

## FLOODS IN IRELAND

Water Damage Most Serious in Memory of Man.

### TOWNS INUNDED FOR DAYS

Bread and Letters Have to Be Distributed by Boat.

### LARGE MOVING BOG IN GALWAY

Fertile Land at Lismore Overwhelmed by Curious Disaster.

### BISHOPS FOR FREE SCHOOLS

Declare Against Proposal to Make Irish Compulsory Study at National University—Story of Blake Fortune.

DUBLIN, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—North and northwest Ireland have been the scenes during the last few days of the most disastrous floods in the memory of the oldest inhabitants. Not for ninety years, it is said, have the floods been so extensive and so disastrous.

The trouble began with a heavy snowfall which lasted for three days, covering the hills nearly a foot deep with a mantle of snow. Then came a thaw and a heavy rain and the natural result was that the water came rushing down from the mountains in great torrents and overwhelmed the valleys. The rivers were not able to carry it off and large districts are still under water.

The districts which have suffered most are the Fionn, Mourne and Foyle valleys in Tyrone and Donegal. Strabane, which lies where the Fionn and Mourne unite to form the Foyle, was turned into a poor imitation of Venice. Half the town was covered by six feet of water and the residents were compelled to take refuge in the upper stories of their houses. Food supplies and letters were delivered at the ends of pitchforks, from boats which plied up and down the main street. The town was cut off from railway communication for a number of days and it must be remembered that it is an important railway junction. It is on the main line of the Great Northern railway and it is also the terminus for no less than four narrow gauge railways which tap rich agricultural districts in the counties of Tyrone, Londonderry, Fermanagh and Down. The Great Northern trains, instead of running through to the terminus at Derry, were forced to stop and go back some miles east of Strabane. Enormous loss has been inflicted on the farmers in the flooded districts.

### Bog Overwhelms Farms.

A remarkable disaster has been caused by the rains at Lismore, County Galway. Several hundred acres of bog on the lower slopes of Mount Mary began to move a few nights ago and swept down on the fertile lands at the bottom of the mountain. Every thing in the path of the moving bog was overwhelmed, and dozens of houses were engulfed in the mass of semi-fluid matter, which averages a depth of twelve feet. Most of the farmers had time to get out before the bog reached their houses, but they could not save their stock or their household belongings and twenty families are absolutely destitute. One old woman was caught in her house and engulfed and so far all efforts to recover her body have proved unsuccessful.

The whole face of the district has been changed. Hundreds of acres of fertile grass and farm land have been covered with a dozen feet of peat, and will never be worth anything for cultivation again. Hundreds of men have been employed to open up the water-courses and to attempt to check the progress of the bog, but they have not been able to accomplish much. The bog continues to move at intervals, some times slowly and some times as fast as five miles an hour. All the farmers in the district are now in a state of alarm, and the local priests are organizing a relief fund for the people whose houses and stock have been engulfed.

### National Convention Not National.

A great deal of feeling has been caused by the decision of the Irish party to exclude from representation at the coming national convention of a number of branches of the United Irish League in Cork, Limerick and Kerry, apparently because these branches are not in accord with the present policy of the party. The Irish branches of the Land and Labor association, an organization with an immense membership, have also been excluded. Mr. W. M. Keene, M. P., voices the general dissatisfaction by declaring that a convention to be truly national must include men of all shades of thought, and that the only way to settle the differences which are now weakening the Irish party is for men of all opinions to meet and thrash out their disputes on the floor of the convention.

The Catholic bishops of Ireland have declared against the proposal to make Irish a compulsory subject for matriculation at the new National University, and it is expected that the senate of the university will follow their lead, and make Irish a selective subject. The bishops declare that to make Irish compulsory would probably have the effect of driving away a number of young men who otherwise would come under Gaelic influences in the new university, and would in the end become good Irishmen. They present as an alternative that bright and attractive center of Gaelic study be set up and they point to the spread of the teaching of the Irish tongue in the elementary and secondary schools of the country as a vindication of the voluntary principle.

### Story of Blake Fortune.

The romantic story of the Blake fortune has been revived by the announcement of Michael Penney, a schoolmaster of Ballymoran, near Clonsilla, that he has succeeded in tracing some of the heirs of Helen Blake. General Robert Dudley Blake was a great English landowner, and while he was a young captain in Dublin he fell in love with Helen Sheridan, the beautiful daughter of a country schoolmaster. He had her educated in England, and in 1819 he married her in Scotland. On his death in 1860 he left all his property to his widow. Helen Blake died intestate in London in 1878. Her real fortune was forfeited to the crown on account of her insanity. Michael Penney, who is now worth about £250,000, has discovered two families in the county of Mayo who are descended from brothers of Helen's father, and he has also discovered the existence of descendants of her sisters in county Galway, but has not fully established their claim yet.

F. X. CULLEN.

## SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Sunday, February 7, 1909.

1909 FEBRUARY 1909	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VICTORIA—Fair Sunday; no decided change in temperature.  
FOR IOWA—Fair Sunday; no decided change in temperature.  
Temperature at Omaha yesterday: Deg.

Hour	Temp.
5 a. m.	25
6 a. m.	24
7 a. m.	23
8 a. m.	22
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4 p. m.	14
5 p. m.	13
6 p. m.	12
7 p. m.	11

**DOMESTIC.**  
The battleship Delaware, surpassing any other ship of this or any other nation, was successfully launched at Newport News. I, Page 8  
The house yesterday passed a number of amendments to the national bankruptcy law. I, Page 2  
Senator Allison of Iowa was eulogized by members of the senate at a special memorial session. I, Page 1

**FOREIGN.**  
The American battleship fleet leaves Gibraltar for the last lap of the 45,000-mile trip around the world. I, Page 1  
Better class of newspapers in Tokyo do not view anti-Japanese legislation in this country with much alarm. I, Page 3  
Many German villages are cut off by high water and endangered, the larger rivers still rising. I, Page 8

**NEBRASKA.**  
Democrats in their desire to secure jobs for their partisans have organized a raid on the schools. I, Page 1  
Representative Thomas offers a bill to increase the salary of the county attorney of Douglas county to \$4,000 a year. I, Page 2

### LOCAL.

Doings of Omaha society people.

Women in club and charity. I, Page 2

Gossip of plays, playhouses and players. I, Page 6

Frank Carpenter's letter from the orient. I, Page 7

Latest news of the musicians. I, Page 7

What is doing among the builders and real estate men. I, Page 7

Ziebel wanted other son to kill him after he had fired the fatal shot at boy. I, Page 4

Mrs. Wharton wins her long contest over the will of her former husband. I, Page 6

Gas explosion in the city hall. I, Page 6

Age to one room and severely injures two of the city employees. I, Page 4

Over forty candidates have already filed for the municipal primaries. I, Page 5

### COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.

Live stock markets. I, Page 7

Grain markets. I, Page 7

Stocks and bonds. I, Page 7

### HALE-TONE SECTION.

Abraham Lincoln as he was known during his lifetime by some people who live in Omaha and vicinity. Inside history of fiscal history of his administration. Estimate of his character by a former slave. Relations of Lincoln and Johnson. Tribute of President Roosevelt. Pictures of scenes familiar in the early life of Lincoln. Lincoln's loves and his family. Career as an example to young men of today. Group of portraits of Lincoln. Number of interesting stories of the life of Lincoln. Ten Pages

### COMIC SECTION.

Little Nemo in Slumberland. Page of good things for the little ones. Activities of women in various walks of life. Buster Brown and Tige persuade uncle to try a turn on the skis. Four Pages

### MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

NEW YORK.....Graf Waldersee.....Buenos Ayres.

LIVERPOOL.....Graf Waldersee.....Tunis.

PHILADELPHIA.....Graf Waldersee.....Montreal.

HALLFAX.....Graf Waldersee.....Montreal.

GLASGOW.....Graf Waldersee.....Montreal.

SAFARI.....Graf Waldersee.....Caracas.

GENOA.....Graf Waldersee.....Caracas.

### THREE MINISTERS ARE INJURED

Chicago & Alton Train Derailled Near Louisiana, Mo., by Broken Track.

LOUISIANA, Mo., Feb. 6.—Westbound Chicago & Alton train No. 11, known as "The Nightingale," was derailed five miles west of here this morning by a broken rail. The express car, the combination cars and the chair car left the track and over a ten-foot gully, a passenger car, the engine, mail car and Pullman remained on the track but the mail car caught fire from a lamp which exploded and was burned. The track was torn up for a distance of 400 feet. No one was killed or badly injured. Rev. W. W. Brown of here, the Rev. F. M. Leonard of Canton and the Rev. E. Schultze of Kansas City were slightly injured.

### TRAFFIC MAN PLEADS GUILTY

Iron Mountain Official Fined \$2,500 for Granting Rebates to Oil Company.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 6.—Wilbur Smith, former traffic manager of the Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain railroad, now traffic manager for the Waters-Pierce Oil company of St. Louis, today entered a plea of guilty to granting rebates to T. H. Bunch here in 1908 on one of fifty-nine counts in an indictment in the federal court and was fined \$2,500 and costs.

### SWIFT'S DAUGHTER IN COURT

Ruth May Evers Files Suit for Divorce on Grounds of Abandonment.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Ruth May Evers, daughter of Gustavus Swift, the late millionaire packer, filed suit for divorce against Ernest H. Evers in the circuit court here today. Desertion is the charge specified in the bill, which is very brief and formal. Mr. Evers is the son of a Lutheran minister of Evanston, a Chicago suburb.

## HOME, SWEET HOME

Battleship Fleet Starts on Last Lap of Long Voyage.

### PARTING SALUTES ARE GIVEN

Extraordinary Courtesy Extended by Admiral Goodrich.

### BEAUTIFUL MARINE PICTURE

Perfect Evolutions Excite Admiration of British Naval Officers.

### STATEMENT BY ADMIRAL SPERRY

All Ships Are in Fine Condition and Will Need Few Repairs After Their Trip of 45,000 Miles.

GIBRALTAR, Feb. 6.—With the bands on board playing "Home, Sweet Home," the American fleet of sixteen battleships under Rear Admiral Sperry left Gibraltar at 11 o'clock this morning for Hampton Roads on the last lap of its famous around-the-world cruise of 45,000 miles. One hour later the vessels were well clear of the land and steaming westward in double column formation at speed of ten knots an hour. They will follow the southern route to Hampton Roads, a distance of 5,000 miles, and about 1,000 miles off the American coast they will be met and escorted home by the third squadron of the Atlantic fleet under Rear Admiral Arnold. The weather conditions at the time of departure were glorious. The sky was without a cloud and there was just enough breeze to curl the breasts of the sun-flooded waves. Nothing could have surpassed the beauty of the marine picture as the American armada weighed anchor from under the shadows of the towering rock of Gibraltar and moved out into the strait. The difficult operation of getting sixteen huge battleships out of the narrow water basin of the port and under way was accomplished with a skill and perfection of maneuvering and detail which won the admiration of all the foreign naval men who witnessed the proceedings critically from land and sea. Admiral Sperry directed the whole operation from the after bridge of the Connecticut.

### First Signal at Eight O'clock.

At 8:30 o'clock the signal to unmoor was given and the great chains holding the ships to the buoys were loosened one by one, until the vessels were held to their anchorage by only a single strand. At 8:55 a stream of multicolored signal flags on the flagship communicated the order to get under way to the Georgia, the Nebraska, the New Jersey, the Rhode Island and the Virginia, lying at the rear of the basis. As the flags came fluttering down five minutes later the designated battleships cast off their last lines and, like freed leviathans seeking escape, they slowly swung their noses in the direction of the breaches in the breakwater. Twisting and turning to the clanging of engine gongs, they crept out, the Georgia leading the way with Lieutenant Commander George W. Kline on the bridge.

Once outside Rear Admiral Walnwright's division fell into formation and waited for the second and third groups. The second group consisted of the Vermont, proudly flying the "Battle Efficiency" trophy at its fore; the Minnesota, Kentucky, Ohio and Kearsarge; and the third was composed of the Wisconsin, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri and Illinois. The three groups waited outside, and at 10:30 the Connecticut brought up the rear.

### Parting Salutes Given.

Although it is not customary to fire parting salutes, the Devonport flagstaff of Rear Admiral Sir James Goodrich, R. N., admiral superintendent at Gibraltar, which had taken up a position at the entrance of the harbor, hoisted and saluted the American flag as the Connecticut passed out. The admiral saluted the Connecticut with the English anchor, while the musicians on the foreign warships played the "Star Spangled Banner." As the respective ensigns were dipped Admiral Goodrich and Admiral Litvinoff of the Russian navy signalled: "Good bye; pleasant voyage." Admiral Sperry replied laconically, "Thanks."

Then the Connecticut steamed majestically along the line of the waiting American vessels, took its place at the head of the column and set the guide flag "five of clubs." The fifteen other vessels wheeled slowly in behind the Connecticut, and with the black smoke coming up to the yard arm, the imposing procession, which was over three miles long, moved to the south.

### Long White Line in Sea.

For a distance of about twelve miles the fleet stood to the south, then, being clear of Cape Trafalgar, the most southerly point of it, and with nothing but the broad Atlantic between them and home, the flagship headed abruptly to the westward and in Indian file the splendid fleet left the ancient pillars of Hercules behind and steamed through the straits and out to sea.

### Looking from the Rock of Gibraltar.

The water separating the ships seemed gradually to be obliterated as the distance increased until the sixteen hulls resembled a long white line surmounted by a trailing line of smoke. Suddenly, off Cape Spartel, the line was broken into small parts. Then a few minutes later there were two parallel lines instead of one, showing that the fleet had assumed its regular double column formation.

The last glimpse of the warships was obtained at 1:37 this afternoon from the signal station on top of Gibraltar, 1,300 feet above sea level. They were headed a little to the south of west to reach the thirty-fifth parallel, which they intend to follow.

The dispatch boat Yankton is 700 miles ahead of the fleet and 200 miles ahead of the supply ship Culgoa, which left here February 4. The collier Ajax and the repair ship Panther will remain here until tomorrow to clean up odds and ends.

The officers and men left here with feelings of jubilation that their next port will be home. When the fleet reaches Hampton Roads it will have traveled about 45,000 miles.

### Statement by Rear Admiral Sperry.

Rear Admiral Sperry, prior to the departure of the battleships for Hampton Roads, said:

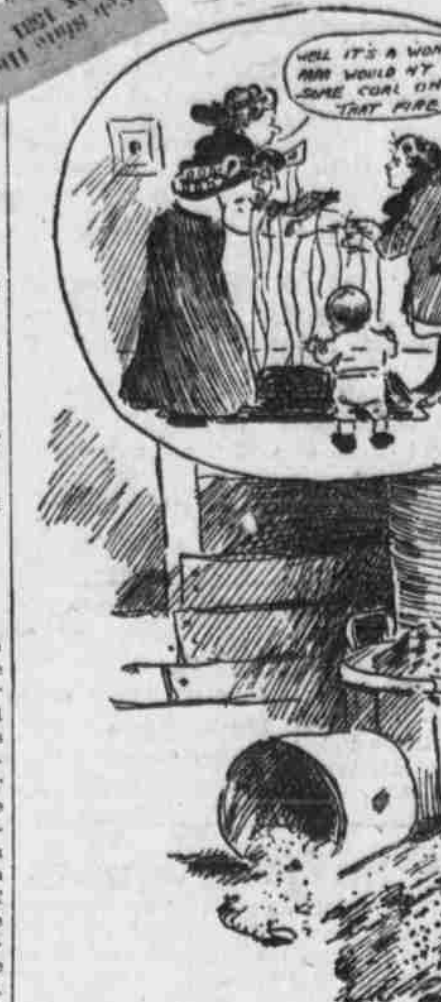
"I am not sure but that my career was the most remarkable of any man in our public life," said Senator Allison, speaking of the late Senator McKimley, with whom he had served in the senate thirty-two years.

Mr. Allison said Mr. McKimley was not always so conservative as people regarded him. While in the house of representatives he had denounced President Johnson in such vigorous terms, he said, that those who knew him later would not believe he could utter such words. Mr. Allison recalled that he and Mr. McKimley were the last two living members of the house who had voted for the impeachment of Johnson, although in later years he had said such impeachment would have been a great mistake.

"He showed," said Senator Tillman, referring to Mr. Allison, "greater courtesy to me than I deserved."

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## A Nice Quiet Sunday at Home



One touch of nature makes the whole town squirm.

From the Cleveland Leader.

## SENATORS EULOGIZE ALLISON

Most Impressive Services of the Kind Held in Many Years.

### CHAMBER CROWDED FOR OCCASION

Men Who Had Served with Deceased for Many Years Pay Touching Tributes to Character of Dead Statesman.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Not within the history of those whose business it is to look after the details in the senate of the United States has there been a more general observance of the services to the dead than was shown today by the upper branch of congress when eulogies upon the life, character and public acts of William Boyd Allison, late senator from Iowa, were pronounced.

There was a solemnity about today's proceedings such as has not been seen in half a century and the eulogies delivered compelled attention not only on account of the dead statesman, but because of the high character of those who delivered them and their special literary value. Generally senators were in black frock coats in deference to the occasion, the chamber was crowded by those who had known Senator Allison during his years as congressman and senator. The list of speakers was unusually long. Senator Hale, who succeeded Allison as chairman of the appropriations committee, being among those to bear witness to the ability and sterling integrity of the Hawkeye's illustrious statesman. Senator Doolittle, who moved the usual resolution of respect to the dead, spoke of his colleague in terms of endearment and of reverence such as has rarely been heard in the halls of legislation.

It is asserted that the statement shows that several "junks" were paid for from this fund and that in certain instances the fund was used to pay for the entertainment of military visitors from other countries.

Although a number of senators are disposed to make the document public, it is known that such action would be opposed by others, and therefore a motion to print the statement as a public document may be accompanied by sharp and acrimonious debate.

### JOINS COLORADO SOUTHERN

New Railroad Planned to Run North from Town of Lake Arthur, Louisiana.

JENNINGS, La., Feb. 6.—A new railroad company has been chartered with a capital stock of \$500,000, to be known as the Lake Arthur, Jennings & Northern Railway company. The headquarters are to be at Jennings. The terminus will be at Lake Arthur, ten miles south of here, and the road will run north, possible to some point on the Colorado Southern. W. D. Conover of Lake Arthur is the president of the new company.

Three grand juries in the district court during the past year were paid \$2,695.25. Attorneys appointed by the court to defend prisoners without means were paid \$2,765. The ordinary allowance for an attorney so appointed is \$25, but in serious cases the fee allowed may be whatever the trial judge feels like granting. Oftentimes a prisoner charged with a crime outcrys.

Exclusive of salaries of judges and court stenographers paid by the state, the total cost of the court machinery to the county for a year will run strongly toward the \$100,000 mark. This was never before so clearly brought home to the taxpayer as in the detailed report recently submitted to the county commissioners by Comptroller Solomon.

That report charges to the office of the clerk of the district court a total expense of \$25,381.52, but in fairness there should be deducted from this total \$1,417.77, for furniture and fixtures, and \$5,816.00 fees of the office. With these items out, there is a balance of \$21,147.75. It may be put in this way:

Expense clerk's office for year.....\$21,147.75

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**Litigants Do Not Bear Share.**

Casual consideration of the amount of litigation that goes through the hands of the seven judges in a year might lead one to a conclusion that most of this expense is carried by the litigants who appear in court. Not so. Not by the amount of \$55,210.01, to be exact.

Litigants doing business through the courts paid in as fees and costs of one kind and another the amount of \$12,247.61, counting the last cent they can be credited with.

Thus the taxpayers of Douglas county are compelled to care for an amount beyond what the litigants contribute that would pay the present salary of the president of the United States, two congressmen, and considerable postage.

Much of this total on the red figure side of the ledger is chargeable to wasted time. The court calendars are cumbered with cases called time after time, and as often put over. Frequently this happens when a jury is present and ready for business, also the witnesses. A lawyer may be absent, a client indisposed, or an important witness.

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Iowa Representative Denies He Has Abandoned Contest to Retain Seat in Congress.

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In support of his statement, Colonel Hepburn said that the report in four counties will not begin until Monday.

## MAY SHOW WAR FUND ITEMS

Senators Not Inclined to Regard President Roosevelt's Request for Secrecy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—President Roosevelt's request that the reply of the secretary of the treasury to the Foraker resolution, calling for an itemized statement of expenditures made from the war deficiency fund of 1900 be considered confidential, may be ignored by the senate. Since the document has been reposing in the files of the committee on military affairs, it has been examined by a number of senators who say they are not impressed with the importance of concealing from the public the information it contains.

The reason given by President Roosevelt for the request that the information should be kept as executive matter was that the war fund had been used to send military agents into foreign countries to gather material for the secret use of this government. While it is said that this is true in regard to some expenditures, certain senators have declared that the report so hides the details connected with such expenditures that the publication of the report could not result in any diplomatic estrangement with other governments.

The resolution bringing the statement to the senate was introduced by Mr. Foraker after he learned that the detectives used in working on the Brownsville case had been paid from the war deficiency fund. It is declared by several senators who have examined the treasury statement that the information sent in shows the fund had been used as "a financial junk heap."

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## LEGAL EXPENSES ONEROUS

Sixteen Hundred Petit Jurors Cost County \$24,699.72.

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