

FORTY MILES OF WRECKAGE.

A DISASTROUS STORM SWEEPS OVER LAKE MICHIGAN.

EIGHT VESSELS LOST OFF CHICAGO.

Ten Men Drowned and in Every Instance Boat and Cargo Are a Total Loss—The Schooner Cummings Goes Down at Milwaukee and Six of the Crew Perish—Manufacturing Losses Wrecked.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 21.—The storm which yesterday swept Lake Michigan was the most disastrous of recent years. Eight vessels were driven ashore within the city limits of Chicago and out of their crews ten men are known to be drowned and in every instance boat and cargo are utterly lost. One schooner, the Myrtle, was wrecked just outside the government pier, within a half mile of Michigan boulevard, and six of her crew went down to death in plain view of the hundreds of people who lined the boulevard walks, or watched the awful storm from the windows of the big hotels which overlook the harbor. The wrecks extended from Glenoee on the north, where the Lincoln Dull went to pieces, to South Chicago, an air line distance of forty miles.

The Myrtle, on which the chief loss of life occurred, not a single man of her crew of six escaping, was waterlogged when she appeared off the harbor in the afternoon. She attempted to anchor but was driven before the gale and struck the schooner Evening Star, and drifting away from the Evening Star, she struck the schooner Gifford, and, bows being stove in, she began to sink rapidly. She drifted out to sea, her crew being plainly visible, as they huddled together on top of the cabin. One was washed away, a heavy wave broke over again and then only three were visible. One of them jumped on a plank and floated in close to the breakwater, where he lost his hold and went down. The two men on the boat went down with her.

STORM IN INDIANA.

It Was General Throughout the State, and Much Damage Was Inflicted.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 21.—The storm which prevailed in Indiana did much property damage, and reports received here indicate that the storm was general. At Marion hundreds of trees were blown down. A portion of the Stewart glass factory was demolished, also the Marion brick works. A circus tent was blown down, and a panic ensued, but there was no one injured except an employe who was struck by the center pole. At Mooresville many forest and fruit trees were uprooted and the damage is great. At Washington the storm was the severest in many years. The new iron and steel mills three miles south of Elwood were blown down, causing a loss of \$20,000.

SIX LIVES LOST.

Schooner Cummings Founders Off the Entrance to Milwaukee Harbor.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 21.—A fierce gale from the north raged on Lake Michigan yesterday, and a tremendous sea swept into the bay. At 9 o'clock the schooner M. J. Cummings, grain laden from Chicago, J. undered just south of the harbor piers, and five men and a woman perished before the life saving crew which went to their assistance could reach them.

THE BUSINESS WORLD.

The Obstacles to Improvement Do Not Lessen—The Strikes and Tariff.

NEW YORK, May 21.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "The obstacles to improvement do not lessen. The strikes of coal miners and coke workers have not ceased, but have caused the stoppage of numerous works this week and embarrassment to some railroads. The conference at Cleveland exhibited much angry feeling and wider differences than had been expected, and seems to render agreement more distant."

"Proceedings of the senate do not indicate that the latest form of tariff revision has made speedy final action probable. Yet the recuperative ability of the country is so great that the volume of business transacted is large, and seems surprisingly so under the circumstances, notwithstanding influences which in any other land would cause dire disaster."

EX-CONGRESSMAN CLARK SERIOUSLY ILL.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Ex-Congressman John B. Clark, Missouri, is lying in a critical condition in a private hospital in this city. A week ago he was compelled to submit to a serious surgical operation for kidney trouble. It was the last operation of the kind ever performed in the national capital. While the physicians express hopes of his recovery, his condition is such that his family have not yet been admitted to his bedside. General Clark was for six years the representative of the Sedalia district, and for the same number of years clerk of the house of representatives. After his defeat for reelection he remained in this city, and lately was appointed a clerk in the supervising architect's office.

IRON AND STEEL WORKERS MAY STRIKE.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 21.—President M. M. Garland of the Amalgamated association, speaking in regard to the probability of a strike of iron and steel workers, said: "Of course, I do not know what strikes will occur this year, because the convention has not reached that order of business in which the policy of the union near is to be outlined but judging from the policy of the past it will be pretty safe to conclude that if all matters refuse to sign the scale then there will be a national strike."

TARIFF WORK IN EARNEST.

The Senate Gets Down to Real Work at Last—Eleven Pages Disposed Of.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—White winged peace hovered over the senate yesterday. As a result of the compromise reached at Thursday night's drawn battle, the resolution to inaugurate longer hours, beginning next Monday, commencing at 10 a. m., was agreed to, and then the senate for the first time since the tariff debate began, settled down to real earnest work on the schedules of the tariff. For five hours the consideration was steadily pushed, the result being eleven pages of the bill were disposed of—more progress than has been made in the entire three weeks during which the bill has been considered by paragraphs. The "chemical schedule" was completed, and the "earth, earthenware and glass schedule," excepting items 84-92 inclusive, which were passed over by agreement, was finished.

Schedule C, metals and manufactures of iron and steel, had been reached when the senate at 5 o'clock went into executive session. The Republicans won their first victory in their efforts to secure higher rates than those granted by the majority. They induced the Democrats to take rough building and monumental stone, limestone, free stone, granite, sandstone, etc., from the free list and place them on the dutiable list at 7 cents per cubic foot and to increase the duty on this class of dressed stone from 30 to 35 per cent ad valorem.

The feature of the day was the denial of half a dozen Republican senators that any agreement had been reached to allow the bill to ultimately come to a vote and the bold announcement of Messrs. Frye and Dolph, that they stood to go to any length and use any parliamentary methods to defeat the passage of the bill.

Mr. Morgan's resolution calling upon the attorney general for information as to the existence of a sugar trust in violation of the law was adopted.

ARMOR PLATE FRAUDS.

Representative Dunphy Wants the Matter Further Investigated.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Representative Dunphy of New York had a hearing before the house rules committee on his resolution to investigate naval armor plate frauds. He went into the details of the frauds to show the committee the desirability of probing the matter to the bottom. Mr. Dunphy said the frauds for which the government had already assessed the Carnegie company \$140,000 occurred between November, 1892, and September, 1893. The same class of evidence, he said, showed that similar irregularities occurred prior to November, 1892, and subsequent to September, 1893.

Speaker Crisp and his associates on the committee questioned Mr. Dunphy on the details of the alleged frauds. He specified one instance in which an armor plate on the Monterey is said to contain a blowhole eighteen inches long. The man who saw the blowhole when the plate was cast, it was alleged, dropped his card in the hole, and is said to be ready to locate the defective plate, and identify it by his card. The committee took no action, but Mr. Dunphy believes they will report back the resolution with a recommendation that will start the investigation at once.

Sanders Out on Bail.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 21.—Owing to illness Judge Foster stated yesterday that he would not be able to hear the application of the Sanders industrialists for release on writs of habeas corpus, and it is probable the application will be made in Judge Williams' court at Wichita.

Sanders secured his freedom yesterday by giving a bond in the sum of \$300, with E. H. Snow of Topeka as surety.

A Jockey Killed on the Track.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 21.—Only five races were run yesterday, the fourth being declared off. In the second Judge Payne fell just beyond the half mile pole, throwing Goodale, the jockey, and Virden who was last and coming at full speed, stepped on his forehead, crushing it in and causing concussion of the brain, from which he died about twenty minutes afterward. He was also badly bruised about the body.

Reward for the Taylor.

BROOKFIELD, Mo., May 21.—The county court of Linn county held a special session and offered a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of George and Billy Taylor, the cold-blooded murderers of the Meeks family, near Brownings, this county. In addition to this amount, Sullivan county offers \$300 and Governor Stone has offered \$300 for the state.

There is in Jerusalem a branch of the Young Women's Christian association which numbers about eighty members.

A DASH OF HUMOR.

"Willie, do you and your brother ever fight?" "Yes, sir." "Who whips?" "Pa."

Budge—What a lucky fellow Bonner is! He was born with a silver spoon in his mouth. Grudge—Pill bet it was plated.

Hildad—Did the editor send that joke back to you? Shuhite—Yes, Hildad—That's funny. Shuhite—The editor said it wasn't.

"You shouldn't be hard on the poets," said the sentimental man. "You know they learn in suffering what they teach in song." "Yes," replied the soulless citizen; "and so do the public."

OUR NATIONAL PLATFORM.

The People's Party Platform Adopted at Omaha July 4, 1892.

Assembled upon the 116th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the People's party of America, in their first national convention, invoking upon their action the blessings of Almighty God, puts forth in the name and on behalf of the people of this country the following preamble and declaration of principles:

PREAMBLE.

The conditions which surround us best justify our co-operation. We meet in the midst of a nation brought to the verge of moral, political and material ruin. Corruption dominates the ballot box, the legislatures, the congress, and touches even the ermine of the bench. The people are demoralized; most of the states have been compelled to isolate the voters at the polling places to prevent universal intimidation or bribery. The newspapers are largely subsidized or muzzled, public opinion silenced; business prostrated; our homes covered with mortgages; labor impoverished and the land concentrating in the hands of capitalists. The urban workmen are denied the right of organization for self protection; imported pauperized labor beats down their wages, a hiring standing army, unrecognized by our laws, is established to shoot them down; and they are rapidly degenerating into European conditions. The fruits of the toil of millions are boldly stolen to build up colossal fortunes for a few, unprecedented in the history of mankind; and the possessors of these, in turn, despise the republic and endanger liberty. From the same prolific womb of governmental injustice we breed the two great classes—tramps and millionaires. The national power to create money is appropriated to enrich bondholders. A vast public debt, payable in legal tender currency, has been funded into gold-bearing bonds, thereby adding millions to the burdens of the people.

Silver, which has been accepted as coin since the dawn of history has been demoralized to add to the purchasing power of gold by decreasing the value of all forms of property as well as human labor, and the supply of currency is purposely abridged to fasten usurers, bankrupt enterprise and enslave industries. A vast conspiracy against mankind has been organized on two continents and it is rapidly taking possession of the world. If not met and overthrown at once, it forebodes terrible social convulsions, the destruction of civilization or the establishment of an absolute despotism.

We have witnessed for more than a quarter of a century the struggles of the two great political parties for power and plunder, while grievous wrongs have been inflicted upon a suffering people. We charge that the controlling influences dominating both these parties have permitted the existing dreadful conditions to develop, without serious efforts to prevent or restrain them. Neither do they now promise us any substantial reform. They have agreed together to ignore, in the coming campaign, every issue but one. They propose to drown the outcries of a plundered people with the uproar of a sham battle over the tariff, so that capitalists, corporations, national banks, rings, trusts, watered stock, the demonization of silver and the oppressions of the usurers may all be lost sight of. They propose to sacrifice our homes, lives and children on the altar of mammon; to destroy the multitude in order to secure corruption funds from the millionaires.

Assembled on the anniversary of the birthday of the nation and filled with the spirit of the grand generation which established our independence, we seek to restore the government of the republic to the hands of "the plain people," with whom it originated. We assert our purposes to be identical with the purposes of the national constitution: "To form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

We declare that this republic can only endure as a free government while built upon the love of the whole people for each other and for the nation; that it cannot be pinned together by bayonets; that the civil war is over and that every passion and resentment which grew out of it must die with it, and that we must be in fact as we are in name, the united brotherhood of free men.

Our country finds itself confronted by conditions for which there is no precedent in the history of the world; our annual agricultural production amount to billions of dollars in value, which must within a few weeks or months be exchanged for billions of dollars of commodities consumed in their production; the existing currency supply is wholly inadequate to make this exchange; the results are falling prices, the formation of combines and rings and the impoverishment of the producing class. We pledge ourselves that, if given power, we will labor to correct these evils by wise and reasonable legislation in accordance with the terms of our platform. We believe that the powers of government—in other words, of the people—should be expanded in the case of the

service) as rapidly and as far as the good sense of an intelligent people and the teachings of experience shall justify, to the end that oppression, injustice and poverty shall eventually cease in the land.

While our sympathies as a party of reform are naturally upon the side of every proposition which will tend to make men intelligent, virtuous and temperate, we nevertheless regard these questions, important as they are, as secondary to the great issues now pressing for solution, and upon which not only our individual prosperity, but the very existence of free institutions depend; and we ask all men to first help us to determine whether we are to have a republic to administer, before we differ as to the conditions upon which it is to be administered. Believing that the forces of reform this day organized will never cease to move forward until every wrong is remedied, and equal rights and equal privileges securely established for all men and women of the country, therefore:

WE DECLARE

First—That the union of the labor forces of the United States, this day consummated, shall be permanent and perpetual. May its spirit enter into all hearts for the salvation of the republic and the uplifting of mankind.

Second—Wealth belongs to him who creates it, and every dollar taken from industry without an equivalent is robbery. "If any will not work, neither shall he eat." The interests of rural and civic labor are the same; their enemies identical.

Third—We believe that the time has come when the railroad corporations will either own the people or the people must own the railroads, and should the government enter upon the work of owning and managing any or all railroads, we should favor an amendment to the constitution by which all persons engaged in the government service shall be placed under a civil service regulation of the most rigid character; so as to prevent the increase of the power of the national administration by the use of such additional government employees.

PLATFORM.

We demand a national currency, safe, sound and flexible, issued by the general government only, a full legal tender for all debts, public and private, and that without the use of banking corporations; that a just, equitable and efficient means of distribution direct to the people, at a tax not to exceed two per cent. per annum, to be provided, as set forth in the subtreasury plan of the Farmers' Alliance, or some better system; also by payments in discharge of its obligations for public improvements.

We demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1.

We demand that the amount of circulating medium be speedily increased to not less than \$50 per capita.

We demand a graduated income tax. We believe that the moneys of the country should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence we demand that all state and national revenues shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the government, economically and honestly administered.

We demand that postal savings banks be established by the government, for the safe deposit of the earnings of the people, and to facilitate exchange.

Transportation being a means of exchange and a public necessity, the government should own and operate the railroads in the interest of the people.

The telegraph and telephone, like the postoffice system being a necessity for transmission of news, should be owned and operated by the government in the interest of the people. The land, including all the natural resources of wealth, is the heritage of all the people, and should not be monopolized for speculative purposes, and alien ownership of land should be prohibited. All lands now held by railroads and other corporations in excess of their actual needs, and all lands now owned by aliens, should be reclaimed by the government and held for actual settlers only.

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