

THE NEWS.

There was a collision on the Burlington Road at Seward, Neb., which resulted in the death of P. A. Gelsler and J. B. Jeffries, two firemen.

REVENUE BILL.

The Measure Passed the House by a vote of 205 to 81.

BRISK PARTISAN DEBATE.

The House Will Further Aid the President by Passing a Low-Rate Bond Bill.

The Revenue bill was passed by the House, according to the programme, the vote standing 205 in the affirmative to 81 in the negative.

The bill was reported by Chairman Dingley immediately after the reading of the journal, and this was followed by the report of the Committee on Rules on the resolution providing for limitation of debate and fixing 5 o'clock as the hour for taking a vote on the bill without intervening motions.

There was a brisk partisan debate on the report of the Committee on Rules, the Democrats pointing out that its effect and purpose was to preclude their side from offering amendments and Republicans from voting for them.

In the case of the pending bill the Republicans justified their procedure by the fact that the country was confronted by a great necessity which had been pointed out by the President in a special message, in which Congress was requested to forego the usual holiday recess that this urgent necessity might be given speedy consideration.

The Revenue bill was thereupon immediately called up and the debate opened by Chairman Dingley, who explained its purpose, the necessity that made its passage imperative and the probable amount of additional revenue it would bring to the Treasury.

The Democrats contended that the existing law would produce sufficient revenue to meet current expenditures and pointed to the declarations of the President's message and the report of the Secretary of the Treasury in support of their contention.

At 5 o'clock the roll was called on the passage of the bill, with the result already announced. It was sent to the Senate and referred by that body to the Committee on Finance.

ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

Dean Farrar, of Canterbury, thinks it "perfectly erroneous to talk of the failure of missions, when they started with 120 despised Galileans, and when now there are 120,000,000 Protestants and they have in their power almost all the resources of the world."

The Marquis de Bonneval will be married to the daughter of the Marquis de Haussenville in Paris in January. The Bonnevals are allied with the Bonibons through the house of Albert, the ancient royal family of Navarre, and the Haussenvilles are connected with the Brogels, the Segurs and many other aristocratic families of the Faubourg St. Germaine.

W. L. Brown, a Chicago shipbuilder declares that in case of war with England the United States could build thirty fully-equipped war ships for lake service inside of ten months. In an emergency armored vessels could be put together in ninety days.

VIRGINIA GETS THE WORK.

The Battle-Ships Will Be Built at Newport News. Secretary Herbert has practically concluded to award the contract for the construction of battle-ships Nos. 5 and 6 to the Newport News Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company of Virginia, and their bid of \$2,250,000 for each ship.

While it was the intention of the Congress to have one of the ships built on the Pacific coast if the terms were reasonable, in order to carry out this intent Secretary Herbert would be obliged to declare that the difference between the Newport News bid of \$2,250,000 for one ship and the Union Iron Works of San Francisco bid of \$2,740,000 for one ship was only a reasonable difference, which he could scarcely do in the face of the decision made by his predecessor, Secretary Tracy, that this difference should not in any case exceed three per cent.

FORTY LIVES IN PERIL.

A Hotel Destroyed Through a Guest's Carelessness.

By going to bed with a lighted cigar, a guest set fire to Twomey's Hotel, a brick structure on the outskirts of Shenandoah, N. Y., and forty boarders narrowly escaped with their lives and saved nothing. James Foster was seriously burned. The hotel was destroyed. The loss is \$30,000; insurance, \$10,000.

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

HOUSE.

SIXTEENTH DAY.—A resolution was offered in the House for the appointment of clerks for the three election committees, and also authorizing the chairman to decide upon the committees to which the election cases should go.

SEVENTEENTH DAY.—The only business transacted in the House was the distribution of the President's message among the several committees having jurisdiction of the various parts thereof, and the passage of the bill making Palm Beach, Fla., a port of entry.

EIGHTEENTH DAY.—The House responded to a message from the President by passing a tariff bill, the operation of which is limited to two and a half years, and which is designed to raise \$40,000,000 for the relief of the Treasury.

NINETEENTH DAY.—The House entered upon the consideration of the bond bill, which aroused the united opposition of the Democrats and Populists, the gold Democrats being arrayed against the silver Democrats.

SENATE.

SIXTEENTH DAY.—The United States Senate was not in session today.

SEVENTEENTH DAY.—The Senate passed Mr. Hill's bill repealing the prescriptive disabilities imposed at the close of the war upon ex-Confederates, preventing their enlistment in the army and navy.

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NINETEENTH DAY.—The Senate was convened by a spirited and somewhat personal debate in which Mr. Hill, of New York, and Mr. Teller, of Colorado, were the principal figures.

DISASTERS AND CASUALTIES.

Three boys were drowned at Morris, Illinois, by the breaking of ice on which they were skating.

John A. Slattery, a well-known lawyer of Cincinnati, fell down an elevator shaft in that city and was killed.

A train on the Metropolitan "L," in Chicago, fell into the street at the southern terminus of the road. The motorman, conductor and one passenger were seriously injured.

By the premature explosion of a blast in the drainage canal, one mile from Lockport, Illinois, three men were killed and seven injured. Of the latter several are not expected to recover.

Five workmen employed at the Dayton (Ohio) Malleable Iron Co.'s works were terribly injured by being caught between a building and a freight car—the track being so close to the building that the men had no escape.

Four persons were drowned at Lathrop Lake, near Arvada, Colorado, by the breaking of the ice on which they were skating.

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FIGHTING IN TURKEY.

Over 12,000 Druses Killed by the Porte's Troops.

Advices received in Constantinople from Jeyroot report that a severe fight has taken place between the Turkish troops and the Druses near Sandliha. The fight took place on December 21, and, according to the official report, the Druses lost 12,200 killed while only 70 Turks were killed and 50 wounded.

The representatives of the Powers entered a protest before the commission which controls the execution of the reforms, and Sir Philip Currie, the British ambassador demanded the immediate recall of the Kadî of Moush, who is accused of inciting the Muslims to disturbances.

It is reported from Marsus that disturbances have occurred there between the Muslims and Christians. The outbreak, however, was soon quelled by the authorities. The disturbance is believed to explain the arrival of the missionaries and Christian families at Mersina on December 17.

Advices from the Island Crete say there have been no fresh disturbances there.

Advices received in Rome from Aleppo say that the town of Zeitoun, 15 miles from Marash, which has been held by the insurgent Armenians for some time past, has been captured by the Turkish troops.

It is added that the inhabitants of Zeitoun fled to the mountains.

PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS.

Epitome of News Gleaned From Various Parts of the State.

An engine on the Reading road run over and instantly killed an unknown man near Shamokin.

D. G. Bertsch, a merchant tailor in Mauch Chunk since 1853, and one of the oldest business men of the town, is dead, aged 63.

On an execution for \$700 the establishment of Kohlend Bros., dealers in musical instruments and sewing machines, in Lebanon, was seized and will be sold by the Sheriff.

At a Christmas entertainment and luncheon in Sons of America Hall, under the auspices of the Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A., addresses were delivered by President Judge Allen W. Ehrigood and Howard C. Shirk.

Charged by George J. Ditzler and Harry Romig with felonious entry with intent to commit burglary and assault and battery John Jones, of Phoenixville, was sent to prison by Alderman Charles O'Booth in default of \$700 bail.

In a drunken row at 430 Freeman street, Lebanon, at an early hour in the morning Charles Krautz, a Hungarian, was shot by Joseph Sharte, a fellow countryman, in the head with a revolver. Sharte was sent to prison by Alderman David C. Smith on the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill pending the issue of Krautz's injuries.

John H. Baulsbaugh and his wife who lived near Swatara, were found dead in their rooms from the effects of coal gas from a defective stovepipe. Mr. Baulsbaugh was extensively engaged in farming and was a director of the Hummelstown National Bank for many years and a prominent citizen. An only son, Hiran Baulsbaugh, who holds a prominent position with a life insurance company in New York.

The L-high Traction Company announced a reduction of fares on all of its South Side lines, making the limit five cents to the terminus. Heretofore the rate was ten cents. The new schedule goes into effect next week.

Benjamin Luff, colored, aged 26 years, was shot in the abdomen and was fatally injured. The affray occurred in the colored quarter of West Chester, and the would-be murderer escaped.

Bliss Snyder, of Lancaster, quarreled with his wife several days ago and the latter informed the neighbors that she was going to drown herself. Snyder and his friends spent a good part of Christmas dragging Conestoga Creek in expectation of finding the body. Later it was learned that the woman is alive and well, having gone to Landsville to accept employment at domestic service.

The sensational developments in the Erie City government had another turn. Following Mayor Scott's demand for Chief of Police White's resignation came a request for Health Officer Flint's scalp. The health officer positively refused to give up his position and demanded that if Mayor Scott knew of any good reason for his dismissal he must prefer charges against him. The Mayor withdrew his request for Flint's resignation and their letters were exchanged. Now Flint demands an apology from the Mayor.

While descending the stairway at her residence in Lebanon, Miss Catherine Keefe, an elderly maiden lady, fell with a lighted kerosene lamp in her hand. The lamp exploded and ignited her clothing, and she received injuries which resulted in her death shortly afterward in the surgical ward of the Hospital of the Good Samaritan, whither she was conveyed in an ambulance immediately after the accident. She was burned almost to a crisp, except the face and one arm. The deceased had been in feeble health for a long time, and for many years lived alone. She was a daughter of the late Philip Seifert, who was a well-known resident of North Lebanon Township, and a prominent member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Two brothers survive her. Miss Seifert was aged 83 years.

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VENEZUELA ASKS FOR AID.

Wants Spanish-America to Help in Case of War with England.

The authorities have cabled to all of the South and Central American republics asking their assistance in the case of a war with England, and proposing that their forces be combined.

A great mass-meeting of citizens was held to pledge the support of the people to the government in resisting encroachments of Great Britain. The city was profusely decorated with American and Venezuelan flags. All the church bells rang, and the clergy of the city took part in the meeting.

The commercial warfare of Venezuelan firms against English houses and English goods is in full blast, and the leaders in the movement have called upon the general public to make suggestions as to the best methods to be pursued to make the warfare successful.

CREMATED IN A HOTEL.

A Servant Cursed to Death and Several Guests Badly Hurt.

A blaze that started in Tomany's bakery, Bluefield, W. Va., cost one man his life, several others severe injuries, and a money loss of \$50,000. The flames spread to B. C. Cohen's clothing store and the Central Hotel, destroying the three structures.

The guests in the burning hotel saved their lives, but little else. Ed Stevens, a servant, was burned to death. S. L. Ritz succeeded in rescuing a woman and three children, and then to save himself had to jump from a fourth-story window. He is fatally hurt. George W. Bliss and Misses Sallie Gonyard and Emma Ney, jumped from the second story and all were seriously injured.

It is thought in London that Lord Salisbury had approved the fraternal message recently sent to this country by the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York upon the Venezuelan crisis.

CABLE SPARKS.

Marshall Begelow, of the American consular court at Constantinople, died after an illness which culminated in dropsy.

It is thought by some Americans residing in Turkey that the recent Armenian massacres were perpetrated upon orders from the Sultan.

The Prince of Naples, heir to the Italian throne, it is reported is to wed Princess Mathilde, granddaughter of Prince Regent Luitpold of Bavaria.

By the wrecking of a Japanese warship in the Pescadore Islands and the sinking of a French vessel off the coast of Algiers over a hundred lives were lost.

Zaitoun, where the Armenians revolted against Turkish rule and seized the town, has been captured. It is said the inhabitants escaped to the mountains.

There is consternation in Havana over the advance of the insurgent army, which has outflanked General Campos and is marching toward the capital of the island.

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A general reception was held by Minister Baker at the United States Legation at Managua, Nicaragua Christmas day. It was well attended, among those present being President Zelaya and the Nicaraguan cabinet.

An appeal has been issued by thirteen British authors and writers addressed to their American brethren asking them to use their influence in behalf of peace between the two great English speaking nations.

Advices from Cayenne report the daily arrival there of fugitives from the disputed territory lying between French Guiana and the Brazilian frontier. Cezair and his forces have occupied the territory in dispute and have seized the town of Caracou and are committing outrages daily upon foreign miners.

General Campos has held a conference in Havana with the leading military and naval commanders and chief dignitaries concerning the situation on the island. Unusual preparations are being made for the defense of the city, and all men able to bear arms have been called upon for service. Owing to a break in the line of communication there is but meagre news from the front.

HALF A TOWN WIPED OUT.

Pinckard, Ala., Loses Heavily on Incendiary Blazes.

Half of Pinckard, a little town in Southeast Alabama, was destroyed by fire. The Post Office, Hubert's Hotel, Porter's Hotel, Murphy's and Davies' drug store, Harrison A. Sosa's general store, T. A. Mills' military store and other smaller establishments were burned. There is little insurance. The fire is believed to have been incendiary, as the buckets had been stolen from the public wells and no water could be had to fight the flames.

MARKETS.

Table with columns for GRAIN, FLOUR, WHEAT, CORN, OATS, RYE, HAY, STRAW, WHEAT, OAT, and CANNED GOODS. Includes prices for Baltimore and other locations.

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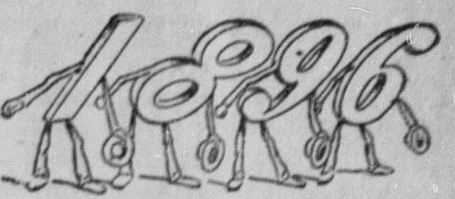


Table showing ECLIPSES FOR 1905, listing dates and times for various eclipses of the sun and moon.

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There will be four eclipses this year—two of the sun and two of the moon—as follows: I. An annular eclipse of the sun, February 13th; visible on the eastern limb of the moon in America, South Africa, and the southern Atlantic and Antarctic regions.

II. A partial eclipse of the moon, February 28th; invisible in the United States; visible in Europe, Asia and Africa. This eclipse will return March 10th, 1914, when it will be larger and visible in North and South America.

III. A total eclipse of the sun, August 29th; visible in Europe and northern Asia. The total phase will be visible in Siberia and the northern Japanese Island Sea. This eclipse will return August 29th, 1914, being still total, but visible in more northern regions.

IV. A partial eclipse of the moon, August 22d; visible throughout North and South America. The eclipse will be upon the southern limb of the moon, which passes from west to east through the northern limb of the earth's shadow. This will cause the eclipse to begin on the eastern limb of the moon when at 1. At the first six digits, or one half of the moon, will be eclipsed; at 3 the middle or greatest eclipse occurs; at 4 the last six digits, and 5 shows the moon's position at time of last contact with the earth's shadow. This eclipse will return September 3d, 1914, when it will be larger and visible in Asia.

THE FOUR SEASONS.

Winter begins 1885, Dec. 21, and lasts 89 d. 5 v. Spring " 1895, Mar. 19, " " 92 d. 2 v. Summer " " June 20, " " 93 d. 13 v. Autumn " " Sept. 22, " " 89 d. 25 v.

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MORNING STARS. EVENING STARS.

Mercury, from Feb. 8 Mercury, until Feb. 8 to April 18; June 10 and from April 18 to July 31, and Oct. 1 to Nov. 13; Jupiter, until Aug. 12; Mars, until Sept. 1; Venus, until July 9.

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