

Condensed News of the Week

An Associated press dispatch under date of Panama, February 16, says: Dr. Manuel Amador was unanimously elected first president of the republic of Panama today. Dr. Pablo Arosemena, Domingo Obaldia and Dr. Carlos Mendoza were elected to fill, respectively, the positions of first, second and third "designados," or vice president.

Judge Lyman D. Brewster of Danbury, Conn., died February 14: He was a lawyer of national reputation and drafted the uniform divorce law which its champions hope will be adopted by every state in the union.

Charles Emerson Beecher, professor of paleontology at Yale university, died February 14.

The Galion National bank of Galion, O., closed its doors February 15. The president of the bank claims that it will pay dollar for dollar.

An Associated press cablegram under date of London, February 15, says: By a majority of fifty-one, the house of commons tonight defeated John Morley's amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, censuring the government's fiscal policy, which was moved by Mr. Morley in behalf of the opposition. There were 276 votes in favor of the amendment and 527 against it. This result, as forecasted in these dispatches, was a foregone conclusion. The opposition did not entertain any idea that it would be possible to oust the conservatives. The division took the form of a vote of want of confidence in the government, which impelled many unionists who totally disagree with the idea of protection to vote to keep Premier Balfour in power.

The Kansas City Journal prints telegrams from Washington and Mexico City as follows: "Washington, Feb. 15.—The insular bureau of the war department is informed that the value of the Mexican dollar at Hong Kong today is 48 1/4 cents, a jump of 2 points since Saturday noon. This places the coin on a practical parity with our own silver Philippine peso. The Mexican dollar has practically advanced from 37 cents to its present figure within a year. This last increase is explained at the war department by the statement that the war has caused a heavy drain, Chinese and Japanese merchants converting much of their stocks into cash to be prepared for emergencies. The result is expected to be the practical extirpation of the Mexican dollar in the Philippines, an object very much desired, for a heavy import duty on Mexicans will keep them out of the islands, once they are drawn." "Mexico City, Feb. 15.—The demand for Mexican dollars for the far east continues and bankers fear, if the drain is not stopped, the tightness of the money market will be increased. It is rumored that the change of the currency to a gold standard will take place late in the summer or in the autumn, after the presidential election is over."

The steamer New Orleans sailing from Baltimore for Savannah was cut through by ice and beached west of the bay above Point Lookout.

It is announced from Muncie, Ind., that the First National bank of Matthews will soon reopen its doors.

The work of rebuilding the city of Baltimore is progressing in a way that challenges the admiration of the world.

Two persons were killed and seventy-five injured in a trolley car accident at Frostburg, Md., February 14.

A trolley wreck occurred February 14 near Chagrin Falls, O. A heavily loaded passenger car ran down a steep hill and jumped the track at a sharp curve. Sixteen persons were injured.

Evansville, Ind., is threatened with a water famine owing to defects in the city waterworks.

William J. Lemp, a well-known brewer of St. Louis, committed suicide at his home Feb. 13.

John T. Hamline, a prominent lawyer of Chicago, died of pneumonia, February 14. He was an ardent champion of civil service reform.

The Methodist book concern has voted to recommend to the general conference to be held at Los Angeles in May, the combining of the Cincinnati, Chicago and New York houses.

Alonzo Hayward, a well-known miner of San Francisco, died February 14 as the result of a paralytic stroke.

Five men lost their lives as the result of a collision between the schooner Maggie and an unknown vessel off Montauk Point, Feb. 14.

At San Juan, Porto Rico, February 14, the house of delegates by a vote of 15 to 11 passed a measure to abolish the death penalty. The Associated press correspondent says that the indications are that this measure will pass the council, thus leaving the final decision to Governor Hunt. The Americans in Porto Rico are said to be practically unanimous in favor of capital punishment, while that method is very generally opposed by the natives.

Yardmaster "Jack" Girardy at Nebraska City saved the life of a small boy February 11 by pulling the lad from beneath the wheels of a moving train.

The Corning State Savings bank at Corning, Ia., closed its doors February 15. The cause of the failure is attributed principally to the bank carrying a large number of loans, values of the securities having depreciated heavily during the past few months.

February 29 is the date fixed for a conference between the coal operators and the miners of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania.

One thousand miners are on a strike at the mines in the vicinity of Painesdale, Minn.

An Associated press dispatch under date of Springfield, Ill., February 15, says: Judge Humphrey in the United States district court said today that the fact that labor unions were not incorporated enabled them to escape any responsibility that might accrue from damages resulting from their action. The case in question was that of Eugene Linxweller, secretary-treasurer of the Decatur labor and trades assembly, who pleaded guilty to a violation of the postal laws by scolding through the mails postal cards threatening to boycott business firms if they continued to advertise in a western newspaper which has differences with the typographical union. Postal cards were sent to advertisers by order of the Decatur trades and labor assembly.

Col. Henry T. Cranberry, aged 96, died February 15 in New York. At one time he owned a large tobacco plantation in Virginia, but since 1841 had resided in New York, and claimed to have voted at every presidential election since Jackson's time.

London cablegrams announce that Lord Roberts has retired from the British war office, but that "at the request of Premier Balfour he has consented to place his services at the disposal of the committee for imperial defense." The Duke of Connaught has been appointed inspector general under the new law.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of Philadelphia, February 15, says: United States Senator Quay, through the secretary of the republican state committee of Pennsylvania, gave out a statement at Washington addressed "to the republicans of Pennsylvania," in which he declares as false the charges that Governor Pennypacker is using the office as governor in a political deal by which he (Pennypacker) expects to be made a candidate for the state supreme bench. In the statement Senator Quay arraigns Supreme Court Justice Brown for comment on the alleged deal. The accusations of Justice Brown, he says, are malicious and mendacious. In commenting on Justice Brown's nomination for a place on the supreme bench, the senator said: "Even in his case there were evil-disposed persons who said he was not selected for pre-eminent qualifications nor in obedience of the clamorous demands of the people, but that he was taken by the scuff of the neck and the seat of his inexpressibles by a friend or two and catapulted over the sacred pale which divides the supreme court from common mortals."

Recently it was announced from St. Petersburg that Russia would abandon her exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis. On February 16 it was announced that Japan would take every foot of exhibit space that had been given up by Russia.

February 15, for the first time since June, 1898, wheat touched the dollar mark in the New York market.

The United States cruiser Prairie, with a battalion of marines, has sailed from Colon for Santo Domingo.

An Associated press cablegram, under date of London, February 16, said: William Redmond caused a scene in the house of commons today during the discussion of the Chinese labor in the Transvaal. H. J. C. Custs, conservative, made a reference to the effect that Irish labor was responsible for corruption in New York, whereupon Mr. Redmond exclaimed, excitedly: "You have no right to insult America; I will not allow it." The speaker called Mr. Redmond to order and other members protested, but still Mr. Redmond continued, repeating his exclamation, and added: "In America, at least, they don't appoint a chancellor of the exchequer who is unfit for his post." The speaker again intervened and Mr. Redmond finally subsided with the remark: "America seems to get on all right."

February 16 the Gypsum Mills at Wymore, Neb., were destroyed, entailing a loss of \$30,000, on which there was only \$1,500 insurance. The property was owned by the Gypsum trust.

George A. Castor, republican, was elected to congress February 16 from the Third Pennsylvania district, at a special election. He will fill the vacancy caused by the death of Henry Burk, republican. Castor's democratic opponent was Samuel J. Randall, son of the famous speaker of the house of representatives.

On February 18 it was reported that an American warship had bombarded the insurgents at Pjarito, near San Domingo, and had afterwards landed marines, who, however, subsequently re-embarked.

An Associated press cablegram, under date of Constantinople, February 17, said: Sixteen hundred Albanians are in revolt in the district of Diakova against the reform plans of the powers for Macedonia and obnoxious taxes. In conflicts which have taken place between Albanians and Ottoman troops the latter were worsted. Large reinforcements have been sent to Diakova. The Albanians attacked the town of Diakova February 13, and plundered and burned a number of houses. Turkish forces subsequently attacked the insurgents' main position at Babajoshi, but were repulsed with heavy loss. Feverish activity continues among the Turkish authorities on the Bulgarian frontier, in accumulating stores and repairing roads for the expected massing of troops.

Col. E. L. Eno, a well-known Nebraska hotel man, died at his home in Fremont Feb. 16.

Three fire insurance companies have already gone into the hands of receivers as the result of the great Baltimore fire.

A number of Wisconsin democrats have organized to boom the candidacy of Edward C. Wall of Milwaukee for the democratic presidential nomination.

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