

### MUD IN THE FLOOD

Feature that Causes Damages Along Ohio Unusually Large.

### HEAVY RAINS FALL ON SOFT SOIL

Several Inches of Sediment Left by the Receding Waters.

### CREST IS NEARING CINCINNATI

Sixty-One-Foot Stages at 5 O'clock and Slowly Rising.

### EIGHTH STREET VIADUCT COLLAPSES

Three Fifty-Foot Spans Across Mill Creek and Railroad Tracks Fall Early in the Day.

### CINCINNATI, O., March 17.

With a stage of 51 feet at 5 o'clock this afternoon it is understood that the worst is over at points above here. The city suffered a loss of about \$350,000 early in the day by the collapse of the eighth street viaduct over the railroads. The Mill creek section of the viaduct, 450 feet long, collapsed at a point where it crossed the Mill creek, and the high water is not believed to have been the sole cause of the disaster. Various traction lines using the viaduct are put to much inconvenience.

### Crest Passes Huntington.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., March 17.—The river reached its highest point here at 2 o'clock this afternoon, when the stage was 34 feet. After remaining stationary two hours it began to recede slowly. Much less damage was done at this point than in January, when a high wind added to the destruction.

### Stationary at Portsmouth.

PORTSMOUTH, O., March 17.—At nightfall today the Ohio was at a stand here, backing but three inches of reaching the January stage of 61 feet, with over one-third of the city submerged. The railroads have been the chief sufferers and many flood-bound persons are quarantined at local hotels.

### HARRIMAN PROFITS BY SLUMP

Magnate by Selling Short Last Fall Takes Profits Both Ways During Panic.

### NEW YORK, March 17.

Edward H. Harriman today looks out of the ashes of Thursday's financial crash in Wall street with an estimated personal profit of from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 on the decline of Union Pacific and Southern Pacific stocks and a firmer clutch than ever upon the stock of these railroads.

### Union Pacific and Southern Pacific.

With the entire Harriman stock still, still are climbing, and the Harriman interests are taking down profit both ways, on the rise as well as on the decline. That Mr. Harriman either had lost control or was about to lose control of his railroad systems is vigorously denied in every quarter of the street.

### A representative of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.,

Mr. Harriman's bankers, said today: "The report that Mr. Harriman was forced to sell \$20,000,000 shares of Union Pacific at 111 is not. That he could have got 120 in open market at any time on Thursday nails this wild rumor. Mr. Harriman probably owns and controls more Union Pacific stock at the present time than he ever did. You can bank on this statement."

### Here is the account given by a trust-

worthy authority of how Mr. Harriman has been a winner rather than a loser in the recent panic:

"Wall street knows that big financiers like Harriman trade entirely upon margins, and they are never in the slightest degree of loss. He covered at an average of 15, and this drop of 40 points in Union Pacific alone netted him \$15,000,000, less brokers' commissions. In Southern Pacific Mr. Harriman is understood to have traded in more than 50,000 shares, which he sold from 85 down to 78, bringing him a profit of \$8,000,000.

### COMET IS FEARED IN ITALY

People Fear Volcano Will Increase Activity When Celestial Visitor Strikes Earth.

### ROME, March 17.

The statement of Prof. Lorenzo Matteucci of the Royal Observatory that the comet due this week to the effect that towards the end of March the substance of the new comet discovered by Signor Marchetti will come into contact with the atmosphere of the earth and the consequences may be dangerous to the earth, has not only attracted a great deal of attention but the world over but the inhabitants of this part of the world are alarmed lest eruptions of Vesuvius and earthquakes may follow in consequence. The brother of Prof. Matteucci is of the same opinion as to the danger that threatens the earth. Both astronomers said that if the actual nucleus of the comet is merely crossed by the earth, the danger will be brief though necessarily acute. If, however, the earth collides with not the nucleus but the tail of the comet it is argued that the atmosphere of the world will be ignited and every trace of life will be immediately and violently destroyed.

### Prof. Matteucci says that other im-

portant phenomena are to be expected as the result of the recent appearance of spots on the sun.

### St. Patrick's Day at Home.

ROME, March 17.—St. Patrick's day was celebrated today at the Irish college, where Cardinal Vincent Vanutelli celebrated mass. Right Rev. Thomas O'Grady, bishop of Sioux Falls, conducted the vespers service at the college, and later attended a dinner at the institution.

### SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Monday, March 18, 1907.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

**THE WEATHER.**  
FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA.—Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday; probably rain Tuesday in west portion.  
FORECAST FOR IOWA.—Generally fair Monday and Tuesday.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Hour	Temp.	Wind	Dir.	Force	Humidity	Bar.
5 A. M.	58	S. E.	10	10	90	30.1
8 A. M.	62	S. E.	10	10	88	30.1
11 A. M.	68	S. E.	10	10	85	30.1
2 P. M.	72	S. E.	10	10	82	30.1
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### LEGISLATIVE.

Only one of the platform pledges of the republican party has been enacted into law and the coming week will see busy times in the house, where the terminal tax and several other bills are pending.

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House committee in Iowa legislature have acted favorably on thirteen measures affecting railroads. The primary bill is special order for this week.

### NEBRASKA.

Oreense of Craig, Mo., who had been near Omaha, was killed by a fall from an Omaha freight train near Blair.

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Attempts of Union Pacific lobbyists to get executive committee of Grand Island Commercial club to assist in fight against terminal taxation bill fails.

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**LOCAL.**  
Dr. T. C. Hill at Hanson Park Lithodot says foreign influx makes cities great problem for church, which, if not solved, means overthrow of big centers of population.

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First Reformer church, Twenty-third and Central boulevard, of which Rev. F. S. Zaugg is pastor, and toward whose construction President Roosevelt contributed, is dedicated free of debt.

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**DOMESTIC.**  
Damage by floods along Ohio river unusually heavy on account of unusual amount of mud carried by the swollen stream. The crest of the rise is nearing Cincinnati.

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Bark boring beetles impart vast areas of good timber on the Black Hills forest and the government offers bounties for sale.

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Report that John D. Rockefeller will bequeath \$250,000,000 to education and charity.

### WASHINGTON.

Secretary Loeb denies that Governor Deneen's visit to White House was to promote Secretary Taft's candidacy for presidency. Chairman Yoakum of Rock Island will visit president again this week.

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**FOREIGN.**  
Pope Pius, in an audience with Bishop O'Grady, says he approves utterances of Archbishop Ireland on French church flict.

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**COUNCIL BUZZ.**  
Council Bufile Young Men's Christian association committees plan to raise \$11,000 additional for building fund this week.

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**COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL.**  
Grain and produce markets. **Page 7**  
Live stock market.

### POPE INTERESTED IN LAWSUIT

Will Probe Matter Brought On in Trial of Woman and Accomplishes.

ROME, March 17.—(Special).—After a hearing lasting for several weeks the famous case of Filomena Stoppato, who posed as a niece of Cardinal Rampolla and defrauded various people out of large sums of money, has reached an end. Although the little army of lawyers tried to give the affair the importance of a Humbert case the crowds who thronged the courts every day were disappointed, as the judges were inclined to settle down any and all attempts to attack the Vatican and the church.

Nevertheless the pope has ordered a stringent inquiry to be made, as during the trial it appeared that Filomena Stoppato, alias Marchioness Venesia, had acted as a kind of go-between for the proprietor of the well known church at Valle de Pompelli, where miracles are supposed to have taken place and certain friars who were represented as being anxious to obtain the administration of this valuable property. His holiness sent to Valle de Pompelli his almoner, Mgr. Sili, whose brother is an Italian deputy.

The public trial was also disappointed because the judges refused to order Cardinal Rampolla to appear as a witness. Filomena was sentenced to twenty-five months imprisonment, the priest, Ferruti, her partner, to nine months, and the Dominican friar, Carachi, her lover, to eight months. The latter was incarcerated as he had already been in prison for eight months before the trial.

**17 Replies**  
This is the ad:  
6-ROOM apartment, strictly modern, to take with private bath, private porch, residence of a lawyer. Address E. 318 on Bee.  
It ran once.  
It cost only a few cents.  
Wouldn't YOU spend a quarter to rent your house or rooms or fill a want about which you have been worrying?  
Bring the ad to THE BEE office, 17th and Farnam, or take it to the nearest drug store.  
Within Everybody's Reach.  
Resolves Everybody.

### DENIAL FROM WHITE HOUSE

Governor Deneen's Visit Had Nothing to Do with Secretary Taft's Candidacy.

### YOAKUM TO SEE PRESIDENT AGAIN

Head of Rock Island Will Urge Executive to Issue Statement that Will Reassure Investors.

### WASHINGTON, March 17.

Secretary Loeb tonight denied public statements that the White House conference yesterday, in which Governor Charles S. Deneen and Attorney General Standard participated, was for the purpose of promoting the candidacy of Secretary Taft for the presidency. The secretary and his brother, Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, called at the executive office with the Illinois officials and were introduced to the president's visitors. The only reference made to politics during the conference was when the president asked Governor Deneen regarding the majority fight in Chicago.

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B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the board of directors of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad, who conferred with President Roosevelt last week on the railroad situation, will visit the White House again this week. Mr. Yoakum, who has announced himself unreservedly in favor of close co-operation between the railroads and the federal government, again will urge the president to issue a reassuring statement outlining his attitude toward the railroad.

### Mellen Comes Tuesday.

President Mellen of the Harford road will call on the president Tuesday, and it is believed the other three railroad presidents with whom J. P. Morgan requested the president to discuss the railroad situation will come to Washington Tuesday. President Mellen has made it plain to a cabinet officer with whom he has communicated that he will visit the White House as an individual and will not undertake to represent Messrs. McCrea, Newman and Hughtitt of the railroad corporations generally. As yet neither of the other three presidents has asked Mr. Roosevelt to receive them, though it is believed that some word will be received from Mr. Hughtitt tomorrow.

The work of the Interstate Commerce commission has grown so heavy that it has been decided to discontinue the hearings which have been conducted by members of the commission outside of Washington. Hereafter when it is found necessary to conduct investigations in other cities special agents will take the testimony and report to the commission and the arguments and investigation will be heard by the commissioners in this city.

**Spokane Case Reopened Again.**  
CHICAGO, March 17.—The Interstate Commerce commission will meet here tomorrow to take up the demand of business interests in Spokane for a reduction in freight rates to that city from the east. The case involves some important points to be determined, and the commission may result in a complete change in the basis of freight charges which has been adopted by the railroads.

Rates from New York to Spokane are now made by adding to the rate to Portland or Seattle the local rate from one of these ports to Spokane. The rates from Chicago to Spokane are made the same as from New York. The railroads are confronted with the task of justifying these rates before the Interstate Commerce commission, their argument being that they are forced to meet the water rates to Pacific coast points, and that these rates are too low. The Interstate Commerce commission ruled against the railroads in a similar case brought by the business men of Denver, who protested against a lower rate from New York to San Francisco than to Denver. In deciding that case the commission said:

"If the commission in the Spokane case follows its ruling in the Denver case it may result in a revolution in rate making which will affect every commercial center from the Atlantic to the Pacific."  
**BIG GIFT FROM ROCKEFELLER**  
Statement that Oil King Will Leave \$250,000,000 to Education and Charity.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The Herald tomorrow will say that according to a member of John D. Rockefeller's staff, his brother, who is also a personal friend of John D. Rockefeller and in a position to know of his affairs, the latter proposes soon to make a princely gift to New York City. It will amount to at least \$250,000,000. It will be partly charitable and partly educational. The Herald adds:

"This man said that when Mr. Rockefeller was conferring with his son at Lakewood, N. J., a fortnight ago, the meeting was not for the purpose of discussing any immediate gift, but was on the subject of Mr. Rockefeller's will, which document the oil king was then completing with the aid of his son and his lawyers. It was said that this document will astonish the world when it is made public. It will, it is declared, donate no less than \$250,000,000 for charitable and educational purposes, and it will be so bequeathed that the benefit therefrom will almost be perpetual.

The manner in which these bequests will be bestowed is said to be mainly educational and charitable. While there are some contributions for religious purposes, it is stated that Mr. Rockefeller does not think it necessary to extend any great financial aid to churches. He thinks the churches are growing steadily stronger and there is no danger that they will ever need any great financial assistance from one man.

Mr. Rockefeller, however, is said to be much in favor of the growth of education, and to the furtherance of this end he has done much in his will. He believes that education will make this country the greatest in the world, and that every cent contributed toward that object will help to make better citizens and better Christians. As to the charitable bequests, it was said some time ago that Mr. Rockefeller had in mind building model tenements for the poor, such as have been erected in some European cities.

In his will, the Herald's informant states, Mr. Rockefeller has provided three things—bequests for religious purposes, though not of large sums; liberal bequests for education and what are described as "princely bequests for charitable purposes. It is said that there is scarcely a man, woman or child that will not benefit in some way by these prospective donations.

### STORY OF BROWNSVILLE RIOT

Discharged Troopers Says Attack Was Made by Colored Soldiers, but Was Not Prearranged.

GALVESTON, Tex., March 17.—The mystery surrounding the alleged raid of the negro soldiers from the Twenty-fifth infantry upon the town of Brownsville, Tex., on August 13 last year, has been cleared up, according to a story printed today by the Galveston News. After seven months of investigation by federal authorities, what appears to be the true version of the crime has been secured from D. A. Gray, one of the discharged soldiers, who admits that he partially participated.

The man has been living in Galveston a large portion of the time since he was discharged from the army soon after the assault on the town and many soldiers were outraged. According to his statement, the assault was not prearranged, but was the result of an alleged injury done one of the soldiers by a white man in Brownsville half an hour before the raid. The negro, returning to the barracks, seized his rifle and announced that he was going to kill the white man. Several other negro soldiers volunteered to go along and see the work well done and to wipe out old scores which they had against the citizens on account of the injuries which they claimed to have suffered. The negroes returned to the barracks after committing the assault on the town and many soldiers assisted in the hurried cleaning of the guns for the inspection which followed soon after the shooting in the town ceased. Apparently the soldiers from only one company participated in the raid, although practically the entire battalion knew soldiers had done the shooting.

Many of the negroes belonging to this battalion enlisted in Galveston during the summer of 1905 and returned to the city after being discharged from the army. The negro soldier, it is said, gave out the story believing the reports was a United States secret service detective.

Gray says he was formerly a private in Company B of the Twenty-fifth infantry.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Senator Overman of North Carolina, who is a member of the senate committee on military affairs, which is investigating the "shooting up" of Brownsville, Tex., tonight, when shown the dispatch from Galveston, telling of the alleged confession of a discharged negro soldier, said the committee received information two weeks ago that a former member of the Twenty-fifth infantry had expressed a willingness to give a full confession if he could receive some assurance from the government that he would be protected. Senator Overman says this information was forwarded to Secretary Taft with the suggestion that it be investigated by the War department.

"All the discharged troopers who took part in the Brownsville affair," said the senator, "will certainly be protected by the government."

Neither the senate committee on military affairs, nor the War department has received any official report regarding the alleged confession of the discharged negro soldier.

**FALSE STATEMENT RETERATED.**  
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A. F. Buehler, secretary of the club, asked Mr. Swingle if it were not true that there being approximately 2.80 miles of the road in the city and villages in Hall county, and approximately twenty-five miles through the country, twenty-five times the terminal property distributed along the line escaped municipal taxation in this county, while only 2.80 parts did not so escape.

Attorney Horth in answer protested that the entrance to the village was called by the comparative levies and they were shown to be from 3 to 5 mills in the township and 19 in this city. The point the latter desired to make was that, in case of a fire, the road would not send to the township hall for a need of police protection, as it would not send to the township hall for such protection, and that for such expenses, a large portion of levy, the difference between 3 and 19 mills.

Attorney Woolley of the St. Joseph & Grand Island interposed, that the purpose of the meeting was to express an expression of the people of this city for the benefit of the representatives to the legislature, especially Representatives White and Scudder. They had been told, he understood, that Hall county was not for the bill, but they had signed the pledge and did not see their way clear to violate it unless some expression should be secured.

The discussion was reopened by Mr. Ackerman, who declared that, as assessor, he could not assess the railroad property—he did not know how, said neither did any other assessor, to get at the value.

County Attorney Mayer, when called upon, asserted that the Union Pacific in this county paid 15 per cent of the county taxes, but of municipal taxes it paid a much less per cent. Mr. Swingle took issue with him upon this proposition and a rather heated colloquy took place. Mr. Swingle challenging Mr. Mayer as to how he would assess road taxes. Mr. Mayer outlined the manner of assessment under the proposed bill. Mr. Swingle falling in an effort to trap him on the value of franchises.

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Mr. Buehler, replying to Mr. Wolbach, declared that he shared with that gentleman a desire to work for the best interests of Grand Island, and believed he was doing so when he urged a firm stand for every property owner toward railroad legislation, which, once broken, might be broken in other respects, and he was not sure but that this was the plan and the purpose of the bitter fight on terminal taxation. He introduced the following and moved its adoption:

Resolved, That any action involving a request, direct or implied, of the members of the legislature to violate promises made to the entire people of this state, by such means that at least, it ought to be referred to the entire membership of the committee of seven of its members.

Chairman Ryan expressed regret that anyone should introduce politics into the affairs of the club.

The secretary replied that he shared in that regret, but did not see how it could be avoided if any action were taken at all, and the motion to adopt the resolution, having received no second, moved that in order to keep the committee out of politics entirely, no action whatsoever be taken.

This, however, seemed not to be the purpose of the meeting, and a motion to take the matter up to the entire club on Monday evening, at a meeting already called, prevailed.

During the discussion Mr. Swingle proposed.

**SCHOOL MATE DEFENDS THAW**  
Associate During College Days Says His Record and Conduct as Student Was Good.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Harry K. Thaw spent a quiet Sunday in the Tombs. This afternoon Lawyer Dan O'Reilly visited Thaw and helped him prepare in duplicate a statement sent from Leveley, Gilliland of Van Wert, O., in which the latter denounced as an injustice the stories which he says were sent out last summer from Wooster, O., where Thaw and he were schoolmates at the Wooster university. As Mr. O'Reilly was leaving the Tombs he gave copies of the statement sent to Mr. Gilliland, who signed a note to the effect that the interview was authentic.

Mr. Gilliland says:  
"The college escapades of a man whose life is regarded as a success are looked upon by the world as good jokes; let that same man afterward be found guilty of those same pranks are regarded as crimes, and thus it is that the escapades of Harry Thaw, who is now on trial in New York for the slaying of Stanford White last summer on the roof of that noted architect's most famous structure, are being depicted as a tragedy."

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### RAILROADS ROASTING OMAHA

Plungers Fought Out in State to Make Sentiment Against Metropolitan.

### UNION PACIFIC AGENTS AT GRAND ISLAND

Effort to Induce Executive Committee of Commercial Club to Take Stand Against Terminal Tax Bill Fails.

### GRAND ISLAND, Neb., March 17.

One of the warmest meetings ever held by the executive committee of the Commercial club was that of last evening when, clearly, an effort was made to force a resolution opposed to terminal taxation. Assistant Tax Commissioner Swingle of the Union Pacific was sent out from Omaha the night previous to secure the action, and as soon as the members of the executive committee, about half a dozen other citizens were called in, including Austin Taylor, division superintendent of the Union Pacific; J. M. Woolley, attorney for St. Joseph & Grand Island; R. R. Horth, attorney for the Union Pacific; County Treasurer King; County Attorney Mayer and several others.

Chairman Ryan opened the meeting by calling upon Mr. Swingle for an explanation of the terminal tax bill and its effect upon this county. Mr. Swingle referred to Mr. Ackerman, the local assessor, who gave the figures of present railroad values taxed for municipal purposes, and said he could not see where this city could gain from terminal taxation, if, indeed, it did not lose.

Mr. Swingle thereupon addressed the members, saying: "This is an Omaha affair, and I do not care to discuss the affairs of the railroads and that, therefore, if such a bill becomes operative, some one would have to lose. It would be the western part of the state which would go in the 'Omaha sponge'." As far as Hall county is concerned, it would either gain very little or lose nothing.

Now, the papers made a great howl about the pledges made in the republican platform for terminal taxation. The members were not used in that platform, but the language used in the republican platform (taxed their property for municipal purposes like all other property in the cities. This I insist they are now doing."

Treasurer King was called upon for an estimate and declared that he had understood from the committee in charge of the measure that the county would not suffer, but would gain.

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