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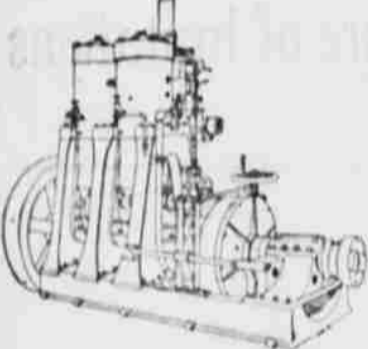
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THE GREAT FLOOD IN THE EAST

Levees of the Lower Mississippi in Great Danger and Breaks Reported.

RELIEF BOATS AT MEMPHIS

Upper Ohio, Mississippi and Missouri Rivers Raging Torrents--Bridges, Houses and Bars Destroyed.

Memphis, March 20.--Alarming reports are being received here of breaks in the levees both north and south of Memphis. Government officials state that the levee broke at San Soul, Ark. The break occurred late last night, and a torrent is pouring into the lowlands of Arkansas, adding to the misery and suffering already prevalent there. Other reports state that the levee was broken between Memphis and Helena, but nothing definite can be learned yet. It is known, however, that the river is pouring over the levee at Modoc near Helena, and a break is momentarily expected.

While the river is reported as stationary at Memphis, by the weather bureau, the situation is regarded as the most serious since the flood set in. Of 11 railways entering this city, all but two are tied up on account of the deluge. The fact that the river has been stationary for thirty-six hours cannot be taken as indicating that the crest of high water has been reached. The river is again rising at Cincinnati and throughout the Ohio valley. At Cairo the river continues to rise, and this fact is of special interest here, as it is known that no cessation of the high water can be expected so long as it continues to rise at Cairo.

Relief boats continue to make regular trips over the district, both above and below the city, rescuing people and stock, which are brought to Memphis to be cared for.

IN THE WEST.

Omaha, March 20.--The flood situation in Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota is as follows:

At Sioux City the flood endangered all the bridges near the stockyards, but they were saved by the use of dynamite to blow up the ice gauges. Reports from Floyd river indicate that the worst is yet to come. It is considered probable that all the bridges will go out before morning, but there will be no lives lost, as people have been getting ready for the flood. The Sioux river is causing trouble to the Milwaukee road. The ice is breaking between here and Hawarden, and at several places heavy gorges are being formed. The bridge at Riverside across the Sioux is in danger of going out at any moment.

At Cherokee, Iowa, the Floyd river has been rising all day, and tonight several houses are surrounded by water. The approach to the new iron bridge is gone, with a good prospect of that bridge following.

At Mason City, Iowa, the streams are all out of their banks and rising rapidly.

At Pierce, Nebraska, the east and north portions of the town are flooded.

At Fremont, Neb., the Platte river is still out of its banks, but no serious damage is reported.

At Yankton, S. D., the melting snow and heavy rains have caused a suspension of traffic on three railroads. Between Yankton and Vermillion the water covers the tracks of the Milwaukee and Great Northern railroads.

At Canton, S. D., all the bridges are in danger and railroad traffic is at a standstill.

At Woonsocket, S. D., the water covers the track for a long distance.

At Randolph, Neb., several bridges are reported washed out.

At Pender, Neb., reports of danger on ranches are received. Damage to the bottom lands is immense.

At Webster City, Iowa, Dr. Straviv and a Mr. Kirkerger were drowned while trying to ford the Boone river. The bridge over the Des Moines at Lehigh, Iowa, has been damaged, and may be a total loss.

At Burlington, Iowa, it is rumored that a huge waterspout burst at 7 o'clock about seven miles west of Davonport. Particulars are not obtainable yet.

SHARKEY AND MAHER.

San Francisco, March 20.--Dan Lynch manager for Tom Sharkey, today posted \$2,500 in the hands of "Parson" Davies to bind the match with Peter Maher. Lynch says Sharkey will meet Maher before the club offering the largest purse any time after five weeks from date, and will make a side bet of from \$2,500 up to \$10,000.

THERE WILL BE OTHERS.

Carson, Nev., March 20.--Carson is rapidly relaxing to ordinary conditions. All visitors have left, with the exception of a few hundred stranded sports, and they will be forced out of town by the police authorities in a couple of days. The permanent mercantile

portion of the city will come out ahead on the proposition, but yet not up to their expectations. Dan Stuart departed for Dallas, Texas, tonight. Stuart claims that he had no money bet on the fight. It is stated that the promoter will attempt to match Maher and Sharkey in August.

The Western Union will pull down only two of the several extra wires strung to accommodate press matter during the last contest, and this is a good indication that the tip on further contests has leaked out. The charge against Billy Smith was dismissed this morning and he was placed on board an eastbound train. The sheriff reports but sixty arrests, sixty-five of which were drunk and disorderly, and a ferocious hidera shraditainp one for murder.

BAD RAILROAD WRECK.

Oakland, Md., March 20.--This morning's train number two on the Baltimore & Ohio, from Cincinnati to St. Louis was derailed a mile west of here on a bridge. The engine, postal and baggage cars and forward coach left the rails. The first sleeper rolled into the river. The other two did not leave the track. Eleven persons are injured. One passenger is missing and is supposed to have been killed. He is General J. S. Fullerton, a St. Louis capitalist. Part of his clothing has been found, and it is almost certain that his corpse is in the shallow water under the wrecked Pullman car. General Fullerton was an officer in the federal army during the civil war and was a member of the Chickamauga Park Commission.

WHAT THEY SAY.

Opinions Concerning the Gambling Ordinance and the Council.

Interest continued unabated yesterday in the matter between the police commission and the city council on the gambling question. A reporter interviewed several of the more prominent citizens, the most of whom unambiguously supported the city council. Dr. M. M. Walker, when asked by the reporter what he thought of the action of the police commission in closing up the gaming houses, said: "Since you have asked me, I will give my opinion frankly, and in very nearly the same words in which I gave it to one of the police commissioners last evening. Any man who is capable of such petty spite work is unworthy of any position of public trust or responsibility. I have read the report of the mayor's statement, made to the city council last evening, and I agree with him entirely."

When the Hon. C. W. Fulton was seen, he was on his way to dinner, but stopped long enough to answer the question as to what he thought of the gambling ordinance introduced in the council, to say that he was heartily in favor of the action of that body and the mayor.

"I have always believed that an open and above-board system of licensing these social evils which apparently will always be with us in one form or another, is the only true and successful way to keep them under control. When this matter is handled openly and above-board, as it is in some of our own cities, and in Germany and France, no one dare interfere with an officer in his duty in regulating the conduct of these places; the city knows just what it is getting in revenue from such sources. There is no opportunity for stealth and the amount of crime and disease is reduced to a minimum. As to the action taken by the police commission, I can only say that Astoria for years past has been practically under a license system, so far as gambling is concerned, and it is strange that so very suddenly the commission which has been in power for so many months should discover that it was acting contrary to law. Mayor Taylor certainly expressed the correct sentiments in his speech to the city council last night."

Mr. John Fox said that the action of the city council in introducing an ordinance to license gambling was, in his opinion, the only solution of the difficulty. "The passage of such a law, as has been shown by experience in other countries, will not increase the evil, but will very largely aid in the control of it, and will enable the city authorities to suppress and prevent its spread. Certainly the cleanliness of the city in such matters can be better attained."

Mr. G. W. Lounsbury thinks that the action of the police commission was really a good thing, and in the interest of the city's morality and finance, as it would keep money at home which is now going abroad. "If you want gambling, arrange it some way to keep the money and profits at home."

Judge C. H. Page said, concerning the action of the police commission, that they had done exactly right, considering the character of the commission. "The only thing I have faulted with is, that they did not go far enough. They should have passed some sort of a law or resolution to make all men and women virtuous."

Wait for the "Huseby," the best bicycle on earth for the least money, \$40 and \$50. F. L. Parker, agent.

EARLY ACTION ON TARIFF BILL

Goods in Bond Pay the New Rates When the Tariff Becomes Operative.

THE APPROPRIATION BILLS

Last One of the Left Over Bills Passed To the House--Postoffice Matters Were Considered.

Washington, March 20.--The republican members of the ways and means committee are making no effort to forward the plan which has been talked of among them to push through congress a special bill to make the wool schedule of the new tariff act operative at once. They are disheartened from this by the apparent hopelessness of being able to secure early action from the senate.

It is still the plan of the republican leaders that all goods in bond on the date when the new tariff becomes operative shall pay the rates of that tariff instead of the rates in effect when the goods were entered. This probably will be brought about by an amendment added to the bill at the last practicable moment, as the republicans do not desire to induce the withdrawal of bonded goods before the higher rates go into effect.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Washington, March 20.--After the house passed the agricultural appropriation bill today, it took up and passed the Indian bill, the last of the appropriation bills left over from the last congress. The agricultural bill carried \$3,182,502, the Indian bill \$7,470,229.

The sentiment of the house against the provision of the Indian bill, opening to entry under the mining laws lands in the Uncompagne reservation in Utah, containing gilsonite and asphaltum deposits, which were inserted in the bill by the senate, was such that it was stricken out by unanimous consent.

After the appropriation bills were passed a resolution for extra mileage and stationery for this session of congress was adopted. The debate on the resolution was lively and the question as to whether Holman had taken extra mileage voted by the 52d congress was used to greatly embarrass the economist. He finally declined to answer it, on the ground that it was "immaterial." Cannon defended the extra mileage as something to which the members were entitled. Linney made a vigorous speech against the resolution. The resolution was then agreed to without division.

Another resolution, making available the salaries for congressional employees, was adopted.

A resolution was also adopted to extend the time for the investigation of the subject of free alcohol in the arts until December 10.

THE POSTOFFICE.

Washington, March 20.--It is understood that John L. Brisson, of Ottawa, Kansas, had been selected for the office of fourth assistant postmaster general, and that the nomination will be sent to the senate next week.

Postmaster General Gary will continue the old policy as to distributing the patronage of postoffices, and he announced to the associated press today that he would not deviate from the practice followed by past administrations. This, as a general rule, gives to every senator the privilege of recommending a postmaster for his home postoffice, and allots to each republican senator the large postoffices in his district, which, however, in the case of a senator not of republican faith, will go to the republican committee or other referee. With these exceptions, the republican representatives are usually permitted to name the postmasters for their respective districts. In the democratic districts the selection is left to the referee, and perhaps to the republican congressional delegation, who will have to keep themselves posted as to the dates of the expiration of the terms of postmasters, as the old custom of the department of sending notices to senators and representatives of the expirations of postmasters' commissions, which was stopped by Postmaster General Bissell, will not be resumed.

POSTMASTERS, LOOK OUT! Washington, March 20.--Perry Heath, of Indiana, today took the oath of office as first assistant postmaster general.

THE MARKETS.

San Francisco, March 20.--Hops--\$ and 1/2. New York, March 20.--Hops--Steady. London, March 20.--Hops--\$ 1/2. Portland, March 20.--Wheat--Unchanged. Liverpool, March 20.--Wheat--Spot, firm; demand, poor; No. 3 spring, 4s 3/4; No. 1 California, 4s 3/4.

TRAPS TO GO.

Vancouver, B. C., March 20.--Consternation prevails among the local can-

ners by the announcement that the Dominion government will prohibit the use of traps for catching salmon at Boundary bay. Several canneries have invested large sums of money in traps and they consider the action of the government without giving them due warning is most unfair. It is also rumored that an import duty is shortly to be placed on salmon brought from the American side, where several canneries have traps and which at present are brought in free. As a result of the new work has been stopped on the erection of several new canneries, while some canneries are seriously considering the advisability of building on the American side of the boundary line.

POLITICS IN ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, March 20.--At the meeting here today to nominate a mayor and other municipal officers, a riot occurred over the election of a president officer, and several wagonloads of police were called to suppress it. Sterling P. Bond, a Meriwether partisan, who tried to make a speech, was arrested and taken to the station. He was soon released and returned to the convention hall, where he was elected temporary chairman. This caused a split and the Harrison adherents left the hall, headed by their chairman, Lutz.

TO RUN THE BLOCKADE.

London, March 20.--The Cretan embargo remains the question of the hour, and the blockade of Crete, beginning tomorrow, is expected to give rise to exciting incidents in the endeavor of the Greeks to run the blockade. The official London Gazette publishes a special supplement today announcing that the blockade of Crete by the warships of the powers will begin tomorrow.

THE TRUE FACTS.

Explanation of the Controversy Between Water Commission and Street Car Company.

As much has been said recently, pro and con, regarding the late difficulty between the water commission and the street car company, because the latter used water from the only pipe into its power house for other purposes than drinking or washing, an Astorian representative called yesterday upon Superintendent Newell, and asked that gentleman for an exact statement of the case. In reply, he said:

"There are two sides to every question, and in the recent case against us we did not have a fair show. Last summer the water company tapped their own mains and told our Mr. Welch to put in his pipes, which he did. The connection was made right at the sink, without any secrecy whatever, and a hose was attached, which was run to a large tank, which we kept filled with water for special purposes. The whole operation was open to the examination of the officers of the water company, who have passed over the car line, and could have come to the works at any time. The water which we used from this pipe we frequently put into an empty or extra boiler, which was only used occasionally. As a rule, we used the ordinary river water in our boilers, but if it is allowed to stand in them for any length of time the salt soon rust them. So when the unused boiler was filled with water to stand, it had to be absolutely fresh water. The water used every day in the boilers is mixed with the water which comes from the net-tanning vats near by, as that helps to prevent rust. The tanning process goes on every month in the year except March. It is preposterous to suppose that the little three-eighths inch pipe running from the sink to the tank could carry enough water for the daily use of our boilers."

All we want to see is justice, and so far as this company is concerned I will say that we never made application to the commission for water for any special purpose. We have only been paying \$1.50 per month. I did make an offer of \$15 per month for water for steam purposes, and thought that was fair, in view of the fact that they let canneries use water for \$100 a year and any one of the canneries in town will use three times as much water in a season as we do in a whole year. At the trial of the case against me in the justice court, they could not prove that any connection had been made from their pipes with our boiler, nor could they prove any verbal or written agreement between the two companies. These are the simple, unvarnished facts."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following deeds were filed for record yesterday: E. Z. Ferguson and wife to John Adair, lots 1 to 4 and 19 to 24, block 122, lots 1 to 15, and 42 to 54, block 141, lots 1 to 32, block 151, lots 1 to 54, block 176, lots 10 to 22 to 32, block 178, lots 25, 26 and 27, block 173, and lots 1 to 7 in block 174, Mary Ann Adair's addition, \$2.00

John Adair et al. to E. Z. Ferguson, lots 1 to 28, block 136, \$2.00 John Adair et al. to E. Z. Ferguson, lots 7 to 18, block 152, Mary Ann Adair's addition, \$5.00 United States patent to William Olesen, northwest quarter of section 14, township 5, north range 7 west, 160 acres, \$2.00

GERMANY DOESN'T LIKE THE TARIFF

Text of the Dingley Bill Published and Commented On By Their Papers.

HER INDUSTRIES WILL SUFFER

A Spirit of Fierce Animosity is Excited and Reprisals are Freely Threatened--Silver Also Gets a Figure.

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Berlin, March 20.--The German press displays a special interest in the new American tariff. The Cologne Gazette, publishes the full text of the bill and all of the leading newspapers publish copious extracts from it and editorials on the subject. These latter breathe a spirit of fierce animosity and a strong desire for reprisals. The Kleiner Journal says: "If this bill becomes a law, Europe, and especially Germany, must feel it to be an intentional blow in the face. A large part of our exports is thereby prohibited, and another part is rendered extremely difficult. Many of our industries will be forced to completely reorganize their system of production, raise the quality of their goods, and specialize. This will require a period of experiment and delay. In the meanwhile much of commerce and industry will be lost. Referring to the currency plans of the United States, the Kleiner Journal says: "We deem silver to be a danger to gold countries, especially to Germany--even greater than the tariff. The remainder of our commerce in America will be put on a shifting basis and great losses are threatened to our financial investment in the United States. Our holdings in the Northern Pacific railway alone amount to 2,000,000 marks, and billions of German capital will be imperiled."

MURDERERS HUNG.

Special to the Astorian.

Newport, Ky., March 20.--Jackson and Walling, the murderers of Pearl Bryan, were hanged together from a double trap in the jail yard here at 11:10 a. m. today. Upon the scaffold both declared themselves innocent, although Jackson had made a full confession of their guilt less than an hour previous.

THE PULP MILL ACCIDENT.

Mr. Charles Seelye, an employee of the Young's river pulp mill, met death in a horrible manner yesterday morning. He was caught in the belting of the mill, lifted to the ceiling, and his head badly mashed. He was about twenty years of age, a native of Illinois, and a nephew of Mrs. Nick Bozler, of Young's river. The young man had lived in Oregon only about one year. Coroner Pohl will take charge of the remains.

Coroner Pohl has just returned from Young's river, and says that the young man Seelye, who was killed in the pulp mill, was but 19 years of age, and that his head was not injured at all; but his left leg was broken in two places, the left arm torn from the body, and the body jammed and bruised. Previous reports were incorrect, as to details. The funeral will take place this afternoon from the residence of Mr. Nic Bozler.

EXAMINER IN HOC.

San Francisco, March 20.--United States District Judge Morrow has refused to release Lawrence and Levings, of the Examiner, on writs of habeas corpus. The men were released on bail of \$1,000 each pending an appeal to the supreme court.

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