

Condensed News of the Week

Two powder mills at Troy, N. Y., were blown up, killing two men and injuring several others. The buildings near the mills were completely demolished.

After working for forty long years on the farm of his uncle without one cent of remuneration, James Bates was not mentioned as an heir in the will of that relative a few days ago. Instead, a neighbor was left all that the old man owned, but refused to take it, saying that he believed the nephew should have it. Bates claims that at the rate of \$20 per month for his services, there is due him from the estate \$23,040.

Henry M. Stanley, the famous explorer, died at London, England, on May 10, of pleuro-pneumonia. Mr. Stanley was 64 years of age.

A party of 100 Japanese are on their way to the United States to go into the rice farming business. Two of these enterprising men have \$100,000 cash, and they will buy the land.

Queen Liliuokalani, who has been visiting the St. Louis fair, has been taken very ill and intends to return to Honolulu at once.

The golden jubilee of the Y. M. C. A. has been held at Buffalo. Representatives from every state in the Union and Canada and Mexico were there to attend the fiftieth anniversary of the association.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of New York, May 9, says: The collection taken up at Calvary Methodist church last night contained 1,400 pennies, which caused the pastor to deliver a postscript to his sermon with II. Timothy, iv., 14, as text, beginning, "Alexander, the copper-smith, did me much evil."

The old palace in which King Alexander and Queen Draga of Serbia were murdered is to be demolished by that government.

In the trial of James N. Tyner and Harrison N. Barrett, charged with conspiracy in connection with their duties as law officers of the postoffice department yesterday, the testimony was of a similar character to that heretofore presented, tending to show Mr. Barrett's connection with the leniency alleged to have been shown certain bond investment companies by the department.

Secretary Taft has left Washington for the Adirondacks for a stay of ten days or two weeks. He is suffering from a severe cold and his physician advised him to take a rest in another climate.

President Roosevelt has approved the sentence of dismissal from the army of Lieutenant Frederick W. Mills of the Seventh infantry, who was court-martialed for duplicating pay accounts, making false official statements and refusing to pay bills he owed to merchants.

Dr. Gomez and Bonaventura Kolbaza have been acquitted of the charge of inciting an insurrection in the province of Luzon.

A jury at Sherman, Tex., gave Louis James, the actor, a judgment for \$10,000 against the Oriental Hotel association of Dallas, Tex., for libel. It is alleged the hotel people had sent a telegram to James and wife requesting them to return pillow slips said to be missing from the hotel.

A warning has been issued by the interior department against trespassing on the portion of the Crow Indian reservation in Montana, recently ceded by the Indians. Reports to the department are to the effect that a number of "sooners" have gone on the lands and selected some of the choicest portions. The secretary notified them that they will acquire no rights by this course.

Twelve tons of gold were reduced to a molten state at the United States mint at Philadelphia. At the same time the coinage department began the work of converting the mass into golden eagles. Tomorrow twelve more tons will be melted and within the next few days about \$12,000,000 will be coined. The melting of twelve tons of gold in one day is said to break all records for mint melting.

The Haytian government openly accords protection to the Dominican government in order to

secure the protection of President Morales, as the entry of Jimenez's forces would be fatal to Morales.

Mayor Collins of Boston has written a letter declining to entertain fifty Philippine representatives who will visit the east. The chamber of commerce of that city, not deeming the visit of much commercial importance, also declines.

The Louisville, Ky., Post says: Preliminary steps toward the consolidation of all the independent telephone lines in the United States will probably be taken at a conference to be held in this city between President J. G. Splaine of the Pittsburg & Allegheny Telephone company and the officers of the Louisville Home Telephone company.

In two years, the number of beet sugar factories in the United States has increased from 23 to 56.

A project is under consideration to combine all the negro Methodist denominations in the United States.

The Lorraine, a French line steamship, left New York on May 12, with a cargo of gold worth \$9,300,000, a general cargo of \$1,000,000, which, together with her own value of \$4,000,000, makes the ship the most valuable that ever sailed from New York.

Launcelot Collins, a British subject, was killed during the fights and riots in Telluride, Colo., and it is said that the British government will demand indemnity.

Asked in the house of commons if the government would not co-operate with the Liverpool cotton exchange in the same way that the United States government was co-operating with the cotton exchanges of America, with the object of making "corners" impossible, Premier Balfour said no information had reached the government that the United States had taken such a step to deal with the form of gambling.

Dr. Robert Bartholow, the eminent physician and emeritus professor of materia medica, general therapeutics and hygiene of Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, died after a lingering illness. Dr. Bartholow was the author of many medical works.

President Roosevelt has removed the United States marshal of Georgia.

The census bureau has prepared a bulletin on irrigation in Oklahoma, showing that in 1902 there were 3,382 acres under irrigation. The water is supplied from 113 systems, the cost of construction of which averaged about \$11 per acre.

King Edward, in a letter to Lady Stanley, intimating that he will send a representative to the funeral of her husband, alludes gracefully to the great service rendered by Sir Henry through his explorations in South Africa.

The government has been officially notified of the coming visit of a number of German postal officials, who will inquire into the workings of the postal service and other means of communication.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison Eaton, a sister of the late President Benjamin Harrison, died at North Bend, a suburb of Cincinnati. She is a granddaughter of President William Henry Harrison, who was a pioneer in this part of Ohio.

Alfred Bissel, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, died at Oregon City, Ore. Mr. Bissel was a delegate from Illinois to the convention that first nominated Lincoln for the presidency and was a friend of Lincoln's. He built the first flour mill in Santa Fe, N. M.

Mrs. Katherine Bullard, 78 years old, and a sister-in-law of Henry Ward Beecher, is dead in Indianapolis, Ind. She lived in Helena, Mont., for several years.

Democratic primaries were held in Florida on May 11. A hot fight between rival aspirants for honors in the way of state offices and the senatorial toga took place. The friends of William R. Hearst claim that so far as concerns national

politics, the Florida primaries resulted in a Hearst victory.

In Peru three days of national mourning has been proclaimed in honor of the late President Candamo.

The Indiana democratic state convention met at Indianapolis, May 12. W. H. O'Brien, John W. Kern, B. F. Shelvely, and G. V. Menzes were chosen as delegates at large. The Twelfth congressional district was carried by the friends of William R. Hearst. The state convention, however, instructed all Indiana delegates to cast their votes for Alton B. Parker. The delegates were also instructed to vote for Thomas Taggart for a member of the national committee and Mr. Taggart was also suggested as chairman of that committee. Although the delegates were chosen for Parker, there was little enthusiasm displayed for the New Yorker, and it seems to be generally understood that a strong sentiment prevails among the Indiana delegates in favor of some one other than Mr. Parker. The Associated press report of the Indiana convention says: A feature of the convention was the demonstration that followed the mention of the name of George B. McClellan of New York. The cheering lasted for several minutes, several hundred delegates and spectators rising and waving hats and handkerchiefs.

Judge George Gray has been chosen by the nominating committee of the National Civic Federation to succeed the late Senator Hanna as president of the federation.

The democratic convention for the District of Columbia met on May 12 and elected James L. Norriss, Edwin B. Hay, J. Fred Kelly, W. Cranch McIntyre, John F. Monahan, and John G. Campbell as delegates to the St. Louis convention. These delegates were not instructed. The Associated press report of this convention says: Almost at the beginning of the proceedings of the convention there was a split following a determined but unsuccessful effort on the part of the followers of William R. Hearst to enforce a certain rule of the election commission which the chairman said had been altered after the recent primaries had been held. The entire Hearst contingent led by Harry W. Sherman, the president of the central labor union, thereupon bolted. A rump convention was held and six delegates and alternates to the St. Louis convention were elected and instructed for Hearst. A platform was adopted declaring for anti-trust legislation and condemning the republican party and the present administration. The delegates selected were: W. E. Carr, Herman J. Schulties, Harry W. Sherman, Ward Savage, Con Kenealy and T. F. Ryan. The full membership of the convention is sixty-six, of which number forty-five remained with the regular body.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of Cincinnati, May 12, says: Andrew Hickenlooper, aged sixty-seven years, died here today. He rose from captain to be brigadier general in the civil war and was a famous commander of artillery in the union army. After the war he was civil engineer of Cincinnati and for the past thirty years president of the Cincinnati Gas and Electric company. He was lieutenant governor of Ohio from 1880 to 1882.

As the conventions are held throughout the country, it becomes apparent that the believers in the Kansas City platform are more numerous than the reorganizing papers have represented. County after county is indorsing the Kansas City platform. The state of Washington is the last state to indorse that platform, and among the counties recently acting is Green county, Wisconsin. The rank and file of the voters are not so easily frightened as some of the professional politicians.

Captain Peary, the Arctic explorer, is negotiating at St. Johns, N. F., for the Eagle to accompany him on an expedition to the Greenland seas during the present summer, where he will arrange for his large polar expedition next season. Captain Peary contemplates a sojourn of four years in the Arctic regions.

In the presence of relations and friends, Dr. Crayke Priestly, a great great grandson of Dr. Joseph Priestly, who discovered oxygen, counted the moments before his death. Dr. Priestly was suffering with pneumonia, and as he lay dying he counted one, two, three, and then expired.