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EVENTS OF THE DAY

EPITOME OF THE TELEGRAPHIC NEWS OF THE WORLD.

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form—A Large Amount of Information in a Small Space.

The Cramp Shipbuilding Company, of Philadelphia has been awarded the contract for building revenue cutter No. 3, for the Pacific coast. The new cutter is to be 160 feet long.

While the American steamer Paris, from New York, was docking in Southampton, she came into collision with the steamer Majesty, belonging to the Isle of Wight. The Majesty was sunk, but all her crew were saved.

Meager details have been received in San Francisco of a disastrous hurricane on the Tonga islands, in the South seas. The barks Wouong and West Australia and the Samoan schooner Aeol were wrecked, but no lives were lost.

Li Hung Chang and Shas Yu Lien have been appointed delegates to represent the emperor of China at the coronation of Emperor Nicholas II, of Russia, at Moscow. Negotiations are still in progress looking to the conclusion of a commercial treaty between China and Japan.

Mangus C. Crosby died in Astoria. The deceased was one of Astoria's leading business men, and was twice elected mayor of the city. He left a widow and five children. The cause of his death was a complication of Bright's disease, from which he had been suffering for several years.

Through Senor Andrade, its minister in Washington, the government of Venezuela has notified Secretary Olney that it will respond affirmatively to the invitation of the Venezuelan commission to submit all the evidence in its possession touching the location of the true boundary line.

Count Zeppelin, of Germany, has delivered a lecture at Stuttgart in the presence of the king of Wurtemberg and the military authorities on a steering airship, which, it is said, will cost about \$75,000 and travels eleven miles an hour. It is claimed such an airship can remain in the air for 7 1/2 days.

The Brisbane river in Queensland has been greatly swollen by floods. A small steamer crossing the river with about ninety passengers capsized, and only forty were saved. The capsized steamer was the ferryboat Peral. The current was very swift and the river banks and Victoria bridge were endangered.

A telegram received from Irkutsk, Siberia, says a Siberian trader named Kouchmareff, the agent of Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, the Norwegian explorer, who sailed in the Fram June 24, 1893, for the Arctic regions, has received information that Nansen reached the North Pole, found land there, and is returning toward civilization.

For the first time in half a century the American falls of Niagara practically ran dry, by the formation of an ice bridge or dam, extending from Schlosser's dock, on the American bank, about half way across the river. The water was almost entirely diverted to the Canadian falls. It was possible for a time for a man with a plank to have walked from the mainland to Goat island without wetting his feet.

Advices just received from Seoul, the capital of Corea, say an uprising took place there February 11, during which the premier and seven officials were murdered. These dispatches add that the king and crown prince sought shelter in the Russian legation. The king ordered the ministers put to death. Two hundred Russian sailors and mariners are now guarding the legation in that country.

During the debate on the address in reply to the queen's speech in the house of commons, Sir William Vernon Harcourt, supporting the amendment for not proposing self-government for Ireland, pointed out that the colonies, from which there was evidently a splendid testimony of loyalty to the crown, enjoyed home rule, and he maintained that the policy of home rule could be as successful in Ireland as in the colonies.

A great fire raged in Guayaquil, Ecuador, resulting in the death of thirty persons. When the firemen and soldiers who were hurriedly ordered out to help them, finally brought it under control, thousands of panic-stricken persons were wandering homeless in the streets, many lay dead in the morgue, and property worth nearly \$3,000,000 had been destroyed, including the noble cathedral and the convent which adjoined it.

Milton Evans, chairman of the farmers' committee, of Walla Walla, has received a letter from Washington, through Senator Squire, from W. R. Morrison, of the interstate commerce commission, in which Morrison says the commission had considered the complaint made by Evans against the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, alleging that excessive freight rates were charged on wheat, and that the commission has decided to make a slight reduction from Walla Walla to Portland, and that an order to that effect will be issued as soon as it can be prepared and printed.

A dispatch from Tokio, Japan, says there is great activity among all the naval forces. The Japanese government is confident that Russia is encouraging the revolt in Corea, with a view to the early establishment of a Russian protectorate over the kingdom. The seat of the Korean government is now in the Russian legation at Seoul, where the king remains guarded. It is said the king of Corea authorized the outbreak in revenge for the murder of the queen.

D. Willis James, of New York, has offered \$25,000 toward paying the debt of the American board of foreign missions. The gift is to be made on condition that \$90,000 additional be subscribed before March 1. The board members are making a determined effort to carry out the conditions of the offer. The \$90,000 has been apportioned as follows: Boston, \$35,000; New York, \$30,000; Chicago, \$25,000.

In spite of the formal declarations of the imperial chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, in the reichstag that Germany was not prepared at present to issue invitations for a monetary conference, the German bimetalists still have hope that an international conference will be called. They have determined to resume active agitation both in the reichstag and outside of it. They charge Prince Hohenlohe and Baron Marschal von Bieberstein with bad faith in carrying out the reichstag's instructions of a year ago.

Thomas Howes Hinckley, an artist of wide fame, died in Boston.

Chicago clothing-cutters and trimmers have ordered a strike, and 20,000 are thrown out of work.

Members of the Irish parliamentary party have elected Dillon as the new chairman to succeed Justin McCarthy.

John L. Waller, confined in a French prison, has been granted a pardon by President Faure, due to the representations made by the United States government in the prisoner's behalf.

Dr. A. T. Perkins, of Chicago, has patented a process of keeping fruits, meats and perishable products during transportation by the use of sterilized air. His patents extend to the antipodes.

The secretary of the interior has approved a list of eighty acres of land selected in Oregon City land district, Oregon, by the Oregon & California railroad, under its grant.

The Eliott Square building strike in Buffalo, N. Y., is ended, and a thousand or more workmen have returned to work. The differences between the superintendent and the men have been amicably settled.

A factory for the making of remedies similar in nature to the proprietary medicines now on the market is to be started by Chicago retail druggists. A majority of the city pharmacists are interested, and they hope to drive the patent medicine makers from the field.

Alaska travel from the Sound is growing to such an extent that the Pacific Coast Steamship Company has determined to put another steamer, the Mexico, on the route, in addition to the Topeka and Al-Ki, which are now crowded every trip with freight and passengers for the North.

A leading Spanish newspaper is quoted as saying: "It is not for the United States government to give Spain lessons in humanity. Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones. Let the United States government put down lynchings before it reads us our duty to the Cuban insurgents."

Hope is about abandoned for the barkentine Discovery, owned by Pope & Talbot, of San Francisco. The vessel is now out twenty-eight days from Port Gamble, loaded with lumber. She was commanded by Captain Christensen. There were twelve men in her, and there is scarcely any chance of them turning up alive.

At a masked ball in Lisbon fire broke out and a panic followed. Men, women and children jumped from the windows, seriously injuring themselves. Friends of the revelers rushed into the burning building to aid in the work of rescue, and many of them were caught by the flames. Thus far forty-four bodies have been taken out.

Baron Blanc, of Rome, Italy, minister of foreign affairs, authorizes the announcement that President Cleveland, having decided to accept the position of arbitrator to settle the questions in dispute between Italy and Brazil, a protocol has been signed, referring to his arbitration all claims that are not amicably settled by the two countries within two months.

Robert Laughlin, of Augusta, Ky., who reported his house burned by murderers, who attacked him with knives, and whose wife and niece were burned in the building, has confessed that he was the murderer. The general theory is that he first assaulted his niece, and then killed her and his wife to hide his crime. He denies this, and says he could not tell what put it in his mind to brain them with a poker while they were asleep.

SHOT DOWN HIS WIFE

WORTHLESS DRUNKARD'S CRIME AT MARSHFIELD.

The Woman Who Would No Longer Support Him Deliberately Killed—The Murderer Wounded by Marshal Elrod in Making the Arrest.

Marshfield, Or., Feb. 20.—This community was thrown into a fever of excitement this afternoon when it was learned that Carl Albright had shot down his wife in cold blood.

Albright had been very cruel to his wife for a number of years, and his treatment became so bitter a week ago that she left him and instituted divorce proceedings. Albright did his utmost to get her to return, and yesterday said that he would talk no longer, but would kill her. Today, after Mrs. Albright returned from doing a day's washing for the family of John Preuss, in South Marshfield, he made good his threat.

Albright walked up to his wife and placed a revolver to her back, firing five shots, the first two taking effect. After the first shot, Mrs. Albright fell to the ground, and the other four shots were fired after she was down. She was dead when picked up.

When his dastardly deed was committed, Albright turned and pointed his revolver at himself, as if he were going to take his own life, and then took to his heels, to get out of reach of the officers. William Webster shadowed him in his flight, Albright keeping him at a respectable distance by threatening to shoot. Webster pointed out Albright's hiding place to Marshal Elrod, who went up to him and ordered him to hold up his hands; but Albright only held up one and was in the act of shooting at Elrod when the latter fired. The third shot brought the wife-murderer to the ground. At first it was thought that Albright would die, but on examination it was found he had received only flesh wounds. Two bullets struck him, one in the right shoulder and one in the right hip.

Albright is now in the hospital. The feeling is very bitter against him, and a "necktie party" is talked of. Mrs. Albright was a woman who bore a good reputation in this community, and made a living for both herself and husband at the washtub and by any work she could get. Albright is a worthless wretch, given to the drink habit, and was drunk when he killed his wife.

To Search for Nansen. Chicago, Feb. 20.—Recent reports concerning the return of Dr. Nansen from the north pole has induced a Chicago syndicate to consider the advisability of dispatching a party at once to the Lena river for the purpose of ascertaining the foundation for the accounts received, as well as to assist, if possible, the returning explorers in their probable march toward either Yakutsk or Irkutsk.

The man selected to lead the party is Evelyn B. Baldwin, the meteorologist of Lieutenant Peary's north Greenland expedition of 1893-4.

Much information concerning the region to be traversed, as well as special facilities for expediting Baldwin on his journey to Siberia, has been afforded by Monsieur A. S. Savine, Comte de Toule Lautre, now in Chicago, who is connected with the Siberian railway.

In an interview Baldwin said: "Barring such information concerning Nansen's whereabouts as would make the proposed trip inexpedient at this time, I shall go direct from San Francisco to Vladivostok, on the Pacific coast, more than 8,000 miles from St. Petersburg. From Vladivostok to Irkutsk, the first 450 miles will be by railway and the remaining distance by post. Twenty-two days will be occupied in making the transit. The time to be consumed between Chicago and Irkutsk will be about fifty days."

BLACK SNOW. The Country About Chicago Treated to a Novelty.

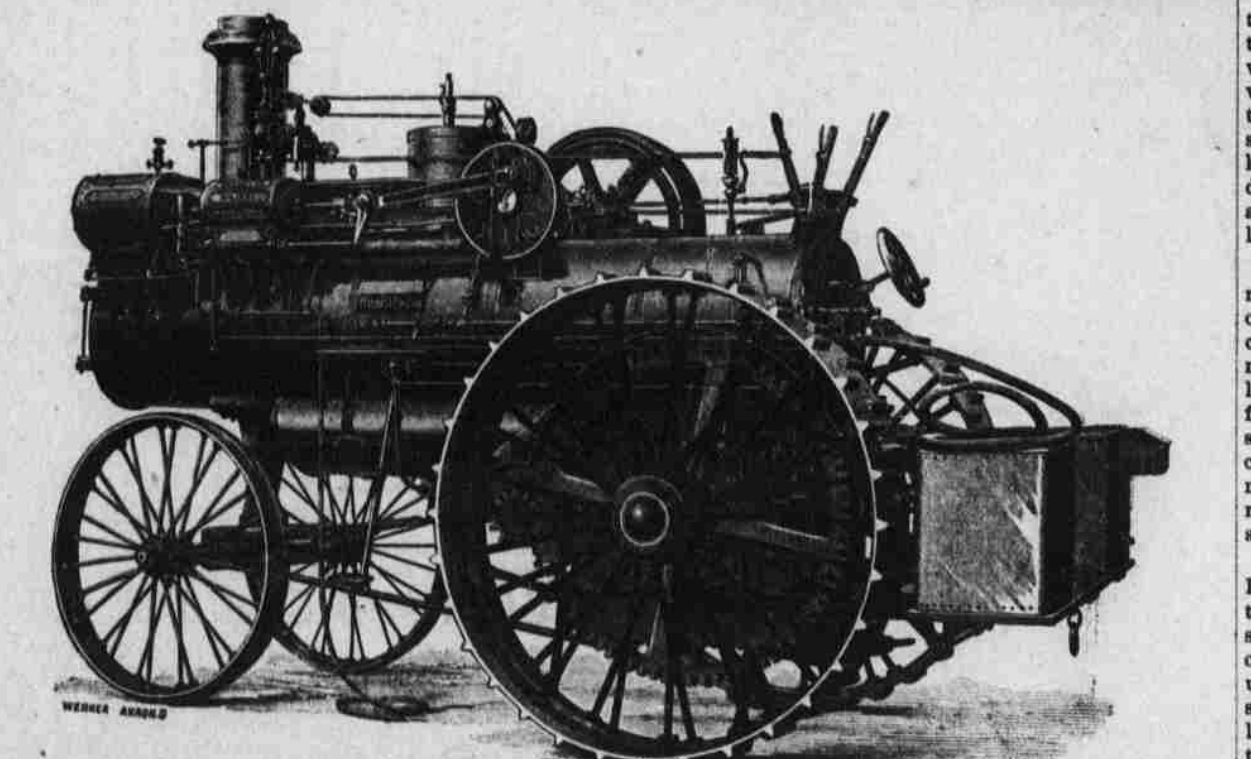
Chicago, Feb. 20.—"Black snow" was a novelty enjoyed by this city tonight. Between 6 and 7 o'clock there was a fall of a couple of inches of what seemed in the dark the staple winter article, but which, on examination under gas or electric light, proved to be decidedly not the ordinary variety. The flakes, crystal and fleecy enough, were of a muddy-colored sort, that at once suggested the Ethiopian adjective. When melted on an extended palm they left each a tiny ink-like speck. In the mass, the so-called snow looked like three weeks' old snow. The bureau of this and other points were at first inclined to attribute the phenomenon to local atmospheric conditions, in common with the smoke and grime of the city. Advances, however, that the same results were observed at suburbs thirty-five miles distant upset all such explanations.

Transvaal Prisoners Released. Johannesburg, Feb. 20.—As the result of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's representations, Messrs. Phillips, Farrar and Fitzpatrick and Colonel Rhodes have been released on bail.

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