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General News Summary.

Interesting Home and Foreign News.

CONGRESSIONAL

A large number of bills authorizing appropriations for the construction of public buildings were passed by the senate on the 21st...

The senate on the 21st passed the naval appropriation bill after adopting an amendment reducing the price to be paid for armor plate from \$40 to \$30 a ton...

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NEWS OF OHIO.

Gathered by Telegraph From All Parts of the State.

Neither Strawboard Combine. Akron, March 2.—There was yesterday closed in this city a deal for the combination of all the independent strawboard factories in the country...

The Indian Territory and Arkansas coal miners' strike is alarming the industrial circles of Texas. Arrangements are being made to procure fuel from Illinois and Colorado.

The statement of the New York clearing house banks for the week ending March 4 shows a fall of \$3,756,773 in surplus reserves. This is a decrease of about \$14,000,000 since the closing week in January.

Cleveland, March 2.—The city has lost the lake front case in the United States circuit court. Judge Hammond on Wednesday gave a knock-down blow to Cleveland's claim for the land occupied by the railroads.

Wakeman, March 3.—The flouring mill of S. T. Gibson & Son was destroyed by fire early Thursday morning and W. A. Gibson, the junior member of the firm, was burned to death in the building.

Cincinnati, March 3.—The general conference of the national union reform party concluded its work yesterday. Its organization, preparatory to nominating an independent presidential ticket next year, will be completed when the national executive committee meets at Buffalo June 29.

Oberlin, March 4.—The large livery barn of Henry Lee was burned to the ground Friday morning. Seven horses and a large number of fine rigs were consumed.

New York, March 3.—The Pacific American Fisheries Co., incorporated in New Jersey Thursday, with a capitalization of \$5,000,000, will control 70 per cent. of all the salmon caught in Puget sound and in the waters of the Columbia river, Puget sound, Fraser river, Alaska, and other districts.

Columbus, March 3.—At a meeting of the Hocking Coal Co. yesterday the organization was formally dissolved. The Hocking Coal Co. was a selling agency through which all the coal mined in the Hocking valley was marketed.

Washington, March 2.—The president yesterday sent the following nominations of Ohioans to the senate: Roland C. Nichols, of Wapakoneta, receiver of public moneys at Peavy, Alaska; Thomas W. Ashworth, postmaster at Tippecanoe City. John C. Campbell is appointed postmaster at Bellevue.

Columbus, March 4.—The supreme court yesterday issued a rule against Secretary F. B. Squire, of the Standard Oil Co., requiring him to appear in court March 11 to show why he refused to obey the order of the court.

Youngstown, March 1.—The National Steel Co. is to have a formidable rival if the project now under way is consummated. Local capitalists are organizing a company with \$20,000,000 capital to purchase 35 rolling mills.

Massillon, March 4.—Andreas Malnar, a resident of Long Run, was cut to pieces by a W. & L. E. train, early Friday morning. The supposition is that Malnar was murdered and placed on the track.

Columbus, March 2.—A new aspirant for republican gubernatorial honors has appeared in the person of Judge John J. Adams, of Zanesville. Judge Adams enters the race with some prestige from the fact that he is the first republican in years to overcome the strong democratic majority, and is elected to the circuit bench in his district.

Columbus, March 2.—Peter Lamnack, aged 68, hanged himself with a clothesline yesterday. Ill-health was the cause.

Delaware, March 1.—The home of Henry Fleming, west of this city, burned to the ground Monday night. Fleming's eldest daughter was rescued from an unconscious condition from the burning building. The whole family had a narrow escape. A lamp exploded and caused the fire.

Newark, March 1.—Conrad Deutch on Monday night telegraphed to his brother August, in Colorado, that their mother died and Tuesday he received a dispatch saying that August was shot and killed Monday.

MUST GO TO MANILA.

The Secretary of War Orders Six Regiments of Regulars to Prepare for Service in the Philippines.

Washington, March 2.—The secretary of war ordered the reinforcement of Gen. Otis by six regiments. These are the Sixth infantry, now at San Antonio, Tex.; the Sixth artillery, scattered along the Atlantic coast stations; the Ninth infantry, at Madison Barracks, N. Y.; Thirtieth infantry, in New York state; Twenty-first infantry, at Plattsburg, N. Y., and the Sixteenth infantry, at Fort Crook and neighboring posts in the middle west.

In answer to the direct question as to whether or not these regular troops are intended to relieve a corresponding number of volunteer soldiers at Manila, it was said at the war department that while this probably would be the case, it was not possible yet to make a positive statement.

The reinforcements are made up of troops who are not only regulars in the full sense of the term, but who have been through Cuban or Porto Rican campaigns. They know what it is to be under fire; how to hunt Indians and also how to fight in tropical jungles.

Admiral Dewey is again pressing on the navy department the urgent need of vessels of light draught as a means of communication among the small islands of the Philippine group.

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Prices of Finished Products are Advanced 10 Per Cent. Pittsburgh, March 3.—The advance in iron and steel during the few days has caused mill manufacturers to advance their prices and wire, steel and wrought nails have been increased 10 per cent. The basing rate remains the same, but the discount has been taken off.

Steel Workers Strike. Pittsburgh, March 3.—The "punchers" at the Schoen pressed steel works, Allegheny, struck yesterday for an advance in wages of 25 cents a day. The strikers claim that 400 men are out and the firm say only 70 refused to work.

Devey Gets \$41,500 Per Annum. Washington, March 6.—In the last hours of congress it was provided that the admiral of the navy should receive the pay and emoluments of the last general of the army. This legislation was supplemental to the passage of the bill reviving the grade of admiral for the benefit of Admiral Dewey. Its effect is to give Admiral Dewey compensation at the rate of \$41,500 a year.

Valuable Black Sand. Chicago, March 3.—An assay of black sand found in the Kotalinaque river, Alaska, made by Dr. Willis E. Everett, of the Smithsonian Institution, is said to show that one ton of it contains \$772 worth of platinum, besides iron, oxide gold worth \$100, two pounds of tin and a number of iridium. The great value is said to be in its yield of platinum, which is extensively used in electrical construction and dentistry. Platinum is found only in the Ural mountains of Russia, from which it is exported to this and other countries.

A BILLION AND A HALF.

Appropriations Made by the Congress for the Last Session Exceeded the Largest Ever Known.

Washington, March 6.—The official statement of Representative Cannon, of Illinois, the chairman of the house appropriations committee, summing up the appropriations of the Fifty-fifth congress, shows an aggregate appropriation by the entire congress of \$1,566,990,916 and for the session just closed a total of \$673,658,400, with authority for contracts subject to future appropriations amounting to \$70,000,000.

The appropriations made at the session of congress just closed amount approximately to \$673,658,400, and show an apparent reduction of \$219,573,000 from the appropriations made at the preceding session. This is attributable to the large expenses occasioned by the war with Spain that were provided for during the preceding session.

The appropriations made by congress aggregate \$1,566,990,916. Of this sum \$482,562,083 is directly chargeable to our war with Spain, or incident thereto. Deducting this charge from the whole amount of the appropriations, the remainder, \$1,084,427,632, represents the ordinary or normal appropriations made by congress.

The appropriations made by the preceding congress amounted to \$1,044,380,273. A comparison shows an increase in ordinary appropriations made by this congress over those made by the preceding congress of \$30,747,000, but this apparent increase is more than accounted for by increases under eight items alone, namely: For pensions, \$4,000,000; for the postal service, \$16,000,000; for rivers and harbors, including work under contracts previously authorized, \$3,600,000; for new ships for the navy, \$6,000,000; beginning the work of the twelfth census, \$1,000,000; for the Paris exposition, \$1,200,000; new public buildings, including the building for the department of justice, and for the site and partial construction of the new government printing office, about \$5,000,000, and for payment of judgments rendered against the government on account of French spoliation and under the Bowman act, \$3,100,000.

These necessary increases in public expenditures aggregate \$39,000,000—more than dissipating the entire apparent increase in the ordinary appropriations by this congress over those made by the Fifty-fourth congress. In addition to the direct appropriations made at this session contracts were authorized, subject to future appropriations, to be made by congress, amounting to about \$70,000,000. Of this amount \$44,000,000 is for additional ships for the navy, \$22,500,000 is for work on rivers and harbors, and over \$3,000,000 is for public buildings.

Mr. Dockery, of Missouri, the ranking democratic member of the house appropriations committee, made the following statement, giving the democratic view: "This congress easily surpasses all its predecessors in the stupendous aggregate of its appropriations. It was thought that the Fifty-first congress, commonly known as the 'billion dollar congress,' had in point of extravagance of appropriations touched a limit which would be reached or at least surpassed by any of its successors. This congress, however, has far exceeded the total of appropriations then made.

Forty People Killed. A Powder Magazine Explodes, Scattering Death and Destruction Over a Wide Area. Toulon, March 6.—The naval powder magazine of La Goubarn, between La Seyne and Toulon, in the department of Var, southern France, exploded at 2:36 o'clock Sunday morning. All the soldiers on duty at the magazine were killed and a number of inhabitants of the surrounding district, the buildings in which were razed, also fell victims. Forty corpses have already been recovered. The cause of the explosion is not known.

Fifty thousand kilograms of black powder exploded. It looks as though a volcanic eruption had occurred, the country being swept almost bare within a radius of two miles, houses destroyed, trees overturned and distorted, fields devastated and covered with stones and black dust. Some of the stones are enormous. One weighing 50 kilograms fell in the suburb of Pone de Lis. Signs of the explosion are evident in the city itself. Even at St. Jean Devar, five miles distant, windows were shattered and doors battered in.

Later reports show that of the seven sentries four were killed outright and the others severely injured, the corporal being literally scalped and the scalp overhanging his face like a veil. A large number of soldiers are clearing away the debris, but the work is very difficult. It is impossible to ascertain accurately the number killed, but it is believed that 100 were injured.

Four of the injured have succumbed to their injuries. It is believed that 15 are still buried in the debris. Although it was a clear night the explosion was so terrific as to produce a slight rainfall. Fortunately the neighboring magazines escaped. It is now believed that the explosion originated in chemical decomposition in smokeless powder. There is no suggestion of foul play.

Secured \$5,000 for the University. Wheeling, W. Va., March 6.—Successful meetings were held Sunday in this city and vicinity, in the various Methodist churches in the interests of the American university at Washington. A monster afternoon mass meeting was addressed by Bishops Hurst and Fowler, Gov. Atkinson presiding. The subscriptions for the university for the day aggregated \$5,000. The whole will be applied to a \$100,000 endowment of a professorship, to be contributed by West Virginia. The American university is to be undenominational.

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DEATH AND HUIR

They Follow Floods and a Destructive Cyclone.

Stivers Overflow at Various Points in the South and East and Much Damage to Property Incurred—Railway Traffic Impeded.

Athens, Tenn., March 5.—A terrific cyclone passed over a portion of Madisonville and Monroe county Saturday night, with disastrous results. Early in the evening a strong wind arose and several hours later a cyclone about 70 yards wide struck a portion of Madisonville, killing three persons, wounding 10 or 12 others and completely destroying 12 or 13 houses and several barns. The killed are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moser and Ed L. Horton. Wounded: Miss Willie Ervin, Miss Della Moser, Mrs. E. L. Horton, Mrs. E. A. Robinson, L. Robinson, Robert Robinson, Miss Rodgers, Mr. Moser, Charles Kelley, The Horton and Robinson residences are both complete wrecks, not one timber being left above another on the foundations. The escape of the inmates of these two houses, eight in the Horton and three in the Robinson, seems miraculous, some of them being blown a distance of 100 yards, yet escaping in some cases without serious injury.

Erskine Lowrey's residence moved a distance of ten feet and was almost wrecked out of shape. The storm came up with alarming suddenness and swept everything in its path. It was accompanied by the terrific roar usually attending cyclones. Frightened inhabitants rushed for their cellars and places of safety.

Charleston, W. Va., March 6.—The Kanawha valley was visited Sunday by one of the worst floods in local history. After several days of heavy rainfall the Kanawha river in a very short time has covered almost the entire valley. Charleston is almost entirely under water. Four feet surround the state capitol. The mayor and leading citizens opened a relief station and are distributing provisions and clothing among the sufferers. Considerable damage has been caused to the coal property along the Kanawha river. The West Virginia coal fields, dry docks and a dozen barges were swept away about ten miles above Charleston. The Black Cat coal tippie near the east bank was destroyed.

Last night the waterworks, both gas plants and electric light works were shut down and the city was in darkness. Hundreds of families are quartered in the city building, capitol, court house and other buildings. Much distress prevails. A considerable distance of the Kanawha & Michigan railway between here and Point Pleasant is under water and it will be four or five days before traffic is resumed. The indications, however, are that the flood has reached its height and will commence to fall to-day.

Decatur, Ala., March 6.—A terrific storm of wind, hail and lightning struck this place Saturday, doing great damage and causing the loss of four lives. The huge tower of the long distance telephone company, 140 feet high, which carries the wires spanning the Tennessee river, was snapped like a reed. Several manufacturing plants are suspended on account of damage to buildings and machinery. Capt. Sim McKeel, of the steamer Lake Prior, plying between here and Chattanooga, came in last night and reported that he found a large raft broken up. The raft was swayed by four white men who were evidently lost in the storm, as their bodies were destroyed.

Pittsburg, March 6.—The heavy rain fall in this vicinity Saturday night and Sunday morning caused the rivers to raise at the unusual rate of six inches per hour, and the indications are that the raise will not subside before to-night. There is higher water on the Monongahela at the present time than in many months.

In the second pool of the Monongahela river, shortly after midnight Saturday, four coal towers were wrecked, with a total loss of the cargoes, and Sunday the steamer D. T. Watson captured the transfer slip of the Pittsburg & Western railroad with five cars of coke on board, sinking them near the Allegheny side of the Sixteenth street bridge. The aggregate value of the boats and contents lost is about \$10,000.

Fireman and Engineer Were Caught and Both Were Killed. Huntington, Pa., March 6.—The first section of the fast newspaper train on the Pennsylvania railroad was wrecked one mile east of this place Sunday morning by a landslide, which resulted from Saturday night's heavy fall of rain. Engineer Robert McCutcheon and Fireman J. Troce, both of Harrisburg, were instantly killed. They were caught under the debris of the demolished engine. McCutcheon's body was burned beyond recognition. The tender of the engine was driven half through the express car, but its occupant, Expressman Matter, escaped injury. The few passengers on the train were unhurt. Track Walker Long made every effort to warn Engineer McCutcheon of the peril, but the latter failed to see the signal until it was too late. Two freight trains were passing at the same time and several loaded cars in each were wrecked.

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