

Condensed News of the Week

The decision of The Hague tribunal, favorable to the blockading powers in the Venezuelan case when received at Caracas, led to the expression that "the value of future decisions handed down by the arbitration tribunal is destroyed, because in this finding the tribunal has consecrated the triumph of might over right."

At the congressional elections in Cuba the liberal nationalists elected fifteen congressmen, conservative republicans eleven and the moderate nationalists five. Half of the so-called liberals are opposed to the nationalist principles, therefore the result is generally regarded as a victory for the moderate element in politics.

Lord Milner, in an address at Johannesburg, revealed the grave financial condition of the colony. He said a deficit amounting to \$5,000,000 was due to the shrinkage of railroad receipts and the general paralysis of industry, while most of the \$150,000,000 loan had already been expended on railroads, the repatriation of the Boers and the development of the country.

M. Combes, the French premier, ridicules the idea of any split in the present majority until the program of anti-clerical legislation has been carried out thoroughly.

Congressman Lucius M. Littauer was renominated for congress by the republicans at Saratoga, February 29, 1904.

President Harper of the University of Chicago was recently operated on for appendicitis.

Father Anton Joseph Legrand, once Episcopal bishop of Rome, died at Wichita, Kas., aged 77 years.

Advices from the Kanawha, W. Va., coal fields indicate that there will be a general strike of miners April 5.

Fifteen hundred locked out carriage and wagon workers of Chicago accepted a 4 per cent increase in wages and agreed to the open shop.

The three collieries of the Lehigh Valley Coal company in the Shamoken, Pa., region, which had been idle since October, have resumed work.

The state supreme court of Pennsylvania has decided that a purchaser of stock on margin, who gave a due bill to cover the margin, but who afterward repudiated the transaction on the ground that it was a "bucket shop" or gambling transaction, must pay the stock broker the amount of the due bill.

James Colegate, laborer and millionaire of Hurley, Mich., has been taken to the insane asylum at Newberry. Until recently Colegate, who is 20 years old, was a mine teamster. Then his grandfather, James Colegate, sr., died in New Haven, Conn., and left him \$1,000,000. Sudden riches turned the boy's brain and he may never recover sufficiently to enjoy his good fortune.

Twelve lives were lost in a fire which destroyed the home of Thomas Guay, near Roberval, Quebec, February 29. Mr. Guay's eight children and Mrs. Gannon and her three small children were all burned to death.

The strike of the boilermakers on the Southern Pacific lines was ended February 29.

An Associated press dispatch, dated Ft. Leavenworth, Kas., February 29, says: "To prevent his release on a technicality the war department today instructed that Paul M. MacLane, an ex-lieutenant in the regular army, be transferred from the United States penitentiary here to the post guard house. It is stated that MacLane's friends were preparing to secure his release on a writ of habeas corpus on a technicality, and the war department officials deemed it better to let the ex-lieutenant serve his imprisonment in the guard house, a purely military institution, rather than meet a trial in the United States court. The act of congress turning the military prison into a civil penitentiary specified that any prisoner under sentence of more than one year was to be confined there. MacLane, who was tried by court-martial in the Philippines and convicted of fraud and embezzlement, was sentenced to just one year.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of Mt. Sterling, Ky., February 29, says: While A.

C. Marklein and a man named McCarthy, New York oil men, were riding along Bushy Cane creek they were attacked by a huge mountain lion and a battle resulted. The beast sprang on the horse ridden by Marklein and bore him to the ground. Marklein's leg was caught under the horse. McCarthy drew his revolver and fired, the bullet striking the lion and only stunning him. The lion fell from the horse onto Marklein's body and buried its teeth in his breast and shoulders, tearing the flesh. McCarthy continued to shoot at the animal and after emptying his gun secured a club and began to beat the brute, which was weakening from loss of blood. Marklein is fatally injured, while McCarthy's clothing was torn to shreds and his body horribly scratched.

J. A. T. Hull, present congressman from the Des Moines, Ia., district, was renominated by the republicans, February 29. He was opposed by Judge Prouty, who made a vigorous fight against the present member.

February 29, the Burlington railroad made a big cut in its force of workmen at the Plattsmouth shops. One hundred and two men were laid off.

Robbers, in an endeavor to cover the attempted looting of the Camden, Md., bank, a branch of the Baltimore Trust company, started a fire which destroyed the building and several adjoining structures, causing a loss of \$20,000.

Mrs. Horace G. Allis, whose husband served a term in prison for wrecking the National bank of which he was president, committed suicide at Little Rock, Ark., by hanging herself with strips of bedclothing.

Mrs. Mary McAdams, the oldest resident of Montgomery county, Illinois, is dead at the age of 94 years. She leaves seven children, 29 grandchildren, 52 great grand-children and one great grand-child.

The National Farmers' Co-operative Exchange was organized March 2 at Omaha.

Penniless and almost destitute of clothes six members of the crew of the wrecked schooner David P. Davis of Bath, Me., who were picked up off Hatteras during a gale by Diamond shoals lightship No. 72, have arrived at Norfolk, Va. The Davis was run down and dismantled off Hatteras last Friday night by an unknown schooner.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of Lima, O., March 1, says: The price of crude oil was cut 3 cents per barrel on the high grade product and 5 cents on the heavy grades in Kentucky and Kansas today. No cause for the reduction is apparent, except that drilling will be more active in the spring and production is expected to increase.

After long and tedious negotiations the German steel syndicate has been finally organized.

Commander William E. Sewell, U. S. N., governor of Guam, has reached San Francisco and is said to be dying.

The St. Louis circuit court of appeals handed down a decision to the effect that a person who loses money in a bucket shop transaction on margins cannot recover.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of Cleveland, O., March 1, says: The Marcus A. Hanna Memorial association was incorporated today at Columbus by several prominent citizens of Cleveland. The purpose of the association is to establish a chair of political science at Western Reserve university in memory of the late Senator Hanna. The incorporators will meet in a few days and choose a board of trustees, open an office in Cleveland and begin active work for the collection of sufficient funds to endow the proposed chair. The movement was instigated by Rev. J. S. Rutledge and found immediate favor. The present movement is not intended to supersede any other memorial in stone or bronze that may later be erected to Senator Hanna's memory. No statement probably will be made as to the amount of money necessary for the proposed chair.

A special dispatch to the Denver News, under date of Las Vegas, N. M., March 1, says: A telegram from Delegate Rodey giving the infor-

mation that the president had just declared to him that he was in favor of joint statehood for New Mexico and Arizona and would use his influence to secure the passage of a joint bill in the present congress has just been received in the city. Governor Otero, Territorial Secretary Reynolds and Chief Justice Mills happened to be here when the telegram was received. All have been opponents of the joint statehood bill. On seeing the message they abandoned the fight for separate statehood and are willing to accept a liberal measure admitting New Mexico and Arizona jointly.

Charters of 1,000 corporations doing business in Illinois have been cancelled by the secretary of state for failure to comply with the law which requires annual statements.

On March 3 Toledo, O., was bottled up between two great ice gorges. The water in the Maumee river in the heart of the city was seven feet above mean level and was stationary. At the mouth of the river there was an ice gorge which extended for several miles.

At Telluride, Colo., Henry Make, a striking union miner, was chained to a telegraph pole for an hour and a half because he refused to work in the chain gang after having been convicted of vagrancy. Governor Peabody says that although Telluride is still under martial law the military authorities were not responsible for the pilloring of Make. It is claimed that Willard Runnels, a deputy sheriff, chained Make to the pole.

James E. Watson, republican, was nominated for congress in the Sixth district, at Shelbyville, Ind., March 3.

The republican congressional convention for the Ninth Missouri district, in session at St. Charles, March 3, proposed Charles Wallbridge of St. Louis for vice president.

The republican congressional convention for the Second Kansas district met at Garnett March 3 and broke up in a row. One faction renominated Congressman Bowersack and the other nominated Henry J. Allen of Ottawa.

The republicans of the Third Kansas district in convention at Coffeetown, Kas., March 3, renominated Congressman Campbell.

With the exception of minor strategic moves on both sides, nothing has transpired during the past week in the Russo-Japanese war. Russia announces that she is upon the eve of important movements and 17,000 Korean troops have been tendered to the Japanese. Desultory firing is continued at and near Port Arthur, but no advantages accrue to either party.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of Chicago, March 3, says: After paying Major William Bell more than \$32,000 as interest on a loan of \$4,000, for four years, Charles E. Rand, a real estate dealer, wanted to "call the deal off." To his surprise he found that Major Bell still held his checks for \$7,950, none of which have been presented to the bank. Judge Kavanagh has ordered that a decree be entered, compelling the return of the security and checks, but has denied the petition for the return of excess interest.

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