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SEVERAL LAWS PASS.

State Senate Grinding Them Out at Springfield.

POLICE MATRON BILL IN.

The Cuban Resolution in the Senate.

Miscellaneous Late News of the Day by Wire.

Springfield, May 20.—The following bills passed the senate: Licensing plumbers, appointing a board to supervise plumbing; permitting cities to furnish gas and electric illumination for private purposes; revising the law in relation to local improvements; for the appointment of police matrons in cities of 10,000 and over; providing that suits in justice courts cannot be brought in court over 15 miles from the defendant's residence; substituting for the battering bill, but providing for the labelling of omnibus appropriation bill for state charitable institutions.

The Illinois Congregationalists. Peoria, May 20.—At the morning session of the Illinois Congregationalists the treasurer's report showed \$91 due the treasurer. The assessment for the coming year was fixed at 34 cents for each church member. A resolution in favor of church ownership of church papers was tabled. It was voted to establish a ministerial bureau. Resolutions were adopted commending the American Bible society, pledging support of the churches to the all wise efforts to restrict and suppress the liquor traffic, denouncing the so called christian nations of Europe for the failure to protect christians from the Turks, and for the organization of a Congregational church historical society.

Armistice Agreed Upon. Athens, May 20.—An armistice between the Greek and Turkish troops in Thessaly to extend over a period of 17 days was formally concluded today.

Berlin, May 20.—A Constantinople dispatch this afternoon says the attempt of the Turkish commander in Epirus to treat with the Greeks for an armistice resulted in failure owing to the Greeks ignoring the flag of truce.

Constantinople, May 20.—An armistice was formally concluded today, for 17 days, on the frontier of Epirus.

Associated Press Officers. Chicago, May 20.—The directors of the Associated Press today re-elected the following officers: President, Victor F. Lawson, Chicago Record and Chicago Daily News; first vice president Horace White, New York Evening Post; second vice president, Hoke Smith, Atlantic Journal; secretary and general manager, Melville E. Stone; assistant secretary and assistant general manager, Charles S. Diehl.

To Vote on Cuban Question. Washington, May 20.—Morgan and Hale, representing the two sides of the Cuban question, reached an agreement for a vote on the resolution in the senate if the consent of those who wish to speak on the subject can be secured.

The motion to refer Morgan's resolution to the foreign relations committee was lost 19 to 34. Fairbanks, republican of Indiana, then took the floor for a set speech on the Morgan resolution.

Gen. Horatio King Dead. Washington, May 20.—Gen. Horatio King, postmaster general during a portion of Buchanan's administration, died at 8 this morning from the effects of an attack of the grip, in his 86th year. His wife survives him. He retired from active life at the age of 75, and was a literateur of some note.

Baptist Home Mission Officers. Pittsburgh, Pa., May 20.—The sec-

ond day's session of the American Baptist Home Mission society resulted in the election of officers as follows: President, Stephen Green, Massachusetts; vice president, W. G. Brinson, Illinois.

The Presbyterians. Eagle Lake, Ind., May 20.—Alternate rain and sunshine greeted the 109th general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America today. The opening sermon was by the retiring moderator, Rev. Dr. John L. Withrow, and was upon the "Chiefest Grace of Christianity," based on First Peter IV, 8. At the close of the sermon the assembly was constituted with prayer by the retiring moderator.

Fire in a Hotel. Meriden, Conn., May 20.—The Southern hotel, one of the finest blocks of its kind in the south, was damaged to the extent of \$150,000 by fire this morning. The hotel was well filled with guests. A wild panic ensued when the alarm was sounded, but so far as known no lives were lost.

Bank Teller's Sensational Suicide. St. Louis, May 20.—George A. Taylor, teller of the Third National bank, suicided in his room at the Normandie Hotel this forenoon by shooting. When found Taylor, who is a married man, had clasped in his hand a letter from another woman and her photograph.

Spain Is Obscure. Madrid, May 20.—Semi-officially a declaration is issued to the effect that Spain will never agree to the sale of Cuba, nor to foreign mediation in "a question which she regards as exclusively concerning herself."

German Protest. Washington, May 20.—The secretary of state sent to the senate today a protest from the German government against the discriminating duty on sugars from the bounty paying countries.

Called the Chairman a Liar.

Sensational Scene in the Illinois Senate—House Agrees to Adjourn.

Springfield, Ill., May 20.—In the senate yesterday the senatorial apportionment bill came up. Fisher in the chair, and Mahoney asserted that the chair was railroaded the bill through the senate and made a speech denouncing Fisher, who said he had listened to Mahoney as long as he was going to. Mahoney then called Fisher a liar and said: "If you persist in using physical force in doing acts that are unlawful we will use physical force to remove you from the chair." Mahoney's words were written down and read to the senate, and Mahoney made a somewhat conciliatory speech, after which the chair decided that a motion to postpone was out of order, which decision had aroused Mahoney's ire, was sustained by the senate. Some amendments were adopted, and the bill made special order for next Tuesday. Crawford's gas bill was defeated. Bills were passed: Providing that drainage ditches may be constructed under the right of eminent domain; providing that streams on farms shall be kept open and all impediments to the flow thereof shall be removed. Little introduced a street railway bill gotten up by street railway men here, which is widely different from the Humphrey bill.

The house agreed to the resolution to adjourn sine die June 4. The bill increasing the supreme court judges' salaries to \$7,500 was defeated. Bills were passed: To prevent the employment of minors under 16 years of age on wood-working machinery in shops, mills and factories; to regulate and prohibit sensational or false advertisements in newspapers or otherwise; exempting from state inspection coal mines in which less than five persons are employed.

Regulation for Michigan Railways. Lansing, Mich., May 20.—Two important railroad bills have been passed by the house. One is to compel railroads to sell 500-mile mileage books at 2 cents a mile, these books to be good for any member of a firm or co-partnership. The other provides for the sale of an interchangeable and redeemable system of mileage books by all companies or corporations operating steam railroads in the state. The coupons of the interchangeable mileage books must be accepted for fare for any and all members of the owner's family or firm, and when they become invalid at the expiration of a year the unused part must be renewed another year if presented at the issuing office. The railroad companies must file a bond with the state treasurer to guarantee the redemption of the books issued.

Scores on the Ball Field. Chicago, May 20.—Following are the records made by League base ball clubs yesterday: At Pittsburgh—New York 5, Pittsburgh 11; at Cincinnati—Philadelphia 6, Cincinnati 7; at Louisville—Baltimore 3, Louisville 1; at St. Louis—Brooklyn 1, St. Louis 3; at Cleveland—Washington 5, Cleveland 8; at Chicago—Boston 7, Chicago 6. Western League: At Minneapolis—Indianapolis 3, Minneapolis 1; at St. Paul—Grand Rapids 8, St. Paul 13; at Milwaukee—Detroit 6, Milwaukee 5; at Kansas City—Columbus 11, Kansas City 22. Western Association: At Dubuque—Des Moines 8, Dubuque 12; at Peoria—Quincy 5, Peoria 6; at Cedar Rapids—Burlington 7, Cedar Rapids 7—eleven innings, darkness; at Rockford—St. Joseph 12, Rockford 7.

Cannot Confirm the Story. Denver, May 20.—Careful inquiries at Helena and Butte, Mont., have failed to confirm the report that W. H. Hamilton, his wife, son and daughter, were recently murdered in a village near Helena, and is discredited here. It is learned that the family left Denver March 1 for New Plymouth, Idaho, and nothing has been heard from them since.

LOST IN BOSTON.

Young Man Who Had \$30,000 in Cash with Him.

PANK MESSENGER OUT OF SIGHT.

Sent to Transact Some Business, Gets Through, and Then Is Heard of No More—Reputation Without Stain and Record of the Highest—Not the Least Clue to His Whereabouts—His Route Traced to the End of His Work.

Boston, May 20.—Albert M. King, a 19-year-old member of the Boylston National bank, is missing, together with about \$20,000 in cash and a \$10,000 United States certificate not negotiable except between banks. King started for the clearing house at 10:15 yesterday morning to settle the balance against the bank, and on the way, according to instructions, transacted other business involving something like \$45,000. As he did not return to the bank by 1 o'clock the officials grew anxious and made a search for the messenger, beside notifying the police, but they have been unable to ascertain his whereabouts. King has been employed at the Boylston bank about two years, coming highly recommended, and his honesty was never questioned.

Had Never Lost a Dollar Before. He has carried as much as \$100,000 of the bank's money at a time on previous occasions, and has never lost a dollar. He lived with his father, who is employed by the South End National bank. When young King left the bank yesterday for the clearing house the balance against the bank was \$15,500.71. To pay this he received an order on the Union National for \$25,000, the remainder to be returned to the Boylston bank. Besides this King was instructed to go to the Freeman's National bank at 64 Summer street and collect \$20,000, which he was to carry to the National Bank of Commerce and pay it there.

His Business Was All Transacted. King appeared at the Freeman's bank and drew the \$20,000 which he was to pay the National Bank of Commerce. About half an hour later he called at the Union bank, where \$25,000 was paid to him—\$15,000 in cash and a United States certificate for \$10,000. About 11:30 o'clock King reached the clearing house. He paid over the \$15,000 in cash which he had received from the Union bank, and in order to balance the account he had to take \$590.71 from the \$20,000 which he should have paid to the National Bank of Commerce. Here all trace of the missing boy was lost. As nearly as can be figured King had in his pocket when he left the clearing house the \$20,000 minus the \$590.71 which he paid to the clearing house, and the \$10,000 certificate.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS HANG FIRE.

Matter of an Armistice Waits on Edhem Pasha—Athens Is Uneasy.

Athens, May 20.—No further progress has been made in the peace negotiations. A dispatch just received from Artia says that when the Greek and Turkish delegates met late yesterday to discuss the armistice the latter declared that they could only submit the proposal of the Greeks to Edhem Pasha, and pending the arrival of instructions from him would agree to an armistice for twenty-four hours.

London, May 20.—The Times correspondent at Athens says: "The news of a fortnight's armistice has caused a general feeling of uneasiness here. Telegrams are much delayed and the strange rumors are current. Reports of panic and of flight come from all the towns in the districts of Laonia and Styria. The Turkish attack at Pouta and other positions in the Othrys range has compelled the army to retreat toward Mount Oetna and Thermopylae; while the dislodgement of the Fourth infantry regiment at Aidiniza threatens the retreat of the main force."

Athens, May 20.—Turkey demands as a condition of armistice that all Turkish territory in Epirus shall be evacuated and the bridges over the Artia neutralized.

Associated Press Annual. Chicago, May 20.—The annual meeting of the Associated Press was held in the Reginald hall, Auditorium, yesterday. The attendance was very large. The report of the board of directors stated that the association now had a membership of 681, a yearly income of about \$1,700,000, a leased wire system of 23,234 miles, and the daily receipt and delivery at each of the more important offices of over 50,000 words.

The fourth annual banquet of the Associated Press was given at Kinsley's last evening, the association itself being the hosts as well as the guests this year. There were 140 members present, every seat being occupied.

Winter Wheat Millers' League.

St. Louis, May 20.—Several hundred delegates were present yesterday afternoon when the annual convention of the Winter Wheat Millers' League of the United States was called to order at the Planters' hotel. An important matter to be considered is the trade with foreign countries and what can be done to promote reciprocal relations. The millers are not pleased with the way the subject is being treated in the tariff bill now before congress.

Another Dastardly Wife-Murderer.

Randsburg, Cal., May 20.—David Davidson, formerly of St. Louis, but more recently of Los Angeles, arrived in camp yesterday, hunted by his divorced wife, the proprietress of a restaurant, and after a vain attempt to induce her to return to him shot and killed her. After his arrest a mob was organized for the purpose of lynching the murderer, but the authorities endeavored to circumvent the mob by taking Davidson to Mojave.

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AT GIVE-AWAY PRICES.

Ladies' \$5, \$6 and \$7 Jackets—styles of two and three seasons back—the lot to close, only... 29c
Ladies' Spring Jackets, tans, browns and blacks, former price \$6 and \$7, to close... 47c
100 Spring Jackets and Capes, to close at \$2.50, \$2.50 and \$1.50.

SILK WAISTS.

Ladies' black China Silk Waists, worth up to 98c \$3.75, to close...
Ladies' plain and fancy Silk Waists, worth up to \$4.25, to close... \$3.95

MOHAIR SKIRTS.

Ladies' Mohair Underskirts—black and colors—worth up to \$2.75, to close... \$1.48

SHAWLS.

Ladies' all wool colored Cashmere Shawls, \$2.98c \$1 and \$2 qualities, to close... 98c

STAMPED LINENS.

Dresser and Sideboard Scarf, knitted fringe, stamped and fancy drawn work, Steffen's price, \$1 and \$1.25, to close... 59c
27 and 30-inch Centerpieces, Table Squares and Pillow Shams, worth up to \$1.35, price to close 63c

VEILINGS.

Colored Silk Veilings—tans, browns, greens, reds, etc.—sold up to 30c, to close, per yard... 4c

HOSIERY.

Men's and Children's 25c and 30c colored Cotton Hosiery, to close... 9c
Ladies' and Misses' 25c, 40c and 50c fancy Cotton Hosiery, now... 13c
Men's fancy Cotton Half Hose, worth up to 25c, to close... 10c
Men's fine line thread, fancy Cotton Half Hose, sold up to 60c, to close... 19c
Boys' 10c and 15c fancy Cotton Half Hose, to close... 3c

The Great Sale is Now On.

REMNANTS.

Thousands of them accumulated from the last three weeks of our great slaughter sale—all go at ridiculous prices to sell quickly. 500 Dress Goods Remnants at less than half price. Hundreds of Wash Goods Remnants at one-half and one-fourth price. Domestic Remnants lowest ever offered.

SHIRT WAISTS.

FINAL REDUCTION FOR A SWEEPING CLEARANCE.

One lot Ladies' Shirt Waists, French Chambray, Silk Gingham, White Swiss, etc., sold up to \$2.75, to close... 69c
One lot Ladies' Shirt Waists and White Embroidered India Linen Waists, worth up to \$1.25, to close... 29c
Ladies' 50 and 60c Shirt Waists, and The Pink and Blue Chambray Waists, to close... 19c

WOOL CHALLIES.

25 pieces dark and light Half Wool Challies, plain and printed, former price 25c, to close, per yard... 9c
60 all wool French Challies, to close, per yard... 17c

LACES.

Cream and White Silk Laces, 3 to 6 inches wide, former prices 25, 30 and 40c, to close at 15c and... 9c
Entire stock of fine Linen Torchon Laces to close out at a great sacrifice. Valenciennes and other fine Cotton Laces at about half former prices.

MEN'S TIES.

20 and 25c Men's Ties, now... 9c
35 and 40c Men's Ties, now... 13c
All 50 and 60c Men's Ties, now... 19c

MEN'S COLLARS.

Men's 15c and 15c Linen Collars, to close only... 2c
Men's Celluloid Collars, sold at 25c, to close... 4c

DOMESTICS.

\$5,000 worth of staples received within the last two weeks—Muslins, Sheetings, Gingham, Table Linens, etc., all sacrificed in this great closing out sale. 5 cases fine bleached Muslin at lowest prices ever offered, 25c and 30c all wool flannels, to close... 12c
per yard, 15c and...
3,000 yards 7c unbleached Muslin to close per 3c yard

SILKS AND BLACK GOODS.

25 and 30-in plain China Silks, all colors, extra quality, worth 75c, to close per yard... 39c
24in pure Jap wash Silks, stripes and figures, former price 90c, to close per yard... 59c
48-in all wool black Serges and Henriettas, former price 80c, to close... 29c
The best \$1 and \$1.25 Black Goods, plain and fancy, to close... 57c

COLORED DRESS GOODS.

Everybody knows that we have been selling dress goods at ridiculously low prices. Now we propose to give you still greater bargains. We have only a short time to close out this enormous stock. 50c and 60c plain Henriettas and novelty Suits... 19c
\$1.25 colored Broadcloths, now... 67c
25c, 30c and 35c plain and novelty Suitings, now... 13c
\$1.25 and \$1.50 high class novelty Suitings, now... 78c
50 pieces Light Evening Shades, plain and fancy, to close at a sacrifice.

WASH GOODS.

Lawns and Dimities, 10c and 12½c qualities, to close per yard... 5c
Printed French Sailors, 25c and 30c qualities, to close... 12c
500 pieces Wash Goods, all styles and qualities, to close out at astonishing prices.

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