

SENATORS SMITH, of New Jersey, and Aldrich, of Rhode Island, sailed for Europe, on the 29th, on the steamer New York.

The president left Washington, on the 29th, for Gray Gables, accompanied by Secretary Lamont and Private Secretary Thurber.

SIMON STEVENS, well known in public affairs in New York city, died, on the 28th, aged 68. He was a first cousin of the great Thad Stevens.

The St. James Gazette of London says that George Gould will revisit England next spring with a new twenty-rater designed by Herreshoff.

COUNCILMAN DOUDOUSSAT, of New Orleans, was arrested, on the 29th, with the marked bills upon him with which he had just been bribed to vote for an ordinance.

The United States has demanded an immediate, open and fair trial of the American citizens arrested at Bluefields and carried to Managua, Nicaragua, in default of which their instant release will be demanded.

AFTER a pastorate of forty years Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, brother of the late Henry Ward Beecher, has retired from the active duties of pastor of the Park church in Elmira, N. Y., preaching his farewell sermon on the 26th.

HUGH ANNADALE, now living in Quebec, Can., who was arrested some time ago in Baltimore for one Peter Arnold, who resembles him in appearance, has entered suit against the United States government for \$10,000.

The government of Nicaragua has decided to banish British Vice-Consul Hatch and nine others of the Bluefields prisoners. Messrs. Lampton and Wilton, American citizens, will also be banished. Patterson, Ingram, Taylor and Brownrigg will be kept as state prisoners.

The committee in charge ordered the great "white bordered flag," "The Flag of Human Freedom," floated from the national liberty pole at the Navesink Highlands entrance to New York, on the 29th, in honor of the meeting on that day at Antwerp, Belgium, of the international peace congress.

OFFICIAL reports received at the state department indicate quite a serious situation in Peru. It has been found necessary to suspend several articles of the constitution, including the writ of habeas corpus, and the president of the republic is practically slothed with dictatorial power.

CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER CURTIS of Milwaukee was attacked by a mob of women, on the 28th, while moving a smallpox patient, and badly hurt. Fifty policemen arrived five minutes later, and, after a pitched battle, dispersed the mob. Over 100 officers were required to patrol the riotous districts.

On the 29th a dispatch was received at the navy department from Commodore Carpenter, at Nagasaki, Japan, announcing his arrival at that point. He has just taken command of the Asiatic squadron, and sailed on the Monocacy from Nagasaki to Chemulpo to join the Baltimore, which will be his flagship.

At Asheville, N. C., on the 29th, Louis Belrose, Jr., aged 45, of Washington, D. C., in a fit of mental aberration as a result of his brain being affected by tuberculosis, placed the hilt of a sword against a tree and fell on the point of it three times, fatally injuring himself. Belrose was formerly in the United States navy.

In response to a call issued by the Good Citizenship league of Indiana, 300 representatives of churches of all denominations, temperance and other societies, met at Indianapolis, on the 29th, to take action in regard to the organization of the movement independent of the old political parties, in the interest of public morality and reform.

PUBLIC PRINTER BENEDICT has made a sweeping reduction in the force of the government printing office, about 500 employees receiving notice, on the 29th, of dismissal. About 200 printers are affected by the order, the others being bookbinders, folders, pressmen and other employees naturally affected by the suspension of the Congressional Record.

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The change from the McKinley tariff to the new tariff law, involving great reductions in rates of duties and numberless alterations in matters of detail, because of the well-oiled wheels of government machinery, was accomplished, on the 28th, as far as the treasury department was advised, all over the United States, without a hitch or break.

The Co-Operative Rolling Mill Co., which was organized several months ago to operate the idle mill in Hubbard, O., has declared its first dividend. The amount is 1 per cent. All the employees of the mill, except the book-keeper, have left 50 per cent of their earnings in the general fund of the company since it was started, and they are not at all satisfied with the amount received.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

### THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

#### FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

In the senate, on the 27th, the short session of an hour and a quarter was held behind closed doors. There matters of a legislative character were disposed of, none of them of any general interest. There were but twenty-three senators present. .... In the house the galleries were crowded by visiting Knights of Pythias and the seats were almost deserted. No business of importance was transacted. Mr. Haughen announced the death of his late colleague, A. B. Shaw, at his home in Wisconsin, and after the adoption of the customary resolution and the appointment of a committee to represent the house at the funeral the house adjourned.

In the senate, on the 28th, no business was transacted during the two hours the body was in session; but to relieve the weariness of the waiting no less than three recesses were taken, and during the intervals made his farewell speech and declared the session adjourned without day, this speech and declaration were heard by only twenty senators. .... In the house, after the return of the committee appointed to wait upon the president to notify him that congress was ready to adjourn and ask if he had any further communication to make, Speaker Crisp, with no ceremony whatever, declared the house adjourned without day.

#### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

DR. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, the "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," entered upon his eighty-sixth year on the 29th. To say that he is in the enjoyment of good health is no exaggeration.

It is a rare day that he does not walk a mile or more, and a still rarer one that he does not drive from 6 to 10 miles.

THIRTY-two deaths from cholera and sixty-eight fresh cases were reported throughout Germany for the week ended the 27th.

The steamer Tom Spurlock, belonging to the Little Kanawha Lumber Co., was burned to the water's edge at Vandalia, Ky., on the 29th, from an exploded lamp. Capt. Johnson and the crew narrowly escaped, so rapid was the progress of the flames. The steamer is a total loss, with light insurance.

MADISON CHEADLE, a farmer in Morgan county, O., was taken from his house by white caps, on the night of the 29th, beaten almost to insensibility and then hanged to the limb of a tree. A tramp in a neighboring barn cut him down in time to save his life. The offense charged against Cheadle was theft.

FIRE originated in Brooks Bros.' lumber yard, Union Park, St. Paul, Minn., on the 29th. There were 10,000,000 feet of lumber in the yard, making the loss about \$115,000; fully insured.

The secretary of the treasury has decided that under the terms of the new tariff bill payments of sugar bounties on claims already filed can not be legally made.

Fire destroyed the largest creamery in Hamilton county, Ia., at Stratford, on the 29th. It was supposed to have been of incendiary origin. The loss was total.

A MAMMOTH powder-house at Miller's Station, Ind., was wrecked by an explosion on the 29th. Two men were instantly killed and three other employees were seriously burned. The force of the explosion demoralized a number of buildings.

The veteran railroad official, John C. Gault, died in Chicago on the 29th. He never recovered consciousness since he was first stricken.

RECEIVER MCNEIL of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Co. has notified engineers and firemen that the proposed reduction in wages will go into effect September 1.

The challenge of Miss Tillie Ashley, of Hartford, Conn., to row a single scull race against any female sculler in America has been formally accepted by A. J. Bromley, manager of the Central Rowing club of St. Louis, on the part of Miss Ross Mosenthal, the belle of "Little Oklahoma."

NEARLY all the members of the cabinet are preparing to take advantage of the adjournment of congress to secure vacations. It is probable that within a very short time Washington will be almost deserted by higher officials of the government.

JAMES FOSTER, colored, an employe of the American wire nail works, at Anderson, Ind., announces that he is rightful owner of Price's Hill addition to the city of Cincinnati. He says his father was a free negro and owned it, but was eurched out of it by a fraudulent deed.

AMBROSE LEKLIDER and Robert Tuchs left Huron, O., on the 29th, for Havana, O., with two casks of ammonia in a wagon. Later the casks exploded with terrific force and both men were instantly killed.

ABBE BRUNEAU was executed at Laval, France, on the morning of the 30th. The Abbe was vicar of Entrammes and was convicted at the assize court at Magenne on July 13 last on the charge of murder, arson and robbery. Thousands of peasants witnessed the execution.

O. J. SACKMAN's general store at Burdick, Ind., was burned, on the 29th, together with his residence and granary. He lost over 800 bushels of wheat in the warehouse. The residence and barn of Mr. Reynolds were also destroyed. Total loss estimated at over \$14,000; insurance small.

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## STATE TELEGRAMS.

### Important News from Indiana Cities and Towns.

#### Rain Help Vegetation.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 30.—Cool nights and local rains in most localities several days have improved corn, pasture and vegetation in general. Only few correspondents report a continuance of the drought in their locality. Corn is much improved, that which has been utterly ruined excepted. It is maturing well and earing better than was expected. In several counties the crop is reported to be better and larger than for years, even that on clay ground has improved in some localities, but in others much is being cut. A fair crop of clover is being hulled; the seed is of good quality. Millet in some localities is a good crop, in others not so good. Much is in the barn. Tobacco cutting continues, a fair crop being harvested. Buckwheat makes a good crop. Late cabbage and the immense fields of tomatoes have been much improved by the rains. Pastures look less brown, but on some farms stock water is still scarce and has to be hauled, and the stock is being fed on wheat. Hail and strong winds in the northern portion of the state did some damage. Fall plowing and seedling progress more favorably.

#### Tells a Strange Tale of Abuse.

HUNTINGTON, Ind., Aug. 30.—Decatur is excited over the return of Mrs. Eli Middleton, who mysteriously disappeared from home a week ago. She says she was abducted by two men, who confined her in a house closely guarded by two negroes. During daytime she was locked in a cellar. Friday night she was placed in a carriage and driven within a few miles of her home, where she was put out and told to go. The woman is almost dead from repeated abuses. A posse of citizens has been organized to search for the abductors.

#### Burned to Death.

WABASH, Ind., Aug. 30.—The 5-year old daughter of Leander Alger, who lives 5 miles north of Wabash, was burned to death Tuesday. With her brother and father she was in the field burning stubble, and while her father was away firing the straw flames surrounded the child. She tried to fight her way through, but was driven back, and when her father, hearing her screams, reached her she had fallen over and was unconscious, dying an hour after she was removed.

#### Fatal Ending to a Carriage Ride.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Aug. 30.—Mrs. Emma Newton, aged 79, in company with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jane Gray, started in a buggy to a neighbor's Tuesday when the horses became frightened and ran away, upsetting the buggy and mangling both the occupants in a horrible manner. Mrs. Newton died and Mrs. Gray is so badly hurt internally that she cannot recover.

#### Reunion of Temperance Workers.

WARSAW, Ind., Aug. 30.—The fifth annual reunion of temperance workers was held at Lakeside park Tuesday, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Indiana were largely represented, about 1,200 being present. The following officers were selected for the ensuing year: President, Judge Ryan, Fort Wayne; vice president, D. J. Welch, Chicago; secretary and treasurer, E. B. Bennett, Chicago.

#### Died in a Hotel.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 30.—Philip Innis, who has been living the life of a recluse in a hotel at No. 123 Fort Wayne avenue, with his 12-year-old son, was found dead Tuesday morning. He was 57 years old and worth between \$50,000 and \$100,000. He leaves everything to the boy.

#### In Great Luck.

ELWOOD, Ind., Aug. 30.—John J. Jones, a Welsh tin-plate worker employed in the factory here at a salary of seven dollars a week, received word from Wales Tuesday that an uncle had died and bequeathed him money and estates amounting to \$4,000,000.

#### A Fatal Runaway.

FAIRFIELD, Ind., Aug. 30.—In a runaway near here Tuesday Mrs. Lizzie Newton and James Gray, aged 65 and 73 years respectively, were thrown from a buggy. The former was instantly killed and the latter so badly injured that his life is despaired of.

#### Scalded with Coffee.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 30.—Mrs. Albert Stevens was scalded to death here Tuesday evening. She was pouring boiling coffee at a picnic, and, falling, the contents of the large pot were emptied over her head and shoulders, scalding her to death.

#### Trotting at Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Aug. 30.—This was the second day of the Fort Wayne Driving club meeting. The summaries: 2:23 Trot—Purse \$1,000. Ofelia won, Eva Clay second. Liva third; best time, 2:23. 8-Year-Old Pace (2:14 class) —Purse \$1,000. Ethel A. won, Sidomus second, Rokeye third; best time, 2:11 1/4.

#### Gold Found in Indiana.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Aug. 30.—While digging a well Monday William White, a farmer residing several miles west of here, found several pieces of gold-bearing quartz, the deposits being distinctly marked and the gold being of a rich yellow.

#### Took Her Own Life.

WOOSTER, Ind., Aug. 30.—Miss Orfy Raridan, of this place, committed suicide Tuesday by taking poison. Jealousy is supposed to have been the cause.

#### Receiver for a Notion Company.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Aug. 30.—George J. Eascock was appointed receiver of the Scott Notion company Tuesday. Liabilities, about \$20,000.

#### Died of Hydrophobia.

HARTSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 30.—Charles Barnes, aged 18 years, died here Tuesday of hydrophobia. A small dog bit him two weeks ago.

## A THOUSAND LIVES.

Flames Destroy Hundreds of Chinese Flower Boats Moored Along the Canton River—Over a Thousand of the Occupants Perish, Being Either Burned to Death or Drowned in Efforts to Escape the Flames.

HONG KONG, Sept. 1.—Over 1,000 natives perished in a fire which broke out in the flower boats which line the estuary of the Canton river, which the grand jury expired yesterday and it was discharged by Judge Moise after presenting a report which is a most scathing denunciation of the crookedness rampant in the city hall and explains why several indictments which were expected could not be found, owing to the inability to get evidence on which a conviction in the court would be certain to follow.

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