

## REPUBLICAN NEWS-ITEM

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### Why doesn't an ice floe flow?

There seems to be no kind of insect powder that is fatal to humbugs.

The forty immortals have slid back into obscurity, and all is forgiven.

There never before was a time when the world had so many ex-potentates.

The peach crop promises to be big enough for cholera morbus purposes.

Other seeds may be higher this year, but seeds of kindness will cost no more.

What a pity that the average man has no place to store away ice for a dusty day!

A 27-pound lobster has been caught at Atlantic City. It was not accompanied by a chorus girl.

It was with difficulty that Lake Michigan was kept from freezing from shore to shore this winter.

Somebody has said "we are what we eat." We doubt it especially when we eat boiled cabbage and turnips.

Doctors saved the life of a New York man whose neck was broken. But he will still have to live in New York.

China invented fireworks a good many hundred years before it had an independence day to explode them on.

Automatic starters may be all right for automobiles, but they would never do to set a political campaign in motion.

Though a Minnesota man caught a ton of fish with his hands, others have made greater catches with their imaginations.

The couple who get married in a flying machine evidently do not desire elaborate ceremonies—just a plane wedding.

Fashion notes make it easy to foretell that ladies' hats will be high and pocketbooks retain their usual shape of flatness.

Golf balls are to be cheaper. But we cannot paraphrase Marie Antoinette and eat golf balls if we can't have bread.

We await anxiously the time when the little ex-Emperor Pu Yi will begin making attempts to come back. They all do it.

A gun made of cement is one of the latest devices for war purposes. It is dangerous to stand either at the muzzle or the breech.

We take off our hats to the pulmotor, which not only draws suicides back from the dark shore, but patches up their lovers' quarrels.

The Massachusetts man who has been on the operating table thirty-five times may be merely trying to establish a reputation as a cut-up.

Don't boast, even if you did have eggs for breakfast. The man to whom you feel so superior may have had butter on his johnnycake.

A New York surgeon says the vermiform appendix fulfills an important function. He is, of course, speaking from the surgeon's standpoint.

Those Manchurian princes do not make any pretenses to the effect that they stepped out of power in order to devote more time to the uplift.

A near scientist tells us that whenever a man tells a lie his big toe wiggles. There must be some enthusiastic wiggling on the bathing beaches in summer.

The death of Lord Lister, who discovered antiseptic surgery and has saved the lives of thousands, recalls the fact that he was not placed in the list of the twenty greatest.

A Connecticut bank has gone to the wall because its books had not been balanced for forty years. It seems, therefore, that the balancing of bank books is important, after all.

A prominent dentist informs us that false teeth are more sanitary than real ones, but the man who knocks out his fellow man's teeth is not necessarily looked upon as a philanthropist.

A New Jersey woman is suing for damages because after a surgical operation a pair of forceps was sewed up inside her. She is lucky not to have the price of the instrument charged against its loss in her bill.

The Palace of Peace at The Hague will be completed in July of next year. The work is not being hurried.

A Boston highbrow tells us that if he had created the world he would have made every woman beautiful. And what would the beauty doctor do then, poor thing?

Now a society for promoting efficiency has been launched. One of the ways of doing it would be to waste less time on forming fool organizations.

## DEATH FOLLOWS WIND AND FLOOD

### South Atlantic States Swept by Fatal Hurricane.

### BRIDGES ARE CARRIED AWAY

Houses Swept from Banks—Dams Burst—Railroads Beyond Chicago Almost Put Out of Business by Blizzard.

Washington.—A wind and rain storm of a severity unparalleled in recent years swept the South Atlantic Coast States, leaving behind it a path of wrecked buildings, bridges torn from their foundations, uprooted telephone and telegraph poles, and, in several instances death.

Five persons were killed outright in Headland, a few miles below Troy, Ala., two others were hurt mortally and four or five were injured. In Spartanburg, N. C., two persons were killed and two lost their lives in Raleigh, N. C. Railroad traffic had been paralyzed by the carrying away of bridges and by landslides and floods.

At Greensboro, N. C., two bridges were carried away. In Raleigh trains were wrecked, and a power plant destroyed. Rivers and creeks in the Piedmont section of the State have overflowed their banks, causing wash-outs on the railroads and great damage to property.

Reports of the ravages of the storm reached here from as far south as Savannah, Ga., and as far north as Connecticut. From Savannah came news that the rainfall was unprecedented and had caused freshets in nearly all the streams. Train schedules have been disarranged and service tied up. Power plants are among the many buildings which have been destroyed, and trestles and bridges have been undermined and washed away. In Cheraw, S. C., the wind tore down every smokestack in town and laid in ruins several churches and houses.

Many railway lines have been obliged to abandon trains, and mails are being delayed seriously. Lines between Omaha and Colorado Springs, Omaha and Denver, and Omaha and Sioux City are blocked with snow. Trains to and from the Black Hills region are moving slowly. Many branch roads throughout Nebraska are blocked and their service suspended temporarily.

The Weather Bureau officials said that the Western and Southwestern storms had combined into a single storm of greater intensity over the Upper Ohio Valley.

Chicago.—Chicago and the middle west felt the grip for 24 hours of one of the worst blizzards of the year. Transportation in the city was completely paralyzed, telegraph and telephone service badly crippled and business demoralized.

Incoming and outgoing mails were demoralized hopelessly. Trains from the East were from 30 minutes to three hours late, while those from the Southwest were delayed indefinitely. Western trains were running from 12 to 36 hours late.

A dispatch received from Omaha states that about 50 passenger trains were tied-up in Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado. It has been impossible to get to them with food.

### BATTLE WITH OUTLAWS.

#### Storming of Allen's House Like a Bombardment.

Hillsville, Va.—Two more deaths, both of women, have resulted from the prisoner's relatives made their attack upon the Carroll County Court House, in which Circuit Judge Thornton L. Massie, Commonwealth's Attorney Foster, Juror Fowler and Sheriff Webb were slain.

The second death was that of Nancy Elizabeth Ayers, a nineteen-year-old girl, who was in the courtroom as a witness against Floyd Allen when the prisoner's relatives made their attack.

Juror Worrall was only slightly wounded, while the wound received by Clerk Dexter Goad is in the flesh of the neck and his injuries are no longer regarded as serious.

Floyd Allen and his brother, Sidna, are prisoners in the county jail here, closely guarded by forty heavily armed deputies.

The storming of Allen's house was the next thing to a bombardment.

Judge Rosalesky's friends said they believed the bomb which exploded in his apartment in New York was sent by some person on the East Side; while the police advanced the theory that it was the work of an insane man, who also sent to Mrs. Taylor the bomb which killed her.

### GUATEMALA HONORS KNOX.

#### City Decorated for Visit of American Secretary of State.

Guatemala City.—This city gave Secretary of State Knox what might be described as a royal reception. Public and private buildings were decorated, triumphal arches spanned the streets and Mr. Knox was received like a king in the centre of the city. Later he was driven through two miles of streets lined with soldiers. Many children took part in the ceremonies, dressed in national colors.

## POPULAR FICTION



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### JUDGE AND NINE OTHERS SHOT IN COURT ROOM

#### Also Kill the Prosecutor and Sheriff of Hillsville, Va.—Nine Other Men Are Shot.

Richmond, Va.—A gang of mountaineers and moonshiners known as The Allens shot and killed Circuit Judge Thornton L. Massie in the little red brick county court house at Hillsville, the county seat at Carroll county, on the southern border of the State; killed Commonwealth's Attorney William L. Foster and Sheriff Lew Webb and mortally wounded A. C. Cane, a juror; A. C. Fowler, a juror; Dexter Good, clerk of the court; and Stuart Warrall, a spectator. Floyd Allen, the leader of the gang, got two bullets.

Seventeen of the outlaws then backed out of the court room exchanging shots with the jurors and the deputy sheriffs, who had drawn guns the moment the fusillade on the county officers and jurors began and escaped. Judge Massie was shot three times, Webb stopped four bullets and Foster two. Cane was shot twice, Fowler twice and Good once.

Floyd Allen was taken to a hotel room suffering from two gunshot wounds in his stomach and one in his side and a broken leg. His leg was broken as a result of being trampled upon in the court room. Following the escape of Jackson and Sidney Allen, pursued by the only officers able to follow, Floyd Allen was removed to the hotel room, where his son Victor heavily armed, stood guard and threatened to shoot any one who attempted to enter his father's room.

The tragedy occurred in the little court in this town, just as Judge Massie had passed sentence on Floyd Allen, convicted of aiding a prisoner to escape. Allen was given one year in the penitentiary at hard labor, and Judge Massie had hardly finished passing the sentence when from somewhere in the court came the words "that is hell ain't it."

Then there was a sound of a pistol shot, and in less than a minute the court room was resounding with revolver shots, curses of the outlaws and the cries of the wounded. The first shots were fired by Sidney and Jack Allen, brothers of the man on trial. Hardly were the words "that is hell, ain't it," uttered before these two men, who were standing close up to the rail where Floyd Allen was seated, whipped out their revolvers and began firing. Judge Massie, after the first shot, dropped back into his chair and fell dead, with his head resting on his desk.

Sheriff Lew Webb, sitting by the prisoner, had half risen with his hand reached for his gun, when he was shot down by a concentrated fire, and died immediately.

When the Allens opened fire on the jury box, the jurors, themselves, not supplied with weapons, returned the gunplay and at the same time the deputy sheriffs scattered about the court unlimbered their Winchesters in the hall of bullets that followed Dexter Good, was dropped with a bullet in his neck, and J. H. Blankenship, one of the jurors, was wounded.

When the return fire against the Allens and their followers began to get too hot for them they backed out of the smoke-filled courthouse, took to their horses and broke for the hills.

The Allens have long been considered the most dangerous men in this section. They have a large following and the average citizen is afraid to interfere with them in anything they attempt to do.

Governor Mann immediately ordered the militia companies of Roanoke and Lynchburg to be in readiness to go to Hillsville in case the followers of the Allens should organize to resist the capture of those concerned in the shooting. The governor offered a reward of \$3,000 for the capture of the assassins.

### SHOT AT ITALY'S KING.

#### Would-Be Assassin, a Youth Named Antonio Dalba, Roughly Handled.

Rome, Italy.—Throughout Italy there is rejoicing over the escape of the King and Queen, at whom a young Anarchist named Antonio Dalba fired several shots.

Neither the King nor the Queen was hurt, but Major Langa was shot.

The would-be assassin was rescued by the soldiers and police from the people, who would undoubtedly have lynched him.

### TWENTIETH CENTURY LIMITED FALLS INTO RIVER

#### Ice and Steel Cars Avert Horror on N. Y. Central—Cars Plunge Into Hudson.

New York.—The Twentieth Century Limited—long boasted of by the New York Central Railroad as "the most famous train in the world"—escaped by marvelous good luck, the title of "the most deadly train in the world."

Entering the homestretch of its Chicago-New York run, the flyer struck a fractured rail, four and a half miles above Poughkeepsie. It was traveling on a curve at a speed estimated by the company to have been forty-five miles an hour and said by some of the passengers to have been seventy miles an hour.

Five of the Century's Pullman sleepers were shot off the line, down an embankment and into the Hudson River. In these were about fifty persons—the whole train was carrying fifty-eight.

Only the fact that there was an eighteen-inch coating of ice over the river saved the lives of most of these. This semi-solid surface kept the cars from plunging further outward, into water of drowning depth.

That bit of luck—and the fact that the cars were of steel—saved a long death list. But it was apparently lax construction or inspection of the roadbed that caused the wreck, and its result was bad enough.

Fourteen persons injured—a quarter of a mile of track torn up—all trains delayed from one to three hours—\$50,000 worth of equipment in the river.

The panic stricken passengers, men and women, most of them scantily clad, were fished by rescuers out of the submerged wreckage of the overturned cars and out of the icy river, and gathered together in one of the least damaged cars. A relief train of physicians and nurses was dispatched from Poughkeepsie nearly two hours later, when the passengers were started on their way to New York in the second section of the Twentieth Century which had been but ten minutes behind the first. Twenty-eight of them were injured, several very badly.

Opinions as to what caused the wreck did not differ much among those not connected with the railroad, all attributing the mishap to a broken rail.

Washington.—The wreck on the New York Central Railroad of the Twentieth Century Limited at Hyde Park, N. Y., is said by officials of the Interstate Commerce Commission to bear out the report made by the commission's experts that the limit of speed or wheel pressure has been reached and probably surpassed on rails of the usual width and shape of head and that the ten or more wrecks since the first of the year is a warning of this fact.

### TO STOP GUN RUNNING.

#### Resolution to Enforce Neutrality in Mexican Struggle.

Washington.—The President decided on sharp measures to prevent the encouragement of hostilities in Mexico by the shipment of arms and munitions from the United States, and Congress at once showed its willingness to support him regardless of party lines. A joint resolution was introduced in the Senate and unanimously passed authorizing the President to forbid by proclamation or otherwise the shipment of arms or munitions of war to American countries in which domestic violence is being promoted by the aid of supplies from the United States. A big sum of money, estimated at \$4,000,000, has been deposited in banks in El Paso for the purpose of buying arms and ammunition to be shipped from the United States.

### KILLED IN HORSEBACK DUEL.

#### Mississippi Planters Open Fire in Presence of Two Girl Friends.

Vicksburg, Miss.—In the presence of two young women, friends of both, two prominent young planters of Claiborne County fought a duel with pistols.

John E. Elliott is dead and Robert C. Norwood was fatally wounded. The young women spectators are Miss Edna Musgrove and Miss Allie Mae Jeter. The dispute was over an alleged land trespass.

## THE MAINE RESTS UNDER THE SEA

### Guns Boom and Bands Play as Wreck Goes Down.

### BURIED 600 FATHOMS DEEP

#### Great Flag Almost Covered the Ship as She Passed Out on Trip to Her Last Resting Place—Cubans Join in Tribute.

Havana.—Under lowering skies and in a heavy tumbling sea the old battleship Maine, resurrected after fourteen years' burial in Havana Harbor, plunged with her colors flying to her everlasting rest 600 fathoms deep in the sapphire waters of the Gulf.

The sinking of the hull carried out precisely as planned, marking the end of the great work begun more than a year and a half ago.

After imposing ceremonies in the morning which ended with the formal transfer of the custody of the bodies of the Maine's dead by the Mayor of Havana, Julia de Cardenas, to Brig-Gen. W. H. Bixby, Chief of the Engineer Corps, U. S. A., and the representatives of the United States, the coffins were taken aboard the armored cruiser North Carolina, where they were deposited on the quarterdeck, completely covered by a great mound of floral tributes, under a guard of honor composed of marines. Minute guns were fired by the North Carolina and the scout cruiser Birmingham and the batteries of Cabanas fortress until the ships cleared the harbor.

As the relic was without a helm she moved slowly, as if tender hands were guiding her. A great American flag covered a large part of the hull. Millions of flowers were heaped on the deck.

Silhouetted against the sky on her highest deck was a lone, black-clad figure. The thousands lined along the shore asked who it was. It was Capt. John O'Brien, ("Dynamite Johnny,") now a pilot of Havana Harbor, who did so much for Cuba's cause of freedom.

The North Carolina and the Birmingham followed the slowly moving wreck toward the entrance to the harbor. The former carried the last victims of the Maine, which are to be buried at Arlington Cemetery. Then came four gunboats of the Cuban Navy, and these were followed by steamers and tugs, containing civic organizations. Practically every American resident in Havana was in one or another of the boats.

One hundred thousand persons witnessed the event. Sailors from the American warships had been detailed to open the sea-cocks letting the waters of the Gulf into the Maine, and afterward they took to a small boat.

It seemed at first as if the Maine was not going to sink. Then, gradually, she went lower and lower. The vessel seemed to fight against her fate, but at last, tilted at an angle of 45 degrees, she sank slowly out of sight.

There was a flash of red and blue and white as the great ensign flying from the mast struck the waves and disappeared. Simultaneously the decks were blown up by the air pressure, and the Maine plunged down, leaving no trace save flowers tossing on the surface of the sea.

Twenty minutes elapsed from the opening of the valves until the vessel disappeared.

Taps sounded from the nearby warships. Then a pandemonium of whistles broke loose as the old ship's funeral dirge. The noise died down, and then the North Carolina and the Birmingham boomed their parting salutes.

On account of the velocity of the Gulf Stream it is believed that the Maine did not reach bottom until carried many miles to the north and eastward.

### NATIONAL CHAIRMAN HILL DEAD

#### Edward Rosewater Appointed Acting Chairman of Republican Committee.

Boston.—Former Governor John F. Hill of Maine, chairman of the Republican National Committee, died at the Hotel Touraine here.

Chairman Hill was stricken with an attack of heart disease while a guest at the Touraine. He had suffered from a heart affection for years.

John Fremont Hill of Augusta was for two terms Governor of Maine. Besides being a prominent man in Republican politics he was also a man with large business interests. Mr. Hill was born in Ellet, York County, Maine, on October 20, 1855.

Victor Rosewater, publisher of the Omaha Bee and Vice Chairman of the Republican National Committee, has been appointed Acting Chairman to succeed Mr. Hill.

### MISSISSIPPI HAS INCOME TAX.

#### To Be Imposed on Amounts of \$2,500 and Over—New Land Tax.

Jackson, Miss.—The Mississippi Legislature, before adjournment, passed a bill imposing a tax of 20 cents an acre on all land holdings over 5,000 acres.

Another bill signed by Governor Brewer provides for a graduated tax upon incomes in excess of \$2,500, ranging from 5 mills on the dollar on those not over \$5,000 to 20 mills on those of \$20,000 and upward.

## SNAPSHOTS AT STATE NEWS

### All Pennsylvania Gleaned for Items of Interest.

### REPORTS ABOUT CROPS GOOD

#### Farmers Busy in Every Locality—Churches Raising Funds for Many Worthy Objects—Items of Business and Pleasure that Interest.

Nicholas Holanisch was run down and killed by a Pennsylvania Railroad train near Shamokin.

At a public sale held on the Elijah Nester farm, at Bechtelsville, a 20-year-old horse brought \$61.

W. B. Miller, a Douglassville poultry fancier, will make a shipment of birds to Brazil.

Spring flowers are in bloom in some of the towns in West Chester—crocuses, tulips, etc.

The Mauch Chunk Foundry, one of the town's leading industries, may be discontinued and dismantled.

Miss Pearl Montgomery of Chester, was attacked by a dog and seriously bitten on the arm.

Taylor Flick, aged 22, died in the hospital at Williamsport from injuries sustained by being kicked by a horse.

The Dickinson College senior class ride this year will be to Luray Caverns, in Virginia.

Mrs. B. F. Rute, wife of a prominent citizen of Freehold, hanged herself, having been melancholy for some days.

For over 37 years Jacob Livingood has been a tenant on the 135-acre Van Reed farm, in Oley, and has leased it for another year.

Mrs. Henry Hammel, wife of a Reading druggist, has passed the State examination and has been qualified as an assistant pharmacist.

Clayton A. S. Myser is in the Lancaster jail, accused of embezzling from Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia grocers.

Fourteen cases of scarlet fever have developed in Huntingdon and the Board of Health may close the Fourth ward schools.

Apple butter poultices so aggravated the burns to two cows owned by D. F. Stauffer, of York, after a fire, that they had to be killed.

Because no one lays claim to a vacant lot in Camp Hill, Cumberland county, Sheriff Walters will sell it for a lien of about \$32.

The Superior Court began its March session at Harrisburg, with cases from Adams, York and other Central Pennsylvania counties listed.

In his 17 years' pastorate of St. John's Lutheran Church at Lewistown, the Rev. Dr. M. I. Cressman has performed 400 marriage ceremonies.

Thomas J., 7-year-old son of Mrs. John Bowes, of Port Carbon, died as the result of a headlong fall of only two feet from a wheelbarrow.

A bequest of \$100,000 to Swarthmore College is among the \$300,000 left to charity and education by the will of Mrs. Alice A. Hicks, filed at Mineola, L. I.

Edward Miller, of Shamokin, has been captured at Oil City, having fled to that place after an alleged attempt to murder Michael Meehan, Overseer of the Poor.

Red foxes are plentiful in Clearfield county, and are so hungry that they are making many visits to chicken coops, causing consternation to the fowls as well as to the owners of the fowls.

William Smith, a structural iron worker, of New York city, was ground to pieces under a Reading express train, and John D. Rhine, a repairman, of Sheridan, was struck by a light engine and killed, both near Lebanon.

Young men who fear the pitfalls of leap year are rushing to join a newly-organized Bachelors' Club at Johnson City, Northumberland county. One of the recruits stated he received a proposal from a Shamokin lady friend and fearing that he might be caught in her net, thought it advisable to become a member of the club.

Plans for a big municipal band for York are to be brought before Councils; the enterprise is to be supported by public contributions.

The running of through coal and coke trains on the Lehigh Valley from Delano to Easton will shortly begin.

Cyrus T. Fox, one of the demonstrators at model orchards for the State Agricultural Department, and a botanist of distinction, declares that the chestnut blight was in Berks county as long as 50 years ago.