

MOVED OUT FOR SAFETY

Business Portion of Chippewa Falls Abandoned For a Higher Location.

Water Continues to Rise Rapidly and the Situation is More Critical.

Total Suspension of Railroad Traffic Necessary on Several Lines.

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is overwhelmed and swept away. The Chippewa river shows no sign of abatement. It rose four feet during the day and the waters are now rising at the rate of two inches an hour.

GORGE HOLDS FIRM.

Extends for Fifteen Miles Along the Chippewa. EAC CLAIRE, Wis., Dec. 2.—The reports sent out give but a meager description of the flood situation in the Chippewa valley.

Letting the Mass of Ice Down. The mills and houses flooded are badly sagged. The ice is becoming anchored to the river bottom, thus gradually shutting off escape for water.

LIVE STOCK DROWNED.

Three Hundred Head Lost at Flambeau Farm—Many Buildings Ruined. CHIPPWEA FALLS, Wis., Dec. 2.—Reports indicate that the Chippewa river is filled with gorges at many points.

DAMAGE AT DURAND.

Some Narrow Escapes, but No Lives Are Known to Have Been Lost. DURAND, Wis., Dec. 2.—The ice gorge, which began at West Newton, on the Mississippi, and gradually extended up the Chippewa since Friday, has reached Round Hill, three miles below this city.

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GREAT DAMAGE TO TRACK.

Disastrous and Fatal Wreck on the Northern Pacific.

HELENA, Mon., Dec. 2.—A freight train of 30 cars loaded with lumber and shingles, going west, got beyond control on a heavy grade east of the Mul-tan tunnel, on the Northern Pacific railroad, and ran away. Twenty-six cars were scattered along a distance of eight miles where the engine left the track. Ed Jarbeau, head brakeman, was thrown down an embankment with several bars and killed. Fireman Young jumped and escaped with a broken collar bone, severe scalp wounds and other injuries.

THE INDIAN FAMINE.

Situation in the Stricken Country Much Improved. LONDON, Dec. 2.—A Times dispatch from Calcutta says: It was thought in some quarters that the viceroy's recent speeches betrayed an unwarranted optimism regarding the famine outlook, but the impression is growing that he was right. Indications exist of the formation of another cold weather storm in Boluchistan. If this moves eastward, as usually happens, further rain may fall in the Punjab and in the Northwestern provinces.

AN EXTENSIVE OPERATOR.

Richards C. Monks Arrested in New York on a Forgery Charge. NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—An arrest which the police believe to be a very important one was made in the general post-office here. The prisoner is Richard C. Monks, alias Wellington Thornewrite, who is wanted for forgery in Bay City, Mich., and if the contents of his pockets show anything, he has been operating on a very extensive scale. There were found on him blank checks on at least 200 banks in states all the way from Texas to Maine. He also carried a pencil, such as is used in banks for punching checks, and a loaded revolver. Monks will be held to await extradition papers.

WOULD REFUSE A PLACE.

Senator Lodge Has No Ambition to Enter the Cabinet. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Senator Lodge of Massachusetts has returned to the city from Canton, where he visited President-elect McKinley. In an interview he said: "There is no place in the gift of the president that would tempt me to give up the position of senator from Massachusetts. The very fact that I went to Canton would indicate, it would seem to me, that I had no application on file. As a matter of fact, I would not permit anyone to say anything for me. There is no place I desire other than the one I now occupy."

TO DECIDE ON A COURSE.

National Committee of the National Democracy to Meet. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 2.—William D. Byrnie, chairman of the national committee of the National Democracy, who has been in the East for 10 days, conferring with leading men of the party, has returned home and announced that he had called a meeting of the executive committee of the party for this city Dec. 18. The committee at this meeting will probably decide on the future course of the party. From all over there has come a demand that the organization be made permanent, and remain in fighting trim so long as the free silver Democrats continue to talk fight. It seems certain this will be the policy decided upon.

Indiana Case Ended.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 2.—The final decision in the case of Bishop Bonaeum and his priests, Fathers Murphy and Fitzgerald, was rendered last night. The priests are sustained at every material point. This decision is final and ends a case that has been fought through all the church courts and six times in the civil courts.

Hanna and McKinley Confer.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 2.—Hon. M. A. Hanna and his wife went to Canton during the morning and returned in the evening. The day was quietly spent by Major McKinley and Mr. Hanna in conference, the last they will have before Mr. Hanna goes to take up his work in Washington preparatory to the inauguration.

Sold Washington Letters.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Thirteen signed letters from George Washington to Arthur Young, the agriculturist, dated from 1788 to 1798, were sold at auction at Southey's. After some smart bidding the documents were sold for £470.

Earthquake in Illinois.

CAIRO, Ill., Dec. 2.—An earthquake shock of considerable violence, preceded by a rumbling sound, was felt here at 12:20 p. m. It was of sufficient force to rattle dishes and furniture and buildings swayed perceptibly.

Wants New Men-of-War.

PARIS, Dec. 2.—The budget committee in secret session heard the plea of M. Lockroy, ex-minister of marine, who wishes the committee to include in the naval estimate \$40,000,000 for building new men-of-war.

Distributing Strike Funds.

HAMBURG, Dec. 2.—The distribution of strike funds has begun. Seven thousand men are receiving aid. About 14,500 dockers are now on strike. The boatmen of the upper Elbe have decided not to strike.

Wire Nail Trust Dissolves.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—At a meeting of the Wire Nail Manufacturers' association, held at the Waldorf hotel, it was voted to dissolve the organization.

COUNTRY LAID WASTE

Weyler's Second Tour Marked by a Trail of Ruin and Desolation.

Cattle Are Killed, Cane Fields Burned and Provisions Destroyed.

Threat to Starve Out Maceo Is Evidently Being Carried Out.

KEY WEST, Dec. 2.—Weyler's threat that he would starve Maceo out seems likely to be carried out, as from all reports from Mariel, near where Weyler is now, the work of destruction is being carried out fully. The Spanish army sweeps everything before it, killing everything it cannot use, burning cane fields and small stores with their provisions, and leaving a wide waste of ruin and desolation in its wake.

Over Three Hundred Refugees

have come into Mariel since Weyler went out this last time, all giving the same story of rapine, murder and murder. A Spanish guerrilla captain named Colazzo is accused of murdering over 100 persons in the valleys 100 miles south of Mariel during the latter part of November. In one instance he is accused of confining a number of women and girls in a church, and, after they had been repeatedly abused and maltreated by his men, burned the building with them in it. Many other outrages, all as horrible, are charged to him and his company.

Weyler's Whereabouts.

HAVANA, Dec. 2.—Captain General Weyler is encamped near Patacles. He has telegraphed his congratulations to Colonel Vatesco upon his promotion to be brigadier general.

WHY WILLIAMS RESIGNED.

Ex-Counsel General Was Persons Non Grata to Spain. NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Ramon O. Williams, ex-counsel general of the United States at Havana, has arrived at his home in Brooklyn from a trip through England, France and Spain. He consented to talk for the first time concerning the circumstances of his resignation from office last year, which was surrounded by some mystery and the reasons for which have not before been made public. There was talk at the time that Mr. Williams and Secretary of State Olney differed regarding the policy of this government toward American citizens, but General Williams declined to discuss that point. He said that his resignation was given because his activity in the cases of American citizens under arrest made him persona non grata to the Spanish government and made his residence in Havana unpleasant.

Increase in Gross Earnings.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 2.—All Minnesota railroads but one have submitted formal statements of earnings and expenses for the year ending June 30, 1896, to the railroad commission, which will have its annual report ready this month. When the commissioners carry their work of footing up totals to completion they will find, it is thought, that all roads combined show an increase in gross earnings of over 15 per cent, as compared with those of a year ago.

Describes Lockjaw Anti-Toxin.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—In a special report to the state department upon the discovery of Professor Bering of diphtheria anti-toxin fame, and Professor Knorr of Marburg, of a cure for lockjaw, United States Consul Mason at Frankfurt describes at length the methods of preparation and application of the new serum, with a full history of a typical case under treatment, and tells how the preparation may be obtained.

McAuliffe Accepts.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—Jack McAuliffe, the champion lightweight, insists that he is not a back number and has accepted the challenge of George Green (Young Corbett), the welter-weight, to meet him in a 10-round contest. Green agrees to knock McAuliffe out inside of 10 rounds. The fight will occur here before the club offering the biggest purse.

A Great Christmas Feast.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 2.—A tremendous Christmas feast, the like of which has never before been seen in St. Louis, will be given by the Salvation Army on Christmas day. Preparations are being made to feed 3,000 persons, and officers are now in search of a spacious hall large enough to accommodate the above number.

Everhardt Defeats Ernst.

ALBANY, Dec. 2.—Jack Everhardt of New Orleans, knocked out Billy Ernst of Brooklyn in the 20th round of a 20-round fight, after clever fighting.

The Fitzsimmons-Sharkey Mill.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—Interest in the fight between Fitzsimmons and Sharkey is increasing, and the Mechanics' pavilion will probably be crowded to witness the 10-round contest. Sharkey is still confident of the decision, although the betting is all against him.

Burgomaster and Sheriffs Resign.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 2.—The burgomaster and sheriffs have resigned, owing to the adoption by the communal council of a proposal fixing the minimum wage of a communal employe at three francs per day.

UNCLE SAM RUNS BEHIND.

Government Deficit For November Was a Trifle Over Seven Millions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The comparative statement of the receipts and expenditures of the United States shows that during November, 1896, the total receipts were \$25,210,696, and the expenditures \$32,260,720. The receipts for the five months of the fiscal year amount to \$181,650,489, and the expenditures \$211,597,335. The deficit for the month of November therefore, is \$7,050,024, and for the five months \$30,946,846, as compared with \$15,869,387 for the corresponding five months of last year. The receipts from customs during November amounted to \$9,930,385; from internal revenue \$18,108,828, and from miscellaneous sources \$2,195,482. This is a loss in customs as compared with November, 1895, of \$1,524,929, a gain from internal revenue of \$64,744, and a gain of \$684,379 from miscellaneous sources.

Corrigan Lost the Land.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 2.—The court of appeals has decided against Archbishop Corrigan of New York, who was the defendant and appellant in the suit which was won by Marie Uppington, in the lower court, whereby she gains title and possession of 32-lots of land in New York city. The property is valued at over \$60,000, and was donated to the Catholic church upon conditions. The court held the conditions not fulfilled.

November a Very Month.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 2.—The meteorological record for November, 1896, compiled by William Cheney, voluntary observer, United States weather bureau, shows that the November just passed was cold, being with one exception, November, 1880, the coldest November on record for this locality, and 8 deg. colder than the average November for 32 years. The mean temperature for the month was 21.2 deg.

Ticket Agent Short.

MILWAUKEE, S. D., Dec. 2.—Melvin H. Cook, a day operator, whose duties at the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway office at this place included the selling of tickets, has confessed to Station Agent Miller that he had embezzled about \$800 of ticket money during a period extending over the past few months. Cook was put under arrest and confined in the county jail pending a preliminary hearing.

MINOR ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Rev. Father Mark S. Gross of Washington, brother of Archbishop Gross of Oregon, is dead, aged 83.

Over 6,000 tons of steel rails have been delivered at Duluth for the Great Northern road, en route to Japan.

Martin Sankar, cashier of the Bank of Fisher, Minn., suicided by shooting. He was despondent. His accounts are all right.

The French monetary commission has pronounced in favor of a nickel issue. M. Foville, director of the mint, opposes this decision.

Senator Hale expresses the opinion that the senate will take up and, he hoped, pass the Dingley bill at the session to begin next Monday.

A call has been issued for a national convention of lumber interests to be held at Cincinnati Dec. 15 to urge a restoration of the tariff on lumber.

Fred Matthews, a laboring man, was shot and killed at Chicago by Alexander Hochstetler, a 16-year-old boy. The boy mistook Matthews for a robber.

LATEST MARKET REPORT.

Milwaukee Grain. MILWAUKEE, Dec. 1. FLOUR—Firm and higher. WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 82@83; No. 1 Northern, 80 1/2; No. 2 May, 83 1/2. CORN—No. 2, 22@24. OATS—No. 2 white, 20@21 1/2; No. 3 white, 19@20 1/2. BARLEY—No. 2, 35c; sample on track, 26@35c.

Minneapolis Grain. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 1. WHEAT—December closed, 81 1/2; May, 83 1/2. On track—No. 1 hard, 82 1/2; No. 1 Northern, 81 1/2; No. 2 Northern, 80c.

Duluth Grain.

DULUTH, Dec. 1. WHEAT—Cash No. 1 hard, 84 1/2; No. 1 Northern, 82 1/2; No. 2 Northern, 80c; No. 3 spring, 79 1/2@80 1/2; rejected, 65 1/2@75 1/2; to arrive, No. 1 hard, 83 1/2; No. 1 Northern, 81 1/2; December No. 1 hard, 82 1/2; No. 1 Northern, 81 1/2 bid; May, No. 1 Northern, 84c.

St. Paul Union Stock Yards.

SOUTH ST. PAUL, Dec. 1. HOGS—Market opened steady and active. Closing weak, in sympathy with the Eastern decline. Range of prices, \$3.15@3.20. CATTLE—Market firm and active; good demand; few here. Sales ranged at \$1.75@2.40 for cows; \$2.45@3.15 for stockers and feeders; \$1.95 for canners. SHEEP—Market strong. Muttons quoted at \$2.50; lambs, \$4.50. Receipts: Hogs, 3,000; cattle, 200; calves, 10; sheep, 25.

Chicago Union Stock Yards.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1. HOGS—Market slow and 10@15c lower. Heavy packers off most. Sales ranged at \$3.35@3.90 for light; \$3.35@3.60 for mixed; \$1.05@3.55 for heavy; \$1.05@3.15 for rough. CATTLE—Market quiet but firm. Sales ranged at \$3.50@3.55 for beefs; \$1.90@4.00 for cows and heifers; \$2.75@4.15 for Texas steers; \$3.20@4.00 for western steers; \$2.75@3.90 for stockers and feeders. SHEEP—Market steady. Receipts: Hogs, 36,000; cattle, 4,000; sheep, 13,000.

Chicago Grain and Provision.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1. CLOSING PRICES. WHEAT—December, 80 1/2; January, 80 1/2; May, 83 1/2; July, 77 1/2. CORN—December, 18 1/2; January, 18 1/2; May, 26 1/2@26 3/4. OATS—December, 18 1/2; May, 21 1/2. PORK—December, \$6.80; January, \$6.87 1/2; May, \$7.97 1/2.