

THE NEWS.

It was announced that beginning June 1 the mills of the Great Falls Cotton Manufacturing Company, Somersworth, N. H., will run on a 40-hour a week time schedule until the surplus is disposed of.

One hundred broad silk weavers in the employ of William Strange, Paterson, N. J., went out on strike for an increase of 20 per cent. in their wages.

Harvey T. Taylor, a wealthy lumber dealer of Grand Rapids, Mich., who was taken suddenly ill at Sandy Hill, N. Y., died there. He was a veteran of the Union Army in the Civil War.

Severe earthquake shocks were felt in a number of towns in Central New York States, but no damage was done.

Chester H. McLaughlin, one of the Valentine gang of swindlers, who operated by means of forged checks over a large portion of the United States and Canada, was sentenced to the Elmira Reformatory.

At Lockport, N. Y., Ex-Alderman W. D. Davis, convicted of accepting a bribe, was sentenced to two years and four months at Auburn Prison. The cases of O'Connor, Stevens and Sheldon, indicted on the same charge, were put over the term.

During a hand-to-hand fight on the Buffalo (N. Y.) docks, Special Officer James O'Connor, of the harbor police patrol, was stabbed in the abdomen by Dan Maloney, a thief, whom he was endeavoring to arrest.

The 800 weavers in the Ashley and Bailey silk mills, Paterson, N. J., who have been on strike, returned to work.

The Georgia Mutual Insurance Company, a co-operative concern, with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., was placed in the hands of the court. Howell Erwin was named as receiver.

A special from Smithland, Ky., says that while fishing up the Cumberland River, James Edward and Park Ghenees were drowned by the overturning of their skiff.

A special from Bloomfield, Ky., says Saturday evening two sons of Ben Adams, in company with Dee Merrigold, met two men named Lutes on the pike and had a disagreement as to the right of way. In the melee the two Adams boys and Jim Lutes were fatally injured.

Simon and Stach Kluga, brothers, were thrown in front of an electric car from a buggy and run over at Lockport, Ill. Both were killed.

At a meeting of the Methodist ministers of New York City a resolution was adopted protesting against any allotment of Government land for a Roman Catholic chapel at West Point. The protest is to be sent to President McKinley.

The Dutch tank steamer Deutschland, which arrived at New York from Rotterdam signalled as she passed in at Sandy Hook that one blade of her propeller had been carried away.

At Bracebridge, Ontario, Hunt's Bank was broken into and \$9,000 in bonds and over \$1,000 in cash stolen.

The large grain elevator at Radford, Ill., owned by Wilker & Snell, was destroyed by fire. The structure had just been rebuilt.

The case of B. B. Armor, formerly postmaster at Memphis, charged with embezzlement of government funds, has been notified by the United States District Attorney, amounting to several thousand dollars has been made good.

At Savannah, Ga., fire destroyed the wholesale grocery store of Smith Bros., and badly damaged the grocery stock of J. M. Dixon & Co., on Bay street. Loss, \$60,000, fully insured. Origin unknown.

The gas frontage bill and the gas consolidation bill, supposed to be the pet measures of the Chicago Gas Trust, passed the Illinois Senate 31 to 18. The bills have yet to pass the House.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

The Celebration in London With Crowds of Spectators Looking On.

The official celebration of the Queen's birthday was observed Wednesday in London with the usual closing of the courts and government offices, the ringing of the church bells, a display of flags, artillery salutes and the ceremony of trooping the color, on the Horse Guards parade, in which the colonial troops now in London took part. Although this ceremony was somewhat marred by rain, it was witnessed by large throngs of people. The New South Wales, Indian and other detachments of colonial troops present attracted considerable attention. The royal family was largely represented at the trooping of the color.

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SOLD LIKE SLAVES.

Mr. Calhoun Collecting Evidence in Cuba.

OUTRAGES REPORTED.

Two Hospitals Destroyed by Guerrillas—All the Inmates are Shot—Insurgents Defeat the Spanish Troops After Desperate Fighting—Weyler Also Claims a Victory.

A despatch from Key West, Fla., says: A detachment of 300 Government troops met Captain Melisso's band of Cuban guerrillas near Malezco, Santa Clara Province, and a sharp engagement ensued for several hours, "bushwhacking" being the modes employed on both sides.

The Spanish troops were finally forced to retire with a loss of 37 men. The Cuban loss was 14.

Norua, near Santa Clara, was burned last week by the Spanish guerrillas, because a Cuban detachment had passed through a few days previous. The guerrillas raided the place at night, roughly took the principal men out of their houses, compelling the female members of the family to leave without giving them time to dress.

They assembled their prisoners in the square, and gave them 10 minutes to pray before being shot. The houses were set on fire, and the inhabitants prevented from rescuing any of their belongings.

Afterward the commanding officer listened to the frenzied pleadings of the women and children, and released most of the men.

Four of the principal residents, however, were shot in cold blood, it being alleged that they carried information to the Cubans. The women were horribly treated, and one young girl was shot.

Another sale of Cuban girls has been reported at a small town in Pinar del Rio, where there is a garrison of 100 troops. The soldiers seized a pacifist's camp recently, capturing 8 men and 15 girls and women. Seven of the girls, 15 to 20 years old, were put on the block and sold under the most revolting circumstances. It is stated that they were almost nude, and then "knocked down" to the highest bidder, the soldiers sacrificing their arms and equipments to their more fortunate fellow soldiers for cash to purchase a slave. One of the sergeants acted as auctioneer.

The Havana papers have denounced this outrage, and say that the palace officials should put a stop to the practice.

It is stated in Havana among the American Colony that Calhoun has been informed of these and similar practices, and that much to the worry and disgust of the Spanish officials, he is collecting evidence upon this subject.

He has already been given sufficient evidence to prove the existence of many horrible practices on the part of the Spanish officers as regards their conduct toward the Cuban women. The atrocities perpetrated in Guanabacoa under Major Frondoverella have been verified by him as much as possible.

The Cubans captured Toea, Pinar del Rio last week, and held it two days, preventing the passage of Spanish trains. Large reinforcements of the government troops came up, and they moved off, only a slight engagement taking place. They burned the station, four armored cars and destroyed a locomotive.

Two more Cuban hospitals were destroyed in Matanzas Province, in the southern section, last week, the news just coming to Havana. In one case the buildings were set on fire and the inmates shot as they tried to escape. At another place the hospital and the trees and shot. The female nurses, six in number, have disappeared. There were 22 sick and wounded men there, and one physician.

It is officially announced that a Spanish force, under General Godoy and Colonel Struch, consisting of the Reina, Vergara and Aragon Battalions, acting in conjunction with the boats of the gunboat Armendariz, has inflicted severe loss upon the insurgents in the vicinity of the River Cayaguajete, Province of Pinar del Rio.

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CABLE SPARKS.

The German Reichstag passed the emigration bill and the oleomargarine bill. The members of the United States bimetallic commission have arrived in Paris.

The federal troops at Oruguary were disastrously defeated by the rebels at Arica. Turbulence has been revived in the Island of Crete in consequence of the departure of the Greek forces.

The new tunnel under the Thames at Blackwall, London, was inaugurated by the Prince of Wales. Cambridge (Eng.) University, by a vote of 1,713 to 662 rejected a proposal to confer degrees upon women.

The Italian Chamber of Deputies rejected the proposal to abandon the Italian colony of Erythra, in the east coast of Africa.

A memorial bust of Sir Walter Scott was unveiled in Westminster Abbey, London. Col. John Hay, United States ambassador, delivered an eulogy.

Mr. Balfour announced in the House of Commons that the government had decided upon important measures for the relief of the people of Ireland from taxation.

The Spanish minister of finance in submitting the budget proposes in order to provide revenue, increased taxes and a loan on the security of the Almadaz quicksilver mines.

The civil tribunal of the Seine granted a divorce to both Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Terry on the grounds of unfaithfulness, and placed their daughter in the custody of her grand mother.

The Duke of Tetuan, Spanish minister for foreign affairs, who resigned after boxing the ears of a liberal Senator, has withdrawn his resignation at the request of Premier Canovas.

It is reported in Calcutta that the historical gem known as the imperial diamond has been stolen from the government treasury at Hyderabad, India, and replaced by a paste diamond.

An official statement published in Constantinople declares that the conditions of peace between Turkey and Greece will assure the future rights and dignity of the Ottoman government on the frontiers of Turkey and the preservation of the general peace. The ambassadors of the powers are drafting counter proposals as a basis for negotiations for peace.

CURRENT EVENTS.

The Niagara River is now said to be the habitat of goldfish in enormous quantities. It is only within the last year that any goldfish had been observed there.

The Board of Councilmen of Louisville recently passed a curfew ordinance which requires all children to be off the streets after 9 o'clock in Summer and 8 o'clock in Winter. The Mayor has not yet concurred in the action.

The people of Alabama last Wednesday placed a silver star on the spot where Jefferson Davis took the oath of office as president of the Confederate States of America on the balcony of the State Capitol in Montgomery.

Negotiations extending over three years were necessary before a Michigan man could buy two islands comprising five acres from the Government. The price paid was \$5.50.

According to the latest reports from the cotton-growers of Texas, there has been an average increase in the cotton acreage of that State this year of 9.7 per cent. over 1898, and an increase of 5 per cent. in the corn acreage. Wheat and oats have been reduced.

The State of Washington and, in fact, the whole Pacific Coast is looking forward to an unusual number of tourists, investors and home-seekers this year, and business is on the increase already. Ten years ago there was a great influx of settlers, and it is expected that this year's will almost equal it.

The Centerville (Alabama) "Press" claims to have discovered the meanest man in the State. His intention to subscribe to that paper caused so much in the office that the editor presented him with a bundle of late exchanges. The man walked out of the office with them and said: "Well these papers will last me a few weeks. I will come in and take your paper some other time."

Probably no jail in the country holds such a record for traps as the little 7 by 9 lock up in Bowdoinham, Me. During the past winter almost 500 traps were confined there, and in one night there were thirty-one. One particularly savage vagabond, tired of his quarters succeeded in getting out of his cell, and as the doors and windows of the jail were locked he lifted the roof off bodily and jumped to the ground.

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PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS.

After a continuous run of two years the Carbon Iron and Steel Company furnace, at Parryville, is being blown out. The work of relining the stack will be begun as soon as possible.

Clayton, son of Adam Oxenreider, of North Heidelberg, employed by Jacob L. Ruth, was kicked in the abdomen by a young colt and seriously injured.

Levi Keller died suddenly at his residence, 1039 Washington street, Reading, in his 70th year. He has been ill three weeks. He was a native of Germany, located in Easton, and served three years in the Civil War as a private in Company D, Fourteenth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.

In line with the suggestion in an opinion handed down by Judge Edwards at Scranton, a writ of quo warranto was issued directed to William Barrett to compel him to show by what right he exercises the office of Councilman for the Third Ward of Winton Borough.

Special officers of the Pennsylvania Railroad made a raid at midnight upon a gang of petty thieves at Valley Creek siding, and succeeded in capturing James and Roy Smith, two colored men, who conducted a rendezvous on the Laurel Road, near Downingtown. For several nights within the past two weeks large numbers of brass journals were removed from the cars standing on this siding.

At 10 o'clock in the morning fire broke out in George W. Kyper's livery stable in the rear of the Central Hotel, at Bellwood. The stable was destroyed and Mr. Kyper's residence badly damaged. Loss, \$2,500; insurance, \$1,500.

James Jones, a blind man, aged 54 years, passed through Hollidaysburg. He is walking on a wagon from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, this being the 20th day of his journey.

Henry Reiker, an employe at the paper mill at York was instantly killed he was assisting some one to put a screen on one of the machines, when it slipped and struck him, killing him instantly. He was badly crushed. Reiker was about 25 years of age and leaves a wife and two children.

George Lysle, a young man living in the West End, Norristown, walking on the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge, over Stony Creek, fell off and struck the bank below a distance of fifty feet. He lay unconscious all night. Upon being taken home it was found that his spine is seriously injured.

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