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PROMINENT MAN DEAD.

Ex-Governor Roswell P. Flower Passes Away.

His Death Was Very Sudden Due to an Acute Attack of Indigestion Followed by Heart Failure—He Was Unconscious For an Hour or More Before He Died.

NEW YORK, May 13.—Former Governor Roswell P. Flower died at the Eastport Country club at Eastport, L. I. Mr. Flower was taken ill early in the day with a severe attack of acute indigestion. In the afternoon symptoms of heart failure supervened, and he grew steadily worse until the time of his death. The attack of heart failure was accompanied by a fainting spell, and Mr. Flower's family in New York city were quickly notified. Mrs. Flower and the former governor's nephew, Frederick S. Flower, accompanied by Dr. Thomas H. Allen, Mr. Flower's physician, left at once on a special train for Eastport. When they arrived there Mr. Flower had somewhat recovered, but shortly afterward the attack of heart failure was marked and Mr. Flower became unconscious an hour or more before his death.

CUBANS NOT YET PAID.

General Brooke Has Met Another Obstacle.

General Gomez Will Not Appoint Commissioners to Assist in the Work Because Certain Cuban Generals Are Opposed to Him—A New Plan Has Been Arranged.

HAVANA, May 16.—General Maximo Gomez informed Governor General Brooke that he must withdraw from the plan for distributing the \$3,000,000 appropriated to the payment of the Cuban troops to the extent that he will not name other commissioners to replace those originally named by him, who have refused to serve. Governor General Brooke is to go ahead with a new plan, Gomez remaining in an attitude of friendly inactivity. General Brooke will issue an order for Cuban privates and non-commissioned officers to meet at specified places on specified dates to receive payment. They are to be accompanied by their company officers for the purpose of identification. Both General Gomez and the governor general feel that the privates ought not to lose their share in the American gratuity merely because the schemes of certain high officers in the Cuban army have interposed obstacles. The belief among the Americans is that the company officers will assist in this way.

MRS. ROSWELL P. FLOWER.

contact with many private enterprises in which his cool and discriminating and insistent and careful examination of detail rendered him peculiarly fitted for the arduous services which he rendered to his associates.

FILIPINOS GOOD FIGHTERS.

Captain Boltwood of the Kansas Regiment Gives His Impressions. CHICAGO, May 15.—Professor H. L. Boltwood, principal of the Evanston high school, has received a letter from his brother, who is a captain in the first Kansas volunteers, in which he says that the Filipinos are brave fighters, but that he thinks Aguinaldo is not the man to lead them.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD.

A Large Concourse of People Pay the Last Tribute to the Dead. NEW YORK, May 16.—The funeral of the late Governor Roswell P. Flower was held in this city, at St. Thomas Episcopal church, at 4:30 p. m. There was a large attendance of men prominent in financial and political circles.

RAILROAD COLLISION.

Twenty-Five People Killed and Fifty Others Injured Near Reading, Pa. READING, Pa., May 12.—A collision of passenger trains occurred on the Philadelphia and Reading at Exeter station, six miles below Reading. The number of dead is fully 25 and the injured 50. The first train ploughed through three cars of the forward train completely wrecking them.

WRECK AT ULTA, N. Y.

UTICA, N. Y., May 13.—The west-bound mail train was wrecked here and seven passenger coaches were thrown from the tracks. Fire broke out immediately and many of the imprisoned passengers were burned to death. The fire department was called out and did what it could to put out the flames and rescue the imprisoned passengers.

Disaster on Lake Superior.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., May 15.—The schooner Nelson, deeply laden with a cargo of coal, foundered in Lake Superior, off Grand Marais and carried down all hands. So far as known there is no one escaped from this, the first disaster of the season, except the captain, a report from Deer Park, Mich., stating that the captain was saved.

No Extra Session of Congress.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—A member of the administration who is in a position to know the views of the president on the subject said that the probability was against an extra session of congress being called. He thought that the president had given the subject some thought, but he was reasonably sure that no call would be issued except in some unlooked-for contingency which would make it necessary.

Coal Mining Company Increase Wages.

PHILADELPHIA, May 16.—The Berwind-White Coal Mining company notified its 10,000 employees of an increase in wages to go into effect June 1.

GOD WAS HIS WITNESS.

An Unusual and Exciting Scene in a Criminal Court Room.

GREENSBURG, Pa., May 13.—Unusual circumstances led to prompt acquittal of a prisoner in the criminal court room here and created a sensation among the lawyers and spectators. Charles Dowden was being tried on a charge of arson, it being alleged that he attempted the destruction of a part of the village of New Alexandria recently. The discovery of the plot and the arrest of Dowden created a good deal of excitement at the time. It was alleged that Dowden was not mentally sound, and an argument was advanced by his attorneys at the opening of the trial that the defendant was subject to epileptic fits.

Big Strike Probable.

READING, Pa., May 13.—That serious trouble is imminent in the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania there is little doubt. It has been brewing for a long time, and the recent order of President Duffy of the United Mine Workers, that after Friday, May 19, members of the mine workers' union shall not work with miners and others not members of that union, is not going to do anything in the way of preventing the trouble.

All Over a Circus.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., May 13.—The whole coal region was in Conneltsville to see a circus, the good times in the district bringing in fully 30,000 people.

How the Grocers Organize.

PITTSBURG, May 13.—The retail grocers of Pittsburgh have organized in a preliminary way to form a big wholesale company to be known as the Pittsburgh Grocers' Wholesale company, the result of a long agitation by the merchants. The company will have its own warehouse stock centers. Present officers will be elected at a meeting next Monday evening at 311 Market street. The new company will be a stock company, and shares will be sold at \$100 per share, with the feature that the number of shares by individuals will be limited. The company will be ready for business by July 1.

Pennsylvania's Appropriation.

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 16.—Governor Stone has made a cut of \$1,000,000 in the school appropriation and reduced several other items, whereby he saves in the aggregate \$1,500,000, which will be applied to reducing the floating debt of the commonwealth. The governor has also cut down the appropriation to the 13 state normal schools and the items for the payment of the salaries of the officers and employees of the state and house, and disapproved the items for the payment of the salaries of extra employees.

Stole Tomatoes.

READING, Pa., May 12.—Irvin Van Billard was arrested here, charged with taking tomatoes from the lot of Henry Murray at the Sinking Spring cemetery, five miles west of Reading. Van Billard, who is a stone cutter, chiseled out the inscriptions and sold them. He admits that he removed the stones, but states that he took them down all hands. So far as known there is no one escaped from this, the first disaster of the season, except the captain, a report from Deer Park, Mich., stating that the captain was saved.

Desperate Maniac.

SHARON, Pa., May 13.—David M. McClain of Wilmington township became violently insane, and securing a butcher knife, tried to kill himself. After a hard fight he was disarmed, lashed to a bed to prevent him doing further injury, but he managed to escape and was found later where he was trying to hang himself.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

Short Items from Various Parts of the World.

Record of Many Happenings Arranged and Put in Small Space and Arranged with Special Regard for the Convenience of the Reader Who Has Little Time to Spare.

Citizens of Topeka, Kan., have started a popular subscription to purchase General Funston a sword.

The 1,200 Italian laborers on the Jerome Park reservoir, New York city, are still out on a strike and threaten death to any of their number that returns to work.

The United States troops in Alaska have made a request of the war department for canned roast beef.

General Brooke, military governor of Cuba, reports a much improved state of affairs throughout the eastern portion of the island.

A British ship has been lost in Australian waters and 30 people drowned.

General Manning F. Force, commander of the Soldiers' home at Sandusky, O., is dead.

Major L. C. Overman, U. S. A., retired, was instantly killed by falling from a staking on which he was at work at his summer home at Farmington, N. Y.

George D. Curtis, a well known Grand Army man, died at his home in Albion, N. Y., from the effects of a wound received in the civil war.

The cruiser Raleigh was not injured by grounding in the harbor at Charleston, S. C.

The arrival of the United States cruiser Chicago at Tangier hastened the Moorish government to pay the claims of American citizens which she has refused to pay up until this time.

John Binz, aged 23, and his young wife, were apprehended by illuminating gas in Philadelphia. It was thought to be an accident.

An American newspaper correspondent and three Cubans captured seven bandits near Bayamo, Cuba, and turned them over to the authorities.

Charles Anson attempted suicide at Middletown, N. Y. He was despondent.

Thomas McEvoy, a delegate to the Forestry convention at Syracuse, fell from a third-story window in the Delevan House in that city and fractured his skull. He was from Ulster county.

President McKinley is enjoying a thorough rest at Hot Springs, W. Va., transacting no business whatever.

Five men were terribly injured by a boiler explosion at Trenton, N. J. Two of them will die.

The schooner Loyal which left Seattle for Alaska, eight months ago, with 11 persons on board, has never been heard from. She undoubtedly is lost with all on board.

Joseph Harvey of Howard City, Mich., shot and killed his wife, his uncle, Robert Pierson, and his grand-uncle, and wounded his father-in-law and 3-months-old baby, and finally shot himself, producing probably a fatal wound, all the result of a family quarrel.

A construction train on the Pittsburgh and Western railroad went through a bridge near New Castle, Pa., killing two men and injuring a number of others.

Henry Trunkall of Auburn, N. Y., killed his wife with a hammer and then took poison, dying before the crime was discovered.

At a colored revival near Buena Vista, Ga., over a dozen persons drank bittermilk out of a can and all were poisoned, the minister dying within a few hours.

Four men were instantly killed and five others badly injured by the caving in of a culm bank at Centralia, near Shamokin, Pa.

Nyria is ready to strike for independence from the rule of the Sultan of Turkey. Twenty-five thousand men are now well armed and ready to fight.

In a great fire in the town of Gu Humora, province of Bukovina, Austria, 200 buildings were destroyed and several lives lost.

Fire at Columbus, O., destroyed the 5-story brick building occupied by the William Hartman company, wholesale grocers. Loss about \$55,000.

Admiral Dewey is coming home on the flagship Olympia, leaving Manila in about three weeks, but not arriving here until about July 1, stopping in London and several way places.

The treaty negotiations between the United States and Canada will shortly be resumed with fair prospects of success.

China withholds her approval of the Anglo-Russian agreement, and Russia has made a new and extensive demand.

CONDITION OF CROPS.

Returns Made to the Department of Agriculture For May.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The crop report for May issued by the department of agriculture is as follows: The May returns to the statistician of the department of agriculture show the acreage in winter wheat in cultivation on May 1 is about four million acres less than the area estimated to have been sown last fall, but it still slightly exceeds the area of winter wheat harvested every year.

The reduction in acreage in the principal states, as compared with the area seeded last fall, is as follows:

- Kansas, 588,000; Illinois, 701,000; Indiana, 394,000; Missouri, 345,000; Texas, 277,000; Ohio, 148,000; Nebraska, 144,000; Michigan, 128,000; Wisconsin, 120,000; Tennessee, 105,000.

For the area remaining under cultivation, the average condition is 75.2, as compared with 86.5 on May 1, 1898 and 85.9, the mean of the average of the last 10 years. The condition in the principal states after reducing the acreage as indicated, is as follows:

- Pennsylvania, 86; Maryland, 83; Virginia, 78; Texas, 67; Tennessee, 78; Kentucky, 76; Ohio, 82; Michigan, 60; Indiana, 63; Illinois, 54; Missouri, 65; Kansas, 64; California, 96; Oklahoma, 86.

The average condition of winter rye is 86.4, as compared with 94.6 on May 1, 1898, and 90.8, the mean of the May averages for the last 10 years. About one-half of the entire winter rye crop is grown in New York and Pennsylvania, where the conditions are 96 and 87 respectively.

Spring plowing is unusually late in almost every part of the country. The work already done is estimated at 75.3 per cent of the total contemplated. The proportion usually done by May 1 is about 75 per cent of the whole.

The average condition of meadows is 84.9, against 82.9 on May 1 of last year, and 84.4 on the corresponding date in 1897.

The average condition of spring pastures is 83.5, against 81.2 on May 1, 1898, and 84.4 on the corresponding date in 1897.

Tuberculosis Movement in Germany.

Berlin, May 16.—Baron Hoyt Zu Herten, of the national liberal movement of the reichstag, has donated 3,000,000 marks towards the tuberculosis asylum movement. The American delegate to the tuberculosis congress, Dr. Von Schweinitz, has arrived here.

Kaiser's Health Improved.

NEW YORK, May 16.—The United States steamer Klipartik arrived here from Havana, where she embarked 509 discharged soldiers of the Eighth cavalry. The transport will undergo extensive repairs at this port.

MARKET REPORT.

New York Money Market. Money on call, 2 1/4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3 1/4 per cent. Sterling exchange: Actual quotations in bankers' rates, \$4.86 1/2 for demand, and \$4.84 1/2 for 60 days. Posted rates, \$4.85 1/2 for 30 days.

New York Produce Market.

FLOUR—Winter patents, \$3.57 1/2; winter straights, \$3.50 1/2; winter extras, \$3.40 1/2; winter low grades, \$2.50 1/2; Minnesota patents, \$3.50 1/2; Minnesota bakers, \$3.25 1/2. RYE FLOUR—No. 1, \$2.00 1/2; No. 2, \$1.90 1/2.

Buffalo Provision Market.

WHEAT—No. 1 hard, 78c; No. 1 northern, 75c. Winter wheat, No. 2 red, 76c; No. 2 yellow, 75c. CORN—No. 2 yellow, 25c; No. 3 yellow, 24c. OATS—No. 2 white, 22c; No. 3 mixed, 21c.

East Buffalo Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Extra export steers, \$5.30; good do., \$5.00; choice heavy butchers, \$4.60; light heavy, \$4.40; cows and heifers, extra, \$2.70; calves, heavy fed, \$3.00; veals, \$2.90.

Utica Cheese Market.

CHEESE—At the Utica Board of Trade the following sales of cheese were made: One hundred and twenty boxes large colored, 8c; 300 boxes large colored, 7c; 30 boxes large colored, 6c; 100 boxes large colored, 5c; 100 boxes small white, 4c; 100 boxes small white, 3c; 100 boxes small white, 2c.