

## TIDAL WAVE DROWNS MANY

An Earthquake Cause Ocean to Sweep Villages Away.

### WHOLE FAMILIES WERE LOST

Sailing Vessels Along the Coast Report Finding Hundreds of Floating Corpses and Dead Fish.

A message from Beuna Ventura, Colombia, dated February 25, says: An earthquake occurred at 10:31 on the morning of February 21, lasting about seven minutes, the movement being from the north to the south.

The town was considerably shaken. The damage, however, was small, but the people were thrown into a panic, kneeling, weeping and praying in the streets. All the clocks in the town were stopped, while the cables were broken in many places.

Following the earthquake there was a tidal wave, which was of no consequence here, but the reports from the coast, including an area of 50 leagues to the south, state that 2,000 were killed by falling houses or drowned by the wave, whole families having been lost.

Sailing vessels report having encountered hundreds of corpses and quantities of dead fish, and many small settlements were completely swept away.

The damage by the earthquake and tidal wave at Tumaco was greater than here, and a few lives were lost. The shock was felt in the interior, and five people were killed at Tuquerres.

At Popayan the people resorted to tents, and thanksgiving services were held on February 21 and 22. Twelve distinct shocks were felt, but it is believed that all danger is over now.

### CADETS BURNED TO DEATH

Fire Destroys Buildings of Military School at Gambier, O.

Fire destroyed three buildings of Kenyon College at Gambier, O., causing the death of three students, and injury of others.

The charred bodies of Cadets Winfield Scott Kunkle of Ashabula, O., J. E. Henderson of Ridge Farm, Ill., and James J. Fuller of Warren, O., were found in the ruins of Delano hall.

The bodies of Fuller and Henderson lay close together. They had been room-mates. It is believed that they were suffocated to death in bed. The lifeless forms were also close to the beds they had occupied and lay in the basement almost directly beneath their room. Kunkle's body had been carried to the west with the falling floors.

Trouble was experienced in finding it. The fathers of the cadets hurried to Gambier Saturday night, and were present when the finding of the bodies removed the last doubt as to their fate.

Cadets Harry Barnes and Lenox Baker, both residents of Cleveland, were moved on cots to hospitals in Cleveland.

Cadet J. R. Stearn, whose feet were burned, and who sustained injuries by jumping from the burning building, went to his home in Cincinnati. Cadets Alexander W. Walton, of Cincinnati, and Milan L. Bartlett, each of whom was burned about the arms, also left.

There is no satisfactory explanation as to what caused the fire. Some are of opinion that oily rags may have caused spontaneous combustion. The floors of the buildings were oiled and this, in part at least, accounts for the rapidity with which the building burned.

### SAYS MINERS WILL NOT STRIKE

In a statement issued at Indianapolis, Vice President T. L. Lewis, of the United Mine Workers of America, declares that there will be no strike on April 1, saying the operators will restore the reduction accepted by the miners two years ago, and perhaps more.

### APPALLING TALE OF CRIME

Governor Gooding of Idaho Says Orchard Confessed to 26 Murders, Implicating Miners.

Gov. Gooding of Idaho issued the following statement with respect to the assassination of former Gov. Frank Steuneger:

"I want to state officially that Harry Orchard has made a full confession. The assassination was the third attempt that Orchard made. This confession was made to James McParland.

"In that confession Orchard implicated all those now under arrest, and others, including J. L. Simpkins. He told the story of 26 murders, the result of conspiracies in which all the accused parties were interested. When this story is given to the public, I believe it will be the greatest narrative of crime which the world knows."

Privy Councillor Ivanoff, who was active in suppressing the recent railroad strike in Russia, was assassinated by an unknown man in Warsaw.

### FANATIC BAND RUNS AMUCK

Destroys French Post and Overwhelms British Detachment.

A force of religious fanatics is reported to have invaded and overrun a portion of Sokoto, West Africa, from the north, to have destroyed a French post near the frontier, killing five French officers and capturing two, and to have overwhelmed a British detachment, whose casualties are not given.

### SHOULD EARN PROMOTION

Congressman Finds Fault With Treatment of Officers in Army.

The house of representatives refused to adjourn in celebration of Washington's birthday, and its members participated in a general field day of debate on the army appropriation bill. The speeches took wide range. First the system of promoting and retiring army officers was attacked by Mr. Prince of Illinois, who elicited many interjected comments from members in disapproval of the methods for which he said the President and senate were responsible, and which, he pointed out, has resulted in a retired list costing yearly \$2,700,000 consisting of officers who, he said, were holding the flag with one hand while the other was in the treasury for money that had never been earned.

Referring to the question of the retirement of officers and the abolition of the grade of lieutenant general, Mr. Prince criticized the system by which it was possible to have such a large number of officers on the retired list. With an army of 60,000 he said, there were now 903 officers on the retired list drawing an average of \$2,000 a year, or a total of \$2,700,000. Asked as to the rank of these officers, Mr. Prince said there were three lieutenant generals, 21 generals, 245 brigadier generals, 76 colonels, 70 lieutenant colonels, 289 majors, 189 captains, 65 first lieutenants, 11 second lieutenants, 16 chaplain majors and 11 chaplain captains.

There had been 62 brigadier generals who served for one day in that rank and were then retired, from January 1, 1902, to January 1, 1905. "And," he continued, "I am inclined to think the moving picture is going on today at the same rate." Up to 1895, Mr. Prince said, there had been but four lieutenant generals, Washington, Grant, Sherman and Sheridan, all of whom became full generals. Since 1895 there had been five lieutenant generals, Schofield, Miles, Young, Chaffee and Bates. He favored the provision of the bill abolishing this rank.

### RUSSIAN AGGRESSION

Posts in China Taken Before Treaty Was Concluded.

Advices from Peking are that an impasse has been reached in the negotiations between the Russian and Chinese government in regard to concessions demanded by Russia in Manchuria and Mongolia.

It has been expected that pressure would be brought on China to block the advance of Russia into Mongolia and Chinese Turkestan because of the added menace such an extension of Russian lines would be to England's Indian possessions, the security of which Japan is bound by the new treaty to guarantee in every possible way.

It is said, however, on fairly reliable authority, that Russia has not waited for the formality of the treaty negotiations, but has already established a military post at Urga and laid plans for a still further extension of her lines southward.

### INSURANCE REFORMS

Report of New York Committee Suggests Many Improvements.

The report of the Armstrong committee inquiring into the institution of life insurance as carried on by the companies doing business in the State, was presented in both houses of the New York Legislature. Accompanying the report were bills embodying the recommendations of the committee, with the exception of the proposed standard forms of policies.

The remedial legislation recommended provides for the safeguarding of the rights of policyholders in mutual companies, in the election of directors; recommends that stock companies be given authority to retire their stock and become mutual companies, but that such mutualization shall not be compulsory; various regulations are urged to prevent unwise investments and improper syndicate operations.

### MUST PAY INHERITANCE TAX

Ruling in Illinois Will Increase the Sum in Cook County Treasury.

A ruling in Springfield by the supreme court of Illinois has ordered a radical change in the usual practice in collecting inheritance taxes that will put at once into the treasury of Cook county about \$750,000 from Marshall Field's estate and large amounts from the Yerkes and other big fortunes recently probated.

The ruling provides that residuary legacies must bear their share of inheritance tax immediately after the death of the testator and not at the end of the period of trust. It means that the tax on the huge sum left in trust for 40 years to the grandchildren of Marshall Field must be paid now.

### In Honor of Washington.

Washington's Birthday was generally observed at the national capital. Celebrations were held by various local patriotic societies in commemoration of the anniversary. All Federal offices and municipal offices as well as most of the business houses were closed.

### Field Will Probated.

The will of Marshall Field was admitted to probate at Chicago by Judge Cutting of the probate court, who issued letters of administration to Arthur B. Jones, Chauncey B. Keep and the Merchants Loan & Trust Company as executors. The executors signed a personal bond for \$100,000,000.

The pure food bill passed the Senate after 15 years consideration, by the surprising vote of 63 to 4.

## HOCH HANGED AT CHICAGO

Attorneys Appeal to the Federal Court to Stay the Execution.

### HOCH MET HIS FATE BRAVELY

Insisted Upon Living to the Last Moment Allowed by Law—Prayed for Executioners.

Johann Hoch, convicted uxoricide, confessed bigamist, and who, if a fraction of the stories of crime that are told of him are true, was one of the greatest criminals this country has ever known, was hanged at Chicago for poisoning his wife, Marie Welcker Hoch. He faced death with a prayer on his lips for the officers of the law who took his life; and save for the words "goodby," his last utterance was an assertion that he was innocent of the crime.

The last scene in his career came at 1:34 P. M. while his attorneys were still making desperate efforts for a little more time on earth for him. His death, the lawyers say, has not ended the appeal that was made in his behalf, and although the man himself is dead, they promise to carry the case to the supreme court of the United States.

The time set for the hanging was between 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. Shortly after 9 Hoch's attorneys appeared in the office of the clerk of the United States circuit court, where they filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus on the broad ground that Hoch was held in peril of death in direct violation of the Fourteenth amendment to the constitution, which declares that no state shall deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law.

Delayed to Last Minute. As soon as the application was filed, Attorneys Mayber and Comerford hastened to the jail where they informed Jailer Whitman and Deputy Sheriff Peters that the application had been made. The jailer and the deputy sheriff agreed to wait. The attorneys then appeared before Judge K. M. Landis, asked that the writ issue forthwith.

"It is requisite," said Judge Landis, "that proper cause be shown." The attorneys argued that the writ should be issued because the state court was not a court of competent jurisdiction, that the sentence was in violation of the Fourteenth amendment, that Hoch was compelled to give and did give, evidence against himself; that he was arrested in New York, and extradited on a charge of bigamy, and on being brought to Chicago was charged with murder. After some consideration, Judge Landis replied:

"The application for the writ is denied. The proper remedy for counsel was a writ of error from the decision of the state supreme court to the supreme court of the United States. The writ is fatally defective."

### JEWS RUTHLESSLY KILLED

Fifty Dead in Massacre After Proclamation of Anti-Semite Leader.

Fifty persons were killed and 200 injured in an attack upon the Jewish residents of Wietka, near Gomel, following the proclamation issued by Kishof, the leader of the anti-Semite movement in that part of the empire, calling for a general and ruthless massacre of the Jews.

Mobs of armed men marched suddenly upon the Jewish quarter. Their coming had been anticipated and all of the Jews had either fled or barricaded themselves as best they could in their homes and places of business. The houses were broken into. The attack was at first concentrated upon the more prosperous Jews. The troops and the police made no effort to stay the assassins, who struck down men, women and children, mutilated their bodies and pillaged the houses and shops. In several cases the bodies of victims were collected in houses which were then fired. Dynamite was used to blow up two synagogues.

### AWARDED BIG CONTRACT

Beaver Falls Company to Erect Shops for Atlantic Coast Line.

It was announced from the Atlantic Coast Line headquarters that the bids for the erection of the shops for the Second division had been opened and the contract awarded. There were 17 bidders. The contract was awarded to the Pennsylvania Bridge Company of Beaver Falls, Pa.

While the officials refuse to state the cost of the shops it is known that he amount will exceed \$400,000. It is stipulated that the work is to be completed by January 1, 1907. Waycross, which on the lines between Montgomery and Savannah, will be the point at which the new shops are to be built. When completed 2,000 men will be regularly employed.

### Mont Pelee Again Active.

Mont Pelee, in Martinique, is again active, and the inhabitants of the island are in terror of a recurrence of the great eruptions of four years ago. Five persons are in the hospital in Fort de France, who were struck by falling rocks thrown up by the volcano, and most of the residents have fled to shelter behind the mountains to the southward. Many houses have been demolished, and the walls of many others are tottering.

### BIG RUSSIAN CONTRACT

Westinghouse Company Will Equip St. Petersburg Traction Lines.

American interests are to build an extensive modern electric traction system in St. Petersburg which before completion will cost about \$10,000,000. The contract is being undertaken by the Russian Westinghouse company, controlled by the American Westinghouse people. St. Petersburg is the only capital of any country in Europe which has not hitherto employed electricity as a mode of transportation.

The contract for the first portion of the new lines calls for the conversion of the present horse car lines in the Nevsky prospect—the Broadway of St. Petersburg—and other important streets in the center of the city. About 20 miles will be constructed in the first instance, entailing an expenditure of almost \$6,000,000. Later on about 30 miles will be built at an additional cost of nearly \$4,000,000.

### Thirteen Miners Killed.

An explosion in the Victor Fuel Company's Maitland mine near Walsenburg, Col., caused the death of at least 13 miners and perhaps 16. The dead so far recovered: Archie Miller, fire boss; Billy Moran, James W. Titters, Battista Robera, Corona Costa Sopris, Joe Costa and Nicholas Company's Maitland mine caused the Yockibetz.

### Moroccan Gunboats Still Bombard.

A dispatch confirms the report that the Moroccan gunboat Sidi el Turki resumed the bombardment of the French filibustering parties at various points along the Moroccan coast.

### TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

Mrs. Sylvia Langdon Dinham, the second oldest person in Connecticut, died, aged 105 years.

Gov. Pennypacker was pleased with the success of the uniform divorce congress recently held in Washington. The body of Johann Hoch, the murderer who was executed Friday in Chicago, was buried in the potter's field.

Rear Admiral Chadwick, who commanded Admiral Sampson's flagship in the Spanish-American war, will be retired February 28.

Railroad served eviction notices on 4,000 persons in buildings to be replaced by big New York terminal of the Pennsylvania.

Liquidation of companies promoted by J. Whitaker Wright showed assets of less than \$1,000,000 to pay \$13,000,000 of debts.

The senate committee on interstate commerce selected Senator Tillman as spokesman for the eburn rate bill which the committee agreed to report to the senate without amendments.

The house of representatives unanimously passed the resolution for an investigation of the alleged merger of the Pennsylvania and other railroads.

R. J. Hynicka, treasurer of Hamilton county, O., told senate investigation committee that he received \$20,000 in gratuities for deposit of public funds from various banks so far this term.

National President John Mitchell of the mine workers declared a bituminous coal strike inevitable and appointed a committee to assume duties of local President Patrick Dolan.

An unconfirmed dispatch has reached the Government reporting that five British officers and a company of native troops have been killed by fanatics near Sokoto, in Northern Nigeria.

Conditions on the Indian reservations in the State of New York are pronounced a discredit and a disgrace in the report of a special committee of investigation presented in the Assembly.

The Bell Telephone Company, of Philadelphia, has authorized an increase in its capital stock of \$14,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

Directors of the Calumet and Hecla declared a dividend of \$15. This is the same as declared three months and a year ago.

The Consolidated Mercury Gold mines Company declared a regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 cents a share, payable March 26.

Indiana (Pa.) business men have raised \$35,000 toward the construction of a trolley line from Indiana to Ernest.

The French foreign office confirms an Algerian report that France has offered to concede the control of the Moroccan police to the sultan. If the latter will select French officers.

Many miners are resigning their positions in the copper mines near Houghton, Mich., owing to the continued "earthquakes," or air blasts, which have now become so frequent and dangerous that the miners fear for their lives.

### Counterfeiters Caught.

The Secret Service has been advised of the arrest at Spokane, Wash., of R. S. Jewell, Patrick Jennings, Thomas Sheehan and John G. Forester, alias Webber, charged with counterfeiting. The men are said to have operated on the Pacific coast. Sixteen hundred dollars in counterfeit gold coins and a complete set of molds were captured.

### Fallieres is Conservative.

President Fallieres, of France, in his inaugural message presented to Parliament, pays a tribute to the strength of the Republic and to the army as not being a menace, but an assurance of the maintenance of peace. The only allusion to foreign conditions was in a statement that France's moderation, firmness and fidelity to her alliance shows what a price she puts upon preserving cordial relations with all the foreign Powers.

## SHOULD PREPARE FOR WAR

Congressman Says We Should Be Ready for Emergency.

### CHINA MAY GIVE US TROUBLE

Says Japan is Not Inciting China to Make Disturbance, but Will Preserve Peace.

Chairman T. A. Hull, of the Military Affairs committee, in presenting the army appropriation bill to the House urged the necessity of complete preparedness as to our army and navy for trouble in the Orient. He declared that any nation not prepared to defend its position in China might as well haul down its flag and quit the Pacific.

Mr. Hull scouted the idea that Japan was interested in stirring up trouble in China to injure the United States. Japan's interests in China, he said, was identical with those of the United States, and preservation of peace there was the only manner in which they could be maintained.

Mr. Hull made an interesting digression to the situation in China to emphasize his position that the fighting arms of the government, the army and navy, should be kept in efficient condition to meet all emergencies. He hoped no trouble would come, "but there exist to-day conditions in the Orient that make it necessary for us to preserve our prestige, our power and our rights, even to the extent of being ready to fight for them."

### Senate Passes Hazing Bill.

The hazing bill was passed in the Senate. The bill gives authority to the Secretary of the Navy to dismiss at any time a midshipman whose presence he considers for any cause contrary to the best interest of the service, but the accused has the right to demand a court-martial. It repeals the existing law requiring the dismissal of midshipmen found guilty of hazing; gives authority for court-martial for hazing under certain conditions and authorizes graduation sentences under the acts of June 23, 1874, and of March 3, 1903; requires all instructors and officers at the Naval Academy to report offenses to the superintendent and defines hazing as "the unauthorized assumption of authority by one midshipman over another."

### Boston Wool Market.

Continued heavy trading in all classes of wools has brought the supply down to limited proportions and hardened prices to correspond. The finer grades of putted wool continue in fine demand. The grades are being constantly broken in the usual way at 60 to 62; Ohio and Pennsylvania, XX and above, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4; X, 33 to 34; No. 1, 28 to 29; No. 2, 28 to 40; fine unwashed, 26 to 26 1/2; quarterblood, unwashed, 32 to 32 1/2; three-eighth blood, 23 to 24; halfblood, 33 to 33 1/2; unwashed and delaine, 28 to 29; fine washed delaine, 37 to 37 1/2.

### Freight Rates Too High.

The interstate commerce commission decided the case of P. J. Henry against the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad company, holding that the carrier's rates on potatoes, from Mankato and Good Thunder, Minn., to Washington, Scranton and other eastern destinations are unreasonable and unjust. The railroad company is recommended to adjust its tariff and the complainant is awarded the reparation he asked.

### CAPITAL NEWS NOTES.

The House Committee on Mines and Mining agreed to make a favorable report on the Mondell bill, providing for the endowment of schools or departments of mining in connection with State colleges for the benefit of agriculture and mechanic arts.

The following appointments of fourth-class Pennsylvania postmasters were announced: Helyville, Bedford, Irvin A. Miller; Shippingport, Beaver, John R. Haward.

### Mississippi Gets the Sewage.

The famous case of the State of Missouri vs. the State of Illinois, involving the right of the city of Chicago to divert its sewage into the Mississippi river through the Chicago sanitary canal and the Illinois river was decided by the Supreme court of Justice Holmes delivered the opinion of the court, which was that Missouri did not prove its case. There was no dissent.

### Petition 264 Feet Long.

In the Senate Mr. Gallinger presented four petitions from residents of Oklahoma praying for prohibition in the proposed State of Oklahoma, the most voluminous contains the names of 8,000 voters, and Mr. Gallinger said that it was 264 feet long. One of the others containing the names of 6,000 women and another those of 6,000 children. The fourth was signed by Indians only.

### Roads Retaliate on Ohio.

All forms of transportation except the regular two-cent-a-mile rate provided by law will be cut off by the railroads in Ohio, according to a decision reached at a conference of passenger representatives in Chicago. It was agreed that the roads could thus recompense themselves for the loss caused. The action will deprive Ohioans of all reduced transportation for conventions, charity business, round trip rates and clergymen's rates.

### GROSVENOR DEFEATED

Sage of Athens Fails of Renomination to Congress.

After a service of over 20 years in Congress, Gen. Charles H. Grosvenor, the "Sage of Athens," was defeated for renomination on the first ballot by Albert Douglas, of Chillicothe, Ross county, the vote being 78 to 20. The man who defeated General Grosvenor is 53 years old and a lawyer at Chillicothe. He was a presidential elector at large and president of the Ohio electoral college in 1896, and was defeated for the Republican nomination for governor in 1899. He is a fine orator and has dominated the politics of Ross county for years. The ballot resulted as follows: Athens, 21 for Douglas; Fairfield, 12 for Grosvenor, and 2 for Douglas; Hocking, 10 for Douglas; Meigs, 13 for Douglas; Perry, 8 for Douglas and 8 for Grosvenor; Ross, 8 for Douglas; Vincent, 6 for Douglas.

The defeat of Grosvenor was rendered the more bitter from the fact that his own county, Athens, did not give him a single vote, and he did not get a solid delegation from any county in the district.

### THREW CHILDREN INTO SEA

Mother Then Plunged from Steamer Ending Her Own Life.

The open door of a stateroom which had been occupied by a woman and three young children on the trip of the Fall river line steamer Plymouth from New York to Fall River, Mass., led to the discovery that Mrs. John Watters, of Brooklyn, had taken the lives of her three little ones by throwing them overboard, then drowned herself. The woman left two notes addressed to her husband. In one she begged forgiveness; in the other she said that she "had worried until she feared insanity and could not bear to leave the children."

Mrs. Watters was about 20 years of age. Her children were: Helen, aged 4; Dorothy, 2 years of age; and an infant son.

### \$50,000,000 HIDDEN

Trustees of the Yerkes Estate Discover a Large Sum of Money.

Another amazing development in connection with the series of sensational developments associated with the late Charles T. Yerkes's millions came to light when it was discovered that the value of the estate of the traction magnate amounted to nearly \$70,000,000 at the time of his death, instead of \$20,000,000, at which sum it was estimated by the lawyers and executors at the time the will was read in this city. The trustees, it is said, have discovered \$50,000,000 which Mr. Yerkes had hidden away, and of which he made no mention weeks ago.

### GARFIELD MAKES DENIAL

Insists That Stories Told by Packers on the Stand Have No Basis.

Commissioner Garfield, on the witness stand in the packers' case made positive denials of assertions made on the stand by witnesses for the packers.

District Attorney Morrison questioned Mr. Garfield regarding his conversations with Edward Swift, Editor of the Carolina district, and representative of the packers, and the commissioner asserted that he had never told any of them that information would be regarded as confidential, or that they would be compelled to give up the information.

### Congressman Indicted.

Two indictments were returned by the Federal grand jury against E. Spencer Blackburn, Republican representative in Congress from the Eighth North Carolina district, charging him with practicing before the treasury department and commissioner of internal revenue, and with accepting fees for the service after his election to the House of Representatives. He is accused of accepting fees of \$100 and \$500 from A. Dinkins and P. A. Davis, charged with violating the internal revenue laws. Mr. Blackburn denies the charges.

### Mother of 25 Children Dies.

Mrs. Elizabeth Conway, the mother of 25 children—19 boys and 6 girls—of whom there were six pairs of twins died at Denver, Col., at the age of 59 from heart disease. Mrs. Conway was the youngest of a family of 27 children. She was married at the age of 14, and her husband was the youngest of a family of 30. She was the grandmother.

### Imprisonment for Mutineers.

A court-martial at Sebastopol, has sentenced 42 of the mutineers of the Russian battleship Kniaz Potemkin to imprisonment, one of them to 15 years. Twenty-five men were acquitted. The mild sentences imposed are explained by the fact that the accused were mainly sailors who voluntarily surrendered at Kustenji, Roumania.

### Pittsburg Elects Mayor.

The municipal election in Pittsburg resulted in the election of George W. Guthrie, candidate of the Citizens-Democratic party for Mayor. In the city of Allegheny Charles E. Kirschler, Republican was chosen Mayor.

### English Barracks Blown Up.

The London Evening News publishes a dispatch from Cairo, Egypt, announcing that a great explosion has occurred at the British barracks in Khartoum. Considerable loss of life and much damage are reported.

The Senate confirmed the following Ohio postmasters: E. F. Ellis, Belle Center; C. Burroughs, Colliwood; S. C. Stewart, Columbiana; A. Haworth, Crestline.