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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

The Russian Government will build several new transoceanic and cruisers during the coming summer.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission has decided that special low rates to theatrical companies are illegal.

THOMAS HUNTON says positively that he will not retire from the treasury at present, but may do so in a year or so.

FATHER KINNELLA has been sentenced to two months at hard labor for his connection with the eviction at Glasgow, Ireland.

The performance at the Broadway Theater, New York, for the benefit of Mrs. James G. Blaine, Jr., who is sick, netted \$4,000.

CLAUDE BRANCHES appeared before the House Committee on Ways and Means recently and protested against a reduction of the duty on sugar.

Mr. MATTHEWS, the British Home Secretary, has informed a deputation of miners that the Government will not support an Eight-Hour bill officially.

PROPERTY owners of Dubuque, Iowa, do not fear the proposed suit of the heirs of Julien Dubuque to obtain possession of the site of the city on an old claim.

The Royal Geographical Society has invited Thomas Stevens to send a paper to be read before the society, describing how he reached Henry M. Stanley in Eastern Africa.

The President has pardoned Private Wild, who received an outrageous sentence of a court martial at Fort Snelling for refusing to do menial work for Lieutenant Steele. The President also reprimanded General Ruger for approving the findings of the court martial. Steele was likely to be cashiered.

In the British House of Commons Mr. W. E. Smith stated that under Lord Ashbourne's act the application for advances of money to the tenants who desired to purchase the farms they rented had reached the total sum of \$41,512,975, and that upon these applications the sums advanced aggregated \$21,975,100.

A DISPATCH from San Angelo, Tex., which lies in the midst of the cattle producing region of that State, says the President's proclamation ousting the cattle men from the Cherokee Strip will entail heavy losses to stockmen of Texas who have leased large pastures in the Nation at great expense, and have purchased cattle with a view to driving there to fatten this spring before shipping to Northern markets.

COMMUNIST GERRY, of the General-Land-office, has rendered a decision in the celebrated Pennita grant case in Arizona, in which he holds that no grant of the character claimed was ever made. He decides against the claimants on every point and orders the case stricken from the Surveyor-General's docket. The claim has been many years before the department and embraces about 4,000,000 acres in the central part of Arizona.

According to a Paris cable special a dispatch of Dom Pedro has received a review from Brazil stating that the movement there to place the ex-Emperor in nomination for the Presidency of the Republic is strengthening and spreading. The Emperor has been informed of the intention of his friends and they await his consent to the use of his name. The Emperor has already expressed his willingness to return to Brazil in any capacity, public or private.

The steamship Chian from Yokohama and Hong Kong reports that the storm of January 28 swept about 1,000 fishing boats, containing between 2,500 and 3,000 people, from the Boshu coast. Nine hundred of these boats with all on board were lost. On the same day eleven boats were wrecked off Tabishima and fifty fishermen were drowned. On January 29 twenty-three fishermen were drowned off the coast of Matsushima. On the 30th 300 fishing boats, containing 600 men, were lost.

COURT ANDRASY, the Hungarian statesman, recently deceased, came of an ancient and noble family. He took a prominent part in the revolution of 1848 as an adherent of the popular cause and was condemned to death in 1850, but he escaped and went into exile. When the right of self-government was restored in Hungary in February, 1857, Andrasy was appointed Premier of a new Hungarian Ministry by the Emperor. He succeeded Von Beust, 1871-74, as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

A PARTY, headed by Prof. Charles M. Dobson, of London, and Colonel Frank Triplett, a prominent Western mining expert and engineer, is being formed in St. Louis to make a thorough scientific exploration of the great unknown region lying in the far Northwest, between the coast range and the main range of the Rockies—chiefly in the new State of Washington. This region embraces an area of over 20,000 square miles, and it is believed that its exploration will have very important results for the scientific and commercial world.

HERBERT THIBAUULT, ambassador Rillotti's friend, is in New York. In an interview he said: "In regard to the report that I offered to reveal Mr. Rillotti's hiding-place to the officials in twenty-four hours, provided I was given \$25,000, why the idea is preposterous. I do not know where Mr. Rillotti is in the first place, and if I did I would not give him up for \$25,000. I had not seen Mr. Rillotti for two weeks before his flight, nor have I seen or heard of him since. I was called to Quebec by a telegram announcing the sickness of my mother."

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

MARDI GRAS at New Orleans was credited with being a brilliant success.

The arrest of J. H. Kelley at St. Louis for supposed connection with the Cronin murder at Chicago turned out to be a case of mistaken identity.

The Navassa "rioters" were sentenced at Baltimore, Md., on the 30th. George S. Key, Henry Jeffrey and Edward Smith, convicted of murder, were sentenced to be hanged March 28. The fourteen men tried upon charges of manslaughter were sentenced to terms in the Albany, N. Y., penitentiary ranging from two to ten years.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL STAFF has written an official letter to Bank Examiner Kenyon in which he says the facts in the report of the latter in regard to the American Building & Loan Association of Minnesota do not constitute sufficient grounds for proceedings against the association.

No more four per cent bonds will be purchased by the Treasury Department until further notice.

LETTERS from the City of Mexico report terrible ravages by influenza.

JACOB SCHROOP and Thomas J. Cole were hanged at Philadelphia on the 30th. Schroop was a baker and killed his employer for the poor man's savings, leaving his body in Fairmount Park. Cole killed a companion while drunk.

WILLIAM S. HOPKINS was hanged at Bellefonte, Pa., on the 30th. He was given two drops, the rope breaking at the first fall.

THREE miners were instantly killed at Aspen, Colo., recently, two by scaffolding going way and one by a fall of rock.

ST. JOHN'S Roman Catholic Church at Greenbush, N. Y., was destroyed by fire the other day. Loss, \$75,000; insurance, \$45,000.

BUSINESS failures (Dun's report) for the seven days ended February 30 numbered 371. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 370.

The retiring State Treasurer of Mississippi, Colonel W. S. Hemingway, was reported \$250,000 short. It was said, however, that every thing could be explained.

ONE thousand miners of the Central Coal Company, of Springfield, Ill., were held up and robbed of \$16 while on his way home the other night.

THE mayor of Norfolk has issued an edict that unlicensed dogs shall be shot.

JUDGE MANSFIELD, in the district court at Fremont, has refused to grant a new trial in the case of Minnie Reynolds against the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railway for damages, and entered judgment against the company in the sum of \$4,000.

WILLIAM DENNY, a well known farmer of Gage County, was fatally injured by being thrown from his wagon during a runaway near his home at Filley the other day. He was frightfully cut and torn about the neck and right jaw.

A LITTLE son of Thomas Corby, living southwest of Wallace, was choked to death the other day by getting a grain of corn into his throat.

ALL the property owned by the Kearney Plating Mill Company burned the other night. Loss, about \$12,000; partially insured. Thomas Kinney, a fireman, fell from the roof of the burning building and was seriously injured. J. W. Dunn, another fireman, was seriously injured by a fire engine running over him.

WILL COLE, a jeweler of Beatrice, has succeeded to financial embarrassment and his establishment is in possession of his creditors.

A YOUNG man named William Barnhart, living near Bassett, became violently insane the other night, and jumping from bed escaped in his night clothes. The neighbors gave chase, and after a hard ride on horseback overtook the lunatic. He did not propose, however, to be captured, and during the struggle for freedom struck one of the men on the head with a hammer, inflicting a wound which nearly proved fatal.

JOHN ROLLER, a sixteen-year-old boy living near Champion, was recently killed while herding cattle. Becoming tired of sitting on his pony he had thrust his hand through the strand of the rope halter and dismounted. While in this position the pony became frightened, ran away and dragged the boy to death.

Mrs. GEWICKA, living in the southeastern part of Fillmore County, has become insane as the result of an attack of grippe.

THE Chadron butter and cheese factory has been completed and will open for business about May 1.

FRIGHTFUL FLOOD.

Bursting of a Dam and Outbreak of an Immense Reservoir.

Forty or More Lives Thought to Be Lost—The Disaster Thought to Be Due to Criminal Negligence.

PRESCOTT, A. T., Feb. 24.—The fine large storage dam built across the Haasayampa river by the Walnut Grove Water Storage Company two years ago at a cost of \$300,000 gave way Saturday morning under the pressure of a heavy flood and swept every thing before it. Forty persons are known to have lost their lives.

As the town of Wickenburg, thirty miles below the dam, was on the same stream fears were entertained for the safety of that town, but as there is no telegraph communication no certain news can be obtained at present.

The service dam of the company, located fifteen miles below the reservoir and fifteen miles of flume, just approaching completion were also swept away, although the company had spent over \$600,000 on the enterprise of storing water. The hydraulic mining machine has arrived, and they had expected to commence operations next week.

The dam which held the water back was 110 feet long at its base and forty at the top. It was 110 feet thick at the base and ten feet at the top, forming a lake three miles in length by three-fourths of a mile wide and 110 feet deep.

Lieutenant Brodie, in charge of the work, was absent at Phoenix superintending the shipment of machinery to the works and was saved.

Those known to have been drowned are J. Haines, wife and four children, H. Boon and daughter, John Sibby, Joseph Reynolds, Mrs. McCarthy and M. Hands McMillan.

Arthur Allen, formerly in the enterprise, and John McDonald, owner of the Blue Hick mine, have just returned from the Doxoris divide, fourteen miles south of the town, from where a view of the dam could be had. The wash of the water could be plainly seen with their powerful glasses high up on the side of the cliff, while the break in the stone-work of the dam was also plainly seen.

The break in the dam is sloped to the eastward, leaving the impression that the main break was on the east side.

There can be no estimate yet of the loss of life or property, but the latter will reach into millions, while the loss of life will without doubt be great as many of the families live near the stream in the narrow canyons.

The confirmation of the news of the loss of the big dam has heightened the excitement and more definite news is anxiously awaited, but the wires are now all down near Prescott Junction.

The courier who brought telegrams from the owners of the Walnut Grove dam notifying them of their loss left immediately after daylight yesterday morning. He could give but little particulars further than to recite the number of missing, five bodies having been recovered when he left. The distance to the storage dam from Prescott by the shortest route is forty miles, while the service dam, where the employees were located, is fifteen miles further down the stream.

Immediately on receipt of the news here Adjutant-General O'Neil started for the scene of the disaster with two surgeons to care for the sufferers and superintend the burying of the dead. A representative of the Journal-Miner, a local paper, accompanied the party, and will send a special courier with particulars, but it will take twenty-four hours or longer to make the round trip. Saturday's courier came from the lower dam, and as the road does not come by the upper dam it was only surmised that it had given away on account of the immense quantity of water.

THE BUILDERS TO BLAME. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—Luther Wagner yesterday gave some details of the construction of the great storage dam across Haasayampa river which show that this disaster, like that at Johnston, was, according to him, due to carelessness and meanness of the New York corporation that built it.

Wagner was called in to report on the dam about a year and a half ago. It was to have been faced with stone fourteen feet thick at the base and four feet at the top and filled with loose rock and made water tight with wooden sheathing. It was about half done when Wagner inspected it and he found that the stone had been filled in carelessly and was high in the center, making the structure unstable.

The junction of sheathing and bed rock was intended to be secured by thick layers of Portland cement, but this work was not well done because of the cost of getting cement to the works. Thus a dangerous crevice was formed at the base of the dam and the leakage was heavy, being 1.4 inches with seven feet of water in the dam. The lumber used was also full of knots.

Wagner ordered the discharge of the contractors and engineers, as he regarded them as worthless, but this was not done. The company, however, acting on his advice, cut a large wasteway and strengthened the weak places. Wagner warned them the dam would be unsafe unless some of the work was gone over and rectified, but they would not listen to him.

Mr. Gladstone's Condition. LONDON, Feb. 23.—Mr. Gladstone, who is suffering from an attack of catarrh, is much better to-day.

Novel Reception. NICE, Italy, Feb. 23.—A reception was given aboard the American war ship Chicago yesterday by Admiral Walker and the officers of the white squadron. The decks of the Chicago were covered with an awning, and the stars and stripes played a conspicuous part with the flags of other nations. The upper decks were profusely decorated with expensive flowers. The bands of the squadron discoursed music. Among the non-Americans present were Captain Fitzgerald, son of the Duke of Cambridge, and Baron and Baroness Von Seydlitz, the latter one of the Rothschilds.

DUN'S REPORT.

The Weekly Report of the Condition of the Country's Business.

New York, Feb. 23.—E. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: While the prevailing impression in business circles is rather less confident than it was a week ago, there are several signs of improvement. Cooler weather has caused a little more activity in some lines of trade. Wheat is a little stronger and, without clearly defined reason, there is a firmer tone in Eastern iron markets, while the reduction in the Bank of England rate from 6 to 5 per cent., with its large gain of \$4,315,000 gold during the past week, diminishes the chance of insouciant demands from abroad. On the other hand, general trade is not increasing in volume or in profits, and while its soundness is indicated by the occurrence of fewer failures than many expected as the result of phenomenally unreasonable weather, the complaints of "slow collections" is common and rather increasing. Wool sells slowly, coal is very dull, hardware dull, liquor trade fair, tobacco quiet, with slow collections, and the grain trade generally depressed, with collections very poor.

Wheat exports are still much above last year's and the price has risen 9 1/2 cents, with reports of injury to the growing crop. Corn exports largely exceeded last year's and the price is 1/2 cent lower, with oats 1/2 cent lower. Pork products are steady and moving outward fairly, and oil, after decreasing a million in the value of exports in January, has declined 1 1/2 cents for the week. Speculation in coffee is stronger at 30 cents, but sugar has not changed. It is difficult to account for a better tone which clearly exists in the iron market here and at Philadelphia, unless it be due to hope that Southern iron, which is now moving from Sheffield at \$2.50 per ton to Pittsburgh and selling there somewhat largely, may hereafter affect Western rates more than Eastern markets.

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NATIONAL EDUCATION.

Conference of Superintendents—A Strong Resolution on Public Schools.

New York, Feb. 21.—In the superintendents conference of the National Educational Association, ex-President William E. Shadon proposed a resolution declaring that the association regarded the public school system as the chief source of civilization and the bulwark of civil and religious liberty; that they approved of placing the American flag over school houses, and recommended the study of the Declaration of Independence and other historical American papers; that they should meet hostile criticism and make the public schools the allies of the home, and become sources of the highest moral instruction without any sectarian bias; and that the members pledged themselves to do all in their power to establish the system in all sections of the Republic and make intelligence and loyalty a blessing. It was passed unanimously.

H. S. Tarbol, Providence, R. I., introduced a resolution approving of the recommendation of the Indian Commissioner dealing with the education of Indian children.

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: President, Andrew S. Draper, of Albany; first vice-president, J. A. B. Lovett, of Huntsville, Ala.; second vice-president, E. H. McElroy, of Salem, Ore.; and secretary, L. W. Day, of Cleveland, O. The next annual meeting of the association will be held in Philadelphia.

SQUATTERS SQUAT.

The Live-Stock Association Calls Upon Chief Mayes to Expel Intruders.

TARQUAN, I. T., Feb. 23.—The report which had been prevalent here for the last few days that the Cherokee Strip contained a number of squatters who had moved into the country and commenced to make improvements since the publication of President Harrison's proclamation ordering the cattle-men to vacate the land, was verified yesterday by a letter from J. G. Blair, secretary of the Cherokee Live-Stock Association, informing Chief Mayes that a number of men had settled on the Strip on Black Bear creek and were preparing to put in a crop. The letter urged upon the Cherokee Executive the importance of immediate action upon the matter of ejecting the intruders and it said that it was a general rumor that a rush of settlers was practically imminent and in case they were not driven out at once it would result in great damage to the Stock Association.

In reply to the request of the secretary of the association Chief Mayes said he had ordered policemen to the scene who would eject the intruders from the country. The Chief further assured the association that the Cherokee Nation would extend all the aid possible in order that the agreement with the cattle-men might be carried out.

The Long and Short Heat.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The investigation into the workings of the long and short haul clause of the Inter-State Commerce law in the country between the Rocky mountains and the food distributing centers of the East, ordered to be made by the Senate, will be conducted by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, not by the Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce from which the resolution ordering the investigation was adopted.

It Was the Sun.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 23.—The life of the Legislature of Montana expired Thursday by Constitutional limit and both houses adjourned sine die. The treasury is empty and not a single appropriation or other bill having been passed and although the State does not owe a dollar, some tall shuffling will have to be done to provide for the maintenance of State institutions, particularly the penitentiary at Deer Lodge until next session. Both Democratic and Republican members of the Legislature issued addresses to the people of the State attempting to justify their course.

WASHINGTON'S birthday was celebrated throughout the country as usual on the 22d.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE on Agriculture heard arguments regarding the regulation of the manufacture of lard on the 19th. The hearing was not concluded.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE on Public Lands has unanimously agreed to report favorably a bill to repeal the Timber Culture law.

THE full vote, corrected, in the Fourth Congressional district of Pennsylvania for the unexpired term of the late Judge W. D. Kelley was: Reynolds, Republican, 54,696; Ayres, Democrat, 16,444; Tambleston, Prohibitionist, 338; Reynolds' plurality, 3,854. Kelley's plurality over Ayres in 1888 was 9,639.

SENATOR HAYDEN has introduced an anti-lottery bill, one of the features of which authorizes the Postmaster-General to return registered letters addressed to lottery companies stamped with the word "Fraud."

GENERAL F. L. CHAMBER, a Mason of high degree and one of the best known men in the Indian Territory, died recently at Oklahoma City.

THE Socialists made notable gains in the elections for the German Reichstag on the 30th.

MR. CARLISLE speaks of testing in the Supreme Court the constitutionality of Speaker Reed's counting a quorum.

PRESIDENT HARRISON returned to Washington on the 21st and at once resumed his duties at the White House.