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Racing Yacht Has Several New Features.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY OBSERVED.

Irish-Americans of New York, Chicago and Pittsburg Join With those of Dublin and London in Honoring Ireland's Patron Saint.

Glasgow, March 17.—The new racing yacht Shamrock III was launched today amid imposing ceremonies and the best wishes of the people that in the coming race the natty craft may be successful in securing the trophy now held in America. It was the most interesting portion of the St. Patrick's day celebration here.

The new challenger has several new features not incorporated in the construction of its unsuccessful predecessors and Sir Thomas Lipton feels confident that they will add sufficiently to its speed that it may return with the cup.

Dublin, March 17.—Special to The News: The birthday anniversary of Ireland's patron saint was celebrated in Dublin today with the customary enthusiasm. Flags were flying everywhere, business was suspended and in other ways the day was observed as a general holiday. The Earl and Countess of Dudley witnessed the parade from Dublin Castle in company with a large number of distinguished guests.

London, March 17.—Special to The News: Not for many years has London witnessed a more general observance of St. Patrick's day than that of today. The Irish flag was flying from many public buildings, special services were held in the Catholic churches, and the shamrock was seen everywhere. The Irish troops at the various garrisons had a day's leave. In accordance with precedent Queen Alexandra sent to the Irish troops on duty in London and vicinity a large quantity of shamrocks, which were distributed to the men at parade this morning.

New York, March 17.—St. Patrick's day in Greater New York was marked this year by the largest parade of the kind ever seen here. Heretofore the Ancient Order of Hibernians has been left to shoulder the celebration almost alone, but this year nearly every Irish organization in the city took part. It is estimated that fully 50,000 men were in line.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 17.—Special to The News: St. Patrick's day was observed with special services in all the Roman Catholic churches. For the first time in four years the rival factions of the Irish societies were brought together with the result that a parade of immense proportions was held.

SUFFRAGE CONVENTION.

Women Meet in New Orleans in National Session.

New Orleans, La., March 19.—Special to The News: The thirty-fifth annual convention of the National Woman's Suffrage association was opened today in the Athenaeum, with a large attendance of delegates and all the national officers. A conspicuous feature of the decorations was the four-starred flag emblematic of the four states that have granted complete suffrage to women—Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Idaho. The convention was called to order by the President, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt of New York. A prayer was offered by the Rev. Anna Shaw. After addresses of cordial greeting had been delivered on behalf of the state of Louisiana, the city of New Orleans and the club women of the city, the official call for the gathering was read by Kate M. Gordon, the corresponding secretary.

Following the reading of the call Mrs. Catt presented the honorary president, Susan B. Anthony, who was greeted with the most enthusiastic applause. When the handclapping had subsided sufficiently for her to be heard the venerable leader of the equal rights movement delivered a brief address in the course of which touching reference was made to her co worker in the early days of the suffrage movement, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who passed away since the last convention of the organization. The opening session of the convention concluded with the annual address of the president.

Mine Owners Will Fight Union. San Francisco, March 19.—Special to

The News: The mine owners of California organized in this city today and have raised \$300,000 which will be used to fight the miners' union. This organization has long been opposed by the individual mine owner, but it has been too strong for such opposition to be effective and the mine owners have finally hit upon the plan of joining forces and opposing the union.

Massachusetts Town Burned. Pepperell, Mass., March 19.—Special to The News: The central part of the business section of this city was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is estimated at \$300,000.

SULTAN IGNORES UNCLE SAM.

Refuses to See Minister Bearing Claims America Wishes Settled.

Constantinople, March 19.—Minister Lelschman is still vainly waiting for an audience with the sultan to deliver President Roosevelt's autographic letter to the American claims regarding the missionary schools in Armenia and other matters. In response to Minister Lelschman's demand Tewfik Pasha, the foreign minister, promised that the sultan would receive the minister after the celebration of Bar-ram, but the festival passed and Mr. Lelschman is becoming exasperated. It was not so surprising, should the sultan continue the delay, if American warships were ordered to Turkish waters.

Protestants and Catholics Clash.

Victoria, B. C., March 19.—The steamer Monoa brought news from Fiji that trouble had arisen between the Protestants and Roman Catholics there as a result of the burning of 300 bibles by the Catholics. The natives of the section had changed their religion and, according to letters from Rev. Burns, a Protestant missionary at Rewa, a public gathering was held and the bibles burned. The incident has since caused much friction between the two bodies. A new volcano is vomiting large quantities of smoke and lava on Riki, New Hebrides. Earthquake shocks are being felt. The residents believe the volcano to be caused by submarine eruptions near the island, large bodies of water being seen to fly upward at times.

Must Fight to the Death.

Vienna, March 19.—Four Serbian officers, including former War Minister Antonies, have challenged Professor Alexander Borisavljevic of the University of Belgrade, to fight duels to the death because he publicly charged them with obtaining promotion over their seniors through servility to Queen Draga. It is said that King Alexander peremptorily ordered the officers to send the challenges and the king's initiative is severely criticised in Serbia, where dueling is not a national institution.

Starts Up With Strike Breakers.

Pittsburg, Kan., March 19.—After being idle for one week, the Kansas City Southern railroad shops here started up with a force of ninety nonunion men, brought in on a special train from the north. The men were escorted to the shops under an armed guard. A stockade is being built around the shops, inside of which the new men will sleep and eat.

Snow Storm in Colorado.

Denver, March 19.—The snow storm has subsided and the weather has been growing colder. As soon as the wind went down the street railway tracks were cleared. Railway trains were generally delayed, but no blockades are reported. The storm is reported general through the state. The snowfall in Denver was about six inches. It is much heavier in the mountain districts.

Five Boys Dead in Water.

Joplin, Mo., March 19.—News of the tragic death of five boys was received here from Chant, I. T. The boys were playing on a raft which capsized. Dead: Raymond Crockett, Ralph Oaks, Charles Oaks, Peter Berry, Luther Berry. The ages of the boys ranged from five to nine years. The bodies were recovered.

Cloudburst Washes Out Track.

Superior, Neb., March 19.—The region between Guide Rock and Bostwick was visited by a cloudburst. A portion of the Burlington track and a culvert over one of the small streams have been swept away. The town of Bostwick, which was on the edge of the storm, reports a two-inch rain.

SPRINGFIELD FIRE SWEEP

Business Portion of Nebraska Town Destroyed.

LOSE IS ESTIMATED AT \$40,000.

W. W. Kreck, General Merchandise. J. M. Elwell, Implements, and L. A. Bates, Drugs, Were the Heaviest Losers.

Springfield, Neb., March 19.—Special to The News: Fire, supposedly of incendiary origin, broke out at 3 o'clock this morning at Driscoll's bowling alley which was destroyed and the fire quickly communicated with other neighboring buildings, with the result that all the business buildings on the south side of the principal street are now smoldering heaps of ruins. The total loss is estimated at \$40,000. Strenuous efforts were put forth to control the flames before they had worked the destruction but they were whipped along by a high north wind that quickly worked havoc.

The principal losers are: W. M. Kreck, general merchandise, \$20,000; J. M. Elwell, implements and L. A. Bates, drugs, \$5,000 each.

During the excitement, and while the fire was in progress there was considerable looting done, and warrants have been issued for several who were detected in the act of taking goods from the buildings and carrying them away.

FINISH THE REVENUE BILL.

Nebraska House in Committee of the Whole Reports Measure for Passage.

Lincoln, March 19.—The house concluded consideration of the revenue bill and adopted the report of the committee of the whole recommending it for passage. The bill, with its amendments, will be engrossed for a third reading after the amendments have been printed and it is not probable that it will be back in the house for a third reading before next week.

Desperate efforts were made to amend the bill so as to change the provision relating to railroad taxation, but all in vain. The bill goes through with the identical railroad taxation method provided by the joint committee that framed the bill.

FROM THE LEGISLATURE.

Doings of the Law Makers in Lincoln This Week.

Lincoln, March 18.—Special Correspondence: The house spent the greater part of last week in the consideration of the revenue bill, several evening sessions being held for that purpose. Great headway was made and it is expected that the house will finish the consideration of the bill this week and send it along to the senate.

Some of the objections urged against the new bill at the start-off were that it would increase the taxes of farmers by taking the valuation in the winter when they had a large amount of stock or grain on hand. This was changed by the house and the date of the assessment will be the same as under the old law. Stock under six months of age is expressly exempted from assessment. The proposition to make taxes a first lien on personal property from and after the first of April was changed, so that the date is now the first of October.

The principal contest in the consideration of the bill, therefore, hung on the proposition advanced by the democratic platform, that railroads should be assessed on the basis of their stocks and bonds. The fusionists were lined up on this question by their party whip, and some few republicans were also caught by the plausible argument. The debate on the question lasted two days, and on the final vote the fusion argument was defeated by a vote of 58 to 36, the Douglas county members generally joining with the democrats.

During the progress of the the discussion on this bill it developed that the largest railroad system in the state would under the democratic experiment be assessed practically on a capitalization of \$10,000, its stocks and bonds having been all withdrawn by the Northern Security company, a non-resident corporation. This and some other features showed that the democratic amendment was either foolish or purposely vicious. The leading fusionists admitted that they were advocating it in order to furnish an issue for the coming campaign. The bill as finally amended in this section provides for ar-

iving at the valuation of railroads from every obtainable source, being more stringent than the old law.

An attempt was made during the week to have a sifting committee appointed in the House, but the move was a failure. The members decided that until the revenue bill was out of the way and a start was made on the regular appropriation bills, there was no need for the services of a sifting committee. It is expected that the appropriation bills will be taken up this week. There will be an effort to dispose of them and get them over to the Senate in time so as to avoid the haste and confusion which has always marred and sometimes disgraced the closing hours of past sessions.

The Senate has introduced 303 bills and the House 487. Of these 19 have passed both houses and been signed by the governor. One bill has received the veto of the executive.

Sifting committee of the Senate comprises: Warner of Dakota, Wall of Sherman, Day of Nuckolls, Way of Platte, Hastings of Butler, O'Neill of Lancaster, Hall and Saunders of Douglas. It will be the duty of this committee to examine the bills on general file and decide each day which one shall come up for consideration.

One of the bills "sifted" out by the Senate committee is H. R. 136, providing for the depositing of county money in banks on the payment of 2 per cent interest, and providing that the money be deposited in banks outside the county where the county banks have pooled and refused to pay interest, as has often been the case heretofore. There is no question that this bill will reach the governor in a few days, and will result in the correction of the abuse of handling county funds.

William J. Bryan is 43 Years Old.

Lincoln, Neb., March 19.—Special to The News: The receipt of numerous letters and telegrams of congratulation came today to remind the household of William J. Bryan that this is the birthday of the late Democratic presidential candidate, Mr. Bryan having been born March 19, 1860. Mr. Bryan is at present enjoying excellent health notwithstanding the fact that he has been "on the go" the greater part of the winter delivering addresses and lectures in various parts of the country. He intends to put in the time this spring looking after his farming interests and later in the summer will again take to the platform to fulfil his long list of engagements with Chautauqua societies and other summer assemblies.

CANNOT RAISE MAINE.

Cuban President Refuses Permission to Spain.

Havana, March 19.—Special to The News: President Palma and the members of his cabinet have refused to accede to the request of Spain that that country be permitted to raise the wreck of the Maine from Havana harbor to determine the cause of the disaster. The Spanish government has persistently held to the belief that an examination of the wreck would disclose that it had been blown up from inside and not by a torpedo as charged by the Americans. The refusal of the Cuban president to permit the wreck to be raised is evidence that he desires the incident to remain closed.

NEW RAILROAD TIE.

Portland Cement to Substitute for Wood.

Detroit, Mich., March 19.—Special to The News: Railroad officials are much interested in experiments that are being conducted on the Pere Marquette road and the Michigan Central in the use of railroad ties made from Portland cement. The manufacturers claim for their invention that the cement tie is practically indestructible, and therefore an assurance of great reduction in the first cost as well as that of maintenance. Wood blocks of varying thicknesses are shimmied between the tie and the rail. These act as a cushion to receive and distribute the vibration and can easily be replaced without removing or disturbing the tie. These blocks are chemically treated so as to make them indestructible. They are held to the cement by spikes driven into holes in the cement filled with wooden plugs, these plugs being inserted before the cement has set and hardened.

Litteral.

Mistress—What in the world are you putting ashes on the floor for, Bridget. Bridget—Shure, ma'am, an' didn't yez say to doost the parlor?—Town and Country.

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