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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

As a token of regard for ex-Senator Dubois and his efforts in behalf of the silver cause a number of senators and representatives of that faith in this congress tendered him a dinner at Washington recently.

EX-CONGRESSMAN BINGER HERMANN, of Oregon, has been nominated by the president for commissioner of the general land office.

The board of managers of the national soldiers' homes met in annual session at Washington and took preparatory action for the erection of a branch home at Danville, Ill., for which an appropriation of \$200,000 will become available shortly. The board also provided for the distribution of the appropriation in aid of the homes in the 26 states maintaining such institutions.

It was said at Washington that Secretary Bliss would not serve out his term as secretary of the interior and that the president had fixed on Maj. William Warner, of Kansas City, Mo., to succeed him. The news came from a source close to the administration.

The first social function took place at the white house on the 24th, President and Mrs. McKinley giving a dinner to the members of the cabinet and their ladies.

J. H. BRIGHAM, of Delta, O., has taken the oath of office as assistant secretary of agriculture and assumed his duties.

CONGRESSMAN RAY, of New York, recently introduced in the house a bill to prevent the multiplication of suicides. It provides that no newspaper shall be transmitted through the mails of the United States which contains any picture of a suicide or any details relating thereto beyond the simple statement of death by suicide, giving name, date and place.

The United States internal revenue department at Washington has been notified of a new ruling in the treasury department which permits tobacco manufacturers to attach pipes to their tobacco packages as an inducement for sale. This was frequently done until a rule was made prohibiting it.

ALEXANDER M. KENADAY, secretary of the National Association of Veterans of the Mexican War and editor of the Vidette, died at Washington on the 25th.

SECRETARY WILSON, of the department of agriculture, has ordered the suppression of the pamphlet entitled "Local Taxation as Affecting Farms." It was prepared with great care under the direct supervision of Statistician Henry A. Robinson, with Secretary Morton's sanction.

MAJ. DUNWOODY, of the signal service at Washington, said on the 26th: "Reports received by the weather bureau indicate that the rise in the Mississippi river will continue for 14 days. It's going to be fearful. The greatest height has not yet been reached at Cairo and will not be for two weeks. Much greater damage may be expected to occur than has yet taken place."

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY'S proposition for a currency commission to study the currency laws during the recess of congress has not been abandoned. It may be introduced as soon as the conference report on the tariff bill has been agreed to by the two houses and the bill safely transmitted to the president for his signature.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY has promised that he will go to Philadelphia on April 9 and review the parade of the Union Veteran league, the occasion being the 36th anniversary of the surrender of Appomattox. The president is a member of the legion.

NOTICE has been given by President McKinley that unless there should be special reasons for the reappointment of former office-holders they will be passed over for men who have not had an opportunity to serve the government.

SENATOR CULLOM has prepared a bill to appropriate \$50,000 for the purchase of the spot where Gen. Grant and Gen. Lee met on the McLean farm at Appomattox, Va., April 9, 1865, and agreed upon the terms of capitulation for the erection of a peace monument to commemorate the close of the war between the states and the restoration of peace.

The president and all the members of his cabinet have accepted invitations to participate in the dedication at West Point, N. Y., on Decoration day of the "battle monument" to commemorate the deeds of the officers and soldiers of the regular army in the war of the rebellion.

It was said that formal application for annexation to the United States will be made soon by the government of Hawaii through its minister to the United States.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Illinois house of representatives killed the anti-department store bill which was being waged by small retail merchants of Chicago.

The Olympic club, of San Francisco, is trying to get up a 20-round contest between Corbett and Maher, and, if the ex-champion will not consent, to hang up a purse for a 20-round contest between Sharkey and Maher or Choyinski and Maher.

DURING a quarrel between J. D. Armstrong and his wife at Columbia, Tex., Mrs. Armstrong picked up a Winchester rifle and shot and instantly killed her husband.

WILLIAM T. ADAMS, the well-known writer of boys' books under the name of "Oliver Optic," died at his home at Boston on the 27th from fatty degeneration of the heart, aged 75 years.

A COMBINATION was said to be nearly completed between dealers in the products of the fresh water fisheries of the United States and Canada which will practically control the supply. The trust is backed by English capital.

AUSTIN, Tex., and the surrounding country was visited by a terrific cyclone on the 28th that did a great amount of damage to property, many buildings being unroofed and twisted from their foundations. Several persons at different places were reported killed or fatally injured. Railroads in the state were also badly damaged by the heavy rains which followed.

At the Broadway Athletic club at New York on the 27th Paddy Purtell, of Kansas City, Mo., and Dick O'Brien started in for a 20-round bout, but in the seventh round O'Brien sent Purtell to the floor and the police stopped the fight and the referee declared O'Brien the winner.

Two bills have been introduced into the New York legislature to establish the state of Manhattan, including within its boundaries the territory of the greater city of New York.

JOHN F. CAMPION and other mine managers at Leadville, Col., have received letters signed "The Committee," threatening to blow up their mines unless they immediately discharge all non-union workmen. The letters have caused considerable uneasiness.

ROBBERS tried to derail a train on the Texas, Saline Valley & Northwestern road on the 25th by piling iron on the track, but the pilot of the locomotive pushed the obstruction and the plan miscarried.

A DETECTIVE at Chillicothe, O., made the statement on the 26th that he had located Kate and Jake Bender, two members of the notorious family who murdered nine people near Independence, Kan., over 20 years ago. He said he would arrest them as soon as he heard from the authorities in Kansas.

THREE men were blown to atoms and ten other persons injured by an explosion of nitro-glycerine at the Repaunc chemical works near Gibbstown, N. J., on the 26th. The remains of the victims were gathered up in two buckets.

The East German Methodist Episcopal conference in session at Scranton, Pa., voted against the admission of women as delegates to the general conference. The vote was 44 against to 2 in favor of admission.

At the session of the New Jersey Methodist conference at Trenton a vote was taken on the question of the admission of women as delegates to the general conference and resulted: In favor, 68; against, 105.

It was announced that Baroness Hirsch intends to give \$1,800,000 to various Hebrew benevolent institutions in the United States.

MAJ.-GEN. DODGE, grand marshal of the Grant monument dedication parade at New York, says the showing to be made by United States troops on April 27 will be the largest ever seen in this country with the exception of that at the close of the war. Mrs. U. S. Grant has written a letter to the committee that she would endeavor to have all the members of her family present at New York on the day of the ceremonies.

As the result of an old quarrel Blanchard Thomas was shot and instantly killed at Lapaz, Ind., by Jacob Leeds, who had previously been fatally cut by a knife in the hands of Thomas.

A FARMER named Bernhard Koch, with his wife and brother-in-law, drove through a freshet near Eau Claire, Wis., caused by rain and melting snow, and the wagon was upset and all three were drowned.

NEAR Mount Gilead, Ky., Amos Riggs shot and killed young Boyd and his father, W. R. Boyd. Young Boyd had run off with one of Riggs' daughters. The two men were shot from ambush.

THE national convention of Patrons of Husbandry, in session at Cleveland, O., elected W. S. Donnelly, of New York, president and George A. Bennett, of Illinois, secretary and treasurer.

THE Denver (Col.) Republican said that an association was about to inaugurate a gigantic project for manufacturing beet sugar in Colorado. If carried to a successful issue, it will involve an outlay of from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000. As a preliminary to planting beets and building refineries, the projectors of the scheme have secured control of the La Junta and Lamar canal and of large tracts of land that adjoin it.

A SAWMILL boiler at Harshville, S. C., exploded on the 26th, killing engineer Adam Carter and his wife, who had brought his dinner. The mill was demolished.

THE house of Jacob Ade was burned at Paradise Ridge, Tenn., and in the ashes were found the charred remains of Ade, his wife, his daughter and the daughter of a neighbor who was spending the night with them. A ten-year-old son was also said to be missing. The deed was supposed to be the work of tramps and officers had gone to the scene with bloodhounds.

The plant of the Acme Bicycle works at Reading, Pa., was destroyed by fire on the 24th with all the valuable machinery, making the total loss about \$75,000, covered by insurance. The building contained material for fully 5,000 bicycles.

LEE PON, grand recorder of the Chinese freemasons in America, was buried at St. Louis on the 28th. His obsequies provided entertainment for 5,000 people and scared more horses than the police have any record of.

A CALL has been issued for a national good citizens' convention, to be held at Nashville, Tenn., on May 18-20, to discuss matters relating to the many evils of the day, such as crimes, Sabbath desecration, intemperance, dishonesty, poverty, etc. The signers of the call are from every state in the union.

MRS. MARGARET PRESTON, the well-known writer of southern war poetry, died at Baltimore, Md., on the 28th.

A FIRE occurred at Portsmouth, Va., on the 28th, making 50 families homeless and causing \$100,000 damage.

THE northern Colorado coal operators' combine has been dissolved and the price of coal has dropped from \$4 to \$3.50 per ton.

ALDACE F. WALKER, chairman of the executive board of the A. T. & S. F. company, said on the 27th that he did not look for any immediate rate wars in consequence of the recent decision of the United States supreme court in which traffic associations of railroads were held to be contrary to the Sherman anti-trust law.

THE steamer Olive, which arrived at New York on the 28th, brought 1,119 Italians, the largest number of immigrants bought to that port by any one steamer this season.

OFFICERS at Perry, Ok., have arrested over a dozen boys between the ages of 12 and 17 years on the charge of wholesale thefts. Most of the band are from Chicago, Kansas City and St. Louis. They have been operating on the line of the Santa Fe railroad.

THE time of all of the employees of the car, bridge and building departments of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad at Denison, Tex., has been shortened to three days of nine hours per week.

At the bicycle tournament at San Francisco Allen Jones won a quarter-mile dash in 31 3/5 seconds, the fastest record for indoor riding. J. E. Wing won the fifth heat of the five-mile club race in 11:05, taking 11 seconds from the previous world's record. In the mile race Brecker covered the distance in 2:05, reducing the world's indoor record by three seconds.

At an informal meeting of distillers and wholesale whisky dealers at Cincinnati on the 26th it was unanimously agreed to advance the price of spirits in a few days.

THE Iowa house on the 26th passed the senate medical practice act without change, driving out osteopaths, faith healers, massage doctors and all others professing to heal unless they pass examination, the same as physicians.

In the Canadian parliament two bills have been introduced to prohibit the importation of alien labor into Canada under contract or agreement. Both bills are drafted on the lines of the alien labor law of the United States, and are intended as retaliatory legislation against citizens of the United States.

THE Order of Equity, operating in 15 states, made a deed of assignment at Indianapolis, Ind., on the 25th. Its lapses and matured certificates amounted to more than its new business last year.

MARSHAL RUSSELL, Maria Snowden and Maggie Short were boat riding on a pond at Allensville, Ky., when the boat capsized. The cries of the drowning people were not heard by anyone and their plunge to death was not known until late.

THE Colorado senate on the 25th passed the bill for the abolition of capital punishment. It recently passed the house.

WHILE the British cruiser Theseus was practicing outside the harbor of Malta with torpedoes one exploded as it was being thrown to the ship's launch, injuring 30 men, two probably fatally.

THE pope's mass in the throne room of the vatican at Rome on the 25th was attended by 30 American pilgrims, mostly clergymen, from New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey. After mass the pope permitted the pilgrims to kiss his foot.

OSCAR ERICKSON was crushed to death on the 25th in the basement of the old post office at Chicago by the falling of an embankment.

GEORGE DIXON, the featherweight champion, was declared the winner in a 25-round bout with Frank Erne, of Buffalo, at New York on the 24th.

THE five children of Frank Penrod were burned to death at their home at Laddsdale, Ia. It was not known how the fire originated. The children were all under 12 years of age. The parents had left them alone while they attended a religious meeting at the schoolhouse.

WILLIAM HUGGINS died of hydrophobia at Wheeling, W. V., on the 25th. He and seven others were bitten by a dog last January. Those who were bitten now feel much alarmed at the death of Huggins.

THE free silver republican party of Nebraska was launched at Lincoln on the 25th. Judge Gregory, of Omaha, was selected to attend the meeting of the provisional national committee, to be held June 8.

AN earthquake shock was felt at Montreal, Que., at 6:07 p. m. on the 23d.

THE Tennessee house of representatives passed the senate bill declaring whitecapping a felony and fixing the punishment for the violation of the law at imprisonment for not less than three nor more than 21 years in the penitentiary.

TERRIFIC WINDSTORM.

Texas Visited by a Tornado That Causes Big Property Loss.

Austin and the Surrounding Country Is Roughly Treated by the Elements—Floods Do Untold Damage—Lives Reported Lost.

AUSTIN, Tex., March 29.—This city and the surrounding country were visited yesterday afternoon at two o'clock by a terrific cyclone that did a great amount of damage to life and property. The wind came from the southwest and blew at about 60 miles an hour for nearly 20 minutes, tearing down trees or splitting them asunder with terrific force. Several large electric light towers were blown down and quite a number of houses in the residence portion of the city were demolished. In several cases narrow escapes from death are reported.

In addition to doing much damage to the state university, the wind blew off the entire roof of the adjoining dormitory, letting the rain drive full into the four-story building, doing inestimable damage to the building and the property of the 200 students therein, many of whom fled for their lives when the roof was carried away.

The small town of Clarksville, near this city, was swept by the winds, and many horses were killed by flying debris, while a number of small houses were blown down, though, fortunately, the inmates were not killed, but several were badly maimed. With the terrific wind came a driving rain that was little short of a flood, and swept everything before it.

The little town of Buda, near here, was roughly handled by the storm, quite a number of houses being blown down and one or two persons killed, though their names are not obtainable, owing to the fact that most of the wires are down. Late details of the storm show that the loss to property will reach into the thousands. Many fine dwellings were demolished. At Calvert an old lady and two children, who were in their house, were fatally injured by the collapse of the building, which was partially destroyed by fire, notwithstanding the torrents of rain which were falling.

It is authoritatively stated that through the heavy rains which visited Texas generally yesterday 20,000 feet of track is gone at Valley Mills, two bridges gone at Kopper, one at Blum, one at Morgan, one south of Alvarado, and quite a lot of track between Cleburne and Alvarado, and a great number of small bridges. The Santa Fe is sending out every available man to repair damages. The tracks are reported to be all right north of here.

GOOD CITIZENS' CONVENTION.

One to Be Held at Nashville to Discuss the Many Evils of the Day.

NEW YORK, March 29.—A call for a national good citizens' convention to be held at Nashville, Tenn., on May 18, 19 and 20, was issued by an organization of church workers at Nashville, of whom Rev. R. W. Binkley is chairman. The purpose of the convention, as stated in the circular, is to discuss matters relating to the many evils of the day, "crime, lawlessness, Sabbath desecration, intemperance, licentiousness, gambling and dishonesty; the undesirable economic, financial and industrial situation; the hard up and debt-burdened condition of people generally, and especially the poverty and slavery of millions where capital and labor together produce the greatest plenty every year," and to effect a permanent organization of the International Good Citizens' league. The signers of the call are from every state in the union.

WORST YET TO COME.

Weather Bureau Predicts Even More Disastrous Floods Along the Lower Mississippi.

CAIRO, Ill., March 29.—That the flood situation on the Mississippi has not nearly reached its zenith now seems certain. Local weather and river men in many parts have said so, and now the announcement bears the official stamp of the weather bureau of the nation. A special official bulletin was issued from Washington to the river districts stating that the river will continue to rise for at least ten days in the region from Helena southward to Vicksburg, and to rise during a longer period from Vicksburg southward; that the levees will be subjected to the greatest strain about April 10, in southeastern Arkansas, western Mississippi and in Louisiana, and that should the levees break the result will be one of the most disastrous floods ever known.

HARD ON THE "EXES."

Men Who Held Office Under Harrison Will Get Little Comfort from McKinley.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The men who held office under the Harrison administration and came to Washington on the advent of President McKinley, with the expectation that they could secure appointment to their old places, are leaving the city one by one, thoroughly discouraged over their prospects. President McKinley has told his intimate friends, and through them wishes to have the party generally understand, that no officeholder will be appointed to a place under his administration unless there are extraordinary reasons for the man's selection.

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