

CRISP NEWS BREVITIES.

A Condensed History of the Week's Events.

BULKY DETAILS BOILED DOWN

Interesting and Important News From All Parts of the Globe—Press Dispatches Shorn of Superfluous Words For the Benefit of the Busy Public.

Hon. Robert P. Porter, ex-superintendent of the census and formerly editor of the New York Press, has just purchased the Cleveland World, which was chiefly owned by F. B. Squire, secretary of the Ohio Standard Oil company.

While a man named George Davis was working on the roof of McBean's hall at Toronto a part of the scaffold gave way, and he was thrown headforemost to the ground, a distance of 65 feet. He was killed instantly.

A trust deed was recorded in the county recorder's office at Bakersfield, Cal., by the Southern Pacific company transferring all its property, including rolling stock, in this and other counties, to the Central Trust company of New York, the consideration being \$69,000,000.

Harry Comstock, noted traveler and lecturer, in a moment of despondency committed suicide at Fulton, N. Y., by taking a dose of carbolic acid.

Two unknown men killed in the Wood River wreck at Alton, Ill., were identified as Charles Bell of Springfield, Ill., and Henry Blitt of New Orleans.

In the United States district court at Auburn, N. Y., the jury in the case of Morris Mulkin of Auburn, charged with robbing the mails, found a verdict of guilty. Judge Cox sentenced Mulkin to two years imprisonment in the Monroe county penitentiary.

The funeral services over the remains of the late David M. Stone took place in the Central Congregational church at Brooklyn, N. Y. There were present many of Brooklyn's most prominent citizens and delegations from New York and elsewhere.

Jesse N. Gregory, a New York longshoreman, shot and killed his wife, Clara at the home of her sister, Mrs. Jettie Martin, who lives in a tenement house at 424 Eighth avenue. Jeannette is said to have been the motive for the crime.

The sensational Stiles divorce case was finally disposed of in Chicago. Judge Irving refused Everett Stiles' petition for a divorce from Mrs. Stiles and denied the motion of the plaintiff for leave to file an amended bill.

Jeery Jefferys, negro, was hanged at Quitman, Ga., for the murder of Balliff Tipson, who had a warrant for his arrest. The killing was the beginning of the noted Brooks county race war.

Charles Bennett, alias "Mark", alias "Shoney" Bennett, a notorious sneak thief, is locked up in New York city, being charged with having stolen \$6,500 worth of diamonds from the store of Becker and Lashrop, jewelers in Syracuse, N. Y., on Oct. 1st last.

The works of the Crocker-Wheeler Electrical Supply company at Amper, in East Orange, N. J., were destroyed by fire. It is estimated that the loss will foot up little short of \$100,000. Insurance \$40,000.

A dispatch from Calcutta says that 16 men were killed by an explosion in the Rolar gold mines in Bangalore.

John Coffey, residing at 5 Oak street, New Haven, jumped from the second story of his house and died shortly after. Physicians at the hospital say that loss of sleep made him insane.

Rudyard Kipling, the author, arrived in New York and is registered at the Everett House. Mr. Kipling refused to be seen by reporters.

The wound in the face of Li Hung Chang, the peace envoy, who was shot March 24 by a patriotic Japanese fanatic, has now completely healed.

The postoffice at Waterford, Saratoga county, N. Y., was visited by thieves Saturday night. The safe was blown open, and \$600 worth of stamps and a small amount of money were taken.

Hon. John M. Palmer, United States senator for Illinois, denounced the attempt to commit the Democracy of Illinois to the free silver program.

A tornado struck Winnabow, Tex., demolishing a church and unroofing several buildings. One child was killed and several persons injured.

As a result of the death of General Jarnsworth, who was the New York state prosecutor of war claims, the senate finance committee has decided to abolish the office and take the \$8,000 out of the supply bill.

The speaker of the British house of commons, the Right Hon. Arthur Wellesley Peel, M. P., arose and announced his resignation. He then delivered his farewell address.

An immense storehouse owned by Wyker & Schaefer at Liverpool, about five miles from Syracuse, has been burned to the ground with its contents—willow baskets and white willow. Loss, \$30,000; insurance \$12,000.

James Laird of Rochester has been appointed state messenger of canal systems, with headquarters in that city, by Superintendent of Public Works Aldridge.

It is now said that the marriage of Lord William Bessford to the widowed Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Mrs. Louis Hamersley of New York, will take place shortly.

The government of the Argentine Republic will shortly order six torpedo boats and two cruisers, the total cost of which will be \$5,000,000.

General, the Marquis d'Andigne, formerly a peer of France and up to his death a member of the French senate, is dead.

The appeal of Mme. Jouloux, the Belgian poisoner of several members of her family, who was sentenced to death on Feb. 1st and who on the following day made application through counsel for a new trial, has been rejected.

DOINGS IN ALBANY.

Legislative Proceedings in Both Senate and Assembly.

ALBANY, April 4.—The excitement which has been apparent each of the several times that the New York police bills have been upon the day calendar of the senate was again evident.

A few minutes before the session was opened, it was announced that Senator Robertson, who had come to the city ill, but hoping to be able to be present, had been ordered home by his physician, and that it would be at least 10 days before he would be allowed to attend a session.

This announcement dampened the excitement, because it was evident that the bills could not be passed without Republican votes, and the only question was whether some Democratic voice could be obtained so as to prevent delay in the matter.

Mr. Ainsworth's town fair bill, the special order on second and third reading in the assembly, was recommitted on motion of Mr. Nixon.

Mr. Ablett's Cohoes election bill, returned by the governor with the disapproval of the mayor of Cohoes, was taken up and passed a second time—87 to 8.

Adjourned.

ALBANY, April 5.—The senate opening was very tame. Senators Coughshall and Robertson were still absent.

The chair handed down resolutions against the bi-partisan police bill for New York.

The Cohoes bill, changing the time of holding the elections from spring till fall, was passed over the mayor's veto.

Fully half an hour was taken up amending bills that have heretofore been passed, but found to be incorrect in phraseology.

Senator Collins' bill, prohibiting bartering on Sundays in all places except New York city and Saratoga, passed.

The Lexow police bills were introduced in the house by Mr. O'Grady, chairman of the ethics committee, and referred to that committee.

The special order of the day on third reading was Mr. Conkling's bill to provide for the submission of the question of the ownership of all street railroads surface and elevated, within their boundaries, to a vote of the people of such cities.

The bill was passed—yeas, 77; nays, 8—Foley, Molter and Whitist.

ALBANY, April 6.—There were but 11 senators in their seats in the senate chamber when the great bill, Senator Coughshall being absent, was taken up.

The presence of T. C. Platt in town did not create even a flutter of excitement, and his election was made to the matter by any of the Republicans, all feigning ignorance of the motive of the visit.

Owing to the absence of a quorum no business could be transacted.

Immediately after the reading of the journal in the assembly Mr. Van Keuren arose and moved that the vote by which Mr. Nixon's resolution for the appointment of a committee of seven to investigate the street railroads in all the cities in the state was adopted, be reconsidered.

The speaker suggested that Mr. Nixon was not in the chamber, Mr. Van Keuren withdrew his resolution and Mr. Nixon is present.

Mr. Van Keuren withdrew his resolution.

Mr. Ainsworth called attention to the fact that under the rules of the house the time in which committees might make reports expired today. He moved that the time be extended for two weeks, which was agreed to.

The time for the introduction of bills also expires today. All bills introduced during the remainder of the session must be by unanimous consent.

Mr. Wray's bill to prevent the sale on streets of admission tickets to theaters and other places of entertainment provoked some debate on the order of second reading.

Mr. Finn moved that the bill be recommitted. Adopted.

ALBANY, April 9.—Senator Stapleton presented a petition from a half dozen citizens of Syracuse for 1,000-mile tickets on all railroads.

The first anti-woman suffrage petition of the session was presented by Senator Parker.

Bills passed: Mr. Niles', incorporating the New York Zoological society and establishing a garden in New York.

Mr. Krenholz', extending time for completion of New York and Canadian Pacific Railroad company 10 years.

Mr. Vacherson presented a resolution reciting that one John O. Kennahan has persistently published in the Long Island Farmer false and malicious reports of the proceedings of the legislature and of the conduct of a member in his legislative capacity, and instructing the committee on privileges and elections to inquire into the matter to the end that if found guilty, he may be brought before the bar of the house and punished for contempt.

WILDE UNDER ARREST.

Arraigned on Charges Growing Out of His Libel Suit.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRIAL

The Jury Finds That the Defendant Was Not Guilty of Libel, but Is a Subsidiary Verdict Declares the Marquis of Queensberry's Charges True.

LONDON, April 6.—Oscar Wilde has been arrested at the Cadogan hotel and arraigned on charges of immoral practices growing out of his suit for libel against the Marquis of Queensberry which has been on trial during the past few days.

The suit of Oscar Wilde against the Marquis of Queensberry came to a sudden and unexpected termination shortly after the third day's proceedings were commenced in the Old Bailey before Justice Collins.

Sir Edward Clarke, formerly solicitor general, leading counsel for the plaintiff, asked permission on behalf of his client to withdraw the suit.

The jury, under instructions from Justice Collins, returned a verdict of not guilty, coupled with the statement that the justification set up as a defense by the Marquis of Queensberry was true in substance and in fact and that the statement complained of was published for the public good.

Wilde had merely called at the Cadogan hotel with a couple of friends when a detective walked into the office and asked for him. The officer told that Wilde was not staying there, but he was not to be put off with any such explanation, and insisted, whether Wilde was staying there or not, that the man he was wanted to see was in the hotel. He was then shown a room and upon entering found Wilde sitting down.

The officer told Wilde that he was under arrest and bade him prepare to accompany him.

Wilde said nothing but immediately went with the detective, who took him to Scotland Yard, where the warrant was read.

Later Lord Alfred Douglas went to the police station and inquired whether Wilde would be admitted to bail. The inspector explained that Wilde had been arrested for a criminal offense which did not allow of bail being accepted until he had been arraigned in court.

WILKELIMINATE WILDE'S NAME.

NEW YORK, April 6.—The manager of the Lyceum theater, where Oscar Wilde's play "An Ideal Husband," is now running, has decided, on account of the termination of the suit against Wilde, to have the playwright's name erased from all the bills and programs of the theater after today. No change will be made in the play, however.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Closing Business of the Meeting—The Goss Trial.

KINGSTON, N. Y., April 10.—The New York Methodist conference is still in session here, with a fair prospect of another day's work.

The Goss trial has been an element in the day in completing the business. This has been steadily in progress since the first day of the conference and a vast amount of testimony has been taken.

May Craft, with whom improper conduct is charged against the pastor, was on the stand and gave her testimony under considerable emotional strain.

Dea. Herwig, Davis and Tuttle of New York were the clinical experts who testified against any possibility of immoral relations between Mr. Goss and Miss Craft.

The accused pastor was also on the stand and was examined at great length. The expenses of the Darwood trial at Middletown, \$705.53, were ordered paid.

The reports of committees on American Bible society, church extension, education, freedmen's aid, Sunday schools, periodicals, etc., were read and adopted.

Treasurer Thompson reported total receipts, \$108,192, a decrease from 1894 of \$5,873.

NEW ORLEANS DISASTER.

Five Lives Lost and Two Buildings Are Demolished.

NEW ORLEANS, April 6.—The fearful explosion which wrecked the Eslette ship chandery and the Fisherman's Exchange, the adjoining saloon, two landmarks opposite the French market, resulted in the death of at least five people.

L. A. Boulet, who had such a narrow escape, when asked if he thought the explosion was an attempt to kill him for having slain Balestracci, he shook his head and replied that he thought not.

"The Mafia," he said, "would not adopt such means to kill their victims. They have other and surer means of doing this kind of work. I firmly believe that the explosion was the result of an accident."

Superintendent Place's Successor.

BATAVIA, N. Y., April 4.—Professor Gardner B. Fuller of Batavia was elected superintendent of the Batavia Blind Institute to succeed Frank B. Place, removed. Professor Fuller's only rival for the office was Professor Campbell, a blind man, from England. Professor Fuller is a brother-in-law of Hon. Henry F. Taylor. He was superintendent of schools at Batavia for 25 years.

Rivers Swollen by Rain.

GROVERVILLE, N. Y., April 10.—There have been heavy rains, and the Mohawk and Sacandaga rivers are very high. A large number of logs are being floated on the Sacandaga.

WIDOW COMMITTS SUICIDE.

Had Made All Preparations For Last Funeral In Advance.

AUBURN, N. Y., April 10.—After having dressed herself for her funeral and writing three letters, each containing a confession of suicide, the body of Mrs. Mary Etta Rich was found lying on a bed at her home, 58 Clark street, this city, breathing quietly. A 4-ounce bottle containing about an ounce of laudanum, which was found on the mantelpiece beside an empty glass from which she had taken the dose, told how she suicided.

A doctor was immediately sent for, but on arriving found the woman was too far gone to do anything for her.

Just five weeks ago Edward O. Rich, her husband, was found dead in bed, plainly caused by apoplexy from sleeping gas, and Mrs. Rich states in one of her letters that she could not bear to see her husband's body, which reposes in the vault at Fort Hill cemetery, "put in the cold earth" and requested that his body be buried at the same time with hers.

Mrs. Rich has been living alone, having no children, and for the past two days she sold part of her household effects, giving the impression that she was about to break up housekeeping.

On March 14, after paying the expenses of her husband's funeral, she selected and paid for her own casket, saying she had plenty of money then and might not have it when the time came for her to die.

DIED LIKE A SPARTAN.

Murderer Lake Betrayed No Sign of Fear of the Chair.

AUBURN, April 5.—A current of 1,740 volts was turned into William Lake, the brutal murderer of Emma Louise Hunt of Carlton, in the death chamber at Auburn prison. One minute later Lake had expired his crime. The execution was the most successful that has ever taken place here.

The crime for which Lake forfeited his life was the murder, in October last, of Emma Hunt, a domestic in the family of a farmer named Van Camp, near Carlton, N. Y. Lake, who was a farm laborer on the same farm, had fallen in love with the girl, and anger at her refusal to marry him caused him to outrage and then kill her. He pounded her head to a jelly and washed her abdomen with a knife, evidently trying to conceal the traces of the outrage.

He escaped, but was captured several days later.

Before committing the crime Lake wrote a confession of what he was about to do and said his life had been ruined because he was of illegitimate birth.

The finding of this document helped both in the capture and conviction of Lake.

TUMBLING MASONRY.

Six Persons Killed at Whirling by a Falling Wall.

WHEELING, W. Va., April 10.—The south wall of the 4-story brick block of T. T. Hutchinson company, on the corner of Main street and the alley south of Twelfth, collapsed without warning.

Next north of it, W. H. Chapman & Son were just finishing a 3-story brick building to be used as a paint, glass and builders' supply store, and they already had stored in it about \$14,000 worth of stock and were doing business there.

Hutchinson & Co. dealt in hardware, saddlery and wagonmakers' supplies and the building was packed full of goods. The wall on the alley first fell out, pulling with it the party wall between Hutchinson & Co. and Chapman's.

Six persons were buried beneath the debris and killed, including Very Rev. Father Parke, vicar general of the Catholic diocese of Wheeling.

Fire soon added to the horror of the situation and completed the work of destruction. The property loss will reach many thousands.

COAL MINE DISASTER.

More Than a Score of Miners Killed by an Explosion.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 8.—A New Whatcom special says: News has just been received of a terrible explosion in the Blue Canon coal mine at Lake Whatcom, seven miles from this city.

Ten dead bodies have been taken out, and 18 are still in the mine.

Every possible effort is being made to rescue them.

A steamer has gone out from this city with Superintendent Donovan, three physicians, 10 miners and press correspondents on board.

The mine was inspected about three weeks ago and pronounced safe.

LATER—Twenty-one men were killed in the Blue Canon mine disaster.

Verdict Against Schweinfurth.

CHICAGO, April 10.—The jury in the case brought by George W. Coudrey to collect \$50,000 damages from Jacob Schweinfurth, the Rockford "Messiah," returned a verdict awarding the plaintiff the full amount of the damages asked for. Coudrey alleged that the defendant alienated Mrs. Coudrey's affections from her husband by inducing her to enter his "paradise." Several witnesses who were formerly disciples of the defendant testified for the plaintiff. The jury was only a few minutes in reaching the verdict. Schweinfurth's people say he has no money to meet the claim for damages.

Japan's Price of Peace.

PARIS, April 8.—It is stated on reliable authority that Japan has proposed the following conditions for the conclusion of peace: The independence of Corea, the cessation of Southern Manchuria, including Port Arthur, the cessation of the island of Formosa, the opening of Chinese ports and rivers to commerce, the payment of an indemnity of 400,000,000 yen and the occupation of a number of strategic points until the indemnity shall have been paid.

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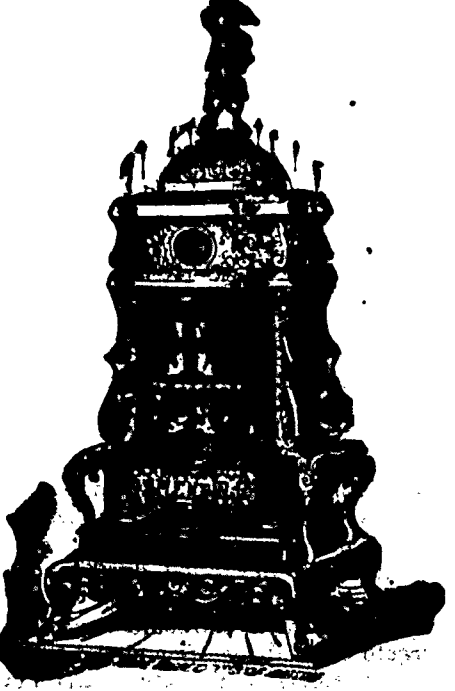
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