



On February 28 indictments were returned against the Federal Salt company operating at San Francisco, Cal., in the federal court charging the company with a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. It is charged that an agreement has been entered into by the company "for the purpose of creating a scarcity of salt," and thus raise the price of the commodity to the people.

On March 2 news was received as to a severe engagement fought between the Turkish troops and bodies of Macedonians and Bulgarians near Monastir. The Turks suffered a repulse. Much dissatisfaction is felt in Europe on account of the illusory nature of the Austro-Russian scheme to force the sultan to institute reforms in Macedonia, a plan which the sultan seems unwilling to carry out.

It was announced from Seattle, Wash., on March 1 that the Central Iron and Steel company has formed with a capital of \$6,000,000 to build in this city an iron furnace with 200 tons daily capacity, a 100-ton steel plant and a rolling mill. The organization includes the most influential capitalists in the state.

Former Congressman Jehu Baker died at his home in Belleville, Ill., on March 1 at the age of 80 years. He served five terms in congress.

In commemoration of the birth of Robert Emmett, the 125th anniversary of which event was on March 4, the Clan-na-Gael, the great Irish organization, made public a declaration of principles with regard to the Irish situation, reiterating the belief that Ireland is destined to be a republic and severely censuring England's attitude toward the Irish.

General William Farrar Smith, one of the prominent figures of the civil war, died in Philadelphia, Pa., on March 1 in his 80th year.

Many plantations situated in valleys about the Colina volcano in Mexico have been destroyed by the recent eruptions of the mountain. The natives are abandoning their homes, terror-stricken by the terrific earthquake shocks.

The first express train by the Eastern China and Trans-Siberian railroad left Port Arthur on February 27, according to an Associated press dispatch from St. Petersburg.

The seven-year senatorial deadlock in the state of Delaware was broken on March 2 by the election of J. Frank Alee (Addicks republican) for the long senatorial term and Congressman Louis Heisler Ball (regular republican) to the short term ending in 1905. The result is regarded as a victory for the Addicks faction.

It is reported that the rivers in Ohio are higher than they have been for twenty years owing to the great amount of precipitation that has taken place. In several places great damage has been done and several losses of life have been reported.

A serious storm on the English coast has damaged the coast towns considerably and it is feared that many persons have been lost in the terrific seas that are running in the English channel.

Three Venezuelan warships captured

by the British were returned on March 3 at La Guayra. Some excitement has been caused by the reputed discovery of a bomb among the coal left by the Germans on the Venezuelan battleship Restaurador when that vessel was recently returned.

On account of a strike at the Reduction company's plant at Colorado City on March 3 the state troops were called out and no serious disturbance is anticipated hereafter. The governor of Colorado is being severely criticised on account of this action, it being contended that no act of violence has been committed to justify the calling out of the militia.

An Associated press cablegram recently gave out the information that "the practically complete failure of the rice crop last year has caused widespread distress in Japan, culminating in famine in the northeastern provinces. From an official report it is learned that the destitution is much greater than supposed. The number of starving, so far as officially known, is 147,682, with the possibility of these figures being greatly added to."

The strike among the railroad employes against the Canadian Pacific railway in Canada is growing more serious than was anticipated. Attempts at arbitration have been made, but with seemingly no possibility of success so far. The trouble is confined mainly to Vancouver, B. C., and all the labor unions of that city have pledged moral and financial support to the railway strikers.

The rebellion against the sultan of Morocco still continues and the latest reports from that country are to the effect that the imperial troops have been defeated in a recent engagement, with severe losses. The sultan's troops however have succeeded in conquering one of the tribes most fanatical in the interests of the pretender to the throne.

It was reported from Trenton, N. J., on March 4 that the house had defeated a bill requiring trust companies to make a public statement four times a year of their assets and liabilities.

An Associated press cablegram from London under recent date reported that by a decision of the London court English newspaper proprietors are manufacturers and as such do not infringe on the Sunday observance act by publishing Sunday papers.

In China it is feared that a carnival of murder exceeding the recent Boxer outbreaks will take place. Correspondents of the Chinese papers at Peking assert that the duplicity of the empress dowager is responsible for the restless condition of the people of several provinces and a serious outbreak is feared.

On March 6 it was announced that the United States transport Thomas was to sail from Manila taking back to this country several companies of troops which were the first long-service troops returning.

On March 5 it was reported from Caracas, Venezuela, that the British cruiser Pallask, the last representative of the allied naval forces in Venezuelan waters, left La Guayra on that day.

On March 5 Josiah Muir, the inventor of the paper car wheels now in use

on railroads, died at Morristown, N. J., at the age of 91 years. He was formerly a large manufacturer of paper and pasteboard.

According to the Associated press correspondent at Glasgow, Sir Thomas Lipton has decided to launch the yacht that is to compete for the America's cup on St. Patrick's day, and the boat will cross to this side early in July.

The South Dakota house of representatives by a vote of 50 to 28 passed a bill prohibiting the game of football in that state.

Radical measures are being taken by the health authorities of Ithaca, N. Y., to stamp out the typhoid epidemic which has been raging in that city, particularly among the students of Cornell university. Twenty men under the direction of Dr. Soper have been employed to co-operate with him in stamping out the disease.

The trust known as the American Window Glass company operating at Pittsburg, Pa., on March 6, announced that on March 14 all the factories of the company will close for the season, and a large force of men will then be put to work to equip them with machinery that will displace many glass workmen. It is said that this move will greatly lessen the cost of production and increase the profits of the company.

Cornell university located at Ithaca, N. Y., recently made public a plan

whereby professors in the school are to be retired after attaining the age of 70 years with an annual pension of \$1,500 per year.

A court-martial called for the purpose of investigating the explosion on the battleship Massachusetts which resulted in the death of eight men convened in the navy yard at Pensacola, Fla., on March 5 with Rear Admiral W. C. Wise as president. Ensign Ward K. Wortman is alleged to be responsible for the explosion owing to his neglect of duty.

The Cuban reciprocity treaty is under discussion in the senate at Havana. Some opposition is being made to it, it being denounced as an American scheme to keep European commerce from Cuba. Another point urged against it is that it will increase the profits of the sugar and tobacco industries \$6,000,000 annually.

On March 6 the state senate of Kansas passed resolutions providing that a \$1,500 silver service should be purchased for the new battleship Kansas. The house will concur in the resolution.

On March 6 Governor Beckham of Kentucky received and deposited for collection checks aggregating \$1,323,999, paid by the United States government as interest on Kentucky's war claim. He has called the state sinking fund commission to meet Monday next, when a proposition will be made to purchase all the outstanding bonds of the state amounting to \$1,000,000.

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