

THE TELEGRAPH SUMMARY

NEWS OF THE WORLD IN BRIEF.

A Complete Review of the Events of the Past Week—In This and Foreign Lands—Taken From the Latest Dispatches.

The British Columbia government has withdrawn its opposition and granted a charter for the road south from Michel to connect with the Great Northern.

E. Thompson, who was nominated for United States senator by the republican caucus, failed of election by the joint session of the house and senate.

The sale of the world's champion trotter, The Abbot, 2:03 1-4, for \$40,000 to Fred Gherken has been practically completed, according to the New York Times.

The European diplomats in Washington are deeply interested in the action of the United States in sending the armed cruiser New York to Morocco to aid the American consul general in exacting an apology as to obtaining a settlement of claims aggregating \$50,000.

A cablegram was received recently by relatives of Lieutenant Commander William Braunerstruter, U. S. N., who is captain of the port of Manila, conveying information of his serious illness. The message stated he had been relieved of duty and ordered to Yokohama hospital.

A snowstorm approaching a blizzard in severity swept over the Missouri valley last Wednesday. Nebraska, western Iowa, South Dakota and Wyoming and Kansas felt the effects of the storm, which tied up street car traffic in many cities and delayed railroad traffic. In northwest Michigan, where the railroads had hardly recovered from last week's storm, a heavy snow fell.

It is understood on high authority that the president has decided to appoint Mr. P. C. Knox of Pittsburg to fill the vacancy in his cabinet that will be caused by the retirement of Attorney General Griggs on April 1.

The sureties of Andrew W. Smyth, formerly superintendent of the United States branch mint at New Orleans, will have to pay the government \$25,000 to replace that amount of money which Smyth alleged was burned by an electric spark in a vault at the mint during his incumbency during the early 90s. The United States court of appeals handed down its decision in the case, upholding the lower court, which held the sureties liable. Smyth is now in Ireland.

The libel actions brought against the London Star and Leader by Arthur Chamberlain, brother of Joseph Chamberlain, in connection with war office contracts, was begun today in the king's bench court, before the lord chief justice, Lord Alverstone. The plaintiffs claim damages for serious attacks on their commercial integrity, including the statement that they stooped to improper means in order to obtain contracts, against the interest of the public service. The defendants pleaded that their articles did not libel the plaintiffs and were fair comment on matter of public interest.

J. P. Minaber, S. Minaber and J. A. Neuwoudt were shot at Debar, near Cape Town, for treason and murder, in pursuance of a sentence of court martial. The death sentence was passed a week ago in connection with the wrecking of a train near Taacbach, by which five men were killed. General Kitchener confirmed the verdict. The garrison was paraded and the prisoners were led out at sunset. Death was instantaneous. A Dutch minister and relatives remained with the prisoners until the end. Two others concerned in the wrecking were sentenced to five years at penal servitude.

Paderewski, the pianist, while making a tour of Spain recently, received news of the death of his only son.

At Melbourne it is officially estimated that the wheat crop will yield 17,550,000 bushels, or an increase of over 2,000,000 bushels upon last year's yield. The United States army transport Grant has sailed from Manila for San Francisco with the Twenty-ninth and Thirty-second regiments of volunteers. General Fullon and 180 of his command, armed with rifles, have surrendered to Colonel Scott of the Thirty-ninth Volunteer Infantry at Antique, Island of Panay.

At Milwaukee fire destroyed the four story piano establishment of William Roofing & Sons and wrought some destruction to adjoining property, entailing a loss of \$350,000.

As a result of the cabinet meeting recently the postmaster general will issue an order establishing the domestic rate of postage between the United States and Cuba, the order to take effect on April 1.

There is evidence in St. Petersburg of plots against the authorities. A correspondent asserts that sums of money are being distributed to the factory hands in St. Petersburg and vicinity to induce them to join the disaffected students. It has not been learned whence the money comes, but indications point to high sources about the court.

The first business failure has occurred in New York's Chinatown. The old grocery house of Wing Wo Hing company has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of \$7463 and assets of \$2912.

The result of the combined movement against General Forrie, near Thabanchu, was the capture of 240 Boers, 120,000 sheep, 5,000 horses and a host of

cattle. The Boers broke southward to the right and left.

Ex-President Harrison left \$40,000 in life insurance. The appraisement of the Harrison estate gives its total value at \$380,000. This includes all real estate, railroad bonds, stock in the Union Trust company, the law building at Indianapolis and other securities.

Lord George Hamilton, secretary for India, in the house of commons in London, to a question from Sir Edward Sassoon, unionist, said that the gold reserve accumulated under the Indian currency act amounted March 7, to £6,957,000. There was an additional £800,000 not held under the act. It was all in India and none of it in the Bank of England.

President Mellen of the Northern Pacific says: "We lost at least \$3,000,000 revenue in consequence of last season's shortage of the grain crop in the northwest, but from the figures already at hand it is apparent that the company's new business will keep the gross earnings from falling below the previous year's record. If there is a full grain crop this year I look for an actual increase in the earnings of at least \$3,000,000."

The bubonic plague continues to spread at Cape Town. There is an average of six fresh cases officially reported daily. Most of the victims are colored persons.

The will of the late Henry Dubois Van Wyck, formerly of New York, proprietor of the Academy of Music at Norfolk, Va., leaves sums of from \$1000 to \$10,000 each to friends and faithful employees.

Lorin Blodget, an eminent statistician and one of the foremost authorities on the higher economics, died in Philadelphia, aged 78 years. He was a graduate of the Geneva (now Hobart) college.

At Louisville, Eddie Hoffman, a small boy, was arrested charged with murdering another boy named Charles Callahan by beating him with his fists. Hoffman says Callahan made some remarks about Hoffman's sister when she passed a crowd in which the boys were, and "I then just thumped him."

Nelson Jones, 25 years old, of Shoreham, Vt., is under arrest at Middleburg, Vt., charged with the murder of Miss Ida Fosburgh, at Shoreham, March 12, by poisoning. The young woman was engaged to be married to Aldace Vondette, who was recently charged with having caused her death and who, after being held a few days, was released, the authorities being satisfied that he was not implicated in the affair.

The foreign office at London takes a pessimistic view of the situation in the east in spite of the settlement of the Tientsin question and entertains grave fears that the relations between Japan and Russia may shortly reach the danger point. Judging from information obtained in various official quarters in London, Japan has confided to at least some of the powers her determination to oppose at all costs any secret agreement between Russia and China by which the former could secure territorial advantages contiguous to Corea.

Another hurricane has swept over the New Hebrides islands with disastrous effects. New Caledonia in particular suffered from the devastating effects of a wind storm, driving several vessels ashore and playing havoc with the Nickel company's property. Trees were uprooted, plantations destroyed and houses wrecked, although there was no loss of life. At Tonga, four good sized ships were driven ashore and completely wrecked. The steamer Miowers also brings a tragic story of the obliteration of a native village near Kumusi, New Guinea.

A race for a \$50,000 purse made up of \$10,000 a corner and \$20,000 added by Thomas W. Lawson, between Charlie Herr, Cresceus and Boralma, is announced by Mr. Lawson of Boston. The race will be at Readville, Mass., in the week beginning September 16, all the gate receipts to go to charity. The race is to be best three in five heats, first horse to take \$30,000, second \$20,000, and each owner to deposit \$2,500 and the remainder the night before the race; all gate receipts to be divided equally between the West End nursery and Infants' hospital and the Industrial School for Crippled and Deformed Children, both of Boston.

To Command the McClellan. Chattanooga, Tenn., March 23.—Captain M. G. Zalinski, who has been in charge of the United States quartermaster's department at Chickamauga park for the past 18 months, has received orders to report at New York, where he will be given command of the transport McClellan for the Philippines.

To Compete With Steel Trust. Edinburg, March 23.—The Scottish and north of England steelmakers are negotiating with the object of sustaining the present prices with a view of competition with the American steel trust. The Scotch steelmakers claim to have full orders.

Oregon Man Appointed. Washington, March 26.—The president has appointed Henry B. Miller of Oregon to be consul of the United States at Niu-Chwang, China.

Men marry women who resemble asbestos; then wall, anon, a loveless life. Talent has no sex, nor has envy a gender.

CYCLONE STRUCK ALABAMA

NUMBER OF LIVES LOST.

Damage to Property is Enormous—Birmingham Suffered the Most—Buildings Wrecked—Irontdale Was Hit—Georgia Town Struck.

Birmingham, Ala., March 26.—A cyclone which swept over Jones valley, in which Birmingham is located, between 9 and 10 o'clock yesterday morning, resulted in immense damage to property and considerable loss of life. The number of dead is not yet definitely known, but up to noon it is estimated at 25, of these at least seven being killed at Irontdale, about 15 in the city of Birmingham and the others in suburban towns.

The Known Dead.

Among the dead are the following: Dr. G. C. Chapman, prominent physician of this city; killed by falling debris in Mentor's store, on South Twentieth street. Mrs. Robert J. Lowe, wife of the chairman of the state democratic committee, and her infant son; killed at their residence on South Highlands. W. P. Dickerson, bookkeeper; 3 year old daughter of B. B. Hudson, merchant; Lizzie Genn, Carrie, Henry, Lizzie Goualee, Carrie Hudson, Mamie Bevins, J. Myro, Fannie Steadmir, negro cook for B. B. Hudson.

Buildings Wrecked.

The storm did its worst damage in the neighborhood of Avenues I and K, from Tenth to Thirtieth streets, wrecking scores of buildings and creating terrible havoc.

At Pratt City many buildings were destroyed; a number of people were more or less injured. Brighton and North Birmingham were more or less damaged. The extent of the damage at Irontdale is not yet known, but it is stated that seven people were killed.

Later.

Birmingham, Ala., March 26.—A reporter of the Birmingham News, who went to Irontdale to investigate the storm damage, telephoned that three persons were killed at that place and 10 injured.

The dead are: G. W. Gardner, carpenter; two children of Clarence Hunter, colored.

Half a dozen stores were blown down and there were many narrow escapes.

Fifteen at Birmingham.

In Birmingham the death list stood at 15. The fourteenth and fifteenth bodies were those of a child of B. B. Hudson, a well known commission merchant.

Partial List of Injured.

The total number of injured is not known, as it is impossible to get anything like a full list. The following is a partial list of the injured:

Fatally hurt—Mrs. R. H. Thomas, W. H. Thomas, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. J. Ferguson, Mrs. Mylum, Carrie Elim, colored.

This does not include the fatalities that have been reported from the outside districts around Birmingham.

It is reported from Lynville, Ga., that the large cotton mill at that place owned by Rounceville Brothers of Rome, Ga., was destroyed by the storm.

Reached Into Georgia.

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 26.—The hurricane which swept Alabama is said to have struck the Chattanooga, Rome & Southern railway near Lynville, Ga., a small station south of Rome, and destroyed several miles of track. Neither that line nor the Southern railway has been able to get any information as to their trains, all wires being down. The Southern officials say that all wires on the Alabama Great Southern division are down.

Held up in Seattle.

Seattle, March 25.—Within 120 feet of the most brilliantly lighted corner in the business district of Seattle and in sight of a crowd of people two unmasked highwaymen held up and robbed A. A. Seagrave, proprietor of the Occidental hotel. Seagrave was walking down Cherry street from Third avenue when the robbers quietly stepped out of an alley and with a revolver made him hold up his hands. He had only a knife and a silver dollar. They took the money and gave back the knife. One of the robbers suggested giving back the dollar, but Seagrave told them to "blow it in." No arrests.

Sugar Plant for Cuba.

What may be the first step in the consolidation of the various large sugar interests in the island of Cuba, or the purchase of these interests by American capitalists, has been taken. The Chappara Sugar company of Cuba, with offices in this city, has placed contracts in this country aggregating over \$2,000,000 for the equipment of the largest sugar plant ever built in Cuba. The company, of which ex-Congressman Hawley of Texas is president and in which H. H. Howelson & Co. and Theodore Havemeyer are largely interested, has acquired 66,000 acres of land in eastern Cuba.

Sold Out to the Tin Trust.

Astoria, Ore., March 24.—The local tin can factory, owned by the Pacific Sheet Metal works, has been transferred to the American Tin Can company, the recently formed trust to control the tin can industry.

St. Petersburg Affairs.

St. Petersburg, March 25.—The political situation is so serious that Emperor Nicholas held a meeting of the ministers yesterday to consider the state of public affairs. Threatening letters have been received by Lieutenant General Kouroupatkine, minister of war; M. Mouravieff, minister of justice, and M. Sipagnine, minister of the interior.

It is reported that Prince Viazemsky has been disgraced for petitioning the czar to consider grievances of the students.

Lagowski, the provincial official who last Friday attempted to assassinate Privy Councillor Pobedonostzeff, procurator general of the holy synod, is a disciple of Count Leo Tolstol, and has asserted that the act was one of revenge for the excommunication of Tolstol.

According to a special dispatch to the Rossya, the governor general of Kieff, General Dragomiroff, has issued a riot order, similar to that published by General Klekels in St. Petersburg, and declaring that the military will be called out unless the ordinance is strictly obeyed.

The day passed quietly in St. Petersburg. Some 40,000 persons promenaded about noon along the Nevsky Prospekt, particularly in front of the cathedral of Our Lady of Kazan. The crowd dwindled to normal proportions when it became apparent that nothing would happen. The promenaders were for the great part curiosity seekers.

The czar presided at the council of ministers, which was convened at the Tsarskoe-Sele palace. It was decided not to abolish the law for drafting recalcitrant students into the army, but for the present to refrain from applying the law. It was also resolved to revise the university statute.

The decision of the council of ministers is regarded as a step in the right direction, because it is an attempt at a partial remedy of the grievances of the students.

Kapovitch, the assassin of M. Bogoloff, Russian minister of public instruction, has been sentenced to hard labor for life. He will be imprisoned in the Chusselberg fortress, on an island in the Neva.

Mrs. Nation's Troubles.

Topeka, Kan., March 25.—Mrs. Nation has dissolved partnership with Nick Chiles, the colored publisher. She will hereafter endeavor to edit and have printed her paper, The Smasher's Mail, without his assistance. The trouble grew out of the suppression by Chiles of an editorial written by Mrs. Nation scoring District Judge Hazen, before whom she has appeared a number of times.

Mrs. Nation says she has turned over to him the sum of \$247 in cash, beside what he has collected to maintain the paper.

"And," she said, "if I pay for the printing of the paper I guess I will have it as I want it."

She accuses Judge Hazen of keeping her editorial out of the paper, and says she won't stand for it.

Chiles is a colored politician of some note and recently went on Mrs. Nation's bond. He publishes a weekly paper for colored people. Mrs. Nation proposes to hire an independent printer and will see that everything she writes gets into her paper.

Wisconsin and Minnesota Storms.

Minneapolis, March 25.—Thunder and lightning storms raged in Wisconsin and Minnesota. At New Richmond there was a veritable cannonading for two hours. The Omaha station at Boardman, Wis., was struck by lightning and burned. Much damage was done to telephone and telegraph wires in the two states. At Clearwater a barn was struck and nine farm animals killed. Lightning also struck barns near Stillwater and four head of cattle were killed on the farm of Joseph Josephson, near Mapleton, Minn. The storm was the severest known for so early in the season.

April 1 the Change.

Pittsburg, March 25.—The United States steel corporation will, from present indications, be doing business on April 1, and in the Pittsburg district, the leading iron and steel center of the country, over 50,000 employes in the mills and blast furnaces will have new employers. It is not the intention of the new corporation at present to make any changes in the management of the constituent companies, but it is likely that new systems of operation will be introduced.

Troops Leave.

Osburn, Idaho, March 24.—When Company M of the Seventh Infantry left here they were under orders for Manila, the expectation being that they would sail from San Francisco soon. The entire company went except 11 men who were not in physical condition to stand a campaign in the Philippines.

Aid Society Celebrates.

New York, March 24.—The 25th anniversary of the Legal Aid society was celebrated by a banquet at the Waldorf, Saturday night. Among the guests of honor were Vice President Roosevelt, Charles F. Fairchild, Lyman Abbott, St. Clair McElwain and Admiral Higgins.

The girl who apes the worldly wisdom of a matron forges a chain that shall anchor her to spinsterhood.

TRAIN OF OIL CARS ABLAZE

SET A SMALL TOWN AFIRE.

Moving Train Broke in Two and the Two Sections Came Together and Oil Exploded—Stream of Blazing Oil Run Into a New Jersey Town.

New York, March 25.—A river of flaming oil swept down upon the little village of Glengarden, N. J., while its inhabitants were asleep Sunday morning and reduced 11 buildings, stores and residences to ashes. The conflagration was extraordinary in character and in its origin.

The village is in a valley along the line of the Jersey Central railroad. An immense freight train was coming east at 6:30 a. m. It was composed of a string of coal cars and 18 tank cars. High above the village the track of the railroad ran along the side of a mountain. They descend as they approach the village, but even at the station are considerably above the main street, which runs up to the depot at a steep incline.

A few miles west of the village, while coming down the incline around the mountain, the train parted. The engineer on the forward end pulled open the throttle of the engine and tried to race away from the section, which was increasing its speed every second. He managed to keep clear of the racing cars until he got opposite the depot at Glengarden, when the second section smashed into the first. The first section, composed of coal cars, was going at a high rate of speed and none of its cars were jolted off the track. The forward car, one of the oil tanks of the railway section, was hurled sidewise across the track and the tank cars behind were piled upon top of it in every way. The first crash caused the oil in one of the tanks to explode and ignite and the terrific heat caused the other cars to explode, one after the other. The incline running from the depot to the main street acted as a sluice for the burning oil and it poured into the chief thoroughfare of the village, setting fire to everything it touched. Houses, fences, trees, shrubbery and barns were reduced to ashes in an incredibly short time.

Villagers awakened by the explosion rushed from the oncoming flood of blazing oil, carrying children in their arms. Some risked their lives to free horses, cows and dogs in outbuildings, but other unfortunate animals could not be reached in time and were burned. Within five minutes after the first explosion the flowing river of oil had reached Masonic temple in the heart of the village and 10 minutes later that structure was enveloped in flames. Then building after building ignited after the oil reached them, and within half an hour the area of 400 feet square was a mass of flame. From the wrecked cars the oil also flowed down the incline of the railroad track, making a long line of fire that destroyed the ties and bent and twisted rails. Loss, \$85,000 to \$90,000.

Spies for the Philippines.

New York, March 26.—A special from Washington says: The United States government is employing spies to obtain information relative to the plans of the insurgents in the Philippines. Formal recognition of the employment of spies by the United States is made in the last army appropriation law. An appropriation of \$2,400,000 is authorized for incidental expenses, among which is hire of laborers in the quartermaster's department, including hire of interpreters, spies or guides for the army.

Massacred by Turks.

Constantinople, March 26.—According to private advices from Macedonia, a band of Turks massacred three Bulgarian families, men, women and children, in the village of Aghamahaleh, near Seres, a town 47 miles northeast of Salonica. Details of the outrage have not been received. The news created a profound sensation. It is reported that a village near Mostaritar, in Macedonia, with a mixed population of Mussulmans and Bulgarians, has been burned.

Boers Wrecked Supply Train.

Standerton, Transvaal Colony, Friday, March 24.—Four hundred Boers under the Boer commander, Buys, have wrecked a supply train north of Vladilaagte. They carried off several wagon loads of provisions. A convoy destined to join General French's column has been attacked between Blood river and Scheeper's Nek, Transvaal colony. The British had one man killed and three wounded. The bridge at Blood river was burned.

Elevator Fell.

Oregon City, March 24.—An elevator in the woolen mills at this place fell 30 feet, injuring six employes—Ida Snelton, Mamie Baxter, Jennie Wilkinson, Peter Somers, Milton May and Charles War. The three former received serious injuries. The elevator is in the rear of the main building and the employes had been forbidden to use it.

All on Board Lost.

Kiel, March 26.—The overdue German steamer Brutus, from Scotland for Kiel, has been lost with all on board.

TRADE REPORT.

New York.—Bradstreet's report for last week is as follows:

Trade was still active, though perhaps not so buoyant as in weeks past, partly owing to the natural subsidence of the spring demand at wholesale and partly because of the interruption to demand shipments by snow and rain storms in the northern half of the country. Trade comparisons with earlier years favor the present season, as may be gathered from the exceptionally good railway earnings and the enormous increase in clearings, some of which are no doubt explained by the preparations for large financial operations, and the immense speculation in stocks which has resulted in new price records for many securities. Southwestern advices are especially cheerful, and farmers in that section hope to repeat or even improve upon the good results of last year.

Textiles are still the sore spot in the trade situation. Wool strengthens as cotton weakens. Old lots of wool are well closed out at Boston. Prices are no higher, but cut prices are no longer evident. Silk goods are the best situated of all and the raw silk market is healthy.

Iron and steel are strong and even buoyant, but as in times past the western trade displays the greatest activity and the most strength, while eastern markets have rather lagged behind. Chicago and Pittsburg display great animation and central western mills are crowded with orders. Furnaces are sold ahead to July 1, and prompt deliveries command a premium. This week's coke production is the largest of the year and higher prices are predicted. Ore will not sell much lower, the buying of the leading mines by the great steel combination being a supporting feature. Export business is quiet, but enterprising Americans are still securing fair orders for finished material, notably rails and structural work. The other metals are fairly steady except tin, which is slightly lower.

War talk induced some short covering in wheat last week, and four strengthened on better demand, but crop reports were in the main favorable. Corn has been in good export demand but is held down by the increases in supplies, weather at the west keeping good. The strength of hog products and higher prices for live hogs has resulted in talk of a corner being worked in May delivery at Chicago. Present prices are best recorded for years past. Sugar has shown some recuperative strength and a fractional gain is noted after the late marked decline.

Returns from sample orders of shoes are coming in in good numbers at Boston and help to dispel whatever uncertainty may have existed among manufacturers as to the outlook. Shipments are increasing, those for this week exceeding last week and a year ago, though still nearly 10 per cent below a year ago for the season. Heavy leathers are in good demand at all markets, and lightweights, though quieter, are not accumulating.

Wheat (including flour) shipments for last week aggregate 3,356,644 bushels, against 4,693,939 bushels last week, 2,903,495 bushels in the corresponding week of 1900 and 3,746,761 bushels in 1899. From July 1 to date this season wheat exports are 146,628,100 bushels, against 144,220,301 bushels last season and 180,975,502 bushels in 1898-99.

Failures for last week in the United States number 231, as against 207 the preceding week, 192 in this week a year ago, 182 in 1899, 215 in 1898 and 221 in 1897.

Canadian failures number 44, as against 28 the week before, 23 in last week a year ago, 33 in 1899, 29 in 1898 and 221 in 1897.

Prices Paid Producers.

Poultry and eggs—Chickens, old, 8¢ per lb. live weight; ducks, 8¢ per doz.; geese, dressed, 12¢ per lb; turkeys, live, 10¢@12¢; dressed, 12¢@13¢; eggs, fresh, 45¢@5.50 per case.

Vegetables—Potatoes, 75¢@90¢ per cwt; onions, 33¢ per cwt.

Live Stock—Beef, live steers, 4½¢; dressed, 8¢; live cows, 3½¢; dressed, 7½¢; veal calves, dressed, 7¢@9¢; mutton, ewes, 3¢; wethers, 3½¢; hogs, live, \$4.75 per cwt; dressed 7¢ per cwt.

Sheepskins—Shearings, 10¢ each; short wool pelts, 30¢@50¢; medium wool, 50¢@75¢; long wool, 75¢@\$1.

Hides—Green hides and calf skins, 5¢@6¢ per lb.; dry hides, butcher, 10¢@12¢ per lb.

The Spokane mills pay the following prices for grain delivered: Club wheat, 44¢ bulk, 45¢ sacked; bluestem, 47¢ bulk, 48¢ sacked; red, 42¢ bulk, 44¢ sacked.

Wheat.

Tacoma.—No change in wheat; bluestem, 59¢; club, 56½¢.

Portland, Ore.—Wheat.—In the Portland market Walls Walla was selling over a range of 56¢ to 57¢ year. N8gtkiollast of, it vbgt cmhrt em

Colfax Pioneer Dies.

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