

THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

SECRETARY CARLISLE, Postmaster-General Wilson and the members of the Virginia congressional delegation left Washington on a special train for Winchester, Va., to attend the funeral of the late Hon. Randolph Tucker on the 16th.

The supreme council of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial union at Washington on the 17th elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Mann Page, Virginia; vice president, C. Vincent, Indianapolis, Ind.; secretary-treasurer, W. P. Bricker, Pennsylvania.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has been informed that the friends of the arbitration treaty considered it advisable not to attempt to force its passage by this congress, as a vote now would probably result in its defeat. Mr. Cleveland expressed his disappointment.

The national congress of mothers opened at Washington on the 17th. After organizing and accomplishing some routine business a recess was taken by the members to call on Mrs. Cleveland, who had tendered them a formal reception.

GEN. ALFRED PLEASANTON, the famous cavalry leader, who had long been ill, died at Washington on the 17th.

The First Baptist church at Washington was crowded on the 18th by attendants at the mothers' congress. Mrs. Ballington Booth conducted the devotional exercises. Many prominent women discussed the best way to bring up children.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL WILSON has announced that he has accepted the presidency of the Washington and Lee university at Lexington, Va. He will assume the duties on July 1.

The last evening reception of this administration was given by President and Mrs. Cleveland at the white house on the 18th for the benefit of the general public. The crowd was a record breaker in point of attendance, it being estimated that between 5,000 and 6,000 persons were in line during the two hours.

SECRETARY OLNEY sounded the British government about the amendments which have been proposed to the arbitration treaty in the senate. Ambassador Bayard stated that Lord Salisbury cared little about the amendments eliminating King Oscar of Norway and Sweden and reaffirming the Monroe doctrine, but the British were surprised at the objection raised in the senate and attributed it to political and personal motives rather than to serious opposition to the general idea of arbitration.

The mothers' congress at Washington on the 19th passed many resolutions and listened to the reading of papers bearing on the bringing up of children and then adjourned to meet again in Washington next year.

The postmasters and the patrons at every one of the 44 post offices where rural free delivery has been in operation have endorsed the plan and the postmaster-general will make a special report to congress concerning the experiment.

GILES Y. CRENSHAW, of Maysville, Mo., has been nominated by the president successor to the late Gen. Jo Shelby as United States marshal for the Western Missouri district.

GENERAL NEWS.

By the explosion of natural gas in the press room of the Chicago Chronicle six persons were burned, two of them dangerously. The explosion was caused by a leak in the pipes.

A MOB of about 150 colored men assembled at the Guthrie, Ok., depot for the purpose of lynching Eldridge Preston, colored, who shot another colored man, but the sheriff and his deputies outwitted them.

Gov. THORNTON has placed a company of infantry on guard at the penitentiary at Santa Fe, N. M., on account of the discovery of a plot to blow up the building so as to liberate four members of the Borrego gang, under sentence of death for murder.

REPUBLICANS, including Messrs. McKinley, Hanna and Carnegie, proposed to raise a fund of \$100,000 for the benefit of the family of Col. J. R. Fellows, of New York, who recently died from a cold caught while stumping the south for the Palmer and Buckner ticket.

The loss to the Texas & Pacific Coal Co. from the recent fire at Thurber, Tex., was the tippie and engine-room and engine and hoist of shaft No. 5, part of the fanhouse and 11 mules suffocated.

The failures in the United States for the week ended the 19th were, according to Bradstreet's report, \$25, against \$76 the same week last year.

The seventh annual convention of the National Alliance Aid association was called to order at Dallas, Tex., on the 18th by President Wardell. About 40 delegates and members, representing six states, were present. The following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year: President, A. Wardell, of Topeka, Kan.; vice president, Evan Jones, of Dublin, Tex.; second vice president, Helen S. Johnson, of Pennsylvania; secretary, S. D. Cooley, of Topeka, Kan.

FOURTEEN persons were badly poisoned in a boarding house at Humboldt, Ia., by eating canned raspberries.

Two children, Nora Cain, aged four, and a two-year-old brother, set fire to the grass in the yard near Shaner, Ok., during their mother's absence and were burned to death.

The eastbound Norfolk & Western express was wrecked through a wash-out near Lovelette, O., on the 21st and three trainmen were probably fatally injured.

The county infirmary at Canfield, O., was burned on the 21st. One of the insane patients was cremated, but the 235 others were all rescued.

A TRAIN in two sections on the C., St. P., M. & O. road, while backing up to recouple near Ponca, Neb., collided. Several cars were derailed and the wreck caught fire and Michael Waters, a traveling salesman, was pinned under the debris and so badly burned that he will die.

Gov. BUSHNELL, of Ohio, has published a statement that when Senator Sherman resigned to enter President McKinley's cabinet Marcus A. Hanna would be appointed as United States senator in Sherman's place.

JOSEPH MURDOCK, of Scott county, Va., who was supposed to have been murdered 25 years ago, and for which crime Bud Lindsay served 21 years in the Virginia penitentiary, has returned to his former home. Lindsay died recently.

The attorney-general of Nebraska has rendered an opinion declaring that the curfew law in force in a number of towns in the state is unconstitutional.

The squadrons of the united powers bombarded Canea, the Cretan capital, on the 21st to prevent Greece occupying it.

The annual exhibition of the National Carnation society opened at Cincinnati with over 15,000 blooms. The decorating committee used 2,000 carnations and two miles of asparagus, fern and smilax on the banquet hall.

JUDGE E. A. THOMAS, a leading lawyer of Falls City, Neb., was run over and killed by a train while he was crossing the track.

The general conference of Seventh Day Adventists commenced at Lincoln, Neb., on the 19th, delegates being present from Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and all portions of the United States. President Olsen made an address, in which he reviewed the work done by the denomination.

The Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railway elevator "A" at Toledo, O., was destroyed by fire on the night of the 19th, entailing a loss of \$355,000. About 325,000 bushels of wheat in the elevator and in 60 unloaded cars went up in smoke.

The National Editorial association adjourned at Galveston, Tex., on the 19th to meet at Denver, Col., next year. Louis Holtman, of Brazil, Ind., was elected president; J. E. Junkin, of Sterling, Kan., first vice president, and W. J. M. Page, of Jerseyville, Ill., corresponding secretary.

JAMES A. GARY, of Baltimore, Md., had an interview with President-elect McKinley at Canton, O., on the 19th and then stated to an Associated press reporter that Mr. McKinley had tendered him a portfolio in his cabinet, but which one had not been definitely decided.

M. A. HANNA will contest in the Ohio legislature next winter for the full term in the United States senate. His supporters have already organized his campaign. The hope that Gov. Bushnell may appoint Hanna to fill the unexpired term of Senator Sherman has practically been abandoned.

The Colorado house, by a vote of 32 to 15, passed the high hat bill. Three women representatives voted for the bill and their votes created some applause. The bill provides for a penalty of \$10 for the first offense of wearing a high hat in a theater and as high as \$50 in aggravated cases.

A CLAY bank near Rock Island, Ill., caved in and buried three workmen. One was taken out dead and the other two were seriously injured.

THERE was a great gathering at a Charleston, S. C., hotel on the night of the 18th, where the chamber of commerce served their annual banquet, with Secretary Herbert as the guest of honor. The secretary, with Adm. Bunce and his staff, the captains and executive officers of the war ships and the governor of South Carolina were invited guests.

MR. HANNA declared to an Associated press reporter on the 17th that he would not be a member of President McKinley's cabinet.

AFTER a four hours' debate, full of feeling and often bitter with personalities, the bill allowing the women the right of suffrage went to a vote in the Oklahoma house on the 18th and was defeated by a vote of 11 to 13, the majority of the populists fighting it hard.

A RECENT dispatch to the Madrid Imparcial from Havana stated that the opinion was prevalent in Cuba that the proposed reforms in the island will have absolutely no influence on the war.

CHARLES N. CREWSON, of the University of Chicago, has received a letter from Chairman James K. Jones, of the democratic national committee, urging upon him the importance of reorganizing the Bryan League of College clubs and starting at once a "campaign of education" in the interests of free silver for the presidential election of 1900. Senator Jones stated that he had written similar letters to other educational institutions in various parts of the country.

A BABY girl was born to ex-President and Mrs. Harrison at Indianapolis, Ind., on the 21st.

A SNOWSLIDE at Pitkin, Col., killed Martin Mentley and seriously injured J. W. Brigham while asleep in their cabin near the Cleopatra mine.

A FIRE broke out in Beares' dry goods store at Grand Forks, N. D., at two o'clock on the morning of the 21st, with the mercury 25 degrees below zero, and did damage to the amount of \$225,000. There were many narrow escapes of people in scanty clothing.

A DISPATCH from Middlesboro, Ky., on the 21st stated that a most disastrous flood had visited that valley, many people being forced out of their homes. Railroad bridges had been washed away and trains water-bound. Near Powell's river James Chadwell and his family were drowned, the flood sweeping away his house.

CHUNG SING, a Chinaman, was hanged at San Quentin, Cal., on the 17th for three atrocious murders.

KID O'BRIEN, of Arkansas, knocked out Chess Allen, of St. Joseph, Mo., in the 14th round of a contest for 15 rounds at Hot Springs, Ark.

JOHN CIRCLELEZ started to make a fire at five o'clock on the morning of the 19th and got the gasoline can instead of the coal oil can. In an instant there was an explosion and the house was set on fire. John Circlelez's family and his brother Jacob's family were seriously burned. At the hospital it was thought that five out of the eight persons injured would die.

DANIEL MCCARTHY was hanged at Chicago on the 19th for the murder of his wife on May 12, 1896. She had separated from him on account of his drunken habits and on her refusal to live with him, he shot her at her mother's house while he was in a state of intoxication.

WHILE a force of workmen were lowering a boiler into a Spanish cruiser at the naval yards in Cadiz on the 18th the tacking gave way and the boiler fell on the men, killing six and seriously injuring ten others.

The residence of Thomas Brownowski at Iron River, Mich., was gutted by fire on the 18th and two young children who were in the house at the time were burned to death. The mother had left the children locked in.

JAMES A. GARY, of Ellicott City, Md., it was stated on alleged authoritative information, will be McKinley's postmaster-general.

The woman suffrage amendment was lost in the Nevada assembly on the 16th by a vote of 15 to 5.

The special reporter of the Associated press, who has visited the famine stricken districts of India, states that children are deserted and left to forage for themselves and that the mortality is awful at Banda, the blackest spot of the Bundelkund province, where, out of a population of 700,000, 200,000 are receiving relief and the number is expected to reach 300,000.

The motormen and conductors on the street railways at Galveston, Tex., struck on the 17th for an increase in wages.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

The congress of the Daughters of the Revolution opened at Washington on the 23d. The president-general, Mrs. Stevenson, wife of the vice president of the United States, called the meeting to order and her address was responded to by Mrs. Elroy M. Avery, state regent of Ohio.

JAMES ASHTON, a brakeman, tried to dislodge a tramp, who was stealing a ride on a freight train near Hawkins, Tex., and a desperate fight ensued and Hawkins was killed.

MICHAEL GLEASON, aged 85, residing at Galena, Ind., started to transfer a flock of 40 sheep from one lot to another, and was letting down the bars of a fence, when a ram dashed at him and butted him to the ground. While lying prostrate, the other sheep followed and trampled him to death.

REV. PETER WALLACE died at Chicago recently, aged 84. He was for over 40 years a noted methodist preacher and raised a company of soldiers in 1861 in Sangamon county, Ill., for the Seventy-Third regiment, known as the "Preacher regiment," all of the officers of which were clergymen.

The Paris Gaulois stated on the 22d that the powers had entrusted to Italy the authority to pacify and administer the affairs of Crete pending the establishment of constitutional autonomy for the island.

The annual meeting of the National Reform Press association was called to order at Memphis, Tenn., by President Paul Vandervoort, of Nebraska. Nearly every southern and western state was represented.

A SECTION of the elevated seats at a circus at Brownsville, Tex., collapsed and precipitated 300 persons to the ground. Six persons may die. Many others were badly bruised.

The senate on the 22d listened to the reading by Mr. Daniel of Washington's farewell address and then turned its attention to the Indian appropriation bill, the clause directing temporary contracts for sectarian schools being agreed to. The house passed the general deficiency bill and then took up the naval bill.

The president has issued 13 proclamations setting aside certain timber lands in South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, California and Utah as forest reservations.

The populist editors who believe in fusion with the democracy and are opposed to Paul Vandervoort, met at Kansas City, Mo., on the 23d, A. Rozelle calling the meeting to order.

ENDED HIS LIFE.

B. R. BACON, a Cousin of Gen. H. A. Alger, Committed Suicide in a Kansas City Hotel. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 22.—B. R. Bacon, 50 years old, a cousin of Gen. Russell A. Alger, who will be secretary of war under President McKinley, committed suicide by shooting himself in the right temple in a room at the Midland hotel at 1:10 o'clock this morning. He used a .32-caliber revolver. The bullet cut a hole through his temple and grazed his brain, but death did not come for an hour. At the end of a long life Bacon brooded over his trouble and in the early hour of morning decided to end it all. He had lost a fortune of over \$100,000 and been divorced from his wife. Bacon was connected with the firm of Bulene, Moore, Emery & Co. during the early days of that institution, and when the Doggett Dry Goods Co. was started here he became its business manager. Afterward he was a leading spirit in several different mercantile enterprises. His first wife died seven years ago. Soon after he married a woman much younger than himself, and this so angered the relatives of his first wife, who were backing Bacon financially, that they withdrew their support and his fortune gradually slipped away from him.

TO WRITE OF HIMSELF.

President Cleveland Will Devote the Next Few Years to an Autobiography. CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—The Post's Washington special says: President Cleveland recently told a personal friend that he was going to devote his spare time during the next few years, or an indefinite period, to the writing of a book on autobiographical lines, dating from his election to the mayoralty of Buffalo down to the 4th of March, 1897. He says he is going to live the life of a retired gentleman, so far as he may be permitted to do so, and will not engage in the practice of law. He has now arrived at the age of nearly 60 years and, being in the possession of a comfortable competence, will devote the remainder of his life to private pursuits.

FIRING ON CANEA.

Squadrons of the Allied Powers Attack the Cretan Capital. CANEA, Crete, Feb. 22.—The squadrons of the united powers yesterday began active hostilities by bombarding the insurgents' camp outside of Canea. Before doing so the admirals notified King George of their purpose unless Grecian occupation of Crete ceased. King George responded to this notice, as he has to prior notices of the same sort, that Turkish outrages of the Greek and Christian residents in Crete demanded Grecian interference. First the war vessels opened fire with two rounds of blank cartridges. This failing to intimidate the insurgents encamped on the scene the actual bombardment began.

SHE BACKED OUT.

Miss Kenny Answered a Matrimonial Ad., but the Man Was Not Up to Her Standard. WINONA, Minn., Feb. 22.—Mazie T. Kenny, a pretty young woman from Elroy, Wis., came here yesterday in answer to a matrimonial advertisement of a widower without children and with an established business, desiring a wife. The man proved to be C. L. Mack, of Stewartville, Minn., a drayman. Miss Kenny found he was from the country and had neither money nor style, so the proposed wedding was declared off. She is apparently a girl from a refined home and well to do parents, as she claims.

BENJAMIN'S NEW ROLE.

Ex-President Harrison Becomes the Father of a Baby Girl. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 22.—Benjamin Harrison has solved the problem as to what we shall do with our ex-presidents. The latest ex-president took unto himself Mrs. Dimmitt, a widow, for a wife, just a trifle over ten months ago, and at 5:30 yesterday morning a baby girl came. It weighed just 8½ pounds.

For Col. Fellows' Family.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—It was while stumping the south for the Palmer and Buckner ticket that Col. J. R. Fellows caught the cold that probably caused his death, and republicans, including Messrs. McKinley, Hanna and Carnegie, have promised to contribute for his family \$50,000, which sum it is proposed to raise to \$100,000. Col. Fellows gave away nearly all his money and there is a \$20,000 mortgage on the home. Edward Lauterbach is the father of the relief movement, and he and Senator Platt are pushing it.

Found in a Hot Springs Sewer.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 22.—An inquest was held this morning on the body of Robert Muerling, of Chicago, which was found yesterday jammed in a sewer main. Investigation strengthens the belief that he was murdered, as it would have been impossible for him to have replaced the cap on the manhole if it had been suicide. The body was decayed so badly that the jury is unable to determine yet in what manner he met death.

Russin Is Against Greece.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 22.—The obstinacy of Greece is causing irritation here. The Novoe Vremya expresses the general feeling and policy of the government in saying that the powers have no idea of altering the policy they have taken. If needs be, the Greek battalions will be disbanded by them and Greece placed in a painful situation by being blockaded.

THE CONVENTION ADJOURNS.

National Congress of Mothers Finish a Most Successful Convention—Compliment to Mrs. Cleveland. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—After a very successful and enthusiastic meeting of three days the Mothers' congress last night finished its work and adjourned to meet next year in Washington. This city will be the general headquarters of the new organization, and the meeting every other year will take place here, while in the alternate years it will be held at some city to be chosen by the congress. Before adjourning a long series of resolutions were adopted. They are in part as follows: To indorse the work of the Universal Peace union, and second, the suggestion to the mothers' instructors and citizens of America that lessons of peace must first be taught by harmony at the hearth; approve the founding of a national training school for mothers, that the women of America may be taught the methods for making hygienic homes and for becoming intelligent mothers—in a word, that they may be taught the lessons of health and heredity; promise to encourage legislation in the various states and territories to secure a kindergarten department in the public schools; declare it their endeavor to exclude from their homes those papers which do not educate or inspire to noble thoughts and deeds; protest against all pictures and displays which tend to degrade men and women or corrupt or deprave the minds of the young, and all advertisements which offend decency; petition congress to raise the age of protection for girls in the District of Columbia and the territories to 18 years at least; exhort all mothers to a closer walk with "Our Father and Mother God, in whose nurture and admonition our children must be brought up if life is ever to be worth living;" express appreciation for the reception accorded to the congress by Mrs. Cleveland, "who stands before the country as the gracious and beautiful ideal of motherhood." They feel that she, in her life, has exemplified the principles for which this congress stands.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT.

General Trade Improved—Corn, Pork and Lard Advance—Wheat and Oats Lower—Failures. NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Bradstreet's trade report says: General trade shows more improvement, features of which are the advances for Bessemer pig iron, steel billets, steel rails, some grades of wool, raw sugar, Indian corn, pork and lard, and for print clothes, with an upward tendency for leather, together with a number of metal and textile industrial establishments which have reported within the week, and an improvement in recent railway earnings. Among the more important staples for which prices have decreased are: Wheat, flour, oats, coffee, cotton, rosin and turpentine. The unexpected weakness in wheat and wheat flour prices forms the best evidence of the lack of confidence by the trade and general public in official reports of the size of the domestic wheat crop last year. Total business failures throughout the country have increased, numbering 325 this week, compared with 301 last week, 276 in the third week of February, 1896, 327 in the like week in 1895; 235 in the corresponding period in 1894, and 292 in the like week of 1893. There were 192 suspensions and failures of banks, bankers and loan and trust companies in the United States, as reported to Bradstreet's last year, compared with 135 in 1895, only 49 in 1894, and as contrasted with 568 in the panic year, 1893, when the total of estimated liabilities, amounting to more than \$170,000,000, was less than total indicated assets. Only one-third the number of banks (national, state, savings, private and trust companies) failed or suspended last year than were reported embarrassed in 1893, and the reduction in total estimated liabilities was in the same proportion. But that such embarrassments were in one sense more serious in 1896 than in 1893 is plain, as total indicated assets of embarrassed banks in 1896 were \$9,000,000 smaller than the total estimated liabilities.

MRS. GOUGAR'S PLEA.

Argues Before the Indiana Supreme Court for the Right of Women to Vote. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Helen Gougar, the suffragist, yesterday made the third oral argument ever presented to the supreme court by a woman. She appealed to the court to declare that women have an equal right with men to vote at general elections. At the general election in the fall of 1894 Mrs. Gougar offered to vote in the precinct in which she lives at Lafayette, on being refused, brought suit to compel the election officers to receive her ballot. The court refused her petition and she appealed. Yesterday she declared her suit to be a plea for freedom in a government which derives all its powers from the consent of the governed.

EDITORS ELECT OFFICERS.

Junkin, of Kansas, Elected Vice President of the National Association. GALVESTON, Tex., Feb. 20.—The 12th annual session of the National Editorial association adjourned to meet next year at Denver. The following officers were elected: President, Louis Holtman, Brazil, Ind.; first vice president, J. E. Junkin, Sterling, Kansas; recording secretary, Arthur E. Pierce, A. O. U. W. Record, Denver, Col.; corresponding secretary, W. J. M. Page, Jerseyville, Ill.; treasurer, J. G. Gibbs, Norwalk, O. About 300 editors left for Mexico yesterday.

A Miscreant Murdered from Ambush.

LEBANON, Mo., Feb. 20.—Joseph Worley, a farmer who lived 2½ miles from Eldredge, was murdered at seven o'clock last night. His assailant, who appears to have laid in ambush, fired a charge of buckshot into Worley's side. The man fell, mortally wounded, but in order to make sure of his work the assassin seems to have deliberately driven a large wire nail into his victim's brain.