

HONOR WASHINGTON

Chicago Holds Many Meetings in Great Patriot's Memory.

SENATOR HOAR IS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Pays Earnest Tribute to Father of Country Twice in the Day

EASTERN CITIES KEEP GENERAL HOLIDAY

New York and Boston Observe Anniversary by Cessation of Work.

BIG BANQUET IS GIVEN IN ENGLAND

Duke of Devonshire and Others Insist on Friendly Relations Which Now Unite Britain and Its Once Estranged Daughter.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Public schools, banks, the Board of Trade, the Stock exchange and all city and county offices were closed today in honor of Washington's birthday and appropriate exercises were held by various societies.

A meeting was held in the morning at the Auditorium attended by the pupils of the public schools, at which Prof. George E. Vincent of the University of Chicago and Miss Jane Adams of Hull House were the principal speakers.

In the afternoon Senator Hoar of Massachusetts addressed a large audience composed of the members of the Union League club and their friends. The singing of patriotic songs and the audience formed part of the exercises.

A banquet was given this evening by the Union League club at which President Hancock proposed the toast, "The Orator of the Day," to which Senator Hoar responded.

Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus, President Eliot of Harvard and Bishop Gallor of Tennessee were the other speakers.

New York Keeps Holiday.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—While there was no official celebration, today was generally observed as a holiday and there was a very generous display of bunting. The public schools, federal, state, county and city offices, the University of the City, were closed and in the downtown district little business was transacted. Most of the retail stores were closed. The weather was bright.

Military Veterans Forgather.

BOSTON, Mass. Feb. 23.—Army veterans' reunions, patriotic meetings and other events were included in the observance of Washington's birthday in this city. Lord Stracona and Lord Rothschild, and the following members of the house of commons: Sir Charles Dike, J. H. Dalsiel, Sir Thomas Dewar, Sir Edwin Lawrence, E. H. Gosnell, Lord Patrick, Marshall Hallstead, Colonel Hunsiker, Halsey C. Ives of the St. Louis exposition, Captain Piper, deputy police commissioner of New York; all the United States embassy staff and many foreign representatives of the St. Louis exposition.

King Edward Gives Levee

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The dinner given to-night by the American society in honor of Washington's birthday was the occasion for the king's levee in this city.

The duke of Devonshire and Lord Londonderry, members of the cabinet, officially voiced the good will of the British government, while such representative Englishmen as the lord mayors of London and Bristol, the lord provost of Glasgow, Lord Strathcona and Lord Rothschild, and the following members of the house of commons: Sir Charles Dike, J. H. Dalsiel, Sir Thomas Dewar, Sir Edwin Lawrence, E. H. Gosnell, Lord Patrick, Marshall Hallstead, Colonel Hunsiker, Halsey C. Ives of the St. Louis exposition, Captain Piper, deputy police commissioner of New York; all the United States embassy staff and many foreign representatives of the St. Louis exposition.

After the levee the king sent to ask Mr. Francis if he would like to be received in private audience and receiving an affirmative reply from the king at the date Mr. Francis will attend today's debate in the House of Commons on War Secretary Brodrick's army scheme.

During an informal conversation which Mr. Francis had with Lord Lansdowne on the subject of the St. Louis exposition, the foreign secretary manifested great interest in the fair and promised it every possible support.

Mr. Francis anticipated an early announcement of the appointment of a royal commissioner to arrange for Great Britain's participation in the exposition.

PLAGUE NOT YET STAYED

Masatan Prisoners Immured in Bull Ring While Jail is Disinfected.

MAZATLAN, Mexico, Feb. 23.—There was only one death from bubonic plague today at Mazatlan, where the epidemic is still rampant. There are thirty-five patients at the lazaretto, with the condition of eight doubtful. Two hundred persons are now isolated. The bull ring is now being used as a prison, as the jail is undergoing disinfection.

Among the new cases two occurred among the sentries at the military hospital and one was that of a servant girl, who died a few hours later. Her employers, who live next door to the governor, are now in quarantine.

TO WED AUSTRIAN COUNT

Sister of the Khedive Obtains Divorce from Egyptian Husband and Goes to Vienna.

CAIRO, Feb. 23.—Princess Djemil Tousseou, sister of the khedive and wife of Prince Djemil Tousseou, recently made an unsuccessful attempt at self-destruction by taking poison. The act is said to have been prompted by jealousy.

The princess subsequently left Egypt on board of one of the royal yachts, refusing to see her husband. Her highness went by way of Trieste to Vienna, where it is understood she is about to obtain a divorce. A divorce has already been granted.

BALFOUR GIVES ASSURANCES

Says House Will Have Ample Opportunity to Discuss Mercantile Marine Arrangement.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons today, Gerold Balfour, president of the Board of Trade, said the general lines of the agreement between the British government and the International Mercantile Marine company had been determined upon and the house would be given an opportunity to discuss the arrangements before it was finally concluded.

Tower Presides in Berlin.

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—Two hundred Americans in this city celebrated Washington's birthday with a supper and dance at the Kalescho. Ambassador Tower presided. A musical entertainment preceded the dancing.

QUEEN RECEIVES AMERICANS

Italian King's Wife Chats Loquax with Visitors From Across the Seas.

ROME, Feb. 23.—Queen Margherita today received in private audience a number of American visitors. Mrs. Frank Morris of Chicago, Mrs. Halstead Boydland, Mrs. Annetta Boydland and Mrs. Miss Gay of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. Gay of Rome, Miss Harrison of Baltimore, Miss Pendleton, sister of the former United States minister to Berlin, Mr. and Mrs. Norton of Berlin, Mrs. George Lee Peabody of Boston, William Appleton Potter, brother of Bishop Potter; Miss Marion H. Stimmus, Leonard M. Thomas, second secretary of the United States embassy here; Robert M. Winthrop, secretary to the United States legation at Berlin; Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Hollans, Mrs. A. P. Woodworth and Miss Ethel Brownson of New York.

The four last named were also presented to the queen-mother. All the Americans afterward participated in a court ball, which assumed special significance, as it was the first in which foreigners have been admitted during the present reign.

The queen conversed at length with the Americans present, inquiring of Mr. Potter after his brother, Bishop Potter, whom she said, she knew well by reputation. Queen Helena congratulated Secretary Thomas on his recent return to the city, and the queen conversed at some length with Mrs. Avery about children.

The ball was a great function. The members of the diplomatic corps and the leaders of Roman society were among the 2,000 guests.

WHOLE ISLAND SNOWBOUND

Newfoundland Cannot Even Estimate When Trains Will Reach Destinations.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Feb. 23.—The trains which were snowbound in the interior of Newfoundland are now moving backwards to their starting points. It was impossible for the trains to attempt to cut their way through the snowdrifts across the summit of the island.

Another blizzard raged last night, adding to the snow on the mountain ranges with forty-three passengers reached Norris Arm this afternoon, and is now on its way to this city, but it is unknown when it will arrive, owing to a rain storm and a subsequent frost coating the tracks with ice. A train which left St. Johns this morning was unable to proceed half a mile from the station owing to the ice, and had to return this afternoon.

The western snowbound express is slowly retreating toward Bay of Islands with fifty-five persons aboard. It was deemed unwise to keep the train near the summit owing to a possible long delay before that section of the railroad is clear. The passengers will be housed at Bay of Islands. The passengers of the express, which also carries large American and Canadian incoming mail, are likely to be detained at Bay of Islands for some time.

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Edmond Kelly, representing the Fair estate, and M. Chaneil and Grumwald, who appraised the original garments as being worth \$21,200, were among those present. When the box was opened, a short cloak and a muff were disclosed, both of rather ordinary appearance.

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HAS HOPES FOR IRELAND

Lord Dunraven Considers Land Question as Good as Settled.

ALL DEPENDS ON TERMS OF COMING BILL

government Follows Suggestions Joint Conference Long Contained Friction Will Certainly End to Good of Empire.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The earl of Dunraven was interviewed tonight regarding the results of the Irish landlords' and tenants' conference in Dublin, of which he was chairman. He spoke hopefully regarding the prospects of legislation.

Lord Dunraven said: "The utterance of King Edward and of British public men, the temper of Ireland, the reception of the conference report by the public and the action of the government since are all favorable. Indications also point to the government's intention to pass the Irish land bill, which, if it contains a just and generous offer, will make the first impression, on which all depends. The bill, if drawn on the lines suggested by the conference, will insure a final settlement and remove the cause of friction in Ireland which is reacting unfavorably, not only on Great Britain, but on the United States and on our kindred in the United States."

Lord Dunraven replied to the adverse criticism of the report, saying the conference could not lay down a specific formula to be adopted. They were obliged to deal with the matter on the broadest lines, in considering both the interests of the nation and those of the individual landlords and tenants. He did not think that the government would be able to specify a strict formula which, if attempted, would confuse the issues. The minor details of any plan based on voluntarism must be left to the purchasers and sellers. The conference only sought to formulate the conditions under which it would be possible to complete the transfer of the land within a reasonable period.

His lordship concluded by saying he did not think the demand on the state treasury would be disproportionate to the benefits gained.

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The deal is regarded here as having an important bearing on the proposed Canadian mail service, as it probably will eliminate the tender of Elder-Dempster & Co. therefor and leave the Canadian Pacific in a better position to secure the contract.

MAY YET BE MEAT MERGER

E. E. Robbins of the Omaha Packing Company Stated for Chairman of the Board.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—The Post today says: Plans practically are complete for the merging of the interests of the firms that comprise the beef trust. Unless something unforeseen arises April 1 will see the official announcement of the incorporation of a securities holding company which eventually may control the meat business of the world.

Unlike the popular idea of the packers' merger, however, for the time being it is not to embrace everything in sight, nor is it to be capitalized at \$500,000,000, as announced for the United States Packing company. Further, the plan contemplates no friction with the federal courts because of the recent decision of Judge Groscup against the packers' joint combination.

The nucleus of the great combination of worldwide interests is to be the merger of a small independent plants bought last year by the big packers preparatory to the general merger planned at that time.

The securities to be held by the new corporation are those of the G. H. Hammond Packing company, the Omaha Packing company, the Anglo-American-Fowler company, the St. Louis Beef company and the United States Dressed Beef company, and possibly several of the outside stock yards now controlled by Chicago interests.

Chicago will be the headquarters of the combination, but as far as the public is concerned there will be no immediate change in the operation of the individual plants under the new regime. It is planned to lead the new securities company with present officials of the individual companies, instead of the big packers themselves, or those immediately associated with them in the "Big Six" companies.

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DARROW REFUSES TO RUN

Finally Decides Not to Contest Mayoralty of Chicago with Carter Harrison.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Clarence S. Darrow tonight announced that he would not make the race for mayor of Chicago.

In giving reasons he said for many years he had represented laboring people in their litigation and he felt that he could not do this work for that of the position of mayor of Chicago. He declared that, in company with John Mitchell and Samuel Gompers, he had arranged some measures intended to benefit organized labor throughout the country, and did not feel that he should give this up to seek a political office.

He declared himself in favor of the municipal ownership of public utilities, but said that before such things could be brought about in Chicago there must be state legislation, and that he could do no more than to urge the passage of such legislation, and that he could do so as mayor, where he would be compelled to enforce the laws on the statute books.

SIX FOUND FROZEN STIFF

Three Mexican Women with Their Children Succumb to Texas Cold.

GOLIAD, Tex., Feb. 23.—The bodies of six Mexicans, three women and three children, were found frozen to death on the river eight miles above here.

The dead: ISABEL RODRIGUEZ, 40; ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ, 20; ANITA RODRIGUEZ, 15; ALAM RODRIGUEZ, 10; ROSE RODRIGUEZ, 10; HELEN VAQUEZ, 18.

The bodies were lying close together, their position showing that the women had tried to protect the children. They were with friends on the south side of the river on Wednesday and were put across in a skiff by Tomas Vasquez after which they started for a camp on the north side of the river, two or three miles distant. It is supposed they lost their way.

NEGRO ENTITLED TO DINNER

Court Meets Pullman Company in \$500 for Refusing Black Man Food.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 23.—In the United States court here today a jury awarded \$500 to Rev. Henry P. Johnston of Camden, a colored man who sued the Pullman Car company for \$10,000.

Johnston, editor of the Christian Advocate and on March 25 last, while riding in a Pullman car between Richmond Va., and Washington sought service in the dining car. He claimed that he was refused food by different subterfuges, notwithstanding he applied three times. Finally, when the passengers had been served and the employees were eating, he was offered food.

NEGROES THREATEN LYING

One Black Shoots Another and May Be Strung Up Soon.

RENO, Okl., Feb. 23.—Black Pearl, a negro pugilist, shot Jim Jones, a negro from Topeka, in a saloon last night.

Pearl and Jones had engaged in a fight earlier in the evening and at 1 Pearl made a lunge around the city with a double-barreled shotgun. Finding Jones in a saloon, he emptied both barrels into his body and then gave himself up. Excitement runs high among the negroes here, and talk among them indicates that they will attempt to lynch Pearl.

SLAYS SELF WITH PENKNIFE

St. Joseph Woman Gashes Throat While Despondent Over Ill Health.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 23.—Mrs. Elizabeth Barr, wife of George W. Barr, a prominent business man, was found dead in her room at the family residence, 709 South Ninth street, with her throat cut. A penknife covered with blood was in her right hand.

Mrs. Barr had been in ill health for some time.

STATE GETS NO PENALTIES

Supreme Court Affirms Decision in the Rock Island Case.

EMASCULATES PUBLIC BUILDING BILL

Senate Uses the Pruning Knife on the Measure Introduced in the House by Mercer's Committee.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The supreme court today rendered a decision through Justice Sutherland affirming, with costs, the decision of the appeal from the circuit court of the United States in the case of Frank N. Froat, Attorney General of Nebraska, appellant, versus James C. Starr, Samuel W. Allerton and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company. The case involves a suit instituted by the state of Nebraska March 10, 1900, to recover from the railway company \$210,000 as penalties for violations of the maximum freight law of Nebraska which went into effect June 8, 1893, fixing minimum rates for the transportation of freight upon railroads in Nebraska, requiring carriers to reduce their charges to limits prescribed by statute, and imposing penalties for violations of its provisions. The decision which was affirmed was adverse to the state.

Cuts Out Appropriations. The senate today passed an omnibus building bill, but it makes the house bill, which is still on the calendar, look like a past participle. The measure passed substantially as reported to the senate by Senator Fairbanks. The house bill reported by Representative Mercer contained considerable "puff" in the way of new legislation, and immediately after its provisions became known there were protests among the guardians of the treasury of the popular branch of congress and its managers. It is not known definitely what will be the capital of the securities-holding company.

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