

## 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.

P. Clancy, one of the best known hotel keepers in Toronto, has committed suicide by cutting his throat.

At Indianapolis, Albert Kinchlow, a colored boy, 19 years old, shot his mother and then fired three pistol balls into his own breast. The mother may live.

The Rhode Island Republican state committee has selected April 19 as the date for holding the convention to elect delegates to the St. Louis convention.

The big suit of Swift & Co., the Chicago packers, against the Grand Trunk Railway company, which had been pending in the circuit courts since 1882, has been dismissed by stipulation.

Fifty of the students of the State Model school at Trenton turned in allegiance General Weyler, the Spanish commander.

A dispatch from Paris says "France and America have agreed as a condition of ex-Consul John L. Waller's liberation that there shall be no demand for compensation."

A Vienna dispatch says "Russia supports the French view of the Dongola question."

Oil and gas speculators and capitalists are obtaining options on all the farms in the vicinity of Caledonia, N. Y., for oil territory. Three more gas wells are to be sunk at once.

It is officially announced that General Weyler has telegraphed the Spanish government saying that he is satisfied with the course of the military operations in Cuba and that he has no motive which would prompt him to resign.

Christopher A. Walrath, of the furniture firm of Walrath & Grivin, has died suddenly at Syracuse. He was a Democrat in politics and elected a state canal commissioner in 1875.

George Richmond, the English artist, is dead.

At Milwaukee, John Holzinger, a railway employee, shot and killed his mother-in-law, Mrs. Katie Miller, and fatally wounded his young wife. The tragedy was caused by Mrs. Holzinger bringing salt for dinner.

The fire broke out in the lime factory of the Perry Brothers at Rockland, Me., and before the flames were brought under control a loss aggregating \$70,000 had been sustained.

Alexander Melanchuk, the well-known Canadian poet, has died at Orangeville, Ont. He was 75 years of age.

The president has approved the finding of the court-martial in the case of Medical Inspector Edward Kerschner, who was convicted of perjury and other offenses against the naval regulations, and he has been dismissed from the naval service.

The strike of miners in Sicilia has ended and the miners have obtained most of their demands.

The Venezuelan warship Mariscal de Ayacucho was burned at Margarita. Eight men were killed by an explosion. The balance of the crew were rescued by fishermen.

An explosion occurred in the lower coal shaft at Fort Royal, near West Newton, Pa. Two injured men have been taken from the shaft and two others, Fire Boss Donnelly and Davis, the water boy, are still in the mine and supposed to be dead.

Major John C. Winder, ex-president of the Seaboard Air line, who was stricken with paralysis Thursday, has died at Raleigh, N. C.

At Wayland, N. Y., Mrs. Jacob Sam Hammer, 77 years old, committed suicide by hanging while the family were at church. Cause unknown.

The Madrid Herald says "Spain could never officially recognize a United States commission of inquiry into Cuban affairs. It is impossible that President Cleveland should have such an idea. War between Spain and America would be preferable."

Sir H. H. Kitchener, brigadier general in command of the Egyptian forces, and Slatin Pasha have started for the front to assume direction of the Nile expedition.

Fire has destroyed the building situated at the corner of River and Ferry streets, Troy, N. Y., owned by Thomas Archer. The structure was occupied as a saloon, restaurant and lodging house and 80 lodgers were driven from their rooms. The loss will aggregate over \$50,000.

Chief Justice Fuller has announced that on Thursday, April 8, the supreme court will take a recess until Monday, April 12, and that the call of the docket for the present term will be suspended on May 6. The court will adjourn finally for the term on May 24.

The Glendon Iron company of Easton, Pa., one of the oldest iron industries of the Lehigh valley, has made an agreement.

A suicide shooting fatality has taken place at Whitefish, Ont. While John Frederick Miller, a son of the British Army, was crossing the river by a train and suddenly killed.

Miss Mary Tompkins of St. Johnsville, N. Y., died aged 101 years. For over 50 years she had resided in the Mohawk valley.

Miss Sophie, colored, of Bronx, N. Y., aged 105 years, is dead.

Miss Jessie Kimball of Philadelphia, the well-known opera company manager, died as St. Paul.

The father of the boy Carter, who is connected with the murderer of John Aignew at Lindsay, Ont., has become insane and is believed to be dying. Grief at the conduct of his son is the cause.

William Coxey, his wife and one child were burned to death at Charleston, W. Va. It appears that the house caught fire, and that the victims were cut off from escape. The grown daughter escaped.

David, the capital of Fiji, has been destroyed by hurricane on the 6th inst. It was the most tremendous storm ever known in the southern seas.

Thomas Bright, coachman for Colonel Stevens J. Stetson of New Lebanon, N. Y., met with a horrible death, being stoned on the head, and dove over a pole of fence he was in the habit of driving.

General George F. Smith, of the 10th Cavalry, has been promoted to the rank of colonel.

### EXPLOSION IN A MINE.

Workings on Fire and a Number of Men May Have Perished.

PENNSYLVANIA, Pa., March 24.—The fire in mine No. 1, Adrian, operated by the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg Coal and Iron company, exploded and the mine is on fire. It is impossible to get into the mines any distance, although the explosion occurred two miles back.

Shortly after 12 o'clock the fire was heard an explosion and in the morning the men going to work were overcome. Some escaped and the alarm was given. Eleven men have been brought out, with two dead. The dead are Isaac Jones, married.

Jos. Lawrence, widower. Both these men were rescuers. How many more there may be in the mine cannot be stated. It is supposed that some miners went in the mine during the night to work and ignited the gas. Great excitement prevails about the mine but nothing definite will be known for some time.

THIRTEEN DEAD AT DABOIS.

DARLTON, Pa., March 24.—The number killed in the explosion at the Darrow-White shaft is 13. The bodies have all been removed from the mine and are being made ready at the improvised morgue to be taken to their homes.

All of the men were married, with the exception of one, who was a son of one of the killed.

AS THE MINING INDUSTRY HAS BEEN IN A depressed condition for some time past, all of the families are left in very poor circumstances.

### FLAMES IN PROVIDENCE.

Masonic Temple and Many Valuable Belies Destroyed.

PROVIDENCE, March 20.—The Masonic temple, a 5-story brick and stone building, was totally destroyed by fire, together with its contents, and two adjoining buildings were crushed to the ground by the walls of the structure as they fell. The total loss will reach \$20,000. This is partially covered by insurance. The flames broke out in the boiler room of the temple and swept through the elevator shaft to the floors above. The exact cause has not been ascertained.

By the fire some Masonic robes of in calculable value were destroyed. Among them were the regalia and a portrait of Thomas Smith Webb, the founder of Arch Masonry in America. The portrait was painted by Gilbert Stuart.

Among other relics lost were a coffin buried by the Masons of Providence in honor of George Washington at the time of his death. This coffin was buried in St. John's church cemetery.

Among the Masonic records destroyed were those which established St. John commandery, Knights Templar, as the oldest in the United States.

### MILLIKEN ACQUITTED.

Jury Took 24 Hours to Agree as to His Intoxication.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Benjamin H. Milliken, for several years the private secretary of Senator Bassett of Tennessee, was acquitted of the charge of having attempted with intent to commit rape on Miss Gertrude Phillips, daughter of ex-Senator General Phillips.

From a legal aspect, the case, which involved a possible maximum sentence of 15 years in the penitentiary, depended on whether or not Milliken was in such a state of intoxication that he could not have formed the intent ascribed to him in the indictment. The jury was out practically as long as 24 hours. Twice they reported they were unable to agree. Judge Cole called them into court and urged them to agree at once if possible, and said that the case was so hot that it necessitated any long delay. The jury, having favored conviction therupon, changed their vote, and the report of not guilty was made.

### ITALY'S AFRICAN WAR.

Honor Must Be Upheld at the Risk of Another Thrashing.

ROWE, March 24.—The senate took up the question of a credit for Africa and during the debate a number of speakers declared that Italy could not accept a peace after the battle of Adowa.

The Marquis De' Matteo said that he was confident that the king would never sign a peace that was contrary to the honor of the country.

The Marquis Di Rudini, the premier, replied on behalf of the government, denying that the news of Abyssinia had demanded an indemnity of \$10,000,000. The statement, he added, was an insult to Italy. The subversive party in Italy had come into prominence lately, the premier said, but the government was determined to defend the monarchy.

The debate was therewith adjourned.

### BLAZING PETROLEUM.

A Refinery and Its Contents Destroyed at Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURG, March 23.—Fire in the Atlantic refinery has caused a loss of over \$300,000. The fire started from some unknown cause in the warehouse and spread to the tanks.

The burning oil rushed down from the tanks and spread in streams over the property. The water poured on the oil had no effect and only served to scatter it.

The field roared over the tracks of the Allegheny Valley railroad and blocked all traffic. The telegraph and telephone wires and poles near the refinery were burned down from the intense heat.

Although 100,000 barrels of oil was destroyed, most of it burned.

### Death Caused by Obesity.

BOSTON, March 26.—Medical Examiner Francis A. Harris made a post mortem examination of the body of Mrs. Florence H. Morrison, who was found dead in her room at 16 Cambridge street, this city. He states that the woman was choked to death. The medical examiner found black and blue imprints of fingers on the woman's throat and indentations in the flesh made by finger nails, showing that extreme pressure had been exercised while there was nothing to show that death could have been caused by natural organic disorder or disease.

### Michael Chapman's Case.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The appeal of Broker Elverton R. Chapman of New York, who was indicted on a charge of refusing to testify before the Senate sugar trust investigating committee, has been taken up in the court of appeals of the District of Columbia.

Cecil Rhodes, Jr., African.

LONDON, March 26.—The annual election of the Peers' Club, Parliament company was held yesterday. The new officers to the present officers of the company and all were re-elected.

### RAINES BILL A STATUTE.

Duly Signed and Indorsed by Governor Morton.

### 40 MODIFICATIONS DEMANDED.

The Governor Says in the Memorandum Filed With the New Law That While It Is Not Perfect He Commends It as a Whole.

ALBANY, March 24.—The Raines liquor law is now a law, and will henceforth be known as chapter 112 of the laws of 1890.

The governor filed with his signature to the legislature a lengthy memorandum in which he reviews the existing situation at the present time and the manner in which it will be handled by the new law. He upholds the constitutionality of the bill, but makes no suggestion as to supplemental legislation as was expected.

The memorandum is in part as follows:

In considering this bill, the first question that demands attention is one of jurisdiction. Objection is made that the bill is not now practically under executive consideration for the reason that it has not been submitted to various cities for their acceptance.

It is urged that the bill is a special bill, and that the constitutionality of article 19 of the constitution of the state requires that a general statute be acquired before it can be applied to the cities affected and their action thereto.

It seems quite apparent that the bill is general in the sense that it applies to all parts of the state. Every town, village, city and county are affected by it, and it is intended to be a general and complete law throughout the entire state.

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### COLONEL EADIE'S RECALL.

Looks Like an Effort to Conciliate Ballington Booth.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Many were the expressions of surprise at the headquarters of the Salvation Army when the news leaked out that Colonel William Eadie, the chief executive, had received a cable message from General Booth ordering him to London.

One of the stipulations that Ballington made to the three commissioners, who were sent here to get him to withdraw was that Colonel Eadie should go to England and never return. The officers of the Salvation Army and the American volunteers look upon this as the first step taken by the old general toward effecting a reconciliation with his son.

Booth Tucker, the newly appointed commander of the United States forces, who has already sailed from England, is known to be the bearer of several propositions to Ballington Booth.

### SPAIN'S PROMPT DISCLAIMER.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The Spanish government has officially disclaimed responsibility for the fierce views expressed in the columns of the Madrid newspaper, El Epoch.