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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The federal supreme court decided a case on the 24th, holding that the interstate commerce commission has no power to prescribe rates on railroads which may control in the future. The decision was construed to mean that the interstate commerce commission cannot pass upon rates before they are put into effect.

The expected decision of the United States supreme court in what is known as the Nebraska maximum freight case was not rendered on the 24th, and, as the court adjourned for the term, a decision cannot be announced before next autumn.

The trial of H. O. Havemeyer, president of the American Sugar Refining Co., for refusing to answer the questions of the senate sugar investigating committee, began at Washington on the 25th.

The most significant development in weather forecasting for years, making it possible to forecast for a period at least 16 hours longer than at present and more accurately, has been attained by the weather bureau by sending up kites. Chief Moore said that this step probably will mark a new epoch in the weather forecasting problem.

SECRETARY WILSON has sent to the senate committee on agriculture a communication in which he declares his opposition to the senate bill regulating vivisections. He says the passage of such a law would have a most injurious effect upon the scientific investigations of the department and that this legislation is unanimously opposed by the great scientific bodies of the United States.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY'S Cuban policy was said to be rapidly coming to a head and that in view of the tremendous importance of the Spanish mission in the near future he had decided to raise it to an embassy and to offer the place to ex-President Benjamin Harrison. Very soon the president will submit a proposition to Spain, and suggest absolute freedom for Cuba, with an indemnity of \$150,000,000 for Spain.

The Washington jury which tried the case of H. A. Havemeyer, the sugar king, returned a verdict of not guilty, in accordance with the instructions of the court. Havemeyer was on trial for refusing to answer questions propounded by the senate investigating committee.

GENERAL NEWS.

SEVEN hundred convicts, comprising the jute mill force, in the prison at San Quentin, Cal., recently rebelled at the prison fare and refused to work unless an improvement in the menu was promised. The prisoners were ordered placed in solitary confinement on bread and water until they agreed to conform to prison rules.

JOHN F. JOHNSON, late president and cashier of the State national bank of Logansport, Ind., who pleaded guilty to embezzling over \$200,000 of the bank's funds, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the Ohio state penitentiary on the 28th by Judge Baker, of the United States court for the district of Indiana.

A TELEGRAM on the 28th stated that the king of Greece was practically barricaded in his palace at Athens and that he was making preparations to leave that city in order to evade the fury of the populace.

DESIBO BRUNO, the well-known bicyclist, was killed at Chicago on the 28th by a fall from his wheel.

THERE were 257 business failures in the United States for the week ended the 28th, according to Bradstreet's report, against 227 for the corresponding week last year.

The Canadian government is preparing a bill to submit to parliament, which provides for the taking of a plebiscite on the prohibition question.

The National Republican league has served notice upon the league in the western silver states that delegates to the National Republican league convention in Detroit, Mich., in July must be in accord with the party platform.

DURING a display of fireworks at Nantes, France, the other night four persons were killed and a score injured by the explosion of a bomb.

JAMES T. QUICK, an inmate of the soldiers' home at Lafayette, Ind., made a murderous assault upon Commandant McGrew with a knife. Capt. Havens came to McGrew's rescue and beat Quick into insensibility, but not until he (Havens) had his right ear cut off.

FIRE recently destroyed the William H. Bunge vinegar factory at Chicago, one of the largest in the west. Loss, \$175,000.

WILLIAM T. POWERS and John Lattimore, both colored, were hanged in the jail at Chicago on the 28th.

THE Atlantic express, eastbound, on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, collided with a freight train near Grand Junction, Col., on the 28th and the engineer and fireman were killed and several passengers injured.

ALL the journeymen bakers of Fort Wayne, Ind., struck recently for an increase of wages and the use of the label.

THE secretary of the treasury spoke at the dinner given to the commercial clubs of St. Louis, Chicago and Boston by the commercial club of Cincinnati on the 28th. The subject of the discourse was the tariff and the public finances and the secretary said upon the settlement of these two questions enterprise waited and industry languished, but the future was bright.

AN engine and five cars on the Pennsylvania railroad were derailed at Philadelphia the other night, causing the death of the engineer and fireman.

NEAR Tecumseh, Ok., John Stibbins accidentally shot and killed his two-year-old niece. Stibbins had started out of his dug-out with his gun and the hammer hit against a bed post. The gun was discharged and six shots took effect.

THERE was a desperate shooting fray at the little town of Oakman, Ala., on the 27th. Charles Williams, a machinist, while intoxicated, became boisterous in Appling Bros.' store and was ordered out. He then drew his revolver and began shooting, in which the other side joined in. Isaac Appling and Williams were killed and Andrew Richards, Montgomery Appling and William Duncan were probably fatally wounded.

PRIVATE advices stated that the far-away province of Kweisun, China, was the scene of an attack upon the Christian missions recently, and that Rev. Father Mazel, who was in charge of the chapel at Loli, was murdered. It was feared that other whites were massacred.

ON the 27th at Webster City, Ia., was closed the most successful district convention of Christian churches ever held. The committee on resolutions severely censured Gov. Drake and the state legislature for the part they had taken in compromising with the saloon element in passing the manufacturing bill and making it a law.

A HEAD-END collision between a freight and a passenger train at American Falls, 25 miles west of Pocatello, Ida., caused the death so far as known of nine men and the serious injury of eight others. Two of the latter will die.

MRS. ELSIE NEUMILLER, of Milwaukee, crazed by domestic troubles, gave her eight-year-old son carbolic acid and then took a dose herself. She is dead, but the boy may recover, as he rejected a portion of the dose when it was given to him.

REPRESENTATIVES of independent telephone companies throughout the central and western states met in Chicago recently for the purpose of effecting a national organization of all the independent telephone companies in the United States to combat the Bell Telephone Co. and to protect the smaller exchanges against any action that might be taken in the courts by the Bell company in reference to the recent Berliner decision by the United States supreme court.

THERE was a meeting of prominent grain growers recently at Versailles, Ky., with a view to organizing a farmer's trust, comprising Kentucky, Tennessee and Indiana and other states, to regulate the price of the winter wheat crop. A convention was to be held at Louisville, and farmers believed they could force the millers and get their own price.

SNELL & BACON'S elevator at Assumption, Ill., was burned the other day.

FREDERICK DE LA TOUR BOOTH-TUCKER, commander of the Salvation army in the United States, was convicted of maintaining a disorderly house at the big army barracks in West Fourteenth street at New York on the 26th. Sentence was postponed. Complaint was made by residents of the neighborhood of the barracks, who alleged that they were greatly disturbed by the singing and band playing at the army meetings.

A LEVEE broke at El Paso, Tex., on the 25th and the waters rushed through the streets, flooding the houses of hundreds of families. Not less than 120 houses were swept away entirely. The ringing of the fire bell saved the lives of many people who were asleep and ignorant of their danger.

WILLIAM F. PITSTICK, a prominent citizen of Mendota, Ill., committed suicide in his store the other day. He had been considered an upright man, but it was found that he had been a forger and gambler for ten years.

WONDERFUL stories were told of a rich gold find made recently by a sand contractor on the banks of Pony creek, a small stream that flows into the Nemaha river, about a mile from Falls City, Neb.

WILLIAM BARRY, of Grant county, Ok., fell under the wheels of a traction engine and was crushed to death.

A RAILWAY train en route from Chattanooga to Knoxville, Tenn., ran over and horribly mutilated the bodies of two men near Mouse Creek. It is believed that the men had been murdered and their bodies placed on the track to ward off suspicion.

WHILE Frank Hall, a boy of 11 years, was in a wagon which was being loaded at Dallas, Tex., the mules took fright and ran away. The wagon struck a post and parted in two, the boy being dragged on the front wheels and soon after dashed against a telephone pole and killed.

AN earthquake shock occurred at Whitehall and other places in New York about 10:15 on the night of the 27th. Dispatches from Jefferson and St. Lawrence counties stated that the inhabitants were greatly frightened and rushed out of their houses in their night clothes. Windows were shaken, sashes broken and lamps overturned.

FRED BEESON, on the ranch of Harry Morse, at Sunol, Cal., was on an emergency made cook. In looking around for soda to bake biscuits he picked up a baking can and used some of the white powder it contained. The dinner was served. Beeson soon afterward died, another man was reported dying and several others were dangerously ill. The white powder was arsenic.

GEORGE A. DUEY, who has been connected with the Associated press at Cincinnati and other places for many years, was killed the other night by Policeman Booth at Cincinnati. An alarm of burglars was given, calling Booth to the place. Duey was en route home at the time and refused to halt, when the officer shot him dead, mistaking him for one of the burglars, who made their escape.

THE tollgate warfare has spread into Robertson county, Ky. A band of raiders the other night swept over the county and cut down every tollgate except those on Falmouth and Walford roads. The raiders sent a note to the county judge stating they would have their rights or die.

THREE employes were injured as the result of a panic which followed the breaking out of a fire at the Jefferson Chair Co.'s place in Chicago. The fire caused a loss of \$40,000.

A FIREMAN and another man were killed and the proprietor and two others injured by the explosion of a boiler in Haney's sawmill at Glen Hazel, Pa., the other day.

CHICAGO'S annual census taken by the directory company is nearly completed and will show a population of 1,800,000, an increase of 600,000 since 1890.

SICK and discouraged over his inability to meet payments on his home, Alexander T. Beckett, formerly a clerk in the National Bank of Illinois, which collapsed a few months ago, shot and killed himself at Chicago on the 26th, making the third suicide resulting from the failure of the bank.

CASSIUS M. BARNES was sworn in as governor of Oklahoma at Guthrie on the 26th.

A WHOLESALE poisoning occurred at a social gathering at Cave-in-Rock, Ill. Shortly after supper 16 persons who had eaten chickens exhibited symptoms of poisoning. Miss Lou S. Barger has died and several others were not expected to live. Dr. Gregory investigated the poisoning and decided that tyrotoxin in milk caused the poisoning.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

AT the unveiling of the monument erected at West Point, N. Y., to the soldiers of the regular army who lost their lives in the civil war, Justice Brewer, of the United States supreme court, delivered the address of the day.

A MONUMENT was unveiled on Boston common on the 31st to the memory of Col. John R. G. Shaw and his brave black men who fell in the assault on Fort Wagner, S. C.

DECORATION day was observed in Kansas City, Mo., and surrounding cities in an appropriate manner, the graves of the dead veterans in the different cemeteries being decorated with flowers and the day given up to parades by the G. A. R. posts.

AN earthquake was felt at Zanesville, O., about one o'clock in the afternoon of the 31st. Employes in the Courier building rushed downstairs, the vibrations being so decided. Shocks were also felt in towns in the Virginias, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Georgia and other places.

MEMORIAL day was generally observed at Washington. There was a parade of the G. A. R. and imposing ceremonies were held at the national cemetery at Arlington. President McKinley was present.

A FIRE broke out in King's warehouse at Charlottesville, Va., on the 31st and a dozen people rushed in to save what property they could, when a keg of powder exploded, demolishing the building and entching several persons under the falling timbers. One man was killed and several others badly injured.

THE Cheyenne Indians at the Lame Deer agency in Montana were said to be making threatening demonstrations against the white settlers and the ranchmen were anxious to avenge the murder of a sheep herder by the Indians. Trouble was expected.

AN irade has been communicated to the representatives of the powers by which the sultan agrees to an armistice of a fortnight beginning May 30.

NEWS from a Russian source stated that Premier Ralli and his colleagues in the Grecian cabinet were implicated in a plot to overthrow the dynasty in Greece.

FIVE young people were killed and a number of others injured at Valley Springs, L. I., by the tally-ho in which they were out for an excursion being struck by a train at a crossing.

"DIVINE HEALER" SCHRAEDER was stoned out of Clayton, a suburb of St. Louis, by a crowd of men and boys.

SPANIARDS SELL WOMEN.

Captured Pacific Girls on the Block Auctioned Off to Soldiers.

HAVANA, May 29.—A sale of Cuban girls has been reported at a small town in Pinar del Rio, where there is a garrison of 400 troops. The soldiers seized a pacifico camp recently, capturing eight men and 15 girls and women. Seven of the girls, 15 to 20 years old, were put on the block and sold under the most revolting circumstances to the highest bidder, the soldiers sacrificing their arms and equipments to their more fortunate fellow soldiers for cash to purchase a girl. One of the sergeants acted as auctioneer. Two of the prettiest girls, one 15, the other 17, were sold to one man, a mule driver. As he had no means some curiosity was expressed as for whom he was acting. It was discovered afterward that the girls were in the quarters of Col. Jesus del Monte and Capt. Arizor, the commanding officers of the place.

The Havana papers have denounced this outrage, and say that the palace officials should put a stop to this practice. It is stated among the American colony that United States Commissioner Calhoun has been informed of these and similar practices, and that, much to the worry of the Spanish officials, he is collecting evidence upon this subject. He has already been given sufficient evidence to prove the existence of many horrible practices on the part of the Spanish officers as regards their conduct toward the Cuban women.

RAVAGED BY DISEASE.

Two Hundred Thousand People in Cuba Suffering from the Necessities of Life.

HAVANA, May 29.—A personal investigation of the existing conditions in Cuba proves that no report of the suffering from hunger, disease and privation which has ever been sent from this unfortunate island has been exaggerated. Starvation is rapidly accomplishing what Gen. Weyler has failed to bring about. The system of concentrating the wretched country folk in the towns of the interior threatens to exterminate the Cubans if present conditions are allowed to continue. A careful estimate based on information from the interior is that between 175,000 and 225,000 persons in the island are actually suffering from lack of the necessities of life, and that the deaths daily traceable directly to hunger alone are between 60 and 70. Among the sufferers are scores of Americans.

FORCIBLY EJECTED.

Four Irish Members of the House of Commons Suspended for Persistence.

LONDON, May 29.—Four members of the house of commons were forcibly ejected yesterday. It was during a debate on the financial relations between Great Britain and Ireland, and the dauntless Irish spirit mounted to white heat during the fiery session. John E. Redmond, the Parnellite leader, was the first to be suspended, owing to his "persisting in an irregular discussion." Three others—John J. Clancy, William Redmond and William Field, members for the St. Patrick's division of Dublin—were removed from the house by the sergeant-at-arms for suggesting that the over-taxation of Ireland did not constitute "irregular discussion."

UNITED PRESBYTERIANS.

Interesting Statistics Concerning the Finances and Membership of the Church.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., May 29.—At the United Presbyterian general assembly yesterday the report of the committee on narrative and state of the church was presented and adopted. It shows that during the past year there was raised for all purposes \$1,394,138, a decrease of \$23,960. The Sabbath school's number 1,148, an increase of 25. The pupils number 111,361, an increase of 8,818. The membership of young people also increased 5,382 and numbers 40,528. The total membership of the church reported is 123,541, a net increase during the year of 2,688. The number of ministers is 892, an increase of 17.

NOT GOOD EVIDENCE.

A Chicago Judge Rules X Rays Out in a Damage Suit.

CHICAGO, May 29.—Roentgen ray as evidence received a legal setback yesterday in Judge Hutchinson's court when the judge refused to permit a series of shadowgraphs to be used as evidence in a damage suit. Carl Lampke sued the Gloss Printing Co. for \$10,000 for injuries received while an employe of the company. His leg was crushed just above the ankle. His attorneys produced X ray pictures of the injured limb, showing how the bones had been broken. Judge Hutchinson held that the pictures were not admissible.

FOR RECIPROCITY.

Conferences Taking Place About the Tariff in South American Countries.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Important conferences are being held between Senators Aldrich and Allison on one side and representatives of various governments at which valuable reciprocity treaties are possible. The purpose is to ascertain exactly what these other countries are willing and able to do, and then frame accordingly a reciprocity section in the new tariff. The reciprocity provisions of the Dingley bill as it passed the house are not satisfactory. They did not offer enough to trade on.

His Sad Fix.
"Yes, sir, I repeat that in my opinion Jonathan Dooxy is a ruined man, and that he is merely keeping up appearances in order to try to find some way of getting out of his present difficulties."
"You surprise me! What has led you to this conclusion?"
"I asked him for his daughter's hand in marriage yesterday, and he gave his consent without a murmur. What would you do if you were in my place—run away, or stay here and try to live it down?"—Cleveland Leader.

Impressing Him.
"Well, you had quite a siege with that real estate agent. I never saw a man gesticulate so violently. What ailed him?"
"Oh, the fellow has just heard of that German professor's theory that the Garden of Eden was located in the United States, and now he claims that he has seen the impression of Adam's fall on a rock in the neighborhood of the land he had to sell."—Jester.

As long as a girl lets you see the address on her letters there is nothing serious going on.—Washington Democrat.

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