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Many States Suffer Loss of Life and Property.

HEAVY DAMAGE CAUSED IN CHICAGO.

Telephone and Telegraph Lines Badly Crippled Throughout the Middle West-Tornndo Cuts Wide Swath In Texas.

CHICAGO, March 11 .- One of the worst windstorms of the season struck Chicago early yesterday and during the two hours that it was at its height damaged property throughout the city to the extent of \$175,000. Many heavy plate glass windows were blown in. Telegraph and telephone companies were the worst sufferers, and it will be some time before order can be restored. Thousands of poles were blown down, and Chicago was practically isolated from the west and northwest by telephone and telegraph,

The long distance telephone service was crippled so badly that it was of little value. Up to a late hour last night neither Milwaukee nor Minneapolis could be reached by long distance telephone.

The storm is believed to have been most severe in southern Wisconsin. Along a short stretch of the Milwankee road in southern Wisconsin 500 tele graph poles are down.

Reports from many points in Indiana and Kentucky also indicate heavy damage from the storm. The Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies suffered severely by fallen poles. It was estimated that there were not fewer than 5,000 poles in the city thrown down by the fury of the wimi and storm. Service almost as far west as Omaha was stop-ped until late in the evening.

At the life saving station at the mouth of the Chicago river it was considered the worst gale which has struck Chicago harbor since 1894. The water, lashed in-to fury, came up to the life saving station and flooded the floor for the first time in

Many Texas Towns Visited.

HOUSTON, March 11,-News from Saturday's storm is now coming from northeast Texas. The casualties were small considering the amount of territory visited, but there are four dead and five believed to be dying at Wills Point, where the property loss will reach \$100,000. Five persons were badly hurt at New Boston, though not fatally. A number of houses were wrecked. The property loss there will reach \$75,000, Blossom no one was seriously injured, but the damage to residences was great. At and near Emery, Raines county, one man was killed, and several persons were hurt, two seriously. The damage to property was heavy.

Michigan Telephones Crippled. DETROIT, March 11.-Over 10,000 telephones were rendered useless yesterday by the rain which fell and froze during the entire morning. The 30 mile an hour wind which accompanied the rain raised havoc with the wires, weighed down as they were by ice. Officials of the Michigan Telephone company estitheir total loss in the state at \$20,000. Street car service was greatly impaired during the morning by the ice. The storm was general throughout the southern part of the state, wires suffering everywhere.

Bursting Dams Cause Destruction. PROVIDENCE, March 12. - Two dams at Wanskuck, just north of this city, burst yesterday afternoon, carry-ing away two wooden buildings containing nine persons, all of whom have been accounted for excepting one. The upper dam burst first, and the water with a rush swept away the lower dam a few minutes later. Over this lower dam were two wooden buildings, each 60 feet square and three stories in height, run as a cotton mill by George Weedin. These buildings were crushed by the

Cloudburst and Lightning. ROCHESTER, March 11 .- A severe thunder and lightning storm passed over Rochester between 9 and 10 o'clock last night. At Charlotte, seven miles from here, there was a cloudburst. The village was flooded, and considerable damage was done. At the same time lightning struck the barns on the stock farm of ex-Congressman Halbert S. Greenleaf, and they were burned to the ground, together with their contents, consisting of 43 blooded Jersey cows, 24 thoroughbred

horses and 200 tons of hay and straw. Much Damage In Arkansas.

LITTLE ROCK, March 11.-The heavy rain, wind and thunder storms which swept over Arkansas did great damage. At Conway 15 business houses were unroofed, three others were blown down and many stores flooded. Reports from Pine Prairie say that a tornado struck there, wrecking everything in its path. A boy named Turner was killed.

Long Drought Ended.

NEW YORK, March 12.-The hard rainfall which began about 8 o'clock Sunday night and continued until nearly noon yesterday served to relieve Manhattan from the prospect of a water famine. The weather bureau reported that nearly three inches of rain had fallen in this vicinity. This is the heaviest fall for many months.

To Legalize Polygamy.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 11.-Polygamy may be practiced without fear prosecution under a law which has passed the Utah senate. The new law grants immunity from prosecution except under the United States statute to all persons living in polygamy. The federal statute applies only to the celebration of a plural marriage. The avowed object of this act, which was passed at the dictation of the Mormon church, is to allow men now having several wives to live with them undisturbed. In consequence preparations are already being made to resume openly polygamous relations.

Gorman Bill Passed In Maryland. ANNAPOLIS, March 13 .- The bill to amend the election laws so as to prevent illiterates from voting passed the house shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, four Democrats, Messrs. Buckey, Pattison, Roberts and Garner, voting with the Republicans against the meas-

New Weekly Paper at Oswego. OSWEGO, N. Y., March 13,-A weekly newspaper, nonpartisan politically and called The Pathfinder, has been started here with, it is said, a large financial

HARRISON DYING. End Expected at Any Time-All Hope Abandoned.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 13,-The latest bulletin says that the condition of General Harrison remained practically unchanged, with the exception that he was resting a little easier. At 10:30 last night W. H. H. Miller, former law partner of General Harrison and ex-attorney general of the United States, telephoned John B. Elam, who was also a member of General Harsison's law firm, to come at once to the residence, as the condition of General Harrison was such that

the worst was expected at any time. Dr. Jameson reports the condition of General Harrison as extremely critical. It is impossible at this time to accurately state how long the patient will be able to withstand the deepening of the con-

Late last night Dr. Jameson gave out the following statement:

"General Harrison is growing weaker. The congestion is spreading, which is



BENJAMIN HARRISON. alarming. He may live 35 or 40 hours,

but I fear the end is now near.
"The increase in the number of respirations is an alarming sign to myself and the other physicians. It indicates that the inflammation is deepening and spreading. The present situation shows that General Harrison is battling for recovery with all the force and strength of a magnificent constitution and assisted by the vigor of a life lived according to the rules of hygiene, but battling unsuccessfully. He is gradually growing worse. Hour by hour his vitality decreases, and he is less able to resist the attacks of the inflammation. It is impossible at this hour to predict how long the struggle will endure. It may last 36 hours; it may last 48. I think the general will be able to go through the night successfully. The vitality and power of resistance manifested by General Harrison are wonderful.

ALL TO CHARITY.

Eccentric Woman Left \$300,000 to Various Societies.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., March 13,-According to the will of Mrs. Marietta P. Hay, an eccentric widow of Tarrytown, who was in the habit of placing her money, bonds and jewels in a black bag and hanging it on a limb of a tree outside her bed chamber, she leaves an estate valued at \$300,000. When she died two weeks ago, jewels and \$5,000 were found sewed up in an old silk dress.

Mrs. Hay lived like a miser in two rooms of her big mansion. She bought little food or clothing, and yet she leaves practically her entire fortune to charity.

Among the largest beneficiaries under the will are the Dewitt C. Hay Library association at Lake George, Saratoga hospital at Saratoga Springs and the New York Infirmary For Women.

For the Pickering and White Chime tower at Sacketts Harbor she leaves 39 shares of the New Jersey Zinc company to keep the chimes in good condition. The Tarrytown Historical society gets bonds of the Northwestern Grand Trunk Railroad company.

Mrs. Hay had lived the life of a

recluse since the death, about five years ago, of her husband, Dewitt C. Hay.

The Thirtieth at San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.-The

transport Hancock has arrived from Manila with the Thirtieth United States volunteer infantry. There were in all 875 people on board, of which number 26 are army officers and 738 noncommissioned officers and men of the Thirtieth volunteers. The regiment is comgan, Illinois and Indiana, the Michigan men predominating. The Hancock also brought 72 prisoners and discharged soldiers who were deported on a military order.

Consumption a Contagious Disease. PHILADELPHIA, March 13.-Consumption has been placed on the list of contagious diseases by the board of health of this city, and physicians must now report to the health officer all cases and deaths. It is not the intention of the board to isolate victims of the dis-ease. The work of the members is to purely educational. It will consist of offering advice on questions of precau-tionary methods. Medicines and disinfectants will be supplied to worthy poor patients.

Large Starch Factory Burned.

KANKAKEE, Ills., March 13.-The Archer starch factory, the largest of the kind in the world, burned yesterday. Estimated loss, \$325,000; insurance, about \$125,000. Louis Ruell was badly burned. Twenty-five other workmen escaped. The explosion of a large grinder started the fire. Combustion due to iron nails and wet starch caused the explosion, which blew out the sides of the largest building and caused it to collapse.

The Illinois Made Good Showing. NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 13.-On her builder's trial trip yesterday the battleship Illinois more than measured up to expectations. The ship was not taken out to deep sea, but was given a run down the coast, the main object of the trip being to test her boilers.

Twelve New Plague Cases. CAPE TOWN, March 13.—Twelve fresh cases of bubonic plague, including three Europeans, were officially reported yesterday. Another death, in this case white person, has occurred from the

The Emperor's Wound Heating. BERLIN, March 11.—Emperor William's wound is healing, the swelling of the cyclids is subsiding, and his majesty's general condition is satisfactory.

A ONE SIDED FIGHT.

German Troops Still Killing Chinamen.

ACTIVITY NEAR THE GREAT WALL.

Berlin Authorities Puzzled to Know the Reason For the Movement of Chinese Troops at That Point.

BERLIN, March 13 .- The war office has received the following dispatch from von Waldersee, dated Peking, March 11:

"In the fight west of Suling pass we had only one slightly wounded. The Chinese left 250 dead on the field,

"Our cavalry, with four quickfirers, pursued the Chinese 20 miles. A battalion remains at Fen-ping and westward from the great wall in order to prevent a re-

turn of the Chinese troops Official circles in Berlin declare that it is impossible to judge here exactly what leads to the Chinese activity around the great wall. The Russian papers are spreading reports that the movement there is engineered by General Tung Fu Hsiang and Prince Tuan for the recon-quest of Manchuria. It is to the interest of Russia to circulate this view. On the other hand it is believed in Berlin that the Chinese troops near the great wall have but slight power of resistance, as the report of Colonel Ledebur's engage-ment seems to indicate. It is also believed that these Chinese troops are inferior to those sent against the allies before the capture of Peking.

The statement that Russia insists upon

China's signature to the Manchurian con-vention rests upon Chinese authority, but Germany has no reason to suppress such information, and the fact remains that the agreement has not yet been signed. Nothing is known here as to the pub-

lished report that German capitalists are negotiating with high Chinese officials for the erection of arsenals at Nankin, Wuchang and other points, but the rumor is not believed in Berlin.

Unconditional Surrender Modified.

LONDON, March 13.—The Daily News this morning makes the following important statement: "We understand that the government have greatly modi-fied the 'unconditional surrender' policy. We believe Lord Kitchener has been authorized to offer amnesty to both the Boers and the Boer leaders except where treachery is clearly proved. Cape rebels only are to be punished by disfranchise ment. Loans are to be granted to the Boers for rebuilding and restocking their farms, and finally the government will offer to establish some kind of civil government so soon as all the commandoes have surrendered. Its form will probably be that of a crown colony, but with an important concession, which Sir Alfred Milner advises-namely, a council including Boers of position like General Botha, General Lucas Meyer and Mr. Schalkburger."

Mr. Bryan in Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, March 13.-Colonel William Jennings Bryan paid a visit to this city yesterday and was enter-tained by publishers and editors of the leading newspapers. He visited the big newspaper offices and several publishing houses. Mr. Bryan stated that his visit was one of business alone. He stated that he is preparing to enlarge The Com-moner and that he wants advertising. "I have found," he said, "that the advertisement end should never be overlooked by a progressive newspaper man, I started small, but I am ready to expand." Mr. Bryan attended a public meeting which was addressed by Sixto Lopez of Batangas, Philippine Islands.

Slavery In South Carolina. COLUMBIA, S. C., March 8.-The grand jury of Anderson county has made its report to Judge W. C. Benet and declared that a practical enslavement of negroes has been conducted in that coun-The presentment was prepared by a special committee which visited the convict stockade camps in Anderson county and found confined therein negroes guiltless of any felony, but undergoing a term of servitude under voluntary contracts which they had signed in partial igno-

After the meeting he left for New York.

Hig Job For the Hens.

KANSAS CITY, March 8.—H. M. Slayton of Manchester, N. H., capped the climax of a meeting of the Oklahoma and Kansas Produce Dealers' association here by giving an order to be filled by all members of the organization jointly for 200 carloads of eggs. The shipments are to be made a train at a time. The order means that the hens of Oklahoma and Kansas have ahead of them the task of laying 28,800,000 eggs this

Old Stage Driver Dead.

SAN JOSE, Cal., March 11.-William Buckley, a pioneer stage driver and owner, is dead. He was born in Albany in 1828 and drove a stage in the Mohawk valley and along the old post road to New York city. He brought the first stagecoach across the continent from St. Louis to Salt Lake City in 1847.

A Truce With Bothn.

LOURENCO MARQUES, March 9,-News has reached here to the effect that Lord Kitchener has granted Commandant General Louis Botha a seven days armistice to enable the Boer commander to confer with the other Boer generals regarding the question of surrender.

Adopts Anti-Christian Science Law. INDIANAPOLIS, March 8,-The Indiana legislature has passed a bill requiring all persons practicing medicine or the art of healing to take examina-tions and be licensed. This is aimed at the Christian Scientists and will drive them out of business.

Our Export Trade.

WASHINGTON, March 12.-The monthly statement of the exports of domestic products of the United States shows that during February the total exports amounted to \$65,760,998. During the last eight months the total amounted to \$598,740,375, an increase of \$80,000,

Vassar's Big Farm Enlarged.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., March 11 -Vassar college has leased the Board-man farm of 400 acres to give pasturage for a herd of cattle, enlarged because of the growing student population. The college farm now embraces 1,000 acres

TREATY REJECTED.

Spurned by England.

WASHINGTON, March 12.-Lord Pauncefote, the British embassador, appeared at the state department yester day and handed Secretary Hay a memorandum embracing an instruction from Lord Lansdowne, the British minister for foreign affairs, in regard to the Hay Pauncefore treaty.

The memorandum explains Great Brit ain's reasons for not accepting the sen ate amendment to the treaty and ex-presses regret that the negotiations should have been brought to such a cou

There is nothing in the British answer to suggest that a reopening of pegotia



LORD LANSDOWNE.

tions for a new treaty would be welcomed by Great Britain; in fact, the an swer indicates that the Salisbury cabinet regards the question of arranging a convention to take the place of the Bulwer-Clayton treaty as ended. There is no doubt from the tone of the British answer that any attempt to reopen nego tions must be initiated by the United

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS. A Statement of What Was Done at

Both Sessions.

WASHINGTON, March 13 .- F. S. Wakefield, tally elerk of the house of representatives, has prepared a detailed statement of the work of that body during the two sessions of the Fifty-sixth

The house passed during the two sessions 1,411 house bills and resolutions and 793 senate bills and resolutions, making a grand total of 2,204 bills and resolutions acted upon. It left upon its cal-endar unacted upon 593 house bills and resolutions and 89 senate bills and resolutions. Included in the above it passed a total of 158 house bills and resolutions which failed to become laws and 17 senate bills and resolutions which also failed to become laws. Twenty-nine of these legislative acts failed of signature, two were vetoed and a few recalled.

In the Fifty-fifth congress the house passed 1,473 bills and resolutions, while 641 reported from committees remained undisposed of.

The house was in session 197 days during the Fifty-sixth congress, while the average number of days in session for the past eight congresses was 331.

A total of 6,070 senate acts were introduced, of which but 1,050 reached the house, and on these the house committees favorably reported 813. Total number of bills introduced in the house during the last congress amounted to 14,339, and reports from committees were made on 2,193,

The reports on bills from the committees on military affairs, invalid pensions, pensions and war claims constituted a large portion of those reported, as follows: Military affairs 141, invalid pensions 1,881, pensions 200 and war claims 174.

Troops Coming Home. MANILA, March 13.—Generals Mac Arthur and Wheaton yesterday reviewed the Thirty-fifth volunteer infantry and highly complimented the regiment for its fine appearance, service and proliciency. The United States army transport Thomas is expected to arrive here today from Mindanao with the Twenty-eighth volun-

teer infantry on board and to leave

March 15 for home with this regiment.

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