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The News Condensed.

Important Intelligence From All Parts.

CONGRESSIONAL Regular Session.

ON the 16th tariff discussion occupied the time of the senate. A resolution for an investigation of the charge that bribery had been attempted to defeat the tariff bill was offered.... In the house the joint resolution authorizing an investigation of the industrial depression was reported from the committee on labor. A bill was introduced for the election of a national memorial home for aged colored people in Washington. The agricultural appropriation bill was considered.

In the senate a resolution for an investigation of the charge that bribery had been attempted to defeat the tariff bill was adopted on the 17th and a bill providing for the admission of Utah as a state was reported.... In the house the agricultural bill was passed.

On the 18th a resolution calling upon the attorney general for information as to the existence of a sugar trust in violation of the law was adopted in the senate. The tariff bill was considered.... In the house the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill was discussed. At the evening session private bills were considered. Adjourned to the 21st.

On the 19th a bill was introduced in the senate to authorize several American citizens to accept decorations and testimonials from the Hawaiian government. Several bills of minor importance were passed.... The house was not in session.

The debate on the tariff bill occupied the time of the senate on the 21st. An amendment to put iron ore on the free list was defeated.... In the house in committee of the whole an amendment to the legislative appropriation bill declaring the statute authorizing the sergeant-at-arms to "dock" members for absence to have been repealed was carried.

DOMESTIC.

TENNESSEE bankers in convention at Memphis passed resolutions opposing the repeal of the state bank tax law.

A STORM of wind and rain swept over portions of Minnesota and Wisconsin and several million dollars' worth of property was destroyed, all the railroads running through that section were blocked and four persons lost their lives.

CHARLES SAMMULLER, aged 50, killed his mother, aged 90, in New York and then took his own life. Poverty was the cause.

LOA PROHIBITIONISTS have organized for a three years' fight for a temperance amendment to the state constitution.

GAUDIUS broke his own 8-mile world's fair record of 19:06 at the professional regatta at Austin, Tex., beating Petersen in 19:04.

In Chicago Election Commissioners Keenan, Hutchings and Schomer were fined \$1,000 each for contempt by Judge Chetlain for refusing to turn over ballots to the grand jury.

DR. SAMUEL A. MUTHMORE, of Philadelphia, was chosen moderator of the Presbyterian general assembly in session at Saratoga, N. Y.

H. H. McDOWELL, of Pontiac, was elected department commander of the Illinois G. A. R., and Mrs. M. R. M. Wallace, of Chicago, was elected president of the Woman's Relief Corps.

BANKERS, brokers and investors report no improvement in the general business situation and are correspondingly depressed.

WHEAT touched 53 1/2 cents, the lowest price ever known in Chicago.

A FIRE which started in the United States appraiser's office in Boston caused a loss to the government of \$150,000 and other losses amounted to \$30,000.

The conference of coal miners and operators came to an end at Cleveland, nothing having been accomplished toward settling the strike.

OWING to the coal famine the Grand Trunk railroad refuses to accept lake and rail shipments of grain from Chicago.

NORWEGIANS in Chicago celebrated the eightieth anniversary of Norway's independence.

HAILESTONES 3 inches in diameter fell at Decatur, Ill., and much damage was done to windows and vegetation.

A CYCLONE passed one-fourth of a mile west of Kunice, O., doing great damage to property and killing Daniel Barrett and his wife and their two granddaughters, Myrtle and Martha Caso, and George Oxinger. Charles Cole and his wife were fatally injured.

OVER 13,000 sheep perished in a snow and windstorm on the Sierra Nevada ranges.

DURING a terrific gale on Lake Michigan the beach from Glencoe to South Chicago was strewn with wreckage. Eight vessels came to grief and at least ten lives were sacrificed. The financial loss was estimated at \$100,000. The scene off the lake front was unparalleled in Chicago's history. During the storm the old cottonwood tree in Chicago, marking the Fort Dearborn massacre of 1812 was blown down.

THERE were 220 business failures in the United States in the seven days ended on the 18th, against 206 the week previous and 247 in the corresponding time in 1893.

PLANS have been formulated whereby the Pacific railroads may liquidate their debt to the government in fifty years.

JOHN APFLIN, a farmer in Wood county, O., was swindled out of \$4,000 by two confidence men who engaged him in cards.

FIVE men and a woman were drowned by the wrecking of the schooner M. J. Cummings at Milwaukee.

The anniversary of the establishment of the first post office in America was celebrated at Breeze cottage, Garden City, L. I.

MRS. MATILDA A. PETERSON, of Chicago has petitioned congress to appropriate \$5,000,000 to purchase lands on which to settle unemployed thousands.

The exchanges at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the week ended on the 18th aggregated \$887,677,578, against \$903,225,542 the previous week. The decrease, compared with the corresponding week in 1893 was 27.6.

An agent for the Missouri Pacific bought the Kansas City & Beatties railroad at auction for \$100,000.

DURING a storm in New Jersey fourteen houses were struck by lightning in Bridgeton, three in Cedarville, four at Newport, two at Dutch Neck, seven at Vineland and several in Millville.

WILLIAM MCKEILL was hanged at Mobile, Ala., for the murder of his wife, whom he found to be unfaithful to him.

BOOKKEEPER J. J. KEAN, of the Harlem river bank in New York, was charged with stealing \$19,000 of the bank's funds.

FRANK GOODALE, a well-known jockey, was thrown from Judge Payne at Louisville and trampled to death by the horses following him.

ALL the employees of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad have been requested by the company to submit to a vote.

VIOLENT storms of wind and snow swept over Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, Iowa and Indiana, doing vast damage to crops and buildings and causing some deaths.

The National Editorial association will meet in tenth annual convention at Asbury Park, N. J., July 2 to 26.

APPLICATION was made in Philadelphia for a receiver for the order of Tonti. The liabilities were said to reach into the millions.

EXPERIMENTS in Washington with a new brand of smokeless powder discovered by a Virginian proved it superior to any yet tested.

JUDGE BOOKWALTER, of Danville, dismissed the suit attacking the senatorial apportionment of Illinois, and the case will be taken to the supreme court.

The percentages of the baseball clubs in the national league for the week ended on the 19th were: Cleveland, .810; Baltimore, .696; Philadelphia, .680; Pittsburgh, .667; Boston, .565; New York, .478; Brooklyn, .478; Cincinnati, .474; St. Louis, .409; Louisville, .316; Chicago, .300; Washington, 120.

STRIKING miners called Walter Glover, a nonstriker, to his door near Birmingham, Ala., and riddled him with bullets.

The Conemaugh river at Johnstown, Pa., overflowed its banks and the streets were covered with water to the depth of 2 feet.

AT Cambridge, Mass., James Wilson, 40 years old, murdered his wife by cutting her throat and then fatally wounded himself.

The latest estimate of the loss of life off the harbor of Chicago during the recent storm was twenty-eight.

HEAVY rains caused disastrous floods throughout Pennsylvania. At Williamsport the boom which contained \$1,000,000 worth of lumber gave way.

GREAT damage was done by frosts to growing crops over an extensive range of territory. The effect of the cold wave was felt from the northern line of Dakota to the gulf, and it also went well toward the Atlantic, especially in the southern states.

SEVEN men were killed and a number injured in a collision between Chesapeake & Ohio trains in Standing Rock tunnel near Princeton, Ky.

WHILE attempting to rescue the crew of the waterlogged schooner William Shoupe four sailors were drowned near Port Huron, Mich.

EX-GENERAL MASTER WORKMAN T. V. POWDERLY, A. W. Wright and P. H. Quinn were expelled from the Knights of Labor on a charge of plotting the order's destruction.

A FIRE in Annui province in China destroyed 2,500 houses.

THE WORST wind and rainstorm known in fifty years prevailed at Toronto, Ont., and considerable damage was done.

THE MANCHESTER ship canal was formally declared open to the commerce of the world by Queen Victoria.

RIVERS FAILING.

Floods in Pennsylvania Are Subsiding—Estimate of the Loss.

PHILADELPHIA, May 23.—Reports from Williamsport and the territory north of there indicate that the water is falling as rapidly as it rose. It has ceased raining and the danger may now be regarded as past. The Western Union telegraph operators are back in their office, and communication with the outside world has been resumed. At Renova, Lock Haven, Bellefonte, Clearfield and Driftwood the water has receded, and the work of clearing away the debris has been started.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 23.—Another life was lost here Monday night by the flood. John Schultz, who was engaged in pumping leaking barges, fell into the river and was drowned. It is raining here again, but the rivers are still falling and no more trouble is apprehended.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., May 23.—As near as can be estimated the loss by the flood in the Conemaugh valley will be about \$125,000. A statement of individual losses is as follows: Pennsylvania railroad, \$50,000; Eleventh ward, \$6,000; Swank's pottery, \$3,000; Gautier and Cambria works, \$10,000; Johns town individual owners, \$16,000; Penn traffic store, \$10,000; damage to city bridges and walls, \$10,000; John McCoughney, \$6,000. Other losses will reach \$8,000.

WANT IT ABOLISHED.

The House Takes Steps to Do Away with the Civil Service Commission.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The question of civil service reform was given full sway in the house Tuesday, the occasion being the amendment to strike out the paragraph in the legislative appropriation bill providing for the civil service commission. It gave opportunity for some stirring and not a few amusing speeches.

Mr. Pendleton (dem., W. Va.) claimed that the civil service commission was established for the purpose of keeping republicans in office, while the republicans defended the present administration of the civil service laws.

Several democrats opposed the amendment virtually abolishing the commission, but it was adopted by nearly a strict party vote.

AMONG the democrats who voted with the republicans in favor of the civil service commission were Wilson, Tracey, Hendrix, Dockery, Warner, Springer, Sayers, Crain, Martin, Kilgore, Livingston, DeForest, Everett.

The vote on division was 96 to 61. There were cries of no quorum and demands for tellers were made, the vote by tellers being 109 to 71.

MET A JUST FATE.

Infuriated Georgians Take a Brute from Jail and Lynch Him.

ARLINGTON, Ga., May 23.—Last Friday evening the 14-year-old daughter of Washington Smith, living near here was assaulted and outraged by a negro, while returning from school.

The negro met with desperate resistance and after firing his pistol over her head several times plunged a knife into her side. At this moment Mr. Smith came up on horseback and the negro fired three bullets into his body and fled.

Neighbors found the father and daughter insensible on the road and took them home. Mr. Smith died Sunday morning and the daughter is not expected to live. Sheriff Wilkins captured the negro Sunday afternoon and he placed him under a strong guard in the Miller county jail. At 3 o'clock Monday morning an armed band of seventy-five men stormed the jail and took the negro to an oak tree in the public square. They hung him to the tree, and fired fully 300 bullets into his body.

INCREASED THE DUTY.

Action of the Senate on the Iron Schedule of the Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The senate disposed of seven paragraphs of the metal schedule Tuesday after eight hours of debate. The rates fixed were as follows:

Iron ore, 40 cents per ton; pig iron, scrap iron, etc., \$4 per ton; round iron in coils, 8-10 cents per pound; slabs, blooms, less finish than bars, 3 cents per pound; charcoal blooms, \$12 per ton; beams, girders and other structural iron or steel, 6-10 cents per pound; boiler iron, from 5-10 to 25 per cent ad valorem; forgings of iron or steel, 1/4 cents; hoop or band iron or steel (cotton ties), 30 per cent ad valorem.

These rates were embodied in an amendment introduced by Senator Jones, and are practically a substitution of the clause in the McKinley bill. When the vote was taken, however, seven democrats and two populists refused to support the Jones substitute—namely: Allen, Berry, Blackburn, Jarvis, Kyle, Mills, Pasco, Lindsay and Peffer.

ALL WERE SLAIN.

Three Men Kill One Another in a Row at Dorseyville, La.

PLAQUEMINES, La., May 23.—At Dorseyville, 14 miles below this town, on the Texas & Pacific railroad, an Italian and a negro got into an altercation in front of the store of Adolph Block and Jules Lebe, who are brothers-in-law. The negro took offense at something that was said to him by the young men and started off to get his gun, they doing the same. In ten minutes the trio met, armed, and the shooting began.

When the smoke cleared away it was found all three had been killed almost instantly.

Was Dead Before the Knife Fell.

PARIS, May 23.—Dr. Bernoit, one of the faculty of the Ecole de Medicine, after a thorough examination of the body of Emile Henry, the anarchist who was beheaded yesterday morning, expresses his opinion that Henry was already dead when the knife fell.

Bernoit believes that the anarchist died from syncope, due to intense excitement before the knife was released.

Isaac Pitman Honored.

MONROVIA, May 23.—The queen has knighted Isaac Pitman, the inventor of the Pitman system of phonetic shorthand.

The WOMAN QUESTION—“Now isn't it a pretty time of night for you to get home?”

—Texas Siftings.

Most remedies for prejudice seem to be fatal.—Galveston News.

A RARE cupboard will furnish food for thought.—Puck.

A MAN WITH A HISTORY.

The Terrible Experience That Befell John W. Thomas, of Theta, Tennessee.

Afflicted with a Peculiar Disease—His Body Covered with Lumps—Could Not Eat and Thought He Was Going to Dry Up—His Recovery the Marvel of Tennessee.

[From the Nashville, Tenn., Banner.]

Mr. John W. Thomas, Jr., of Theta, Tenn., is a man with a most interesting history. At present he is interested in blooded horses for which Maury County is famous.

“Few people, I take it,” said Mr. Thomas to a reporter who had asked him for the story of his life, “have passed through as remarkable a chain of events as I have and remained alive to tell the story.”

“It was along in 1884, when I was working in the silver mines of New Mexico, that my troubles began; at first I suffered with indigestion, and so acute did the pains become that I went to California for my health, but the trip did me little good, and fully impressed with the idea that my last day had nearly dawned upon me, I hurried back here to my old home to die.

“From simple indigestion my malady developed into a chronic inability to take any substantial food. I was barely able to sleep about, and at times I was prostrated by spells of heart palpitation. This condition continued until one year ago.

“On the 11th of April, 1885, I suddenly collapsed, and for days I was unconscious, in fact I was not fully myself until July. My condition on September 1st, was simply horrible, I weighed but seventy pounds, whereas my normal weight is 185 pounds. All over my body there were lumps from the size of a grape to the size of a walnut, my fingers were cramped so that I could not more than half straighten them. I had entirely lost control of my lower limbs and my hand trembled so that I could not drink without spilling the liquid. Nothing would remain on my stomach, and it seemed that I must dry up before many more days had passed.

“I made another round of the physicians, calling in one after the other, and by the aid of morphine and other medicines they gave me. I managed to live through barely through the fall.”

Here Mr. Thomas displayed his arms, and just above the elbow of each there was a large irregular stain as large as the palm of the hand and of a purple color, the space covered by the mark was sunken nearly to the bone. “That,” said Mr. Thomas, “is what the doctors did by putting morphine into me.”

“On the 11th of December, 1883, just eight months after I took permanently to bed—I shall never forget the date—my cousin, Joe Foster, of Carter's Creek, called on me and gave me a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, saying they had cured him of partial paralysis, with which I knew he had all but died. I followed his directions and began taking the medicine, as a result I stand before you to-day the most surprised man on earth. Look at my hand, it is as steady as yours; my face has a healthy look about it; I have been attending to my duties for a month. Since I began taking the pills I have gained 30 pounds, and I am still gaining. All the knots have disappeared from my body except this little kernel here in my palm. I have a good appetite and I am almost as strong as I ever was.”

“Yesterday I rode thirty-seven miles on horseback, I feel tired to-day but not sick. I have had from two to four spells of heart palpitation every night, since I began the use of the pills I have had but four spells altogether.”

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