

# Condensed News of the Week

March 7, fire broke out in the Lyceum theatre, at Elmira, N. Y. The flames spread to neighboring buildings and reached the Auditorium. Both buildings were totally destroyed.

Officers of the "Prince George," one of the ships in the British navy, report that an important signal book is missing from the vessel. Two officers and two seamen have been placed under arrest. This is said to be the third instance in which important naval documents have disappeared from the British navy in the past three years and with the exception of the Secret War Code, the missing book is the most important document in the navy.

Brendel & Co., a banking house at Berlin, failed March 7. The difficulties are attributed to embezzlement by a clerk.

A collision between freight trains at Jefferson City, Mo., March 7, resulted in the death of three trainmen.

John Evans of New York, general manager of the banana trust, says that last year 28,000,000 bunches of bananas were sold in this country and he expects the consumption to increase several million bunches in 1904.

At Prague, Bohemia, March 6, there were many riots among the students, brought about by demonstrations for and against Russia.

Rev. Willard D. Rice, the well-known Presbyterian divine, died March 6 at Philadelphia. He was 87 years of age.

In New York, March 6, while leaning from a third story window, Margaret Waddington, eight years old, lost her balance and fell to the yard below. Not a bone was broken and the physician was unable to find even a scratch on the child's body. It is claimed that this is the third time this child has fallen out of windows, each time without sustaining injury.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of New York, March 6, says: John Maberg, a steamship steward, has been pronounced out of danger at the Norwegian hospital, Brooklyn, after having undergone an operation remarkable in hospital records. Dying from the effect of false teeth which he had swallowed, being imbedded in his throat, the man's neck was slit open and the teeth extracted through the opening thus made. The heroic operation was resorted to only after every other attempt to relieve the sufferer had failed.

George W. Mayfield of Nebraska and Joseph M. Mayfield of Indiana, two brothers who had not met for fifty years, recently enjoyed a visit with one another in the city of Omaha, Neb.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of Tacoma, Wash., March 6, says: Mexico is on the eve of a revolution, according to Colonel H. H. Thompson, who has just returned from that country. Colonel Thompson says the prospective revolution is dependent upon President Diaz's release of the reins of government to Limantour. "Limantour is a sympathizer of the church," said Colonel Thompson. "The belief prevails that Limantour will return to the church the lands which have been confiscated, and this will be the signal for a revolution." Senor Bernardo Reyes, formerly commander of the army is the man who will head it. Limantour will have only the police of Mexico City and about 2,000 rurales, or country police.

William Epperson died at Kansas City, Mo., March 6, at the age of 71 years. He was the pioneer packer of Kansas City, having built a packing plant there in 1868.

It is reported that Baron Toll, the explorer, perished in the Arctic ocean.

At Springfield, O., March 7, a mob battered down the jail doors and securing possession of Richard Dixon, a negro, who had murdered a police officer, riddled the negro's body with bullets and then suspended it in the air.

It is reported that the czar of Russia has engaged Mr. Horace G. Burt, until recently the president of the Union Pacific railroad, as an expert on communications and railways in the

czar's domain. Newspaper dispatches say that Mr. Burt is to make a report on needed improvements for the trans-Siberian road and that his remuneration for two reports will be \$100,000.

In the house of commons, March 7, Mr. Balfour said that it was not within the region of practical politics to suggest a tax on food and added that Joseph Chamberlain had reached the same conclusion.

Reports from South Dakota say that the loss of cattle on the range has been very heavy during the past few weeks, owing to the scarcity of water.

March 7 more than 2,000 laborers employed on structures building in New York went on a strike. They protest against the increase of the working day from eight to ten hours.

It is estimated that the damage caused by the earthquake at Lima, Peru, will amount to \$500,000.

Charitable institutions are bequeathed \$200,000 by provisions of the will of Sarah Schermerhorn of Newport, N. Y. Of this sum, the home for consumptives at Denver receives \$50,000.

The Academy of Science at St. Petersburg has offered \$3,750 to anyone giving information in regard to the whereabouts of the party of Baron Toll, the Arctic explorer, from whom nothing has been heard since he left the yacht Searia in 1902, and started for Benne' island.

March 9 the governor of Ohio called out five companies of the Ohio national guard to restore order at Springfield, O., the disorder being occasioned by the lynching of a negro at that place.

Richmond P. Hobson, known as a naval hero, is a candidate for the democratic nomination for congress from Alabama. His opponent is Congressman Bankhead.

Governor Cummins of Iowa was asked to grant requisition papers authorizing the removal from Boone, Ia., to Pierre, S. D., of Mrs. Sherman Dye, who is charged with sending poisoned candy to Miss Rena Nelson of Pierre, S. D. On March 8 the governor refused to grant the requisition. He says that he did so after consultation with the attorney general, and explains: "The ruling I am compelled to make upon this application exhibits grave defect in the law. Under the federal statute, as construed by every recent decision of the supreme court of the United States and by an older case in our own supreme court, I have no authority whatever to extradite Mrs. Dye. The holdings in those opinions are clear and explicit, to the effect that to warrant extradition the person accused must have been personally in the state where the crime was committed and fled therefrom after the commission of the crime. Mrs. Dye was not in South Dakota and therefore could not have fled from that state. I regret this conclusion, because if Mrs. Dye is guilty of murder, she must be tried for that offense in South Dakota or not at all, unless the statute be changed. I have submitted the matter to the attorney general and this ruling is made under his advice."

Congressman Victor Murdock of Wichita, Kas., was renominated by the republican convention March 8.

Jacob Romeo, who served the Tenth Ohio district in congress from 1884 to 1888 died at his home in Toledo, March 8.

On March 8 the republican congressional convention for the Fifth Alabama district met at Tuskegee. One-third of the delegates were negroes. The delegates to the national convention were instructed for Roosevelt and W. B. Walker was nominated for congress.

On March 8 the republican caucus of the New York legislature selected Dr. Andrew S. Draper, president of the Illinois university and former superintendent of public instruction, to be commissioner of education for the initial term of six years. He will be elected at the joint session of the legislature.

Colonel W. A. McIntosh, general counsel of

the Postal Telegraph company, is dead in Jamaica, where he was spending his vacation. His home was at Atlanta, Ga.

The Servian government intends establishing a consulate at New York city with a view to increasing and facilitating trade with the United States.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of St. Louis, March 8, says: The frame work of the Russian national pavilion at the World's fair was torn down today on receipt of a cablegram from St. Petersburg by Contractor LeCover, who has been in charge of the work. Work on the frame work of the pavilion was well under way. The cablegram was from the department of the interior, briefly ordering such work as had been completed torn down.

The lower house of the Ohio legislature, on March 9, passed a bill permitting pools to be sold at the race tracks in Ohio. The bill passed by a vote of 72 to 19.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 8, says: The city of Wilkesbarre and the Wyoming valley was in a turmoil today. The mighty flow of water spread out north and south, east and west, making the north branch of the Susquehanna river a vast, maddened, coursing lake, sweeping in its path whatever there was to invade and the scene was even more terrifying than on Tuesday. Industries all along the entire stream from Pittston to Nanticoke are closed down on account of the water invading many places, and in many places water is flowing into the mines. In the central portion of Wilkesbarre today business was crippled on account of basements being filled with water. At 10:30 tonight the water here at the bridge was 28.2 feet above low water mark, but much higher in the lower section of town. At Plymouth the entire business section of the town is under water. Only a few business houses escaped the flood and as a result the merchants have lost thousands of dollars' worth of goods. The ice is gorged there and the water backed up so rapidly this afternoon that many families found it impossible to leave their homes and are living on the upper floors. Summing up the situation in brief, over \$1,000,000 worth of property was destroyed in the Wyoming valley and over 200 families rendered homeless. Though the river is falling tonight, towns in the vicinity of Bloomsburg are experiencing the worst flood in their history. The great spans of the steel bridge erected by the state at Catawissa were swept from their piers.

Eight hundred houses at Middleton, Pa., are surrounded by water and hundreds of people are rendered homeless.

The French steamer Cambodge was wrecked March 9 in a storm off the coast of Cochin, China. A London cablegram says that it is believed 100 persons perished in the wreck.

Bishop Charles S. Smith of Detroit speaking before the general conference of the African Methodist church, recommended that the United States government acquire the island of Santo Domingo as a place of refuge for negroes.

The committee at Denver appointed by the city council to investigate charges of padding registration rolls made its report, charging prominent politicians with fraud.

President Roosevelt, in a letter to President Shepperd of the Jamestown Exposition company, indorses the tercentennial to be held in 1907, as demanding the united action of the people in commemoration of the real birth of the nation.

Captain W. W. Gibson, ordnance corps, United States army, now on duty in the Philippines, has been substituted as a representative of the United States army with the Russian troops for Captain W. B. Kerr, who has fallen ill.

Of course there is some reward in sight for Mr. Foraker. Else why should he bring down maledictions upon his head by introducing a trust-favoring bill merely to give the president an opportunity to make a spectacular repudiation thereof?