

The People's Pilot

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The News Condensed.

Important Intelligence From All Parts.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Proceedings of the Second Session. In the senate on the 12th an unsuccessful attempt to secure consideration of the bill to strike out the differential duty on sugar and the resolution to the amendment of the rules was also defeated. A bill was introduced providing for the abolition of the death penalty in the army and navy except in cases of murder, rape, desertion to the enemy in time of war and aggravated mutiny. Bills were passed granting pensions of \$100 per month to Mary Palmer Banks, Mrs. Katharine Todd Crittenden and Maj. Gen. A. McClelland. In the house consideration of the urgency deficiency bill was begun and a motion to strike out the appropriation for the collection of the income tax was defeated.

A BILL was introduced in the senate on the 13th, directing the secretary of the treasury to refund to the Citizens' bank of Louisiana money taken by union soldiers during the war. The bill for the establishment of a university of the United States at Washington was discussed. In the house the urgency deficiency, appropriations and military academy appropriation bills were passed and the pension bill (\$41,381,570) was discussed. The post office appropriation bill (\$89,442,897) was reported.

The senate was not in session on the 14th. In the house the pension appropriation bill was passed. The evening session was devoted to the consideration of private pension bills and the house adjourned over until the 17th.

In the senate on the 17th Senator Hawley (Conn.) introduced a bill for the reorganization and increase of the army. Petitions praying for the passage of a land grant forfeiture bill were presented and the Nicaragua canal bill was discussed. In the house the army appropriation bill, the bill to protect forest reservations and fifteen pension bills were passed. The Carlisle banking bill was reported and a bill appropriating \$60,000 for a statue of Gen. Grant on the east front of the capitol alongside the statue of Washington was introduced.

DOMESTIC.

Mrs. IDA NELSON drowned her two children and herself at Omaha, Neb.

The appellate court of Illinois decided that any manufactory that menaces the health of the community is a nuisance.

The Meadowcraft brothers were found guilty of illegal banking in Chicago and sentenced each to one year in the penitentiary.

PHILIP CROW, a Kansas City bartender, killed his wife and then committed suicide.

FRANK A. MCKEAN, cashier of the Indian Head national bank at Nashua, N. H., was missing, and was supposed to be a defaulter to the amount of at least \$30,000.

The National Civil Service Reform league in session in Chicago reelected Carl Schurz as president.

A FIRE at Evergreen, Ala., destroyed twelve stores, post office, hotel and livery stable, the loss being \$100,000.

A LONE highwayman held up the stage 8 miles from Fort Thomas, A. T., and secured the mail-pouch, supposed to contain a large sum.

EDDY LEONET, of Buffalo, N. Y., reduced Johnson's straightaway mile road bicycle record to 1:35 and the unpaced mile to 1:52%.

A NEGRO who murdered a boy near Williamston, S. C., was taken from the custody of an officer and lynched by a mob.

CHICAGO detectives working in Michigan claimed to have unearthed a scheme whereby graves were robbed and coffins sold again.

THE Kearney (Neb.) national bank closed its doors with liabilities of about \$125,000.

The winter race meeting which opened at Birmingham, Ala., ten days ago has collapsed on account of a lack of patronage.

The officers of various rival companies formed a combination at Toledo, O., to fight the Standard Oil trust.

MR. AND MRS. BARRY, living on a farm near Adelia, N. J., were tarred and feathered by masked men.

UNITED STATES troops were patrolling the Fort Meade military reservation in South Dakota to prevent further depredations by timber thieves.

GIDEON W. LATIMER, JR., of Lynn, Mass., was shot and fatally wounded by Maud Brewer for transferring his affection to another woman.

TWO-THIRDS of the business portion of Gallop, N. M., was burned.

MARTIN ROBB of Fayette, Mo., suspected of illicit relations with his niece, was whipped and driven from town by white caps.

A GRAND jury indicted thirty-six prominent men of Murray county, Ga., for white capping.

EXCHANGES at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the week ended on the 14th aggregated \$1,019,089,669, against \$1,163,208,848, the previous week. The increase, compared with the corresponding week in 1893, was 12.6.

ALEC WILLIAMS, a negro, was hanged at Elberton, Ga., for the murder of New Hampton last July.

JOSEPH TRUSKEY was hanged at Sandwich, Ont., for the murder of William Lindsay on May 3 last.

JUDGE Woods, in Chicago, sentenced Eugene V. Debs, the leader of the American Railway union strike, to six months, and G. W. Howard, S. Kellher, L. W. Rogers, M. J. Elliott, James Hogan and William Burns to three months in the county jail for violating an injunction.

THE trial of white caps in Atlanta, Ga., developed the fact that a far-reaching ku-klux organization exists in the state.

There were 349 business failures in the United States in the seven days ended on the 14th, against 385 the week previous and 339 in the corresponding time in 1893.

The courthouse at Lewiston, Ill., together with judgment records extending back ten years, was totally destroyed by fire.

JAMES VIVIAN, a resident of South Fork, Pa., fatally wounded his wife and sister-in-law, Miss L. Draden, and then cut his own throat, dying instantaneously.

DANIEL M. ROBERTSON was hanged at New Bedford, Mass., for murdering his wife on September 9, 1893.

JOE WHITE, chief of the Naveo tribe of Chippewa Indians, was fatally shot by game wardens at Rice Lake, Wis.

The office of the Denver Times was destroyed by fire, the loss being \$50,000.

REV. R. M. DILLON, a Presbyterian preacher of Greencastle, Ind., resigned because his congregation gave a fair in an opera house.

THE TREASURY department statistics show that England suffered heavy losses in United States trade during the last ten years.

THREE white men were shot and fatally wounded by negroes at Cabanis, Ga., in a riot.

CASIMIR HERNER, a Polander, aged 48, pounded his wife to death at Manistee, Mich., and then committed suicide. No cause was known.

UNITED STATES officers arrested members of a gang of counterfeiters in Oklahoma and captured much spurious coin.

TWO GOLD leads of fabulous richness were struck by drillers at Iowa Gulch, southwest of Lillian, Col.

THE leaders of a Tennessee mob which lynched six negroes last August were acquitted of the charge by a jury at Memphis.

KID LAVIGNE, of Saginaw, Mich., knocked out Andy Bowen in eighteen rounds before the Auditorium club of New Orleans. It was thought Bowen would die from the pounding he received.

GENERAL rains fell throughout Nebraska, the first time since July 3.

ANDY BOWEN died from the injuries he received in the fight with George Lavigne in New Orleans.

MRS. WINSLOW SHEARMAN and her daughter, Mrs. Clinton Davis, were murdered near Jamestown, N. Y., by unknown persons while Mr. Shearman was attending the funeral of his son and daughter-in-law, who were killed by a train.

THE Easterly Harvesting company at Minneapolis made an assignment with liabilities of \$339,742; claimed assets \$355,018.

THE house committee decided, by a vote of 9 to 8, to favorably report Secretary Carlisle's plan for currency reform.

THE failure of the Union Building and Savings company of Des Moines caught Burlington (Ia.) people for about \$200,000.

M. DE VILERS, special envoy of France, was reported to have declared war against Madagascar.

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JOHN and Gene Kennedy were hanged at Jasper, Tenn., for murdering James Lowrie, a railway agent at Shellmound, in October, 1893.

WILLIAM STRAUSBAUGH, a maker of spurious coin, and two confederates were captured by federal officers at Tiffin, O.

AT Gardiner, Me., a house occupied by Mrs. McReady and two children was burned, all three of the inmates perishing in the flames.

FOUR vessels were wrecked during a gale on the Pacific coast and over fifty sailors were drowned.

"SMILEY" JORDAN, a colored farmhand, was caught in the act of robbing a newly made grave at Mount Hope, Ky., and shot dead.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

NATHAN BARNES GREELEY, the last surviving brother of Horace Greeley, died at the old Greeley homestead in the town of Wayne, Erie county, Pa., aged 82 years.

GAUL, one of the noted Sioux chiefs, died at the Standing Rock agency in South Dakota. He was next to Sitting Bull in rank as a chief.

MISS MARY STEWART SHERMAN, the only daughter of the Ohio senator, was married in Washington to James I. MacCallum.

LEWIS T. IVES, the well-known portrait painter, died at his home in Detroit, Mich., aged 61 years.

DR. JOHN LORD, historian and lecturer, died at his home in Stamford, Conn.

JAMES GILFILLAN, chief justice of the supreme court of Minnesota since 1869, died at St. Paul, aged 65 years.

JOSEPH L. SHIPLEY, for twenty years editor and principal owner of the Springfield (Mass.) Union, died suddenly of heart disease.

MILLER JEFFERSON (colored) died at the home of her great-grandson in New York, aged 109 years 8 months and 16 days.

FOREIGN.

THE island of Anbrym, New Hebrides, was destroyed by volcanic action and all the inhabitants of a native village were swept into the sea.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S ministry resigned owing to the financial crisis.

SIR JOHN THOMPSON, the premier of Canada, died suddenly at Windsor castle, England, where he had been sworn in as a member of the privy council.

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LATER.

MESSRS. HILL and Turpie addressed the United States senate on the 18th, the former in advocacy of cloture, the latter in opposition to the Nicaragua canal bill. A resolution looking to union with Canada was introduced by Senator Gallinger. In the house debate on the Carlisle banking bill was begun, Mr. Springer speaking in favor and Mr. Walker in opposition to the measure. Mr. Bland announced a substitute for the Carlisle currency bill which provides for the free coinage of silver.

IT was announced that the defalcation of Cashier McLean, of the Indian Head national bank of Nashua, N. H., would reach \$100,000.

Two MASKED men held up Smyth Taylor at Greenville, Tenn., and robbed him of \$3,000 which he had just drawn from a bank.

AT Dubuque, Ia., ex-Pension Agent Van Leuven pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defraud the government and was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

THREE men who pretended to be selling washing compound rights secured \$25,000 from residents of Bronson, Kan.

DAVID ORWIG and Miss Ollie Wilhelm, of Findlay, O., resolved to quit this world together, and did so by taking morphine.

AN automatic telegraphic transmitter has been invented which, it is said, will send 200 words a minute over the wire.

AN unsuccessful attempt was made near Upper Sandusky, O., to wreck the Pennsylvania's New York and Chicago limited.

THE dead bodies of the two Schultz children, who wandered from their home near Waupun, Wis., were found in a bog.

THOMAS A. CORBETT has vetoed the plan to build the Corbett and Fitzsimmons fight before the kinetoscope in Mexico.

SAMUEL COHN & BRO., New York dealers, failed for \$400,000.

AMBROSE DAUGHERTY and George Huffman fought for precedence in crossing a bridge near Eldon, Ia., and both were fatally wounded.

JOHN CRONIN was hanged on an automatic gallows at Hartford, Conn., for the murder of Albert Skinner on October 6, 1893. The apparatus worked successfully.

TWENTY indictments of men charged with repeating in the recent election were handed down by the grand jury at St. Louis.

EIGHT eloping Kentucky couples crossed the Ohio river to Jeffersonville, Ind., and were married.

A FIRE at Huron, O., destroyed the Reporter printing establishment.

SAMUEL C. SEELEY pleaded guilty to robbing the New York Shoe and Leather bank of \$354,000 and was remanded for sentence.

THE Citizens' stock bank of Slater, Mo., made an assignment with liabilities of \$500,000 and assets of \$250,000. The failure caused the Slater savings bank also to close its doors.

SPAIN was notified by Secretary Gresham that Cuban discrimination against American goods must be discontinued, on pain of retaliation.

SIX MONTHS FOR DEBS.

The A. R. U. Leader Receives a Jail Sentence.

Judge Woods Decides Him Guilty of Contempt of Court—His Seven Companions Receive Terms of Three Months Each.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Judge Woods Friday sentenced Eugene V. Debs, the leader of the American Railway union strike, to six months in the county jail, as a punishment for violating the injunction issued by himself and Judge Grosscup July 2 last. To the rest of the men with the exception of McVean he gave three months. In the case of McVean his sentence is suspended. Sentence is not cumulative, covering the cases of the government and the Santa Fe railroad against the men. The same sentence is imposed in each case, but both sentences begin December 24. The defendants are: E. V. Debs, president; G. W. Howard, vice president; Sylvester Kellher, secretary; L. W. Rogers, M. J. Elliott, James Hogan, William Burns, J. D. McVean, Leroy M. Goodwin. The sentence is generally considered a light one. The case will be appealed.

All of the defendants were in court with the exception of Leroy M. Goodwin, whose whereabouts are not known, and who could not therefore be notified. The contempt for which the defendants were arraigned was a violation of an injunction issued by Judges Woods and Grosscup, which forbade all men to interfere with trains in any manner whatsoever. It was claimed by the United States district attorney that Debs and the other officers and directors of the American Railway union repeatedly violated this order of the court by issuing directions to their lieutenants all over the country to call out the men and advising the crippling of the complete railroad system of the United States if possible. The defense made was that Debs and his assistants had a right to order strikes and to continue to conduct their side of the fight against the railroads. Judges Woods and Grosscup were both on the bench.

The judge skipped the preliminary discussion of the evidence and proceeded to go at once to the heart of the matter. The question of whether or not the court had jurisdiction was first discussed, and this question, after citing various authorities, the judge decided in the affirmative. The defense between a nuisance and a pestiferous, which latter is a particular form of public nuisance, was taken up. He defended the issuance of the injunction on the ground that eminent authorities had decided that the courts had a right to intervene where irreparable damage might result before the tardiness of the law could remedy matters. Judge Woods refused to decide whether he had jurisdiction under the interstate commerce act, and took up the Sherman anti-trust law, under which the action against Debs was chiefly based. One of the sections of this law makes it an offense to restrain commerce in any way. The judge decided that United States courts had full jurisdiction under this act to punish all such offenders as the directors of the American Railway union, making