

STEAMER AND PIERS BURNED

Disastrous Fire on Hoboken River Front Last Night

TWO MEN LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE FLAMES ABOARD A BRITISH LINER.

The State School for the Deaf and Dumb in Jackson, Mississippi, Destroyed by Fire, but All Inmates Were Saved—The Riots by Russian Students a Serious Political Move.—No Fatalities.

NEW YORK, Mar. 18.—Fire tonight destroyed the pier of the Phoenicia Steamship Line, on the Hoboken, N. J., river front, with many bales of cotton and hay; burned the steamer British Queen; consumed several lighters and their cargoes; damaged the dock belonging to the Barber Steamship Line, and for a time threatened the property of the Holland American Line and the Hugh Campbell stores. The loss will approximate \$1,000,000. Chief Engineer Scott, of the British Queen, was supposedly burned to death on her, and a sailor named Jensen met the same fate.

The estimated losses are: Piers, \$300,000; British Queen, \$400,000; Cotton and lighters, \$250,000. Seven lighters are more or less damaged. The scene of the fire was Seventh and River streets, Hoboken. Together there are the docks and basins of the Phoenicia line, the Holland-American line and the Barber line. The Phoenicia line pier was a wooden structure, 300 feet long, covered with a frame shed. In this were many bales of hay and cotton which burned with the utmost rapidity. How the fire started is not known.

School for Deaf Mutes. Jackson, Miss., Mar. 18.—The state institution for the deaf and dumb in this city was destroyed by fire today. All the inmates were rescued. The loss is \$40,000.

The Russian Riots. St. Petersburg, Mar. 18.—(By the frontier).—The comparatively bloodless outcome of Sunday's riots develops a rather Gilbertian feature of an otherwise serious political move. The students, on preparing to make a demonstration, remembered the rough treatment they were subjected to at the hands of the military last year, and sent letters to the authorities promising to demonstrate wholly unarmed, and begging that the police instead of the military might be sent to maintain order. In fact, while the military were numerous, the police were in the majority and the cavalry did not use to any great extent the terrible Cossack whips, with loaded butts, which caused so many fatalities in 1901.

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crowd of civilians who were making repairs at the barracks. Pistols and knives are said to have been used. Michael Keoughan, who was discharged last Saturday from the army, was shot to death, and ten or fifteen men were wounded in the shooting and cutting, which was general for a time.

TRIAL BY COURT MARTIAL

Two Marine Court Officers Face Serious Charges in Manila.

MANILA, March 18.—The court martial appointed to try Major Littleton W. Waller and Lieutenant John A. Day, of the Marine Corps, on the charge of executing natives on the island of Samar without trial, held its first session today.

Captain Marx, who represented Waller, pleaded that the court lacked jurisdiction as the marines cannot be tried by the army except when attached to the army service, whereas Waller returned to duty with the marines in February, though the facts charged occurred in January.

HEAVY FALL OF SNOW

Has Impeded the Travel of West Bound Homeseekers.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 18.—Neither of the trains of the continental lines has yet succeeded in clearing the road.

PROTECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

The Subject of a Bill Considered in the Senate

IT STARTED A SHARP DEBATE BETWEEN MASON AND BACON YESTERDAY.

Roosevelt Vetoes Two Private Bills the Object of Which Was the Removal of Charges Against Old Soldiers—His Reasons Are Clearly Set Forth in the Messages—River and Harbor Bill.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18.—The Senate today had under consideration the bill providing for the protection of the President of the United States, and for

Shattuck, of the Committee of Immigration and Naturalization, and accepted by that committee, was reported to the House today with the recommendation that it be passed. The general purpose of the bill is to bring together, in one act, the scattered legislation on this subject enacted from 1875 to 1894, in regard to the immigration of aliens into the United States.

NO TRACE FOUND

Of the Missing Express Messenger Who Betrayed His Trust.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Mar. 19.—The Adams Express officials said today, concerning the disappearance of L. S. McKee, of Indianapolis, his messenger running from Indianapolis to St. Louis on March 3d, that absolutely no clue has been found.

BRYAN A FARMER.

Has Removed from the City of Lincoln into a Barn.

LINCOLN, Neb., Mar. 19.—W. J. Bryan is no longer a resident of the city of Lincoln. This was Bryan's forty-second birthday, and he celebrated the event by moving to his farm, four miles from the city.

TRUST CLAUSE INVALID.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 19.—The Supreme Court in a decision handed down today, declared the trust clause in the will of the late Senator James G. Fair invalid, and the property will at once be distributed among the children of the deceased Senator. It is estimated the estate is worth upwards of twenty million dollars.

LOST IN STORM.

JAMESTOWN, N. D., Mar. 19.—Two men are reported lost fifty miles northwest of here. Ranchman Stewart and Herder Dan McLaughlin have not been found since the storm. The stock loss is heavy in this district.

WOLCOTT CONSIDERED.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—The Post will say tomorrow: "Ex-Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, is being considered by the President as a possible successor of Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, who, it is understood, will retire from the Cabinet."

TOLD HIS BROTHER.

BERLIN, March 19.—Prince Henry landed at Kiel, at dusk, and joined the Princess Henry and his sons. Prince Henry told Emperor William his experiences from the beginning to the end of his trip.

HEADED A REVOLT.

LISBON, March 18.—Admiral De Melo, who headed the revolt of the Brazilian Navy in 1893, is dead.

PRINCE HENRY AT HOME

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—President Roosevelt today sent to the Senate two veto messages of private bills. One is a bill granting an honorable discharge from the military service to Charles W. Hawley. Of this case the President said:

"I think it inexpedient to reverse the order of dismissal nearly forty years after the event, when it is out of the question for any one to possess knowledge and means of arriving at the judgment, which was possessed by fellow-officers of the man at the time they dismissed him."

Hawley was second lieutenant in the Sixteenth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. Another is the bill for the relief of James Howell. In returning this bill the President says:

"It is enough to say that this man was convicted of mutiny, and sentenced to be dishonorably discharged from the army. There is, perhaps, no other heritage the American would so like to leave to his children as an honorable discharge from the service well and gallantly performed in the Civil War, and an honorable discharge granted to those who, with blood and toll have earned it, is cheapened and rendered little worth if it also is granted to unworthy brothers who have forfeited the right to receive it."

Howell was a member of Company H, Fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Rivers and Harbors. Washington, Mar. 18.—The general debate on the River and Harbor Appropriation bill in the House was enlivened today by Hepburn (Ga.), who made his annual onslaught on the message.

Contrary to his usual custom, Hepburn found several things in the bill to commend, although some of his criticisms were quite severe. Other speakers today were Ball (Texas) and Lawrence (Mass.), both members of the committee, and White (Ky.) and Thompson and Brunette (Ala.), who spoke in favor of improvements of interest to their districts. It was agreed that the general debate on the bill should close tomorrow.

ANTI-SIMON PEOPLE WIN

The Convention in Multnomah County Was Organized

BY THE INDEPENDENTS, AND A LEGISLATIVE TICKET WAS NAMED.

Ex-Judge Henry E. McGinn, One of the Leading Opponents of Senator Simon, Nominated for the State Senate—The Delegation to the State Convention Includes Phil Metschan and Sol Hirsch.

PORTLAND, Or., Mar. 19.—The Republican county convention met today. It was controlled absolutely by the independents or anti-Simon action, the vote for chairman being 100 for A. A. Courtney, (Independent), to fifty-seven for H. H. Northrup, (Simon candidate).

The convention selected fifty-seven delegates to the State and Congressional Conventions, nominated ex-Judge Henry E. McGinn for State Senator, and named twelve candidates for the Lower House of the Legislature. The convention then adjourned until one week from tomorrow, March 27th, when the county and city ticket will be completed.

The delegates to the State Convention are: Geo. H. Williams, H. L. Pitcock, W. E. Ayer, Ad Burckhardt, Phil Metschan, E. W. Spencer, F. A. Bancroft, Charles A. Monell, A. J. Capron, W. T. Muir, W. L. Boise, Geo. H. Howell, D. Kellar, J. E. Hunt, M. H. Carter, H. Van Auken, J. N. Sutton, J. J. Fitzgerald, A. L. Mills, W. N. Jones, Chas. Squires, Joseph Buchtel, Leander Lewis, S. B. Schwab, Chas. Wilson, P. L. Willis, Watt Daniel, W. F. Matthews, C. H. Carey, Sol. Hirsch, John F. Logan, H. H. Newhall, W. H. Patterson, T. J. Cleaton, C. R. Frazier, T. S. Potter, F. P. Mays, Geo. Mager, C. E. Smith, J. W. Beveridge, S. B. Lintchum, Andrew C. Smith, L. H. Adams, E. H. Kelly, D. S. Dunbar, T. C. Powell, H. W. Goddard, F. Elling, F. I. McKenna, P. Kiernan, J. W. Mathena, C. W. Sherman, Jas. W. Blair, D. L. Williams, Sanford Whiting, W. H. Carney, C. E. Rumolin, R. L. Durham, Alex. Donaldson, H. H. Jones, J. L. Hartman, Thos. D. Honeyman, T. M. Edmunds, L. Christensen, T. K. Muir, W. W. Howitt, C. A. Dunbar.

WANT MORE TROOPS. Generals Ma and Su Find It Impossible to Cope with the Insurrection. HONG KONG, Mar. 19.—The rebels in the southern provinces continue to crushingly defeat the imperial troops sent to subdue them. General Ma and Marshal Su report that it is impossible to suppress the rebellion with the troops at their disposal, and the Viceroy of Canton has requested Yuan Shi Kai, the Viceroy of Chi Li, to send reinforcements overland from Chi Li.

The imperial troops have been defeated at Sok Shing, in Kwang Tung Province, and at Poyak, in Kwang Si Province. In Yun Nan Province the rebels hold the town and district of Po Chuen, 20 miles northwest of the perpetual town of Yun Nan. They also have captured the town of Liu Chou, in Kwang Si Province, and the town of Yung Ning, Kweichow Province.

AGED PENSIONERS' BILL Passed to Second Reading in the House of Commons. LONDON, Mar. 19.—The House of Commons today passed to second reading of the Aged Pensioners' bill, granting deserving poor persons a pension of from five to seven shillings weekly at the age of sixty-five. It is estimated that the sum of £10,000,000 will be required annually to pay the pensions.

As the Government at today's session declared it could not provide its share to the scheme, it is not likely to become effective.

HUGE ICE GORGE. Enough Water Collected Above Chamberlain, S. D., to Sweep the Valley. SIOUX CITY, Ia., Mar. 19.—The formation of a huge ice gorge in the Missouri river imperils thousands of dollars' worth of property in this vicinity. Early on Sunday morning the river suddenly ceased running, till the water was but two feet deep at Chamberlain, S. D., and so sudden was the fall that a ferry-boat was stranded in mid-stream. The great stream is still running, but not more than a creek. Couriers sent up the river to find the trouble report a great ice gorge had formed at Little Bend, 60 miles above Chamberlain, S. D.

For sixty hours the water has been piling up behind this obstruction, and there is now enough water collected to sweep the Missouri valley in a flood that will cause disastrous loss. In all the records of the Government Engineer's office here, nothing like this has occurred. In the great flood of 1851-2 counties were flooded by an ice gorge, but enough water escaped the dam to make a good-sized river. Between Chamberlain and Little Bend there are enough tributary creeks to supply all the water now running. In this city, 250 miles from the gorge by river, the water has fallen three feet within 24 hours.

PHILIPPINE TAXES WASHINGTON, March 19.—Secretary Root has notified Acting Governor Wright, that the taxes and duties collected in the Philippines under the recent tariff act for the islands shall be converted directly into the Philippine treasury, and are subject to the orders

of the Philippine authorities. Nothing has yet been determined upon with respect to the handling and transfer of duties and taxes collected in the United States on articles imported from the islands. The law provides that all these taxes and duties are to be paid into the Philippine treasury, for the use and benefit of the islands.

A ROMANTIC MARRIAGE.

Husband and Wife Met After a Divorce and Remarried.

TACOMA, March 19.—The marriage of William J. Galbraith and Lillie Galbraith by Justice C. E. Griffin late yesterday afternoon, revealed a delightful but rather unusual little romance. Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith were married in Omaha, June 23, 1890. They lived happily in that city until about eighteen months ago, when a squall appeared on the horizon and threatened their matrimonial bark. A separation followed. December 16th last Mrs. Galbraith was granted a decree of divorce by an Omaha court. Meantime Mr. Galbraith had drifted to the coast and had located in Seattle, where he is engaged in a successful business. Mrs. Galbraith went to Salt Lake to live with friends. She fell ill and for a time her life was despaired of. Her former husband learned of her illness and provided her with funds. She recovered, and yesterday afternoon stepped off one of the belated transcontinental trains and made her way up Pacific Avenue en route to the home of friends where she expected to visit. Business called Mr. Galbraith to Tacoma. He arrived on the 1 o'clock flyer, a single man. He returned on the 4:30 flyer with a bride in the person of his former wife. Their meeting on Pacific Avenue was purely accidental. Neither knew the other was in Tacoma until they met face to face. A reconciliation ensued. Twenty minutes after Mrs. Galbraith stepped from her train she was with Mr. Galbraith at the marriage license window of the County Auditor's office.

MAYOR BOYLE'S SALARY. Supreme Court Makes Former Ogden Mayor Live Up to Promises. SALT LAKE CITY, March 19.—The State Supreme Court has reversed the judgment in the case of former Mayor John A. Boyle, who sued for his salary and recovered half of his salary as mayor, which had been reduced by council ordinance. Mr. Boyle was elected in November, 1897. During the campaign he advocated retrenchment and declared he was willing to have the salary of the mayor cut in two. Immediately after Mr. Boyle's election a new salary ordinance was passed by the council, fixing the mayor's salary at \$600, the former salary having been \$1200. The ordinance was disapproved by Mayor Boyle, amended, repassed and then approved. At the conclusion of his term, however, Mayor Boyle sued the city for the remainder of his salary had it remained at the \$1200 figure.

The Supreme Court in reversing the ruling of the lower court which declared for Mr. Boyle holds that the latter had publicly favored reduction in salaries and had approved an ordinance providing for such reduction and that judgment therefore could not stand.

NEW RAILWAY PROJECT. Prominent Mining and Transportation Men Are Interested. BAKER CITY, Or., March 19.—Articles of incorporation of the Baker City & Snake River Railroad were filed with the county clerk of this county today. The incorporators are: William Polman, L. Crabill, John Waterman, John Schmitz, C. M. Sage, G. L. Miller, P. Basche, S. A. Helmer, W. J. Patterson, C. L. Palmer, George Stuedard and R. D. Carter, of Baker City, and Edward S. Farrow, of New York.

The articles of incorporation of this company were prepared last fall, after Lieut. Edward S. Farrow, a prominent mining and railroad engineer, had made a careful inspection of the property and franchises of the Northwest Railway, which was sold at receiver's sale here last October. Lieutenant Farrow also inspected the famous Iron Dyke mine in the Seven Devils. It is hinted that the Harriman syndicate is interested in the proposition.

A CONVICT'S STATEMENT. He Accuses a Man Recently Hanged of Two Murders. BUTTE, Mont., March 19.—A special to the Miner, from Deeg Lodge, Mont., says that convict Clinton Dotson, who is awaiting sentence of death for murdering his father, has made a remarkable statement to Governor Toole, in which he declares his innocence of the two murders with which he is charged. He asserts that Jas. McArthur, who was hanged for murder last September, killed his father alone.

Dotson declares that McArthur confessed to him the murder of the man whose remains were found near Central Park, in 1896. His name was Allen and his folks reside in Walla Walla, Washington.

HUNTINGTON'S ESTATE. It Will Reach Many Millions—Large Sums Loaned to Friends. NEW YORK, March 19.—The Tribune will say tomorrow: "The Collis P. Huntington estate, now being inventoried by the state's tax appraisers, will amount to about \$28,000,000 or \$29,000,000. The transfer tax will approximate \$800,000. According to the Tribune's informant, Huntington loaned personal friends a great deal of money, most of which is not collectible."

MAYER REARRESTED. NEW YORK, March 19.—Max C. Mayer, formerly a partner in the banking firm of Rathbone, Mayer & Rathbone, who was arrested at Bayonne, N. J., charged with embezzlement from the firm through false entries in the firm's accounts, and who was released in bail of \$5000, was rearrested and immediately placed in jail. He was on his way to the ferry when overtaken by a court officer. The action was taken on representation of Judge Blair that the case involved at least \$100,000, instead of only \$4800 mentioned in the specific charge.

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VICTORY FOR FRIENDS OF CUBAN RECIPROCITY

The Conference of Republican Members of Congress Agrees to a 20 Per Cent Reduction of the Duty, After a Protracted Debate.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18.—The advocates of Cuban reciprocity, scored a decisive victory tonight, at the conference of the Republican members of the House, the proposition of Chairman Payne of the Ways and Means Committee, for a 20 per cent reduction of the duty with the Sibley amendment, limiting the duration of the reduction of duties to December 1, 1903, being adopted by a vote of 85 to 31. The result was reached at 11:30 o'clock, after a protracted debate, followed by a series of exciting roll calls.

of the great heaps of snow, under which the tracks were buried by last week's blizzard. It is estimated the loss to the transcontinental railroads will amount to very nearly a half million dollars.

WAR IN PANAMA.

Government Generals Characterize the Bravery of Rebels as Extraordinary. PANAMA, Mar. 14.—The government Generals Castro and Ortiz arrived here this morning. Referring to the engagement at Agua Dulce, on February 20th, General Castro says that of the forces under the revolutionary General Herrera, over 700 were killed or wounded. He characterized the bravery of the revolutionists as extraordinary.

Colon, Mar. 14.—The following report was obtained from the Government troops, which arrived here yesterday from Bocon del Toro. The soldiers report that 800 men were killed during the fighting at Agua Dulce. The revolutionists lost 550 and the Government forces 250. The rifle fire during the Agua Dulce battle was deadly and persistent. The slaughter and massacre at that battle are described as awful.

MINERS IN CONVENTION

Laborers of the Anthracite Region Will Formulate Their Demands. SHAMOKIN, Pa., March 18.—The most important convention of hard coal miners since that which resulted in the memorable strike of 1900, began here today and is likely to remain in session until Saturday. Three anthracite coal districts are represented by over 600 delegates.

President Mitchell, of the Mineworkers, arrived early in the day. The impression prevails that if other concessions are made by the operators the matter of recognition of the union will be permitted to rest for the present.

RICH MAN'S DEATH.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 18.—Daniel Wells Jr., a pioneer lumberman of Wisconsin, and reported to be the richest man in the state, died tonight, aged 83 years.

HIS CREDENTIALS.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Jose Vincente Concha, the newly appointed Minister from Colombia, presented his credentials to President Roosevelt today.

THEY ARE DISAPPOINTED.

BERLIN, March 18.—Five hundred returned emigrants, disappointed with life in the United States, have passed through Berlin on their way to their old homes in Posen, the provinces of East and West Prussia, and in Russia and Austria.

A NEW POSTMASTER.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The Senate today confirmed the appointment of J. P. Allen as postmaster at Pullman, Washington.

CABOTIA.
The Kind You've Always Bought
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Signature of 

Of Doubtful Result. Washington, Mar. 18.—The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections today began consideration of the House resolution providing for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people. The committee decided to meet regularly on Thursday of each week, and to continue the consideration of the questions until a vote is reached.

The Program. Washington, Mar. 18.—The Republican steering committee of the Senate today decided to give first place in the order of business, after disposing of the pending business, to the oleomargarine bill, it to be followed by the Chinese exclusion bill.

Immigration Bill. Washington, March 18.—The general immigration bill prepared by Chairman