

INSANE ASYLUM FIRE.

Seventeen inmates perished in the flames...

Yankton, S. D., (Special).—One of the most horrifying fires in the history of Yankton occurred at the State Insane Asylum...

The cause of the fire is not known, except that it originated in the dry-room of the laundry...

The intense heat in the burning building caused the pipes to burst shortly after the fire began...

The building was three stories high, with an attic and two entrances, one east and one west...

Fifty-two persons were in the burning building, 40 patients and 12 female attendants...

An inquest is now in progress at the asylum, which may develop the exact cause of the fire...

The four walls still stand and will make the work of removal dangerous...

The loss on the building and machinery is estimated to be \$18,000, uninsured.

BURIED BY AVALANCHE.

Lives of Twenty-four Italians Crushed Under Snow. Georgetown, Colo., (Special).—In a snow slide at Silver Plume...

The avalanche came with terrific force, carrying with it huge boulders and immense trees...

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THE NEWS.

President McKinley, in an address to the Home Market Club in Boston...

The Pipe Machine and Manufacturing Company is the latest combination among iron, steel and tin-plate concerns.

The Boston Fruit Company's new steel steamer Admiral Dewey, is ashore on Cuttyhunk, near the entrance to Buzzard's Bay.

Two men were killed and eight were injured in a wreck on the South Carolina and Georgia Railroad near Charleston, S. C.

The War Department has honorably discharged Major-Generals Butler and Sumner and Brigadier-Generals Kline, McKee, Wiley, Lincoln and Combs...

The explosion of a gasoline stove in the business portion of Springfield, Tenn., which destroyed buildings and contents valued at \$60,000.

Disasters from Porter county, Ind., state that severe earthquake shocks were felt throughout that county.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad has introduced a new feature in its sleeping car service, arranging to attach an ordinary sleeper in addition to the regular first-class sleeper...

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad is the first line to introduce this service and its popularity has been predicted.

It is said that W. M. Greene, vice-president of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern and formerly general manager of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, has been offered and will probably accept the vice-presidency of the Rock Island Road...

The State Insane Asylum, at Yankton, S. D., was destroyed by fire and 17 of the inmates are reported to have perished.

An avalanche of snow and earth at Silver Plume, Colo., buried 25 Italian miners, a woman and two children in Cherokee Gulch, several of them being killed.

Washington, Pa., and vicinity was visited by fire and as a result nearly \$50,000 worth of property has gone up in flames.

Representative Wheeler, of Alabama, introduced in the House a joint resolution proposing the thanks of Congress and the American people to Maj. Gen. Elwell S. Otis...

J. D. Clark was indicted at Nashville, Tenn., for the murder of Minnie Clark, alias Blanche Cox, his supposed wife.

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M. FAURE DEAD.

The Chief Executive of France a Victim of Apoplexy.

ILL ONLY THREE HOURS.

He Bids His Wife and Daughter an Affectionate Farewell, and Thanks All for Their Kind Attention—Not a Great Statesman, but a Conservative Ruler, Who Generally Found a Safe Course.

Paris, (By Cable).—M. Felix Faure, President of the Republic of France, died at ten o'clock Thursday night after an illness of three hours.

Up to the very moment that his brief but fatal illness interrupted him in the performance of his usual daily duties, there was no indication that the angel of death was beckoning to him.

Up to the very last M. Faure indulged in his customary habits of work, and even in his equestrian rides. He ate well and slept regularly.

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GREAT BLAZE IN A NAVY YARD.

Large Machine Shop in the Brooklyn Yard Burned Out.

New York, N. Y., (Special).—Over a million dollars worth of government property was destroyed by fire, which started in the large machine shop of the Brooklyn navy yard, known as machine shop No. 25...

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MAINE'S FLAG FLIES.

Stars and Stripes Float Over the Shattered Hulk.

CROWNED WITH LAUREL.

It is Festeoned From the Fighting Top—High Mass Celebrated—Keel of the New Maine Laid at Cramp's Shipyard—She Will be a Powerful Engine of Destruction, and is to Cost Nearly \$3,000,000.

Havana, (By Cable).—The sun shone brightly Wednesday morning for the first time in several days, when the wreck of the United States battleship Maine, destroyed in Havana harbor on the evening of February 15, 1898, was decorated with a large American flag.

At 9 o'clock the Stars and Stripes was hoisted at half-mast by Captain Eaton, of the United States auxiliary cruiser Resolute, who, with Mrs. Estes Bathbone and Mrs. Dudley, and 10 sailors of the Resolute, rowed to the sunken battleship.

An immense rope of greens was festooned about the fighting top, each loop hung with laurel wreaths four feet in diameter and tied with red, white and blue ribbons.

At 10 o'clock high mass was celebrated in memory of the Maine victims in the Merced Church, at which Major-General Ludlow and several of his staff were present.

The ceremony, which was very impressive, was attended by Brig.-Gen. George B. Ernst, representing Major-General Brooke; Commodore B. J. Cronwell, captain of the port, and other naval officers, the City Council, the executive committee of the Cuban Military Assembly and other members of the assembly, the secretaries of the civil department and many officials, together with representatives of the Havana Fire Brigade and other local organizations.

Many women of the better class were in the congregation, which crowded the floor. In the afternoon the graves at Colon Cemetery were decorated in the presence of American officials, military and naval details participating.

FOR THE NEW MAINE.

Keel of the Monster Battleship Laid at Cramp's.

Philadelphia, Pa., (Special).—The anniversary of the blowing up of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor was marked here with the beginning of work on the powerful man-of-war which will bear the name of the historic battleship, the destruction of which did much to precipitate the war with Spain.

The new Maine will be built by the Cramp Shipbuilding Company, and at the company's yards at 11 o'clock Wednesday the first piece of the keel of the vessel was laid. There was no formality in the proceedings, but the shipyard was thrown open to the public and a great cheer was given by the crowd as the group of workmen set in place the first piece of the keel.

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HAD EXPECTED HEAVY LOSS.

Washington Officials Feared Iliolo Fight Would be Bloodier than that at Manila.

Washington, D. C., (Special).—The Navy Department received the following cablegram from Admiral Dewey at Manila: "Petrel just arrived from Iliolo. Now place taken by our forces Saturday and now occupied. No prisoners. No casualties on our side. Insurgents' loss not known, but believed to be slight. They attempted to burn town, but foreign property generally was saved by our force."

While no apprehension had been felt here as to General Miller's ability to capture the capital of the Visayan Federation, or anything else that was wanted in the Philippines archipelago, the reports of strong insurrections which the natives had been constructing around the city led officials here to fear that the landing would be a bloodier affair than any of the battles at Manila.

The fact that foreign interests in Iliolo are being satisfactorily guarded is another source of gratification to the administration. This forestalls criticisms or the danger of interference from any foreign power which has all along been a complication that had to be considered as a possibility.

The War Department has received the following from General Otis: "One hundred and eighty officers and 1,800 men, Spanish prisoners of war, left port on 12th and 13th by steamers Reina Christina and Uruguay en route to Spain."

CROPS RUINED IN FLORIDA.

The Zero Mark was Reached at Pensacola—Damage to Vegetation.

Atlanta, Ga., (Special).—Telegraphic communication to Florida has been kept up spasmodically during the past two days, all wires being down south of Jacksonville.

Reports from Pensacola indicate that the coldest weather ever known has just passed over the northern part of Florida. The zero mark was reached at Pensacola. At De Funiak Springs it was 3 above. All communications east and south of this point is interrupted, and it is impossible to learn the exact damage done to fruit and vegetables.

Damage to oranges is believed to have been widespread. The loss to pineapples and oranges in the southern part of Florida is believed to be enormous.

Throughout Georgia the early vegetables have been killed and the peach crop and other fruits almost entirely destroyed.

Savannah, Ga., (Special).—Letters were received from Florida telling of the direful effect of the freeze in that State. The orange growers' letters are recitals of ice-bound trees and fruit that is ruined by the cold.

The price of Florida oranges advanced in one hour from the receipt of the Florida mail from \$3 to \$5 per box.

Crops about Savannah are a total loss. Early vegetation was blackened and killed by the freezing weather. The melting snow is adding to the freezing water that these plants have already received.

SEVERE IN TEXAS.

Bizzard is Said to be the Worst in the History of the State.

Dallas, Tex., (Special).—Reports from all over North Texas are that the blizzard of Saturday and Sunday was the most severe in the history of the State. Loss of cattle in the Indian Territory and on the Panhandle ranges will likely be very large.

The temperature has risen to about 15 degrees, and though it is still far below the freezing point, traffic of all kinds is moving regularly. Zero weather has been recorded all over North Texas. Snow has been on the ground here for seven days. This is the longest cold spell for fourteen years.

Houston, Tex., (Special).—The thermometer has made a new record in South Texas, reaching 4 degrees above zero. The loss to live stock will be very heavy. Early vegetables are damaged to the amount of at least \$1,000,000.

Waco, Tex., (Special).—For the first time in its history Waco and vicinity has experienced zero weather. Sunday morning the mercury registered 7 below. Oats are ruined and wheat seriously injured. The Brazos river is frozen from bank to bank. Great damage has been done to live stock.

IMMIGRATION TO HAWAII.

Bill Extending All the Laws of the United States to the Islands.

Washington, D. C., (Special).—Senator Fairbanks, from the Senate Committee on Immigration, reported back to the Senate the bill extending the anti-contract labor laws of the United States to Hawaii, with amendments making the bill cover all immigration questions. The amendments specifically include the Chinese exclusion acts.

The bill was accompanied by a written report, in which the committee say: "Since the passage of the joint resolution of annexation, there has been a decided impetus given to the importation of contract laborers into the islands by the sugar plantation owners. The committee is informed that each vessel from Asiatic countries is increasing the list of contract laborers, and unless some restrictive measure is adopted, the number must shortly be still further augmented."

The joint resolution annexing the islands to the United States provided for the exclusion of Chinese.

"This provision the committee regards as inadequate, inasmuch as it does not provide for apprehending and deporting Chinese immigrants should they land in contravention of the terms of the joint resolution above mentioned."

LOCOMOTIVE IN A DITCH.

Two Men Killed and Eight Injured On South Carolina and Georgia Road.

Charleston, S. C., (Special).—A construction engine was wrecked by the spreading of tracks on the South Carolina and Georgia Railroad, eleven miles from this city. Two men were killed and eight were injured.

The engine had gone out of the city with a crew of five men and carried five others, who were in the employ of the Long-Distance Telephone Company, now constructing lines between Charleston and Augusta, Ga. When eleven miles out the engine was running on a straight track at about 15 miles an hour, when the track spread and the engine was thrown into a ditch.

A SOUTHERN EARTHQUAKE.

Shocks Felt in Several Towns of Virginia.

Danville, Va., (Special).—Three distinct shocks of earthquake were felt here. The shocks were preceded and also followed by a rumbling sound as of distant cannon. Buildings were jostled, windows rattled and several chimneys were damaged.

Staunton, Va.,—After 4 o'clock an earthquake was perceptibly felt here, and was so severe that many persons were aroused from their slumbers.

Lexington, Va.,—A heavy seismic shock was felt about 4 o'clock in the morning.

A "HAIR CLIPPER" CAUGHT.

Confesses to Having Robbed 300 Girls of Their Treasures.

Chicago, Ill., (Special).—J. W. Jorgenson or "Jack the Hair-Clipper," as he has been known for the last four years, was arrested while in the act of cutting a traid from the head of Irma Franksy.

When seized Jorgenson severely cut one of the police officers with his shears. A long braid of hair was found in Jorgenson's pocket when he was searched, and later he confessed he had cut the hair from the heads of three hundred girls and women.

COURT MARTIAL FOR CAPTAINS.

Commanders of the Spanish Fleet Are to Be Called to Account.

Madrid, (By Cable).—All the surviving captains of the Spanish warships destroyed in the naval battle off Santiago de Cuba and in Manila Bay by the American fleet will be court-martialed.

Senor Montero Rios, who was president of the Spanish peace commission, has resigned the presidency of the Senate owing to the outcry against his defense of the commission.