

HAD A NARROW ESCAPE.

MERRymAKERS ON THE VERGE OF THE GRAVE.

Negro Settlers in Oklahoma Are Starving—  
A Mutual Boycott in Iowa—Miss Abbott's Body Cremated—An All-Night Session in Congress.

DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Senate Agrees to the French Spoliation and Pacific Railroad Claims Sections.

On the 3d, the conferees on the post-office appropriation bill reached a final agreement on the disputed points in the bill, including the Senate appropriation for carrying the postal subsidy into effect. The House conferees receded from their disagreement to the Senate amendment increasing from \$75,000 (the amount appropriated by the House) to \$1,250,000 the appropriation for carrying the foreign mails. The postal subsidies are to come out of this sum. Mr. Houk, of Tennessee, introduced (by request) a bill to compel an immediate judgment of all debts and to require presentation of all bills or claims against the United States. In the Senate all the amendments that had been agreed to in committee of the whole were agreed to in bulk, including the French spoliation claims and the Pacific railroad claims. An amendment by Mr. Plum, appropriating \$50,000 for the relief of citizens of Oklahoma who have been rendered destitute by the drought of the past season, was agreed to. The reserved amendments as to payment of Pacific railroad claims were agreed to. It is said that the President, in discussing the Congressional outlook, said that there did not appear to be any necessity for an extra session of Congress.

NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH.

Sleigh Load of Merrymakers Throw Out in the Nick of Time.

What might have been a serious accident occurred at Houghton, Mich. A sleigh load of people were going to a concert in an adjoining town, it being necessary to cross a lake on the ice on the way. Before reaching the lake the horses took fright and dashed down on the ice at a terrific speed, and out to where a hole had been made by ice harvesters. When near the cut the team swerved, throwing out the people, and almost immediately the horses and sleigh disappeared through the ice into the water beneath. The loss of horses, sleighs, etc., is about \$1,500. The thermometer was 32 degrees below zero.

An Iowa Boycott.

A Dubuque (Ia.) special says: A boycott has been instituted between the Farmers' Alliance of this State and the State Business Men's Association. The Alliance is instituting co-operative farmers' stores all over the State, and selling goods at just enough advance to pay expenses. The Business Men's Association has sent notice to all jobbers that none of their members will buy from firms who sell to the Alliance. Two Alliance men from Cresco were in the city to-day endeavoring to place an order for \$2,000 worth of groceries. Dubuque jobbers all refused to sell to them. In retaliation the Alliance people will refuse to patronize members of the Business Men's Association.

Starving Negroes.

At Oklahoma, O. T., a deplorable state of affairs exists among the negroes who have lately immigrated to the Territory. They have come to the number of several thousands, with the understanding that the Government would feed them and give them a place of land, and they are now opening their eyes to the fact that the land is all taken by white men. They are on the verge of starvation.

Heirs to Millions.

Several heirs to an immense fortune which, it is said, was left from the estate of Robert Edwards, of Kentucky, have been discovered in Houston, Tex. The inheritance involves the right of ownership in land on Broadway, Wall street, and under and around Trinity Church, New York City. The property is said to be valued at \$267,000.

Emma Abbott Cremated.

The remains of Emma Abbott, the well-known singer and actress, were cremated in Pittsburgh, Pa. The fact was kept very quiet at the request of the mother of the deceased. The incineration took place in Samson's crematory, and occupied but one hour.

Several Passengers Hurt.

One of the coaches on the west-bound passenger train was derailed and upset near Sarasville, Ohio, on the Bellair, Zanesville and Cincinnati Railroad. Three or four passengers were seriously injured.

A New Mint.

President Harrison signed the bill for the erection of a mint at Philadelphia on the one hundredth anniversary of the day on which President Washington signed the bill establishing the mint in that city.

Bushyhead Scores One.

Ex-Chief Bushyhead, of the Cherokee Nation, obtained a restraining order enjoining Lieutenant Golden from removing Bushyhead and his employees from the strip and destroying his buildings and machinery.

Alleged Rioters Arrested.

At Pittsburg, Pa., President Rae, Master Workman Wise, and others of the Union mine workers, were arrested, charged with conspiracy, riot, and assault, for their connection with the coke strike.

Joined the Revolutionists.

Advices from Chill state that three battalions and the Fourth Regiment of Government troops, stationed near Plasqua, have shot their officers and declared in favor of the revolutionists.

A Confessed Murderer.

A negro named Dayton confessed at Denver, Colo., the murder and robbery of James Wade at Kansas City, Mo., two years ago.

Say They Swelled the Census.

At Minneapolis, Minn., two enumerators pleaded guilty to conspiracy to pad the census.

Killed His Rival.

Frank Dice and William Chaney, two young men of Owen County, Indiana, were rivals for the affections of a young lady of the neighborhood. They met at Atkinson, when Dice drew a revolver and shot Chaney, killing him instantly.

Went Up in Smoke.

At Sioux City, Iowa, fire started in the armature-room of the City Electric Railway Company, and before it could be got under control it destroyed the building, together with a dozen motor cars and five passenger coaches. Loss, about \$75,000.

FINE BLOCKS BURNED.

Fire in the Magnificent Minneapolis Lumber Exchange—Sol Smith's Russell's Loss.

At Minneapolis, fire started in the five-story brick block owned by Sol Smith Russell, the actor, and destroyed his buildings, besides a four-story brick owned by J. M. Roberts. At this hour, the fire has caught in the fifth floor of the Lumber Exchange, one of the most magnificent blocks in the country. It is built of brown stone, twelve stories high, and cost over \$1,000,000. But as the building is fire-proof, it is not expected that great damage will be done. The building owned by Sol Smith Russell was valued at \$87,000, and is totally destroyed. It was occupied by the Clare-Speaker Company, painters and oils. The loss of the latter company is \$60,000. J. M. Roberts' building was valued at \$40,000. It was occupied on the ground floor by H. B. Gaynor, with a stock of hardware. Loss \$35,000. Mrs. Reeson had furnished apartments in the upper floors, and will lose \$5,000. In Chicago, Counsellman's elevator was almost entirely destroyed by fire, involving a loss of nearly \$100,000.

SOME CROPS SHORT.

Only for Them Have Prices Advanced the Past Week

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

There is not much change in the condition of the South and in the Northwest, with a little more stringency in many markets and complaint about slowness of collections. In general, business is still hesitating. The larger cause is undoubtedly the partial loss of crops, which has left a great many farmers without means for the usual purchases. At the same time the collapse of the real-estate boom which so wildly inflated prices throughout the West and South has affected business more than has yet been realized. To this influence is added at the South the extremely low price of cotton, which affects farmers the more because so many of them tried, by holding back their crop, to force a higher level of prices. There has been an advance in the average price of all commodities amounting to half of 1 per cent. for the week, but it has been almost exclusively in products of which crops were short. The business failures during the last seven days number 293, as against 297 last week. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 391.

DOWN AN EMBANKMENT.

Terrible Accident on the Richmond Division of the Panhandle.

A terrible railroad accident occurred on the Panhandle at Hagerstown, Ind., in which four men were instantly killed, one mortally wounded if not two others, and a large number injured. It was the fast train between Chicago and Cincinnati, which was coming down a steep grade, when the framework of the engine broke and derailed every car. At the canal bridge, where there is a fifteen-foot fall, the fatality occurred. The cars caught fire, but the fire was quickly extinguished. The smoker first turned on its side and then the day coach and parlor car, the smoking compartment of which contained all the killed. Breaking away from the smoking car, but holding together, they rolled over twice in their descent of the embankment. Meanwhile the derailed baggage car had hung to the engine, and the other cars struck a guard at the crossing, again mounted the tracks, and escaped almost uninjured. But the engine, though holding the rail, was about as badly wrecked as the parlor and day coaches.

THE ARIZONA DELUGE.

Losses in Yuma County Alone Foot Up \$2,000,000—Provisions Scarce.

A special dispatch from Yuma, A. T., in speaking of the devastation wrought by the flood, says:

Over 250 houses are in ruins from the flood and 1,400 people are homeless. Not a single business house remains standing, and it is feared that hundreds of lives have been lost in the Gila Valley. The telephone wires are down in the valley, and as all bridges are down and roads impassable, no reliable reports can be had from there. The river above town is seven miles wide, and below the town it places the water covers the country in one great lake over forty miles across. The railway company does not have the blockade raised, for west-bound trains for the day, and it will be ten days or two weeks before they can get east. The town has provisions sufficient for eight more days and the Southern Pacific Hotel is feeding a thousand people a day. Reports from Jakuno, 15 miles above here, are to the effect that the flood drove the people into the tree tops, and many became exhausted from cold and hunger and dropped into the water and were drowned. Reports from reliable sources put the loss of lives in the valley anywhere from thirty to 100. All along the valley for 200 miles everything is in desolation. Costly houses and barns have been washed away like playthings, while stock and fence have been carried down by the flood, leaving the country as bare as a desert. Men who ten days ago were wealthy are now homeless and paupers.

MENACED BY FLOODS.

Yuma Reported to Be in Imminent Danger of Destruction.

News was received by the Southern Pacific manager at San Francisco that Yuma, A. T. is certainly doomed. At 2 o'clock the railroad operator warned his supervisors that he could stay at his key only half an hour longer as the water was rising so rapidly that it would soon sweep away the office. At that time the water in the Colorado was up to 34 feet 2 inches, five feet higher than the flood mark of 1861 and the highest ever known there. The Colorado and Gila are both raging torrents, bringing down portions of houses, trees and dead animals. The water has reached the sills of the 500-foot railroad bridge across the Colorado River, and it is expected the bridge will go down. It is an ordinary Howe truss bridge, but cost considerable money because of its length. Yuma has about 1,200 people, mostly Mexicans and half-breeds.

HUSTON'S RESIGNATION.

It Is Accepted by the President—His Successor Appointed.

The President has accepted the resignation of United States Treasurer Huston and has selected J. A. Lemcke, ex-State Treasurer of Indiana, as his successor. James A. Lemcke was born in Germany and came to this country when a boy. He commanded a transport during the war. He became a paying teller of the First National Bank at Evansville, Ind., and later bookkeeper. He has filled the positions of City Clerk, City Treasurer, Sheriff, and Police Commissioner, filling more than one term in nearly all of them.

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but he was disarmed by friends who were attracted to the house by the shooting. Copeland is a raving maniac now, and will be sent back to the asylum. His children, aged 2 and 6 years, will be cared for by relatives.

AN UNDERGROUND MYSTERY.

Miners Come Upon a Room Containing a Skeleton in the Bowels of the Earth.

A strange story comes from Ansted, in the Elk River, W. Va., mining region. Miners have been at work for over two months driving an entrance through a ten-foot vein of coal. When over 1,000 feet in the mountain they broke into a "room" about 20 feet square. It had no visible signs of ever having been in communication with the outside world. On the floor lay the skeleton of a human being, the bones crumbling into dust on exposure to air, or at the slightest touch, while on the walls were many rude outline sketches and what seemed to be inscriptions. It is a mystery which awaits the solution of the learned.

ALL HANDS WERE SAVED.

Arrival of the Steamer Chester with the Crew of the Ill-Fated Iowa.

The Standard Oil Company's steamship Chester, from Rotterdam, arrived off Sandy Hook, bringing the first correct tidings of the loss of the big Warren Line steamship Iowa. These tidings show that instead of having been lost through a collision with an iceberg the Iowa sprang a leak after being stranded by field and drift ice, and had to be abandoned when half filled with water. All on board the unfortunate vessel, numbering seventy-nine souls, were saved and brought to New York on the Chester.

BURIED NEATH TONS OF SNOW.

Four People Lose Their Lives by an Avalanche in the Rockies.

A snow-slide swept over the Bullion King Mine at Irwin, Col., burying the boarding house and Superintendent Ropell's dwelling house. Mrs. Ropell, Mrs. Ed Clarke and child, at the boarding house, and B. F. Smiley, the engineer, were buried in the snow.

ANNA DICKINSON IS INSANE.

Miss Anna Dickinson, the authoress and lecturer, has become insane, and has been removed in charge of Dr. Hiffner to the insane asylum at Danville, Pa. One night last week Anna drove her sister Susan from the house with a butcher-knife, and the next day attacked the servant girl with a knife. On another occasion she went to a drug store and purchased \$50 worth of drugs. When she boarded the train to be taken to Danville she wanted to sit in a certain seat; no other would do. Then she summoned the conductor and said to him: "I want you to send a telegram for me to ones to Jay Gould. Tell him that I want a billion dollars. While you are at it, Miss Dickinson continued, send one to President Harrison also. Tell him that the women of this country want protection."

DID NOT EXPLODE AS ADVERTISED.

A special grand jury in Covington, Ky., reported an indictment for arson against W. Winchester, recently proprietor of chemical works in that city. Mr. Winchester when his establishment caught fire hastily drove out the few girls employed by him, locked the doors, and begged the firemen to flee for their lives, as a dreadful explosion would soon follow. The firemen treated him as a lunatic, forced their way in, and soon put out the fire. It was then discovered that he had piled up boxes of chemicals in such a way as to give the impression of an immense stock, while in fact there was but a single tier of boxes that were filled. He had insurance for \$12,000.

DARING ESCAPE FROM JAIL.

Four prisoners escaped from the county jail at Dayton, Ohio, John Gaber, John McCarthy, Edward Locke and George Locke. The prisoners cut through twenty-eight inches of iron and gained access to the outer corridor. They then hid, and as Turnkey McNeil entered with the morning coffee, knocked him down with a mop handle, stunning him. They then ran into the street, and, boarding an express wagon, compelled the driver to take them a short distance and then struck out for parts unknown. A reward of \$50 for each man has been offered.

SUICIDE AT ST. PAUL.

At St. Paul Frederick DeHass, one of the pioneers of St. Paul, and the Minnesota representative of the Germania Life Insurance Company of New York, shot himself. The officers of the company find that from \$15,000 to \$20,000 of overdue premiums have not been collected, but aside from the rather loose manner of conducting the books they say the affairs of the concern are in pretty fair shape.

HOUSE AND ORCHARDS RUINED.

A tornado blew down the seventy-five-foot bell-tower at Howard's ship-yards, at Jeffersonville, Ind. The greatest damage was done at Utica. Many dwellings were totally destroyed, and narrow escapes from death were frequent. It was very fortunate that the town is flooded by the overflow from the Ohio River, as otherwise people would have been at home at the time of the storm.

NEW UNITED STATES TREASURER.

J. Alexander Lemcke has been appointed United States Treasurer. This was the substance of a confidential telegram received in Evansville, Ind., and there seems to be no doubt of its veracity, as it is known that Mr. Lemcke was tendered the place three months ago by President Harrison, but declined because his term as State Treasurer had not yet expired.

STRIKERS SHOT AT BRADDOCK, PA.

At Braddock, Pa., strikers attacked some non-union workmen at the Ohio Works at Braddock. The latter repelled with a pistol volley. Two strikers were wounded—John Hobday and John Trainer. Hobday is in a dying condition. Trainer was but slightly wounded. Three non-union men are in jail for the shooting. The excitement among the strikers is intense.

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