

THREATENING ICE GORGES

Flood Surpasses Any Former One in Allegheny Valley.

GREAT DAMAGE WILL FOLLOW

Water Falling at Williamsport--Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Tracks Submerged--Turkey Hill Threatened. Moisture at Wilkes-Barre.

By the United Press.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 3.--Reports from up the Allegheny river tonight show that the large ice gorges at and above Kittanning have not yet moved out, and there does not appear to be enough water in the river to budge the ice.

A dispatch from Templeton says that when the residents there arose this morning they heard a crushing, roaring sound and a large gorge, ten miles in length, was moving by. The former gorge that passed there had become deeply imbedded in Peard's Eddy, three miles below Templeton, that today's gorge could not force its way through, but commenced climbing high in the air and down to the bottom of the river, almost entirely closing the water's course.

Nothing has ever equalled the present gorge. If the present state of affairs continues down the river when the gorge goes out the towns of Kittanning and Ford City will surely be swept off the earth.

Williamsport, Pa., March 3.--The gorge which formed in the river west of Lock Haven extends from the head of the Lock Haven boom to Ferney, and promises to stay there. The gorge at Linden remains intact. Reports received from all points west of here state that the stream and its tributaries are practically clear of ice to the head of the gorge at Ferney, and the water is falling.

The Philadelphia and Erie railroad tracks for five miles east of Ferney, are covered with from ten inches to three feet of water. A work train is following the rear of the gorge and clearing the tracks as fast as the water recedes. No trains have passed west of Lock Haven since Friday. It is expected the road will be clear tomorrow.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 3.--The Susquehanna river broke its bank last night and still rising. The ice began to move this morning, and at 4 o'clock this afternoon gorges near Nanticoke. One span of the traction company's new bridge crossing the river at Buttonwood was carried away.

At 7 o'clock tonight the flats on the west side of the river are inundated and traffic between here and Kingston is cut off. The water is twenty feet above low water mark.

Turkey Hill Threatened. Harrisburg, Pa., March 3.--The ice on the Susquehanna river broke up yesterday morning. It gorged above Columbia and commenced to raise at the rate of five inches a minute, but broke after awhile and flowed on down below Columbia, between Turkey Hill and Marietta, where it gorged in a small channel. Turkey Hill is threatened with inundation. The river here is rising slightly.

Columbia, Pa., March 3.--The Susquehanna at this place is free of ice, but the river below is still jammed solid. At Washington borough the lower part of the town is threatened with inundation and the tracks of the Columbia and Port Deposit railroad are covered with great masses of ice.

Port Deposit Flooded. Port Deposit, Md., March 3.--The ice gorge in the Susquehanna just above this town broke at noon today and the railroad tracks and streets along the river front were flooded to a depth of several feet. The congregations in all the churches were dismissed, many of the worshippers in the Presbyterian church being compelled to make their exit through the windows. Another gorge soon formed and the backwater ran off. At 3 o'clock the second break came. It proved more disastrous than the first. The water rose four feet in five minutes. Several houses were moved from their foundations, fences and outbuildings were carried away, and many persons took their household goods out of the upper windows and moved them to higher ground.

Fighting Silver. Gold Men in the Senate Object to Senator Daniel.

By the United Press. Washington, March 3.--After the confirmation of a few nominations the senate, still sitting behind closed doors, was precipitated into a discussion of the membership of the proposed monetary conference. The principal speech was made, up to midnight, by Mr. Vilas, who urged that it should not be the policy of the senate to appoint three pronounced silver men as the members to represent the senate.

Miscellaneous Notes. The discovery of natural gas near Keneshaw, Wis., has greatly excited the neighborhood.

Ran from Women. Famous Derby Hermit Found Dead in His Hut.

By the United Press. Conn., March 2.--James Fitzpatrick, the famous Derby hermit, was found dead in his hut this morning. Half a century ago he was a prominent man, but for forty years he has not spoken to a woman.

Children Will Rejoice. One Thousand Will Feast While Aunt Gold Is Being Married.

By the United Press. New York, March 3.--The Gould mansion is in the hands of florists tonight. In the morning the final touches will be made and at noon the most gorgeous house wedding probably that this city has ever seen will take place.

TORONTO IS FLAME SWEPT

Business Portion of the City Is Almost Burned Away.

IMMENSE STORES DESTROYED

The Simpson Building Recently Completed at a Cost of \$150,000 Entirely Consumed--Fanned by the Breeze, the Flames Spread Rapidly.

By the United Press.

Toronto, Ont., March 3.--The third disastrous conflagration which has visited this fire-stricken city in less than two months occurred this morning, and the loss by today's disaster is fully as great as either of the two previous visitations.

This time the fire originated in the heart of the retail section of the city, starting at 12:40 this morning in the splendid new departmental store of Robert Simpson, on the southwest corner of Yonge and Queen streets.

The fire started in the Simpson building, a magnificent seven-story structure, completed only six months ago at a cost of \$150,000. The fire spread with such rapidity that within half an hour the whole building was a mass of flames.

The front wall fell at 1 o'clock with terrific crash and twenty minutes later the whole building collapsed like an egg shell. Meantime the fire had crossed Queen street and the big clothing store of Philip Jamieson, on the northwest corner of Yonge street, was quickly destroyed.

The fire next attacked the Henderson dry goods house of Joseph Sutcliffe & Sons, immediately north and west of Jamieson's, fronting on Yonge street, with an annex running through to Queen street, was completely gutted.

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RECORD OF THE FAILURES

Brief History of What the Fifty-Third Congress Has Not Done.

THE VALUABLE TIME WASTED

A Season That Promised Much Glory in the Fulfillment of Democratic Ideals Ends in Disappointment and Ill-Feeling All Around.

By the United Press.

Washington, March 3.--The three sessions of the Fifty-third congress expiring at noon March 4 are dominated by their controlling issues, as follows: The first by the silver question.

The second by the tariff question. The third by the financial question. On the 27th of August, 1893, the congress convened in extraordinary session for the avowed purpose of repealing the compulsory silver purchase provision of the law of 1890.

The senate in the meantime has been preparing, through the committee on finance, a substitute bill, and on Nov. 15 this session received the approval of both houses and became law by the approval of the president.

The measure and the repeal of the remaining vestiges of the reconstruction federal election laws closed the important work of the extra session. Upon the introduction of the bill, congress entered upon the consideration of the revision of the tariff.

As in the case of the silver question, but in a much more pronounced manner, the house "proposed" and the senate "disposed."

The Wilson tariff bill, passed by the house Feb. 1, 1894, was set aside for the Jones-Gorman compromise tariff bill, adopted by the senate on July 2, 1894.

After five months' debate, and the house was given the blunt option of the "senate bill or nothing."

It took the senate bill and sent it to the president on Aug. 15, 1894. President Cleveland permitted the bill to become law without his approval and in an informal manner communicated to individual members of congress his dissatisfaction at the inadequacy of the changes made in the tariff system.

Supplemental to the passage of the tariff law the senate entered upon a protracted and inconclusive investigation of rumors that senators had been improperly influenced to vote for the sugar schedule and had speculated in stocks of the so-called "Sugar Trust company."

The third and last, or "financial" session of the Fifty-third congress has been especially marked by the passage of both houses to put into legislative shape the recommendations of the president for the alleviation of the stringent financial situation.

The three financial measures debated in the two houses with the general approval of the public consumed the greater part of the session.

Matters for Consideration. Early in the session the Democratic caucus of the senate agreed that the following matters should be considered: A financial measure of some sort, details not mentioned; the bankruptcy bill, the bills for the admission of New Mexico and Arizona to the Union; the canal bill, and the state bank tax repeal bill.

All of these measures the senate after two months' debate, and that only because the Republicans utilized it as a buffer to keep off the bankruptcy bill. It failed to receive consideration in the house. The bankruptcy bill was made the unfinished business, but was choked by the appropriation bills. Financial measures were not acted upon by the senate, and nothing planned by the senate caucus resulted in legislation.

The so-called "pop-gun" tariff bill sent over by the house providing for free sugar, free coal and free iron, were not even honored by consideration, and the railroad pooling bill, one of the most important measures passed by the house, was also shelved.

ALL SHOULD REJOICE. Timely Hint Thrown Out by the Minnesota Legislature.

By the United Press. St. Paul, Minn., March 3.--In the house of representatives yesterday Mr. Dole introduced the following resolution, which was adopted by the Republican majority: Whereas, at high noon on March 4, the Fifty-third congress, with a Democratic majority in each house, will cease to exist;

Whereas, the citizens of our beloved country have during the life of this congress been subjected to untold domestic misery, financial distress and political disgrace;

Resolved, that all patriotic Americans from Maine to Texas and from Florida to Oregon, are to be invited to celebrate the hour of our deliverance by the blowing of whistles, the flying of flags, the ringing of bells and the booming of cannon, thereby declaring to the world by a great object lesson that the American people have determined that never again will they trust the business affairs of this great nation to Democratic hands.

HENDRICKS CAPTURED. The Alleged Murderer of Barney Rick By the United Press.

By the United Press. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 3.--James Hendricks, the alleged murderer of Barney Rick, who left here several months ago, was arrested in Jersey City and brought here today.

He was committed to the county prison to await trial. Rick, who was a commission merchant, was killed and robbed in the yards of the Delaware and Hudson railroad company here on Nov. 23, 1893. Hendricks refuses to talk. He claims to be innocent.

HE FACED THE MUSIC. How a White Sailor Was Led to Marry a Huntingdon Mulatto Girl.

By the United Press. Huntingdon, March 3.--Theodore Wellin, the brawny second runner on the United States cruiser Columbia, put an advertisement in a matrimonial paper some weeks ago. He got an answer from Miss Hanna H. Lott, of this city.

Miss Lott described herself as a "pronounced brunette" and sent her photograph. Wellin was delighted. He proposed and was accepted. He came here yesterday on leave of absence and went to his sweetheart's house. She is a well educated and well educated woman.

Wellin, being a brave man and a sailor, soon recovered his composure. He found Miss Lott pretty and vivacious. Besides, she is well educated and a good musician. So they were married and went to New York on their honeymoon.

AGREED TO THE MINUTE.

The Late Minister Gray's Clock Stopped at the Time He Died.

By the United Press.

Union City, Ind., March 3.--Much comment is being made here over the strange fact that the clock which was the property of the late Minister Gray, and which hung in the Union City bank, of which he was vice-president. It had been running regularly for a score of years, but on the day of Mr. Gray's death it stopped suddenly.

The clock that Minister Gray was very ill had hardly reached here when the old time piece was not running and remarked: "I feel sure that Mr. Gray is dead." The hour at which it stopped did not agree with the telegraphed time of the minister's death, but when the difference in time was computed it was the same to a minute.

TELEGRAPH UNION. No Officers, No Dues, No National Councils; but a Weekly Paper Will Be Supported by the Association.

By the United Press. New York, March 3.--A number of telegraph operators of this city met at Clarendon hall today and organized the American Telegraph union. There were about 200 operators present.

The meeting was called to order by Robert L. De Akers, who made an address advocating government control of the telegraph lines of the country. He was followed by others in same vein, after which the meeting went into executive session.

A committee was then selected from the three companies represented at the meeting, viz: The Western Union, Postal Cable company and the Railroad and press wires.

This committee, after a conference, recommended the election of a board of directors to have general charge of the organization until the national convention is held. This was agreed to and the board was elected.

It was said by one of the board of directors that there were to be no officers, no dues, no national councils, no meeting; this would give the organization the distinction of being the most silent and least expensive society of modern times.

The director said propaganda would be carried on by means of a weekly paper which will start. The members, he said, would meet as emergency required on the call of the board of directors.

It was said that organizations were being formed today in Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and other cities.

MISSIONARIES IN DANGER. They Are Accused of Furnishing Arms to Insurgents in Armenia.

By the United Press. London, March 3.--The Daily News correspondent in Constantinople says: "The situation of the missionaries of the American board residing at Marash is critical. The governor general of the province of Aleppo declares that he suspects of insurgent designs and has ordered their letters opened before delivery."

Boxes of food and clothing addressed to them must now be examined by the police. The chief of police in Marash publicly declared that the missionaries were importing arms for use against the Mohammedans. The bigotry of the ignorant populace already aroused against the missionaries, disaster is possible at any moment unless the agitation be checked."

CHINESE REPULSED. Japs Are Victorious in an Engagement on Liao Yang Roads.

By the United Press. London, March 3.--The Hat-Cheng correspondent of the Central News telegraphs under the date of Feb. 28: "The first army today attacked and routed the enemy encamped between the Liao Yang and New Chwang roads. The Japs lost ten thousand men killed and eighty-two wounded. The Chinese left 150 dead on the field."

The official Japanese reports of Feb. 18 said that the enemy had 15,000 men and ten guns. During the action a second Chinese force, 35,000 strong, made an attack from the eastward, but was repulsed without difficulty.

Mrs. Dole Pleads for Lil. By the United Press.

San Francisco, March 3.--Correspondence from Honolulu states that Mrs. Dole is intending to return to the ex-queen and that President Dole is reported to be wavering between granting her a full pardon or letting the sentence stand.

The Pope Growing Feeble. By the United Press.

London, March 3.--The Standard's Rome correspondent in reporting the mass in attendance at the obsequies of the pope has changed greatly in the last weeks and looks weak and bent.

FOREIGN NEWS NOTES. The czar has influenza and a sore throat.

Admiral Sir G. T. Phipps Hornby died at London yesterday of pneumonia, resulting from influenza.

It is reported that the pope is preparing an encyclical letter denouncing the anti-Semitic agitation in Europe.

Lord Rosebery passed a wakeful night and does not gain strength. His condition at noon yesterday was altogether unsatisfactory.

It is learned from an official source that France is about to approach Italy with a view to arranging a commercial treaty and thus ending the long period of commercial hostility which has inflicted heavy losses on both countries.

The Central News' correspondent in Palermo reports a violent storm along the Sicilian coast. Several vessels have been wrecked and many buildings have collapsed. Five persons in Marsala died of injuries from falling walls and trees.

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