

NEWS, POLITICS, LITERATURE, TRADE AND COMMERCE—BUT FIRST OF ALL, THE NEWS.

THURSDAY'S TRIALS

A Good Deal of Space Devoted to Mere Denials.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

Blount's Charges Caught Thurston Below the Belt.

He Alleges That the Provisional Government Could Easily Have Taken Care of Itself Had It Been Necessary.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Lorin A. Thurston, Hawaiian minister, gave out a statement tonight. He says:

"I am urged to make a statement for publication, setting forth the position and claims of the Hawaiian government, and making a reply to the charges contained in Blount's report. As I have received no official information from Blount, I am unable to intelligently state what the position and claims of the government are. A large portion of the published extracts from Blount's report consist of personal attacks upon me and those associated with me in the provisional government, impugning our veracity, good faith and courage, and charging us with fraud and duplicity.

"First, I desire to call attention to Blount's method of constructing the report. Although he says in several places that he has received no official information, he never asked me a question concerning the same, nor has he given me an opportunity to make any statement. The report is a large number of other men who took a leading part in the movement in January. His evidence consists exclusively of prepared statements, answers to leading questions put by himself at private interviews, no one else being present but a stenographer. In no instance was there any cross-examination, or opportunity given for contradiction or to explain the evidence. In the brief examination published portions of the report show numerous incorrect statements.

"Blount charges that the American troops landed under a prearranged agreement with the committee of safety. At no time did Stevens or Captain Wiltz assure me or the committee of safety that the troops would not overthrow the queen or in establishing a provisional government, and as a matter of fact, they did not do so.

"I can produce witnesses in support of this statement. In Wundenburg's statement he says when the committee of safety told Stevens they were not ready to act, he replied: 'Gentlemen, the troops from the Boston will land at 5 o'clock, whether you are ready or not.'

"The reasons for the reply and the subsequent landing of troops were manifest. The troops were landed to protect American citizens and property and not to cooperate with the committee in carrying out its plans. In fact, the troops did not cooperate with the committee and the committee had no more knowledge than had the queen's government of where the troops were going, nor what they were going to do.

"The whole gist of Damon's long examination is likewise contained in the statement that when there was a meeting for the United States troops, I was refused by Commander Swineburn sending back word: 'Captain Wiltz's orders were to remain passive.' Blount charges but the United States representative and troops, the establishment of the provisional government would have been prevented, bloodshed, they were not essential and did not assist in the overthrow of the queen. The result of the movement would have been eventually the same if there had not been a marine within a thousand miles of Honolulu. In support of this statement:

"The troops did not land till Monday night, the 15th of January, after the revolution had been in full progress since the afternoon of the 13th, and on the 14th, during which the committee of safety openly organized for the avowed purpose of overthrowing the queen. The committee of safety was organized for the purpose of overthrowing the queen, and the committee of safety were utterly demoralized, suspicious of one another and devoid of leadership. Fourth, the committee and the supporters, united, intended to do exactly what they wanted, and proceeded with intelligent deliberation. The committee of safety intended to do exactly what they wanted, and proceeded with intelligent deliberation. The committee of safety intended to do exactly what they wanted, and proceeded with intelligent deliberation.

"In support of the second proposition: On the afternoon of Saturday, in reply to the request of the cabinet for copies of the constitution, I advised the promulgation of the constitution and the supporting of it by force. I advised them to declare the queen in revolution and to support the constitution at the request and approval of the other two, and then drew up a form of proclamation which I affixed to the same afternoon, at a meeting of about 200 citizens, the queen was denounced, armed resistance and a counter revolution openly invited, and the queen's minister of the interior, John Colburn, addressed the meeting. The queen's attorney-general, Peterson, and her attorney, Paul Teunman, were both present, taking part in the meeting. The committee of safety was then and there armed and proceeded to forth with organizing a provisional government. If they would take charge of the movement, well and good; otherwise the committee intended to take action on its own account. They asked for twenty-four hours in which to consider the matter. I declined to wait, stating the committee intended to proceed forthwith. The committee met openly at 10 o'clock and remained in session during the greater part of the day, when the government petition kept a watch over the building from the street. On Monday morning at 9 o'clock, the committee, without any attempt at concealment, met at my office within 20 feet of the police station, near Marshal Wilson's headquarters, where the entire police force was stationed. When the government petition was presented, the committee proceeded to progress Wilson came to the office and asked to speak to me privately, and we went into an adjoining room. Our

GREAT CREVASSES OPEN IN THE EARTH.

Towns Shake and Large Houses Tumble Over.

PEOPLE PANIC STRICKEN.

At Least One Thousand Are Known to Be Drowned.

Holland Added to the List of Storm-Swept Sections—Ghastly Cargo of a Norwegian Boat—Death in the Air.

London, Nov. 21.—A dispatch to the Times from Meled, Persia, brings further details of the earthquake on Friday at Kuchan, in the northern part of the province of Khorassan. The town was completely destroyed. The loss of life is immense.

Great crevasses opened in the earth, through which the water flowed in torrents. The Atrek river overflowed its banks. The fertile region around the city is inundated. Large gardens and extensive vineyards were swept out of existence. The people had no chance to save anything. The shock was so severe that the residence of the governor, almost instantly toppled over, crushing his wife and two children. There was a population of between 20,000 and 25,000. It is thought at least 1,000 perished.

Many were carried away by the flood. It is not known yet what damage has been done in the valley, but it is feared many villages below Kuchan are destroyed. The water is still in a much stronger lobby in Washington in its behalf on both sides than there has been during this session. The river miners of Nevada, Idaho, and Colorado made an special effort in behalf of the tariff at that time because of the fact that much of the silver ore was in those states. The tariff contained a large percentage of lead. It was in their interest especially the provision as it now stands was inserted.

Many owners of smelters, located on the Mexican border and outside of the states and territories mentioned opposed it, as did also the lead manufacturers. The tariff was never passed to prevent, the smelters and manufacturers to procure legislation. It would have the effect of raising the price of the present duty felt quite well assured that the action of Congress will be favorable to their cause.

"UNCLE" JERRY RUSK.

The Good Old Man Passes Peacefully Away.

Madison, Wis., Nov. 21.—General Jeremiah Rusk, ex-secretary of agriculture, died here at his home in Viroqua at 8 o'clock this morning. Though not unexpected the announcement that the end had come to the life of this strongly individual character in the political life of the nation caused a general feeling of grief.

ARE DOUBTFUL DEAD.

Search for the Carlin Party is Virtually Abandoned.

Misoula, Mont., Nov. 21.—The search for the Carlin party, consisting of the son of General Carlin and friends has been abandoned by the military authorities, the expedition having been given up as hopeless. Every human effort at rescue was made, even to endangering the lives of soldiers and loss of wagon loads of supplies. The snow is too deep to be penetrable, and where no snow exists the streams are greatly swelled. In fact, it is now feared the Carlin party will be unable to return at once as Lolo river, which must be crossed over thirty miles, is impassable.

TOWED INTO PORT.

A Norwegian Boat with a Ghastly Cargo on Board.

London, Nov. 21.—The Norwegian derelict Alpha has been towed into harbor with three dead bodies on board, and the remainder of the crew missing. The Dover life boat returned to the station today amid the cheers of thousands of people, having on board the seven survivors of the crew of the wrecked steamer Electra, owing to the heavy sea, to take the crew of the wrecked vessel from the rigging, during the night, four of the derelict's crew were dropped exhausted and from the rigging and were drowned. The crew of the Johann Marrie in the rigging of the vessel were repeatedly half-drowned by the towering waves from yesterday morning until day-break today.

The Gale Subiding.

London, Nov. 21.—The terrible gales which have prevailed on the coast since Friday have subsided. Crews of the vessels arriving at the various ports tell terrible tales of suffering and the loss of many overboard. Life boats continue to arrive with portions of the crews of the wrecked vessels.

A Vessel Founders.

Hamburg, Nov. 21.—Fourteen members of the crew and thirteen passengers of the British liner steamer Electra, handed here. The vessel foundered and passengers and the crew took to the boats and were afterwards picked up.

More Bodies Recovered.

Paris, Nov. 21.—A dispatch from Morlaix says six more bodies from the British vessel Abaukia Bay were washed ashore there.

BURNED IN THE RUINS.

Boards Caught by the Flames and Perish Miserably.

Beaver, Pa., Nov. 21.—At Merrill, station, on the Cleveland & Pittsburg road at 4:30 this morning, Bridgman & Keener's three-story hotel, in which many employed on the new dam boarded, was burned to the ground, many jumped from the second and third story windows and were badly cut, bruised and burned. A census of the

GAVE THE ROPE TO THE LYNCHERS.

A Mother's Work in a Mob of Excited Men.

A RAVISHER'S JUST FATE.

Dragged Out of Jail and Hanged on a Banister.

The Mob Then Turned Its Attention to Another Criminal, but the Young Man Had Been Spirited Away.

Ottumwa, Ia., Nov. 21.—Fred Gustavson, a laborer aged 32, who recently came to this city, was hanged by a mob on the Main street at Ottumwa at 2:30 this afternoon.

THE TARIFF ON LEAD.

A Bitter Fight Will Be Made in Congress.

Quite Probable That the Ore Will Be Put on the Free List by the Committee.

Washington, Nov. 21.—It is understood that one of the items of the metal schedule to receive an overhauling by the ways and means committee is that which under the McKinley law places a duty of 15 cents per pound on lead ore. The subject has been a point of contention ever since the present tariff was enacted.

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WILD AND WOOLY TALES OF HIS WORK IN WESTERN WASHOOTS.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—An afternoon paper has a Washington special telling of the doings of a man or the man dubbed "Jack the Slasher" who has been going about entering houses, cutting up carpets, curtains, pouring lard in pianos and the like.

TO REORGANIZE THE U. P.

A Meeting of Vast Importance in New York Yesterday.

New York, Nov. 21.—The Herald this morning says: A conference of vast importance was held today in the Union Trust company's building. The purpose was the formation of a committee to financially reorganize the Union Pacific railroad system with nearly \$5,000,000 of new capital, \$300,000,000 securities. The Senate committee on Pacific railroads authorized its sub-committee to sit during recess and the sub-committee delegate to convene to Senator Bruce as a committee of one to do important work. Executive Carr, of the estate of the late E. T. Ames, Boston; Louis Fitzgerald, representing the holdings of the Gould-Sage-Dillon party; Adolph Boissac, representing European securities holders; H. T. Higgins, representing the Oregon Railway & Navigation company's interests; and General Dodge, representing the Union Pacific's Denver & Gulf, were present. The conference was protracted until late in the afternoon. One gentleman present stated, after adjournment, the interchange of views proceeded in a friendly, businesslike manner and the selection of a committee on reorganization from among their number would probably be held at tomorrow's session. J. Pierpont Morgan, whose firm floated \$20,000,000 of collateral trust notes two years ago, was not in attendance yesterday, but he is said to be in harmony with the purpose of the conference.

FAITHFULNESS REWARDED.

Illinois Central People Recognize it in Their Employees.

Centra, Ill., Nov. 21.—Tonight the Illinois Central railway officials and representatives of the American express company met the men who defended their property during the attempted hold-up near here, by appointment and tendered each a gold medal and three shares each of stock in the Illinois Central railway for meritorious conduct. About six hundred railroad men witnessed the ceremony and several appropriate speeches were made.

WESTERN ROADS AROUSED.

A Rate of \$27 from Chicago to San Francisco Now On.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—Nothing has so stirred the representatives of western roads in many months as the discovery of a ticket brokerage firm offering through tickets to San Francisco for \$27. A reporter called upon the gentlemen. They were both out, but the clerk on duty showed a ticket or a report with three coupons reading "From Chicago to St. Paul; from St. Paul to Victoria; from

THE ULTIMATE FATE OF THE WHITE METAL.

Secretary Carlisle Discusses It at a Banquet.

TIME ALONE CAN TELL.

He Does Not Understand What a Double Standard Is.

"Gold Is the Only International Money." It Does Not Matter What the Advocates of Other Systems Insist On.

New York, Nov. 21.—The twelfth annual banquet of the chamber of commerce took place tonight. Three hundred prominent business men were present. Charles S. Smith, president of the chamber, presided, and at the table Hon. John G. Carlisle, secretary of the treasury, occupied the post of honor. Among the others present were Hon. William Walter Phelps, Hon. Whitelaw Reid, Hon. Carl Schurz, Hon. St. Clair McKelway, Hon. Murat Halstead, Hon. James H. Eckels, George M. Pullman, of Chicago, Hon. William G. Hornblower and Florence O. Driscoll.

TO REPLACE THE STIKERS.

Men Being Taken From the Burlington and Quincy.

Galesburg, Nov. 21.—Twenty Burlington & Quincy engineers left here last night to take the place of strikers on the Lehigh Valley road. There are several persons here hiring men for the Lehigh Valley. There is a large surplus of men on the Burlington, and it is believed that many will go to Burlington to furnish transportation and thirty days' leave of absence. Some of those going came here six years ago to take the places of strikers on the Lehigh Valley. The feeling against the men going is very bitter in labor circles.

THE STRIKE IN STATU QUO.

New York, Nov. 21.—As far as this end of the Lehigh Valley strike is concerned, there is practically no change. No freight is moving, and the Jersey City yards have resumed their normal-looking aspect they had yesterday.

Trouble Was Expected.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Nov. 21.—Trouble was expected at the Lehigh Valley station tonight, and the sheriff swore in deputies, but at a late hour everything is quiet. The alarm lights were broken, but it is alleged by locals.

No Change at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Nov. 21.—The Lehigh strike situation at this point is practically unchanged.

ALL HIS OWN WAY.

Directum Leads the Bay Mare in Every Heat.

New York, Nov. 21.—Under a lowering sky, and amid chill autumn winds, 6,000 enthusiastic horsemen at Fleetwood park saw the famous black-tan Directum, win \$5,000 in the match race from the western bay mare, Alix, in three straight heats, the last one being trotted in 2:08—the fastest mile ever done in November.

STORMS IN THE EAST.

They Extend From the Gulf of Mexico to the British Possessions.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—Dispatches to the Associated Press show the storm raging today with rain or snow or sleet from the Gulf of Mexico to British possessions, and from the Rocky mountains to the Aleutians. East of here the storm is still but it is to be the ultimate fate of that metal, is one of the problems which time and events alone can solve; but for many years the financial system has been so rapid as to demonstrate the fact that it cannot be safely coined, without limitations, into money of final destination.

PRIVATE CONTROL OF WATER.

The City of Albuquerque Has a Fight on Its Hands.

Albuquerque, N. M., Nov. 21.—At a meeting of the city council last night, the council authorized was instructed to continue the suits brought against the water and gas companies for the cancellation of their franchises. Immediately after the presentation of the resolutions, the water supply company served a notice on the city, threatening to withdraw the water company would, after November 24, no longer furnish water to the inhabitants. The city was asked for an injunction to prevent the closing of the works.

IDAHO POPULISTS.

The State Committee Holds a Meeting at Boise.

Boise, Ida., Nov. 21.—[Special]—The populist state committee held a meeting today. The meeting was called for yesterday, but a postponement was taken to await the arrival of other members. Only six counties were represented—Ada, Owyhee, Fremont, Blaine, Boise and Logan. A platform and a long address were adopted, and the populist views upon a great many subjects at the head of which the silver question is placed.

"ACCIDENTAL DEATH."

The Verdict in the Hallett Sage Case at Ogden.

Ogden, Nov. 21.—[Special]—The coroner's jury held an inquest yesterday morning on the body of Hallett Sayers, shot yesterday morning at 1 o'clock in the express car. No new facts were developed and the jury's verdict was "accidental discharge of a revolver caused his death." The body was shipped to Denver today. He was a nephew of Judge Host, of Denver, and a young man of excellent habits. He owned considerable property in Denver. The deceased's father and step-mother are in Paris.

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THE ALTAR.

Davis-Stevenson.

Bloomington, Ill., Nov. 21.—At 8 o'clock tonight, at the second Presbyterian church, Lewis Green Stevenson, only son and secretary of the vice-president, was wedded to Miss Helen Louise Davis, elder daughter of William O. Davis, editor of the Daily Pantagraph, a Republican newspaper which has always been politically opposed to Stevenson. Thousands of guests witnessed the ceremony, including Secretary of the Navy Herbert and Miss Herbert, Governor and Mrs. Altgeld, and ex-governors Oglesby and Pifer.

A reception followed at the Davis mansion, and was by 400. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, after a brief sojourn in France, will reside in Washington.

The Spokane Boom.

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 21.—The excitement caused by boomers jumping the Northern Pacific, has subsided. The jumpers have left the track, having been made plain that the title was clear and the land not a lien section.

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