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## RIVER STILL RISING

Such are Conditions Reported Throughout Mississippi Valley

St. Louis, March 12.—The inhabitants on the East side are alarmed at the high water and a general inundation is threatened by Chokla creek. On both sides of the stream are countless elevators, factories, railway depots, yards and small homes. Great damage will be done if they are inundated.

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

New Orleans, March 12.—The river is rising more rapidly, and now is within eight inches of the 1897 mark. The force of men is increased on all levees.

Secretary Shaw's New Assistant.  
Robert H. Armstrong, who has been made assistant secretary of the treasury



ury in charge of customs matters, is the youngest man who ever held that post. He is twenty-nine years old.

**Fruit Seeds and Appendicitis.**  
"Many very intelligent people are deterred from swallowing the seeds of berries, grapes and other fruits lost the lodgment of these small bits of indigestibility may induce that dreadful accident appendicitis," says the Dietetic Gazette.

"This fear is utterly baseless since the healthy appendix is protected by a valvular arrangement which prevents even the smallest seeds from entering it. It is only after inflammation has already destroyed its normal protection that any foreign substance can gain access to it.

"To feel compelled to eschew all seedy berries and fruits is to seriously curtail one's dietary, and it is entirely unnecessary. In fact, the free and constant use of ripe berries and fruits of all kinds is one of the best preventives of this dangerous disease."

## RECIPROCITY TREATIES CONSIDERED

By Special Session of Congress Panama Canal Treaty to be Ratified

Washington, March 12.—The Cuban reciprocity treaty was reported favorably from the Senate committee on Foreign Relations today, with an amendment providing that its provisions be concurred in by the House.

The adoption of this amendment is a distinct Democratic victory, and is the first fruits of Gorman's leadership. It insures, it is believed, the ratification of the treaty at the present session of the Senate, although it can not become effective until after the House concurs in the tariff reductions provided in the treaty. This is expected to be one of the first acts of the next congress.

The acceptance by the Republican majority of the Democratic contention that concurrence of the House is necessary before the reciprocity treaty, which changes tariff rates, can become a 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 victory therefore is decisive.

The formal agreement for the time when the vote on the Panama canal treaty will be reached was made public today. It provides for 15 minutes debate on each side, on amendments, during Monday and Tuesday, and the final vote on ratification is to be had Tuesday afternoon. Morgan will be allowed to make a public speech.

The Senate today received a favorable report on Allison's resolution directing the committee on rules to investigate the expedience of the coming debate.

Platt of Connecticut presented an amendment providing that three-fifths of the votes in the Senate at any time could adopt an order of the time of debate, and the time at which to take the vote. The amendment, under the rules, went over one day.

Consideration of the Panama Treaty was resumed behind closed doors today. The general belief is that the session will end Friday of next week. The Panama Canal treaty will be ratified Tuesday. The Cuban treaty will come up immediately. Their adoption and an amendment sending it to the House for concurrence will be followed by an early adjournment.

**His Tattered Thoughts.**  
"Sometimes," said the poet, "I have thoughts that struggle for expression." "And some of those you have given to the world show evidence of the struggle," replied the critic.—Chicago Post.

## RICH GOLD STRIKE

Reported From Upper Yukon River One Hundred Dollars a Day

Tacoma, March 11.—Great excitement exists in the upper Yukon over another gold discovery, comparable to the Klondike. It is on Duncan Creek. It is said that \$100 daily per man has been taken out of the richest claims. The pay streak is seven miles long, and bed-rock is 25 to 100 feet deep. All has been located, Yukon recommends at Ottawa the expenditure of four millions installing a water system for all producing creeks.

## CONGRESSMAN TONGUE'S SUCCESSOR

Will be Chosen at Eugene Selection Takes Place April 9th

Portland, March 12.—The congressional committee met this morning and decided to hold the regular primaries and convention for the nomination of Tongue's successor.

All county conventions must be held on or before April 4th. The district convention will be held at Eugene on April 9th.

The convention will consist of 173 delegates, based on the last congressional vote.

**Found a Difference.**  
The Irrepressible Child—Ma, is there any difference between level and flat? His Mother—No, dear.  
The I. C.—Then why did pa get angry when Mr. Jones said he was a flat-head and then feel good when he heard that Mr. Smith said he was level-headed?—Columbia Jester.

**A Request.**  
Mistress—Didn't you hear me ring before?  
Maid—I kind of thought I did ma'am, but I wasn't sure.  
Mistress—Well, next time, please, give me the benefit of the doubt.—Puck.

The clusters of eggs that may be found on apple tree limbs should be picked off during open weather in winter and thus prevent hatching of the tent caterpillars.

## PROSECUTE MURDEROUS MARSHALL

United Mine Workers to Push Cases Against Slayer of Coal Miners

Indianapolis, Mar 11.—The United Mine Workers organization has formally taken up the recent killing of two miners at Buckley West Virginia, which is declared to have been murder by Marshal Cunningham, who they claim was employed by the operators to terrorize the strikers and intimidate them against striking. Cunningham is also charged with several murders before. The Mine Workers will employ a staff of widely known attorneys to conduct the prosecution.

Late press dispatches give the following particulars of the killing referred to.

According to the report, there was great feeling against Cunningham and the men decided not to allow him to arrest them, and he was driven away. Mr. Evans says that he sent a telegram to the men to submit quietly, but that the coal companies, who own all of the telegraph and telephone lines connecting with the town, refused to deliver it and before he could get any message to the men Cunningham and his deputies, who, he said, were the worst characters he could collect, went to the town a second time and killed the miners in the night time in their beds.

Mr. Evans says that he went to the scene of the trouble the next morning after 48 men had been arrested for conspiracy to kill Cunningham, and found there in a house occupied by a colored man the dead bodies of William Dodson, William Clark and Richard Clayton, all colored. The reports continue: "On inquiry we found that the wife of the colored man, with four children, together with eight colored men, were in the house and that about daybreak all that were inside were awakened by shots fired into the house from the outside. This shooting took place without anything being said to those on the inside and the three colored men I have mentioned were found dead on the floor. Two were in their night clothes and the other one was partly dressed with one shoe on, partly laced, and the other foot bare."

**Magnetizing a Witness.**  
Brougham, while practicing at the bar, once tried the experiment of magnetizing an adverse witness giving evidence and succeeded in a remarkable manner without speaking a word. Seating himself immediately before the witness, he fixed him with his eye till the poor man blushed, stammered and finally collapsed in nervous confusion, probably leaving his most important evidence unsaid.

## GREAT FLOOD SURE

Water Will be Highest Ever Known All Water Craft are at a Premium

Memphis, March 11.—The river rose six inches in the last 24 hours. At 8 o'clock this morning it was two and one-half feet above the danger line. A portion of North Memphis is now inundated, and several street car lines have been abandoned. Steamers are tying close to the streets, as half the wharves are under water.

Refugees from the low lands are arriving by every boat.

Government engineers officially state that the situation is very serious, and predict that within a week the highest water ever known will be rushing through the levee channels.

Natches, March 11.—The river is sixteen feet above the danger line. This morning the steamer Betsy Ann arrived from the Bayou Sara district with 250 destitute passengers. The captain reports that skiffs, bateaus, rafts and other craft are at a premium and all local packets are doing relief work.

The difficulties of the situation are added to by the refusal of roustabouts to ship unless at extremely high wages.

## BINGER HERMANN HONORED

Tendered Reception at Eugene May Not be a Candidate for Congress

Eugene, Mar 11.—A reception is being tendered this afternoon and evening to Hon. Binger Hermann, late Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Mr. Hermann says he has not fully decided to become a candidate for congress, but is only feeling his way. It is going to be hard to serve one term and get what the district wants in the way of appropriation, and at the same time secure half the earth for the Portland fair.

Mr. Hermann expects next week to go to the counties south of here to meet old friends.

**Could Not Stand It.**  
A life of the poet James Gates Percival contains some personal incidents that show the character of the man. Among them is this:

When he was made state geologist of Wisconsin, a young man was appointed to assist him. One day the geologist entered the governor's office in a state of excitement. "I cannot stand it. Indeed I cannot! I cannot work with him any longer!" he declared with some agitation, referring to his assistant.

"What's the trouble?"  
"He whistles and he throws stones at birds," was the indignant rejoinder. Thereafter he pursued his geological labors unassisted.

## SHOE TALK



IN buying shoes DON'T get plucked. If you buy a \$3.50 or \$4.00 shoe at a store where \$6 to \$8 shoes are sold you do get plucked nearly every time.

Satisfactory shoes for Winter—shoes that please the people—shoes in which the shape will hold—won't "squash" out, or sag in the shank, or get shabby-looking in a little while.

Shoes that hold out because they're rightly built—not a skimp anywhere, inside or out—THAT'S the Walk-Over Shoe.

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