

TELEGRAPHIC RESUME

Events of the Day in a Condensed Form.

OF INTEREST TO ALL READERS

Items of Importance From Domestic and Foreign Sources—Continued from the Dispatch.

Portland, Ore., suspended a single automobile short of being arrested.

Two massive bombs of the Planter's oil mill in Greenville, Miss., exploded, wrecking the mill property and causing the death of five men.

It is asserted that the Transvaal government is about to offer England the assistance of the burgher forces to crush the Matabele uprising.

Two persons were burned to death in a fire at 36 Union square, Brooklyn. The building was a four-story tenement-house, occupied by Italians.

A train on the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad was held up by masked men three miles from Lebanon, Mo. Express officials say that they secured but \$1,377.

Federick A. Humphrey, said to be the oldest Freemason in the United States, died in Janesville, Wis., aged 94. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity for 74 years.

The garment workers of Baltimore, who have been on strike for five weeks, have returned to work where they could get their places. Over 6,000 persons have been out.

The Missouri supreme court has affirmed the sentence of the Taylor brothers, convicted of having murdered the Meek family, near Milan. Execution was set for April 30.

The president has appointed B. F. Franklin, a former member of the house as governor of Arizona. The term of the present governor does not expire until April 1, 1909.

Mrs. Dore Berthel, a leading contralto of Louisville, Ky., one of the best-known vocalists of the South, has been stricken blind, and the probability is that her affliction will be permanent.

In his annual message, President Diaz, of Mexico, vigorously upholds the United States in the stand it has taken in the Venezuela matter and expresses his partiality for the Monroe doctrine.

In Victor, Colo., Edward Cackley was killed and Joseph Wignand was fatally injured by an explosion of giant powder, they were thawing on the rockstone at their mining claim on Prospect Hill.

In Prague, strikers attacked the weavers who had resumed work, and a serious conflict took place. Finally the police were compelled to charge with drawn swords and several persons were wounded.

A New York Herald dispatch from Rome says the negro Meslek has ordered the massacre of a number of prisoners and sick persons who have fallen into the hands of his forces during the present campaign in Abyssinia.

Judge Hanford has granted an order for the sale of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern railroad, the sale to be made in Seattle on or after May 16 next. The bondholders, under the reorganization plan, will be bidders for the property.

Hereafter the Northern Pacific will run two transcontinental trains instead of one. The time between St. Paul and Portland will be shortened eight hours by putting on a fast mail train. The time eastward will be shortened six hours.

Senator Davis, of the judiciary committee has reported favorably the bill making it unlawful to shoot or throw any missile into any railroad locomotive or car, or to shoot at any person thereon. The bill has particular application to the Indian territory.

It is now known that one-half of the Texas peach crop has been killed by frost. Corn has all been planted, but as yet no cotton, although the ground is prepared for it. Owing to the late season, caused by cold winter, the acreage will not be so large as last year.

A special to the New York Herald from Madrid says a violent attack upon Senator Sherman was published in the Imperial, which called him a former slave-trader, and asserted that he wanted the Cuban rebellion to succeed in order to re-establish slavery in Cuba.

The Outer Belt Manufacturing Company, of West Bethlehem, Pa., has made an assignment to ex-Postmaster John Field, of Philadelphia. The failure is a heavy one, as the company is capitalized at \$200,000 and has, in addition, a bonded indebtedness of \$100,000.

Secretary Morton has let a contract for 10,136,000 pounds of vegetable seeds, to be distributed under the re-act act of congress, to D. Landreth & Sons, of Philadelphia. The price is \$70,000. The seeds are to be delivered ready for mailing. The contract for a million pounds of flower seeds was let to L. L. May & Co., St. Paul, Minn., at half a cent a package.

The Chicago board of election commissioners has declared that 45,000 of the 870,000 voters registered for the coming spring election are fraudulent. The commissioners discovered wholesale registration frauds in nearly every ward. They say the number of names stricken from the lists is greater than the total vote cast in Montana, North Dakota, Delaware, Florida and Nevada.

Three men boarded the eastbound train No. 1 at Trenton, Cal., taking positions on the "blind" baggage." It appeared that they were standing on the platform in a careless manner, and when the train was receding a curve near Bona, a lunch throw them off. One of them, William Moore, whom home is in Tucson, was killed. R. F.

RIVERS AND HARBORS

How Oregon and Washington Will Fare in the Bill.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION CARRIED

Accounts for the Willamette and Columbia Rivers and Coast Harbors—The Eastern System.

Washington, April 6.—The river and harbor bill has at last been passed. It carries a total appropriation of \$9,000,000, and provides for \$40,000,000 worth of work to be done under the continuing contract system.

The Oregon appropriations follow: Coos bay, \$1,000,000; Tillamook bay, \$1,000,000; dredging inner harbor Coos bay, in addition to \$120,000 on hand, \$14,000; Columbia river below Tongue Point, by way of south channel in front of Astoria, \$20,000; upper Columbia river, including Snake river, as far as Astoria, \$5,000; Lower Willamette river, in front of and below Portland, and Columbia river below Willamette, \$50,000; Coquille river, \$30,000; mouth of Siuslaw river, \$25,000; gaging waters of Columbia river, \$1,000; upper Coquille river, between Coquille city and Myrtle Point, \$10,000; Umpqua river, \$6,000; Coos river, \$5,000; improvements, \$5,000; Alsea river, \$5,000; Clatsop river, \$5,000; Nehalem river, \$5,000; Woods to ocean, completing improvements, \$6,000; Willamette and Yamhill rivers, continuing improvement, \$30,000.

In the last named item it is provided that contracts shall be entered into by the secretary of war for materials and work necessary. This will include a lock and dam on the Yamhill. The amount to be paid for, as appropriations may from time to time be made by law, which are not to exceed \$300,000.

The Washington appropriations are as follows: Gray's harbor, bar and entrance, placed under contract system, improvement to cost \$1,000,000; Olympia harbor, \$25,000; Everett harbor, \$30,000; Clearwater river, \$35,000; Kootenai river, above Bonanza, \$35,000; Cowlitz river, \$35,000; Chillis river, for snagging, \$3,000; Swinomish slough, \$25,000; Columbia river, between mouth of Willamette and city of Vancouver, \$25,000; Puget sound and its tributary waters, continuing improvements, \$35,000.

Of the last item \$10,000 shall be expended for straightening and deepening the channel of the Puyallup river, emptying into Commencement bay, with a view to making the river navigable at all times for ocean drawing eighteen feet of water, from the mouth of the river upward a distance of about one-half mile.

Substitute for Pacific Cable Bill.

Washington, April 6.—The Pacific cable project was once more a subject of discussion by the house committee on commerce today. Bennett presented a substitute bill, embodying several amendments suggested by members in former discussion. It was the sense of the committee that, instead of the subsidy of \$100,000 asked by the Pacific Cable Company, the New York corporation, the government should help it in a greater sum than \$100,000 a year for twenty years, if any agreement was made, and the government business should be done free for all time. Bennett's bill fixed rates for private business at \$1.35 a word for Hawaii and Japan, and 35 cents for the Hawaiian islands, and the present rate at one cent.

The company has abandoned its intention to try to secure a mid-air station on Marshall islands, which were under the control of the German government, and has fixed upon Midway islands, which are uninhabited, and belong to the United States.

There is No Let Up.

Seattle, April 6.—The steamer City of Topeka, a steamer smaller than the General Canby, and the schooner W. J. Bryant left this port today for Alaska, all crowded with freight and passengers. The Topeka goes to Juneau and the General Canby and Bryant are bound for Cook's inlet.

There is no let-up in the Alaska rush and the several ships already taken up do not seem to relieve the pressure for transportation. The steamers Utopia and Lakme were scheduled to leave for Cook's inlet yesterday, but will not get away for a day or so. They have both booked all the passengers and are allowed to carry. Several more steamers will sail this week for Alaska ports. The majority of the goldseekers are going into the Yukon country, but later on the numerous steamers and schooners that expect to be able to get into the inlet this month.

Taken by Insurgents.

Havana, April 6.—The capture of Pinar del Rio and Santa Clara by the insurgents, who occupied them several hours and left them in flames, is a severe blow to the Spanish army. General Pando and General Juarez Valdes, the military governors of the destroyed cities, have been ordered to return to Spain by General Weyler. The captain-general has badly worried over the situation. He thought he had Pinar del Rio so strongly guarded that it was absolutely impossible for the Maeco's forces to break in. But in the middle of the night of March 25 they came and literally laid the town in ashes. Of several hundred residences, not more than a couple of dozen were left uninjured.

Niagara's Ice Bridge Melted.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., April 6.—The ice bridge recumbent to the influence of spring this morning, and the big honey-combed hummocks of ice which have been piled mountain high in the gorge are now scattered like tobrags on the river. The last person to cross the bridge was the veteran guide of the American Cave of Winds, John Barlow, who went across early yesterday morning. Not in twenty years has any one crossed the river on ice so late as April.

RAID ON FISH TRAP.

The Astoria Fishermen Had a Number of Them Abolished.

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The removal of the trap piles, will, it is thought, cause serious trouble to the fishing boats in the harbor. The fishermen were not so sure that the traps were removed to as to save their lives. It is well known that many lives have been sacrificed as a result of boats drifting into fish traps, the lights on which had been extinguished in some manner, and the fishermen have always stoutly resisted the attempt of trap men to locate their traps near what is known as the coast of defense. This channel is near the Great Rapids, and for some years has been a favorite drifting ground. The location of traps, the fishermen claim, would quickly destroy its value and menace the lives of all who should drift in that direction.

The action of the fishermen in cutting the pilers drift is pretty generally approved, but the pulling of the pilers boats almost unqualified approval among the members of the union, and no little indignation among the citizens generally.

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Two Decisions of Interest to the Northwestern People.

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This was reversed on the ruling of the local officers, after a hearing. The secretary says that a careful consideration of the whole evidence, of the record, fails to show such a want of good faith as would warrant the cancellation of the entry in the absence of any adverse claim, and the burden of proof was on the government.

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