

HISTORY OF THE WEEK

Brief Notes Chronicaling All Events of Interest.

CLIPPED, COLLATED AND CONDENSED

Record of the Most Important Happenings of the Last Seven Days Put in Small Space and Arranged With Regard for the Busy Reader.

The Iowa Mortgage company of Hartford, reported to be one of the strongest Iowa companies in the West, has passed into the hands of a receiver.

Philip Duncan Atkins, father of United States Senator Stephen B. Atkins, has died at the senator's residence. He was 87 years old.

Miss Hadley, daughter of an undertaker at Rochester, committed suicide at Cincinnati. She was known while with Weber & Fields' vaudeville company as Belle Weber.

The body of William Kline, a pedler who worked for Druggist Bowman at Pi e Plains, N. Y., has been found hanging in H. Hester's barn. It is supposed that he had been dead for three weeks or more.

The funeral of Rear Admiral Skerrett took place from the family residence in Washington, Rev. Albert Harding of St. Paul's church officiating. A delegation from the Royal Legion accompanied the remains to Arlington.

United States Senator John W. Palmer is confined to his bed and is threatened with pneumonia.

Official dispatches from India say the rains have benefited nearly all the farming districts there and that the average price of grain is 10 cents per rupee.

The cardinal archbishop of Naples is dead. He was born in 1834 and was created a cardinal at the consistory of March 24, 1894.

The betrothal is announced of Princess Beatrice, third daughter of Don Carlos, and Prince Giovanni, a well known legitimist.

The franchise of the Niagara Falls Power company for the building of the Canadian power tunnel across the river has been extended for four years.

Major Edward Schofield of Oconto has been inaugurated governor of Wisconsin. The ceremony was very simple in character.

Mr. Olney has sent an order to United States Consul General Lee, at Havana, to visit Henry Delgado, the correspondent of the New York Mail and Express who was captured as a political prisoner and is sick and confined in the hospital of San Ambrosia.

It is currently reported that all of the United States consuls in Cuba will subsequently come to Havana for a conference with General Fitzhugh Lee, the United States consul general.

Ira H. Martin, a prominent citizen of Saratoga and well known in Odd Fellows and Royal Arcanum circles throughout the state, has been stricken with paralysis.

Official dispatches from Manila chronicle a battle on the Pasig river, where the Philippine rebels were trying to obstruct navigation.

In the United States district court at Chicago Judge Grosscup overruled the demurrer of Joseph W. Reinhart, ex-president, and John A. Hanley, ex-traffic manager of the Santa Fe road, to the indictments charging them with breaches of the interstate commerce act and the case was ordered to trial.

According to the Berlin newspapers, some of the European powers, Russia and France being mentioned, have come to an understanding to make representations to Washington in order to prevent further trouble between the United States and Spain.

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TOBACCO MEN HEARD.

Ways and Means Committee Tariff Hearings Resumed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The tobacco schedule of the tariff was thrashed over by the representatives of various tobacco interests before the ways and means committee with great minuteness.

Several branches of the business were represented, the native growers, importers, manufacturers using native goods, those using Havana and those handling the Sumatra product.

Between these classes there was much discord, no two of them being agreed on any schedule of rates and contradicting one another on questions relating to the effects of the present law, to rates of labor and cost of production and manufacture.

The National Association of Tobacco Manufacturers was represented by a large delegation with its president, Moses Krahn of Cincinnati, for spokesman. The association asked for duties of 65 cents a pound on all imported leaf tobacco, of not more than 55 cents on all unstemmed tobacco and \$5 a pound with 25 per cent ad valorem on imported cigars.

Under any higher rates they declared their business would be ruined.

The principal representatives of the growers were Michael Topin of Baldwinville, N. Y., and J. P. Vandehey of Havana, N. Y. They asserted that the native growers had made no money under the Wilson bill and asked for rates higher than those of the McKinley act.

George J. Smith of Kingston, N. Y., spoke for the users of Sumatra tobacco, and E. P. Gumby, formerly collector of the port of Tampa, Fla., for the Florida manufacturers of Cuban products. It was represented that only 5 per cent of the Havana tobacco used as wrappers paid duty as such under the Wilson law.

Others who spoke were ex-Mayor Frederick Schröder of Brooklyn; H. S. Frye, Windsor, Conn.; L. H. Neudecker, Baltimore; J. I. Ellison, New York; and George Mitchellson, St. Paul.

STRONG DRINK HIS UNDOING.

Buffalo Attorney Insane, His Accounts Tangled and Family Penniless.

BUFFALO, Jan. 6.—Fred M. Inglehart, a well known Buffalo attorney, who is now confined in the Middletown state hospital for the insane, has left his affairs in a badly mixed condition and has misappropriated a large sum of money belonging to his clients, besides getting away with all of his own property.

Ex-Judge George A. Lewis, who has charge of Mr. Inglehart's affairs, said: "Mr. Inglehart's liabilities reach more than \$50,000. There are no assets. A portion of this money was appropriated from what belonged to his clients. That may reach \$35,000."

Mr. Inglehart's family are left absolutely penniless. His downfall was brought about by drink. He had visited the Keeley institute at Dwight, Ill., but the authorities there had notified his family that nothing could be done for him, stating that he was without mental control except at intervals.

FORCED TO THE WALL.

Failure of Banks and Other Institutions at St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 5.—As a direct result of the closing of the Bank of Minnesota two weeks ago, which created new distrust among bank depositors and started runs on a number of city banks that were reputed to be not as strong as depositors wished, three St. Paul banks the Germania, the Germania and the West Side, none of them national institutions and all closely associated, have closed their doors, one being now in the hands of the state bank examiner.

During the day numerous reports of trouble among the other banks were current and a few banks suffered runs of greater or less intensity, but the savings banks were protected by the law that allows them to require 60 days notice before paying out deposits, and the national banks are in strong condition and have no fear of anything.

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BEHIND SPANISH BARS.

Senator Call Pictures the Wrong of Americans.

READ A SENSATIONAL LETTER

Distinguished American, Whose Name He Suppressed, Writes of the Wrong of Saugully and the Butchery of Govin.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The speech of Senator Call of Florida on Cuba served as the medium for making public a letter giving a graphic description of the Cuban fortress at Havana and the surroundings of the American citizens imprisoned there.

The circumstances surrounding the letter attracted marked interest to it, as Mr. Call said it came from a public man of high standing in the United States who would shortly occupy a place in the legislative branch of the government. This led to the impression that the letter was from Senator Ives, whose recent visit to Havana has attracted attention, but later Mr. Call removed this impression by saying that the writer was a prominent man from a Northern state and a Republican. This exempted Mr. Money, who is a Democrat from Mississippi.

The letter dealt with the immediate present and described a visit made by the writer and General Lee to Havana fortress on the morning of Dec. 30. It told of the pitiful condition of the prisoners, some of them Americans, including Julio Saugully, a young man who was the companion of Charles Govin, the American newspaper correspondent, killed in Cuba.

The writer also gave the particulars of another arrest which had not thus far been reported. He said that while at General Lee's office on the Monday previous (Dec. 28) he saw a son of Dr. Bettancourt, an American citizen, who had been practicing dentistry at Havana for the last year. The son also an American citizen, stated that his father had mysteriously disappeared on Saturday night. He traced him to the Cuban fortress.

No charge was preferred against Dr. Bettancourt but it appeared that while listening to a band concert in front of the Hotel Inglaterra on Saturday evening the doctor heard that someone had circulated the report that he sympathized with Cuba. He set off to find the author of the report and confronted it. That was the last seen of him and it was supposed the false rumor had led to his arrest and close confinement.

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CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Both Houses Take Up the Broken Thread of Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The senate passed the house bill abolishing the death penalty in a large number of cases. The measure is in the line of the recent state laws abolishing capital punishment and applies the same principle to federal offenses. Although the change is not extended to a total abolition of the death penalty the present laws which have come down from colonial times have a sanguinary aspect and prescribe death for 60 offenses of various character.

The bill passed reduces these offenses to five, viz: Treason, rape, murder and two offenses applicable to the army and navy. In all other offenses hard labor for life substituted as the maximum punishment, and in cases of murder and rape hard labor may be substituted if the jury states in its verdict "without capital punishment."

Representative Sulzer of New York has introduced a joint resolution stating that the kingdom of Spain is not conducting the war in Cuba in accordance with civilized usage, and notifying Spain that if "the barbarous manner in which the war has been conducted does not cease within 30 days the United States will recognize the independence of Cuba and maintain it by force of arms."

Senator Jefferey introduced a bill for the amendment of the banking laws so as to secure depositors against loss by providing safe depositories.

Bank Cashier Commits Suicide to Escape His Disgrace.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 5.—Richard Cornelius, cashier and for 12 years connected with the National Farmers and Planters bank, of which Joseph Pratt was president, was shot to death by a revolver which he carried about in his accounts to the amount of about \$50,000.

Mr. Cornelius was summoned before the board of directors to explain the irregularities that had been discovered in his accounts and which were then under consideration by the board.

Mr. Cornelius is understood, claimed that he could make a satisfactory statement and he was allowed to go into another part of the bank to get certain papers. He did not return and after the lapse of some time the directors ascertained that he had left the building. The police were notified and his dead body was found in the duck pond at Druid Hill park. He had committed suicide by drowning.

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ILLFATED COMMODORE.

Arrival of the Shipwrecked Filibusterers.

SEVEN OF THE CREW PERISHED.

Captain Murphy and Novelist Crane Among Those Who Reached Florida in Safety—Latest Dispatches From Havana—Cuba Coup.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 5.—Captain Edward Murphy, commander of the lost steamer Commodore, Stephen Crane, the novelist; C. B. Montgomery, cook, and William Higgins, an officer, with four Cubans, arrived here from Daytona.

From the survivors it is learned that the men of the Commodore left the ship in four boats. Twelve Cubans embarked in the first, four more in the second, seven Americans in the third, and four, including Captain Murphy, Crane, Higgins and Montgomery, in the fourth. The first three were lifeboats, the last a 10-oared dingy.

The men in the third boat lingered in the neighborhood of the sinking steamer and for some reason the small boat foundered and sank.

The men were ordered to swim back to the steamer, where they improvised a raft. This the captain attempted to tow to shore, 14 miles away. Just as they started it was observed that a negro on the raft, was drawing himself along the tow line to the dingy. The captain realized that this meant death to all, and he ordered the raft cast adrift.

He exhorted the men to return to the vessel, which they attempted to do, but when near the Commodore it gave a lurch, sank, and the men on the raft were drawn down in the vortex and did not rise again. They were James Redigan, engineer; E. B. Ritter, assistant engineer; Frank Ritter, mate; W. A. G. Smith, fireman; Modesto Leon, Cuban pilot and guide; and James Franklin and Murray Nobles, two colored firemen.

American on Trial in Havana.

HAVANA, Jan. 7.—The trial is set for Friday, Jan. 8 of Luis Somellán, a naturalized American citizen, and the Havana representative of E. H. Gato & Co., of New York who has long been imprisoned on the charge of conspiracy and who is to have a civil hearing in accordance with the demand of the United States government.

General Laoret Not Dead.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—At the office of the Cuban junta it was announced that the report that General Jose Laoret was killed in Cuba recently is untrue. Delegate Palma has in his possession a letter from general Laoret written since the period mentioned.

SEVEN NUNS PERISHED.

Result of the Verdun Convent Fire in Quebec.

ROXBURY, Lake St. John, Que., Jan. 7.—The lives of seven of the 25 nuns were lost in a fire that destroyed the convent of our lady of lake St. John at this place. The establishment was controlled by the Ursulines of Quebec, a cloistered order, and the oldest religious sisterhood in Canada.

The first notification the village heard of the destruction of the fire was a shout upward of flame from that part of the lake where the convent is situated about a mile east.

Ordinarily in that institution were almost 50 young ladies, besides a number of nuns, novices, etc., making a total of almost a hundred.

Most of the students were away home ever, during the holidays.

All the young ladies were able to escape. With the nuns, however, the case was different. Theirs was the especial care of looking after the welfare of the young lives entrusted to their care, and when their cell was called seven devoted females did not respond.

The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

WALLER THE WINNER.

Maddox a Close Second in the Six Day Bicycle Race.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—About 7,000 people witnessed the closing struggle of the great 6 days international bicycle race at Convention hall.

The official score as finally announced stood as follows: Waller, 974 miles 5 laps; Maddox, 874 miles 3 laps; Ashinger, 878 miles 7 laps; Lawson, 871 miles 10 laps; Hunter, 871 miles 10 laps; Foster, 870 miles 10 laps.

Wants Assignee Kert Removed.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 6.—Hon. John L. Brady, a banker and creditor of the Germania bank, came before Judge Bunn with an application for the removal of Peter M. Kert as assignee of the Germania bank and the appointment of some other suitable person in his place. Judge Bunn, after reading the application, signed an order to show cause. Mr. Brady is understood to be a creditor of the bank to the amount of some \$20,000. The ground on which the application is based is that Mr. Kert is an officer of the bank and as such ought not to act as assignee.

Hotel Clerk a Defaulter.

BUFFALO, Jan. 7.—Frederick A. Gregory, private secretary of Representative John Hodges of