

As may be the condition of the farmers of our country, yet the condition of many thousands of persons in the large cities is much worse. Nearly every farmer has plenty to eat, and none of their families suffer from hunger, even if there is a scarcity of money among them.

This collapsed condition of the country, this stagnation in business, and consequent throwing out of employment of so many men, may be compared to the prostration and collapsed condition of a sick man after a high fever has left him. After a dangerous fever has left a man he is at first very weak and needs careful nursing while convalescing, and above all things he needs cheering words of encouragement.

While there are so many thousands out of employment in the city of New York, it seems almost incredible to believe the official statement that there is now a surplus reserve of more than eighty million dollars in the banks of that city, a larger sum than almost ever before known there.

The Durham Globe has been purchased by Mr. John W. Jenkins, late associate editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, and, in our opinion, the most talented editor of his age in North Carolina.

THIRTY THOUSAND children were made happy with gifts on Christmas trees given by the New York World, the leading newspaper of the United States.

THE WORLD'S social, moral and material progress in 1893 was elaborately and clearly set forth in last Sunday's issue of the New York World, America's greatest newspaper.

Washington Letter.

(From our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29, 1893.

The use of money to defeat the Wilson tariff bill is the dominant idea of those who have grown rich at the expense of the consumers of the country by reason of the so-called protection legislation of republicans.

All of these things were expected. The democrats knew that the men who had grown rich by legislation would not see that legislation upset without spending a part of their easily-acquired wealth to prevent it.

To have heard some of the men who think themselves entitled to advance knowledge of all the President's movements talk this week a foreigner would have supposed that President Cleveland committed a great crime when he went down the river in company with Secretaries Gresham and Carlisle for several days recreation without telling his would-be guardians beforehand.

Representatives McMillin, of Tennessee, and Bryan of Nebraska, who were appointed a sub-committee by Chairman Wilson to report to the democrats of the Ways and Means committee of the House the features of the internal revenue bill that is to make up the deficit that will be made in the revenues of the government by the Wilson tariff bill, have decided upon their report. It will recommend that a tax of 2 per cent be imposed on all incomes of \$1,000 and over; that a tax be imposed on inheritances of personal property, the rate to be fixed later; that the tax on cigarettes be increased to \$1.50 per 1,000; and that a tax of 6 cents a pack be levied on playing cards.

A sub-committee of the Senate committee on Foreign Relations, composed of Senators Morgan, Butler, Gray, Sherman and Frye, this week began the Hawaiian investigation authorized by Senator Morgan's resolution. They heard several witnesses friendly to the provisional government and adjourned until next Tuesday, when other witnesses will be here.

Condition of the State Treasury.

The State treasury has begun the fiscal year with a handsome cash balance of \$24,000,000. It is estimated that the receipts from taxes during the current year will be about \$59,000,000 less than last year. Then the tax rate was 43 cents. It is now 41 1/2 for all purposes.

A man named C. W. Roper, 25 years old, was killed on the Western North Carolina Railroad track about three miles below Morganton last week by the west-bound freight. Roper was drunk, and he was sitting on the end of a cross-tie asleep.

Fire, Wreck and Flood.

From the New York World.

The year 1893 was remarkable for the frightful loss of life by flood, fire, earthquake, disease, cyclone and mine and railroad accidents, both here and abroad.

In February Brisbane was flooded so that many streets were three feet under water, and earthquakes in Greece resulted in the loss of hundreds of lives.

In May Quebec was inundated and a cyclone in Hope, Ark., left 4,000 persons homeless and destitute. In June floods destroyed 50 villages in Austria, the cholera claimed hundreds of victims daily in Mexico, a storm in Mexico made 2,000 persons homeless and the Ford Opera-House in Washington collapsed, killing 23 War Department clerks and injuring 70.

In July 100 miners were killed in an explosion in Yorkshire, 12 Chicago firemen were caught on a blazing tower in the World's Fair grounds, but one of whom escaped, and a school burst in Pueblo drowned nearly 50 persons.

In August there was a collision between two Coney Island excursion trains on the Long Island beach near Blissville, in which 16 pleasure-seekers were instantly killed and 50 severely wounded, and a cyclone which swept the Gulf coast devastated Savannah, Ga., and the sea-levels. The loss of life was more than 1,500 and the survivors lost everything of which they were possessed.

In September a forest fire destroyed 200 square miles in Wisconsin and cholera broke out in Hamburg. In October yellow fever attacked Brunswick, Ga., and its victims were numbered by hundreds. October also saw the worst wreck of the many that have happened on the Grand Trunk near Bellefleur, Mich. 26 persons were killed or mangled to death and three times that number were badly injured.

In November there was an explosion of dynamite in a ship at dock in Santander, Spain, in which 300 persons were instantly killed, thousands wounded and millions of dollars worth of property destroyed, and 500 persons were drowned by floods in Japan. In December a bridge in course of erection at Louisville, Ky., fell into the river and a score of workmen were killed.

The amount of money lost in a dozen big fires would pay the debt of some of the smaller nations. Boston had a \$5,000,000 and a \$1,000,000 blaze and also lost its famous Tremont Temple. St. Louis had a \$1,500,000 fire, Coney Island lost its big West End Hotel, Milwaukee had a \$300,000 fire, the largest flour mills in the world, at Litchfield, Ill., were destroyed.

The maritime disasters of the year have been many. Since Jan. 1 there has been an unusual succession of disastrous gales, on both our own and foreign coasts, and in this period a large number of ships have been lost or badly damaged. The greatest of all these disasters was the Victoria Camperdown affair in the Mediterranean sea, when some four hundred persons lost their lives. Aside from this, the ones that were of most interest at this port were the losses of the White Star steamship Naronic and the Atlas liner Alvo. Both vessels mysteriously disappeared, and in each case the only trace of the disaster was given by the finding of the life boats.

The loss of the Naronic is more in explicable than that of the Alvo, since the former was a brand new vessel, and was supposed to be as seaworthy as the arts of man could make her. She sailed from Liverpool, Feb. 11, and after passing out of the Mersey was never sighted again. Fully a hundred persons went down with her. The accepted explanation of her loss is that she struck a turtle during a gale.

The Alvo sailed from this port Aug. 16, and like the Naronic was never seen again. She was of much smaller tonnage than the White Star boat, and is believed to have foundered in the hurricane that were attended with frightful loss of life in the sea islands and on the Carolina and Gulf coasts. The theory concerning her loss is that her hatches were torn off by heavy railroad trucks lashed to her decks, admitting to her engine rooms the seas that must have poured across her decks.

Two transatlantic liners met with accidents in mid ocean, causing anxiety in every quarter of the globe, and an awful loss of life was averted in each case principally by the ingenuity of their engineers. The Cunarder Umbria broke her thrust shaft in mid ocean, and drifted about helplessly until it was patched up temporarily. She arrived Jan. 1, more than a week overdue. The Hecla, of the Thingvallane line, met with a similar accident, and after drifting about the ocean helpless as a derelict, was towed into port with all well aboard. The break in her machinery was discovered just in time to prevent the fractured ends, twisted by the machinery, from separating and knocking holes in the ship's hull.

It is said that 5,000 persons attended the President's New Year's reception.

Mrs. Lease Raises a Row.

TOPKAN, Kan., Dec. 28.—Gov. Lewelling today removed Mrs. Mary E. Lease from the State Board of Charities, of which she has been the head.

The result is a row in the Populist camp. Gov. Lewelling says that he removed Mrs. Lease for the sake of harmony in the board. Mrs. Lease says he removed her because she protested to him against the appointment of George Tarter, a Democrat, to the office of steward of the Deaf and Dumb Institute at Olathe, Kan.

"I am following Senator Quay's excellent advice—sawing wood and saying nothing. The Governor says I am a fire-brand. If I had not been a fire-brand he would never have been elected the chair. I know that the Executive Council has been in session on my case twice and their deliberations have been behind closed doors. They charge that I am responsible for the recent Republican gains in Kansas because I would not stand any more fusion with Democrats, and I guess they are about right. I have no use for a Democrat—I can't help it. When I have been compelled to choose between Democrats and Republicans I have always voted for Republicans. I know that while the leaders are talking against fusion every appointment made is with a view to bring it about next year. My successor will probably be fully Scott, a Democrat of the sixth district, to get the Democratic vote there. But I want to say that I am not out yet."

Mrs. Lease refused to say what she would do, but she intimated that she would prove a fire-brand in the future to Gov. Lewelling when he seeks re-nomination, to which, she admitted, the signs now point.

The real cause for Mrs. Lease's removal was an interview in which she declared that all the Populist leaders from the Governor down, were hoodlums and thieves. Gov. Lewelling was urged to remove her at the time the interview was published. Her removal means that the State House Populists have accepted her offer of battle. The fight is likely to be hot. Mrs. Lease charges the Governor with trying to use the charitable institutions of the State for political purposes.

Spider's Bite Killed Her.

NYACK, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Miss Jessie Reicheg, with a party of other young girls helped to decorate the Sparkill Episcopal Church with Christmas evergreens Saturday evening and so lost her life. A spider had made its home in one of the branches, and when she took this in her arms it bit her on the cheek. A little scar like a fever blister showed that night when she went home. The next day, Sunday, it had grown much worse and had swollen so badly that Dr. Maston was called. It kept getting more feverish, and on Monday it was found necessary to lance it. In the poisonous substance which issued were found two little specks supposed to be the seeds or germs that had been stung into her cheek by the insect that bit her.

The sore swelled again this time and spread from her cheek. Her arm and body on one side were swollen so that the sore was lanced a second time. The services of two doctors were secured, but despite their efforts she died. The doctors say they have never seen a similar case.

Presbyterian Preacher Buried.

TAYLORSVILLE, N. C., Dec. 27.—Rev. W. B. Tibbitts, a Presbyterian minister living some eight or nine miles from here on a little mountain farm by himself, was badly and perhaps fatally burned yesterday evening. It seems that he was burning off some rubbish on his place and fell in the fire. When found he was almost unconscious. Friends are attending the unfortunate man and doing all in their power to relieve his sufferings. His wife, who lives in Madison, was wired for yesterday evening.

One of Tillman's Spies Whipped.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Dec. 29.—State Constable Davis was attacked by a crowd of negroes last night and severely whipped. Davis was made to take off his hat and address the negroes as "gentlemen," and also swear that he would quit Tillman's service. A number of white men witnessed the assault, but refused to interfere. The farmers are organizing all over the country to put down such lawlessness.

Burglar Killed by a Trap Gun.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 29.—Many stores in Georgiana, a small town near here, have recently been entered by burglars and large amounts of property stolen. Last night J. Vinson set a trap gun in his store. This morning his rear door was found broken open and just inside the door lay the dead body of Wm. Herbert, a notorious burglar. He had sprung the trap on entering.

Burned to Death.

OMAHA, Dec. 31.—John Cummings, his wife, his mother in law and his baby were burned to death in their rooms last night. Tommy Fox, twelve years of age, a nephew of Cummings, says he set fire to one of the rooms purposely and then locked the doors so that none could escape. Tommy says there was a quarrel and Cummings knocked the lamp over.

Killed at a Crossing.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 30.—Three white persons named Varley, grand father, grandmother and grandson, were killed this afternoon near Patuxent on the Baltimore and Potomac railroad. They attempted to cross the track in a closed buggy and were struck by the Washington express train.

The Populists Weakening.

From the Philadelphia Journal.

Few figures of the vote cast by the People's party in the late elections have yet come to hand, but it is apparent that in almost every State in which it nominated candidates it made little or no showing. In Virginia alone, where the Republicans nominated no candidates this year, it managed to pull from 75,000 to 80,000 votes, the figures for attorney general being approximately 70,000, but where else has it risen above the level of an insignificant element in the body politic. Nor is the Virginia vote to be regarded as possessed of any special significance. The fact is that many enthusiastic Populists thought that they had a good chance to carry the State against the Democrats, and that many Republican voters voted with them at this time, in order to carry disincorporation into the ranks of the administration party if possible. The Populist campaign has been a lively one, but now that the vote-for-attorney general at least—has been counted, it is discovered that the Democratic candidate was elected by 50,000 plurality. Thus the hopes of Third party in the Old Dominion fall with a thud.

Out in Ohio two or three years ago the Populist managers prophesied great things. When John Scott was nominated for Governor in 1891, it was fully predicted that he would pull 150,000 votes, but the official figures of the election credited him with only 23,472. Similarly enthusiastic prophecies were indulged in a year ago this fall, but when General Weaver's vote was counted, it was found that only 14,850 citizens had cast their ballots for him. And now it is said that the Populist vote in Ohio has fallen off about 1,500 in the last twelve months. At this rate the party will soon disappear in that State as completely as did the old greenback organization.

An Old Murder Detected.

From the Raleigh News and Observer.

LOUISVILLE, N. C., Dec. 29.—A brutal murder has just been unearthed in this country. In July, '92, a Jewish peddler by the name of Tucker mysteriously disappeared in Gold Mine township and nothing was heard of him till yesterday, when a skeleton was found five or six hundred yards from the house where the peddler was last seen. Suspicion was aroused and one of the women who lived in the house at the time was arrested. She was a married woman named Lucy Wilkins, and she said that in July, '92, Tom and Cal Coley came to her house just after the peddler and after had eaten supper the Coleys began a fight with the peddler and one of them held him while the other struck him on the head with an axe. Tom's body was carried to the woods and there left, the clothes being stripped off and burned. The whole party, including her sister, then went to Norfolk with the money (about one hundred and fifty dollars) found on the peddler's person. She, however, did not like leaving Tom and Cal together about one week, to the same section though about 8 miles away from her former home. Tom Coley has not yet been taken and the other Coley and the Wilkins woman are still in Norfolk, the man going under the name of John Williams.

The bones had never been buried and were found by some hunters. A little rat still clinging to the skull which was crushed. There is much excitement throughout the section and every effort will be made to apprehend Tom Coley who is said to be somewhere in that high locality.

A Fatal Dancing Frolic.

CONROCK, Texas, January 1.—Full accounts of a wholesale killing at Cedar, about 8 miles from here, are just in. E. N. Williams was dancing on the floor, and aroused the animosity of Lemon Gayle, who demanded that Williams surrender his place on the floor. Williams at first refused, but Gayle became hysterical and Williams started from the room when Gayle's brother, London Gayle, and Bob Ely began firing at Williams and others. London Gayle shot through the window and killed a boy named Ed Waddy, when another boy, Isaac Scott, remarked: "London Gayle has killed Ed Waddy," whereupon London turned and saying, "What is that to you?" shot the boy through and through, killing him instantly. Then a perfect fusillade followed from guns and pistols. A woman was shot through the body and breast, and is now dead. Lemon Gayle is shot through the body and will die. A girl was shot in the face near the eye, and will die, another one square in the middle of the head. One boy is shot through the arm and another through the right hand, and others have received various lighter wounds.

After Lemon Gayle was shot, it was said his brother London sprang and stooped over his prostrate body. Winchester in hand, and pumped acid lead in the panic-stricken dancers who were unable to get out of the house in time to avoid his awful vengeance. Three are dead and a fourth fatally wounded, two seriously, and about half a dozen have minor injuries. London Gayle is reported safely in jail and it is reported that Early has been captured.

Small Pox in Mexico.

TORREON, Mexico, Jan. 1.—There is an epidemic small pox here. One hundred and ten cases now under treatment. At the town of Lerdo, five miles south of here, there are 225 cases. L. M. Johnson, general manager of the Mexican International Railroad, has telegraphed an account of the situation to the Federal authorities in the city of Mexico, and requests that compulsory vaccination be established at once.

The Manchester Ship Canal.

From the New York World.

The opening yesterday of the Manchester Ship Canal marks the success of an accomplishment of one of the most important engineering enterprises of the age. The work belongs to the same class as the Suez Canal, the Amsterdam Canal and the projected Nicaragua Canal. It makes Manchester, which was an inland town, to all intents and purposes a seaport accessible to merchant steamers of the largest class. The canal is 120 feet wide at the bottom and has 26 feet depth of water. Its locks will admit ships nearly six hundred feet in length. Hereafter vessels which formerly unloaded at Liverpool will pass that port and take cargoes directly to Manchester. From this date the immense business of Manchester ceases to pay toll to Liverpool.

Expecting Judgment Day.

BATEL CREEK, Michigan, Jan. 1.—Ellen G. White, the mother of Adventism, says the end of the world is fast approaching. This was conveyed to her in a vision. She cannot tell exactly when the day will come, but only that it will be soon.

The elders have enjoined all who can to sell their personal belongings and get out into the world and preach the Gospel. About twenty families, in obedience to this injunction, have sold their homes and gone within the last month and as many more have their places advertised for sale. They sell for any price the place will bring.

Roasted Alive.

CHATEAUGAY, Tenn., Jan. 1.—Two men were lately cooked alive in a terrible boiler explosion that occurred at 10 o'clock today in the round house of the Cincinnati and Southern Railway. Both men were horribly scalded and the flesh stripped from their bodies in a sickening manner. Death was instantaneous.

Providence, the assassin of Mayor Carter Harrison, has been convicted of murder and sentenced to death.

M. Charles Shale, captain of a small river steamer, was killed in North Carolina by the explosion of a gunnery propellant on which had been rigged up for the occasion.

Col. J. Hampton Hoge of Virginia, United States consul to Anoy, has been dropped from the consular service as the result of the investigation of the charges against his integrity.

At a Christmas festival in Millersburg, Ohio, a man playing Santa Claus brought fire and was badly burned. His cause of pain in the neck and a woman was fatally trapped, three others seriously injured and many others injured.

T. J. Thompson, postmaster at Clyde, Bryan county, Ga., is under arrest, charged with having sent stamps to purchase merchandise for his store. The offense is not of a fraudulent nature, but against the postal laws.

Thomas Linn, a wealthy citizen of New Orleans, died a few days ago. His funeral cost \$250,000. He bequeathed to charitable or educational purposes \$214,000. Most of the institutions endowed by him are exclusively for whites.

Andrew Carnegie has written a letter from New York to Robert Pitman, of the citizens' relief committee, at Pittsburg. He is offering in duplicate all contributions made by persons at Pittsburg for the unemployed to the amount of \$5,000 for each working day for two months. If the highest possible figure is realized the donation will amount to over \$250,000.

St. Paul, Minn., Mr. Wm. McCoy, 543 Thomas St., gives Dr. Hall's Cough Syrup his unqualified satisfaction as follows: "Dr. Hall's Cough Syrup is the best remedy that I ever used. I had such a cough and cold I could hardly speak above a whisper and I took one twenty five cent bottle of the syrup and am now all right."

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