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FLOOD INCREASING

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STOCK AND HOMES ARE ABANDONED BY OWNERS.

Alarm Now General Along the River—Steamers Constantly Arriving With Refugees—Many Suffering the Severest Privations.

Memphis, Tenn., March 12.—Alarm is now general. All the flood scenes of 1897 are being re-enacted. The number of refugees are increasing at an alarming rate. Steamers are constantly arriving, some bearing as many as 150.

Many have suffered the severest privations. Hundreds who were in good condition, have had to completely abandon everything. Early attempts to rescue livestock have been abandoned. The steamers are busy saving people only. The charitable organizations are taxed to their utmost.

The river here rose five inches during the last day and is now two and a half feet above the danger line. There are rumors that the levees have broken in several places, but none are confirmed. The situation at Caruthersville, Mo. is fraught with danger. The engineers are concentrating their efforts there and are working every available man on a temporary levee. It is feared that when the strain comes it will be inadequate. This morning men are dropping from exhaustion on the works.

Two Negroes Drowned.—Two negroes were drowned in the Ohio River this morning. Their house floated away at 2 o'clock yesterday.

Settlers Stamped.—Tennaska, Ark., March 12.—Settlers of the Red River are being stamped. All property interests have been lost sight of. The lowlands are rapidly being flooded.

On Upper Ohio.—Huntington, W. Va., March 12.—The Ohio River rose two feet in the last day. The lowlands are steadily being submerged.

Convicts on Levee.—Jackson, Miss., March 12.—All the convicts have been ordered out from the penitentiary and put to work under a heavy guard on the levee. Tents are being furnished for hundreds of homeless families.

Rising Rapidly.—New Orleans, March 12.—The river is rising more rapidly here and is within eight inches of the 1897 mark. Forces of men are increasing the levees.

East St. Louis Threatened.—St. Louis, March 12.—The inhabitants of the east side are alarmed over the high water. A general inundation is threatened by Cahokia Creek, which is out of its banks. On both sides of the stream are countless elevators, factories, railway depots, yards and small houses. There will be great damage if it is inundated.

At Paducah.—Paducah, Ky., March 12.—The Ohio River is now 10 miles wide and still rising. The water is in many buildings.

FOUR MINERS KILLED AND THREE INJURED.—All Occurred in Mines Which the Operators in Their Testimony Declared Were Perfectly Safe.

Shamokin, Pa., March 12.—Two miners were drowned by tapping water in a Sterling mine chamber. One miner was killed and three injured by falling coal in the Cameron colliery. One was killed likewise in Hickory Ridge mine as a result of accidents today.

All of these mines were reported as being extremely safe by the coal operators when they were testifying before the anthracite commission.

AUTHORIZES REWARD.—Governor of Connecticut to Offer \$10,000 for Capture of Murderers.—Hartford, Conn., March 12.—The legislature this morning authorized the governor to offer a reward of \$10,000 for the capture of the murderers of Policeman Trenchard, at Waterbury, while protecting the car strikers.

VEVUSIUM IN ERUPTION.—People in Nearby Villages Are Alarmed by Continuous Earthquakes.—Rome, March 12.—The eruptions of Vevusium are gaining strength. The people of nearby villages are frightened by the continuous fall of ashes and the earthquakes.

CONVICTED OF LIBEL.—Will Crozier, Who Went to Manila From Pendleton, Is in Trouble.—Manila, P. I., March 12.—Will Crozier, editor of the American, who with a reporter of the paper, was arrested March 2 on the charge of libeling General Davao, a commander of the American troops, has been convicted, but not sentenced.

Mr. Crozier is well known in Pendleton, having enlisted in Company D, Second Oregon Volunteers, mustered in at this place. He took his discharge at Manila and entered the newspaper field.

The stage grange is now in session at Portland, with a large attendance.

AMENDMENT PROVIDES FOR CONCURRENCE OF HOUSE.

Gorman, at Head of Democrats, Wins Great Victory—Great Surprise to Republicans—Final Vote on Panama Treaty.

Washington, March 12.—The Cuban treaty, which has been the subject of the senate committee's report today, has been amended by the house. The adoption of this amendment is a distinct democratic victory and is the first fruits of Gorman's leadership. It is believed, however, that the ratification of the treaty at the present session of the senate, although it will not become effective until after the house concurs in the tariff reductions provided in the treaty. This is expected will be one of the first acts of the next congress.

Surprise to Republicans.—The acceptance of the republican majority of the democratic contention that the concurrence of the house was necessary before the reciprocity treaty, which changes the tariff rates can become law, was a great surprise to the republicans who have heretofore stoutly held that the senate alone, with the president, constituted the treaty making power. Gorman's report on the Allison resolution, which provides for a 15-minute debate on each side on the amendments during Monday and Tuesday. The final vote on the ratification will be held Tuesday afternoon. Morgan is to be allowed to make public his speeches.

Allison Resolution Reported.—The senate today received a favorable report on the Allison resolution directing the committee of rules to investigate the expediency of limiting debate. Platt, of Connecticut, presented an amendment providing that a three-fourths vote of the senators for the time of debate and time to take the vote. The Cuban treaty will come up immediately after the adoption of the amendment, sending it to the house for concurrence. The vote will result in an early adjournment.

Justice Day Very Sick.—Washington, March 12.—Associate Justice Day is worse this morning. His condition is so serious that Hanna, who is a close friend, is at his bedside.

IMPERIAL MANIFESTO ISSUED TO PEASANT POPULATION.—Measures to be Taken to Ameliorate the Condition of the Russian Serfs.—Conferences to be Held in Provinces.

St. Petersburg, March 12.—An imperial manifesto was issued today which is regarded by the press as a political crisis. It has for its subject the peasant population and states that measures will be taken to ameliorate the condition of the serfs. It is announced that the emperor will be held in each province where the best proposals will be submitted, discussed and selected.

Causes Great Excitement.—There is great excitement over the announcement of the manifesto, which is regarded by the people as being the most important since the freeing of the serfs. It is announced that it was issued in commemoration of the birthday of Alexander III, the father of the czar. One of the most important provisions is that of religious freedom, which withdraws the ban from the Jewish race.

DEFIES THE COURT.—Lady Gordon Shows Her American Raising—Leaves England With Her Child.—London, March 12.—Lady Granville Gordon, who fled when the order of court was made giving her husband the custody of her child, has been located in Paris. She wrote a letter to her present husband saying she would keep her child despite the courts. It is said she contemplates escaping to her girlhood home in Minnesota.

C. E. Troutman, the architect, has submitted his plans for the new Methodist church at Athena, and work will begin on the building as soon as the contract is let. It will be of brick and stone, 65x85 feet, with a basement six feet out of the ground and the full size of the building above it. Upon the first floor will be the main auditorium, which will seat 400, the Sunday school annex, the pastor's study and the library. The gallery will seat 150 people comfortably, making the total seating capacity 550. In the basement will be the parlors, the audience room for the Christian Endeavor, the kitchen and the heating plant. It will be steam heated throughout. The general style will be Gothic, and the cost will be \$7,000.

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CASES DISMISSED.—The Contents of Parties for Reservation Lands, Heard.—A contest case, Bartholomew B. Gervais vs. Charles Sevey, on Umatilla reservation lands, was heard before Joseph Parkes today. The testimony of two witnesses was taken. The contestant was represented by T. G. Halley and contestee by James A. Fee. Motion was made by T. G. Halley, attorney for contestant, that the case be dismissed. The case of Earl Brown vs. Rosa Carroll, a contest over Umatilla reservation lands was also heard. The contestant was represented by T. G. Halley and contestee by James A. Fee. On motion of T. G. Halley, attorney for contestant, the case was dismissed.

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State's Delegation in Congress Making Slate—Radical Changes Expected in Five Districts.

Washington, March 12.—The Oregon delegation now has under consideration the question of appointments of registers and receivers at five of the Oregon land offices to succeed the present incumbents, whose terms have long since expired. Successors are being chosen for C. B. Moore, register at Oregon City; J. T. Bridges, register at J. H. Booth, receiver at Roseburg; E. W. Bartlett, register, and S. O. Swackhammer, receiver at La Grande; E. M. Martin, register, and Harry Bailey, receiver, at Lakeview, and Charles Newell, receiver at Burns. Last summer George W. Elbow was appointed receiver at Oregon City, and William Farre register at Burns. These offices will not be disturbed.

Practically all of the present incumbents are candidates for reappointment, but it is believed that many changes will be made, particularly in the offices where the present officials have not rendered service satisfactory to the department. The delegation expects to agree on some of the new appointments in a few days, and, if so, nominations will at once be sent to the senate and confirmed.

The delegation today united in recommending the appointment of three postmasters in the first district—J. C. Eckman, McMinnville; James Page, Eugene; and the second district, S. Train, Albany. Page was unanimously endorsed by the legislative delegates from Lane county.

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ORIGINATED WITH CERTAIN MALICIOUS POLITICAL RUMORS Was Reported to Be Heavily Embarrassed Because of Backing Helms—Panic Among Depositors.—Butte, Mont., March 12.—A run was started on the State Savings Bank this morning and a panic ensued among the depositors. The bank and street is crowded with people. Payments are being made on the checks as fast as they are presented, although the bank officials say they will have to take refuge behind the 30-day notice law if the run continues. The run is supposed to have been started by malicious rumors having an origin in politics. The report is circulated that the bank was such a heavy backer of Helms in his war on the amalgamated company that it was heavily embarrassed.

CHARGED WITH FRAUD.—A South American Colonization Scheme Used to Exploit the Public.—Chicago, March 12.—Dr. Bittinger and Terlin Vincent, of Dayton, O., connected with a South American colonization scheme, called the Nicaragua Company, were held by the federal grand jury today and charged with defrauding the public to the extent of \$500,000. The company was formed in 1898 and has received \$1,000,000 from the public. The grand jury estimates that the total value of the scheme is approximately about \$10,000,000.

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CROWD OF SPECTATORS.—A large crowd of people left this city for the scene of the fire. While they were lined up along the tracks a terrific explosion occurred. The flames communicated quickly with the other tank cars and the second and third explosions followed each other in rapid succession. Sheets of flame shot out in all directions. Scores of persons were caught within the range of the fire and enveloped in flames.

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JIMMY BRITT STRUCK BLOW TOO FAR DOWN.—When Referee Awarded Fight to O'Keefe Crowd Jumped into Ring and Created a Riot—Money 2 to 1 in Favor of Britt.

Portland, March 10.—Jack O'Keefe, of Chicago, was awarded the decision on a foul in the sixth round last night at the Pastime Club in his contest with Jimmy Britt, of San Francisco. Referee Jack Grant claimed that Britt struck a blow that was far too low and accordingly was sent to his corner, awarding the contest to O'Keefe. Britt had the fight in hand from the beginning, and in the sixth round had O'Keefe going and undoubtedly would have put him out in another round.

Britt threw up his hands and protested against the decision, stating that he had committed no foul. Dr. J. D. Fenton was called and made a station of O'Keefe's feet. Grant awarded the fight to O'Keefe the crowd jumped into the ring and it took a dozen policemen to prevent a riot. The referee's decision was protested against the decision, stating that he had committed no foul.

Most of the money of the fight was placed at 2 to 1 with Britt as the favorite. Between 4,000 and 5,000 people attended the fight. Both men weighed slightly under 133 pounds.

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YET MORE MYSTERY

Man Dead and Wife Dying Because of Knowledge of Burdick Murder.

MURDERED MAN'S BODY IS A SHAPELESS MASS.—Had Sent for a Private Detective to Investigate the Burdick Matter—Was Much Excited When Questioned Last Week.

Buffalo, March 11.—The Burdick affair is taking on a much more serious aspect. Just as the police thought they had found a witness of great importance, he is murdered. Last night Mr. Pennell was found in his house dead beaten into a shapeless mass. His wife was found fatally hurt, with gashes and bruises over her body.

Mrs. Pennell Dying.—Buffalo, March 11.—Mrs. Pennell, wife of the man who was killed, is dying. It is believed she knows something of the Burdick murder.

Cannot See Remains.—For some unknown reason the district attorney's office at 9:30 issued an order that under no circumstances were the remains of Pennell to be shown to anyone. Not even the police captain or detectives were admitted into the dead house. It became known this morning that Pennell was surprised into a remarkable state of excitement while being questioned by the police. He was asked if he knew that the Burdick's house the night of the murder and said he could not remember. He was very nervous and was drinking large quantities of whiskey.

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ALLISON OFFERS RESOLUTION CHANGING DEBATE RULES.

Referred to Committee Which Was Authorized to Sit During Recess and Report to Next Congress.

Washington, March 11.—Immediately after opening the senate today, Allison offered a resolution authorizing the committee on rules to re-examine the rules of the senate and to report to the next session of congress. If any, were necessary or expedient to place a time limit on debate, and if so to what extent.

It was referred to the committee on contingent expenses. The committee was also authorized to sit during the recess and was directed to report as soon as possible at the next session of congress. Shortly after noon the doors were closed for the Panama disbursement. Morgan's desk was buried beneath books and papers.

Morgan talked until 3:15, when he asked the clerk to read some of his papers.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.—Baker City Mining Man Gets Into Trouble and is Arrested.—Baker City, March 10.—The sensational culmination of trouble that has for some time been brewing in the Baker City mining community, came yesterday when E. Everett, the general manager of the company, was arrested by Constable A. G. Hemple, charged with assaulting Mrs. W. J. May, wife of Dr. May, the secretary of the company.

It is stated that yesterday Mr. Everett went to the office of Dr. May and demanded the secretary's books. Dr. May was not in the office, but Mrs. May was. It is stated, too, that Mr. Everett threatened to take the books from the office. Then, it is said, Mr. Everett wrenched the secretary's book from her hands, and made some complaint and a warrant was issued charging Everett with assault. Judge Messick released Everett on his own recognizance and the trial of the case was fixed for next Saturday before Judge Messick.

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