

LEVEE BREAKS.

A Big Crevasse About Five Miles South of Delta.

It Protected Plantations, and Much Land Will Be Flooded.

Desperate Efforts Made to Hold the Levee, But There is No Chance of Closing the Crevasse—The Effects are Very Disastrous.

Vicksburg, Miss., April 17.—At midnight a dispatch was received from the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific railway office at Delta, reporting a big crevasse about five miles south of Delta in the Biggs levee, which occurred at 11 o'clock. This is the levee on which Bolivar Thompson has been working for several days with a force of five hundred men, free laborers and convicts. It is a high levee, said to be fully 15 feet high, but is built largely of sand and has a thin cross section with insufficient slope. It protected a fine plantation country, and its back water will flood much plantation land. A desperate effort has been made to hold the levee, but there is no chance of closing the crevasse, or preventing its development of a disastrous break. There is a strip of swamp about two miles wide immediately behind the Biggs levee, but beyond that the back-water will run over cotton lands, and Secretary Lane, of the Fifth district levee board, is of the opinion the back-water will flood Tensas and Concordia parishes. It is thought the flood will back up on the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific road as far as Tallulah or farther. The officials of that road are hurrying warnings to all stations along its line.

It appears impossible to find any one here at this hour who knows anything of the topography of the country which may be overflowed by this crevasse, but the general impression is that its effects will be extremely disastrous.

TRIPLE TRAGEDY.

A Soldier and Two Women Attacked by the Divorced Husband of One of the Women—Two Dead and One Dying.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., April 17.—A special to the Standard from Sackett's Harbor says that a horrible crime was committed in the vicinity of that village, where the Ninth United States infantry is stationed, about ten miles from this city, some time Thursday night. During the afternoon or evening, George Allen, a steward at Madison Barrels, hired a horse and carriage at the livery stable in Sackett's Harbor and took two women out driving. One of his companions was a young lady of Sackett's Harbor, Miss Daily, and the other was a divorced woman, Mrs. Crouch.

At 2:30 Friday morning the horse came back to the livery stable, drawing the carriage which at first the livery man believed was empty, but on going up to the carriage he found the bodies of the two women in the bottom of it. He at once notified the authorities.

About this time Allen came staggering into the barracks in a weakened condition, and he, too, is expected to die. He made an ante-mortem statement to the effect that Crouch, husband of the divorced woman, assaulted the whole party, murdered the two women, and threw him (Allen) into a creek. Crouch is under arrest.

BANK ROBBERY.

The Cashier Beheaded and His Throat Cut—A Suspect Under Arrest.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., April 17.—The Great Falls national bank, at this city, was entered by burglars between 12:30 and 2 o'clock Friday afternoon and Joseph Stickney, the cashier, after having been brainated with a slugsheet, had his throat cut.

A special to the Union at 2 o'clock Saturday morning from Somersworth says that a well known young man of that city is suspected of the Stickney murder. The man has been absent from the city since the commission of the crime, but a suspect answering his description was arrested in Milton, some dozen miles distant, Friday evening, and will be taken to Somersworth Saturday morning.

Death of Senator Hanna's Mother.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., April 17.—Mrs. S. H. Hanna, mother of United States Senator Mark Hanna, of Ohio, died at the Kenilworth Inn, Baltimore, at 4 o'clock Friday morning, of pneumonia. She had been in Asheville only a few days visiting the kindergarten, in which she was much interested, and her death was totally unexpected here. Mrs. Hanna came to Kenilworth Inn several weeks ago, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Hanna. Senator Hanna has been summoned from Washington and is expected to reach here Friday afternoon. The body of Mrs. Hanna will be taken to Cleveland, O., Saturday afternoon.

Contraband Liquor Seized.

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 17.—Dispendary constables Friday seized 98 cases of liquors consigned to John C. Simonds, one of the leading men of the city. The liquor came from a San Francisco house and was marked for personal use. A drummer of the house was recently in Charleston and a number of the leading people of the city clubbed together and made this purchase.

Three Lepers.

CAMPBELLTOWN, N. B., April 17.—Three lepers, natives of Iceland, have arrived at the Lazaretto at Tracadie, Gloucester county. They were brought from Winnipeg, Man., in a freight car, directly behind the locomotive, and was placarded to warn the public to keep away from it.

File Workers Strike.

PATERSON, N. J., April 17.—Having been denied an increase of wages, 500 employes of the Kearney & Foote file works struck Friday. The men had demanded an advance of ten per cent. in their pay.

IN MACEDONIA.

Severe Fighting Between the Greek Irregulars and Turkish Forces.

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LARISSA, Headquarters of the Greek army in Thessaly, April 17.—Severe fighting has occurred in Macedonia between the Greek irregulars and Turkish forces. The column of irregulars sent to the right from Pigavitz, after having invested and captured Stovon, continued its advance toward Kritudes, Plisia and Kourdusi, with orders to hold Kourdusi at all costs, as it commands the right approach to Grevena, the objective point. This column, commanded by Chiefs Zermos and Luzzo, attacked Kritudes on Tuesday. The place was defended by two companies of Turks. After a severe fight, during which 80 Turks were killed and 25 were taken prisoners, the position was captured by the Greeks, who also obtained possession of 150 rifles and a quantity of cartridges.

The insurgents, however, have suffered a severe check in another direction. A strong force of troops from Mecovon, with a number of mountain guns, advanced on Kranla, which had previously been captured by the Greeks, and attacked the 400 irregulars of Greece, who occupied an entrenched position. It is reported that the fighting was ferocious on both sides.

The insurgents, eventually, were compelled to retreat north to the mountains. Some of them, however, succeeded in breaking through the Turkish lines and escaped to Baitino, the town just across the frontier in Macedonia, first captured by the Greek irregulars and used by them as a depot for provisions and ammunition. The accounts given by the refugees of the Turkish losses are believed to be exaggerated. They say that 265 Turks were killed, while the irregulars only had eight men killed and 17 wounded. The leader of the Greeks operating in that direction, Chief Milonas, was among the wounded and returned later into Greek territory with a number of the refugees. One of the latter says that a portion of the Turkish force was composed of irregulars, whose dress resembles that of the Greek insurgents. This, it appears, enabled the Turkish force to execute a flank movement unheeded by the leaders of the Greeks. The refugees referred to blames the Greek leaders for badly handling their men.

All the refugees bore traces of having experienced great fatigue and it is reported that the Ethnikhe Hetairia, or national league, has ordered the Greek irregulars to retreat into Greek territory, regarding further bloodshed as useless unless the regular army of Greece support the irregulars.

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EVACUATING

The Struggle in Cuba Given Up by Spain.

Soldiers Being Shipped Away Under the Pretense

That They Are Sick or Wounded, But This is Only a Ruse—The Cubans Are Willing to Reimburse Spain For Their Absolute Independence.

HAVANA, April 17.—Ona Melton, the imprisoned correspondent, writes from Cabanas Fortress as follows: "It was reported that 30 sick and wounded soldiers were to be embarked for Spain Friday, but the soldiers who embarked were able-bodied men, and these were no sick and wounded among them. The story that they were invalids is a ruse to cover the fact that the Spanish evacuation of Cuba has commenced. Weyler some days ago having received instructions to begin a gradual withdrawal of the troops in as quiet a manner as possible."

HAVANA, April 17.—Spanish reports of coming peace to Cuba are gaining credence here. It is said that Spain will grant independence to Cuba by the payment of an indemnity by the Cubans, the Washington government acting as an intermediary. It is claimed that the remaining obstacle in the way of making a peaceful arrangement has been the uncompromising attitude of Senor Canovas Del Castillo and some of the prominent leaders of the conservative party in Spain.

As soon as there is a change in the government at Madrid and the liberal party, led by Senor Segasta, assumes power it is said that a treaty of peace will be concluded. All the other parties are in complete accord and only await a change in the Spanish administration to announce their decision.

La Lucha alludes to these reports and announces that they are believed to be true by Spanish military men.

The offer said to have already been sent to Secretary Sherman by the Cubans is for the payment of \$100,000,000 to Spain on the condition of absolute independence. Nothing short of that will be considered, much less accepted.

Gen. Weyler is sending small numbers of troops home by every steamer. They are described as "sick and wounded," but a report has gained currency that they are in reality able-bodied men, and that their deportation is in reality a part of the movement for the gradual evacuation of the island by Spain.

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CONDENSED NEWS

Gathered From All Parts of the Country by Telegraph.

The Dingley tariff bill has aroused considerable antagonism in French mercantile circles, where it is pointed out that the measure may lead to a policy disastrous in its effects on certain French industries.

Prof. Francis L. Thorpe, of the school of history, in the college department of the University of Pennsylvania, has received an offer of a similar position with the University of Chicago. He will probably accept.

Fire at the University of California Friday afternoon destroyed the building occupied as the college of agriculture. The building contained expensive chemicals and laboratory apparatus. The loss is estimated at \$40,000.

Walter S. Chance, for several years past a special agent of the treasury department at Philadelphia, has been promoted to be supervising special agent, vice J. J. Crowley, transferred and appointed special agent at Chicago.

Typhus fever and smallpox are raging at Hierapetra. The Turkish troops have reoccupied the springs near Candia. A number of prisoners there have revolted and are being transported to the prison on the island of Rhodes.

George A. Taylor, the former cashier of the defunct Argentine (Kansas) bank, who mysteriously disappeared a month ago, returned home Thursday, and Friday voluntarily submitted to arrest on a warrant charging him with illegal banking.

The French embassy in Washington is actively assisting the French Telegraphic Cable Co. in efforts it is making to lay a new cable from Brest, France, to Cape Cod, Mass., which shall take the place of the old cable laid 15 years ago.

The United States legation at Constantinople has advised the state department that it has secured the release of Padaras, a naturalized American citizen who has been under arrest at Mytilene since February 8, on a charge of homicide.

It is reported in Constantinople that 200 arrests were made at Tokat in the Sivas district of Armenia, of persons charged with complicity in the recent massacre there. Among those arrested are the Mutessarif and the chief of police, and gendarmes.

The Olympic Athletic club, of San Francisco, has matched Joe Gans and Mike Leonard for a purse of \$2,000, the contest to take place in this city early in May, at 133 pounds. An effort is also being made to bring Jeffries and Stelzner together the same night.

A dispatch from Libertad, province of Pinar del Rio, says that the well known insurgent leader, Julian Zarraga, who is charged with having blown up several trains with dynamite in Pinar del Rio, has surrendered to the Spanish authorities there five days of his followers, all armed.

The Humphrey bill extending street railway franchises 50 years and providing a tax on the gross earnings of street car lines was passed Friday by the Illinois senate, 29 to 16. The bill has yet to pass the house, and is being opposed, particularly in Chicago by the municipal reform organizations.

John Lane, the veteran inventor, is dying of heart failure at his home in Chicago. Mr. Lane invented the method of plating on iron, or what is known as the "iron center" in metals. He was born in New York state in 1825. His father manufactured the first iron pipe ever made in the United States.

Secretary Gage has instructed the customs officer at Pembina, North Dakota, to admit the 179 Chinese who are en route from China to the Nashville exposition. This action is taken on the statement of the director general that their admission is necessary under concessions made to exhibitors and others.

Capt. Haavig, Mate Hellisen and 19 seamen of the Norwegian ship Senta, who were supposed to have been lost at sea, were brought into Philadelphia Friday on the British ship Snowflake from Penarth for Philadelphia. No one on board the Senta was lost, but all experienced a distressing time during the 24 hours prior to their rescue.

John Hays Hammond, the American engineer and former member of the Johannesburg reform committee, arrived in London Friday from South Africa. He says that while affairs at Johannesburg were very unsettled, precluding a discussion of politics, he did not think an outbreak of war between Great Britain and the Transvaal was likely to occur in the immediate future.

Forecast for Saturday.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—West Virginia and Kentucky—Clearing in the early morning; generally fair Saturday; warmer; northerly breeze, becoming variable.

Western Pennsylvania and Ohio—Showers in the early morning probably Saturday; warmer Saturday night; brisk to high west to north west winds.

Indiana and Illinois—Generally fair Saturday; warmer; northerly winds, becoming variable.

THE MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, April 16.

NOTE—No flour or grain market Friday—holidays.

HOGS—Packers' and butchers' steady; light shippers, 6c higher; select shippers, \$4.00; 4 1/2c; select butchers, \$4.00; fat to good packers, \$3.90; fat to good light, \$3.90; 4 1/2c; common and roughs, \$3.75 to \$3.75.

CATTLE—Fair to good shippers, \$4.00; 4 1/2c; fat to good shippers, \$3.90; fat to good light, \$3.90; 4 1/2c; common and roughs, \$3.75 to \$3.75.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Sheep—Extras, \$4.80; 5.00; good to choice, \$4.25 to \$4.75; common to fair, \$3.00 to \$4.00; lambs—Good to choice, \$5.25 to \$5.75; common to fair, \$4.00 to \$4.50; spring lambs steady at \$5.00 to \$5.50.

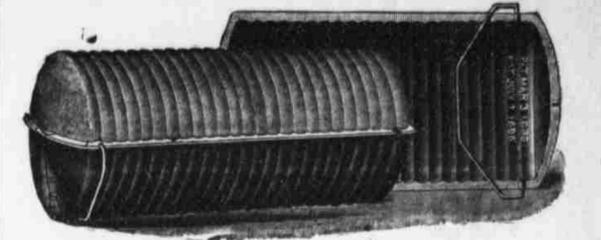
VEAL CALVES—Fair to good light, \$4.75; 5.00; extra, \$5.75 to \$6.00; common and large, \$3.00 to \$4.00.

PITTSBURGH, April 16.

CATTLE—Prime, \$5.10 to \$5.25; good, \$4.60 to \$4.90; city butchers, \$4.50 to \$4.75; fair, \$4.20 to \$4.50; feeders, \$3.80 to \$4.00; bulls, steers and cows, \$2.00 to \$3.50; fresh cows and springers, \$2.00 to \$3.00.

HOGS—Prime medium, \$4.25 to \$4.50; best Yorkers, \$4.25 to \$4.50; common to fair Yorkers, \$4.00 to \$4.25; heavy, \$4.25 to \$4.50; \$4.00 to \$4.25; \$3.75 to \$4.00; \$3.50 to \$3.75; \$3.25 to \$3.50; \$3.00 to \$3.25; \$2.75 to \$3.00; \$2.50 to \$2.75; \$2.25 to \$2.50; \$2.00 to \$2.25; \$1.75 to \$2.00; \$1.50 to \$1.75; \$1.25 to \$1.50; \$1.00 to \$1.25; \$0.75 to \$1.00; \$0.50 to \$0.75; \$0.25 to \$0.50.

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