

RELIEF ASKED AND GIVEN.

PRESIDENT URGES AID FOR THE SOUTH.

CONGRESS ACTS QUICKLY.

A Special Message Setting Forth the Deplorable Condition of the Flood Sufferers Sent to Both Houses - \$200,000 Appropriated - Latest News From the South.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The President to-day sent the following message to Congress:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives: Information which has recently come to me from the governors of Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana and from prominent citizens of these states and Tennessee, warrants the conclusion that widespread disasters, involving the destruction of a large amount of property and loss of human life has resulted from the floods which have been submerging that section of the country.

"These are stated on reliable authority to be the most destructive floods that have ever devastated the Mississippi valley, the water reaching the highest stage it has reached before. From Marion, Ark., north of Memphis, to Greenville, Miss., a distance of more than 350 miles by river, it is reported there are now at least fifty towns and villages under water and a territory extending from 100 miles north of Memphis to 200 miles south and from five to forty miles wide is submerged. Hundreds of thousands of acres of cultivated soil, with growing crops, are included in the submerged territory.

"In this section alone there are from 50,000 to 60,000 people whose property has been destroyed and whose business has been suspended. Growing crops have been ruined, thousands of cattle have been drowned and the inhabitants of certain areas have been threatened with starvation.

National Assistance Urged.

"As a great majority of the sufferers are small farmers, they have thus been left entirely destitute and will be unprepared for work, even after the floods have subsided. The entire Mississippi valley in Arkansas is flooded and communication with many points cut off. In Mississippi a like condition exists. The levees in Louisiana, with a single exception, have held; but the water is rising and the situation there is reported as being extremely critical.

"Under such circumstances the citizens of these states look for the co-operation and support of the national government in relieving the pressing cases of destitution for food, clothing and shelter which are beyond the reach of local efforts. The authorities who have communicated with the executive recognize that their first and most energetic duty is to provide, as far as possible, the means of caring for their own citizens, but nearly all of them agree in the opinion that after the resources have been exhausted a sum aggregating at least \$150,000 and possibly \$200,000 will be required for immediate use.

"Precedents are not wanting that in such emergencies as this Congress has taken prompt, generous and intelligent action, involving the expenditure of considerable sums of money, with satisfactory results. In 1874 \$500,000 was appropriated, and in 1882 \$500,000 was also appropriated for relief in the same direction, besides large sums in other years.

"It has therefore seemed to me that the representatives of the people should be promptly informed of the nature and extent of the suffering and needs of these stricken people, and I have communicated these facts in the hope and belief that the legislative branch of the government will promptly reinforce the work of the local authorities in the states named.

"WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

"Executive Mansion, April 7, 1897."

Prompt Action by Congress.

When the Senate met, Mr. Jones of Arkansas offered a joint resolution appropriating \$150,000 for supplies for the Southern flood sufferers. It was at once taken up, explained briefly and passed.

In the House, Mr. Catehings of Mississippi offered a joint resolution appropriating \$300,000,000 for the relief of Southern flood sufferers. It was at once granted precedence and passed without opposition.

When the House resolution was sent to the Senate, that body at once yielded precedence to the House, recalled the Senate resolution and then promptly passed the House resolution, which now goes to the President.

The resolution includes sufferers along the Red river of the North.

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CHICAGO DEMOCRATIC.

Carter Harrison Elected Mayor by a Plurality of 75,000.

CHICAGO, April 8.—The mayoralty election resulted in a decisive victory for the Democratic ticket, the Bourbon candidate for mayor, Carter Harrison, having more votes than all the other candidates combined.

The feature of the election was the strength shown by Harlan. He ran second to Harrison, and although an independent, with no organization behind him, he secured more votes than the regular Republican candidate, Judge Nathaniel Sears. One thing that helped Harlan greatly was that Sears was looked upon as being the nominee of the Republican machine, which has grown unpopular in the ranks of the local Republican party.

The campaign was fought for the most part on strictly local issues, although the Democrats had a silver plank in their platform.

Harrison secured a majority over all of 2,222 and pluralities of 77,756 over Harlan, independent, and of 87,292 over Sears, Republican. The mayoralty vote, complete, is as follows: Carter H. Harrison, Democrat, 144,835; J. M. Harlan, independent, 67,072; N. C. Sears, Republican, 57,565; W. Hestling, business administration, 15,156; John Glembeck, Socialist Labor, 1,226; H. L. Parmelee, Prohibitionist, 823; J. L. Pearce, jr., independent, 686; F. Howard Collier, independent, 88, total, 297,638.

Carter H. Harrison is the son of the late Mayor Harrison, who was assassinated during the closing days of the World's fair. The popularity of his father was an immense advantage to the mayor-elect in his campaign, and contributed to the victory. Mr. Harrison is 37 years old and has never before held a political office. He was educated at Heidelberg and Yale. During the greater part of his business career he has been associated in the real estate business with his brother, Preston Harrison, but was business manager of the Chicago Times during the four years the Harrison family owned that paper.

ELECTIONS IN KANSAS.

Party Lines Loosely Drawn—Women Cast a Decided Vote.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 8.—Municipal elections were held in Kansas towns of the first and second class yesterday. While nearly half the cities went Republican, they did so by reduced majorities in almost every instance. Topeka, the Republican stronghold, gave the Republican ticket a majority of 1,500, against 3,000 majority for McKinley last fall. At Lawrence the majority is reduced to 300. Leavenworth puts Democrats in charge of every department of the city government, and the fusionists finish first-best at Fort Scott. Atchison and Wichita give narrow margins for most of the Republican candidates.

In the cities of the second class party lines, as a rule, were not closely drawn. An analysis of the returns shows that non-partisan and citizens' tickets were in great favor. In several cities, including Girard, Winfield, Seneca, Larned and Stockton, the enforcement of the prohibitory law was the issue, and at each of these places the "wet" and "dry" forces waged a bitter fight. It may be significant that only one of these—Seneca—voted for enforcement of the law. At Larned, Winfield, Girard and Stockton the vote was decisive for "wet" or wide-open administrations.

The women of Kansas are privileged to vote at municipal elections, and they availed themselves of the franchise even more generally than the men, in proportion to their respective voting strength. In several places, notably Fort Scott, their ballots were a considerable factor in determining the result.

Robert L. Marshman, the Republican nominee for mayor, and nearly the whole of the Republican ticket, was elected by majorities ranging from 600 to 800 votes in Kansas City, Kan.

May Lose Five Millions.

New York, April 8.—The offices of E. S. Dean & Co. were besieged by anxious investors to-day. Some of the investors were poor washerwomen and seamstresses, who had given their last dollar to the bucket-shop, tempted by the promises of enormous profits. Even the firm's own typewriters had not received their wages. It is said that 25,000 investors all over the United States have lost \$5,000,000.

Wisconsin City Elections.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 8.—Party lines were not closely drawn in the municipal elections throughout Wisconsin and the results were generally divided.

Republicans Sweep Guthrie, Okla.

GUTHRIE, Okla., April 8.—The election here yesterday resulted in a Republican landslide, the whole Republican ticket being elected.

THE MARKETS.

Kansas City Grain and Live Stock. Hard Wheat—No. 2 77 1/2 vs 3 71 1/2; No. 4 60 1/2 vs 50 1/2; rejected, 50 1/2 vs 50 1/2; Spring Wheat—No. 2 75 1/2 vs 75 1/2; rejected, 50 1/2 vs 50 1/2; Soft Wheat—No. 2 84 1/2 vs 84 1/2; No. 3 80 1/2 vs 80 1/2; No. 4 78 1/2 vs 78 1/2; No. 5 75 1/2 vs 75 1/2; No. 6 72 1/2 vs 72 1/2; No. 7 69 1/2 vs 69 1/2; No. 8 66 1/2 vs 66 1/2; No. 9 63 1/2 vs 63 1/2; No. 10 60 1/2 vs 60 1/2; No. 11 57 1/2 vs 57 1/2; No. 12 54 1/2 vs 54 1/2; No. 13 51 1/2 vs 51 1/2; No. 14 48 1/2 vs 48 1/2; No. 15 45 1/2 vs 45 1/2; No. 16 42 1/2 vs 42 1/2; No. 17 39 1/2 vs 39 1/2; No. 18 36 1/2 vs 36 1/2; No. 19 33 1/2 vs 33 1/2; No. 20 30 1/2 vs 30 1/2; No. 21 27 1/2 vs 27 1/2; No. 22 24 1/2 vs 24 1/2; No. 23 21 1/2 vs 21 1/2; No. 24 18 1/2 vs 18 1/2; No. 25 15 1/2 vs 15 1/2; No. 26 12 1/2 vs 12 1/2; No. 27 9 1/2 vs 9 1/2; No. 28 6 1/2 vs 6 1/2; No. 29 3 1/2 vs 3 1/2; No. 30 0 1/2 vs 0 1/2.

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NEW PASSENGER COMBINE.

WESTERN LINES EVADE ANTI-TRUST LAW.

HAVE FIXED IT ALL UP.

An Agreement Made to Cover Passenger Traffic From Chicago to the Pacific Coast—Lamont for the Northern Pacific Presidency—Will Be Appointed Within a Week.

CHICAGO, April 8.—The general passenger agents of Western railroads have completed their task of framing an agreement for the new organization which is to take the place of the collapsed Western Passenger association. In all essential features the new passenger agreement is similar to the freight agreement adopted last week, but it is to cover all the territory west of Chicago, St. Lou's and St. Paul clear through to the Pacific coast, while the freight agreement only covers the territory to the Missouri river.

The new passenger organization is to be known as the Western Passenger Bureau of Statistics and Information. There are to be three suborganizations—the Eastern committee, covering territory Chicago to the Missouri river; the Missouri committee, between the Missouri river and the Rocky mountains, and the transcontinental committee, composed of all Western lines interested in transcontinental business.

There is to be a general executive committee of seven members, and B. D. Caldwell is to be chairman of the entire concern. He will also have charge of the clerical half-fare permit bureau and the mileage ticket bureau. Some of the general passenger agents think that without a provision to restrict the payment of commissions and dealings with scoundrels it will not be possible to maintain anything like a paying rate.

A New Place for Lamont.

NEW YORK, April 8.—It is stated that Daniel S. Lamont, ex-secretary of war, has been decided upon as president of the Northern Pacific railway, and that the appointment will be announced within a week.

A SENATOR IMPATIENT.

Earle of South Carolina Wants the Committee Reorganized at Once.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Quite a flurry was occasioned in the Senate soon after yesterday's session began by a resolution from the new senator from South Carolina, Mr. Earle, providing that at a stated hour to-day the Senate should proceed to reorganize the committees and fill all vacancies. Several Senators were quickly on their feet with objections to present consideration. Mr. Earle said the Senate had now been in session thirty days and yet the committees were in a condition of disorganization. He asked if it were right that Senators who had come here March 4 should be ignored in the organization of the Senate. If this went on for thirty days, it might go on forever. The resolution finally went over.

SIMPSON ATTACKS REED.

The Kansas Populist Wants House Committees Named—The Speaker's Reply.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Mr. Simpson of Kansas created a scene in the House to-day by denouncing Speaker Reed for his failure to appoint committees and announcing that he would oppose all attempts to legislate by consent until the House should be organized.

Speaker Reed replied that the House had control of the speaker. Reasonable time had always been allowed the speaker for estimating the new members. He had consulted with members and had supposed until to-day that the feeling of the House was that the committees should not be appointed.

CANNERS WARNED.

Italy Supplanting America in Ireland Because of Better Goods.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—United States Consul Tancy at Belfast reports to the state department that the Italian canned tomatoes are supplanting the American tomatoes, largely used there, owing to the dealers say, to the fact that the American vegetable is overcooked or overripe, and consequently is not as firm when opened as the Italian tomatoes. By using a deceptive form of tin, too, the Italian cans appear to be larger than American.

An Extra Session for Arkansas.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 8.—Governor Jones has given out the information that the Legislature will be convened in extra session Monday, April 20. "My object in calling the session for the last Monday in April," he said, "is to give the Legislature an opportunity to provide for a no fence law and to afford the people in the flood districts the benefit of an early determination in the premises."

A Mining Suit for Millions.

BUTTE, Mont., April 8.—The Montana Ore Purchasing company has brought suit against the Boston and Montana Mining company to recover \$2,322,000, the value of ore alleged to have been extracted by the defendant company from the Paris mine in the latter part of 1895.

Denver Millionaire Dies in New York.

NEW YORK, April 8.—William G. Fisher, a millionaire dry goods merchant of Denver, Colo., died to-day at the Gillsey house, where he had been stopping for several days. He was 53 years old.

Herpolsheimer Ho.

THE BIG STORE'S Special Sale OF EASTER MERCHANDISE.

The Big Store will celebrate the happy festival of Easter by a value-giving sale that will surpass anything ever known in this part of the country as a money-saving event. All departments share in making this event intensely interesting to all prudent and discriminating buyers. Note a few of the following—hundreds more just like them.

Easter Gloves.

The BIG STORE has without exception the largest and finest line of Easter gloves ever shown here. All the newest and most popular styles and shades at the lowest possible prices. Our line of \$1 gloves, for completeness, and value surpasses anything we have ever before shown.

Four button, 5 look, 2 clasp, Chamberly black, self and two tone embroidery in tan, mode, slate, oxblood, gold tan, brown, white, pearl, butter color and black at the popular price of \$1.

Ladies Bicycle Gauntlets.

Pique, Paris point, one clasp..... 43c

The Princeton Glove.

Four Button, self embroidery in tan, grey, mode, brown and black, spe- cial, per pair..... 79c
A full line of novelties in violet, champagne, green and opera colors, in all the new colors, button and hooks. All gloves sold at our counters kept in repair by experienced glove makers.

New Millinery Department.

Special lines of trimmed hats and bonnets made up of the latest shapes and most stylish trimmings at \$7.50, \$5.00, \$4.00, \$2.97 and as low as \$1.75.

Five lines of trimmed sailors ready to wear worth 1-3 more than the prices we name, 21 cents each in white, black, navy and brown. Other lines at 39c, 58c, 87c and 97c.

The new two toned Boston and Cambridge sailors and Cuba walking hats the best things out in their class, all two toned colors. Each..... \$1.75

Childrens Leghorn hats from the finest down to one special lot 10c Each..... 10c

English violets with foliage..... 1c

Easter week per bunch..... 1c

Double English violets shaded long stems, 3 to 4 dozen in a bunch per bunch..... 10c

American Beauty roses with foliage all colors. Easter week each..... 7c

Moire ribbons the latest thing in the market for millinery use, also embossed moire ribbons, one of the prettiest ribbons shown this season. These ribbons come in all the leading shades, per yd..... 14c

Easter Dress Goods.

During Easter week the BIG STORE makes it possible for you to secure a strictly high class gown at the price you usually pay for medium grade goods. A special feature about our dress goods, selling this season is the fact that all our imported dress goods are rolled right inside, so that you not only get an up-to-date gown, but a CLEAN and perfect one.

Pattern snits worth \$12 \$10 \$15 at..... \$10

At..... \$8.50, worth \$11 & \$12

At \$5, \$4.25, \$3.50, and down as low as..... \$2.57

Imported dress goods, all rolled right side inside upwards per yard..... 39c

Think of it, imported dress goods at 39c. Every other line of goods in this as well as in the black goods and silk departments go at wonderful reductions during this great sale.

Herpolsheimer Ho. N & 12th Sts., Half-Block, Lincoln, Neb

NEW TURKISH POLICY.

A Vigorous Course to Be Adopted by the New Administration.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The adoption of a vigorous policy to secure from the Turkish government a settlement of the claims preferred by the United States on account of the destruction of American missionary property and outrages to American missionaries committed during the uprising against the Armenians in the fall of 1895 is being considered by the new administration and probably will be put into operation soon. President McKinley's program contemplates the sending to Constantinople of Hon. John W. Foster, formerly secretary of state, as a special envoy, with the rank of ambassador, to secure from the sultan the payment of the claims which have been filed and the speedy trial of those American citizens against whom charges have been made by Turkish officials.

The President probably will send to Congress a message recommending that authority be given him to commission a special ambassador to Turkey for this purpose, and while no name will be proposed by the message Mr. Foster will be entrusted with the mission in the event that Congress gives to the President the power which he desires.

The program has been under consideration for several days and meets the approval of leaders in Congress of both parties who have been consulted, among them Senators Hoar and Lodge of Massachusetts, and Proctor of Vermont, who have interested themselves actively in the matter; Senators Morgan of Alabama and Mills of Texas; Speaker Reed and Representative Hitt, the leader in the House in diplomatic matters.

OVER A VAST AREA.

High Water Reaches Land That Had Not Been Overlooked.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 8.—The feature of the flood condition in the Mississippi delta is the gradual spread of water over an area that hitherto was never overlooked. The upper crevasse in Tunica county is 2,000 feet wide and so great is the outpour that water from below the break is being drawn up to and hurled out over the fertile valley through the crevasse. The supreme question is the duration of the flood. If the lower levees along Louisiana and Southeast Texas should hold, which it is believed they will not do, the emptying of the Delta and St. Francis basin will be slow. If they break and the river continues to fall at Cairo, the upper St. Francis basin and the Delta will be clear of water by May 5. If this should prove true there will be no difficulty in growing cotton.

Minister McKenzie Very Ill.

LIMA, Peru, April 8.—The illness from which United States Minister James A. McKenzie has been suffering for some days has developed into most serious symptoms and attacked the brain. His physicians have little hope that he will recover.

99 PER CENT Seed Corn.

Send five one-cent stamps to J. B. ARMSTRONG, Shenandoah, Ia., for 20 page book—Hints on Corn Growing—and 4 sample packages of best varieties. You cannot miss it in doing so. His varieties are EARLY YELLOW ROSE, KNOW-FLAKE WHITE, PRIDE OF THE NORTH, and ARMSTRONG'S MORTGAGE LIFTER. The great corn season of 1896 only served to add new and valuable testimony to the great worth of the Early Yellow Rose for Nebraska growers. Prices to suit the times. Ripans Tablets cure flatulency.

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

J. Y. M. Swigart Editor—Hall, Cyclone and Fire, Farm and Town—Agents

Wanted—Write Editor of Insurance Department.

HALL.

The governor approved house roll 40, the hall bill. On the same day that the bill passed the house J. M. Sanford as general manager of the state hail association filed articles of incorporation with the insurance department in the auditor's office. That company and the alliance hail association have been consolidated. The editor of this department becomes assistant general manager to whom you should apply for an agency. We pay liberally. We have an entirely new plan that will prove to be the best plan ever devised by any hail company, simply that we only insure bushels per acre and take pay in bushels. The price of bushels hauled out and paid to company will be the same and will be regulated by the price in the county where grain is raised. On small grain October 1, other crops December 1. We need 200 men on the road May 1. Write us at once.

TWON MUTUAL.

At last we have a law that permits the towns people to organize a company to insure their property as the farmer has been doing for the last six years at a saving of about one-half the cost prior to that time. There will be a town mutual company started in Lincoln. We will try to give you some statistics next week on this kind of insurance.

FARM FIRE.

We are prepared to write fire and cyclone policies now and want men who are in favor of a purely mutual to represent us in every community in the state. We prefer to have the agents of local fire companies to write cyclone applications for us where there is none we want fire and cyclone agents.

Important Notice.

We have received cash from the following persons who have failed to give their postoffice address, and those interested should write at once that we may give proper credit:

Thos. Barron..... \$ 50

B. Pearson..... 2 00

M. V. Runyan..... 2 00

H. C. Crandell..... 26 75

S. D. Cole..... 1 50

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Chicken Mite Exterminator AND Lice Killer.

Lice, mites and fleas on poultry are stock easily and thoroughly removed. No dusting, greasing, dipping or handling of poultry is needed. Send for circular that tells all about it. Agents wanted.

One-half gallon, 50 cents, one gallon 75 cents, five gallon, 3.00.

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40 lbs best granulated sugar \$1

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