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**IN MEMORY OF LINCOLN.**  
The Ninety-fourth Anniversary of the Great Emancipator's Birth is Observed.  
Springfield, Ill., Feb. 13.—Lincoln's birthday was observed in this city by exercises at his tomb at the national Lincoln monument under the auspices of Stephenson Woman's Relief Corps. The principal address of the day was made by Col. James F. Felter, commander of Stephenson post, No. 30, G. A. R.  
Addresses were made also by Chaplain Stevenson, of Stephenson post, and Col. Frank T. Reid, commander of the Illinois division, Sons of Veterans.

The local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met in the afternoon at the Lincoln home. During the exercises a letter written by Lincoln to his friend, Milton Hay, of this city, was read, to which was attached probably the last signature ever made by Lincoln.  
New York, Feb. 13.—Members of the Chicago society of New York last evening gathered at Delmonico's, where they celebrated the memory of Abraham Lincoln. The great war president was eulogized by men who had personally known him.  
Col. A. B. Chandler, president of the Postal Telegraph Cable Co., who was a telegraph operator in the White House during the civil war, was on the program for an address, but illness kept him at home, and the speech he had prepared was read by his son.

Addresses were delivered by ex-Secretary of the Treasury George S. Boutwell, of Massachusetts; Alban Jasper Conant, who painted the Lincoln portrait which hangs in the capitol at Washington; Lafayette Young, of Des Moines, Ia.; William E. Curtis, Miss Ida M. Tarbell, author of a "Life of Lincoln," and Henry D. Estabrook, formerly of Nebraska.  
Chicago, Feb. 13.—Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, was the guest of honor at a banquet given at the Auditorium hotel last night by the Lincoln club, in commemoration of the ninety-fourth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

Among the speakers of the evening were United States Senator-elect A. J. Hopkins, James A. Trautman, of Kansas; Wesley Hill, of Pennsylvania and Congressman George E. Foss.  
New York, Feb. 13.—Lincoln's birthday was celebrated by the Republican club last night with a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria.  
At the guest's table were Justice Bartlett, Jacob H. Schiff, Gen. J. S. Clarkson, George Whitehead, Francis L. Loring, ex-Gov. Black, Congressman Francis W. Cushman, and J. Sloat Fassett.

**GET RICH SCHEME.**  
**Turf Investment Companies at St. Louis Suspend Payment.**  
St. Louis, Feb. 13.—At the end of the third day's run on the co-operative turf investment companies by investors demanding the return of their deposits, the result stands:  
E. J. Arnold & Co.—all payments suspended.  
John E. Ryan & Co.—all payments suspended.  
International Investment Co.—all payments suspended.  
Christy Syndicate Investment Co.—all payments suspended.  
United Turf Investment Co.—office closed.  
Grand jury investigation of investment company methods of transacting business begins.  
Crowds of men and women, eager to regain their investments surged into the offices of the various investment companies yesterday and all were doomed to disappointment excepting the International Investment Co.'s investors. This company suspended payments in the afternoon and demanded the stipulated 30 days' notice of withdrawal. The United Turf Investment Co. did not open its offices and a sign on the door announced that payments had been suspended indefinitely.  
Late in the afternoon the February grand jury dropped all other business to take up the investigation of the turf investment companies.

**A HEARST BOOMLET.**  
**It Is Launched by Prominent Democrats at a Barbecue.**  
Columbus, O., Feb. 13.—A presidential boom in behalf of William R. Hearst and a bitter attack on alleged deserters from the democratic party by William J. Bryan, were the dominating notes at the barbecue given last night by the Jefferson-Jackson-Lincoln league, organized a year ago by ex-Congressman John J. Lentz and others. Twelve hundred people, men and women, were present. The program of toasts follows:  
Toastmaster's address of welcome, John J. Lentz.  
Address, "Local Self Government for Cities," Mayor Tom L. Johnson, Cleveland.  
Address, "The Plain People and Their Champions," ex-Gov. James H. Budd, California.  
Address, "The Test of Democracy," W. J. Bryan, Nebraska.  
Clarence S. Darrow, leading counsel for the United Mine Workers, who was to have responded to the toast, "The Industrial Slave," was unable to be present.  
W. R. Hearst, who had been invited to address the banquet, sent his regrets.  
**Schooner and 14 Men Missing.**  
Gloucester, Mass., Feb. 13.—The Gloucester fishing schooner Annie Wesley, which sailed from this port on November 22 for the Georges banks, is believed to have been lost with all on board. The schooner, which carried a crew of 14 men, was last seen on December 17 in a dangerous position off Sable Island. It is thought she either foundered or went to pieces on one of the treacherous bars which abound in that vicinity. Of the crew three were married and had large families. The remainder were unmarried.

**SENT TO CONGRESS.**  
**Two Reports on Elkins Rebate Bill Submitted.**  
**The Majority Report Says the Bill Will Prevent Railroads Giving Rebates—Democrats of the House Say the Bill Lacks Force.**

Washington, Feb. 13.—The report on the Elkins rebate bill, ordered favorably reported by the house committee on inter-state commerce, was filed in the house yesterday.  
"In extensive hearings before your committee upon the general subject of proposed amendments to the inter-state commerce law," the report recites, "it was urged by the members of the inter-state commerce commission that the provisions of existing law providing for punishment of the officers of railroads, but not for punishment of the railroad itself, prevented the enforcement of the law forbidding rebates and discriminations. The experience of the inter-state commerce commission has been that it is impossible to obtain proof of the granting of a rebate by the officer of a railroad to some favored shipper unless the officer himself gives the evidence, in which case he is free from prosecution."  
The report says further: "Your committee believes that the legislation proposed by the Elkins bill, together with the present inter-state commerce law, covers about all the ways that thought or language can devise or describe to prevent the granting of discriminations in favor of one shipper as against another, or the building of one concern through the favoritism of railroad corporations."  
The six minority members of the committee on inter-state commerce also filed their views. After saying that they do not oppose the bill and that it will not afford much relief, they add that the little good that it does contain the people should have. Continuing they say:  
"The bill now reported is not nearly so far reaching as the Littlefield bill which a few days ago passed this house by unanimous vote."  
The minority proposes that the bill be amended by adding the principal features of the Littlefield bill.

**A DOUBLE MURDER.**  
**A Restaurant Keeper Went Gunning for His Partner and Others.**  
Roanoke, Va., Feb. 13.—John Frith shot and killed Witten Height and Frank Williams and wounded two other men at Eckman, W. Va., on Wednesday night.  
Frith and Height were partners in a restaurant business at Welch, a few miles from Eckman, and on Tuesday night Height had Frith and Mrs. Height arrested on account of domestic trouble.  
They were released later, and Wednesday night when Height and his three children arrived at Eckman, Frith shot Height through the heart. Williams, an uncle of Frith, took his revolver to keep him from killing Height's children. Frith then ran to Height, who was lying dead, took a revolver from his victim's pocket and killed Williams. Another man tried to hold Frith and was shot through the jaw. Frith then shot at one of Height's children, missing it and shooting a bystander through the leg. Frith escaped.

**A TRAIN ROBBERY.**  
**Two Men Held Up a Northern Pacific Train, and Got Little Booby.**  
Butte, Mont., Feb. 13.—Detective Murphy has arrested William McCullagh on suspicion of being one of the Northern Pacific train robbers. Four hundred and eighty-five dollars were found in McCullagh's possession.  
There is evidence that the Northern Pacific holdup Wednesday night a few miles east of Butte was done by two robbers. They drove to the scene of the robbery in a buggy and after stopping the train and looting the express and mail cars, drove back to Butte.  
Bloodhounds from the state prison were on the scene of the robbery early in the morning. After the express messenger threw the package of money up in the rack, he jumped out of the car on the other side. In the exchange of shots he is said to have been hit by a bullet in the hip, but he and the other trainmen went on with the train and he was not hurt badly enough to cause him to return to Butte.

**DEADLY GAS.**  
**Five Men are Killed and Ten Injured by Noxious Fumes.**  
Chicago, Feb. 13.—Five men met death and ten were overcome last night by the fumes of gas escaping from the purifying box in the plant of the Northwestern Gas Light and Coke Co. at Blue Island.  
The men, under the direction of Superintendent Martin C. Russell, had been engaged in changing the purifier in the purifying box. According to the statements of men at the plant, when the men finished the work of changing the substance in the box, they did not close the covers of the box. When the gas was turned into the box for the purifying process, it escaped in volumes and the men were overcome where they stood.

**Death of ex-Minister Curry.**  
Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 13.—Dr. J. L. M. Curry, one of the most prominent educators in the south, died in Asheville, N. C., last night. Dr. Curry was born in 1825, and was a native of Alabama. He served as a representative from that state in the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh congresses. When Alabama seceded from the Union, he became a member of the Confederate congress. During President Cleveland's first administration, Dr. Curry was minister to Spain. He was also general agent of the Peabody fund.

**COAL STRIKE COMMISSION.**  
**Arguments Ended—Commission Will Consider Verdict in Secret Session.**  
Philadelphia, Feb. 12.—Counsel for the coal operators yesterday continued to arraign the Miners' union in their statements before the strike commission. The independent operators had the attention of the commissioners for the greater part of the day. The proceedings concluded with the presentation of the Reading Co.'s argument. In nearly every case the attorneys charged President Mitchell with responsibility for the alleged lawlessness in the coal region during the strike, and the union was characterized as an irresponsible organization whose members are beyond the control of the leaders.  
Philadelphia, Feb. 13.—Before an audience that filled every inch of space in the United States circuit court room, President Baer, of the Reading Co., made his closing argument for the coal operators before the strike commission yesterday and Clarence S. Darrow, chief counsel for the miners, began the summing up for the miners.  
Philadelphia, Feb. 14.—The anthracite coal strike commission, after being in public session for more than three months, closed its open hearings Friday with an all-day argument by Clarence S. Darrow in behalf of the miners. The commission will meet in secret in Washington next Thursday and begin the consideration of its award. It is expected that by the end of this month the arbitrators will be ready to make their announcement. If an increase in wages is determined upon, the increase is to date from the first of last November, the commission having decided upon that date on October 31.  
Mr. Darrow took up the 13 evictions on the Markle property and with language that was extremely strong he pictured the eviction of a sick wife and of a blind woman. "You may roll together all the cruelty and violence committed in the anthracite region," he exclaimed, "and you cannot equal the fendish cruelty of John Markle when he turned these helpless people into the street simply to satisfy his hellish hate."  
"This contest is one of the important contests that have marked the progress of human liberty since the world began—one force pointing one way, another force the other. Every advantage that the human race has won has been at fearful cost. Every contest has been won by struggle. Some men must die that others may live. It has come to these poor miners to bear this cross, not for themselves—but that the human race may be lifted up to a higher and broader plane than it has ever known before."

**THE AGONY IS OVER.**  
**Agreements are Signed by Which the Venezuelan Blockade Will be Raised and Captured Ships Returned.**  
Washington, Feb. 14.—Herbert W. Bowen, Venezuela's representative in the peace negotiations at Washington last night signed with each of the allies' representatives here a protocol providing for the reference of the question of preferential treatment of the claims of the allies against Venezuela to The Hague arbitration tribunal. The final formalities occurred at the British embassy.  
Immediately on the signing of the last protocol cables were sent to London, Berlin and Rome announcing the fact. It is expected that the commanders of the blockading fleet within the next 24 hours will receive orders to withdraw their vessels at once.  
By the provisions of these preliminary protocols, which have required more than three weeks of constant negotiations, Venezuela makes two distinct gains, the immediate raising of a blockade from which she had been suffering for some weeks, and the return of all her vessels, war and merchant, which have been captured by the allied fleet.  
Great Britain Germany and Italy receive advance payments of £5,500 each. Great Britain receiving her payment on the signing of the protocol and Germany and Italy within 30 and 60 days from date. Germany in addition will receive five monthly payments until the full amount paid her in advance aggregates \$340,000. As a guaranty for the satisfaction of their claims, Mr. Bowen pledges the allies a share with the other creditor nations in 30 per cent. of the customs receipts of the two ports of La Guaira and Porto Cabello.  
It is stipulated by the protocols that the claims of the creditor nations shall be adjudicated by joint commissions to consist in each instance of a Venezuelan, a representative of the claimant power and, in case of a disagreement, an umpire to be named by the president of the United States.

**Decided in Favor of Strikers.**  
Chicago, Feb. 14.—There will be no more strikes of elevator conductors and janitors of Chicago office buildings for five years as a result of the work of the Chicago board of arbitration, which has been considering the grievances of the unions against the Building Managers' association. This decision, which all parties to the case agreed to abide by, includes recognition to the elevator conductors and janitors' unions and concedes the increased wage scale demanded by the strikers.  
**A Good Roads Convention.**  
Detroit, Feb. 14.—Nearly 150 delegates were present Friday at the first session in the Wayne hotel of the annual meeting of the American roadmakers and the international good roads conference. Twenty-two states are represented.  
**Found a Stolen Treasure.**  
Albuquerque, N. M., Feb. 14.—The greater part of the \$10,000 worth of watches and jewelry stolen from the safe of S. Vann & Co., jewelers of Albuquerque, November 12, 1902, was found under an old barn by two boys yesterday.

**SHUT THEIR DOORS.**  
**Police Raid Three Turf Exchanges in Chicago.**  
**Managers Arrested—The "Investment Companies" Found a Great Many People Who Were Willing to Part With Their Money.**

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Three turf investment company offices were raided here Friday afternoon by detectives and a number of attaches arrested. The head of a fourth concern, warned of the proposed movement, made his escape before the detectives arrived. The different firms visited by the police were the H. Brolaski Co., 356 Dearborn street; Benedict & Co., Room 703, No. 225 Dearborn street; the Mid-Continent Investment Co., 185 Dearborn street, and A. J. Demarest & Co., on the eighth floor of the Temple Court building, Dearborn and Quincy streets. When the detectives reached the Demarest place, the president of the company, A. J. Demarest, could not be found and there was a number of patrons in front of the locked doors, clamoring for payment.  
The raids followed a general police order to close all fraudulent turf exchanges in Chicago.  
Three squads of detectives started out simultaneously to round up the alleged offenders.  
There are numerous other "turf investment" establishments in Chicago and further raids by the police probably will be made.  
The circulars seized in the offices raided reveal several ingenious new schemes. Letters from men, women and boys in nearly every town throughout the middle west were found, with hundreds of communications from Chicagoans.  
Although no definite estimate of the amount lost to investors can be made at present, it is said the total will run into hundreds of thousands.

**TRADE REVIEW.**  
**Demand for Products Is Not Equalled by the Supply.**  
New York, Feb. 14.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "Disproportion between supply and demand is still a factor of strength in many commodities, retarding much work and in some cases postponing important undertakings and improvements. Wages have been advanced voluntarily, and also in response to demands by organized labor. Relief to traffic congestion is still confined to a few favored districts, and shippers cannot hope for prompt deliveries until lake navigation opens. Earnings continue to show splendid gains over former years. Orders for spring shipment are heavy in all staple lines, and the advance business for fall is unusually large, testifying to the confidence of buyers in continued prosperity.  
Sound conditions continue to prevail in the iron and steel industry, with few developments of note. Coke is in somewhat better supply, making it possible to operate blast furnaces with less interruption than was experienced when the month opened, but there is constant complaint of the scarcity and high prices commanded by pig iron.  
Failures for this week numbered 230 in the United States, against 240 last year, and 20 in Canada, compared with 33 a year ago.

**SCALDED TO DEATH.**  
**An Engineer, Fireman and Brakeman Killed in a Wreck on the B. & O.**  
Washington, Pa., Feb. 14.—In a frightful wreck at Vienna station, on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, about 14 miles west of this place, Friday, three men were killed, the train to which they belonged was piled in a confused mass on the tracks, which were torn up for several hundred yards, and all traffic is blocked on the road. An eastbound freight train struck a large boulder lying on the track in the cut just west of Vienna station.  
An eastbound through freight was going towards Pittsburg at a high rate of speed. Just west of Vienna is a deep cut approached by a sharp curve. The soil above the tracks in the cut had loosened from recent rains and a quantity of rocks had tumbled to the tracks. The slide occurred a few minutes before the train arrived at the spot, and as the train was going at a high rate of speed there was no stopping in time to prevent the crash. The engine was thrown high into the air and alighted on its side, plugging the three men under it, and the escaping steam literally scalded them to death.  
**A Million for Charity.**  
St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 14.—The will of Mrs. Cornelia Day Wilder Appleby, only daughter of the late Amherst H. Wilder, a well known millionaire railroad contractor, was made public Friday. The amount covered by the will, probably somewhat exceeds \$1,000,000. After making a number of minor bequests, it is provided that the bulk of the large estate be invested for the benefit of the worthy poor of the city of St. Paul, without regard to color or religious belief, and independently of any organized charities, hospitals or other institution, with a central or administration building from which what is to be known as "The Amherst H. Wilder Charity" shall be carried on.

**A Flood in Mississippi.**  
Jackson, Miss., Feb. 14.—Pearl river continues to rise. The water has spread over the Rankin turnpike, one mile west of Jackson and many acres are overflowed. The waterworks plant is submerged and water is supplied to residents from wagons.  
**They Remember the Maine.**  
Havana, Feb. 14.—At a meeting of Americans here Friday it was arranged to hold memorial exercises at the wreck of the Maine next Sunday, the fifth anniversary of the disaster. A subscription was raised to decorate the wreck.