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CONGRESSIONAL

Regular Session.

On the 9th the tariff bill was discussed in the senate and during the debate Senator Mills (Tex.) announced that under no circumstances would he support the amendments proposed by the compromise bill. In the house the bill authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi river at St. Louis was passed and a bill was favorably reported by Mr. Springer (Ill.) to suspend the taxation of 10 per cent on state bank issues. After hearing Gen. Cooxey the committee on labor decided to report a resolution for a joint investigation by a special committee of the senate and house of the Cooxey movement and the depressed condition of labor in general.

In the senate on the 10th, John Patton, Jr., the new senator from Michigan, took the oath of office to succeed the late Senator Stockbridge. The resolution to investigate the alleged police clubbing, May 1, was discussed, but no action was taken. The tariff bill was further considered. In the house a bill was introduced for pensions at the rate of one cent per day for each day of service and one for a currency commission to be composed of fifteen persons, not more than seven to be bankers, to investigate the currency question and report to congress in December. Mr. Talbot briefly announced the death of his colleague, R. F. Bratton, of Maryland, and the customary resolutions were adopted.

On the 11th the tariff bill was considered in the senate and several of the amendments were adopted. Senator Gallinger spoke on his amendment providing for a retaliatory clause against Canada, but no action was taken. In the house the bill providing that the first session of each congress shall begin the first Tuesday after March 4, instead of waiting until the following December, and the second session to begin on the first Monday in January, instead of December, as at present, was favorably reported. The civil appropriation bill was discussed.

Most of the time in the senate on the 12th was occupied in disposing of the items relating to tannic and tartaric acids and alcoholic perfumery in the tariff bill. The military academy appropriation bill (\$410,233) was reported and a bill was passed placing Maj. Gen. George S. Green on the retired list of the regular army as a first lieutenant. In the house a resolution providing for a committee to investigate the causes of the industrial depression was offered by Mr. McGann, of Illinois.

On the 14th petitions were presented in the senate praying for the recognition of Lincoln's birthday as a national holiday. A bill was introduced making it a crime punishable by imprisonment from one year to twenty years to retard or obstruct the passage of any train carrying the United States mail. The tariff bill was further considered. In the house the resignation of Representative Condon, of Maryland, was received. Several District of Columbia bills were passed.

DOMESTIC.

A STORM of unprecedented severity swept over Stillwater, Minn., and sidewalks and street pavings were torn up and a number of houses were undermined.

The general federation of women's clubs met in biennial convention at Philadelphia.

The report on mineral resources in the United States for 1893 shows an aggregate valuation for the product of \$609,586,088, a decline of over \$175,000,000 from the previous year.

The twenty-three members of Galvin's commonwealth army who were arrested for attempting to capture a freight train were sentenced at Pittsburgh to twenty days in jail each.

A CARELESS man sitting on an oil barrel and smoking a pipe caused the destruction of \$100,000 worth of property on a dock in New York.

JOHN PORTER, an Izard county (Ark.) farmer, tried to ford Strawberry river with a wagon and his wife and three children were drowned.

PASSENGER and freight trains collided at Menomonee Junction, Wis., and Engineer James Jeffreys was killed and four other men badly injured.

BUSINESS houses and residences in Indianapolis were unroofed by a violent storm, and a child of S. J. Huntman was killed by flying debris.

SANDERS and his band of train stealing Coxeyites surrendered to United States marshals at Scott City, Kan.

RICHARD CROKER has withdrawn from the leadership of Tammany hall in New York.

EX-COUNTY RECORDER J. P. GOODMAN died at Ashland, O., after having lived thirty-nine days without eating anything.

PATRIOTIC women unveiled a monolith to the memory of Mary Washington at Fredericksburg, Va. President Cleveland made an address.

COMMONWEALTHERS at Elkhart, Ind., seized a Lake Shore train and started east.

CHIEF HAZEN, of the secret service, will wage active war on firms counterfeiting world's fair medals and diplomas for advertising purposes.

OFFICIAL figures show that nearly one-fourth of the old corn crop of Illinois is yet in the hands of the producers.

E. B. WHITE, a painter at Houston, Tex., killed his wife and himself. SEVEN men armed with Winchester's robbed the bank in South-west City, Mo., of \$4,000, and shot four citizens.

MAJ. J. W. POWELL, at the head of the government geological survey, has resigned, owing to failing health.

THE total number of Chinese that registered throughout the country under the exclusion act was 105,312. The total Chinese population by the census of 1890 was 107,483.

THE freight depot of the Pennsylvania Railway company at Columbus, O., was burned, the loss being \$100,000.

WOMEN of the Ashland district in Kentucky have determined to petition Breckinridge to withdraw from the congressional race.

THE exchanges at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the week ended on the 11th aggregated \$603,235,545, against \$595,219,455 the previous week. The decrease, compared with the corresponding week in 1893, was 34.2.

THERE were 206 business failures in the United States in the seven days ended on the 11th, against 233 the week previous and 237 in the corresponding time in 1893.

"Tip," the ferocious elephant in Central park, New York, who has destroyed eight men, was killed by poison by the authorities.

TWO COXEYITES were shot and 100 captured in a fight with officers at North Yakima, Wash.

P. J. O'CONNOR was elected president of the National Ancient Order of Hibernians at the Omaha meeting.

GUS MEERS, his wife and two children were murdered at Browning, Mo., by men against whom they were to be called as witnesses.

MRS. KATE BRADFORD, who secured \$200,000 from gullible New York people, has disappeared. The money was lost on Wall street.

CHARLES D. WALCOTT, of New York, has been appointed to succeed Maj. Powell as director of the United States geological survey.

At the session in Philadelphia of the general federation of women's clubs Mrs. Charles Henrotin, of Chicago, was elected president.

NEW YORK men have commenced action to secure possession of lands in Lyon county, Ia., valued at \$389,300.

INQUIRY into the affairs of the Northern Pacific railroad at New York shows that a transaction for over \$8,000,000 was not recorded on the books.

TEN business blocks at Red Jacket, Mich., were destroyed by fire.

CHARLES WHITTLE, aged 25, son of Maj. Whittle, the evangelist, was killed by a train at Wheaton, Ill. He was riding a bicycle between the rails and failed to see the train approaching.

JAMES EBERT MOORE, one of the best known financiers of the northwest, shot himself dead at his residence in St. Paul because of financial reverses.

JUDGE WORTHINGTON, in the principal circuit court at Peoria, Ill., granted twenty-seven decrees of divorce in one day.

THE percentages of the baseball clubs in the national league for the week ended on the 12th were: Cleveland, .755; Baltimore, .684; Pittsburgh, .667; Philadelphia, .632; Boston, .611; New York, .556; St. Louis, .471; Cincinnati, .467; Brooklyn, .389; Louisville, .318; Chicago, .267; Washington, .150.

TALMAGE'S Brooklyn tabernacle and the Hotel Regent were destroyed by fire and many other buildings were damaged. The total loss was put at \$1,000,000.

CHIEF JUSTICE RANNEY, of the Florida supreme court, has resigned.

SALT LAKE commonwealers stole a Union Pacific train, but were brought to a stop at Provo, U. T., where their leader was placed under arrest for delaying the mails.

AT Half Moon Bay, Cal., Joseph Cantano in a fit of jealousy gave strychnine to his wife and himself and both died.

TWENTY THOUSAND persons witnessed the launching of the torpedo boat Ericsson at Dubuque, Ia.

ORDERED by the authorities to abandon its camp in Washington, Coxey's army moved to Bladensburg, Md., 3 miles away.

In the midst of a sermon on the uncertainty of life in Emanuel Methodist church in Philadelphia Rev. J. W. Langley was stricken with paralysis.

A TANK of benzine exploded during a fire in Bradford, Pa., and at least thirty persons were burned by the flaming oil.

FORTY canary birds added to the interest of a sermon on "Spring," delivered by Pastor Dobbins, of the Lincoln Park Baptist church of Cincinnati.

NINE Coxeyites who captured the ferryboat at Zillah, Wash., were drowned in the Yakima river.

GEORGE ROSE, the murderer of Assistant Postmaster Kuhl at Cottonwood Falls, Kan., was taken from jail by a mob and hanged.

MRS. HARRIET PAXTON, Mrs. Ellen Hutchinson and Mrs. Mary A. Reeves enjoy the distinction of being the first women elected by a vote at the official polls in Ohio. Mrs. Reeves has the additional honor to be the first Ohio woman to vote. The election was for trustees of Miami township.

THE dam at Lima, Mont., broke and houses, barns, fences, haystacks and all kinds of stock were carried away.

MAJ. B. F. WORRELL, for seventeen years an employee in the treasury department in Washington, committed suicide by shooting himself on the steps of the treasury building because of his dismissal from service.

NAVAL veterans of the civil war decorated Farragut's grave in Woodlawn cemetery, New York.

WILLIAM HOGAN, leader of the Montana Coxeyites, was sent to prison for six months for stealing a Northern Pacific train, and the engineer and fireman who ran the train and the forty captains and lieutenants were given thirty days each in the county jail.

OVER 3,000 men employed at the national tube works in McKeesport, Pa., went on a strike for increased wages.

A MOTION to expel Congressman Breckinridge from the Union League club of Chicago was adopted by the board of managers without a dissenting vote.

J. S. DYGRAFF, a Keokuk (Ia.) insurance agent, killed his divorced wife because she refused to be reunited and then fatally shot himself.

A NEW gas well struck near Fostoria, O., shot a steady flame 150 feet into the air.

LUCIUS P. WILSON died in the electrocution chair at the penitentiary in Auburn, N. Y., for the murder of Detective Harvey on July 31, 1893, in Syracuse.

EDWARD and CHARLES MALLOY, aged 12 and 14 respectively, were killed by an Erie engine near Hancock, N. Y.

THE United States supreme court affirmed the decision of the lower court denying a writ of habeas corpus to John Y. McKane, now in Sing Sing prison for election frauds at Gravesend, N. Y.

AN army of 150 commonwealers, fifty of which were women, captured a train at Washington, Ia., and pulled out under the direction of Commander Bill Beamer.

NEAR Remsen, Ia., Annie Hansen was shot dead by Herman Peters, her uncle, who, after saying it was an accident, killed himself.

TWO HUNDRED Coxeyites drove a marshal's posse from a train at Montpelier, Vt., and started east. Troops were ordered to intercept them.

The village of Palmyra, Neb., was almost totally destroyed by fire.

RESOLUTIONS opposing Breckinridge's return to congress and calling on Senator Blackburn to aid to bring about his defeat were adopted by a mass meeting at Lexington, Ky.

A TRAIN on the Lehigh Valley road was wrecked near Owego, N. Y., by an insecure rail, and Willie Mahar, aged 5, was killed and thirteen other passengers injured.

DR. TALMAGE will not again assume charge of the Brooklyn tabernacle unless \$280,000 in cash is raised for a new building and site.

GOV. FLOWER, of New York, has signed the compulsory education bill.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

THE republicans of the Twenty-second Illinois district renominated George W. Smith, of Murphysboro, for congress.

FINIS E. DOWNING was selected as a candidate for congress by the democrats in the Sixteenth district of Illinois.

CONGRESSMAN ROBERT F. BRATTAN died at his home in Princess Anne, Md., after a long illness.

THE republicans of the Fifth district of Indiana nominated Jesse Overstreet, of Franklin, for congress.

MINNESOTA republicans will hold their state convention at St. Paul on July 11, and the republicans of Missouri will meet at Excelsior Springs on August 14.

THOMAS BURKE, who was 100 years old last Christmas, died at his home in Merritt, Mich.

PETER WAPSEY, an Indian residing near the village of Hartford, Mich., died at the age of 110 years.

JUDGE WESTCOTT WILKIN, aged 67, and for thirty years judge of the district court, died in St. Paul from the effects of a fall.

DON CAFFERY was reelected to the United States senate for the long term, beginning March 5, 1895, by the Louisiana legislature.

EX-GOV. A. C. HUNT, of Colorado, died of paralysis at his residence in Tennyson, near Washington, aged 65 years.

FOREIGN.

AN earthquake destroyed the cities of Erida and Merida and several villages in Venezuela and 10,000 lives were said to have been lost.

THE Kingston mill, a large cotton spinning company at Hull, Eng., failed for \$400,000.

EX-PRESIDENT CACERES was reelected president of Peru.

ELECTIONS in Hawaii for delegates to the constitutional convention were orderly. The complexion of the convention will be strongly conservative.

In a battle with Brazilian insurgents at Cayra the government forces were defeated with a loss of six officers and seventy-four men.

In his message to the Argentine congress President Saenz Pena put the cost of the last revolution at \$6,000,000 and declared that peace had been solidly established and that there would be no compromise with persons who attempted to disturb it.

THE loss to crops by last year's drought in England was placed at over \$100,000,000.

TWO young children of a poor Viennese widow resolved to relieve their mother of their care and jumped into the river and were drowned.

PRESIDENT PEIXOTO, of Brazil, has broken off diplomatic relations with Portugal because of the latter granting asylum to insurgent refugees.

SEVERE earthquakes occurred in the vicinity of Mioko and New Pomerania, N. S. W., and almost all of the houses of the missionaries and traders were destroyed.

LATER.

In the United States senate on the 15th Senator Allen (Neb.) called up his resolution to investigate the industrial condition of the country, but it went over for the day. A bill to place Danbar Ransom on the retired list of the army as captain was passed and the tariff measure was further considered.

In the house the naval appropriation bill was passed and the agricultural appropriation bill was discussed. The committee on pensions voted to report a bill increasing the rates of all pensioners of the Mexican war and Indian wars from \$5 to \$12 a month.

THE Ohio Grand Army of the Republic met in annual encampment at Canton.

AN incendiary fire that started in the baseball park in Boston burned over sixteen acres of territory, destroying the homes of 400 families and leaving nearly 4,000 persons homeless. The loss was placed at \$500,000.

SPENCER ATKINS, a farmer, was taken from his house near Birmingham, Ala., and murdered by white caps.

THREE desperadoes disguised as tramps tried to wreck and rob a St. Paul train near Minnesota City. They were captured after a hard fight.

E. S. BEACH, W. C. Truesdell, J. F. Browne and Franklin Whitall, Harvard college students, were drowned in Boston harbor, their sailboat capsizing.

TWO THOUSAND veterans participated in the parade at Rockford which opened the twenty-eighth annual encampment of the Illinois department G. A. R.

OZEM JACKSON and J. A. Trusty were killed and William Hurst fatally injured by the caving in of a tunnel on the Monon road at Owensburg, Ind.

NIM YOUNG (colored) was lynched in Ocala, Fla., for assaulting Lizzie Weems, a 16-year-old white girl.

MEMBERS of three Logansport (Ind.) families, twelve persons in all, were poisoned by eating cheese and three would probably die.

FATHER O'GRADY, the murderer of pretty Mary Gilmartin, was starving himself to death in the Cincinnati jail.

THE Simonds Stove Manufacturing company in New York went into a receiver's hands with liabilities of \$445,500.

CONGRESSIONAL nominations were made as follows: Pennsylvania, Twenty-second district, John Dalzell (rep.) renominated; Twenty-third, W. A. Stone (rep.) renominated. Iowa, Second district, W. L. Hayes (dem.) renominated. Ohio, Eighteenth district, J. S. Coxey (pop.) and leader of the commonweal.

RUIN IN BOSTON.

Hundreds of Buildings Destroyed by Fire.

Starting in the Baseball Grounds It Devastates a Big Area—Thousands Without Shelter—Several Hurt—Loss of Life Feared.

DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT \$500,000.

BOSTON, May 16.—A cigarette butt thrown into a pile of waste paper under the "bleachers," or twenty-five-cent seats, in the Boston baseball grounds Tuesday afternoon started a fire which destroyed more than 140 buildings occupying about sixteen acres of land in the crowded tenement house section of the south end. The money loss is \$500,000, and in all other respects the conflagration is the most terrible that Boston has seen since fifty acres were burned over in 1872, for more than 600 families are homeless, and they are the kind of families who seldom indulge in the luxury of fire insurance.

The injured are: Michael Welch, jumped 20 feet from a roof and was internally injured; John Rowley, overcome by smoke, died; William H. Ahern, jumped from a roof, ankle broken; William Gatecain, apoplexy; Lieut. Sawyer, engine company No. 23, struck by falling wall, may die; John T. Kane, internally injured; Amy Lapp, badly burned; James T. Fitzgerald, fireman, badly cut.

A peculiar odor pervades the burned district, and it is feared there has been loss of life, but up to midnight no bodies had been recovered.

The third inning of the game had been half finished and Baltimore was just going to the bat when the fire was discovered. Immediately there was a scattering of the 3,500 spectators, and while a few men ripped up seats and tried to stamp out the flames, the rest made a rush for the gates. A few buckets of water would at this stage have quenched the fire and prevented the disaster which followed, but there was no water within reach. The flames leaped fiercely up the scantlings and through the rows of seats, which were dry as tinder, owing to the absence of rain for a couple of weeks, and fanned by a strong southeast wind, they consumed fence and bleachers and presently the grand stand was fired and burned in a furious manner. Almost adjoining the baseball grounds was a populous section devoted to tenements and homes of the poorer class and many small stores of a similar character.

After burning all the buildings on Berlin street between Walpole and the end of Columbus avenue, three blocks, the fire swept west to the grand stand of the baseball grounds, leveled that to the ground, went south to a large apartment hotel on Walpole street and east toward Tremont street. The latter was occupied by brick and wooden buildings, a magnificent public schoolhouse standing on the corner of Walpole and Tremont streets. The brick buildings were as little able to withstand the fierce flames as the wooden buildings had proved to be, and soon sank to the ground.

East of Tremont street and parallel with it is Cabot street. The flames went on toward this, sweeping down every building before it, and then spread toward the south along Tremont street, licking up a number of magnificent new apartment hotels. The district burned out extends from Burke street on the north to Sarsfield street on the south, the New York, New Haven & Hartford tracks on the west to Warwick street on the east. All the buildings on the following entire streets are in ashes:

Burke, Coventry, Walpole, Sarsfield, all parallel; Berlin street, four blocks on each side of Tremont street, three blocks on each side of Cabot street, three blocks on the west side of Warwick street and two blocks on the north side of Newburn street. Besides the Hotel Walpole two apartment houses on Sterling street were burned, three on Western street, two on Hammond park, two on Windsor street and all of those on Yendall place.

This district was one of the most thickly populated in the city and most of the families are in very poor circumstances. At the best estimate there are 3,500 persons without homes and their household effects are in ashes.

The financial loss is hard to estimate, but will reach probably \$500,000. This small amount is accounted for by the fact that dozens of the wooden tenements were of little value. The baseball grand stand was valued at \$75,000; the insurance is \$40,000. The Walpole schoolhouse was valued at \$30,000; insured. The Hotel Walpole and most of the brick apartment houses burned were insured and were worth from \$8,000 to \$30,000 each.

A special meeting of the board of aldermen was held Tuesday evening to make provision for the care of the people made homeless by the fire. The several armories were thrown open and several halls in Roxbury were hired to accommodate many more. Besides this the people in the vicinity whose homes had been saved threw wide open their doors and all were cared for.

The trustees of the Johnstown flood fund, at the request of the board of aldermen, voted to apply the unexpended balance on hand, amounting to several thousand dollars to the relief of the homeless and destitute. During the fire three fire engines were abandoned and ruined.

Farmers' Congress.

CHICAGO, May 16.—The executive committee of the farmers' national congress met at the Palmer house to arrange the programme for the annual convention of the congress, which will be held at Parkersburg, W. Va., in November. The congress is a delegated body composed of one member from each congressional district in the country, appointed by the various governors of the states, and of the presidents of the state agricultural societies and agricultural colleges. The committee selected a list of persons to read papers and deliver addresses before the congress.

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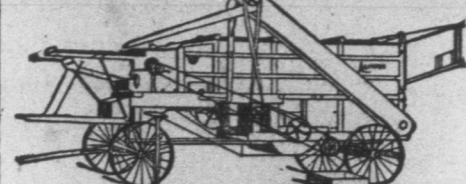
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