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The News Condensed.

Important Intelligence From All Parts.

CONGRESSIONAL Second Session.

The second session of the Fifty-second congress convened at Washington on the 5th. Vice President Morton called the senate to order and Conklin opened proceedings with a prayer. The usual committee were appointed to inform the house and the president that the senate was ready for business, after which an adjournment was taken for the day. Speaker Crisp called the house together and the blind chaplain, Rev. Dr. Milburn, delivered a prayer. The credentials of new members to fill vacancies were presented. Bills were introduced to open the world's fair on Sundays; to change the time of the meeting of congress to the first Monday in March after election; to repeal the federal election law, and to provide for the issue of \$75,000 in bonds redeemable in coin at the option of the United States after ten years, to be applied to the payment of the deficiency in the United States treasury.

DOMESTIC.

THE electric light plant at Des Moines, Ia., valued at \$100,000, was ruined by fire.

Mrs. ADA DELONG has been acquitted of murdering her husband at Binghamton, N. Y., November 4 last. He beat her and she shot him.

AGENT TINGLEY in his report of the operations of the division of special agents of the treasury department during the last fiscal year, says that smuggling of dutiable merchandise across the Canadian and Mexican frontiers has largely increased during the past year.

A FAST train on the Erie road struck a wagon at a crossing in Elmira, N. Y., and Edward Blanchard and his wife and Mrs. W. Conklin and Mrs. Maggie Pitts were killed.

At Webb City, Mo., in the zinc-mining region, a shaft was run into a bed of subterranean fire.

The heaviest snowstorm prevailed on Long Island since the blizzard of 1888, the fall being 2 feet.

A FIRE broke out in Hart's sawmill in Tacoma, Wash., causing a loss of \$100,000.

THE public debt statement issued on the 1st showed that the interest and non-interest bearing debt decreased \$897,452 during the month of November. The cash in the treasury was \$16,035,117. The national debt, less the cash balance in the treasury, amounts to \$834,913,881.

The annual reports of the postmaster general's assistants show that during the past year the inland mail service cost \$41,335,372 and the foreign mail service \$806,145. The net increase of post offices over the year was 2,700, and the total number in the United States is 67,119. There were 5,520,785 domestic mailable letters received at the dead letter office and 557,043 domestic unmailable letters.

The annual report of Superintendent Kimball, of the life-saving service, shows that there were 242 lives saved last year, 181 on the Atlantic and forty-eight on the lakes, and twenty were drowned. The total wrecks numbered sixty, the loss being \$5,673,510.

The government receipts last month aggregated \$28,750,000, against \$27,000,000 in November, 1891, and in the five months of the current fiscal year amounted to \$163,640,979. The expenditures in the past five months were \$161,000,000.

JOSEPH KANE, a Lake Shore railroad employee at Erie, Pa., killed his wife and himself. Domestic trouble was the cause.

By the explosions of a locomotive, boiler at Brownsville, Pa., Engineer Barry was killed and Fireman Neifer was fatally hurt.

A PACKAGE containing \$2,000 was stolen recently from the United States Express Company from a train on the Illinois, Indiana & Iowa railroad near Dwight, Ill.

The aggregate internal revenue collections of the United States during the last fiscal year were \$158,857,544.95.

SEVERAL boats were capsized near West Berkeley, Cal., and seven Italian fishermen were drowned.

The street railroads of New Orleans have been sold to a New York syndicate for \$10,000,000.

In the United States the leading clearing houses reported exchanges of \$1,382,966,386 during the seven days ended on the 2d, against \$1,108,500,048 the previous seven days. As compared with the corresponding week of 1891 the increase was 3.8.

JACK FIELDS was hanged at Wharton, Tex., for the murder of Henry Kearby and his wife.

SEVEN safes in the Equitable building in Chicago were blown open by burglars in one night and about \$1,500 in cash secured.

The county seat of Bayfield county, Wis., has been removed from Bayard to Washburn.

DURING the seven days ended on the 2d the business failures in the United States numbered 269, against 209 the preceding week and 330 for the corresponding time last year.

During the month of November twelve men perished at the hands of assassins in Chicago.

FOUR of the desperadoes who held up a Great Northern train near Malta, Mont., were captured at Great Falls.

A FIRE in a tenement house in Brooklyn, N. Y., resulted in the deaths of Michael Doyle and his little daughter.

An earthquake shock was felt in Chattanooga, Tenn., extending to the summit of Missionary Ridge, an area of about 2½ miles square.

A BARBED-WIRE trust has been formed with headquarters in Chicago to control the output in the country.

NEAR Sanford, N. C., two elderly sisters named McDonald were killed by a burglar.

CHARLES ANDERSON, aged 10, killed his younger sister at Wichita, Kan., with a shotgun which he thought empty.

THREE new banks with an aggregate capital of \$1,400,000 opened their doors in Milwaukee.

CHARLES BUDDENSTEK, the New York builder who was sent to prison June 24, 1885, for manslaughter, has been discharged from Sing Sing, his term having expired.

The efficiency of the different corps is the subject of comment in the annual report of Secretary of War Elkins, and the revival of the grade of lieutenant general is urged. The expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1892, were \$51,218,970.52.

The superintendent of immigration shows that 979,663 immigrants arrived in this country during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1892.

The annual report of Secretary Noble to the president covers in detail the work of the interior department. The work accomplished during the present administration is shown to greatly exceed that of any like preceding period in the history of the department.

GEORGE W. REED, press agent for the Leslie Davis Dramatic Company, committed suicide at a hotel in Fort Wayne, Ind.

THE Elm Park Methodist church at Scranton, Pa., which had just been completed at a cost of \$200,000, was destroyed by fire.

Fire on the Northwestern coal dock at Superior, Wis., caused a loss of \$100,000.

ERNEST NICHOLSON, a farmer, his wife and two children, were drowned in a creek near their home at Pleasanton, Cal. They were driving through the creek when the wagon upset.

By the caving in of a bank at Woodville, Miss., the three little girls of Dr. J. P. Carro were killed.

The entire business portion of Cumberland Gap, Tenn., was destroyed by fire.

Most of the business part of Cranford, N. J., was burned.

The famous church of St. Michael at Vienna, erected in 1221 and visited by tourists from all parts of the world, was destroyed by fire. The church contained many tombstones from the sixteenth to the eighteenth centuries which were badly damaged by the flames.

The Russian government has appropriated \$3,000,000 to be devoted to the relief of the inhabitants of the famine-stricken districts of the empire.

The Japanese cruiser Sheshinranukan collided with the British steamer Ravenna in the Island sea and was sunk and eighty-five of the cruiser's crew were lost.

ROBERT OLSEN was hanged at Dorchester, N. B., for the murder of Policeman Joseph Steadman in Moncton, August 1.

M. HANNAN & Co., wholesale cheese and produce merchants at Montreal, failed for \$115,000.

GEN. OPPERMANN, who had the reputation of being the actual planner of the siege of Paris, died at Hanover, Germany.

TWENTY CHILDREN ventured on the ice at the Biederitz pond at Sagan, Germany. The ice gave way and eight of them were drowned.

CHINESE pirates penned up eighty women and children in the caves at Quang Huya and smoked them to death.

TWENTY-THREE persons concerned in the cholera riots in Saratoff, Russia, have been sentenced to be hanged and fifty-six to be imprisoned in Siberia.

The lunatic wing of the poorhouse at Lampsil, Finland, was burned and seven of the inmates were cremated.

AT the annual meeting in Baltimore of the National Prison Association Judge Wayland, of New Haven, said the three principal causes of crime were unrestricted immigration, the saloon and neglect of children. He suggested as the remedy the perpetual imprisonment of all habitual criminals, paupers and drunkards.

LOUIS NEWMAN, managing editor of the German edition of the New York Evening News, fell dead while at lunch in a restaurant.

The pianoforte workers of Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Boston and other centers of the industry have decided to organize a national union.

ARTHUR WIUILLMEAN commenced a fifty days' fast at Cleveland, O.

PARKER CRANE was arrested at Middletown, O., and identified as an escaped prisoner who was under sentence of death at Vincennes, Ind., in 1883.

FRED MARSH, one of the most dangerous counterfeiters in the country, was arrested in Milwaukee.

AN explosion of powder at Scottsdale, Pa., wrecked J. M. Bradley's house and fatally injured his two children.

A FLOOD carried away part of the dam of the Honey Lake Valley Land & Water Company in Lassen county, Cal., causing a loss of \$50,000.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

GOV. TILLMAN, of Edgefield, and Lieut. Gov. Eugene B. Gary, of Abbeville, were inaugurated at Columbus, S. C.

CHAUNCEY MORLAN and Annie Bell were married in a New York city museum. The bridegroom is 21 years old and weighs 142 pounds. The bride is a year younger and tips the scale at 570 years.

ALICE MAUD STONE, for whom the celebrated trotter Maud S. was named, was married at her home in Cincinnati to Albert Carey, of New York.

HENRY HAYT, who was governor of Pennsylvania from 1878 to 1883, died at his home in Wilkesbarre, aged 62 years.

THE funeral services of Dr. Scott, the president's father-in-law, took place in Washington, after which the remains were taken to Washington, Pa., for burial.

THE official count of the presidential vote in Texas gives Cleveland 238,148; Harrison, 77,475; Weaver, 99,988; Biddle, 2,165.

THE official vote shows that at the late election in Minnesota Harrison received 122,736 votes; Cleveland, 100,579; Harrison's plurality, 22,157.

HARRIET FOSTER ORR, widow of the Gen. Joseph Orr, died in La Porte, Ind., aged 96 years.

THE official canvass in Kansas for members of the legislature gives the house to the republicans and the senate to the populists. On joint ballot the populists have a majority of one.

JAY GOULD, the great financier and railway king, died at his home in New York of pulmonary consumption, aged 56 years. He leaves four sons and two daughters, his wife having died three years ago, and a fortune estimated at from \$60,000,000 to \$150,000,000.

COMMANDER ROSWELL D. HITCHCOCK, Jr., U. S. N., died in New York after a few hours' illness.

THE oldest theatrical manager in the United States, Jake E. Esher, proprietor of a theater in St. Louis, died at the age of 64 years.

MARY ALLEN WEST, of Chicago, editor of the Union Signal, and for several years one of the leading lights in W. C. T. U. work, died in Tokio, Japan, aged 55 years.

CAPT. E. H. VIRGIL, one of the pioneers in the express business and one of the organizers of the National Express Company, died in Troy, N. Y., aged 85 years.

The official returns from the recent election in Nebraska give the vote as follows: Harrison, 87,213; Weaver, 82,256; Cleveland, 24,943. Harrison's plurality over Weaver, 4,937; over Cleveland, 62,270.

The following sermon was delivered by Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage at the Brooklyn Tabernacle from the text:

And Rizpah, the daughter of Ahah, took sack-cloth and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of Heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field at night.—II Samuel xi. 41.

Tragedy that beats anything Shakespearean, or Victor Hugoian. After returning from the Holy Land I briefly touched upon it, but I must have a whole sermon for that scene. The explosion and flash of gunpowder have driven nearly all the beasts and birds of prey from those regions, and now the shriek of the locomotive whistle which is daily heard at Jerusalem will for many miles around clear Palestine of cruel claw and beak. But in the time of the text those regions were populous with multitudes of jackals and lions. Seven sons of Saul had been crucified on a hill. Rizpah was mother to two, and relative to five of the boys. What had these boys done that they should be crucified? Nothing except to have a bad father, and grandfather. But now that the boys were dead why not take them down from the gibbets. No. They are sentenced to hang there. So Rizpah takes the sackcloth, a rough shawl with which in mourning for her dead she had wrapped herself, and spreads the sackcloth upon the rocks near the gibbets, and acts the part of a sentinel watching and defending the dead. Yet every other sentinel is relieved, and after being on guard for a few hours someone else takes his place. But Rizpah is on guard both day and night and for half a year. One hundred and eighty days and nights of obscurity. What nerves she must have had to stand that! Ah! do you not know that a mother can stand anything?

So it has been in all ages. Vashti must don the spangled robes of the Persian court, and go forth blasted from the palace gate. Hagar exchanges oriental comfort for the wilderness of Beersheba. Mary Queen of Scots must pass out from flattery and pomp to suffer ignominious death in the castle of Fotheringay. The wheel of fortune keeps turning, and mansions and huts exchange, and he who rode the chariot pushes the barrow, and instead of the glare of festal lights is the sizzling of the peatfire, and in place of Saul's palace is the rock. The cold rock, the desolate rock.

But that is the place to which God comes. Jacob with his head on a stone saw the shining ladder. Israel in the desert beheld the marshalling of the fiery baton. John on barren Patmos heard trumpeting and the clapping of wings, and the stroke of seraphic fingers on golden harps and nothing but Heavenly strength nerved Rizpah for her appalling mission amid the scream of wild birds and the stealthy tread of hungry monsters. The grand visions of glory, the most rapturous experiences of Christian love, the greatest triumphs of grace have come to the tried and the hard-pressed and the betrayed and the crushed. God stooping down from Heaven to comfort Rizpah on the rock.

Again the tragedy of the text displays the courage of woman amid great emergencies. What mother or sister or daughter would dare to go out to the cormorant and jackal? Rizpah did it. And so would you if an emergency demanded. Woman is naturally timid, and shrinks from exposure and depends on stronger arms for the achievement of great enterprises. And she is often troubled lest there might be occasions demanding fortitude when she would fail. Not so. Some of those who are afraid to look out of door after nightfall, and who quake in the darkness at the least uncertain sound, and who start at the slam of the door, and turn pale in a thunder storm, if the day of trial came would be heroic and invulnerable. God has arranged it so that woman need the trumpet of some great contest of principle or affection to rouse her to the heroic effort.

Visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation but mentions the third and the fourth. That accounts for what you sometimes see, very good parents with very bad children. Go far enough back in the ancestral line and you find the source of all the turpitude.

Visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation.

If when Saul died, the consequences of his iniquity could have died with him, it would not have been so sad. Alas, no!

Look on that hill a few miles out from Jerusalem and see the ghastly burdens of those seven gibbets, and the wan and wasted Rizpah watching them.

Go to-day through the wards and almshouses, and the reformatory institutions where unfortunate children are kept, and you will find that nine out of ten had drunken or vicious parents. Yes, day by day on the streets of our cities you find men and women wrecked of evil parentage. They are moral corpses. Like the seven sons of Saul, though dead, unburied. Alas for Rizpah, who, not for six months, but for years and years has watched them. She can not keep the vultures and the jackals off.

LATER.

In the United States senate on the 6th, after the president's message had been read, bills were introduced to repeal all statutes relating to supervisors of election and special deputies and for the suspension of immigration for one year.

In the house the president's message was read and a bill was introduced for the better protection of commerce and to establish a national quarantine.

Mr. Outhwaite (O.) announced the death of Representative John G. Warwick, and in respect to the memory of the deceased the house adjourned.

DR. WERNER SIEMENS, the eminent electrician, died in Berlin, aged 75 years.

The annual report of Superintendent White, of the railway mail service, shows that for the year ended June 30 last the service handled the enormous total of 9,585,862,589 pieces of mail matter.

NELS OLANDER, a hardware dealer at Hallock, Minn., was robbed in his store of \$2,300 in cash.

A TORNADO near Atlanta, Tex., swept houses and outbuildings and left death and destruction in its path. The home of Samuel McAdams was destroyed and his three children fatally hurt.

A BAND of Chilasi tribesmen attacked a Cashmere guard near Chitral, India, and fifty of the former were killed.

The handsome building in Philadelphia of the Public Ledger, owned by George W. Childs, was partially gutted by fire entailing a loss of about \$25,000.

DURING a gale in the province of Catana three vessels in the harbor of Santa Venera, Italy, were wrecked and ten persons were drowned.

A BURLINGTON freight train broke in two near Corona, Col., and the two parts collided, wrecking the greater portion of the train and killing four carpenters