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THE DAY'S DOINGS

SUMMARY OF LATE NEWS BY WIRE.

WIND CAUSES HAVOC

SOUTHERN STATES IN PATH OF A CYCLONE.

Covered Portions of Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas — Near Edwardsville, Ala., Ten Persons Killed Out of a Family of Eleven.

Cyclone in the South.

A cyclone passed through the country near Birmingham, Ala., March 18, creating great havoc in the locality between Heflin and Edwardsville. The house of Mr. Coffey, a farmer, containing eleven people, was struck by the storm. The building was entirely demolished and ten inmates were killed outright. An unknown man was also killed. Telegraph wires and poles are down in every direction; trains are delayed greatly on account of debris piled on the tracks. It is thought that great damage has been done in the farming district, but it is not believed that the cyclones struck any town. Many injured are reported.

A series of terrific windstorms also swept through portions of Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas, covering a radius of several hundred miles, destroying telegraph wires and cutting off communication with a large part of the affected country. Cleburne County, Ala., seems to have suffered the most severely, the storm there assuming the proportions of a tornado. The reports of fatalities in the county are not known. At Sellers and Luverne, Ala., much damage is reported, and at Rob Roy, Ark., one man was killed and several badly injured. Dumas, Ark., was practically wiped out of existence, and several other towns in the vicinity suffered severely. One person is reported killed at Hickory Flat, Miss., and as the farm houses in the vicinity suffered heavily it is not unlikely that many fatalities occurred which have not yet been reported.

CLASH WITH THE POLICE.

Serious Conflict in the City of Havana Results in Many Wounded.

A serious conflict between the police and people of Havana Saturday night resulted in much shooting and clubbing. From thirty to fifty persons were wounded, some seriously. The trouble occurred at a public mulatto ball. Many Cuban officers, colonels and captains among them, attended the affair. A policeman on duty in that street, following orders to prevent a crowd collecting in front of the building where the ball was in progress, asked a group of men to go in or disperse. His request was unheeded and after repeating it he was attacked by the group, whereupon many men issued from the building, set upon him, took away his club and revolver and handled him roughly. The policeman immediately notified headquarters, who ordered twenty reserves to the scene of trouble. The crowd opened with a revolver fire upon the police, which the latter returned, the shooting being kept up until the ammunition was exhausted. Many women were wounded. American troops were called to the scene when the trouble was over and numerous arrests followed. Police Captain Estampes is so badly injured that fears are entertained that he will not recover.

BEATEN TO DEATH.

Brutal Murder of an Aged Woman by a Negro Boy.

Mary A. Clarke, aged 52 years, was beaten to death and her sister, Annie Clarke, aged 45 years, was fatally hurt Sunday night at Bowie, Md., by John Berry, a 15-year-old negro boy, who is in jail for the crime. The deed was a ferocious one. The aged and defenseless women were surprised by the boy and literally beaten to jelly with a club. Miss Annie Clarke saved herself from instant death by promising to give the boy \$100 and pledging herself not to betray him if he spared her life. Intense indignation prevails and a lynching is not improbable. Berry was arrested and confessed his guilt. He was lodged in the Marlboro jail, but later, for fear that he would be lynched, was taken to Baltimore for safe-keeping.

NOT JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE

Sheriff Williams and Deputies Held to the Grand Jury.

The coroner's jury at Hot Springs, Ark., in the killing of Thomas Toler, chief of police; Thomas Goslee, police sergeant; J. E. Hart, city detective, and Louis Hinkle, rendered a verdict against Sheriff Robert Williams and Deputy Sheriffs Coffey William and Ed Speers and Will Watt, embracing the following propositions: "It was not justifiable homicide or manslaughter, but all should be committed to jail without bail to await the action of the grand jury, which meets in about ten days."

Alaskan Fight Story Doubted.

The fullest inquiry regarding the reported battle between American and Canadian miners in Alaska indicates that the story is a hoax.

Will Accept the Place.

Herbert Putnam, librarian of the Boston public library, will accept the appointment to the librarianship of the library of Congress.

EQUAL TAXATION BILL.

Gov. Pingree's Pet Measure Becomes a Law.

Gov. Pingree of Michigan has signed the Atkinson equal taxation bill. The act becomes operative immediately. The object of the bill is the taxation of railroad, express, telegraph and telephone companies in the State upon the same basis as other property, the rate of taxation to be fixed by a state board of assessors appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate. The bill is in essential particulars the same as when drafted, the only important amendments being one requiring the Senate's confirmation of the Governor's appointees and one substituting a fine provision for the forfeiture of franchise clause for non-payment of taxes. The act repeals the action of the law under which railroads have heretofore been taxed specifically upon their earnings.

MORE POWER FOR BROOKE.

Cuban Assembly Will Be Dispersed If It Causes Disturbances.

As the result of the recent events in Cuba, Gen. Brooke will hereafter, under orders from Washington, confine himself wholly within the terms of the resolution adopted by Congress before the war. No government organization or set of men will be recognized. The United States will deal directly with the people of Cuba. The Cuban military assembly will be dealt with as any other organization. Its sessions provoke disturbances it will be dispersed like any other disorderly body. If its meetings are harmless and amount to nothing more than vociferation, no attention will be paid to it.

SHERMAN VERY FEEBLE.

Government Orders a Ship to Jamaica to Bring Him Home.

A telegram has been received in Washington from Col. Gate Hoyt, traveling companion of ex-Secretary John Sherman, dated Port de France, Martinique, saying Sherman was suffering from pneumonia, and asking that he be brought home on a government vessel. Secretary Long telegraphed to Havana that when the Chicago arrived there she proceed to Kingston, Jamaica, to meet the excursion steamer Paris and take Sherman off. The condition of Mr. Sherman is no better. He is very feeble.

Die of Scurvy in Alaska.

Passengers who have arrived at Seattle from Copper River, Alaska, on the steamer Excelsior, say that scurvy is reported to be present in all the camps in the interior and many miners are coming to the coast either to escape or recover from it. Six deaths have occurred during the winter in the Copper River district. At Copper Center there are twenty scurvy patients in the hospital. The last report was to the effect that they were all improving and no further fatalities were expected. Among those who are sick with scurvy are the following: Samuel Brady and George Lowe, both of Elliott, Iowa.

Result of Chicago Primaries.

The result of the Democratic primaries in Chicago insured the renomination of Carter H. Harrison for mayor. No opposition to the Harrison ticket was made at the polls by the adherents of ex-Gov. Altgeld, who will run as an independent candidate, and in consequence a light vote was polled. No trouble was reported except in the stock yards district.

Rains Save California Crops.

There is hardly a section of California that has not been visited by rain. This rainfall will prove the savior of the State this year, as, had it not fallen at this most opportune time this would have been the second dry season, but now the crops are safe. The rivers will furnish plenty of water for the miners, and business generally will be good.

Smallpox in Arkansas House.

A special from Little Rock, Ark., says: Members of the Legislature were panic-stricken one day last week when it was announced that physicians had diagnosed the illness of Representative Lankford as smallpox. After a half hour's debate the House voted to vaccinate all its members.

Knockout by Maher.

Peter Maher knocked out Charles Stevenson in Philadelphia in the second round of what was to have been a six-round bout. Stevenson was knocked down twice in the first round and after being knocked down twice in the second, the referee stopped the fight. Stevenson is a local man.

Meet the Cut in Rates.

The Lake Shore and Nickel Plate Railways have decided to follow the heavy cut in the Northwest on second-class tourist's rates and make them a base for their own rates into that territory. It is believed that all the lines in the Central Passenger Association will do the same.

Kaiulani Is No More.

A steamer from Honolulu brings news of the death of Princess Kaiulani, on the morning of the 6th, of inflammatory rheumatism. She was born October 16, 1875.

Estate of Charles Wright.

An inventory of the personal estate of Charles B. Wright, late president of the Northern Pacific Railroad filed in Philadelphia, places its value at \$3,050,921.56.

Wreck Caused by a Landslide.

In a wreck on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad near Wheeler, Ky., caused by a landslide, Charles Painter, a fireman, was killed and the engineer injured.

New York Herald Sued for Libel.

James Gordon Bennett of the New York Herald, was sued for libel in the sum of \$100,000 by the owner of the yacht Vixen. The object was robbery.

SIGNS THE PEACE TREATY.

Queen Regent of Spain Affixes Her Signature to the Compact.

A Madrid dispatch on March 17 stated that the Queen Regent had signed the treaty of peace between Spain and the United States. The signed treaty will be sent to the French Ambassador at Washington for exchange with the one signed by the President.

In the absence of any direct diplomatic communication between the United States and Spain Secretary Hay expects to receive his first formal notice of the ratification of the peace treaty by the Queen Regent through the medium of the French embassy in Washington.

The next step must be taken by Spain; that is, she must name her special envoy and notify the United States Government of the probable date upon which he will present himself in Washington with the exchange copy of the treaty of peace.

HELD UP BY MEXICAN BANDITS

Two Americans Resist Attack and One Is Killed.

The State Department has received the following report, dated Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, from Consul Kendrick of that place: "George Wilson and Forest Smith, two American citizens employed at the San Pedro mining camp, were held up and robbed by three Mexicans. Wilson was shot and instantly killed for resisting the bandits. They escaped back to the camp. The robbers secured about \$900. The murderers have all been captured and will be punished according to law."

G. A. R. TO MEET IN CANADA

Encampment of Vermont Veterans to Be Held in Montreal.

The decision of Department Commander Harris of Vermont to hold the next state encampment of the G. A. R. in Montreal in June will mark an epoch in the history of the order. The objects are twofold—first, to benefit and to encourage the G. A. R. posts which this department has established in Quebec and Montreal, and, secondly, to show in a methodical way the cordiality existing between the United States and neighbors across the border.

TO OPEN THE GREEK NATION

Officials Decide to Permit Stockmen to Graze Cattle.

The department at Washington has decided the Creek Nation open for stockmen to graze cattle. News received from the attorney general refuses to approve the lease contracts of parties not in possession until selections are recorded before the Dawes Commission, but permits citizens in possession of approximate shares of land themselves and minor children to lease the same for cattle grazing. The attorney general thinks it safe to introduce cattle into the Creek Nation.

BAD KANSAS WRECK.

Rock Island Passenger Jumps the Track Near Voland.

An east bound passenger train on the Rock Island road jumped the track near Voland, Kan. The baggage car and the smoked tipped over. The combination baggage and mail car, two coaches and a chair car were burned. Wm. Freeman, baggageman, was killed, and twenty-six passengers were injured, two seriously. A relief train with doctors was sent there and the wounded cared for.

Obliging Texan and His Gun.

A deputy sheriff was engaged in an alteration with a man named Scott at Columbus, Texas, when Scott remarked that if he had a gun he would fight. Ex-Sheriff Reese offered him a revolver and the shooting began. Reese was killed at the first fire. Charles Boone, a by-stander, was also killed and a small boy, named Williams, is badly injured. The trouble had been anticipated for some time.

Gen. Merritt for Grand Marshal.

Gen. Wesley Merritt has accepted the invitation to act as grand marshal of the parade in Chicago on Oct. 9, Chicago day the occasion being the laying of the corner stone of the new federal building by President McKinley. Gen. Joe Wheeler and other notables will be invited to act as division commanders of the parade.

Cattlemen Will Fight It.

The Texas Cattle Raisers' Association in session at Fort Worth, passed an important resolution protesting against the railroads abolishing feed-in-transit privileges which go into effect April 1. Counsel will be employed to take action looking to the relief of cattlemen. The next association meeting will occur in Fort Worth in 1900.

Age Limit of Enlistment Extended

An order has been issued by the War Department increasing the age limit of enlistment from 30 to 35. The youngest age at which a man can be enlisted is 18 years. The results so far of the enlistment of troops are very encouraging.

Kansas Town is Damaged.

Fire which broke out in the steam laundry at Washington, Kan., burned six business blocks before it could be stopped. The fire was caused by the explosion of a gas stove. The loss amounts to \$20,000.

Yacht Norma Not Wrecked.

The American schooner yacht Norma, belonging to N. J. Weaver of New York, reported to be in distress in the Red Sea, has arrived at Colombo, Ceylon, Tuesday. All were well.

Canadian Murderer Hanged.

Oliver Provost was hanged at Port Arthur, Ont., March 17, for the murder of two French swine herders named Carrie and Delvin. The object was robbery.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

Clippings from Papers Received from Manila Contain Many Complimentary Words for the First Nebraska Regiment—Other Items.

First Nebraska Men.

Adjt. Gen. Barry has received the following clippings from papers published at Manila relating to the Nebraska Regiment. One of the papers says:

The First Nebraska United States Volunteer Infantry Regiment is camped near Santa Mesa, on "M" (Loed's hill), about two and a half miles from the city. A visitor to the camp a few days ago was pleasantly surprised at the neatness, cleanliness and perfect order that exist. The regiment is commanded by a thorough, painstaking, regular army officer, than whom a better disciplinarian can hardly be found. He has a corps of officers assisting him of which he may well be proud. The personnel of the rank and file must be very select. The Nebraska boys are all soldiers, a fine appearing well drilled body. They are on an average 5 feet 9 inches high, healthy, good looking, well fed an "uniformed" in the full sense of the word.

The painstaking, active, endless work of the commanding officer permeates and animates the whole. The boys live in clean, bamboo floored tents, minutely and perfectly aligned. The kitchens are as clean as "mother's at home," and the way the boys eat shows that the cooking must be good. Regimental drill or parade is held every evening at 5 o'clock.

COLE JURY CANNOT AGREE.

Alleged Murderer of Kreichbaum Must Undergo Another Trial.

The jury in the W. S. Cole case at Bloomington, who is charged with the killing of J. H. Kreichbaum on Dec. 2, could not agree on a verdict and was discharged by Judge Beale. The first vote was six to six and the last was seven for acquittal and five for conviction. Cole's attorneys will ask for a new trial as soon as Tooman's case is disposed of.

From Poynter to Hayward.

Senator-elect Hayward called on Gov. Poynter and received his formal certificate of election and also the handsome engrossed copy prepared by Chief Clerk Frank May.

"I am glad to get this," said Judge Hayward, as he received the copy, "and especially glad to have it handed to me by the man who whipped me in last fall's campaign. I will take mighty good care of it, for it has been lots of trouble for me to get it."

The Governor and the new Senator chatted pleasantly for a few moments and separated after a further exchange of congratulations.

Decides to Stay in Manila.

John Taffe of North Platte recently received a letter from his brother Ed, who is with the volunteers in Manila, in which he said that when his regiment received word that they were to be sent home to be mustered out he would ask to be mustered out in Manila, as he intended to stay there. Ed is of the opinion that Luzon has a large amount of undeveloped resources and that there is an opportunity for an energetic young man to make an excellent living. A large proportion of the volunteers are planning to receive their discharges at Manila and remain on the Islands.

Suit Brought for a Boy's Eye.

A Mr. Swanson of Wahoo brought suit against Stratton & Hanson for damages. Mr. Stratton sold Swanson's 10-year-old 2 cents' worth of gunpowder and the boy improvised a cannon out of a piece of gas pipe, charged it with powder and blew out one eye and filled his face with powder. The father sued for damages, but the jury brought in a verdict of no cause for action.

The case has been watched with a great deal of interest, as there is no direct bearing on the question at issue in the statutes of Nebraska.

Steaming on the Missouri.

There will be five packet boats used in the coming season to do business from Niobrara to river points as far as old Fort Randall. A new one is now under construction and will be ready for the season's work. This business has made remarkable growth in the past two years, and four boats were kept busy last fall and every one was caught in the ice when the river froze over, making their last trip.

White Thunder's Temper.

At Porcupine sub-agency of Pine Ridge reservation, north of Gordon, an attempt was made to arrest White Thunder, a full blood Sioux, for abusing his white wife. White Thunder was armed and resisted arrest, killing one Indian policeman and badly wounding another. He escaped to the sand hills, but six Indian trailers followed and captured him, bringing him in irons to the agency.

Kohrdt Must Stand Trial.

County Judge Wintersteen of Fremont refused to release C. F