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# Condensed News of the Week

An Associated Press Dispatch from Havana, dated March 27, says: Telegrams from Santiago de Cuba report that all the members of the provincial electoral board of scrutiny have been arrested on the charge of falsifying the results of the elections for congressmen.

A main pipe of the Standard Oil company, which crossed the river at Borea, O., burst and took fire. The current of the river carried the burning oil several miles down the stream, and hundreds of people stood on the river bank watching the unusual sight.

While prayer services were being held in St. Mary's church, New Haven, Conn., last Sunday morning, some one shouted "fire." In the panic that ensued about twenty persons were badly injured.

Daniel J. Sully, the bankrupt cotton king, has made a proposition to his creditors in the cotton exchange. He offers to give them 40 cents on the dollar cash, payable within thirty days, and the balance in notes, without interest, payable in one, two and three years.

The state of Indiana has suffered a loss of about \$8,000,000 owing to the floods in that part of the country. Eight persons are said to have lost their lives.

John Miller, Charles Kelley and Michael Ryan of Chicago are under arrest at St. Louis, charged with attempting to throw muriatic acid on horses driven by non-union cab men.

Four miners of Telluride, Colo., were driven from that place by the militia, and warned never to return, on account of participation in strike riots.

Reports from Petersburg, Ind., say that the White river at that place is thirteen miles wide, and much damage has been done to property in that section. The wheat crop is ruined and much stock drowned.

John Mitchell, the famous labor leader, will be in Denver on April 18 to take charge of the coal miners' strike there.

Two officers who were implicated in the conspiracy to assassinate the late king and queen of Serbia, will be removed from the court, as a result of the settlement between the Serbian government and the convention of the powers.

Several Americans visiting in Canada recently purchased furs from a Montreal firm and are now minus the furs and the prices paid for them. The firm agreed to deliver the goods to the homes of the purchasers, but they have been seized by the United States government as smuggled goods. An effort will be made to recover them for the owners.

A Belgian, accused of stealing the historical pearl necklace belonging to Prince Alice de Bourbon, daughter of Don Carlos, pretender to the Spanish throne, has been arrested at Paris. The necklace, which had been pawned, is in the hands of the authorities.

After having acted as justice of the peace for seven years, during which time he presided over cases, solemnized marriages and fulfilled all the duties of a justice, William Evans of Salem, Wis., acknowledges that he is not a citizen of the United States, and that all his acts were void. He came from England 23 years ago and failed to take out naturalization papers.

Two cases were disposed of in a remarkable way within the last two weeks in the Chicago courts. In one case it was proved that a small boy was induced by the police to give false testimony, leading to the conviction of his father for murder. In the other the lives of five men were saved by a little girl who had apparently established that they were guilty of murder. After she had given her evidence, under oath, she repudiated it, saying that she had been instructed how to testify by the widow of the murdered man. The prisoners were discharged.

An Associated press dispatch from Panama,

dated March 30, says: Great surprise is manifested in all circles here over the alleged nonfulfillment by the United States of the agreement that on the exchange of ratifications of the canal treaty, the United States should pay to the new republic the sum of \$10,000,000. It is said the delay of the United States to make the payment has forced the government of Panama to float a loan in New York.

An Associated press dispatch from Mexico says: The national liberal party, which is favorable to the administration of President Diaz, has issued a call for a national convention to be held in the city May 20 for the purpose of selecting a vice presidential candidate, to be voted for in the June election.

A bill providing for discrimination in the matter of alien immigration was introduced in the house of commons last week. The bill follows the recommendations of the report of the royal commission that certain classes be subjected to state control.

Michael Hicks-Beach, writing to the chairman of his committee at West Bristow, England, which constituency he represents, says that while he does not anticipate an early dissolution of parliament, he has definitely decided to retire from active politics.

Irving F. Baxter has been appointed district attorney for the district of Nebraska, to succeed W. S. Summers.

As a result of the strike of the Iowa coal miners, 13,500 men are idle. The men have asked John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, to come to Des Moines and aid in adjusting matters.

The French court has given a decision in favor of the defendant in the case of the republic of Colombia against the Panama Canal company, costs to be paid by plaintiff. This removes all obstacles that would hinder the transfer of the canal concession from the company to the United States.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of Albany, N. Y., March 28, says: Both houses of the legislature have passed a bill authorizing the payment by the state of New York of a pension of \$72 per month to Hiram Cronks, a survivor of the war of 1812. Both republicans and democrats supported the bill for a pension and the sum of \$72 was agreed to after a state senator had declared that Cronks was in want.

Traffic officials of the western roads have decided not to issue any more passes to live stock shippers, holding that no state has the right to pass a law requiring a railroad to give something for nothing.

The democrats of the Seventh congressional district of Missouri have renominated C. W. Hamlin of Springfield.

General Delarey, the former Boer commander, addressing a congress of farmers, said he regretted the forthcoming representation of scenes of the Boer war at the St. Louis exposition, which he said would be a shameful production. General Delarey said he wished to bring to the notice of the world the fact that the Boers had abandoned all thoughts of vindictiveness towards Great Britain and that now it was their privilege to work in peace.

South Dakota's democratic state convention met March 30. The convention elected to the national convention the following delegates: John W. Aslow, Yankton county; R. F. Pettigrew, Minnehaha; W. F. Brennan, Kingsbury; J. A. Stransky, Brule; H. S. Volkmar, Grant; E. E. Gross, Potter; Chancey L. Wood, Pennington; W. J. Whitmore, Lawrence. These delegates were instructed to cast their votes for William R. Hearst for president.

F. Augustus Heinze, president of the Montana Ore Purchasing company, was fined \$20,000 for violating the order of the federal court enjoining Heinze and his associates from operating the

Michael Davitt lode claim. Heinze has paid the fine under protest and will appeal the case.

United States Senator James R. Burton of Kansas was convicted in the federal court of St. Louis on the charge of having received pay for using his influence before the postoffice department in behalf of the Rialto Grain and Securities company.

Captain Robert McCullough of Chicago formally assumed charge of the lines of the St. Louis Transit company as vice president and general manager.

The Hazleton hill on the Evansville & Terre Haute railroad was washed away, closing traffic between Evansville and Vincennes.

A special from Miles City, Mont., says: Fully two-thirds of the residences and business portion of Miles City are submerged by the flood waters of Tongue river.

Premier Combes has ordered that all religious emblems be removed from the courts of justice in Paris, electing Good Friday for the carrying out of the order.

Clark H. Sampson, one of the most prominent citizens of St. Louis, died after a year's illness from complications of rheumatism and Bright's disease.

A decision was handed down in the United States court of appeals at St. Louis establishing the rights in law of Indian children of full and half-blood relationship as equal.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of East St. Louis, Ill., says: After contesting his wife's will, which cut him off with \$50 and left \$50,000 to European relatives, and winning the suit two weeks ago for \$25,000, John Thornberg rejoiced to such an extent that he broke his leg and died today from blood poisoning. There being no children, the \$50,000 estate will go to relatives here and in Europe.

Henry R. Crothers, cashier of the San Francisco Evening Bulletin, died after an operation for appendicitis. He was the son of John Crothers of Montreal, Canada, and nephew of R. A. Crothers, proprietor and editor of the Bulletin.

An organized gang for the systematic smuggling of Chinese into the United States by way of the Canadian border is believed to have been disrupted by the arrest Thursday of three Chinese in Chicago.

It was announced that the Pennsylvania Railroad company has placed an order for 2,125 steel cars. The cars will probably be used for the shipping of coal.

The New York grand jury made a presentment on the Darlington disaster, censuring the city building department for the methods employed in permitting faulty construction of buildings.

The Broad street store of the Gorke company in New York was gutted by fire, entailing a loss of \$100,000.

The British Antarctic expedition, which sailed on the steamer Discovery from London July 31, 1901, has signaled that it is returning.

Reports from several parts of Ohio and Indiana indicate that great damage and much suffering has resulted from the high water in that part of the country.

Owing to the delay in filing the bill of exceptions in the Burton case, the appeal cannot be heard until next September or December.

The world's record has been broken in the coining of gold at the San Francisco mint. The amount of money coined since the month of January being \$54,693,500.

Mr. Shelby, a school teacher of Audobon, Ia., was fined for beating one of his pupils unmercifully with a large board. The punishment was given because the boy threw a snowball through the school house window in fun or by accident.