



FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 3, 1904.

THE REVELATIONS of the past few days made in connection with the suit entered in New York by John R. Platt, an octogenarian millionaire, against Hannah Elias, a negro, are most remarkable, and afford another illustration of the fact that wisdom does not always accompany a hoary head.

ORDERS have been issued by several cotton mill managers in New England instructing agents to curtail production on account of the depression in the textile industry.

It is reported that leading republican politicians will ask the national republican committee to select its own chairman and the campaign managers regardless of the wishes of the President.

ANOTHER practical demonstration of the deplorable condition of the export grain trade at Philadelphia came yesterday in the announcement that Gill & Fisher, limited, grain shippers and receivers, will close their office there and withdraw entirely from business in that city at the end of June.

ENGLAND has gone football mad and the industries of the kingdom are suffering in consequence.

partment from Hull, says that often the business of entire communities is suspended until some particularly close contest between rival teams is settled.

THE Pilgrims' Club of London yesterday entertained former Mayor Seth Low, of York, at luncheon at the Savoy Hotel.

From Washington.

Capt. Chas. S. Brownell, U. S. A., son of former Representative Brownell, of Cincinnati, was introduced to the President this morning and at once assumed his new position as superintendent of public buildings and grounds.

Shipping on the Great Lakes and along the coasts of this continent was not so prosperous during April as it was in March, according to a report issued today by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Representative Hepburn, of Iowa, was one of the early callers at the White House, coming to urge the President to appoint Col. Henry C. Dunwoody of the Signal Corps a brigadier general.

Terrible Railway Accident.

In the most terrible accident in the history of the Lake Shore Electric Railway, six persons were killed and a dozen or more others badly hurt late yesterday afternoon as the result of a collision between an east-bound fast electric passenger car and a west-bound package freight car.

Duel with Nature's Weapons.

A novel but terrific duel was fought on the banks of the Shenandoah river, near Berry's, yesterday afternoon, between Ollie Catlett and William Burch, two young men, rivals for the affections of a young lady.

Robert Steel Dead.

Philadelphia, June 3.—Robert Steel, one of the best known horsemen in this country, and who gave his name to "Steele's," a famous Philadelphia rendezvous for politicians, was found dead this morning, with his neck broken, at the bottom of a flight of steps leading into an area-way, off State street, in Doylestown, where he resided on his stock farm, Grand View.

News of the Day.

Wyoming democrats in convention yesterday instructed for Hearst.

A desperate effort on the part of the leaders to break the deadlock in the Illinois republican State convention failed yesterday, and the assembly took a recess until today, without having nominated a candidate for governor.

Divorced from his wife, broken in health and spirit, and convinced that he was no longer worth living, Herman S. Pettibone, college graduate and freelance newspaperman, prepared and swallowed a mixture of acetic acid and morphine about 2 o'clock yesterday morning at Mann's Hotel, in Washington.

Jesse E. Baker, the bookkeeper of the Howard National Bank of Baltimore, who disappeared very mysteriously from his home, and returned subsequently, making no explanation of his conduct, is held by the United States authorities, charged with making false entries on his books covering a shortage of \$12,500.

Mrs. A. M. Woodward, wife of the president of the South Side State Bank, of Minneapolis, died yesterday, as the result of a falling-bed accident. The bed suddenly closing in on her, Mr. Woodward reached one arm out and beat on the floor until help came.

The Oaks Stakes of 5,000 sovereigns, the classic event of the English turf, second only in importance to the great Derby stakes, was run at Epsom Downs, Eng., today, and won by Major Eustace Loder's Tolly Polly, ridden by Lane. F. Alexander's Bitters, with K. Cannon, who had the winning mount in the Derby, up, finished second, and Lord Falkmouth's Fiance, ridden by Watts, was third.

Chairman Sherlock Swann and Messrs. Charles K. Lord, Reuben Foster and John T. Graham, composing the Burnt District Commission, called on Mayor Timanus of Baltimore yesterday and placed their resignations at his disposal.

Two vipers escaped from a parcel post packet lying in the sorting-room of the postoffice at Eisenstein, Austria, Wednesday. The postman killed them before they could get away, and then cautiously examined the packet, which was found to contain 18 more of these dangerous reptiles.

A dispatch from Vienna says a young clerk from Vienna named Adalbert Zeleek was admiring the famous waterfall at Lilienfeld, Wednesday, when he slipped over the edge of the cliff above the fall, and fell over 100 feet into the boiling chaldron at the feet. He was subsequently found lying with his head in the water, and both arms and legs broken.

The Italian third-class cruiser Dogali arrived at Tangier, Morocco, yesterday.

Virginia News.

Senator William M. Stewart, of Nevada, has sold his dairy of 1,000 acres near Ashburn, Loudoun county, for \$20,000.

A number of good horses have died in King George county of late, and as far as can be learned there no one knows just what disease has caused these deaths.

H. C. Furr, son of Kemp Furr, of Loudoun county, and Miss Eva Estelle Brown, daughter of J. T. Brown, a prominent citizen of Mountville, were married on Wednesday evening.

A. B. Yates was yesterday appointed by Judge A. T. Embury clerk of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg to succeed the late James P. Corbin.

Robert H. Glass, jr., business manager of the Lynchburg News, is desperately ill, and was yesterday taken by his brother, Congressman Carter Glass, to the Johns Hopkins Hospital, in Baltimore, for treatment.

David A. Pries, one of the most prominent residents of Fredericksburg, died yesterday from the effects of exposure and the hardship endured on Tuesday night, when he was swept down Gap Run, near Winchester, while on his way home.

Robert Bowles, a negro brakeman, who killed Fireman Ruff at Clifton Forge, for which he was sentenced to hang June 25th, has been granted a writ of error, and motion for a new trial will be heard in September.

The four mills at Oatlands, near Leesburg owned by Bernard Deck, of Purcellville, were burned to the ground on Tuesday. The loss is about \$5,000.

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THE LATE MAYOR McLANE.

Baltimore, June 2, 1904. To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette: The last sad tribute to the mortal remains of the late Mayor Robert M. McLane was paid on Wednesday afternoon at his funeral, which took place from the residence of his parents at 903 Cathedral street.

Robert M. McLane was a martyred mayor, and the term is used advisedly. He accepted the nomination for the office reluctantly and only after the most strenuous persuasion and importunity. Even after election he had to bear the brunt of a bitter contest to establish his claim, and had to pay his own legal expenses, the democratic organization having barely left him in the lurch.

He entered into the work with a vim and earnestness, characteristic of the man. That he may have erred, is possible. He like the rest of us was only human, but if he did err, and the writer positively doubts it, he did so on the right side.

Every Tom, Dick and Harry, who could wield a pen added his or her idiotic effusion to the general mass with which we have been regaled ad nauseam. Even the newspapers themselves, some of them departing from their staidness of the past, have editorially and in their reportorial columns held up to ridicule and contempt many of the mayor's acts.

It is it any wonder that Mr. McLane succumbed to such a tremendous and unjust pressure, and in a rash moment severed the golden cord which bound him to life and future fame? There are many scandalous stories about his family, but there is not an iota of truth in any of them.

As a prominent speaker said last night, at a meeting of the Masonic fraternity, he had been hounded to death by politicians who should have been his friends and by unjust and unwarranted publications.

Mr. E. Clay Timanus, the republican president of the second branch of City Council, now, under our new charter, assumes the duties of the mayoralty for the unexpired term of three years, and already the republican sheets here are beginning to lecture democratic officeholders about giving an undivided support to the new Mayor, strongly intimating that it is now a republican city government, and dire will be the consequences to them if they do not humbly bow the neck.

Deaths and Damage by Storms.

Three children were killed, one man fatally injured, and a woman and child seriously injured yesterday by an electric shock which pitifully destroyed the home of John Geary, near Teinnyson, Ind. The storm swept over a considerable portion of southern Indiana, doing great damage to telegraph and telephone wires.

Reports from Tekamah, Neb., which was struck Wednesday night by a tornado, indicate that about twenty persons were injured, some of them seriously. There were no fatalities. The storm wrecked most of the buildings in its path, which was a block in width and several blocks long.

A tornado at Colwater, a small town near Princeton, Kan., wrecked many barns and destroyed much farm property. A tornado ten miles southeast of Dodge City caused heavy damage to farm property and crops.

A heavy windstorm at Whitehead, Paoli, and Roff, Indian Territory, has caused much damage, especially at Whitehead, where a number of buildings were blown down and crops almost ruined. No casualties are reported.

The Market.

Georgetown, June 3.—Wheat 50 1/2 @ 51, 65.

Today's Telegraphic News.

Russians Retreat. Tokio, June 3.—A report has reached here today of an engagement between Russians and Japanese at Lu Chia Tun, about fifty miles north of Port Arthur, on Monday. The Japanese encountered a force of Russians outside of Lu Chia Tun between that place and Pulantien, and a stubborn fight followed, which lasted for two hours.

Cheloo, June 3.—The Japanese have landed another body of troops at Tsing-tu, about 20 miles southeast of Takushan. A junk which has arrived from there states that seventy warships and transports discharged the troops. Word was also received today that troops which will act as reinforcements for the army attacking Port Arthur have been landed east of Tali-en-Wan.

London, June 3.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Central News says that a dispatch has been received in the Russian capital from Liao Yang, stating that there are persistent rumors there that another great battle is proceeding near Port Arthur continuous cannonading has been heard from the south.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Central News states that 15,000 additional Japanese are reported to have been landed at Takushan, where 20 transports had just finished unloading troops, and stores.

Illinois Republicans.

Springfield, Ill., June 3.—On this unlucky day it is felt that a nomination must be made by the republican convention, which has lasted 73 ballots. In spite of the ill omen attached to the day each candidate is anxious to have the prize and cares little whether it comes on Friday or any other day.

It now appears as if Deneen will get the nomination on the first or second ballot this afternoon. At the morning's conference before the assembly of the convention the candidates reached an agreement to support the Chicago State's Attorney.

Minister Lamsdorf's Condition.

Berlin, June 3.—A dispatch to the Magdeburger Zeitung, from St. Petersburg, says that the condition of Foreign Minister Lamsdorf, who was attacked a few days ago by Prince Dolgorouki, is serious. The Prince, the dispatch adds, dealt three blows on the Russian Foreign Minister's head, with a stick having a steel knob on top of it.

The Platt-Elias Case.

New York, June 3.—With her house surrounded by private detectives and process servers, Mrs. Hannah Elias, the negro who is accused of blackmailing John R. Platt, the octogenarian glass manufacturer, out of nearly \$700,000, continues virtually a prisoner in her house on Central Park west. No one is permitted to enter the house except her counsel, Washington Brauns, a few intimates and her physician.

Chairmanship of Committee.

Chicago, June 3.—Postmaster General Payne would like to be chairman of the republican national committee, and believes that his health has improved sufficiently to warrant him in undertaking the management of the coming campaign, according to friends, who recently have been in Chicago. Members of the national committee, who are here to arrange for the convention, verify the report that Secretary Cortelyou is the choice of President Roosevelt for campaign manager, but this selection is not entirely approved by the practical politicians.

Escaped from a Mob.

Findlay, Ohio, June 3.—Fleetsness of foot alone saved John Moss, colored, from death at the hands of a mob, crying for a rope here last night, and a lucky star must have guided him out of the way of seven bullets fired at him by officers Crawford and Hufford, from whom he escaped. Warned against mounting a storage tank belong to Logan Gas Company, Moss deliberately struck Morton S. Luper in the face, precipitating him from the top of a 20 foot embankment into a trench injuring him internally and tearing the ligaments

FOREIGN NEWS.

Sir Thomas Lipton says he has not yet decided to issue a new challenge for the America's cup.

The death is announced in Paris of Eugene Adam, the founder of the French Jockey Club. He was 43 years old.

The Vienna bricklayers who went out on strike several days ago, because the building masters would not grant them an increase in wages, have returned to work as the masters have conceded all their demands.

The St. Petersburg Novoe Vremya states that Russian exhibitions for the St. Louis exposition have been organized by private initiative. Eight hundred pictures and art objects, the workmanship of Russians, will shortly be shipped.

Walter Travis, the American champion, today won the final round in the amateur golf championship at Sandwich, Eng., thus taking the trophy from British soil for the first time in its history.

The international Women's Suffrage conference opened in Berlin today with 100 delegates present. Of these twelve are Americans. Susan B. Anthony was elected president, and Mrs. Chapman Catt, representing Wyoming, vice president.

Mayor Chanot, of Marseilles, France, recently had a narrow escape from poisoning. The Mayor received a present of a fish. He subsequently thanked the friend whose name was attached to the fish, but the latter denied sending it.

W. Haskell Coffin, of Washington, has received from Pope Pius X the order of Advocate of St. Peter for pictures which he exhibited at the Paris Salon, this year. Coffin is a son of the Deputy Controller of the Currency under the administration of President Cleveland.

Fought for Girl's Hand.

A fist battle was fought on the banks of the Shenandoah river, near Berry on Wednesday afternoon between Ollie Catlett and William Burch, two prominent young men, rivals for the affections of a young lady.

The challenge was promptly accepted, seconds were selected, and in the presence of a large crowd the men stripped to the waist and began the fight with bare fists. For over half an hour the battle waged. The men fought desperately and were so weak from the loss of blood that they could scarcely stand, yet they continued to rain savage blows upon each other until a terrific right hand blow knocked Burch senseless.

Important political conferences between Senator Gorman, of Maryland, and Col. J. M. Guffey, national committee man from Pennsylvania, are being held in Baltimore today.

A murder and suicide took place in view of scores of people in Harlem this afternoon, when Charles Robinson shot and killed Josephine Whales, a young woman, on the sidewalk and then shot himself.

Dispatches from Trail Lake, Miss., state that John Simms, a prominent planter of that place, and Mr. Cato, his manager, were killed last night by two negroes, but one was captured and lynched.

Seven men clung to the trestle bridge at Henderson, Ky., yesterday while a Louisville & Nashville passenger train killed two of their companions, and a third jumped from the trestle fifty feet below to his death.

A severe cloudburst today caused much damage to wires and the Western Union building in Dallas, Texas, causing a report to be circulated that a cyclone had swept the city, but there was no serious damage in the city.

The well known stallion, Sir Modred, died yesterday at the Rancho Delhazo farm, California, of old age. He was by Tracuder out of Italia, and was foaled in 1877. He was a big winner in Australia and was purchased by representative of J. B. Haggan for his stud.

With a completion of the new \$10,000,000 tube mills, the contract for the construction of which has just been awarded by the National Tube Company of the United States Steel Corporation to the American Bridge Company, of McKeesport, Pa., will have the largest tube works in the world.

A terrific wind storm struck Oklahoma last night, doing great damage to trees and outbuildings. A heavy wind storm in Indian Territory, at Whitehead, Paoli and Ruff caused much damage, and especially at Whitehead, where a number of buildings were blown down and crops almost ruined.

Judge J. Sharp Wilson in Beaver, Pa., today handed down a decision in the famous slander suit brought against John Wanamaker, by former State printer Thomas Robinson, of Butler, and decided that a new trial could not be granted. This is a victory for Wanamaker, as Mr. Robinson had asked for the new trial.

The Kansas river has risen four inches an hour at Kansas City, Mo., this morning as the result of torrential rains. With today's downpour an even foot of water has fallen in four weeks. Railroad communication west is in a chaotic condition as a result of the floods. The Missouri river jumped a foot over night and the Kansas river is rising as far back as Manhattan.

Pepton Wyeth, who had been for 15 years assistant general manager of the Greenwich Fire Insurance Co., of Philadelphia, committed suicide today by drinking a glass of cyanide of potassium in his apartments in Brooklyn. Mr. Wyeth was 33 years old and a relative of John Wyeth the millionaire proprietor of the John Wyeth Chemical Works, of Philadelphia. He went to that city with his young wife last Wednesday from Philadelphia to be treated for nervous prostration and melancholia.

At Tananqua, Pa., today, President Dettler stated that a meeting of the executive boards of the three anthracite districts had been called for Monday to inaugurate a general strike in the Panther creek valley.

Official.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN. At a called meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Alexandria, Va., held June 2, 1904, there were present:

John T. Sweeney, esq., President, and Messrs. Burke, Marbury, Curtin and W. H. Sweeney.

An act to appropriate a part of the city revenue for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1905, received from the Common Council at the last regular meeting, was passed by a vote of 5 yeas, and 0 nays.

The report of the Finance Committee recommending the payment of \$1,100 to Dr. E. A. Gorman for professional services in connection with the health department of the city, received from the Common Council at the last meeting, was adopted by a vote of 5 yeas, and 0 nays.

The board then adjourned. J. T. SWEENEY, President. LUTHER H. THOMPSON, Clerk.

Sued by His Doctor.

"A doctor here has sued me for \$12.50, which I claimed was excessive for a case of cholera morbus," says R. White, of Cocheila, Cal. "At the trial he praised his medical skill and medicine. I asked him if it was not Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy he used as I had good reason to believe it was, and he would not say under oath that it was not." No doctor could use a better remedy than this in a case of cholera morbus, it never fails. Sold by Richard Gibson and W. F. Creighton & Co.

Startling Evidence.

Fresh testimony in great quantity is constantly coming in, declaring Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption Coughs and Colds to be unequalled. A recent expression from T. J. McFarland, of Benton, Mo., is a case in point. He writes: "I had Bronchitis for three years and doctored all the time without being benefited. Then I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and a few bottles wholly cured me." Equally effective in curing all Lung and Throat troubles, Consumption, Pneumonia and Grip. Guaranteed by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons, Druggists. Trial bottles free, regular sizes 50c and \$1.00.

Prices of Produce.

Table listing prices for various commodities such as Flour Extra, Family, Fancy brands, Wheat, longberry, Mixed, Oats, Potatoes, etc.

FOR SALE.

The famous LEE COAL at the lowest market prices. W. A. SMOOT & CO.