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ALL DENY THE TALE

Prominent Men Accused by Christmas Denounce the Bribery Charges.

STATE DEPARTMENT WILL IGNORE THEM

Decides Matter Unworthy of Serious Attention and Takes No Steps.

AFFAIR IS DISCREDITED IN COPENHAGEN

Alleged Bribery of American Congressmen Gets Little Notice.

CHRISTMAS AND GRON REPUDIATED

Alleged Commissions by Danish Government to Negotiate Sale of West Indies by Corrupt Means Flatly Contradicted.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Carl Fischer-Hansen of this city, who was attorney for Walter Christmas, the representative of the Danish government in the overtures for the purchase of the Danish West Indies in 1900, was indignant at the conduct of his client shown in his secret report to the Danish ministry, lately published.

"Ordinarily legal etiquette," said he, "would prevent my speaking. But this report is so defamatory and outrageous that I feel justified in washing my hands of the whole affair."

Mr. Fischer-Hansen described the course of the Danish representative as it appeared to him.

Christmas undertook, according to Mr. Fischer-Hansen, to start the sale of the islands for the Horring ministry. As far back as 1860 the sale had been almost consummated, but at the last moment this government had drawn back. Thus Denmark could not make overtures or do more than suggest that overtures would be acceptable. This Christmas did. He conducted Secretary White of the American embassy from London to Copenhagen. "At that point," said Mr. Fischer-Hansen, "his services ended. The negotiations from there on were carried forward by the American minister in Denmark and the Danish minister at Washington.

Personal Gain the Motive.

"The Horring ministry, going out of existence in a few months, was succeeded by the Sehested ministry, to which Christmas made his secret report, setting forth the alleged obligations he was under to various Americans.

"This report was evidently made," said the lawyer, "with the belief that it could never see the light. But its publication has shown its absurdity. I am quite sure Christmas never saw the men he mentions and I believe the report was made for the purpose of personal gain."

Wilber C. Brown, partner of Abner McKinley, whose name was mentioned in connection with the Christmas charges, made public in congress yesterday, has sent the following letter to Representative Dalzell, chairman of the investigating committee:

Dear Sir: The papers this morning contain extracts read in congress yesterday from insidious charges alleged by one Walter Christmas in connection with the purchase of the Danish West Indies.

So far as these charges relate to Abner McKinley and myself they are unqualifiedly, maliciously false in every particular.

I shall be glad to appear before your committee at any time you may desire.

Very respectfully, W. C. BROWN.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The State department will take no steps to bring to the attention of the Danish government the charges against the integrity of American statesmen preferred by Captain Christmas and yesterday brought to the attention of the house of representatives.

Unworthy of Notice.

The department regards the charges as unworthy of its attention by reason of insufficient evidence and obvious error in statements of alleged facts. The department is perfectly aware also that the Danish government does not intend to pay one cent of the $500,000 claimed by Christmas as his commission, so that, of course, none of that money could be used to corrupt American statesmen and newspapers.

COPENHAGEN, March 28.—The Christmas scandal is not discussed here nor the facts in the case published in Copenhagen, although a full account of Congressman Richardson's statements to congress was telegraphed to the semi-official news agency in this city. Denmark, however, has heard from both Captain Walter Christmas and Niels Gron, who has also claimed to have acted as a Danish agent in negotiating the sale of the Danish West Indies. Each claimed a commission, but the government has refused to recognize either of them, declaring that neither was ever connected in the negotiations in the slightest degree. A newspaper referred to the controversy during the latter part of February, but it did not take Gron or Christmas seriously. Gron started for America soon afterwards.

DEATH FOLLOWS OLD FEUD

Halfbreed Indian is Killed in Pistol Fight with Farmers.

GUTHRIE, Okl., March 28.—Early today a pitched battle occurred between two halfbreed Indians, George and John Curtis, and two farmers, James Thompson and William Smith, near Minco, Choctaw Nation. The latter were preparing to plant corn, when the Indians appeared heavily armed and began firing. The fire was returned by the farmers and the battle continued for some time, the parties shooting from ambush. Smith was seriously wounded and George Curtis died from his wounds.

The fight was the result of an old feud, two years ago, when John Curtis killed a brother of William Thompson and shot this same Smith in the abdomen and arm. No arrests have been made.

CATTLE SUFFER IN COLORADO

In Pitiable Condition for Want of Water and Because of Storm.

DENVER, March 28.—Reports from Orchard, Colo., say that many cattle on the plains are in a pitiable condition for want of water. Many of the water holes in Morgan county have been fenced in by owners of small herds and other cattlemen, whose stock is shut off from water are threatening to take retaliatory measures. Much ill feeling has also been excited among owners of range cattle by the impounding of animals, said to be in need of water, by officers of the humane society.

A snow and wind storm prevailed in northwestern Colorado today and heavy losses among the weakened range cattle are feared.

BOERS ELUDE BRITISH GRASP

Fifteen Hundred Men Are Said to Have Composed Body that Evaded Kitchener.

PRETORIA, Transvaal Colony, March 28.—About 1,500 Boers under Delarey, Liebonborg, Kemp and Wolmarans were within the area of Lord Kitchener's latest movement, but though surprised by the rapidity displayed by the British troops, gaps in the latter's lines enabled most of the burghers to escape. The Boer prisoners totaled 179 men, including Commandant H. Kruger, and former Landrost Neethling of Klerksdorp.

From the first prisoners captured it was learned that General Delarey was himself inside the actual cordon, having slept at a distance westward of Liebonborg, and other Boer commanders were inside the columns of the enemy.

The body, consisting of 500 Boers, was sighted about 10 o'clock in the morning and broke at full speed, making for a gap between the British columns. The race for power ensued. A force of mounted infantry which had already ridden upward of fifty miles, pressed its tired horses until many of the animals gave out, when the men jumped off and raced forward on foot. Some of the mounted men, however, were able to gallop right into the gap just ahead of the burghers, whom they met with a warm fire.

These troops also succeeded in driving back a body of 300 Boers, who were forced to desert the guns they had captured from the Donop convoy southwest of Keterasdorp, in February. The Boers tried to get through several openings, but on each occasion were forced to double back until they ultimately found a gap and passed out of the British lines, within sight of Klerksdorp. Many fell before the pursuing columns could overtake the Boers.

Five Canadians who fell out of their column and tried to work their way back, were surrounded by a Boer force and made a splendid defense. But, finally, seeing their case was hopeless, four of the Canadians surrendered. The fifth, however, indignantly refused to throw down his arms and continued a single-handed fight until he was killed. This was regarded as one of the most heroic incidents of the day.

An illustration of the resourcefulness of the Boers was given by Liebonborg and several hundred men, when, taking advantage of the confusion of the drive, they formed a commando similar in arrangement to that of a British column. Moving close to one of the numerous gaps in one of the British lines, they succeeded in reaching it and in getting safely away before their ruse was detected.

The guns captured from Von Donop's convoy were brilliantly recaptured by the Scottish Horse, which charged up to the muzzles of the artillery and rode the Boer gunners off their feet before the latter had a chance to fire.

BULL FIGHTS AT CORONATION

Characteristic Spanish Sport Will Be Held at Alfonso's Crowning.

MADRID, March 28.—The fetes to be held on the occasion of the crowning of Alfonso XIII as king or Spain will commence May 12, with a grand review of 15,000 troops at Camp Carabanchel. There will be a gala operatic performance and a concert May 16. The actual ceremony of administering the oath to Alfonso will take place in the Chamber of Deputies May 17, when Alfonso becomes of age. Upon this occasion Alfonso will for the first time wear the uniform of a captain general in the Spanish army. After the ceremony in the chamber the king and court will proceed in state to hear a Te Deum in the Church of San Francisco el Grande. A banquet to the foreign envoys will be given in the evening. There will be popular and municipal festivities, bull fights, horse races, balls and receptions during the six days from May 12 to May 18.

OFFER PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Bishops of Three Dioceses Issue Special Appeals for a Spirit of Peace.

LONDON, March 28.—"A Prayer for Peace" was the only novel feature of the observance of Good Friday in Great Britain. The bishops of London, Rochester and St. Albans issued special appeals in their dioceses to unite in prayer that both British and Boers be granted the temper of peacemakers, pointing out that similar prayers are being offered in the Dutch churches of Pretoria.

A Sunday atmosphere pervades here. All business is suspended and the churches and open air resorts in the neighborhood of London are crowded. No newspapers are published and everyone who could leave town till April 1 has departed. The government offices are closed and the War office has announced that even Lord Kitchener's dispatches will not be issued today or Monday.

IN PRISON FOR TREASON

Officer of Russians Cannot Be Executed, but Gets Close Confinement.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 28.—Colonel Grimm, the Russian officer, who is charged with revealing Russian military secrets to Germany, has been brought here and placed in close confinement. The statement emanating from Vienna, and cabled to the United States that Colonel Grimm had already been tried and sentenced to death on these charges by a court-martial at Warsaw, are incorrect. He will soon be tried on the charges here. In any case Colonel Grimm cannot be executed, since in Russia the betrayal of military secrets is not a capital offense, unless this betrayal be made to a power, with which Russia is at war.

About sixty arrests have been made in connection with alleged betrayal of military secrets by Colonel Grimm.

TURKEY MOBILIZES TROOPS

Ninety Thousand Irregular Soldiers Summoned to Join the Colors.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 28.—The Turkish government has decided to call to the colors 90,000 irregular troops in batches of forty battalions, each batch aggregating about 20,000 men. The mobilization is ostensibly for the annual maneuvers, but in view of the conditions in Macedonia considerable significance is attached to the movement.

New South Wales Wheat Crop.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., March 28.—The revised official estimate of the wheat crop of New South Wales is that 1,280,000 acres will yield 14,705,000 bushels.

ESTATE GOES TO EDUCATION

Cecil Rhodes' Millions Will Promote Scheme of Elevating British Race.

BULK OF FORTUNE THUS BEQUEATHED

English Press Says Rest of Estate Will Endow Family and Gratify Few Personal Desires.

LONDON, March 29.—The Daily Mail says it is in a position to assert that the late Cecil Rhodes left the bulk of his fortune, except some personal and family bequests to the promotion of his vast imperial plan of education. This project embraces every land where the union jack flies. Its purpose is the intellectual betterment of the British race throughout the world and the fostering of the imperial sentiment.

The Daily Mail adds that this idea of better fitting "younger Britain to cope successfully with rival nationalities was long a dominant scheme with Cecil Rhodes, but even his closest friends little imagined the absorbing hold it obtained on him until this was disclosed by the terms of his will."

The details of this plan of education will be made public in a few days.

Cecil Rhodes left the Dalham estate to his brother, Colonel Francis W. Rhodes. The estate was purchased by Cecil Rhodes last December.

Plans for Funeral.

CAPETOWN, March 28.—The coffin containing the body of Cecil Rhodes will be conveyed to the parliamentary buildings here during the morning of April 3 and will lie in state in the vestibule till 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when it will be removed to the Anglican cathedral (the latter being close to the parliamentary buildings), where the first portion of the burial service will be read.

The funeral procession will afterward traverse the principal streets of Capetown to the railroad station. Thence the coffin will be taken by special train to Buluwayo, stopping for a short time at Kimberley. Only a few intimate friends will accompany the body to Buluwayo.

The coffin during the funeral procession at Capetown will be carried on the gun carriage of "Long Cecil," the famous old gun used at the siege of Kimberley.

IDENTIFIES THE DYNAMITER

Man in Canadian Prison Said to Be Luke Dillon, Friend of Dr. Cronin.

BUFFALO, March 28.—The Express today publishes a story to the effect that Karl Dallman, one of the three men sentenced to life imprisonment in the Kingston (Ont.) penitentiary for attempting to blow up a lock in the Welland canal on April 21, 1900, is no other than Luke Dillon, the Irish national leader and famous as a close friend of Dr. Cronin, who was murdered in Chicago.

Three men were captured soon after the explosion which wrecked a portion of one of the Canadian canal locks. Two of them, John Walsh and John Nolin, were identified and their records traced. The third man, who gave his name as Karl Dallman, was a mystery.

Two years ago Dillon was teller of the Dime Savings bank of Philadelphia. Announcement was made then to Dillon's friends that he had gone to Europe. A year later the report was circulated that he had been drowned in Ireland.

The plot to blow up the Welland canal failed. The men blundered in lowering the dynamite into the locks, placing it in such a position that the gates withstood the shocks. Had it succeeded a large area of the surrounding country would have been flooded and the loss of life would have been great.

PHILADELPHIA, March 28.—Luke Dillon was known in this city as a member of various Irish-American organizations, including the Clan-Na-Gael, the Irish-American and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He was also a member of the Red Men.

He had been teller of the Dime Savings bank in this city, but resigned that position two years ago. It is said by several of his friends that he joined a party of his countrymen, who left here early in 1900 to go to South Africa, with about fifty Irish residents of Chicago, for the purpose of joining the Boer army.

Luke J. Dillon, his son, occupies a clerical position in the postoffice here. He declined to discuss the published statement of his father's alleged identification, further than to say he did not accredit the report. He would not say how long his father had been absent from the city.

REFUSES BAVARIA'S APPEAL

Federal Court Declines to Release Foreigner on Writ of Habeas Corpus.

CINCINNATI, March 28.—Judge A. C. Thompson, in the United States court today, refused to release Henrich Herrle on a writ of habeas corpus. Requisition from the Bavarian government had been made for Herrle on affidavits charging forgery. Extradition papers had been granted and the United States marshal was about to take Herrle to New York to turn him over to the German consul in that city, when the habeas corpus proceedings were instituted. The case will now be carried to the United States supreme court before the extradition is executed.

Henrich Herrle was a prominent banker in Bavaria. He resides here now with his wife and children and has many near relatives in this city. He is charged with forgeries aggregating several hundred thousand marks in connection with alleged raised checks and drafts. The affidavits filed against him were mostly from creditors and others with whom he conducted business in Bavaria.

CAPITALIST PAYS HIS FINE

Projector at Grand Rapids Pays Two Thousand Dollars for Privilege of Bribery.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 28.—Henry A. Taylor, the young eastern capitalist convicted of conspiracy to bribe in connection with a proposition to saddle upon this city a $4,000,000 water supply contract appeared in the superior court this afternoon to receive his sentence. Judge Newham at once imposed a fine of $2,000, the maximum without imprisonment. Taylor paid the fine and was discharged from custody.

This disposes of three of the indictments in the water deal. Ex-City Attorney Lant K. Salsbury and Silsman C. McLeod are now serving terms in the Detroit house of correction for violating the United States banking laws. The trial of T. F. Garry is now on call for next Monday and it is understood a fight for a change of venue will be made.

GRIGGS TO LEAD DEMOCRATS

Georgia Representative is Chosen Chairman of Congressional Committee for Coming Campaign.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Representative James M. Griggs of Georgia was unanimously chosen chairman of the democratic congressional committee at a meeting held tonight in the minority caucus room at the capitol. A committee consisting of the chairman, Mr. Griggs; Representative Williams of Mississippi, Representative Rupert of New York, Representative Richardson of Tennessee, Representative Williams of Illinois, Representative Jackson of Kansas and Senator Culberson of Texas, was appointed to perfect a plan of organization for the ensuing congressional campaign and select the remaining officers of the committee subject to the ratification of a meeting of the full committee to be held April 11.

It is the understanding that this committee, among other things, will report in favor of the creation of an executive committee, of which former Representative Benjamin P. Cable of Illinois probably will be chairman, and of a finance committee, of which Louis Nixon of New York probably will be chairman. The only other name beside that of Mr. Griggs which was presented to the committee for chairmanship was Mr. Cowherd of Missouri, but this name was withdrawn before the vote was taken.

The following were selected to represent states which have no democratic representation in congress:

Connecticut, Robert E. DeForrest; Iowa, G. A. Hoffman; Maine, H. J. Brown; New Hampshire, Henry Hollis; Oklahoma Territory, Harry Bacon; West Virginia, E. H. Ossesman; Wisconsin, E. C. Wall; Wyoming, C. T. Arnold; Indian Territory, Sam Powell.

The committee tonight heard the protests of a faction of the democracy of the District of Columbia against James L. Norris, who was elected to represent the district at a former meeting of the committee, but decided to disregard the protests made.

DEMOCRATS IN HOT FIGHT

Wage Most Eventful Campaign in Arkansas with Senator Jones Central Figure.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 28.—The most eventful campaign in Arkansas democratic annals closed tonight and tomorrow each of the seventy-five counties will hold a primary election to determine their choice for United States senator and state and county officers.

Senator James K. Jones, chairman of the democratic national committee, and former Governor James P. Clarke, who is democratic national committeeman for Arkansas, are rival candidates for the United States senate and each has made a thorough canvass. At the respective headquarters in this city tonight each side, with apparent confidence, claims victory tomorrow. The direct vote in the primary elections will govern democratic members of the legislature at which Senator Jones' successor will be chosen next January.

Besides the spirited contest for United States senator the gubernatorial nomination is a sharp issue of contention with Governor Jefferson Davis contending for a second term against A. E. Rector, a son of the famous war governor of Arkansas. In each of the seven congressional districts the voters will select a nominee for congress.

HANNA NOT IN THE FIELD

Ohio Statesman Positively Declares He is Not a Presidential Candidate.

TOMAH, Wis., March 28.—Senator Marcus A. Hanna has written a letter to C. W. Croty of this city, states that he is in no sense a candidate for the presidency in 1904, and requesting his friends to discourage any movement to that end. Mr. Croty wrote to the senator some days ago, and yesterday received the following autograph reply:

UNITED STATES, SENATE, WASHINGTON, March 27.—My Dear Sir: I have just received your letter of the 19th instant and wish to assure you of my thorough appreciation of the high compliment paid me in your suggestion in reference to the nomination for 1904. I am grateful for such friendship and confidence, but will say in reply that I am not in any sense a candidate and trust my friends will discourage any movement looking toward that end.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I remain, Truly yours,

M. A. HANNA.

CONDEMN FATHER CROWLEY

Archbishop Feehan Declares Priest in Open Rebellion to Legitimate Ecclesiastical Authority.

CHICAGO, March 28.—In an official letter sent to every Catholic priest in Chicago today, Archbishop Feehan issued a sweeping order in the controversy of the Rev. Jeremiah J. Crowley and his friends with diocesan authority. The letter reads:

"We hereby notify you that Rev. Jeremiah J. Crowley, whose public acts and utterances have given grave scandal to the detriment of religion is in open rebellion to legitimate ecclesiastical authority. Therefore any priest of the diocese of Chicago who assists him by moral or financial aid or offers him encouragement of any kind whatsoever, is ipso facto suspended."

The letter is signed by the archbishop and Chancellor Barry.

TO FORM A NATIONAL BODY

Meeting of Western Reciprocity League Asked, to Be Held in Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 28.—Governor W. M. Stanley of Kansas, president of the Western Reciprocity league, was requested by resolutions unanimously adopted this afternoon by the Chicago members of the league to call a meeting in Chicago, April 20, under the auspices of the Western Reciprocity league to which representatives from all of the industrial organizations in the country will be requested to send delegates for the purpose of forming a national reciprocity association.

IN CAB WITH DEAD FIREMAN

Engineer Discovers His Comrade's Body Lying on Floor at End of Run.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 28.—When Engineer Fred Grey jumped from the cab of his engine that had been pulling the Burlington limited into the Union station this morning he noticed that his fireman, Fred Bussacker, was lying motionless on the floor. The top of his head was crushed in. He had evidently been killed by some bridge girder while looking out of his window. The boiler projecting back into the cab had prevented the engineer from seeing what had happened.

FLOODS CAUSE MANY WRECKS

Water Submerges Tracks and Half a Dozen Trains Are Lost.

TRAFFIC IS AT COMPLETE STANDSTILL

Railroads at Mercy of Raging Streams, Communities Are Isloated and Families in Great Distress.

MERIDIAN, Miss., March 28.—Eleven inches of rain have fallen during the past forty-eight hours. The streams are raging, many farms are under water, bridges have been washed away and railway traffic is at a standstill.

The wreck of the Alabama Southern freight near York last night, due to the washing of the roadbed, has completely suspended travel on that road, and the Southern between Meridian and Selma.

Two trains were lost on the Alabama & Vicksburg this morning; two lost on the Mobile & Ohio and one was lost on the New Orleans & Northeastern, twenty miles south of Meridian. No trains have entered or departed from Meridian since Thursday afternoon.

More Rain Expected.

Many of the telegraph wires are down and some points are entirely cut off. Weather cloudy and more rain probable.

Meridian is cut off from the outside world except that two Western Union wires are still in operation. Not a train is moving within fifty miles of the city. A fast freight on the Northeastern railroad is six feet under water and the crew is in danger of being swept away. Efforts to reach the trains by boats have been futile, owing to the swift current. Two separate relief parties were sent out to swim and wade streams, but nothing has been heard from them since last night. Water at Enterprise, twelve miles south, is rising at the rate of eighteen inches an hour, with no prospect for the resumption of traffic. For two or three days the southern section of this city has been under three feet of water and many families have been forced to leave their homes in the lowlands and escape to higher ground. One house was thrown into the stream and carried away.

Traffic is Demoralized.

NEW ORLEANS, March 28.—The wind and rainstorm which has prevailed over southern Mississippi for the last forty-eight hours has demoralized all railway traffic and telegraphic communication today. The town of Hazelhurst, Miss., has been completely isolated for the last two days on account of the heavy rains. Many streams in the country overflowed their banks and all passage from the country has been stopped. Rain is still falling there.

Great damage has been caused by the flood at Newton, Miss., and there is little probability of the trains running for several days. Telegraph lines are prostrated in all localities. An embankment of the Illinois Central railroad, one mile north of Oxford, Miss., was washed away today, leaving seventy feet of iron rails and cross ties suspended about forty feet in the air. Another washout occurred a mile south of the town.

Trains Held Up for Days.

It will be several days before it is possibe for trains to reach Oxford from either north or south.

Leaf river at Hattiesburg, Miss., rose several feet during last night, and no trains have passed over the Northeastern of the Gulf and Ship Island today on account of the high water. The Northeastern is washed out in several places between here and Meridian.

A dispatch from Laurel reports that three miles of the Northeastern track is inundated north of Enterprise. At Enterprise the Chickahshay river is on a rampage and all the lowlands of the river and valley are covered with water. The river at 6 o'clock was as high as the flood of two years ago, and is rising at the rate of four inches an hour.

The loss to farmers will be heavy. Over five inches of rain has fallen at Vicksburg in the last forty-eight hours. The Alabama & Vicksburg and Shreveport & Pacific roads are practically tied up. The river at Reading today was 40.2 or 4.8 below the danger line. If the rains continue serious results are feared.

Heavy Damage in Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 28.—Rain has fallen steadily throughout this section of the state since early morning, the weather bureau here reporting the precipitation at 7.05 inches. Reports from all directions tell of washouts and wrecked bridges, railroad traffic south of Nashville being entirely suspended. Property losses will be extremely heavy, but so far the loss of only one life is reported, that being W. F. Dillehoy, a rural route mail carrier in Maury county. The Louisville & Nashville tracks are badly torn up from Columbia, Tenn., to Athens, Ala., water being from two to five feet over the tracks at several points. Two bridges, north and south of Pulaski, are washed out and the bridge at Lynnville is out of line.

A number of trestles on the Nashville, Florence & Sheffield are washed out and 1,200 feet of the Louisville & Nashville track are turned over near Buford Station, Giles county.

All wires are down south of Columbia and nothing can be learned from that direction. At Mount Pleasant, a phosphate mining town in Maury county, the damage is especially heavy, manufacturing plants being submerged and trestles and bridges washed away.

Bridges Down, Trains Held.

In Rutherford county several trains are laid up on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis between washed out bridges over Stone river. A long stretch is under water in the vicinity of Murphysboro, but has not yet given way. The bridge at Wartrace is going and a pier is demolished. Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis passenger train No. 2 at that place is unable to proceed in either direction and will not get away before tomorrow evening. The railway management is looking to the comfort of the waterbound passengers. Wires are down and the company is unable to secure details of damage south of Murphysboro. The town of Libertia, Dekalb county, is under water in several sections and families have been forced to move out, while the roads are impassable. The Cumberland river at Nashville rose nine feet between 12 o'clock today and 6 o'clock this evening and is still rising. Late advices from Columbia say Duck river is six feet above low water mark and rising at an alarming rate. The electric light plant there is under water and the city is in darkness. At Modon, Madison county, 300 feet of the Illinois Central road is washed away.

Little Relief at Jackson.

JACKSON, Miss., March 28.—The flood situation is somewhat improved today so far as the railroads are concerned, but traffic

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Saturday and Sunday; West to Northwest Winds.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	44	1 p. m.	56
6 a. m.	43	2 p. m.	58
7 a. m.	44	3 p. m.	58
8 a. m.	45	4 p. m.	60
9 a. m.	48	5 p. m.	54
10 a. m.	50	6 p. m.	45
11 a. m.	52	7 p. m.	40
12 m.	54	8 p. m.	38
		9 p. m.	36

MOTOR COLLISION IS FATAL

Cars Crash Together in Fog Near Joliet, Resulting in Death of Three Men.

JOLIET, Ill., March 28.—Two dead and seven injured is the result of a collision near Sag bridge, on the Joliet & Chicago Electric railroad, today, which is the worst in the history of the line.

Dead:

JOHN MAU, motorman, Joliet.

G. H. HURLEY, conductor, Joliet.

GEORGE BARRETT, Lockport, foreman for Economy Light and Power company.

Injured:

Sam Spence, workman, Lemont, breast crushed, arms and legs cut; may die.

Mike McLaughlin, motorman, Joliet, right leg crushed; amputated.

John Flavil, workman, Lockport.

John Rinn, workman, Lockport.

John Wolf, Joliet, employe of street railway company.

Dennis Murphy, workman, Lockport.

Fred Mitz, Lemont.

Unknown passenger on car.

Eugene Gaylord, workman, Lockport.

Patrick Dougherty, workman.

C. M. Coon, conductor, Joliet.

The injured have been brought to the hospital at Joliet. Some of them are in a serious condition and there may be more fatalities.

The wreck was the result of a head-on collision between two cars going at a rapid rate of speed. A dense fog prevented the motorman from seeing the approaching cars. The wreck occurred near Sag bridge, about twenty miles from Joliet. There is a single track at the place and the two cars came together with terrific force. The cars were piled in a chaotic state. The scene of the accident is the same spot where a terrible wreck occurred on the Alton about twenty-nine years ago, when over a score were killed.

ELEVATED TRAINS COLLIDE

Many People Bruised and Cut by Glass, but None Seriously Injured.

CHICAGO, March 28.—Fifty passengers were badly shaken up in a collision between trains of the South Side and Metropolitan West Side Elevated roads on the Union Loop today. The South Side cars had stopped at La Salle street station, when a Metropolitan train following it became unmanagable. The crash sounded like an explosion and was heard for several blocks. The motorman who was in charge of the runaway coaches had to jump through a window to save himself from being caught in the wreckage. He reached the station platform just before the car came up. The rear end of the coach on the South Side train was demolished and the passengers were hurled from their seats and covered with flying glass. Many were cut and bruised, but none seriously injured.

LARGE MINES CONSOLIDATE

Litigation Involving Millions Settled by Terms of the Agreement.

SALT LAKE, March 28.—The Daily West and Quincy mining companies, two of the largest dividend paying properties in the state, are to be consolidated and litigation involving millions of dollars is to cease. The combination will form the fifth largest dividend paying mining company in the United States. The agreement to consolidate was reached last night at a meeting of committees representing both companies and will be confirmed at a meeting of directors this afternoon. Terms of the agreement will not be given out until after the meeting of the directors.

The Quincy mine has made paying dividends of 2,000 per cent on a capitalization of $75,000. The Daily West has been paying dividends of 24 per cent on a capitalization of $3,000,000. The properties of the two companies practically adjoin each other. Litigation involving millions of dollars between the companies is brought to a close by the consolidation.

DASHES THROUGH A CULVERT

Train Meets Accident with One Hundred and Fifty Passengers on Board.

WINNIPEG, Man., March 28.—The first section of a Canadian Pacific transcontinental train, westbound, dashed through a culvert, which had been undermined by the floods at Elm Creek, forty miles west of this city at 4 o'clock this morning. The train carried 150 English and American emigrants. Although the dining car and sleeper were wrecked, no one was injured seriously. Conductor Favor was thrown from the platform of the second coach into the creek and narrowly escaped drowning. The trains from the east and south today were delayed by the floods.

DEFEATS IOWA IN DEBATE

Minnesota State University Students Victorious in Arguing Against Visitors.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 28.—The joint debate between the universities of Minnesota and Iowa, held in this city this evening, resulted in a victory for Minnesota. The question debated was: "Resolved that the United States shall retain permanent possession of the Philippines," and the affirmative side was supported by Minnesota. The Iowa debaters were: H. E. Hadley, H. E. McCoy and Merritt Brackett. Minnesota was represented by O. A. Landes, O. P. McElmeel and A. L. Janes.

Movements of Ocean Vessels March 28.

At New York—Arrived—Copack, from Seattle and Tacoma, via Yokohama and Shanghai, Hong Kong, Manila and Rangoon, for Tokio; Mongolian, from Glasgow; La Savoie, from Havre.

At Genoa—Arrived—Aller, from New York, via Naples.

At Gibraltar—Sailed—Auguste Victoria, from Naples, for New York.

At Boulogne—Sailed—Amsterdam, from Rotterdam, for New York.

At Liverpool—Sailed—Cevic, for New York; Dominion, for Portland. Arrived—Saxonia, from Boston; Germanic, from New York.

At Bremen—Arrived—Breslau, from New York.

At Kinsale—Passed—Tauric, from New York, for Liverpool.

WOODWARD IS SLAIN

Wyoming Citizens Carry Out Original Sentence Despite Law's Delay.

MASKED MEN LOCK UP THE SHERIFF

Overpower Jailer and Take Condemned Man to the Scaffold.

SLAYER OF SHERIFF RICKER SOON DEAD

Makes Brief Speech, Saying He Never Meant Murder.

MOB DOES ITS WORK METHODICALLY

Quiet but Determined Plans for Vengeance—Acting Governor Orders County Attorney to Prosecute.

CASPER, Wyo., March 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Good Friday was observed in Casper by a lynching. At an early hour this morning masked men went to the county jail, overpowered Sheriff Tubbs, secured the keys and led Charles Woodward, the condemned murderer of Sheriff William C. Ricker, from his cell in his night clothes and hung him from the scaffold which had been arranged for his legal execution.

The lynchers made no noise and prevented the prisoner from crying out by tying a piece of cloth over his mouth. The men wore handkerchiefs over their faces and not one was recognized by Sheriff Tubbs or the jailer. On the way to the gallows Woodward implored the men to let him go and not choke him. Reaching the scaffold the rope was quickly and securely fastened to the beam overhead and the noose placed about the murderer's neck. While this was being done Woodward talked rapidly, saying as near as could be heard:

Prays for Forgiveness.

"Boys, let me kneel and pray for you. I want to pray for you all."

As the noose was tightened about the throat Woodward said:

"To my blessed little wife. I love her dearly. Won't you tell her that, boys? I pray that you have the papers print it. God forgive me for my sins. I pray for myself and I pray for you and Charlie Ricker. I never had any grudge against him in God's world."

When asked why he shot Ricker, Woodward continued:

"I never meant to shoot him then. Don't choke me, boys."

As the noose began to tighten about the condemned man's neck and choked off his breath, he said: "For God's sake, you are choking me to death. God have mercy on me and my dear little wife. Please don't choke me, boys, for I didn't mean to kill Charlie Ricker. Lord have mercy on me. Oh!"

Springs from the Gallows.

Just then some one pushed Woodward onto the trap and the rope tightened. Woodward gave a leap before the trap could be sprung and he fell off the gallows, hanging himself. It was a sickening sight and one that will never be forgotten by the two dozen men who witnessed the execution. Woodward's bare legs scraped along the rough edge of the pine board scaffold and the body commenced to writhe and a gurgling sound could be heard coming from Woodward's throat.

Someone in the crowd seized the two bare feet and gave them a jerk, then pulled the body as far away from the gallows as the length of the rope would permit and let it swing back against the framework, which the now almost lifeless form struck with a thud that sent a chill down the backs of the spectators.

The crowd stood and watched the writhing form and when the muscles had ceased to twitch someone pinned a card bearing these words to the night shirt:

"Process of law is a little slow, so this is the road you'll have to go. Murderers and thieves beware. People's verdict."

Sheriff and Jailer Released.

The leader of the lynchers gave orders to disperse and each man went his way, one of their number releasing Sheriff Tubbs and the jailer.

It was several hours before the news spread that Woodward had been hanged and then the people left their beds to see the body.

Woodward was cut down and the body removed to the city hall, where the flannel was taken off his mouth and the rope cut from his neck. A coroner's jury was impaneled at daylight and is now inquiring into the cause of Woodward's death.

There were two inches of snow on the ground and the men could easily be followed. The mob was orderly and no disturbance of any kind followed. Woodward died of strangulation. He made a short statement. His body was taken in charge by the coroner and an inquest will be held today. Generally people thought Woodward a cold-blooded murderer and the public think he simply got justice.

Satisfaction and Relief.

There seems to be a feeling of satisfaction and relief among citizens of Casper tonight as a result of the hanging of Woodward. Nearly everyone that has expressed an opinion says he regrets that the lynching had to occur, but they are satisfied, now that the affair is over with, and are willing to take the responsibility for the consequences. There seems to be a feeling also, now that the people have started in to rid this part of the state of its lawless element, that the work should be continued until every criminal is hanged, sent to the penitentiary or run out of the country.

The Hole-In-The-Wall and its notorious gangs of cattle rustlers, horse thieves, bank robbers and criminals of various classes have been a millstone about the neck of Casper and Natrona county and have had much to do with the slow development and settlement of this section of the state. Two years ago the ranchmen determined to rid the country of the lawless characters and since then an active campaign has been waged.

Woodward, while he was not a member of the outlaw bands, was believed to be in sympathy with them and to have aided them on different occasions, carrying on a campaign of petty thieving himself.

Treated as Matter of Course.

At noon today the excitement caused by the lynching began to die down and tonight the town is quiet, people are occupying their time at their usual avocations and little concern is felt in regard to the hanging.

The men who lynched Woodward, and it is claimed that many of them are known, have the sympathy and moral support of some of the best business men and leading citizens of the town and county, and no local effort will be made to prosecute them. The murderer, the people say, only met his just deserts.

The body of Woodward is lying at the