

The News Condensed.

Important Intelligence From All Parts.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Regular Session. The senate held a short session on the 27th and adjourned without transacting any important business.

DOMESTIC.

The town of Guerneville, Cal., was destroyed by fire. LIGHTNING from an almost cloudless sky killed William Carr, aged 20, who was bathing at Atlantic City, N. J.

The steamer New York made the passage from Southampton to New York in six days eight hours and thirty-eight minutes, breaking all previous records.

At Washington park, Chicago, Di rectly paced a mile in 2:10 3/4, lowering the world's record for two-year-olds a quarter of a second.

An incendiary fire in the yards of the Paepcke-Leicht Lumber company in Chicago destroyed \$15,000 worth of property, including twenty-seven horses.

BEN KERSHAW and his brother John and Robert Thomas were drowned at Waltham, Mass., by the overturning of their canoe.

ADAM A. PARROTT, his wife and two of their three children were drowned while attempting to ford the Scioto river in a wagon near Portsmouth, O.

TWENTY persons were badly injured by the falling of a bridge in Fairmount park at Kansas City.

ABE BUZZARD, the notorious Pennsylvania outlaw, was sentenced to eleven years' imprisonment for burglary.

THOMAS W. HEATHCOTE, chairman of the Pullman strikers' committee, declared the strike at an end.

MISTAKING a party of young men for burglars, Stephen Albright, of Allentown, Pa., fired at them, wounding six.

The new democratic tariff bill passed by the Fifty-third congress became a law without the signature of President Cleveland.

A STAGE coach rolled down a hill near Meeker, Col., and its five occupants were badly injured.

NUMA DUPONSSAT, a New Orleans alderman, was caught in the act of receiving a bribe and was arrested.

JOHN JONES, an Elwood (Ind.) tin-plate worker, has fallen heir to \$4,000,000 by the death of an uncle in Wales.

FOREST fires continued to rage in northern Wisconsin and Michigan and in the former state several towns were endangered.

The steamer Northwest ran on Bar point, Lake Erie, while going at full speed and a panic was created among her 150 passengers.

It is claimed the state of Tennessee has been defrauded out of \$4,000,000 in taxes by derelict officials, and suits will be entered.

The International Migration society of Birmingham, Ala., has arranged for the transportation of 5,000 negroes to Liberia prior to November 1.

Fire wiped out the business portion of Elliston, a railroad and logging camp near Helena, Mont.

The business portion of Burdick, Ind., was wiped out by fire.

MADISON CHEADLE, a farmer in Morgan county, O., charged with theft, was taken from his house by white caps, beaten almost to insensibility and then hanged to the limb of a tree.

E. D. McNITT, minus both legs and one arm, wanted to marry Mrs. Martin, who had left her husband in Arkansas. She refused and both were found dead at Bonham, Tex.

A SLATE quarry at Steinsville, Pa., caved in, killing David Williams, aged 55, and Edward Daniels, aged 30.

A FIRE originated in the Brooks' Bros' lumber yard in St. Paul, causing a loss of \$110,000.

The house of C. J. Freeberg, a farmer near Fairmount, Minn., was burned, and his wife and child perished in the flames.

A FREIGHT and passenger train collided at Tower Hill, Ill., doing damage to the extent of \$100,000. No one was injured.

FIRE destroyed the Brooklyn (N. Y.) biscuit works, the loss being over \$200,000.

AFTER devoting fourteen days in Chicago to the investigation of the recent strike the labor commission adjourned, to meet again in Washington September 26.

LORD CLINTON trotted a mile at Dayton, O., in 2:12, breaking the world's record for time over a half-mile track.

By the forest fires in Michigan the Diamond Match company lost 90,000,000 feet of lumber in the Trout creek district, and the Nester estate 20,000,000 feet.

CENSUS office statistics indicate that nearly one-half the families in the United States own their own homes.

RICHARD MCAVOY and George Thomas were killed at Hartford, Kan., in a quarrel over some chickens.

MARY HOPKINS, once a society leader in Lawrence, Kan., was in jail at Guthrie, O., on a charge of stealing horses.

THREE men were killed and a fourth injured by the explosion of a thrashing machine boiler at Elbow Lake, Minn.

DURING a drunken brawl among Chilcat Indians at Juneau, in Alaska, six were murdered and a large number seriously wounded.

OVER 30,000 Sunday school children marched in the annual rally day parade in Detroit, Mich.

An English syndicate is said to have purchased thirty-four paper mills in Wisconsin. The deal involves \$14,000,000.

ELIOT GROVER, a private in the regular army at Fort Myer, Va., has fallen heir to a fortune of \$500,000.

WALTER B. RICHIE, of Ohio, was elected supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias at the Washington conclave.

A TORRENT'S TRACK.

It is Marked by Loss of Life and Devastation.

Flood Sweeps Away Property Valued at \$1,500,000 in Texas—Whole Families Drowned—Earthquake Adds Its Torments.

UVALDE, Tex., Sept. 1.—A terrible catastrophe befell this thriving town Thursday night and there is mourning in many households. The calamity was entirely unexpected.

Among those known to have perished are the following: Mrs. Joe Hatch, Miss Mattie Edwards, child of Mr. Maley, two Mexicans. News reaches here that three families living below town were drowned.

Great apprehension is felt for the families living on the ditch south of here, where from seventy-five to 100 families live, and the land lying 15 feet lower than here it is feared they have been destroyed.

There were a number of miraculous escapes, and the rescuers and the rescued performed many heroic acts. As soon as those in the higher part of town were made aware of the terrible flood and dire consequences the work of rescuing was begun and carried out as rapidly as possible in the darkness.

A track-walker of the Southern Pacific wading through water up to his neck with his lantern elevated above his head, succeeded in feeling his way far enough east to intercept a west-bound train and prevent its plunging into the raging river where the railroad bridge had been destroyed.

The loss to the Southern Pacific company is enormous, 40 miles of track and many bridges having been washed away. Over 100 car loads of material and 300 laborers left San Antonio for the scene of the wreck Friday evening.

St. Louis, Sept. 1.—Dispatches from southwestern Texas report very heavy rains in that section and heavy damage done to railroads and other property. Three bridges on the Southern Pacific road over the Sago river were swept away and several washouts occurred.

THE exchanges at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the week ended on the 31st ut aggregated \$744,230,241, against \$813,498,631 the previous week.

FLEET ROBERT J.

He Breaks the Pacing Record, Going a Mile in 2:03 3/4.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Sept. 1.—Robert J., the handsome bay gelding owned by C. J. Hamlin, of Buffalo, N. Y., Friday afternoon traveled the fastest mile ever credited to a harness horse, going it in 2:03 3/4.

The track was in good shape except that on the back stretch it was a little rough and under the conditions the time made by Robert J. is the more wonderful. It was 4:30 when Ed Geers, the "silent man from Tennessee," drove on the track ready for the effort.

On the second score Ed Geers nodded for the word and Starter Frank Walker sent the gelding away, moving like a machine, with the runner about ten lengths back. The first quarter was reached in 30 3/4 seconds, and the horsemen who had their watches on the great pacer felt that something wonderful was to be expected.

As the watches clicked the horsemen looked at each other and presently began to cheer. The large audience knew something wonderful had been accomplished and hats, handkerchiefs and parasols went into the air.

Presently Starter Walker announced the mile by quarters as follows: 30 3/4, 1:01 1/4, 1:33 3/4, 2:03 3/4, and there was a tremendous cheer. Hamlin and Ed Geers were congratulated from every side, and the crowd gave three cheers for the horse, the owner, the driver and the track.

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During the first heat of the 2:20 pace H. C. Sanders' Anderson Belle, by Bell Boy, dropped dead at the head of the stretch.

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BUSINESS BRIGHTENS.

A Gradual Improvement Shown in the Commercial World.

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: "The activity which came with exhausted stocks and the pressure of delayed demands, and which was increased by the removal of uncertainty about the tariff, has continued with heavy entries of foreign goods since the bill became a law.

"The price of wheat has risen a shade during the week. Corn advanced 3 1/2 cents, while pork has risen 25 cents per barrel and lard 55 cents per 100 pounds. Fears of short crops being late are argued as a reason for quotations otherwise unwarranted.

"The demands for products of iron and steel has increased, but prices tend downward, resulting in still further improvement in the business situation since the settlement of the tariff question. The free wool clause of the new tariff resulted in heavy withdrawals of that staple and renewed activity among manufacturers.

"At Cleveland previous gains in the business situation are retained, notably firmness in lake freights and in the demand for money. Cincinnati manufacturers are quiet and there is only a moderate demand for groceries and dry goods.

Denver Police Officials, However, Held for Withholding the Likens Letter. DENVER, Col., Sept. 1.—United States Commissioner Hinsdale heard testimony for the defense in the case of Gov. Waite, President Mullins, of the fire and police board; Chief of Police Armstrong and Police Matron Dwyer, charged with conspiring to withhold a letter from ex-Matron Likens.

THE prosecution arraigned the accused severely, charging that Mrs. Kate Dwyer and President Mullins were the leading conspirators, but that Chief of Police Armstrong and Gov. Waite, in allowing themselves to be used in carrying out the plot, were equally guilty, whether they acted innocently or not.

Gov. Waite declared that he had never had anything to do in the matter whatever, and was greatly surprised when he learned that he had been charged with an unlawful act. "The letter was handed to me to read," he said, "and I had to take it in my hands to do so. I immediately returned it to the person who handed it to me and this is my entire and only connection with it. It might have been a forgery for all I know, and it did not attract my attention to any extent, as I considered it of little importance. I did not think it wise to remove Mrs. Likens and opposed it in every way."

After the arguments Commissioner Hinsdale summed up the case, said he could not see that the probable guilt of the accused had been established, and discharged the governor. The other defendants, Mrs. Dwyer and Messrs. Mullins and Armstrong, were held to the grand jury in bonds of \$500.

COKE PLANT RESUMES. UNIONTOWN, Pa., Sept. 1.—The coke plant here, the Stewart Iron company, near here, has started up in full. This plant was one of the first in the region to close down after the strike began, and is the last in this section to start up. Superintendent Van Dusen said he had hired his men from the ranks of the strikers.

CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 1.—J. L. Bay, accused of appropriating \$1,000 of Arkansas scrip, and for whom officers had been searching for two years, was arrested at Memphis, Tenn.

INDUSTRIAL AND STATISTICAL. Of the 1,134,813 flax spindles in the United Kingdom 846,612 are in the north of Ireland and are fully occupied.

RECENT figures show that the total value of the matches made and consumed every year throughout the world is but little if anything short of \$200,000,000.

THE cotton seed mills of the south turned out cotton seed oil worth \$41,000,000 last year, \$6,000,000 worth of oil cake and meal and over \$5,000,000 worth of other grades of oil.

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