

Condensed News of the Week

The third installment of the debt of \$4,600,000 loaned by the government to the St. Louis fair association has been paid, a check being sent to the secretary of the treasury for \$500,000. The total amount refunded to date is \$1,908,148.19.

Senator Hoar of Massachusetts is reported to be dying at his home in Worcester. The senator has been ill for several weeks and a few days ago the illness became dangerous.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Paris, Aug. 15, says: "Serious fires have broken out in the ancient forest of Fontainebleau and the garrisons at Fontainebleau and Melun have been mobilized to assist the firemen in fighting the flames. The line of the fire extends a distance of more than six miles."

For the third time this year the Standard Oil company has declared a dividend. This time it is \$5 a share. The three dividends this year aggregate 20 per cent whereas last year they aggregated 32 per cent.

The democratic state convention for the state of Idaho met at Lewiston, August 16. The Associated press report says: "The Dubois-Heitfeld forces gained control of the Idaho-democratic convention today, routing the Mormon forces after a fierce fight. Last night the anti-Dubois forces succeeded in striking the anti-Mormon plank out of the platform by a vote of 153 to 131. Adjournment was then taken. During the recess the Idaho county delegation was rounded up and swung into line for Dubois. When the convention assembled today the resolution was presented and carried through by the Dubois forces, led by the senator himself. 'We demand the extermination of polygamy and unlawful cohabitation within the borders of Idaho and the complete separation of church and state in political affairs. We pledge the democratic party to enact such legislation as will eventually suppress this evil.' The adoption of this resolution insures the nomination of ex-Senator Henry Heitfeld for governor. J. D. McDuffy of Lemhi county, appears to lead for congress, although Harry Day is being discussed. The ticket as completed follows: Presidential electors, A. G. Parker, W. W. Wood and John W. Brown; for congress, F. H. Holtzheimer; supreme judge, N. H. Clarke; lieutenant governor, Frank F. Harris; secretary of state, J. P. Walling; attorney general, Carl Paine; state treasurer, Timothy Regan; superintendent of schools, Miss Permeal French; state auditor, W. H. Stufflebeam; state mining inspector, Captain M. J. Linke."

For the fifth time, an expedition in search of the "Kruger millions," has met disaster. This time the coasting steamer Penguin with her entire crew excepting the boatswain went down off the coast of South Africa.

Miss Mary Treadway of Dubuque, Iowa, christened the United States gunboat, Dubuque, at Norris Heights, N. Y., August 13.

An Associated Press report under date of Macon, Mo., August 16, says: "A singularly fatal epidemic has broken out in the German settlement of Wien, a few miles south of New Cambria. Within the month there have been thirteen deaths, which is 25 per cent of the cases. Physicians call it a tropical malady, a rare disease in this locality. Death occurs within four or five days after the patient is attacked. In the collapse following the induction the disease resembles strikingly Asiatic cholera. The majority of the cases are of children, although several adults have died. One of the physicians in attendance contracted the disease. Its origin is not yet definitely determined."

The British government has emphasized its demand made to the sultan of Morocco for the liberation of Haimen Jaiya by sending the cruiser Minerva to the coast of Morocco. Jaiya was arrested by order of the sultan and his goods confiscated, and, despite the protests of the British legation, he has been kept prisoner.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Manila, P. I., Aug. 15, says: "Governor Wright has issued an executive order directing the concentration of the inhabitants of Banos, Calhalogan and Ganda, river districts of the island of Samar, ordering the island authorities to quell the dis-

turbances there and to suppress the bands of roving natives and instructing the authorities to provide shelter and food for the reconcentrados and to punish all engaged in the disturbances."

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Washington, D. C., Aug. 15, says: "Consul Ruffin cables the state department from Ascuncion that martial law has been declared in Paraguay. The forces of the revolutionists and the government have had a fight and considerable disorder prevails."

American silver plate manufacturers have heretofore sent their wares to England for the purpose of placing the "Hall Mark of England" upon them in order to deceive American purchasers into believing the goods were manufactured in England. The goods have thus been allowed to come back duty free as this marking was not considered as an improvement. The English parliament, however, has now passed an act which prohibits the use of the English "Hall Mark" on American silverware.

In an elevator accident in a ten-story building in New York city a few days ago, one man was killed, another fatally injured and sixteen others badly hurt. The owner of the building and the conductor of the elevator were placed under arrest.

The American fleet, composed of three ships, which has been in Turkish waters during the recent trouble with that country has taken its departure, its presence being no longer necessary.

August 16, the town of Statesboro, Georgia, was the scene of two of the most cruel lynchings in the history of the country. Two negroes who had been tried, condemned and sentenced to be hanged on September 9, for the killing of an entire family, were forcefully taken from the authorities and burned at the stake.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of La Libertad, Salvador, Aug. 17, says: "President Escalon of Salvador will sail tomorrow for Amapala, in the gulf of Fonseca, where he will be met by President Bonilla of Honduras. The two presidents will then proceed to Corinto, Nicaragua, where they will meet President Zelaya and a conference will be held having for its object the taking of measures to maintain peace in the Central American republics."

Colonel Prentiss Ingraham, author of "Land of Legendary Lore," is dead at Beauvoir, Miss., at the age of 60 years. Mr. Ingraham, whose father was also an author, has written over 1,000 novels. It is said that at one time Colonel Ingraham turned out a new novel every few weeks.

President Roosevelt has left for Oyster Bay where he will complete his letter of acceptance, a draft of which has already been prepared. He expects to remain about a month.

Three children of Charles Hauser of Chicago have disappeared and it is feared that they have been kidnaped. Neighbors tell strange stories of a gypsy woman peering in at the windows of the Hauser house and others report that the children were followed from school by a roughly dressed man. The parents are distracted.

Miss Belle James of Sigourney, Iowa, is dead as the result of typhoid fever contracted at Pierre, South Dakota. The young woman made a trip to Pierre last spring to take up a government claim and became ill from drinking the water which is furnished by lagoons.

The Grand Army of the Republic, which has been in convention for the past week at Boston, Mass., has elected General Wilmon Blackmar of Massachusetts as its commander-in-chief and John R. King of Washington, D. C., as its senior vice-commander. It is estimated that 175,000 people took part in the celebration during the week.

An Associated Press dispatch, under date of Cripple Creek, Colo., Aug. 18, says: "Charles G. Kennison, president of the Cripple Creek miners' union, charged with inciting the Victor riot of June 6, was released from jail today on a \$2,500 bond. George G. Skelton, better known as Pearl Skelton, a member of the Altman miners' union, charged with complicity in the Independence depot

explosion, was released on a \$1,500 bond. Twenty-three unionists held on criminal charges still remain in the county jail."

Mrs. Mary E. Fuller, wife of Chief Justice Fuller of the United States supreme court, is dead at their summer cottage "Mainstay," at Sorrento, Maine. Mrs. Fuller was sitting on the piazza when she was stricken with heart disease.

On August 18, at Cooper Union, in New York city, Thomas E. Watson, candidate for president, and Thomas H. Tibbles, candidate for vice president of the populist party were formally notified of their nomination. George Samuel Williams of Indiana made the notification address to the presidential candidate, to which Mr. Watson responded with a very eloquent speech, accepting the nomination. In the course of his speech Mr. Watson said: "I do not believe that 6,500,000 men who followed Bryan with cheers on their lips and warm convictions in their hearts can now be delivered like cattle to the Clevelandites who knifed the ticket or bolted in 1896. I believe that the great majority of the men who voted for Bryan are men of conviction. I can not but hope they will realize that I am fighting their battle now." After Mr. Watson had concluded his speech Mr. Jay W. Forrest of Albany, N. Y., delivered the notification address to Mr. Tibbles to which the latter responded with a short speech accepting the nomination.

Terrified by the lynching of two of their race and fearing that similar treatment would be accorded them, large numbers of negroes have left Statesboro, Ga., and it is feared that there will be a great shortage of labor when the cotton picking begins. Several negroes have been whipped severely and an aged negro named Roberts and his son were shot.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Chicago, Aug. 13, says: "Thomas Taylor, a guard on the South Side Elevated railway, has received a reward of \$100 from the Woodlawn bank for the recovery of a satchel containing nearly \$14,000, lost on a car by a messenger."

It is reported from Lynchburg, Va., that at Pleasant View, Amherst county, twenty-five persons attending the meeting of the Piedmont Baptist association were poisoned—several fatally—by eating ice cream.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Madisonville, Ky., Aug. 15, says: "Miss Clara Bourtrand, the 16-year-old daughter of Hon. W. E. Bourtrand of Dixon, has been killed by lightning while talking over a telephone in a heavy thunderstorm."

Jacob Hussman, an aeronaut, was drowned in Lake Alice at Fergus Falls, Minn. He had made a balloon ascension and on coming down in a parachute, fell into the middle of the lake. He became entangled in the weeds and drowned before assistance could reach him.

The strike situation remains unchanged. The packers are operating their plants with more or less success and the strikers remain firm in the hope that a settlement will be made. Mayor Harrison of Chicago has attempted to settle the affair but without success. On the whole, pretty good order is being maintained but occasional riots and fights occur.

Mrs. Ingersoll, widow of the late Robert G. Ingersoll of New York, has been given a favorable decision in a suit to recover a large amount of money for services given by her husband as attorney in the settlement of the estate of Andrew J. Davis, a wealthy copper mine owner of Montana.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has announced that as a result of his recent trip west, plans are in progress looking to the establishment of a wireless telegraph system of fire alarms in the various forest reserves under the control of the government.

Corporation Counsel Tolman of Chicago has declared that the packers at the stockyards have no legal right to lodge or house men in their packing plants. He further says that the packers must be compelled to erect fire escapes. The order has been sent to the chief of police who sanctions it.