; Attica and Sharon, William Hayes; Burden, J. W. Anderson Caldwell, A. B Clackner; Canema, to be supplied; Coldwater, W. E Woodward; Conway Springs, Harvey Lundy; Dexter, P. D Lahr; Freeport, Charles E. Mann Geuda Springs, David R. Francis; Harper, O. H. Gillam; Hazelton and Kiowa, Frank C. Fay; Lake City, to be supplied by E. Roberts; Latham, G. W. Baker; Maple City, Lincoln F. Abernathy; Medicine Lodge, Robert Sanderson; Milan, C. N. Bartorff; Nescatunga and Protection, Francis P. Woodward; Norwich, John A. Holmes; Oxford and Udall, William B Burns; Portland circuit, supplied by J. I. Knight South Haven, F. M. Romine; Wellington, M. L. Hartley; Wellington circuit, Samuel Price; Wellington mission, supplied by W. Long, of Winfield; Winfield, First church, R. A. Carnine Second church, E. H. Naughton; circuit, Newton A Porter. John E Earp, president of the Southwest Kansas College. John A. Lucas, Jonathan Glick and Banner E Shawhan are left without appointments, to attend to one of the schools.

Wichita district—J. D. Botkin, Presiding Elder; post-office, Wichita, Kan; Andover, supplied by L. H Baker; Augusta, N. J. Barton; Belle Plaine, E. C. Beach; Benton, E. John R. Millsah; Cheney, John Pracht; Colwich, James F. Irwine; Cullison, William B. Barton; Cunningham, supplied by Albert W. Cummings; Douglass, Stephen Brink; Douglass circuit, to be supplied; Goddard, Cyrus S. Nusbaum; Greensburg, O'Conner C. Bacid; Haviland, to be supplied; Iuka and Preston, J. T. Hendrickson; Hingman, David Browers; Mount Hope, George W. Irvin; Mulvane, E. C. Pollard; Oakville, Jasper N. Howard; Pratt, John Davis; Saratoga, W. R. Rodingson; Sawyer, to be supplied; South Kingman, John R. McNabb; Turon, to be supplied. Wichita, College hill, D. W. Phillips; Dodge avenue, W. J. Tull; Emporia avenue, S. W. Richards; First church, to be supplied; North Wichita, to be supplied; St. Paul, E. A. Hoyt John B. Woods and Charles K. Woodson left without appointment to attend one of the schools.

CHIN KIANG RIOT.

Particulars From Consul-General Kennedy —Rumors of More Rioting.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The Secretary of State has received from Mr. Kennedy, United States Consul-General at Shanghai, a report on the recent riot at Chin Kiang, China. It appears that on February 5 the Consul-General received from Consul Jones at Chin Kiang telegraphic news of the riot and threatened attack on the Consulate and a request for protection. As there was no American man-of-war immediately available the British Consul-General was communicated with and a British man-of-war was started from Shanghai on February 16, for Chin Kiang. On that day the British consulate and four other houses at Chin Kiang were burned and the office of the American Consul gutted and looted by a mob of about 6,000. Mr. Jones and family escaped injury. These facts were communicated to our Minister at Peking. The Consul-General at Shanghai has also reported that there was a late rumor that more buildings had been destroyed.

Cruelty to Sailors.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 23.—The trial of Captain C. T. Beachamp, of the oyster boat Zo Beachamp, for cruelty to sailors under his command, which was begun in the United States District Court yesterday, brought out startling statements. John Kavelak, a sailor on Captain Beachamp's boat, stated that the captain had offered to increase his pay if he would consent to throw two worthless hands overboard. This testimony produced a decided effect on those present. Kavelak told how the captain beat John Steiner with a stick of wood without provocation, and forced him to work when his foot was so sore that he could not put it to the ground. Kavelak said the fare consisted mainly of half spoiled beans, with sometimes cabbage, meat, white potatoes and corn bread.

England and Morocco.

LONDON, March 20.—In the House of Commons yesterday Right Hon. Sir James Ferguson, Parliamentary Secretary for the Foreign Office, announced that certain serious questions between England and the Sultan of Morocco had not been settled and that a portion of the British channel squadron had gone to Tangier.

Jake in Bad Company.

CHICAGO, March 20.—Jacob Schaefer, the champion billiard player, and three companions, were brought before police court yesterday morning on a charge of creating a disturbance and acting disorderly on the street. Schaefer was discharged and the others fined small amounts.