

FEBRUARY—1897.

Calendar grid for February 1897 with days of the week and dates.

THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

MARION, the youngest of the three daughters of President and Mrs. Cleveland, was christened at the white house on the 11th.

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT, of the bureau of labor, has transmitted to congress, in obedience to a joint resolution directing the investigation, a report relative to the employment of men, women and children in the United States.

THE postmaster-general has issued an order establishing the house-to-house mail collection and sale of stamps by carriers to patrons at Omaha, Neb.

PRESIDENT and Mrs. Cleveland gave their annual reception to the army and navy and marine corps at the white house on the night of the 11th. It was the final state reception of the official term of Mr. Cleveland.

THE close of the second week in February found the deficit in the federal treasury for the month \$3,835,063, and for the fiscal year—that is, since July 1—\$47,689,854. Nearly every day in February has shown an excess of expenditures over receipts.

A WASHINGTON special on the 13th said that the retinue of ex-Queen Liliuokalani were greatly alarmed by warnings that an effort would be made to assassinate the ex-queen, because as long as she lives she is an obstacle to the cause of the annexationists in the Hawaiian islands.

GENERAL NEWS.

GEN. JO O. SHELBY, the noted ex-confederate general, died at Adrian, Mo., on the 13th, aged 66 years.

PROF. J. EDWARDS was arrested near Waco, Tex., on the charge of having murdered D. Lucas and John Day near Blackburn, Ok., a year ago by shooting them through a window at night.

EX-CONGRESSMAN SMEDLEY DARLINGTON has been arrested at Westchester, Pa., on a charge of embezzlement arising from the financial troubles of the Westchester Guarantee, Trust & Safe Deposit Co., of which he was recently president. Darlington is well known in Kansas and Missouri, having loaned thousands of dollars on real estate in those states.

THE Alabama legislature passed a bill and the governor has signed it exempting cotton factories hereafter to be built in that state from taxation for ten years.

A DELEGATION representing the Transmississippi and International exposition left Omaha, Neb., on the 15th to appear before the legislatures of Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming and Utah and afterwards to visit Montana and the coast states.

THE most malignant type of measles has been epidemic for over a month throughout Jasper, Clark, Cumberland and adjoining counties in Illinois and was reported on the 11th as growing more serious. The public schools at Toledo and many country schools had been closed.

A DISPATCH from Canton, O., stated that Chauncey M. Depew, the noted New Yorker, had been practically decided upon as ambassador to Great Britain.

MALVERN, Ark., has been almost wiped out by a fire.

LEWIS MILLER, living near Okmulgee, I. T., was cremated by his house burning down. He had quarreled and separated from his wife and it was supposed he had set the house on fire and shot himself. Others thought it was a case of murder.

THE Wisconsin Odd Fellows' Mutual Life Insurance Co. at Milwaukee, which was organized in 1869, made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. During the past year over 5,000 members dropped out, which crippled the company so that it could not pay its losses.

OWING to differences between the McBeth Glass Co. and its employes 400 men struck on the 11th. The men claimed that the glass had been so bad for several weeks that they were greatly hampered. The company insisted that the material on hand was good.

BIGHAM CITY, Utah, was visited by a heavy earthquake shock. It was so severe that the bell in the courthouse tapped five or six times.

ELECTRIC wires crossed in William R. Shaefer & Sons' sporting goods store at Boston and set the place on fire. A supply of powder exploded with terrific violence, wrecking the five-story building and blowing out the windows of adjacent stores.

THE waste oil from the Alexandria oil wells, which flows into a creek passing through Elwood, Ind., was set on fire by boys on the 14th and the flames swept through the town and burned two bridges and an elevator, causing a heavy loss.

TWO Italians fought a duel in Lake Front park, Chicago, on the night of the 14th and the challenger, Botiste Melleri, was shot to death by Joseph Bernasconi. The duel was deliberately planned, the men quarreling over the subject of anarchy.

THE police raided the gambling dens of Chinatown, in San Francisco, and arrested 500 Chinamen.

NOTICE of a ten per cent. reduction, to take effect March 1, has been posted at the works of the Pennsylvania Steel Co. at Harrisburg, Pa. It will affect 3,000 hands.

CHARLES BRADLEY, a prisoner being taken to jail at Paris, I. T., jumped from the train while handcuffed and made his escape.

SIX men were crushed to death in the Freeman mine near Gouverneur, N. Y., by a cave-in. Each left large families.

R. E. KILPATRICK, a brakeman, was killed by the cars at Shawnee, I. T. He was coupling and caught his foot in a frog.

GEORGE VOLK and his brother, Andrew, of Wanatah, Ga., were instantly killed by being struck by a Pennsylvania accommodation train. Two ladies, who were in the vehicle with them, escaped with slight injuries, but the team was killed.

THE League of American Wheelmen in annual convention at Albany, N. Y., on the 13th declined to admit professionals, no matter of what standing, to either full or associate membership in the league and also declined by a heavy vote to allow local option for Sunday racing.

A COMPLETE canvass of the Ohio assembly was made by Joe Smith, the confidential secretary of the president-elect. The result was that the supporters of National Chairman Hanna were convinced that if a special session of the assembly is called to elect a successor to Senator Sherman Hanna will be elected by a large majority.

THE statement that the capitol at Springfield, Ill., is unsafe badly frightens members of the legislature. Architects have declared that the foundation is weak and the dome is likely to fall any moment.

THE cashier of the First national bank at Saltsburg, Pa., was held up at noon in the bank on the 13th by a negro and made to hand over \$400. The cashier gave an alarm when the negro left and the robber was captured and the money recovered.

ARTHUR T. GORMAN, of Baltimore, Md., who is said to be a nephew of United States Senator Gorman, was married at Detroit, Mich., on the 12th to Miss Annie Waitman, of the Wood Sisters' Burlesque Vaudeville Co. The marriage was performed on the stage and the bride appeared in tights.

FAILURES for the week ended the 12th (Dun's review) in the United States were 267, against 321 last year.

AN incendiary fire at Plano, Tex., on the 11th burned nearly 30 buildings, including the business part of the city. The loss was upward of \$100,000, with practically no insurance. The post office was destroyed, but the mails were saved.

THE boiler of Wyrick Bros.' sawmill, near Magnolia, Ark., exploded and Calhoun Wyrick, white, and John Lewis, colored, were killed outright. John Wyrick, one of the owners, was fatally scalded and six other mill hands were seriously injured. The explosion was due to want of sufficient water in the boiler.

A TELEGRAM from Sitia, Crete, on the 11th reported that 13 villages were in flames and that the Christians were killing the Mohammedan inhabitants.

THE livery stable of F. M. Gilbert, Jr., and the blacksmith shop adjoining at Jeffersonville, Ind., were burned. The contents of the stable were entirely destroyed and eight horses perished. The fire was supposed to have been incendiary.

A FARMER went down into his potato pit near North Branch, Minn., and was overcome by the deadly gas, two sons and their mother also went in, one at a time, to rescue the others, and were likewise overcome. When help arrived they were dead.

THE much-discussed fancy ball of the Bradley-Martins came off at the Waldorf hotel, New York, on the night of the 10th. The costumes were exquisite and the function eclipsed everything of the kind that had ever taken place before.

THE British bark Mark Curry was burned in Port Dolo, Philippine islands, with 1,300 tons of sugar on board.

AT Homan, Ark., Sam Leigh, a 15-year-old boy, shot and killed Adam Courtwright, his stepfather. Courtwright, in a jealous frenzy, assaulted his wife with a club, inflicting fatal wounds, and the boy tried to protect his mother.

THREE masked men held up two citizens in Huntington, W. Va., on the night of the 9th and Officer Alex McClaskey gave chase and was fatally shot. Bloodhounds were put on the bandits' trail.

THROUGH the collapse of the scaffolding of a viaduct on a railroad in Cornwall, Eng., 12 men fell a distance of 150 feet and were killed.

HON. A. B. CLARK, formerly editor of the Newark American, and a prominent politician, was killed on the 9th by a Toledo & Ohio Central train near Granville. He was walking on the track.

THE international chess tournament at New York between Great Britain and the United States was won by Great Britain by a score of 5 1/2 to 4 1/2.

FIRE broke out in the Roosevelt hospital at New York on the 13th and did \$33,000 damage. Two firemen were hurt, but the rigid discipline of the hospital prevented any excitement among the patients.

THE New York Post denied that there was any combination between the Carnegie Steel Co. and John D. Rockefeller in regard to iron and said that there was no foundation whatever for the report.

J. R. SOVEREIGN, grand master K. of L., has written a letter declaring that secret revolutionary societies, known as the Iron Brotherhood and Industrial Army, are being organized in every part of the country, with their members leagued together to resort to civil war as a means of obtaining remedies for the populace which they cannot secure by the ballot.

MRS. JANE NUBY, aged 103 years, was found frozen to death on the 14th in her farm dwelling in Arlington township, Mich., where she had lived alone for 40 years.

A REPORT comes from Salem, Ark., that an insane man in the asylum in that city is believed to be George Taylor, the escaped murderer of the Meeks family of Missouri.

FIRE at an early hour on the 12th caused a loss of \$100,000 in the building 172 and 174 Madison street, Chicago. Schimpferman's wholesale liquor store and Goster's uniform factory were the heaviest losers.

THE Pittsburgh and western selling agencies of the window-glass manufacturers will advance prices 2 1/2 per cent. beginning March 1 in the central and western districts.

JOSEPH HILDEBRANDT died at Chicago recently from cancer of the throat. He was formerly a farmer near Marysville, Kan., and his wife poisoned her eight children and then strangled herself, on account of her husband's sickness, only one child surviving.

MORTON SHEPHERD, residing near Muncie, Ind., had his barn burned down and 40 tons of hay, 75 head of sheep and lambs, 18 head of hogs, two mules, 700 bushels of wheat, 1,000 bushels of corn and oats and all his farm implements burned. The insurance policies had recently expired.

THE medical institute at Lancaster, O., burned on the 12th. Dr. Julius Simon, of Jackson, W. Va., lost his life.

PAUL WAGNER and his wife were found asphyxiated by coal gas at Milwaukee on the 12th.

LINCOLN'S birthday on the 12th was celebrated by republicans with banquets at Zanesville, O., Chicago, Indianapolis, Ind., Grand Rapids, Mich., St. Paul, Minn., and many other places throughout the country.

THE safe in the Clearfield, Pa., post office was blown open recently and \$1,000 worth of stamps and \$300 in cash stolen.

FIRE broke out in the King & Uhl block at Cleveland, O., and did \$100,000 damage before it was extinguished.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

WILLIAM P. ST. JOHN, one of the champions in the east of free silver and treasurer of the democratic national committee, died at New York on the 14th of a complication of kidney and stomach trouble.

FRANK WIEGAND, one of the oldest switchmen in the employ of the C. & R. I. & St. P. railway, slipped on the icy ground while coupling cars at Rock Island, Ill., and was killed by an engine.

RAIDERS shivered the tollgate to pieces by dynamite near Frankfort, Ky., and aroused the citizens from their slumbers early on the 14th by the tremendous explosion.

CUBAN sympathizers at Tacoma, Wash., recently denounced the Spanish premier and trailed the Spanish flag in the mud and then burned it.

MRS. REBECCA CHRISMAN, aged 75 years, was burned to death at Normal, Ill., while attempting to light her fire.

AB BROOKS was captured near Taylor, Tex., recently. He murdered his stepfather over 13 years ago and a mob shortly afterward captured a man supposed to be Brooks and burned him to death. Brooks admitted that it was an innocent man that suffered and that he is the original Brooks.

THE federal supreme court on the 15th decided the case of Joseph R. Dunlop, editor of the Chicago Dispatch, charged with sending improper matter through the mails. The verdict of the district court, which was against Dunlop, was affirmed.

ALLEN ROLLES was thrown through the roof and William Eldridge through the door by an explosion of powder at Woodland, Pa. One of the men stirred a fire and threw the poker on the floor and it set off two kegs of powder. Both men were terribly if not fatally injured.

IN the senate on the 15th Mr. Morgan's resolution to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty was taken up and debated in secret session, but no action was taken. The bankruptcy bill was read at length and 24 private pension bills were passed. The house passed the sundry civil bill and devoted the evening to pension legislation.

PETER MAHER fought six rounds with C. C. Smith, the "black thunderbolt," at the Empire Athletic club at New York on the 15th and had a narrow escape from defeat. The referee gave the decision to Maher, but it was the general opinion that the big Irishman would have been out in a couple more rounds.

JO O. SHELBY DEAD.

The ex-Confederate General's End Came in a Peaceful Way.

MERWIN, Mo., Feb. 15.—Gen. Jo O. Shelby died at 4:30 o'clock Saturday morning, so peacefully that those who watched at his bedside scarcely realized that the end was at hand until he breathed his last. He remained unconscious to the last, and no word or sign of recognition of those about him came from the dying man. His eyelids had remained closed for some



GEN. JO O. SHELBY.

hours and there was only a relaxation of the features as the hand of death swept across the pallid face.

The remains of Gen. Shelby were interred in Forest Hill cemetery, at Kansas City, on Wednesday at ten o'clock a. m. Funeral services were held from the Central Presbyterian church in that city.

A Biographical Sketch.

Gen. Jo O. Shelby was born in Lexington, Ky., of a distinguished family, in 1831. Though he has been conspicuous as a Missourian for 45 years, yet his is another of the many illustrious names that Kentucky can claim from the annals of fame. His school days were spent at Lexington, Ky., and then at the age of 19 he came to Missouri 53 years ago and settled in Audrain county. The firing upon Fort Sumpter found Capt. Shelby zealous in the southern cause. He was 39 years of age at this time. His strategy and activity brought him promotions in rapid succession. A captain at the outbreak of the war, he became a colonel of cavalry in 1862; in January, 1863, a colonel in command of a brigade; and in May, 1864, a brigadier-general.

Although Shelby was the youngest general on the list, he was given the highest place possible not ranking Gen. Price, when the last Missouri raid was made in 1864. On October 20, Marmaduke and Shelby drove the federals back from Blue river to Westport. On the 23d Shelby received orders to capture Westport, which he did after the most desperate battle he ever fought in Missouri. At the close of the war Gen. Shelby surrendered to the United States through Gen. Buckner. Shelby then gathered about him about 600 men, mostly Missourians, and went to Mexico to join Juarez in the revolution against the Emperor Maximilian.

On February 4, 1894, Gen. Shelby was appointed United States marshal of the Western district of Missouri, and his term does not expire until March, 1898. He leaves a wife and a family of eight children, seven boys and one girl.

SOVEREIGN'S WARNING.

The Knights of Labor Leader Writes a Decidedly Sensational Letter.

DENVER, Col., Feb. 15.—J. R. Sovereign, grand master workman of the Knights of Labor, has written a sensational letter to the Industrial Advocate, with Private Dalzell's exhortation for war with a foreign nation as his text. He declares secret revolutionary societies known as the Iron Brotherhood and the Industrial Army are being organized in every part of the country, with their members leagued together to resort to civil war as a means of obtaining "remedies for the populace" which they cannot secure by the ballot. He deprecates Private Dalzell's talk as being in a line which might tend dangerously to fan this sentiment into an open flame, but asserts that when such revolution comes he will not be "among the cowards nor on the side of the plutocratic classes."

"BELLE OF THE BALL."

Miss Alice Castleman, of Kentucky, Is Crowned as America's Most Beautiful Woman.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The Journal, under the caption, "The Most Beautiful Woman in the United States," publishes a page story concerning Miss Alice Castleman, of Kentucky. In the introductory paragraph it says that at the charity ball here "John J. Astor, to whom fell the honor of selecting the belle of the night, placed the crown upon the head of Miss Castleman, to most New Yorkers unknown, and her he declared not only queen of the ball, but fairest of all the fair."

A BRUTAL CRIME.

A Sedalia Tough Commits a Murderous Assault on His Invalid Wife.

SEDALIA, Mo., Feb. 15.—William Phenix, a tough character, made a most diabolical effort yesterday to murder his wife. Mrs. Phenix, who had been sick in bed during the day, was sitting by the kitchen stove drinking a cup of coffee when her brutal husband arose as if to leave the room, but instead of doing so he grabbed a flatiron from the stove and rained three blows upon her head, the iron fracturing the skull each time. The woman fell almost lifeless to the floor and Phenix fled.

WORK OF CONGRESS.

What Our Senators and Representatives Are Doing at the National Capitol.

THE senate on the 9th spent most of the day in executive session on the arbitration treaty. Senator Morgan (Ala.) holding the floor nearly all the time. A bill was passed to improve the channel of the South pass by closing the crevasse in Pass l'Outre in the Mississippi river. The house agreed to the final conference report on the immigration bill and passed two bills to pension the "remarried widow" of John H. Pat on, of the Seventh Illinois, and also the "remarried widow" of Maj. Albert B. Soule, of the Twenty-Third Maine volunteers. Both the bills had been previously vetoed by the president. The senate amendments to a bill giving the settlers on 15,000 acres of swamp lands in Mississippi preference right of entry for one year was agreed to. A bill was also passed to prevent the fraudulent use of the word "copyright" on books and other publications.

SENATOR MORGAN (Ala.) announced in the senate on the 10th his withdrawal of the Nicaragua canal bill. The agricultural appropriation bill was taken up and, after an amendment by Senator Thurston (Neb.) to appropriate \$5,000 for continuing the beet sugar experiments was agreed to, the bill passed. It appropriates \$3,255,500. The house bill was passed extending the time for complying with the requirements of the act forfeiting railroad lands. It applies to lands along the Northern Pacific. Senator Tillman (S. C.) called up the bill limiting the effect of the federal laws on the liquor traffic, so as to give each state absolute control of the subject. It caused a lively debate, which was cut off by the time arriving for the senators to participate with the house in counting the electoral vote. In the house the electoral vote was formally counted by the joint session of the house and senate, Vice President Stevenson presiding and Speaker Reed sitting at his side. There was a round of applause, both on the floor and in the galleries, when the announcement was made as follows: For president—McKinley, 271; Bryan, 176. For vice president—Hobart, 271; Sewall, 149; Watson, 57. The house passed the senate bill relating to the carrying of obscene matter by express companies and it has gone to the president for signature.

THE senate on the 11th passed the greater part of the day in debating the Anglo-American arbitration treaty. Senator Turpie (Ind.) speaking in favor of and Senator Morgan (Ala.) in opposition to its ratification. The diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was passed and the 17th was fixed for a final vote on the conference report on the immigration bill. Bills fixing the time and place for federal trials in Oklahoma territory and providing for the retirement of enlisted men of the army and navy after 30 years' continuous service at three-quarters pay were also passed. The house passed the fortifications bill and made some headway with the post office appropriation bill. But the major portion of the day was consumed in a political debate on the financial question which was presented by a provision in a bill providing for funding the debt of the territories.

THE Indian appropriation bill was reported to the senate on the 12th. A resolution was passed requesting Secretary Olney to use his influence in bettering the condition of Sylvester Scofield, the newspaper correspondent imprisoned in Cuba. Senator Morgan (Ala.) offered a resolution for the abolition of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty with England. A bill was passed authorizing the appointment of an additional judge of the United States court in the Indian territory. The rest of the day passed in discussing the Anglo-American arbitration treaty. The house debated the post office appropriation bill and afterwards passed it. It carries \$35,425,714.

THE senate spent most of the 13th considering the arbitration treaty, but absolutely no progress was made in the matter and there was such a diversity of opinion revealed about the treaty that little hope is left for its ratification during the session of the present congress. A resolution was passed authorizing the secretary of the navy to place a vessel at the disposal of the San Francisco chamber of commerce to convey corn to the fami-hung poor of India. Senator Allen (Neb.) introduced a resolution asking the civil service commission about certain discharges of government employes at Omaha, Neb. A resolution was agreed to for a commission to investigate the issue of patents in the Perrine land grant in Florida. The house resumed consideration of the sundry civil bill and Mr. Dockery (Mo.) secured the extravagant appropriations of the present house. Mr. Sayers (Tex.) also followed in the same strain. Mr. DeArmond (Mo.), in the discussion, took occasion to criticize the supreme court's decision declaring the income tax unconstitutional and then made some remarks against the government's attitude towards Cuba that produced several bursts of applause from the members.

A DOMESTIC TRAGEDY.

John Marrs Kills a Son and Daughter and Then Commits Suicide.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 15.—The bloodiest domestic tragedy ever happening here took place at 7:45 this morning when John Marrs killed his four-year-old son John, shot his 14-year-old daughter Helen (who may recover), tried to kill his sister Ida, and then cut his own throat from ear to ear. Marrs was about 40 years old and had been a member of the firm of M. Kaufman & Co., clothiers, for years and was considered one of the safest and most promising of Lexington's younger business men. Ten years ago John Marrs showed signs of insanity and was placed in an eastern Kentucky asylum, but was discharged as cured after six months. He was taken violently ill a month ago with a peculiar headache and was to have been taken to a physician.

HEAVY GOLD SHIPMENTS.

Western Bankers Sending Quantities of It to New York by Mail.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Postmaster Dayton said that it is true of late there have been unusually large shipments of gold from the west for delivery through the post office to the banks in this city. Some idea of the volume of these shipments may be gained when it is understood that the value of the coin received by registered mail and delivered from the general post office since January 28 aggregated \$1,540,000. This was divided in lots.

Treasury Deficit Growing.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The close of the second week in February finds the deficit for the month \$3,835,063, and for the fiscal year—that is, since July 1—\$47,689,854. Nearly every day in February has shown an excess of expenditures over receipts. At this rate the deficit for two-thirds of the year will be \$50,000,000. There is now \$146,000,283 of gold in the treasury and \$70,000,000 of all other kinds of money.