

Condensed News of the Week

Senator M. A. Hanna died at 6:49 o'clock Monday evening, February 15, at the family apartments in the Arlington hotel, Washington. Senator Hanna had been ill for two months, filled with apparent recoveries followed by relapses. Typhoid fever finally set in, and his enfeebled constitution could not resist it. His family was gathered about the bedside during his illness. The only public office ever held by Mr. Hanna was that of United States senator. He was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Sherman, and afterwards twice re-elected. He was re-elected on January 11, 1904.

At 11 o'clock Sunday morning, February 7, fire broke out in the wholesale dry goods store of John T. Hurst & Co., Baltimore, in the heart of the business district. Within half an hour a dozen large warehouses in the wholesale dry goods district were on fire. Block after block of business houses were destroyed, and the flames raged for nearly 40 hours, involving a loss estimated at \$150,000,000.

February 7 Thomas Searcy died, aged 80 years, at Springfield, Ill. He was a veteran of the Mexican war, and fought under Jefferson Davis, then a colonel.

As a result of the war in the east the prices of provisions generally have taken an upward jump.

In a conflict between the guards and laboring men at Coal Creek, Tenn., on February 7, four men were killed and three others wounded. One of the men killed was a deputy sheriff, the other three were laboring men.

General Reyes, the newly elected president of Colombia, has sailed for Paris. Before sailing and speaking to a newspaper correspondent, General Reyes said: "I feel it my duty to be in Paris when the question of the sale rights of the Panama Canal company to the United States comes before the proper French tribunal. To me the matter is very clear. The Panama Canal company cannot transfer its rights to the United States without the consent of Colombia, because its contract entered with Colombia cannot transfer itself to the Panama province. That province cannot substitute itself for Colombia."

February 8 a tornado struck the town of Union, Ark. Three persons were killed, while a number of dwelling houses and other buildings were blown down.

An Associated press dispatch under date of Oklahoma City says: Andrew Burns and George Bunker, members of the city council, were arrested today on indictments returned by the grand jury. Burns is accused of embezzlement and Bunker is charged with having solicited a bribe in the passage of an electric light franchise. The grand jury has been discharged after returning eleven indictments, some of which have not been made public.

The fight is on among Nebraska republicans with respect to the gubernatorial nomination. According to custom Governor Mickey is entitled to renomination, but already a number of prominent republicans have announced their candidacy, and it is said that an organized fight will be made against the governor in the republican convention.

An Associated press dispatch under date of Peoria, Ill., February 9, says: In the United States court here Judge Humphrey has handed down a decision holding the Peoria Gas and Electric company an illegal combination in violation of the anti-trust laws of the state of Illinois, with no standing in a court of equity, and has dismissed its suit to restrain the city from enforcing an ordinance fixing the maximum amount to be charged for gas at 75 cents per 1,000 feet. The suit was started in September, 1900.

A dispatch to the Omaha World-Herald, under date of Des Moines, Ia., February 10, says: Representative L. L. Delano, democrat, of Cass county, whose first bill, introduced at the behest of live stock shippers, caused a flurry among railroad lobbyists and brought a carload of high officials from Chicago, today introduced a measure that railroads be compelled to carry persons over twelve years of age at 2 cents, and those under that age at 1 cent per mile. He also tacked to

his measure a provision preventing the issuance of passes to state officials, legislators and delegates. This bill was simultaneously introduced in the senate by Senator Robert C. Stirton, democrat, of Cedar county. Representative Dorran of Boone at the same time introduced in the house a bill that would compel all railroads to employ none but adults as operators where their duties include receiving and delivering messages relating to the movement of trains. The employment of minors as signal men is also prohibited. The measure is the result of a recent head-end collision at Slater, which was alleged to be due to an error by an eighteen-year-old agent.

A dispatch under date of Havana, February 10, says: The Associated press is informed by a person of undoubted authority that the \$35,000,000 Cuban loan will not be floated until the monetary conditions are more favorable than at the present moment. President Palma and the secretary of the treasury were practically so informed at a conference held this evening, at which there were present representatives of the National City bank of New York, the Kuhn Loeb & Co. syndicate, Speyer Brothers and other banking institutions interested in the matter. The fact that the loan is not to be floated at this time is not intended as a reflection on Cuba's credit, but is due to the war situation in the far east, the result in Wall street growing out of the Baltimore fire, and other current causes. When the situation becomes normal it is expected the Cuban bonds will be sold without difficulty.

An Associated press dispatch under date of Boston, February 10, says: Dr. Samuel Abbott of the state board of health announced today that by manufacturing its own anti-toxin the commonwealth has saved the people \$405,000 in four years. The actual expense during that time, when 159,000 bottles of anti-toxin were distributed free, was \$31,500. These statistics have been forwarded to Chicago, where it is proposed to adopt the Massachusetts idea instead of purchasing supplies.

An interesting proceeding has been commenced before the state courts at Hot Springs, S. D. Col. Thomas M. Goddard, the commandant of the soldiers' home, denied readmission to Alexander C. Denning, who was discharged from the institution on the charge of drunkenness. Denning was discharged from the home in December. He was then given an honorable discharge, but his application to be readmitted was denied. Denning has been a member of the home for several years, and, being in destitute circumstances, with no near relatives to give him help, the general opinion is that he should be admitted again. He has brought mandamus proceedings against Colonel Goddard to compel the commandant to readmit him and has obtained an alternative writ returnable before Judge Levi McGee at Hot Springs, requiring Goddard to admit him or to show cause for not doing so. It seems that Colonel Goddard has often resorted to expulsion as a measure of discipline, and that there are several other cases waiting the result of this one. Judge McGee has the case under advisement now.

A dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald, under date of Toronto, Ont., February 8, says: With smoke pouring into every room from the registers and with the thermometer 10 below zero eight hundred scholars marched in soldierly array out of the burning Jesse Ketchum school at noon today. Most of them were girls from 5 to 14 years old. Obedient to the sound of the fire gong they walked quietly to the cloak-room, put on their wraps and out of eighteen classes all marched out well wrapped up, except the class of Miss Brown, who did not have time to save their clothes. Principal W. J. Hendrick, who was the last to leave the building, threw some of the clothes out of the window and had a narrow escape in getting out through the smoke. The firemen were unable to properly fight the flames, as everything was frozen. The school had a children's bank, but the money was saved.

The people of Milwaukee have organized a Voters' league. The purpose being to push the anti-graft crusade.

A dispatch to the Chicago Tribune, under date of St. Paul, Minn., February 8, says: Several members of the Hamline university girls basketball team interrupted a street fight here yesterday. The girls had been attending church in

Minneapolis, and as they got off their car they saw four men in a fight. Three of the girls ran to the assistance of a one-armed man, who was being beaten. Another ran to the telephone and called the police, while another hurried for the policeman on the beat. When the patrol wagon arrived with four officers the girls pointed out the fighters. Two of them pleaded not guilty of misconduct in the police court today and secured continuances to Thursday.

The Second Presbyterian church of Chicago has issued a call to Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, a London preacher. Dr. Morgan is just now visiting in this country, and he has the Chicago call under consideration.

Joseph Kipley, for many years chief of police in Chicago, died February 6.

An Associated press cablegram, under date of Vienna, February 11, says: The Politische Korrespondenz, a semi-official newspaper, today publishes a communication from Constantinople, saying that in Turkish governmental circles the conviction obtains that the present situation in the far east renders war in Bulgaria inevitable. In view of this condition of affairs it is considered unnecessary that the porte should burden itself with the serious obligation involved in carrying out the principal measures of the reform plans for Macedonia. Commenting upon this statement the Politische Korrespondenz says the fact that such an opinion prevails merits the most earnest attention of the interested powers.

News from Cape Town, Cape Colony, says that Sir John Gordon Sprigg, the premier, has been defeated in the parliamentary election held at East London, which he had represented for nearly thirty years.

Five thousand laborers and coal miners have gone on a strike at Valparaiso, Chili.

A revolution is imminent in Honduras. The United States navy department has dispatched a warship to the scene.

Apostle Woodruff, representing a syndicate of Mormons, has purchased 16,000 acres of land in the Big Horn country, Wyoming. It is intended to open up irrigation projects and settle the land with 20,000 Mormons.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of St. Louis, February 11, says: United States Senator J. R. Burton, through his attorney, Judge Krum, filed a demurrer in the United States district court this afternoon, setting forth that the indictment charging him with the unlawful acceptance of fees from the Rialto Grain and Securities company for the purpose of influencing the postal authorities, did not set forth facts sufficient to hold him for trial. The demurrer contained the further contention that neither the postmaster general nor the postoffice department had jurisdiction to issue a fraud order against the Rialto Grain and Securities company on the facts as they appeared. Judge Adams will hear arguments on the demurrers Saturday. Senator Burton's case was set for trial March 21. He was indicted about three weeks ago.

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