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EVENTS OF THE DAY

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TWO HEMISPHERES.

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting to Our Many Readers.

The General Presbyterian Assembly has unanimously adopted the revised creed.

The "Go-between" of Machen may be allowed to turn states' evidence in the postal scandal.

The plague now raging at Iquique, Chile, was brought there in a cargo of rice from India.

The International Telegraph Conference has opened in London. General Greeley represents the United States.

A. Landau has been awarded \$10,000 damages against New York City for the death of his son by an explosion of fireworks.

Ex-Postmaster Milne, at Tacloban, P. I., is accused of stealing not only \$200 in coin, but the 400-pound safe of the office.

Joseph Bailey, of Glen Falls, N. Y., has greatly surprised the medical world by living six months with a bullet in his brain.

The steamer Oceanic, from Liverpool to London, has posted a notice warning its passengers to beware of sure-thing gamblers.

Four men were badly injured, one perhaps fatally, in a stampede that broke the burning of a fuse in a Brooklyn street-car.

A thief in the guise of a servant robbed the residence of George H. Morgan, of New York City, of bracelets, silver and objects of art valued at \$10,000.

Rentals amounting to \$1,000,000 a year will be claimed by property owners in Greater New York for the use of their houses as supports for telegraph wires.

By threatening to kill any man who dared to open the doors of a compartment in the North River tunnel, Superintendent Brady saved his own life and the lives of 14 other men, and prevented the flooding of the tunnel.

Thomas A. Edison has been taken into the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company, as a member of its board of technical directors. The arrangements under which Edison and Marconi join forces are not made public.

The War Department is considering a plan to give graduates of military schools 12 or 15 good positions, each year, in the Philippine constabulary. M. Leopold Mablieau, the French sociologist, in a lecture at Chicago, termed the American college professor as "a hired man in a cage."

Oregon will receive \$910,961 from the national irrigation fund.

The general Presbyterian assembly strongly denounces Mormonism.

Liberals will try to force Britain to show her hand on preferential tariff.

Russia has taken steps to punish those taking part in the Jewish massacre.

The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen has voted to increase its strike fund to \$300,000.

In a fight with insurgents on the island of Cebu, the American soldiers killed 68 rebels and captured 29.

The man who forged J. Pierpont Morgan's name for large sums of money in London has been arrested.

Five Chinese were captured at Buffalo, N. Y., while trying to make their way into the United States from Canada.

A gas explosion in a coal mine near Pittsburg resulted in the death of four men and the serious injury of two others.

Two Italians were killed and 18 injured in a collision between a freight train and several box cars at Columbus, Ohio.

Frost has done great damage to garden truck about Manchester, N. H.

Glanders has caused the death of a colored stableman at Newark, N. J.

The contract has been let for rock with which to extend the Columbia river jetty.

After burning two months, the fire at the Glace Bay (N. S.) colliery has been put out.

Navy Department will order no more ships to Bremerton naval yard until broths are closed.

Five electric shocks were necessary to cause the death of A. Tricola, an Italian murderer, at Sing Sing, N. Y.

LOSS OF LIFE GREAT.

Earthquake in Asiatic Turkey Destroys Town and Kills 2,000 People.

Constantinople, May 20.—Advices which reached here today from Asiatic Turkey show that a terrible earthquake occurred April 29 at Melazgherd, in the vilayet of Van, 80 miles southeast of Erzeroum, on the Euphrates. The town was totally destroyed with its entire population, numbering 2000 souls, including 700 Armenians, as well as troops forming the garrison of Melazgherd. Over 400 buildings in neighboring villages collapsed.

A somewhat severe earthquake was felt here this morning, but no serious damage was done.

Shock Lasts Thirty Seconds.

London, May 30.—The foreign office here today received some details from the British Consul at Erzeroum regarding the recent earthquake at Melazgherd, according to which a strong shock, lasting 30 seconds, was felt on the morning of April 29 throughout the entire district between Lake Van and the Russian frontier and as far west as Kharput.

The town of Melazgherd, consisting of 500 houses, was destroyed, and much havoc was wrought in the surrounding villages. Colonel Khalil Bey, commanding the garrison of Melazgherd, with his whole family, three officers and eighty soldiers perished in the ruins. Lieutenant-Colonel Tayib Bey, whose family perished, became insane.

The telegraph operator who sent the news of the catastrophe said he himself was badly injured, and that his wife and sister had been killed.

The Foreign Office has appealed for subscriptions for the relief of the destitute of the Melazgherd district.

NOVEL FAIR EXHIBIT.

United States, in Miniature, Will Show the Products of Each State.

St. Louis, May 30.—On the southern slope of the hill that fronts the Philippine exhibit, the Department of Agriculture is making a map of the United States to cover 5.1 acres of ground. Considerable work has already been done here by David A. Brodie, superintendent of the open air exhibit of the Bureau of Plant Industry of the Department of Agriculture, who has been in St. Louis since early spring in charge of the map project.

Mr. Brodie and his assistants are laboriously drawing on the ground the largest coast line of the United States. Starting at Oregon he has already reached Pensacola, Fla., and in a few days he will have finished the coast line. Then will come the drawing of the dividing line between the states. The entire five acres has been underlaid with wooden drains to carry off the surface water. Products grown by each state will be exhibited at their proper place on the map.

World's Fair Commissioner Cridler cabled from St. Petersburg, Russia, as follows:

"Reserve site for Russian pavilion among those of the great nations, subject to the approval of the Commissioner-General, who will arrive at St. Louis in July."

STORM DAMAGE GROWS.

Iowa Tornado Completely Wiped Out One Town.

Des Moines, Ia., May 29.—When wire communication with the interior towns was opened up today it became apparent that yesterday's tornado caused far greater loss than was at first reported. A report early today from Botna, Shelby county, received by way of Audubon, says that the town of Botna was completely demolished, and that many farm houses near that place were wrecked. At Botna a large church and the Great Western Depot are among the buildings known to have been wrecked. No definite news of casualties from there had been received up to 11 o'clock today.

At Creston ten dwellings were blown off their foundation, and Mrs. S. E. Troop and daughter were injured in the wreckage of their home.

Ten miles north of Gray, in Audubon county, two children are reported killed in the wrecking of a farmhouse and five others seriously injured. All were occupants of one house.

Modocs Still Long for Oregon.

Washington, May 30.—An Indian inspector has been ordered to Quapaw Indian Agency, in Indian Territory, to investigate the dissatisfaction of the Modoc Indians who have expressed a desire to return to their old home in the Klamath reservation, in Oregon. He will endeavor to persuade the malcontents to postpone their departure until Congress can provide for them.

FINDS A BIG GRAFT

POSTMASTER GENERAL PAYNE CAUSES ARREST OF MACHEN.

Head of Free Delivery Service is Alleged to Have Received \$19,000 as a Kick-off on Patent Letter Box Fastener—Fraud Was Discovered Accidentally—Others Implicated.

Washington, May 29.—By far the most sensational development of the postoffice investigation up to this time occurred today, when Augustus W. Machen, the general superintendent of the free delivery service, was arrested on a warrant issued upon the information of postoffice inspectors charging him with having received "kick-offs" from contracts made with the local firm of Groff Bros., for a patent postal-box fastener. The warrant specifically charges him with receiving \$18,981.78 since August 8, 1900. It is alleged that Machen does not represent all that Machen obtained from his contracts, it being charged that he profited by them for several years prior to the date of the first contract mentioned in the warrant. Other arrests are to follow.

Immediately after Mr. Machen was taken into custody the Postmaster-General issued an order removing him from office. He had been practically under suspicion for a fortnight, pending investigation into his bureau.

The discovery of Machen's alleged interests in the contracts was made quite accidentally by the inspectors some three weeks ago, and since then their energies had been directed toward making out a case. Last night, after the authorities had become convinced that they were in possession of the necessary evidence, Mr. Machen was notified to appear at the department this morning. He did so, and was subjected to a "sweating" process by the inspectors and General Bristow for three hours, but no admissions that he had profited by the contracts could be secured from him. He declined to answer many questions, on the ground that they related to his private business, but insisted to the end that he had not received a cent improperly.

EAGER FOR PENSIONS.

Spanish War Veterans are Freely Asking Government Aid.

Washington, May 29.—Pension Commissioner Ware calls attention, as did his predecessor, to the fact that a greater proportion of the veterans of the Spanish War have applied for pensions than did the veterans of any previous war of the United States in a like period following the close of a National conflict. Most of the applications on file come from members of the volunteer regiments, 65,436 applications of this class now being of record, and all filed since the close of the Spanish War.

In round numbers, over 22 per cent of the men who enlisted for service in the war with Spain have this early applied for pensions. Out of the total number of claims filed, 57,048 are known as "invalid" claims, filed by the men themselves, and 8390 are "widows and dependents." There have been allowed to date 9881 invalid pensions and 3160 widows and dependents, while 18,185 claims have been rejected.

New applications are being filed daily by the hundreds, and the indications are that by the close of the present year nearly 50 per cent of the men who were enrolled on the army lists during the brief war will have applied to the government for a pension. This high percentage is said by the department to be due to the activity of pension attorneys. These attorneys have been active among the men who served either in Cuba or in the Philippines and especially so with widows or dependent relatives of those who were killed or died in the service. They have induced many men to file claims when there was no chance of securing an allowance, but in the hope of securing a small fee for their pretended service. The high rate of rejections—higher by far than the rate of allowances—indicates the class of claims that have been filed.

Nine are Killed Outright.

Blanchard, Iowa, May 28.—A most destructive and fatal tornado struck the town of Elm, Mo., eight miles south of Blanchard, and just across the Missouri state line, at 5 o'clock this evening. Nine persons were killed outright and five were injured, some of whom may die.

FLOOD IN KANSAS.

Many People are Driven From Their Homes—Wheat Crops Ruined.

Salina, Kan., May 26.—This city is tonight the scene of the worst flood in its history, fully 100 families having been driven from their homes, and the extent of the damage is estimated to be hundreds of thousands of dollars. Another heavy rain fell tonight, making four inches of rain that has fallen here during the last 24 hours. The northwestern portion of the city is entirely submerged, and women and children were rescued from their homes in boats.

The Missouri Pacific grade on the west is holding back a large and threatening body of water. If the water succeeds in crossing the tracks, the entire western portion of the town will be under water.

A passenger train on the Lincoln branch of the Union Pacific is held between two washouts two miles north of here. The passengers were brought to this city on handcars. The Union Pacific tracks for three miles west of here are washed out, and all through trains are running over the Rock Island from Lincoln Junction, Colo., to Manhattan, Kan. The Union Pacific station here is surrounded by water and the railroad yards are flooded.

The entire district for miles northwest and southwest from the station is flooded. As far as the eye can reach, the wheat fields have been transformed into great lakes of raging water. Crops are ruined and homes deserted.

EXHIBIT FOR FAIRS.

Montana Legislature in Special Session Makes Appropriation.

Helena, Mont., May 26.—(Special.)—The Eighth Legislative Assembly assembled here today in extraordinary session, at the call of Governor Toole, for the purpose of making an appropriation for Montana's representation at the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark Expositions, in St. Louis and Portland, respectively, in 1904 and 1905.

Both houses met in joint session shortly after 11 o'clock and listened to the reading of Governor Toole's message, which stated that there seemed to be a general demand for a display of the state's products and resources at these Expositions, hence his call for an extra session.

Before the day was over three bills had been introduced and passed appropriating \$50,000 for St. Louis, \$10,000 for the transfer of this exhibit from St. Louis to Portland, and \$15,000 additional for the maintenance of the State Capitol and grounds. Before midnight the session had adjourned sine die.

MANY HOMELESS BY FIRE.

New Hampshire Blaze Causes a Loss of \$400,000.

Laconia, N. H., May 26.—Nearly 100 buildings have been burned, 350 persons are homeless and a loss between \$250,000 and \$400,000 has been caused by a fire in the Lakeport section, the area burned over being about 15 acres. The fire started in a boiler room of the H. H. Wood hosiery mill. The flames spread briskly, and in a very short time, under the influence of a brisk southeast wind, the entire structure was burning. Next it spread to the finished-lumber plant of the Boulla & Gorrell Co., and then to the works of the Laconia Electric Light Company. In less than an hour both these plants were destroyed. The city fire department was helpless to stay the progress of the flames, and destruction went on until the fire actually burned itself out for want of material.

SLAVERY IN NEW FORM.

Secret Service Men Find Judges Promoting Peonage in the South.

Washington, May 26.—At the request of the Department of Justice, the United States Secret Service has undertaken an investigation of the charge of peonage, or holding another in servitude to work out a debt, which has been made against persons living in the vicinity of Montgomery, Ala. One man, named Robert N. Franklin, has already been indicted for keeping a Negro in servitude, and information in the hands of Chief Winkle tends to show that a regular system has been practiced between certain magistrates and persons who want Negro laborers.

The plan is to bring a poor Negro before a magistrate on a flimsy charge. He is convicted, and the white man offers to advance him the money provided the Negro will make a labor contract with him for a length of time sufficient to reimburse him for the money and trouble he has taken to keep the Negro out of jail. The Negro is thereupon taken away, and begins what is frequently a long term of cruel servitude.

WORK OF TORNADO

FIFTEEN PEOPLE IN NEBRASKA LOSE THEIR LIVES.

Twenty Others More or Less Seriously Injured—Several Towns Visited by Storm and Every Building in Its Path Blown to Pieces—Heavy Financial Loss.

Hastings, Neb., May 27.—A series of heavy storms, two of which developed into the worst tornadoes that have visited Southern Nebraska for years, passed over portions of Clay, Franklin and Kearney counties last evening. Fifteen persons are known to have lost their lives, 29 odd were more or less seriously injured, and a number of others received minor injuries. Every dwelling and outbuilding in the path of the tornado was blown to pieces, and the financial loss thus far accounted will reach about \$60,000.

Near Norman, at the home of Daniel McCurdy, a number of relatives and friends were spending the day, and not an inmate escaped death or serious injury. Two miles south of Upland German Lutheran services were being held in a school house, when the storm struck and demolished it, killing four of the occupants, including the minister, and injuring a number of others.

The storm was equally destructive at Fairfield, but the people were warned of its coming and sought cellars for safety. Six dwellings were blown to pieces at that place, but their occupants escaped injury, with a few exceptions.

MUST LEAVE FRANK.

Repetition of Recent Accident May Occur at Any Time.

Ottawa, Ont., May 27.—Messrs. R. W. Brock and R. P. McConnell, the geologists who were sent to report on the cause of the landslide at Turtle Mountains, which wiped out the town of Frank, have submitted a preliminary report to Sir William Mullock, acting minister of the Interior.

Mr. McConnell estimates that between 60,000,000 and 80,000,000 tons of rock fell, the debris of which covers almost two square miles. The slide is attributed to the steepness of the mountain and the shattered condition of the rock. This was due to "faulting" and crushing of the rock during the process of mountain building. Heavy rainfalls pouring through the fissures tended to open them still further.

The accident was locally hastened by a creep in the coal mine which caused a jar. The mountain where the slip took place is very badly fractured and is now slipping down continuously in small pieces. There is danger of another slide, as some of the fractures extend back 500 or 600 feet from the face, and if these were to open another bulk would come down.

Mr. McConnell thinks that there will always be more or less risk in living at Frank and that the people should move as soon as possible.

SWEPT BY TORNADO.

Oklahoma in Track of Storm—Injuries to People are Few.

Oklahoma City, O. T., May 26.—Last night a tornado struck the town of Carmen and destroyed one-third of the place. P. F. Brown, of Wichita, was instantly killed by flying timber and Mrs. Wismliller fatally injured. Twenty people were more or less injured.

The Methodist church was set on top of the parsonage, where it remains and can be seen for miles.

The dwellings of J. P. Atterbury and Robert Payne were demolished. Mrs. Atterbury was carried 50 feet but not seriously injured, while her son and daughter were dangerously hurt. Orchards and crops were damaged severely. The Arkansas river is on a rampage as a result of the heavy rains. The town of Kaw City is practically under water, many farmers living in the bottoms near Ponca City and Newkirk having been compelled to leave their homes. Fields and crops are submerged, numerous bridges have been washed away, and traffic is blocked.

Locomotive Boiler Explodes.

Erie, Pa., May 27.—While passing May's siding on a hill west of Kane today, the boiler on one of the locomotives pushing a Philadelphia & Erie freight train exploded, killing one man and injuring four others, three perhaps fatally.

The crown sheet of the boiler was blown through the caboose, splitting the caboose in two. The injured, except the engineer and fireman, were in the caboose.