

CITY ABANDONED.

Chippewa Falls the Threatened Wisconsin City.

IN A TERRIBLE PANIC.

Merchants and all Other Business Men Have Moved.

RIVER TAKING THE TOWN.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Dec. 3.—An ice gorge has formed a dam in the river at the foot of Bridge street thirty feet high and the course of the river is slowly changing, until it will eventually enter the town. Every merchant on Spring, River, Central and Bridge streets, as far up as Staley street, eight blocks from the river, has moved out, and their buildings are abandoned.

The flood excitement is at fever heat, for it is almost certain that the course of the river will be turned upon the town some time during the day, and great destruction to property, as well as loss of life, may result. One thousand pounds of dynamite were exploded in the gorge yesterday, without result. Debris and anchor ice would fill in as fast as an aperture was made, and those at work despaired of being able to accomplish anything.

The situation here was interesting in the extreme today. The city was patently stricken and men with blanched faces rushed back and forth, scarcely conscious of their actions. The alarm may be unfounded, but nevertheless it is a fact and the condition of the river seems to sugar ill for the entire city. Wild reports reached town of the havoc wrought by the stream above, and a terrible catastrophe may overtake the city at any moment. No one knows just what is in store, and the condition of uncertainty adds more to the excitement of the moment than the actual destruction of property by the river possibly could. One rumor, to the effect that the river would cut a passage for itself through the high banks north of the city, gave rise to a great deal of apprehension.

The river's course is seriously obstructed by the gorge, which has now reached to within a short distance of the dam, and the probable turning of the course of the stream upon the city seems so plausible that every one becomes even more panic-stricken.

Hundreds of teams started yesterday to move the effects of merchants out of the way of possible danger, and Bridge and Central streets were choked with wagons loaded down with merchandise. In many instances these wagons were filled to such an extent that the contents spilled over the sides and ends, and the scene was one of indescribable confusion. Today not a building in the business portion of the city is occupied. Both the National Bankers and First National Bankers moved this afternoon, and the higher portions of the city are fairly congested with the enormous amount of material that has been stored there for safety.

At 12 o'clock Spring street was impassable between Bridge and Bay streets, and the water was climbing steadily toward the basement of the city hall. Cellars on high ground at that vicinity are filling rapidly, and the water in many instances trickled into the streets, indicating that a great height would be attained shortly. It is impossible to see how any of the lower portion of the city can escape, for the coming of the water seems as sure as it is deliberate, and the valley may be completely inundated.

It is thought the flood may have spent its force in the outlying districts. The critical condition here, however, continues to excite fear, and the developments of the next twenty-four hours will be anxiously awaited.

MOVEMENT OF NAVAL VESSELS.
San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 3.—The United States gunboat Bennington finished taking coal Monday and sailed yesterday for Callao, in the wake of the Philadelphia. The Marine which has been in Peruvian waters for several months, will probably be ordered north and may come back to this port soon. The gunboat Petrel is already in commission at Mare Island and her detail of officers assigned. The Concord will be the next to go into commission at the navy yard. The Peasacola, Baltimore and Charleston are in various stages of repair.

Females Fight.
Paintsville, Ky., Dec. 3.—Mrs. Puckett was stabbed this morning at Suckersville by Mrs. Jack Arnett. It seems that Mrs. Puckett had been spreading rumors about Mrs. Arnett's character which greatly offended her. Mrs. Puckett is in a serious condition and may die. No arrests have yet been made.

Will Know Tomorrow.
Frankfort, Dec. 3.—The court of appeals will tomorrow hand down its decision in the case of Jackson and Walling, who are under sentence of death for the murder of Pearl Bryan.

He Carried a Gun.
Guthrie, Ky., Dec. 3.—Mrs. Watkins Worthington, who was accidentally shot by her husband at their home in this town last night is very much worse and her recovery is very doubtful. The details of the sad affair are very few. The husband

LEE'S REPORT

To Secretary Olney Shows a Horrible State of Affairs.

INTERVENTION ADVOCATED.

The Filibuster Dauntless Being Closely Watched.

CONGRESSMAN M'CREARY FOR CUBA.

Washington, D. C. December 3.—A prominent member of the senate committee on foreign relations said today that it would not be possible for the president to send a Spanish message to congress in view of the report which Consul General Lee had made to Secretary Olney. Speaking generally of the views of Gen. Lee, the senator said that they were well enough known to make it clear that his report would not be favorable to the Spanish contention. It is known that the report which Gen. Lee made presents a very grave, not to say horrifying condition of affairs in Cuba. One of the conditions he describes is that of the situation of the non-combatants, peaceable citizens who have no interest in the war except to see it ended. These people, whether within the Spanish lines or the Cuban lines, are sufferers. If within the Cuban lines, they plant their crops in order to obtain a living only to have their territory raided and occupied by the Spanish forces, who immediately destroy the crops, burn the houses and other property of the planters and upon the slightest pretext, it is alleged, put the men to death or imprisonment on the ground that they have been aiding the rebellion. In fact it is regarded as aiding the Cubans if crops are raised which they might obtain. Non-combatants within Spanish territory who occupied by the Cubans are given like treatment, on the ground that they sympathize with Spain.

The report of Gen. Lee, besides showing what difficulties the non-combatants have to contend with in the matter of securing enough food to sustain life, also points out how they are often hurried to prisons and condemned without the trials Americans are accustomed to see given to persons charged with offenses. It is known that General Lee's report shows that cruelty is practiced on both sides, but, it is said, states that more cases have come to his knowledge of wrongs on the part of the Spaniards.

A very conservative member of the senate committee on foreign relations said today that the conditions in Cuba were such that intervention by the United States, in the cause of humanity, was demanded, and he had no doubt that congress would early take a stand in the matter.

Treasury officials have been advised that the suspected filibuster Dauntless, which left Brunswick, Ga., yesterday, has arrived at Jacksonville, Fla. Last Monday the commander of the revenue cutter Boutwell, who has been keeping watch on the Dauntless at Brunswick, obtained permission to steam down to Jacksonville for stores. Within an hour after the Boutwell's departure the Dauntless got up steam and without clearance papers started for Jacksonville, but for what purpose it is not known. The commander of the Boutwell was today instructed to keep the Dauntless under strict surveillance. It is understood that under no circumstances will the Dauntless be permitted, for the present at least, to leave Jacksonville harbor.

COMPLICATIONS

Arise Over the Election of a Tobacco Inspector.

MR. J. C. PIPER CHOSEN

Then Warehousemen Withdraw And Refuse to Vote.

THE MATTER NOT YET SETTLED.

No tobacco inspector for this market has been elected, and the affair has assumed a most complicated phase, with little assurance of what the future outcome will be. For three days the brokers and warehousemen have battled and invariably the vote was a tie between Messrs. J. C. Piper and J. T. Myles. Mr. Piper being the present incumbent. The brokers are for Mr. Piper and the warehousemen for Mr. Myles. The warehousemen are entitled to four votes in the election of an inspector, and so are the brokers. Whichever number of votes the warehousemen have, the brokers are also entitled to, no more, no less. Hence when the brokers voted solidly for Mr. Piper and the warehousemen for Mr. Myles, the result was a tie.

Yesterday it became known that one of the warehousemen had changed over and would vote for Mr. Piper. When the other three heard this they declined to take any part in the election, Mr. Piper being elected by the brokers.

There seems to be two sides to the question. A prominent tobacco man who was for Mr. Piper stated to a newspaper representative this morning: "A tobacco inspector is appointed as a protection to the buyer. It is his duty to 'break' each hoghead of tobacco to be sold and remove from the interior from four different points, 16 pounds of tobacco, that shall constitute a fair sample of each and every quality of tobacco contained in that hoghead. A buyer always buys by the sample, hence it is very imperative that the sample shall show just exactly what kind of tobacco is to be purchased, and for this reason the inspector is required to execute a good bond of from \$5,000 to \$10,000, rendering him and his bondsmen responsible for any unfair representation he may make in inspecting a hoghead. To illustrate it, if he seizes a sample from a hoghead he has inspected to the sale, and the purchaser leaves after the hoghead is opened that it is not as good as represented in the sample, the inspector and his bondsmen are responsible for the mistake.

For this reason the inspector must be rigid in his inspections. Some of the men claim that Mr. Piper is too strict, but this is not true. He had gone more to insure the honest purchaser of tobacco than any other inspector we ever had, with no reflection on any other one."

Mr. Farmer, of Farmer & Etheridge, was seen this morning and said, in substance: "Mr. Piper was elected yesterday by only five votes, a majority of one, three of the warehousemen withdrawing. In justice to the warehousemen, and as one of them, I would like for you to correct a statement made in the morning paper, that an inspector drove tobacco to other markets. I don't think Mr. Piper's inspection has had any such treacherous effect as that, and such statements hurt the city and the local tobacco market. The warehousemen have for some time wanted two inspectors, and the brokers have conceded this, but there was only one man we could agree on, and somehow some of them demurred. As it stands, Mr. Piper's election may be reconsidered, but I don't think it is likely. Or there might, for all I know, be another inspector elected for the warehousemen, or those who want some one else, Messrs. Carney, Herndon and Miller."

MARSHAL LINN

On trial at Metropolis for Killing "Lightning Bug."

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SHARKEY AND FITZSIMMONS

The Sailor No Match For The Bushman.

But Wins in the Eighth Round on a Foul.

Sau Francisco, Dec. 2.—The fight tonight at Mechanics' Hall between Fitzsimmons of Sharkey was awarded to Sharkey in the eighth round, after he had, so it is alleged, been fouled by Fitzsimmons, who is said to have kicked him.

The detailed story of the fight will be found below. After two minutes and a half of the eighth round had expired Fitzsimmons landed his right on Sharkey's jaw, and then put his famous left crook on the chin, which put Sharkey on the floor with a smash. Fitzsimmons jolted Sharkey under the chin with his left and the sailor went backward. As he fell he put his hand to his groin. He made no attempt to rise, and was carried unconscious from the ring. The alleged foul, if foul it was, could not be seen from the press stand, but Referee Earp gave his decision in a site of Fitzsimmons' protests.

It was Fitzsimmons' fight from start to finish. He fought fairly, while the sailor continually used foul tactics. He would clinch and lift Fitzsimmons from his feet, strike in a clinch, though the men had previously agreed not to do so, and he was generally unfair. Several times during the fight Fitzsimmons had the sailor going, but could not land a knock-out blow.

In the eighth Sharkey started in to do the leading, but seldom landed. Fitzsimmons continually sent in left hand jabs on Sharkey's face, sending

Shot His Nephew.

Jim Harris, colored, who lives up about Stiles, eight miles up the I. C. road, came to the city this morning with a shattered wrist. He had it dressed and proceeded to the city hall, where he swore out a warrant against Tol Harris, his uncle, charging him with malicious shooting.

The complainant stated to a newspaper reporter that he had been living with his uncle and that about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon they had an altercation about \$4 his uncle claimed he owed him, and which he refused to pay.

He walked out into the horse lot and in a short time his irate relative issued forth armed with a pistol and a desire to hit something. He began to do battle, and the first shot struck him in the left wrist, but the next flew wide of the mark.

He remained at the house of a neighbor, and came to the city today. The wound is not dangerous. Judge Sanders issued a warrant against Tol Harris, and it was placed in the hands of a deputy sheriff for execution.

CONGRESSMAN M'CREARY FOR CUBA.

Held Last Night With 250 Attendants.

A Magnificent Supper and Splendid Program Were Enjoyed.

There was a long to be remembered reunion of Mangum and English Lodges, I. O. O. F., at the hall corner of Third and Broadway.

About 250 people were sumptuously banqueted by the hospitable Odd Fellows, and an entertaining program was rendered.

A table was extended the entire length of the hall, and the exercises were opened by the singing of the opening ode, followed by a selection by the male quartet.

Past Grand J. C. Tully delivered the address of welcome, his theme being "Principles of Odd Fellowship."

There was another selection by the quartet, and little Miss Elizabeth Williamson entertained those present with a recitation. The exercises were closed by a vocal rendition by Miss Ella Patterson, and the supper ended festivities. It was a most delightful event.

Medicine Talk.

A Short Interview With Dr. Parker, the Proprietor of the Famous Roncodo Tonic.

A reporter for the Sun called on Dr. Parker, the discoverer of the famous Roncodo Tonic, at his office at 110 South Third Street, this morning, and fortunately found him with a few spare moments. The doctor is a most interesting talker, having traveled extensively while perfecting his wonderful discovery of the medicinal qualities of the Roncodo Tonic.

"Have your sales in Paducah been as large as you expected?" asked the reporter.

"No," was the answer; "not nearly as large as I had hoped. I have sold in the same length of time four times as much medicine in town much smaller than Paducah. With all the sickness there is in this city my office should be crowded. I am introducing Roncodo Tonic at only 25 cents for a dollar bottle, and I guarantee a cure or refund the money."

"What diseases are most common here?" asked the reporter.

"I find that malaria, with the dangerous coughs and colds that attend it is distressingly common, while there are more people suffering from rheumatism and liver and kidney troubles than I have ever known before in a city of this size."

"I suppose that Roncodo will cure all the ills of mankind," humorously remarked the Sun man.

"Well, no," said the genial doctor, "we don't cure everything; but we do cure what we claim to cure. We absolutely guarantee to cure rheumatism, colds and fever, kidney and liver troubles and especially female weakness and the general debility peculiar in this city. You see," said the doctor, "I am no humbug. I stay here and watch the effects of my medicine. I have taken over forty people out of the sick bed right in this town. I only charge 25 cents for a dollar bottle, and I have given away a great deal here to those unable to buy it. I want the people to investigate the testimonials I am publishing in the papers."

"How long will you remain?"

"Only a short time longer, and I really feel that the people of this city are losing a great opportunity to purchase my medicines at so low a price. They can't possibly lose a cent, for I will refund the money if it fails to make a cure. My motto is 'no cure, no pay,' and all I ask is a trial. I have a wonderful medicine, and I know it, and I am not afraid of any test of its qualities."

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MARKETS.

(Reported Daily by Lucy Grains Company.)

Chicago, Dec. 3.—December wheat opened at 79 1/4, its highest point was 80 1/4, closed at 80 1/4.

May wheat opened at 81 1/2 to 82 1/2; its highest point was 83 1/2 and closed at 83 1/2.

Dec. corn opened at 22 1/2 to 23 1/2, its highest point was 23 1/2, and closed at 23 1/2.

Dec. oats opened at 18 1/4, its highest point was 18 1/2, and closed at 18 1/2.

January pork opened at \$7.70 and closed at \$7.75.

January ribs opened at \$4.00 and closed at \$3.97.

January corn opened at \$3.90 and closed at \$3.92.

January cotton opened at \$7.60 and closed at \$7.49.

March cotton opened at \$7.76 and closed at \$7.62.

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