

FLOODS IN THE EAST.

MUCH PROPERTY DESTROYED AND LIVES LOST.

Death List in New England Reaches Six and May Be Increased—Heavy Rain Followed by a Blizzard—Damage in New York State.

Boston, Mass., March 3.—The freshet throughout New England has done damage beyond estimate. The rain has fallen steadily for seventy-two hours, and Monday night a howling blizzard set in. Railroad travel in all directions is suspended, Portland being the farthest point reached to the eastward. Lowell to the north and Providence to the south and west.

All railroads have been heavily suffered, and in nearly all mill towns the factories have been forced to shut down, rendering idle fully 500,000 operatives. The property losses thus far reported will aggregate \$10,000,000, and this is believed to represent less than half the damage wrought, for all places in the extreme north and east of the states are cut off from communication both by train and wire. The loss of life foots up, but it may be much larger.

Not a spindle or a loom of the hundreds of thousands in Manchester were in motion Monday and the 17,000 operatives darkened the river banks and the streets, watching the awful grandeur of the mighty flow of water. The Merrimac is ten feet above the dam at Amoskeag falls.

The carrying away of the dam at Kelly's Falls and the demolition of the electric light station has entailed a loss aggregating \$50,000 upon the electric company. Seven men were swept away, but all escaped with their lives. The big Amoskeag bridge was swept away at noon, carrying with it two smaller bridges.

At Brunswick, Me., fifty houses have been swept down the Androscoggin, and the big suspension bridge carried away. Charles Waggs, owner of Cabot cotton mill, and two French employees, attempted to strengthen the head rack of the mill when the structure was suddenly torn from under them, and they were swept to their death.

Cold Weather Checks the Flood. Albany, N. Y., March 3.—Freezing weather Sunday night checked the rising of the streams hereabouts and there has been a material subsidence of the flood. This was the earliest breaking up of the Hudson in 125 years, and was attended in this vicinity with much damage, narrow escapes and the loss of one life. A family of five were rescued from beds floating in the rooms. A 9-year-old boy was swept into the river at Lansingburg and drowned.

Ice Covers Railroad Tracks. Poughkeepsie, N. Y., March 3.—A great ice gorg has been forced on the New York Central & Hudson railroad tracks between Hudson and Albany, and no trains are running on the Hudson river division between these points. The road is covered with ice in some places ten feet high, and the tracks and telegraph poles for a distance of 700 feet have been washed out.

Illinois River Rising. Lacon, Ill., Special: The Illinois river is on the rise, and great fears are entertained that much damage will be done. The river is now thirteen feet above low water mark. All low land is inundated.

Large Grain Elevator Burned. Minneapolis, Minn., March 3.—Elevator A 2, owned by the Minneapolis Terminal Elevator company, operated by G. W. Vandusen & Co., burned Monday. The fire caught in the stair tower in some unknown manner and quickly spread through the building. There were 1,075,000 bushels of wheat in the building, mostly No. 1 northern, worth about \$600,000. The sprouts were opened and a great quantity ran out on the ground. The building cost \$250,000, making the loss in the neighborhood of \$750,000.

FOR PACIFIC ROADS. Mr. Morrison Outlines a Proposition to the House Committee.

Washington, March 3.—The house committee on Pacific railroads gave a hearing Monday to L. J. Morrison of New York, the attorney for holders of about \$5,000,000 of Union Pacific first-mortgage bonds. The plan he outlines proposes to provide funds for the satisfaction of the first and second mortgages by issues of bonds based on the present rates of earnings of the roads, for which the junior interest would be compelled to subscribe. Three commissioners would be appointed by the president, who would obtain decrees of foreclosure on the Central and Union Pacific and purchase the roads in trust for a company or companies, to consist of the present creditors and stockholders, who subscribe to the plan and issue new mortgage bonds bearing a lower rate of interest than their prior liens and based on the earnings of the companies, the new issues to include the amounts of the first-mortgage bonds and the sum secured by the government liens.

Mr. Morrison thought he could guarantee that responsible parties would agree to carry out this plan, which would require \$167,000,000 of bonds. He also declared that the hand of the Vanderbilts was to be seen in the present proceedings.

Armenian Families Massacred. Constantinople, March 3.—The massacre of thirteen Armenian families is reported from the district of Moosh, and five Armenians are said to have been killed at Kircheh, in the Angora district.

AFTER VALUABLE LAND.

Extensive Litigation Proceedings Begun in Minnesota United States Courts. St. Paul, Minn., March 3.—United States District Attorney E. C. Stringer has brought about a dozen suits within the last few days in one of the largest litigations which has ever been carried on in the northwest. About 1,000 defendants, all residing in this state, and about 200,000 acres of the most valuable land in Minnesota are involved. The lands are valued at \$4,000,000, and the entire town of Litchfield is involved.

The defendants most concerned are the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railway company, now part of the Great Northern system; the St. Paul & Northern Pacific, now leased by the Northern Pacific company; the St. Paul & Sioux City, now operated under the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha division of the Chicago & Northwestern railway company, the Winona & St. Peter railroad company and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad company as the successor to the Southern Minnesota railroad company.

The actions are based on the certification, which, it is claimed, was erroneously made on lands involved by a ministerial department of the United States to the state of Minnesota and by its officers to the companies mentioned.

No Revision Required.

Ottawa, Ont., March 3.—From an official document which has been laid before parliament, it is evident the Canadian authorities are resisting the pressure from the United States government for a revision of the Behring Sea regulations on the ground that the obvious intention of the reprisal is to destroy the Canadian industry of pelagic sealing. Hon. Mr. Costigan, minister of marine and fisheries, shows from statistics that in spite of harassing regulations the sealing industry is not decreasing in importance. The Canadian yield for 1895 was 13,000 skins more than the average for the past seven years. The report concludes that as the seals are not becoming extinct the need for a revision of the regulations does not exist.

For a New Steamship Line.

Ottawa, Ont., March 3.—The government has announced that tenders will be called for at an early date from persons or firms willing to undertake the running of a line of not less than four steamships between the St. Lawrence and a British port, Halifax being the Canadian terminus in winter. The vessels are required to make twenty-one knots in a six-hour trial trip and be capable of ordinary ocean steaming at a rate of twenty knots an hour. They will be of not less than 8,500 tons. The Canadian government will grant a subsidy of \$750,000 a year, which the British government will supplement by an annual subvention of \$350,000.

Ordered to Watch for Filibusters. Washington, March 3.—The treasury department has sent instructions to the commanders of revenue cutters in Florida waters directing them to use every effort to intercept alleged filibustering expeditions bound for Cuba which the Spanish authorities have reported to the state department as about to leave Alligator Key, between Key West and Tampa. The Spanish cruisers are on the look-out for the proposed place of landing on the island, and if the vigilance of the United States authorities is eluded it is expected the expedition will be captured on the high seas.

May Have Hurt California Fruit.

San Francisco, Cal., March 3.—Fruit-growers are much concerned over the storm which began yesterday and was general throughout the state. For the first time in ten years snow fell in this city, while flurries are reported from various points along the coast. Thus far it is not believed that the fruit crop has been materially injured, but much apprehension is felt, as the trees are in blossom and a frost at this time would do great damage.

Ecuadorans Sympathize with Cuba.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, March 3.—A large meeting was held by Cubans and those who sympathize with them in the Plaza Rocafuerte. The object was to manifest gratitude to the United States for the recognition of the belligerency of Cubans. Arriving in front of the American consulate prolonged cheers were given for the United States and Cuba. The crowd then began to shout: "Death to Spain!" The police here intervened and compelled the crowd to disperse.

Gets a Big Judgment.

St. Louis, Mo., March 3.—A jury in Judge Vallian's court room brought in verdict in favor of ex-Congressman John M. Glover, and against the American Casualty and Insurance company of Baltimore, Md., for \$150,000, the full amount asked for. This is the outcome of Mr. Glover's suit against the above concern for printing his name in a list of alleged embezzlers and defaulters in positions of trust.

Rumor That Weyler Had Resigned.

Havana, March 3.—The startling rumor that Capt. Gen. Weyler had resigned swept like wildfire through Havana, originating from an apparently reliable source. It was, however, promptly denied at the palace. When Martinez Campos retired his reported resignation was also denied in Havana in official circles up to the last hour.

Arizona People Support the Veto.

Phoenix, Ariz., March 3.—At a meeting of the republican league executive committee strong resolutions were adopted petitioning the senate of the United States to sustain the President's veto of the Arizona land-lease bill.

SHOWS A DECREASE.

MONTHLY STATEMENT OF THE PUBLIC DEBT.

The United States Owes \$15,978,764 Less Than at the Beginning of the Preceding Month—Silver Cup for the Battleship Indiana—Washington Notes.

Washington, March 3.—The monthly statement of the public debt issued at the treasury Monday shows the public debt at the close of the business on February 29, less cash in the treasury, to have been \$937,067,473, a decrease for the month of \$15,978,764. The interest-bearing bonded debt, however, has been increased during the month by \$75,252,350. This seeming inconsistency is explained by the fact that the payments on account of bond purchases during the month are about \$16,000,000 in excess of the bonds delivered. The increase in the cash last month was \$91,115,228. The debt is classified as follows: Interest-bearing debt, \$822,615,170; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$1,667,630; debt bearing no interest, \$375,491,679; total, \$1,199,774,479. This amount, however, does not include \$558,551,273 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding which are offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury.

ERROR OF THE CLERK.

Action in the Cuban Matter May Be Delayed.

Washington, March 3.—The next steps likely in congress on the Cuban resolutions depend upon whether or not the house will correct the error made by its clerk in transmitting the resolutions to the senate. If the resolutions are not recalled the senate committed to foreign relations will probably tomorrow take up the house resolutions and amend them by reporting those already agreed to in the senate as a substitute. This will necessitate consideration in the senate, with possible motions to concur in the house resolutions or to amend them. The senate committee has shown a disposition to avoid discussion and get the resolution into conference by waiting for the house to correct its error.

Senator Sherman called the attention of the senate to the discrepancy in the journals of the two houses as to the action of the house on the Cuban resolutions adopted by that body. He said the house resolutions had been reported as a substitute for the senate resolutions, but they had, through the house clerk, been reported to the senate as independent resolutions. He asked to have the senate journal corrected to correspond with the action of the house.

Senator Lodge supported the request of Senator Sherman, calling attention to the record of the house proceedings to show the intention of that body.

Messrs. Platt, Chandler, Gorman and others took the position that the discrepancy was due to the action of the clerk of the house, that the mistake was made by the house and should be corrected by its clerk. The incident was temporarily closed by a request from Senator Sherman to lay the matter aside until the house should officially advise the senate of its action.

Lives Lost in Gales and Floods.

London, March 3.—A special dispatch from Brisbane says that gales and floods have caused a great deal of damage in and about the seaport of Townsville, in the northeast part of Queensland. Seventeen vessels in that harbor have founded, and one of them went down with its passengers and crew. Houses on shore were razed to the ground. The loss by the foundering of four passenger steamers is estimated to be \$2,500,000.

Belva Lockwood Vindicated.

Washington, March 3.—Commissioner of Pensions Lochren has informed Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood that her appeal from the action of the pension office in requiring her to refund \$25 in a certain claim has been allowed and the money will be returned to her. Mrs. Lockwood had paid back the \$25 and then took the appeal. It was for retaining of this fee, asserted to have been illegally paid to her, that the report was circulated that she would be disbursed from practice before the pension office, but the action of the commissioners shows there was nothing of an illegal character about the transaction.

Will Buy Seeds Kept Packed.

Washington, March 3.—Secretary Morton announced that in no event will the government be put to the expense of hiring unskilled labor to pack seeds when the latter can be bought already put up by skilled labor at a much less price. A number of senators and members of congress have been making requests for positions in the seed division. Secretary Morton says: "The law may be amended so as to compel the promiscuous and gratuitous distribution of seeds by the government during the next fiscal year. If it is so amended proposals to furnish seeds already put up in packages and labeled will be advertised for."

Loving Cup for the Indiana.

Washington, March 3.—There has been received at the navy department from Lafayette, Ind., a beautiful solid silver loving cup for the United States battleship Indiana. The cup is inscribed as follows: "Presented to the United States ship Indiana by the Gen. Lafayette chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Lafayette, Ind."

Receipts and Expenditures.

Washington, March 3.—Comparative statement of the government receipts and expenditures shows the total receipts during February to have been \$26,059,228 and the expenditures \$26,749,956, which leaves the deficit for the month \$690,728.

Snow in Nebraska and Iowa.

Omaha, Neb., March 3.—Specials from every part of Nebraska and western Iowa report a fall of snow ranging from three inches to a foot, evenly distributed, and still falling. In Omaha fully a foot has fallen and only a heavy wind is needed to convert the blinding storm into a blizzard of the worst kind.

GERMANY INTERESTED.

Press and Public Seem to Think This Country is Reaching Out.

Berlin, March 3.—The Cuban resolution is coupled in official circles here with President Cleveland's Venezuelan message in the public mind, and there seems to be a deep-seated conviction in the European mind that these incidents mark a determination on the part of the United States government to depart from its time-honored course of non-intervention in European affairs. The American action on the Cuban question is therefore regarded as an event of the first importance to the European world. More or less speculation is given to the manner in which the United States expects to reap profit by intervening in Cuba, and much of the argument on the question proceeds on the presumption that it is sought to take Cuba from Spain for the purpose of adding it to the United States.

It is generally admitted that as a bellicose force Spain would be no match for the United States in the event of hostilities arising out of the dispute. It is not believed here that Spain will brook any interference with her course in Cuba, such as is contemplated by the concurrent resolution of the senate, and the opinion is generally held by well-informed politicians in the Reichstag and in government circles that the Spanish government will find an ally against the United States in Europe should she find herself compelled to fight against the United States.

There is great reserve displayed in government circles in expressing any opinion on the subject, as was to be expected. At the foreign office, however, it was said that grave fears were entertained there that serious international complications would be the outcome of the attitude of the United States toward Cuba. It may be said in a general way that everywhere astonishment was expressed at the turn taken by American policy.

Test of Gov. Upham's Strength.

Madison, Wis., March 3.—From present indications the first test of strength between the anti-administration republicans of Wisconsin and the friends of Gov. Upham will occur at the convention to be held in Milwaukee March 8 for the selection of delegates to the national republican convention at St. Louis and a chairman of the state central committee. Editorially the Madison State Journal announces the candidacy of Samuel A. Harper, a leading republican of Dane county and president of the Wisconsin League of Republican Clubs, for the chairmanship of the state central committee. E. D. Coe, editor of the Whitewater Register, is already in the field for the place. He is the recognized candidate of the combined anti-administration republicans.

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Marquette Statue Guarded.

Washington, March 3.—The Per Marquette statue, which was unveiled quietly Sunday, is the center of attraction in Statuary Hall. One man threatened that if he got an opportunity he would place a bomb under the statue and demolish it. The police are guarding the statue. Extraordinary precautions are being taken to see that no harm is done to it.

Alleged Murderer Released.

Green Bay, Wis., March 3.—Stanislaus Dazkowsky, who has been in jail for many months awaiting trial on the charge of killing his wife and burning her body in Eaton township a year ago last December, has been released from custody at the request of the district attorney, who does not believe the evidence at hand sufficient to secure a conviction. Nothing has been heard of the woman since the night Dazkowsky admits having beaten her.

Western Baseball Association.

Rockford, Ill., March 3.—President T. J. Hickey of the Western Baseball association has called a meeting to be held in Rockford Friday, when the schedule of games for the season will be arranged. It is expected that at least two days will be occupied with the work, as every team will want to play at home on the opening date, and have as many Sunday games on the home ground as possible.

Visible Supply of Grain.

New York, March 3.—The visible supply of grain Saturday, Feb. 29, as compiled by the New York produce exchange, is as follows: Wheat, 64,089,000 bushels; decrease, 92,000 bushels; corn, 13,038,000 bushels; increase, 1,522,000 bushels; oats, 7,001,000 bushels; increase, 83,000 bushels; rye, 1,507,000 bushels; decrease, 34,000 bushels; barley, 1,298,000 bushels; increase, 203,000 bushels.

Six Hundred Arabs Drowned.

Constantinople, March 3.—Torrential rains have occurred in Mesopotamia, and, as a consequence, the River Tigris has overflowed. In the Arma district a nomad tribe of 600 Arabs were drowned and over 30,000 cattle perished in the flood. The damage to property has been enormous.

Earthquake Shock Felt.

Caldwell, Kas., March 3.—A distinct earthquake shock was felt here at 7:17 o'clock Sunday night. It passed from the southeast to the northwest and lasted about four seconds. No damage was done.

Rev. Dr. Tatlock Dead.

Stamford, Conn., March 3.—Rev. Tatlock, ex-secretary of the house of bishops of the Protestant Episcopal church of America, is dead.

ADOPT A WISE COURSE.

GREAT BRITAIN AND VENEZUELA CONFER.

Direct Negotiations Between Sir Julian Pauncefote and Senor Andrade at Washington to Settle the Yuruan Incident in a Quiet Manner.

Washington, March 3.—It has been learned that the British ambassador here, Sir Julian Pauncefote, and the Venezuelan minister, Senor Andrade, have entered into direct negotiations for a settlement of the Yuruan incident, which involved the arrest of a British police official in the territory in dispute between Venezuela and Great Britain, the hauling down of the British flag and a subsequent demand for indemnity upon the part of Great Britain.

It is impossible to learn to what stage this prospective settlement of the most important incident arising out of the dispute over the Venezuelan boundary has advanced, but there is good reason to believe that some definite announcement will be made at an early day. Great Britain and Venezuela, whose relations have been strained so badly that there has been