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THE NEWS RECORD.

A SUMMARY OF THE EVENTFUL HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK.

The Latest News as Flashed Over the Wires from All Parts of the World—Regarding Politics, Religion, Casualties, Commerce, and Industry.

LESS VICTIMS THAN SUPPOSED.

Latest Estimates Place the Number at About 5,000.

Most of the correspondents at Johnstown, Pa., have revised their early estimates of the number of lives lost. They say the entire population of the three boroughs in which the loss of life was admitted not to exceed 30,000. Of these over 15,000 are already accounted for. Add to this list of people accounted for those who left immediately after the flood, those who have left since without registering—the register of the saved was not opened until several days after the flood—and it brings the estimate down considerably. There are any number of survivors in the district swept by the flood who have not yet registered, and the guards at the bridge kept a good many from registering who wished to. A number were not allowed to pass because they did not have passes. In view of these facts and figures it does not seem as though the loss could be more than 8,000, and the most conservative people still stick to 5,000 as the figures. Only about 2,500 bodies have been recovered so far, and this leaves 2,500 still unaccounted for. It is difficult to believe that more than that number could be entirely lost.

PENNSYLVANIA'S PLAN.

The State Will Clear Up the Mass of Debris.

As a result of a meeting of the Pennsylvania State officials, the Treasurer of the State will put up \$1,000,000 for the people of the Conemaugh Valley, taking as security for its payment the bond of well-known Philadelphia and New York business men and capitalists. The whole matter has been turned over to the State, which will, under the direction of Adj't Gen. Hastings or a committee, as may be hereafter determined, take complete charge of the town, which will obtain until the place is rebuilt and the people are able to manage their own affairs once more; all money contributed will be devoted to the relief of sufferers, no part of it being appropriated to repairing public damages or clearing away debris.

CIRCLING THE BASES.

The Various Ball Clubs That Are Racing for the Pennant.

Relative standing of the base-ball teams that are working for the championship of their respective association is as follows:

National W. L. 26 7 781 American W. L. 26 7 711
Boston.... 25 7 781 St. Louis.... 32 13 711
Cleveland.... 23 14 621 Athletic.... 26 15 634
Philadelphia.... 22 14 611 Brooklyn.... 25 17 595
New York.... 18 16 529 Baltimore.... 21 20 515
Chicago.... 15 20 428 Cincinnati.... 22 23 488
Pittsburgh.... 13 21 382 K'n's City.... 21 22 483
Indiana.... 10 22 312 Columbus.... 16 25 390
Wash'gtn.... 9 21 301 Louisville.... 8 36 181

Western W. L. 26 7 701 Inter-St. W. L. 26 7
St. Paul.... 26 7 701 Cincinnati.... 20 11 588
Omaha.... 23 11 676 Springfield.... 17 15 581
Sioux City.... 26 13 606 Peoria.... 17 14 548
Minneapolis 15 18 451 Davenport.... 15 17 514
Denver.... 14 18 437 Evansville.... 15 20 428
Des Moines.... 13 17 433 Burlington.... 16 21 432
St. Joseph.... 10 21 321
Milwaukee.... 7 21 233

DISEASE WILL NOT FOLLOW.

Said to Be No Danger of an Epidemic at Johnstown.

To quiet the fears of those who expect the outbreak of some fearful epidemic the health authorities of Johnstown, Pa., have issued the following bulletin:

The general condition of health in Johnstown and vicinity is excellent. No epidemic disease of any kind prevails, nor is it expected that any will arise. The whole region has been divided into convenient districts, and each placed under competent sanitary supervision. The Board of Health is prepared to meet all emergencies as they arise. The air is wholesome, and the water generally pure. If the good people of the devastated district will go on as they have so nobly done for the last week in their efforts to clean up the wreckage, good health will certainly be maintained.

WENT OVER THE FALLS.

Two Men in Attempting to Reach Goat Island Lose Control of Their Boat.

At Niagara Falls, "Jacko" Walker, a boater and fisherman at the falls, with Frank Davy as a companion, started in a boat from the shore above the inlet of the hydraulic canal for the head of Goat Island. The men lost control of the boat, which was drawn into the current and carried over the Horseshoe fall. Walker was 30 years of age and Davy 23. "Pi" Walker, uncle of "Jacko" Walker, committed suicide ten years ago by lying down in his boat and going over the American fall.

Leonard Swett Dead.

Leonard Swett, the eminent attorney, once the confidential friend and adviser of Abraham Lincoln, died suddenly at his home in Chicago on the 8th. of kidney trouble.

American Boddlers Scared.

American boddlers in Canada are greatly alarmed over the statement that the Weller bill is retroactive, and that they may be turned over to the American authorities.

Went Down in the Pacific.

The ship Altmar, bound from Sydney to San Francisco, was wrecked off the Fiji Islands, and a number of her passengers and crew were drowned.

Britain Will Wage a War.

Great Britain is about to begin active work in the Little Tibetan war, which may prove serious because of China's aid to its Asiatic neighbor.

PRESIDENT HARRISON'S CHOICE.

Prominent Offices Being Filled by Late Appointees.

The President has made the following appointments:

To be Receivers of Public Money—John T. Clegg, of Montana, at Bozeman, Mont.; James J. Dolan, of New Mexico, at Las Cruces, N. M. To be Registers of Land Offices—Frank E. Baldwin, of Colorado, at Pueblo, Col.; Eddy F. Ferris, of Montana, at Bozeman, Mont.

Charles Price of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina; Henry C. Niles of Mississippi, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi; John Vigneaux of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Louisiana; J. C. B. Russell of Arkansas, special Land Agent; and W. G. Warwick of Iowa, and F. J. Matthews of West Virginia, Timber Agents; John A. Reeve Special Inspector of Customs at the port of Chicago.

Charles G. Williams, of Wisconsin, Wisc., to be Register of the Land Office at Watertown, Dak.; M. M. Hunt, of Salem, Ore., to be Commissioner in and for the District of Alaska, in place of Robert T. Morrison, who declines the appointment; Dr. C. L. Smith of Wisconsin, to be a Special Agent to make allotments of land in severity to Indians, etc.; John D. Miles, of Lawrence, Kan., to be a Commissioner to negotiate with the Cherokee and other Indians for the cession to the United States of certain lands, as provided by act of Congress approved March 2, 1889, in the place of John H. Baker, who declines the appointment; Charles Dodge, of the District of Columbia, to be collector of customs at Georgetown, C. C. Collector of Internal Revenue; Adj't B. White, of the city of West Virginia; John B. Eaves, fifth district of North Carolina; William A. Allen, second district of Tennessee; David A. Nunn, fifth district of Nebraska; and John Peters, district of Nebraska.

Col. J. C. Kelton has been appointed Adjutant General of the army. He is a native of Pennsylvania, a graduate of West Point, and has been an instructor in the military academy. He was brevetted a Brigadier for gallant services during the rebellion and since 1885 has been Assistant Adjutant General. He has invented many improvements in firearms and has written acceptably on military topics.

Other appointments are:

J. J. Cook, Store-keeper at Chicago; James H. Stone, editor of the Detroit Tribune; Internal-Revenue Collector for the 1st District of Michigan; Henry C. Rizer, of Kansas, Disbursing Agent of the Geological Survey; James M. Hutchins, of Minnesota, Special Agent in the General Land Office; Henry G. Potter, of Ohio, a clerk in the General Land Office, and Parley B. Dickerson, of Ohio, also a clerk in the Pension Office, a chief in division in the same office.

A BINDING OATH.

Discovery of the Obligation of the Clan-na-Gael Oath.

According to a dispatch from St. Louis, the constitution under which the Clan-na-Gael operates has become public and the details have created a tremendous sensation. Each member has his individual number, which he gives as a password before being admitted to any of the meetings. The candidate for admission takes a solemn oath never to reveal what occurs at the meetings nor the names of any of the members. The famous oath binding the candidate not to reveal the secrets of the order under pain of death is as follows:

"I—name in full—do solemnly swear in the presence of Almighty God that I will labor while life is left to me to establish and defend a republican form of government in Ireland—[cipher word]—that I will keep strictly secret the name and everything connected with this [cipher] from all not entitled to know such secrets; that I will obey and comply with the constitution and the laws of the [c], and that I will faithfully preserve the funds of the [c] for the cause of [c] [cipher] revolution; that I will deem it my special duty and mission to promote and foster sentiments of union, brotherly love and nationality among all [cipher]; that I take this obligation without any mental reservation, holding the same forever binding upon me, and that any violation thereof or desertion of any duty to the brotherhood is infamous and merits the severest punishment, should he help me." This oath the candidate is advised to keep at the "hazard" of his life.

THE TRADE REVIEW.

The Flood Disasters Start a Sudden Demand for Iron.

R. G. Dun D Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

The flood disasters have entirely changed the situation in the Eastern lumber trade, the coal, iron and steel trades. Producing companies of the coal impinges have suddenly ceased operations, and their orders have been delayed by months or delayed. The flooding of many coal mines cuts off supplies of fuel for many manufacturing works, and the stoppage of the Cambria mills and furnaces, which produced yearly over 500,000 tons of iron in various forms, will affect the trade for some time. The destruction of more than forty bridges, about half of them on the Pennsylvania Railroad, besides many locomotives, cars and miles of track, creates a sudden demand which is felt in all iron and steel markets. Prices are rising as yet, with the production probably to the disaster having been much in excess of consumption. In anthracite coal the tone is stronger. Many soft coal mines are cut off for the present. Wheat and oil have been lower, but in other speculative markets the general tendency has been toward higher prices. Coffee is a quarter stronger. Sugar has been advanced a quarter, and the statistical position is considered strong. Some grades of leather are a little stronger. Reports from the interior show a fair volume of trade in progress, except where disasters have intervened. The price of coal has been advanced at Milwaukee and but moderate at New Orleans. The money markets are well supplied and easy, with active demand at Cleveland and Detroit. The business failures number 225, as compared with 215 last week and 229 the week previous. For the corresponding period of last year the failures were 233.

PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS.

Thousands Slain or Enslaved by the Mahdist in Abyssinia.

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where they will remain until July, when they will go to Europe. Upon their return in September they will occupy the stately residence of the Justice at the corner of Sixteenth and Q streets. The bride will be in mourning during the coming season. The bride is one of the most attractive and intellectual young ladies in Washington. She is well advanced in young womanhood, of fine presence, and will grace the court circle with her many social gifts.

WYOMING TO COME IN.

A Proclamation Issued for a Constitutional Convention.

Gov. Warren of Wyoming has issued a proclamation for an election on July 8 of delegates to the Constitutional Convention to meet Sept. 2. The Governor, Secretary, and Chief Justice had previously divided the Territory into districts and made the apportionment of the delegates among the same. This action was taken in response to the request of the commissioners of nearly all of the counties in Wyoming, and is in accord with the views of the prominent citizens, without regard to party. Wyoming has the population, wealth, and public intelligence to entitle it to immediate admission, and its people will earnestly appeal to Congress to that end.

SIGHT-SEEERS SHUT OUT.

Johnstown Allows no Visitors Except Workers.

A wall has been thrown around Johnstown, and nobody can enter unless it is shown he has business in the city. There is only one bridge across the Conemaugh, and a pass from Adj't Gen. Hastings or J. B. Scott is necessary before it can be crossed. Johnstown and adjoining villages are now under thorough military and police regulations. Each place has been provided with men enough to keep out intruders and none save those who are actually employed will be allowed to remain. The officers are arresting men every hour, some of them on the slightest provocation. In all cases where the offense is trivial the victims are pressed into work with the relief gangs.

WANT MORE PROTECTION.

Wool-Growers Ask for a Special Session of Congress in Their Interest.

Assistant Secretary Tichenor has received a petition from delegates to the wool-growers' convention asking the President to call an extra session of Congress to consider tariff legislation with special reference to woolen products. The petitioners also urge the administration to sustain the action of the New York appraisers in assessing a duty upon imported worsted goods at 35 cents per pound.

A LAKE DISASTER.

The Schooner Thomas Houston and Seven Lives Lost in Lake Michigan.

Robert York, second mate of the schooner Thomas Houston, has arrived in Racine, Wis., and says that vessel went down eight miles off Milwaukee in a gale. York was lured with ore from Ashland to Chicago. The vessel broke in two in the gale. York says all the crew were drowned except himself and a sailor, who were thirty-two hours in the water. The captain, his wife, two children and thirteen men were lost.

AN EXPLANATION DEMANDED.

Misappropriation of Funds Charged Against a Government Officer.

Gen. Casey, Chief of Engineers, has sent to Lieut. Carter, in charge of the river and harbor improvements at Savannah, Charles-ton and Jacksonville, a newspaper article in which a misappropriation of Government funds is charged as the result of a corrupt combination between Lieut. Carter and the contractors. Carter will be called upon to explain.

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IT WILL WITHDRAW.

The Southern Pacific Said to Have Decided to Quit the Transcontinental.

Although the fact has not been officially confirmed it is understood in San Francisco that the Southern Pacific Company has served notice of its withdrawal from the Transcontinental Association. The reason given is that the association allows the Canadian Pacific to charge lower rates to and from eastern American overland lines.

William B. Tascott in China.

The San Francisco Chronicle prints a statement that William B. Tascott, the murderer of Amos J. Snell, the Chicago banker, is now in Canton, China. The discovery of his present residence is said to have been secured from Mrs. Gaultz, who arrived from Chicago about two months since, and who claims to have helped Tascott escape. The woman was intoxicated when she made the statement.

Texas Catches a Cyclone.

A cyclone recently swept through Lamar County, Texas, doing great damage to crops, leveling fences, unroofing houses and barns, and injuring a number of people. The cyclone struck the southern section of the county and moved in an easterly direction, sweeping everything before it.

THE RESULT of the Conference.

The official text of the Samoan conference agreement shows that the island is to have an independent government; that Malietoa is to be recognized as King, when so elected by the people, and the United States shall have the right to establish a coaling station at Pago-Pago.

Pestilence Feared at Johnstown.

Surgeon General Hamilton, at Washington, has been notified that there is serious danger of sickness at Johnstown, Pa., unless active sanitary measures are taken. He has given the necessary orders, and has had

shipped a large quantity of disinfectants. A temporary depopulation is urged.

CORK UNION DEFENSE COMMITTEE.

The Cork (Ireland) Union Defense Committee has declared a dividend of 30 per cent on its investments in and management of boycotted farms. The committee announces that other farms are being acquired, and that its purpose is to extend the scope of its operations.

SEVERE STORMS IN ENGLAND.

Heavy storms of rain and lightning have occurred in the middle of England. The lower part of Liverpool is under water. A bank building at Preston has been struck by lightning. Numerous accidents are reported from other places.

INDIANA'S SCHOOL POPULATION.

The enumeration of Indiana school children shows that there are 770,720 in the State, which indicates total population of 2,563,066. The apportionment of school funds is \$1.35 per capita—an increase of four cents over last year.

VISIBLE SUPPLY OF GRAIN.

The visible supply of grain afloat and in store as reported by the New York Produce Exchange is: wheat, 20,205,816 bushels; oats, 6,385,032 bushels; rye, 1,038,450 bushels; barley, 489,535 bushels.

A HOME-RULER VICTORIOUS.

John Morrough, home-ruler candidate, has been elected without opposition to the seat in the House of Commons for the Southeast division of Cork, made vacant by the retirement of Mr. John Hooper, home-ruler.

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S NEW GOVERNOR.

In the joint session of the Legislature of New Hampshire, David C. Goodell (Rep.) was elected Governor of the State, receiving 163 votes to 115 for Charles H. Amsden (Dem.).

RAILROADS OF KANSAS.