

THE BUSY READER.

Pointed Items Chronicling the Week's Happenings.

PRESS DISPATCHES BOILED DOWN

The Record of Crimes, Accidents and Other Matters of General Interest Given In Few Words For the Benefit of Those Who Are In Hurry.

The Spanish papers received from Havana say Minister de Loma reports that the United States will soon recognize the Cuban insurgents. Canovas says should the American government appoint a committee to study the Cuban question he will not allow them to land on Cuban soil.

Rosie Bertrand, a milliner who came to Montreal from Lowell, Mass., nine months ago, tried to kill herself by eating about an ounce of paris green. She can not recover. The cause of the death was a quarrel with her lover.

Dr. Orlando E. Bradford of New York, who was accused of having in his possession plates for the printing of \$100 bills, was found guilty. John Nixon, the 22-year-old murderer of an old man at Albany.

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The immense lumber plant of Jesse Thompson & Co. at Augusta, Ga., was entirely destroyed by fire. All the dwellings in the vicinity were more or less damaged. Loss between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

All grades of sugar dropped an eighth of a cent on account of a dulness of trade and large accumulations of refined sugar. It is rumored that the National Sugar refinery of New York will shut down Nov. 1.

Three small children of Cranwell Lancaster, a farmer living near Livingston, Ala., were roasted to death. They were locked in the house by their mother while she called on a neighbor and the house burned down.

The State bank of Gothenburg, Neb., has closed its doors. There is no excitement.

The Peruvian senate has approved the new law for the regulation of the insurance business whereby 26 agencies of foreign insurance companies are obliged to register from business.

President Ferrol of Peru, who has been confined his bed with an attack of influenza, is improving.

A dispatch from Constantinople says that the proclamation summoning everybody to yield their arms is to be enforced against the Armenians, but not against the Turks.

Charles Hunnicut of Norristown, Pa., a prominent lawyer and politician, and a member of the constitutional convention, is dead, aged 50 years.

Miss Alice MacDonald, sister of W. H. McDonald, the well-known opera singer of the Bostonians, has died at Stoufferville, O., of injuries received in a runaway accident.

Advices from Adiwa, Abyssinia, say that the death of King Menelik is unconfirmed, and it is even stated that he is advancing toward Hornummeda.

A banquet was given at Berlin to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the capitulation of Metz at which Emperor William made a speech.

Miss Estelle Colton, daughter of Dr. E. G. Colton, a dentist in Brooklyn, committed suicide by drowning at Clermont, N. Y. She had failed to pass an examination for scholarship in the Art Students' League. The suicide is attributed to her disappointed ambition.

A destructive prairie fire raged for five hours east of Perry, O. T. Many thousand bushels of corn and many tons of hay and vast fields of Kafir corn were destroyed. A number of farm houses are reported consumed, but it is also reported that two Indian children were fatally burned.

Hon. J. B. Keast, United States ambassador, made arrangements to depart immediately for Boston, Ireland, in hunting of the death of his wife there, but his physician has prohibited his going.

Governor McConnell of Idaho has received an appeal from the mine managers at Wallace stating that the Miners' union has ordered the miners out of the Hunter mines at Mullen and threaten to take them out if they do not join the union. The governor is asked to proclaim martial law and order out the militia.

About 30 guests of the Adelphi hotel at Huntington, W. Va., were taken suddenly sick and a number of them are in a critical condition. The physicians in the city were called and pronounced the sickness poison. The cause of the poisoning is unknown.

A bloody riot occurred among a crowd of Negroes in Foster parish, La., in which two were killed and several injured.

Nine smugglers have been arrested at Birin, St. Lawrence and Mortimer Bay, Newfoundland, and a large stock of rum and tobacco confiscated. The government claims that by vigorous enforcement of the revenue laws, it will be possible to collect \$600,000 more duties yearly.

Charles M. Comstock, a handsome, well-dressed Californian, about 30 years old, who is said to be connected with the best families of San Francisco, was arrested at the Hotel Martin, New York city. He was accused with stealing \$6,500 worth of diamonds from Mrs. Caroline Colton Martin of Berkeley, Cal.

The November number of The Bookman (London) states that it has learned on reliable authority that Alfred Austin has been appointed poet laureate.

The general executive committee of the American Foreign Missionary society of the Protestant Episcopal church opened its annual meeting in the Union Methodist Church, St. Louis.

Howard, auditor of the post office department, has made his annual report to the postmaster general. The amount of the postal deficiency over and above the fiscal year is \$2,97,044.

John C. Deane, Justice.

Mr. H. L. Ladd, a Londoner, has started a business in clothing, hats, umbrellas, etc., in New York.

DESTITUTE BY COUNSEL.

Murderers Davis and Smith Die In the Chair at Dannemora.

DANNEMORA, N. Y., Oct. 29.—Today has been a red letter day for the electric chair in Clinton prison. Within a few hours its unyielding grasp has fastened upon the forms of two human beings, and both have perished in its embrace. The execution of two criminals in one day is a novelty which this prison is the first to witness.

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