

TRAFFIC IS DEMORALIZED.

Most of the Northwestern Roads Badly Affected by the Recent Storm.

NUMEROUS WASHOUTS REPORTED.

The Omaha and Wisconsin Central Lines Suffer Most Severely.

MINNESOTA AND WISCONSIN SWEPT

Enormous Damage Done in Many Localities in the Two States.

St. Paul, May 17.—The heavy rains of Tuesday evening and night disorganized the railroad traffic in the Northwest, but the work of clearing tracks, repairing bridges and making fills progressed rapidly, and trains carrying passengers and mails are now running about on time.

The Omaha seemed to fare very badly, and so mixed trains that an official of the road said that traffic was temporarily like a Chinese puzzle.

The Northern Pacific had considerable bother with trains, but is again in fair shape. The Great Northern reports many washouts and the schedules are badly demoralized.

ON THE GREAT NORTHERN.

Five Hundred Feet of Track and Many Culverts Gone.

St. Cloud, Minn., May 17.—The heaviest rainfall known here in many years poured down in torrents Tuesday night. The damage done in the way of washouts can not be estimated at this time. Many cellars in the business portions of the city were flooded.

FIVE BRIDGES GONE.

Chippewa Falls a Very Heavy Sufferer by the Storm.

CHIPPWEA FALLS, Wis., May 17.—A flood, almost equal to the memorable one of 1884, struck this city during the night. At 7 o'clock the rain commenced to fall in torrents and it wasn't long before the streams began to rise.

WASHOUTS AND LANDSLIDES.

Trains on the Omaha Tied Up at Hudson, Wis.

Hudson, Wis., May 17.—A most destructive rain storm visited this section during the night. It began about 5 p. m. and continued for 12 hours. A large washout and landslide on the Omaha tracks opposite this city cuts off all westbound trains.

AT STILLWATER.

Thirty Thousand Dollars Damage Done in the Prison City.

STILLWATER, Minn., May 17.—A great storm broke upon this city Tuesday night. It was preceded by two small storms in the afternoon and early evening, the greater storm striking the city at 11 p. m. and lasting until 3 a. m.

to Wednesday evening, but it is expected trains on the Omaha will run soon. The washouts have given poor men employment but will cost the city and property holders a great deal.

DAMAGE AT RIVER FALLS.

Bridges Swept Away and Dams Carried Out.

RIVER FALLS, Wis., May 17.—The storm did great damage here. The river rose 20 feet in a few hours, and four bridges were crushed and carried away in a few minutes.

A Dam Goes Out.

DULUTH, May 17.—The dam in the Cranberry river went out during the morning, and 2,000,000 feet of logs belonging to the Cranberry Lumber company were washed down into Lake Superior.

Red Cedar River Threatening.

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., May 17.—Word just received from Menominee states that Red Cedar river is rising rapidly. Word from Rice Lake says the water could not be held and the dam has been opened.

Two Young Men Drowned.

St. Cloud, Minn., May 17.—While returning from a dance on horseback John Mooney, a young farmer of Way-hew, and a companion, whose name cannot be learned, were drowned while trying to ford Elk river.

No Trains Running.

COLFAX, Wis., May 17.—Heavy rains fell here during the night, doing great damage. The large feed mill owned by J. D. Simons was swept out, taking a bridge with it.

All Trains Late.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., May 17.—The trains on all the roads were late owing to the washout a few miles down the line. No trains arrived on some of the roads during the day.

No Trains at Fergus Falls.

FERGUS FALLS, Minn., May 17.—A heavy storm washed out both the Northern Pacific and Great Northern tracks, so that no trains have arrived during the morning.

BIG BLAZE IN NEW YORK.

Four Blocks Destroyed and a Number of Persons Injured.

NEW YORK, May 17.—Fire starting in wooden buildings in an enclosure known as Jones' Wood at Avenue A and Sixty-eighth street, spread over four blocks, between Sixty-seventh and Seventy-first streets, Avenue A and the East river.

Forty horses were burned to death and a number of persons were injured. Fireman Richard T. Moore in going to the fire was thrown from his truck, the wheels of which passed over and fatally injured him.

MYERS RESIGNS.

William E. Lee Appointed Superintendent of the St. Cloud Reformatory.

ST. CLOUD, Minn., May 17.—Hon. D. E. Myers, superintendent of the Minnesota state reformatory, has resigned and his resignation has been accepted by the board of managers. He will be succeeded by Speaker William E. Lee on Jan. 1, 1895.

Smallpox in Court.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., May 17.—There is great excitement here over the discovery that a colored man suffering with smallpox has been attending a trial in the court for the past two days. His name is Silas White, formerly of this city, and he came from Chicago last Saturday to prosecute a case he has against ex-Sheriff McQueen for false imprisonment.

Water Works Men Strike.

RIVER FALLS, Wis., May 17.—About 100 men in the employ of Fairbanks, Morse & Co., engaged in putting in the water works, struck for higher wages. All quit work at noon. They were getting \$1.25 per day and wanted \$1.50.

Chicago Pioneer Suicides.

CHICAGO, May 17.—Thomas Tully, one of Chicago's pioneers and a wealthy brick manufacturer, suicided at his home by shooting himself in the head. His mind had been affected by a paralytic stroke.

Hot May Day in Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 17.—The mercury was higher Wednesday than on any day in May since 1874. It registered 88.3 deg., the 1874 record being 89 deg. No protrations were reported.

Oates for Governor.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 17.—Reports from conventions and primaries throughout the state settle the Democratic nomination for governor in favor of Congressman Oates.

BUTTZ DENIES IT.

The Ex-Congressman From North Dakota Not Buying Senatorial Votes.

HE ASKS A FULL INVESTIGATION.

Messrs. Kyle and Hunton the Senators Said to Have Been Approached.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Ex-Representative C. W. Buttz of Buttzville, N. D., whose name was mentioned in connection with the alleged attempts to purchase the votes of Senators Kyle and Hunton on the tariff bill, has asked a full investigation at the hands of the senate of the charges made against him.

Calling for an Investigation

of the bribery alleged and of the influence of the sugar trust on the makeup of the tariff bill. He told the senator that he wanted a personal investigation as speedily as possible. He said that he had both reputation and interests that were suffering and that he wished to have a chance to clear himself.

LOGGE'S CHARGES.

Resolution to Investigate Certain Allegations of Bribery.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Senator Lodge, soon after the senate met, introduced a resolution authorizing the appointment of five senators to investigate charges of attempted bribery of senators in connection with the pending tariff bill, and also the charges in a long article published in the Philadelphia Press on Monday morning containing allegations relating to the influence of the sugar trust upon tariff legislation.

Rumors of Bribery.

Rumors of the use of money to influence action one way or the other on the tariff bill have been in circulation here at various times during the past few months but heretofore have received little attention. It is learned definitely today that certain senators have received intimations that a money consideration could be secured for their votes against the tariff, though whether the alleged briber had any authority for his promise is a matter of some doubt.

No Further Than Intimations

to the clerks of Senators Kyle and Hunton. These intimations came from a North Dakota man who is known as a lobbyist on several schemes. He was formerly a member of congress from the southern states and was identified with so-called carpet bag government. The amount which it was intimated Senator Kyle could receive was \$14,000, and \$1,000 was to be retained by the man making the negotiation as a commission. Mr. McFarlane, clerk to Senator Kyle, says the matter never went any further than an intimation. He promptly informed Senator Kyle, who is now in South Dakota and will return to Washington Saturday.

FOR LONGER SESSIONS.

Democratic Leaders Decide to Push the Harris Resolution.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The Democratic leaders in the senate have decided to call up Senator Harris' resolution for 10 o'clock sessions. They have reached the conclusion that the tariff bill is not making satisfactory progress, and think the time has come when they should extend the hours. The resolution is likely to lead to a spirited debate when called up.

LABOR STATISTICS.

Annual Convention of Bureau Officials in Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The tenth national convention of the officials of bureaus of labor statistics of the United States, began here. Carroll D. Wright, the United States commissioner of labor, was chosen president, and G. L. Powers of Minnesota, secretary of the convention.

In the House.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—In the house the joint resolution authorizing an investigation of the industrial depression was reported from the committee on labor. Mr. Springer gave notice that early next week he will call up the bill to remit the 10 per cent tax on state bank circulation. The house went into committee of the whole on the agricultural appropriation bill.

Consul General Edwards Dead.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—A brief cable dispatch received at the state department from Vice Consul Abbott announces the death of United States Consul General Edwards at Berlin. Mr. Edwards was one of the best known figures in our foreign service and enjoyed a fine reputation as an efficient officer.

Helped to Build West Superior.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., May 17.—Ex-Mayor John W. Scott died during the morning after a short illness. Mr. Scott came here from Dakota and has been identified with the building up of the city.

BELIEVE IN EARLY ACTION.

Republican Senators Again Caution on the Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Senator Allison presided over a conference of Republican senators at the Capitol during the day, about two-thirds of the membership being present. It was a continuation of the discussion which occurred at Senator Sherman's house on Monday night.

Senator Dubois announced his intention of publicly declaring in favor of speedy action, and when several senators took issue with him he said his judgment relative to the silver repeal was as good as theirs last fall and he intended to follow it. The conference broke up without any action being agreed upon, but those senators who believe in early action

seemed to be in a majority that they felt that the policy would now be to consider the bill with a view of engaging in only legitimate discussion of the various schedules.

Senator Chandler advanced the suggestion that the debate would consume from 30 to 60 days on whatever lines it might be conducted, and said that as that was the case, there was no necessity of resolving upon any particular course at present. He also urged that there was suggestion of filibustering for the Republican conference to consider, as there were no senators who desired to engage in filibustering.

THE FLOUR OUTPUT.

Low Freight Rates and Splendid Water Power Causes Heavy Running.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 17.—The Northwestern Miller gives the following epitome of the week's milling news in the Northwest:

The Minneapolis mills last week ground 193,970 barrels against 160,000 the week before, 199,935 the corresponding time in 1893 and 164,150 in 1892. This week about the same capacity is in operation. Low freight rates, together with the splendid water power, are the stimulating causes of the heavy running. Flour is very slow of sale, buyers being wholly indifferent except as they find customers to take it off their hands.

THE ENGINEERS.

Little of Public Interest in the Day's Proceedings.

St. Paul, May 17.—The engineers commenced active work at once on arriving at Market hall. One of the first matters discussed was the Ann Arbor strike of last winter. They went into executive session as a committee of the whole in the same manner that the Lehigh strike was handled.

The G. I. A. convention continued the discussion of matters pertaining to the change of bylaws and was entirely devoid of public interest. In the afternoon the ladies all went en masse to see Roland Reed at the Metropolitan Opera House. A trip to White Bear was the programme for the evening.

South Dakota Congressionalists.

REDFIELD, S. D., May 17.—Delegates representing 143 Congregational churches, with a total membership of nearly 6,000, and 230 Sunday schools with over 10,000 members, are here attending the 24th annual session of the general association. Rev. D. H. Burt of Huron is moderator.

Politician Declared Insane.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—Jake Rudolph, the politician who attempted to shoot Business Manager J. B. Elliott of The Chronicle, has been adjudged insane and ordered by Judge Levy to be committed to the Stockton asylum. The charge of assault to murder, however, has not been dismissed.

Will Join Mexico.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The World's San Salvador dispatch says: A large party is organizing here and in Guatemala and Honduras to agitate in favor of annexation to Mexico. Another party in Honduras and Nicaragua prefer a British protectorate.

Suicide Instead of Accident.

ANTIGO, Wis., May 17.—Suicide was the verdict brought in by the coroner's jury in the inquest on Albert Borowczik. The muzzle of the gun had been placed in his mouth and discharged. He leaves a young wife. No cause for the act is known.

Breckinridge Appeals.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Colonel W. P. C. Breckinridge has filed his appeal bond. The bond is for \$100 and the defendant's brother, Joseph C. Breckinridge, appears as surety. It is hardly probable that the case will be heard before next fall.

Big Bond Case Decided.

WICHITA, Kan., May 17.—Judge Williams of the United States court has decided the Wyandotte county road certificate bond case for \$600,000 in favor of the county and against Clarence A. Parks and the bank of Lansdale, Pa.

Judge Wilson Dead.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, May 17.—Judge Thomas S. Wilson died during the afternoon, aged 87 years. He was admitted to the bar in Ohio in 1884 and practiced law in Dubuque from 1887 until his death.

Coxey Would Appeal.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Counsel for Coxey, Browne and Jones have made application to Justice Bradley for a writ of certiorari to take the case out of the police court and certify it to the supreme court of the district for review.

COAL FAMINE ON.

Dozens of Pittsburg Industries Closing Down For Want of Fuel.

DEALERS SUSPENDING BUSINESS.

The Cleveland Conference Holds Another Session Without Result.

PITTSBURG, May 17.—A coal famine which has been threatening this city for some time is now practically a reality. The problem of how to get more has already passed the serious stage. Many of the railroad dealers have suspended business entirely and are simply waiting for the strike to end. The Westinghouse Electric company is getting its supply from Jutte & Co. Messrs. Jutte & Co. would not say how long they expected to be able to supply them, but seemed to think they will have enough to run them. Work at Aldred & Bender's red lead works in Sharpsburg was suspended Tuesday evening on account of no coal. This is the fourth plant to shut down up there. All the other mills in and about the city are preparing to shut down.

Many Out of Employment.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 17.—The Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company shut down its furnace at South Pittsburg, Tenn., throwing out of employment a large number of operatives. In consequence of the shutdown the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway has taken off two coal and coke trains.

BOTH SIDES STAND FIRM.

The Big Coal Strike as Far From Settlement as Ever.

CLEVELAND, May 17.—The joint committee of miners and operators remained in session until 6 o'clock p. m., when an adjournment till morning was taken. It was announced that no agreement had been reached. The miners refused to recede from their demand for a restoration to the old rate and the operators, in the absence of instructions, could make no concessions. The operators will have another meeting in the evening to decide whether they shall make the miners another offer or give up the attempt to settle the strike. When the conference reassembles in the morning the committee will make its report and definite action will then be taken.

HALF A MILLION LOSS.

Every Lumber and Coal Yard in Pawtucket, R. I., in Ashes.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., May 17.—The city is illuminated by the blaze from fully 50,000 tons of coal consumed in the disastrous fire on the river front. A conservative estimate of the loss is \$500,000. The fire started from a spark from a kettle to the barn of the Newell Coal and Lumber company, whose entire property is in ashes. The flames communicated with the coal and lumber yards of Olney & Payne Bros., and their stock and structures were wholly consumed. The flames next enveloped in their folds the coal and lumber yards of the J. T. Cottrell company and the City Coal company. Several dwellings were also destroyed. Chief Engineer Brierley telephoned to Providence and Central Falls for assistance, two hose companies and a steamer coming from the capital city, and the entire department responding from Central Falls.

Only a Severe Rain.

LEBANON, Ind., May 17.—The cloud-burst reported during the afternoon proves to have been a three hours rain of unusual severity. The damage, however, was confined to the destruction of fences, small bridges and road grades.

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OGDEN, U. T., May 17.—Seventy men who came from the West Tuesday forcibly took possession of a through fruit train on the Union Pacific railroad and held it five hours. They were induced to give it up by promises of the city marshal that they should have provisions.

Jackson's \$10,000 Up.

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ANTI-BRIGGS CONVENTION.

The Presbyterian General Assembly in Session at Saratoga.

SARATOGA, N. Y., May 16.—The general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the North has opened here and will continue for four days. It will be the 18th annual meeting, and, unlike the Albany synod two years ago at which the Briggs element was in the ascendancy, this convention will be anti-Briggs in the ratio of about four to one.

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nearly all drawn on this issue, and a test of the strength of the factions will be made when a moderator is elected on Thursday. The candidates will be Arthur J. Brown, D. D., of Portland, Or., for the Briggs side; Henry C. Minton, D. D., of San Francisco; Samuel A. McClure, D. D., of Philadelphia; Archibald John D. McCook of New York city, and James Gardner, D. D., of Gloversville, N. Y., for the anti-Briggs men.

The Amalgamated Association.

CLEVELAND, May 16.—The attendance at the 19th annual convention of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, which began during the morning, was so much larger than had been expected that it was found necessary to secure a larger hall than had been selected for the meeting. No business was undertaken at the day's session aside from the appointment of committees and the completion of the organization.

Minnesota A. O. U. W.

ST. PAUL, May 16.—The Minnesota Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., is now in session at the state capital. The report of Grand Master Workman Porter shows a net increase in membership of 891 for the year, smaller than usual on account of the hard times.

Miners Will Return to Work.

BARBOURSVILLE, Ky., May 16.—It is an assured fact that the miners at Jellico and Mingo will return to work this week, and when the start is made it is only a question of time when all the men in this district, No. 15, will go back.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Happenings of Minor Importance in Condensed Form.

The National bank of Pendleton, Ore., has closed its doors. Three hundred Poughkeepsie (N. Y.) brickmakers are on strike.

Governor Flower has vetoed the school teachers' pension bill.

J. C. Bailey, assistant surgeon general of the United States, is dead.

There will be no coal famine in Milwaukee and prices of coal will not increase.

Louis Clovis Bonaparte, a grand nephew of the first Napoleon, is dead at London.

Two and a half millions of gold were ordered for shipment from New York Wednesday.

The annual session of the Minnesota Institute of Homeopathy is in session at Minneapolis.

The sixteenth anniversary of the Royal Arcanum will be celebrated in Milwaukee June 23.

President Cleveland and party will return to Washington from their fishing trip on Monday next.

At Owego, N. Y., Alanson Hyatt, aged 53, stabbed his wife to death and then cut his own throat.

The convention of Wisconsin Catholic societies this week at Steuoygan is attended by enormous crowds.

The biennial convention of the Switchman's Mutual Aid association is in session at Evansville, Ind.

Miss Emma R. Moody, daughter of Evangelist Moody, has been united in marriage to A. P. Fitt of Chicago.

Winter Wheat Millers' League of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois is in session at Cincinnati.

W. B. McCormack of Minneapolis was elected grand master workman of the Minnesota grand lodge A. O. U. W.

Charles Sansmuller, aged 50, and out of work, killed his mother and then suicided in New York city Wednesday night.

Henry Scott, colored, under arrest at Jefferson, Tex., for the murder of his 6-year-old stepdaughter, was taken from jail by a mob of 100 negroes and hanged.

The old West Superior city council reduced salaries of city officers, who now demand the regular pay, and being refused, will test the whole business in the courts.

J. A. Wells, wholesale dealer in gloves, mittens and whips at Independence, Ia., has failed. Liabilities \$25,000. Wells claims ability to meet all claims in time.

Blown Out of the Lake.

STAPLES, Minn., May 17.—Word was brought Gull Lake today that during a heavy wind storm last night the steamer and barge of the Gull River Lumber company was blown out of the water and left 40 feet out on the shore. The crew had a narrow escape.

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