

Condensed News of the Week

Twenty-four men were killed in a mine explosion at Rush Run, W. Va., March 18. The fire began in the Rush Run mine, and extended through to another mine nearly two miles away, great flames of fire bursting from the mouths of both mines.

The deadlock, which began January 8 in the Missouri legislature, has at last been broken and Major William Warner, republican, of Kansas City, was chosen to succeed Senator Cockrell. The wildest disorder prevailed during the balloting. Mr. Warner is an ardent admirer of Roosevelt and will support the Roosevelt policies.

Former President Grover Cleveland celebrated his 68th birthday at his home "Westland," Princeton, N. J., March 18.

Mrs. B. F. Marsh, wife of Congressman Marsh of Illinois, died of apoplexy March 18. Mrs. Marsh was a sister-in-law of Chief Justice Fuller of the United States supreme court.

Great forest fires are raging in Hawaii and valuable forests are being destroyed, as well as great numbers of cattle.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Rome, March 19, says: "In concluding peace with Great Britain through the mediation of Italy the Mad Mullah has obtained permission to occupy definitely Illig, a village in Italian territory, 160 miles from Obia, which was the base of operations in the last campaign led by General Manning. Coast rights are granted the Mullah, qualified by a prohibition of trade in arms and slaves."

Fred W. Faulkes, editor of the Cedar Rapids Gazette, died at Excelsior Springs, Mo., of heart disease.

The remains of Mrs. Stanford, who met death under such peculiar circumstances at Honolulu, have reached San Francisco. When the vessel which bore the remains entered the harbor the flags on all vessels were placed at half-mast and later when the hearse passed through the streets thousands of persons lined the sidewalks and lifted their hats as a mark of respect.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Paris, March 20, says: "General Antonio Belutini, President Castro's fiscal agent at Antwerp, has been authorized to sign a contract with the German and British holders of Venezuelan bonds, pledging 50 per cent of the custom receipts of the Guanta le Vela, Cumana, Ciudad, Bolivar, Porto Colorado and Carupano, to pay \$26,000,000, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum, until the creditor nations are paid from 30 per cent of the customs of La Guaira and Porto Cabello, after which those two ports shall pay 25 per cent of the total receipts to Great Britain and Germany."

Over 3,000 men are idle owing to the shutting down of the Havemeyer sugar refinery in Brooklyn, N. Y. No explanation was given of the shutting down of the plant, but it is said that the decreased consumption of sugar on account of the high prices is the cause.

Secretary of the Navy Morton and his party, including Speaker Cannon, Senator Hale and Representative Meyer of Louisiana, sailed for Guantanamo, Cuba, where they will inspect the naval station there and observe the

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maneuvers of the North Atlantic fleet.

Senator Lewis G. Campbell of Cripple Creek, Colo., on March 20, introduced a concurrent resolution in the legislature instructing Attorney General Miller to institute quo warranto proceedings against Mayor Robert Speer and all the democratic officials elected in Denver on May 17 last requiring them to show cause why their offices should not be forfeited. Allegations of frauds at that election are made. Mr. Campbell says that John W. Springer was elected to the office and that Mr. Speer is illegally holding it.

Two women, disciples of Carrie Nation, smashed five saloons in a short time a few days ago at Olmutz, Kan. One of the women was the wife of an ex-saloonkeeper.

District Attorney Jerome in expressing his opinion as to the proper manner of controlling the liquor traffic in New York city before the Methodist Preachers' association advocated opening saloons during certain hours on Sunday, but said he was not prepared to maintain that the sale of liquor on Sunday was the proper way to carry out the divine commandment.

The third rescue party reached the point of the explosion where the first rescue party was overtaken in the coal mine at Fish Creek, W. Va., and joined in the work of removing the bodies, which were terribly mangled. So far as the work of rescue has gone it is certain that not one of the twenty-four men involved in the two explosions escaped.

By an explosion in a colliery at Drenkova, Hungary, ten miners were killed and many others injured.

President Roosevelt, having requested United States Senator William Warner to nominate his successor as United States district attorney for Western Missouri, Mr. Warner will recommend the selection of his assistant, A. S. Van Valkenburgh, a native of Syracuse, N. Y.

The national commission of the Louisiana Purchase commission met at Washington and former Senator Thurston of Nebraska was elected president, vice Senator Carter of Montana, resigned.

The Chicago City railway, a corporation controlling ninety miles of street railway lines in the south and southwest portion of Chicago, is now without a franchise of any description whatever.

The lower house of the Tennessee legislature has passed the bill which prohibits betting on horse races in Tennessee. The bill originated in the senate and now goes to the governor.

A disaster occurred at Brockton, Mass., in the Grover Shoe factory, when nearly 100 people lost their lives in the explosion of a boiler which destroyed a great many buildings for blocks around. Workers are still searching the ruins for dead bodies and so far over three score have been found.

The Kansas Oil Producers' association indignantly denies the report that it adopted resolutions condemning the president and Commissioner Garfield and have sent the president a telegram saying: "The Kansas oil producers have the utmost confidence in you and stand by you. We know nothing of the report."

The state senate of Colorado, on March 20, passed the eight-hour bill

and it is now ready for the governor's signature. The bill applies only to underground miners and to dangerous occupations in the mills and smelters, as was demanded by the Western Federation of Miners.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Tangier, Morocco, March 20, says: "As an apparent sequel to the Perdicaris case, Raisuli has received from the sultan a letter appointing him governor of a number of important tribes between Tangier and Fez. The chiefs of the tribes will meet tomorrow to consider the sultan's letter and Raisuli's appointment."

Former United States Senator Joseph R. Hawley of Connecticut, died at Hartford, Conn., March 21.

In a riot at Lamenta, Russian Poland, March 21, eleven farmers were killed and fifty were wounded by the infantry which was sent to quell the disturbance.

The Newfoundland government ordered the customs collectors throughout the island to refuse American fishing vessels license to procure bait in colonial waters.

The machinists on the entire system of the Grand Trunk railroad in Canada have asked for an increase of 25 per cent in wages. The men are well organized and say they are only asking to be put on the same footing as Canadian Pacific railway employees.

Twenty-four Chinamen were discovered in a box car in the Southern Pacific yards at Yuma, Ariz. They had been smuggled over the Mexican border at El Paso and were on their way to Los Angeles. Alfred Griffin, United States Chinese inspector, was notified and took them into custody.

A state of siege has been proclaimed in the government of Kutais, Russia, and General Prince Ordelliani has been invested with full powers as governor general.

Plans for subways to cost \$230,000,000, submitted to the New York City Railway company and by the Interborough company, were made public by the board of rapid transit commissioners of New York.

Attorney General Rogers has instituted suits against the Armour Packing company and the St. Louis Refrigerator company to recover back taxes on private cars used in the state on an approximate valuation of \$1,000,000.

During a heavy spring storm an electric power wire was broken and fell across a door knob of the home of John McGovern, engineer at the insane asylum at St. Louis, situated near the institution, and McGovern was instantly killed by the electricity as he opened the door.

During a heavy fog William Higgins, a ferryman, and five passengers, names unknown, were drowned in the Monongahela river at Chartiers, Pa., by the boat being carried over a dam and capsizing.

When the investigation of the beef trust is in session at Chicago the complete list of the bureau is as follows: A. J. Hoffman, farmer, Mendota, foreman; Jerry George, jr., farmer, Mount Carroll, Ill.; John F. Hahn, city clerk, Evanston, Ill.; Arthur W. Hays, dealer in coal, wood and hay, Joliet, Ill.; Charles G. Ingraham, retired capitalist, Waukegan, Ill.; Albert P. Buckley, farmer, Dundee, Ill.; Christian Bernhardt, retired farmer, Wilmington, Ill.; Joseph Dawson, constable, Morris, Ill.; John McGough, buttermaker, Richardson, Ill.; John Murray, farmer, Essex, Ill.; C. A. Nadelhoffer, retired depart-

ment store owner, Naperville, Ill.; Henry Stocker, proprietor of shoe store, Morris, Ill.; R. B. Willard, merchant, Marengo, Ill.; E. A. Cummings, real estate dealer, Oak Park; George Feik, farmer, Heriden, Ill.; Fred West, manufacturer of farm implements, Hampshire, Ill.; O. W. Wallis, implement man, 709 Washington boulevard; William Peacock, business man, Jefferson Park; Edgar French, president Edgar French company, 738 West Madison street. Joseph Sokup, former north town assessor, 1228 Milwaukee avenue; William Haden, farmer, Mason, Ill.; William Cuthbertson, commissioner of highways and farmer, La Salle, Ill.

A Mexican coasting vessel recently arrived at Muege, Lower California, carrying several empty cases that had been filled with Mauser rifles. The captain declared that he has passed more than 100 cases floating on the water.

Abigail Becker, the brave Canadian woman whose fame has been sung throughout Canada, died at her home in Walsingham Center, March 23. The crew of the schooner "Conductor," which was wrecked at Long Point, on Lake Erie in November, 1853, was saved by her own efforts and for her bravery the government gave her a medal; Buffalo ship owners gave her \$1,000 and the New York Life Saving association presented her with a gold medal.

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