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THE NEWS EPITOMIZED

Washington Items.

Secretary Herbert will probably go to Kiel June on one of the United States men-of-war and witness the naval demonstration in honor of the opening of the canal.

All the castings, on account of which the officers of the Benjamin Atha and Illingworth Company, of Newark, were indicted for conspiring to defraud the Government last August, have been accepted by the Navy department after a reinspection.

Mr. Kurino, the Japanese Minister, received a telegram from the Emperor of Japan announcing that the decoration of the second class of the Order of the Rising Sun had been conferred upon him.

The President received the committee of the National Schutzenbund, which came from New York to invite him to attend their celebration in July. In reply he said that at present he was unable to say whether or not he could attend, but he promised to consider the matter.

Ex-Postmaster-General Bissell, accompanied by Mrs. Bissell and little Miss Marguerite, left Washington for Buffalo, where Mr. Bissell will resume his law practice. All the Assistant Postmaster-Generals and other officials of the Postoffice Department met him at the station to say farewell.

Senor Enrique Dupuy de Lome, who succeeds Senor Muraga as Spanish Minister to the United States, has arrived from Havana.

England's latest move in Nicaragua was discussed by the President and Secretary Gresham.

The full text of Chief Justice Fuller's opinion on the income tax was made public.

H. H. Kohlsaat, the new owner of the Chicago Times-Herald, offered Mr. Eckels, the Controller of the Currency, \$10,000 a year to become financial editor of that paper. He declined.

Mathew Calloway, the colored man who murdered Jim Walters, colored, at Santa Fe in last July, was hanged at Columbia, Tenn. He confessed on the scaffold.

Domestic.

RECORD OF THE LEAGUE CLUBS.

Club	Won	Lost	Cl.	Clubs	Won	Lost	Cl.
Pittsburg	7	2	.778	Boston	3	3	.500
Baltimore	4	2	.667	Washington	3	3	.500
Cleveland	5	4	.556	Chicago	4	5	.444
Cincinnati	5	4	.556	St. Louis	3	6	.333
New York	3	3	.500	Louisville	3	6	.333
Brooklyn	3	3	.500	Philadelph.	2	4	.333

Columbus Phelps shot and killed his half-brother, Henry Phelps, near Bowling Green, Ky., because he would not swear falsely for him.

The sixth colored person was lynched in Butler County, Alabama, for the murder of young Watts Murphy. Sheriff Bargainess found his body hanging to a tree. His name is not known.

There was a big raise in the price of wheat, believed to be due to a corner managed by P. D. Armour in Chicago.

Emil Furrer and John Noller were burned to death in one of the three barns owned by John Guyer, a farmer, near Milford, Conn.

At Dubuque, Iowa, Paying Teller Maurice Brown, of the Iowa Trust and Savings Bank, shot and seriously wounded Leonard Lees in the bank, after Lees had made an attempt to rob the institution of the day's funds.

Ex-Speaker Crisp, of Georgia, talked on the political situation at Atlanta. He declares for silver and said free coinage would be the one issue of the next campaign. He wants a silver platform and a Western man with a military record as a Presidential candidate.

Oliver Curtis Perry, the train robber, who escaped from the asylum for insane criminals at Matteawan, N. Y., and who had been in the county jail in Jersey City, N. J., for nearly two weeks, was taken back to Matteawan.

The Merchants' National Bank, of Rome, Ga., capital \$200,000, closed its doors. Comptroller Eckels placed a bank examiner in charge.

The United States cruisers New York and Columbia returned to the Port of New York after a cruise in West Indian and South American waters.

Professor J. W. Bellis was killed at Lebanon, Ind., while making his first ascension in a mammoth balloon that he had recently finished.

The big brick warehouse of Sanders & Blackwood, at Charlotte, N. C., was destroyed by fire. Several adjoining buildings were crushed in by falling walls. The loss is \$125,000.

The store of Noah Hertzler at Port Royal, Penn., was robbed of stocks, bonds and cash amounting to about \$35,000. The safe was blown open.

At Bradentown, Fla., Thomas A. Mitchell, a nephew of Governor Mitchell, was shot and killed by Perry Hand. Mrs. Hand had deserted her husband for Mitchell.

Robert Ford has been hanged at Nashville, Tenn. He killed Jerry Brown in a quarrel over a game of cards last October. Both men were colored.

Coxswain John Johnson was killed at San Diego, Cal., on the new United States cruiser Olympia by an accident to a five-inch rapid-fire gun.

Morris Hopkins, colored, was hanged at Richmond, Va., for the murder of H. S. Parsons, his employer, whom he killed with a club.

The defalcation of Paul Schulz, land agent of the Northern Pacific Railroad at Tacoma, Wash., is now estimated at \$500,000.

The New York City Police Reorganization bill was beaten in the Senate at Albany by a tie vote, three Republicans joining the Democrats in opposition to it.

The Pennsylvania House at Harrisburg passed the "Greater Pittsburg" bill, and also the bills known as the second and third "Greater Pittsburg" bills by decisive majorities.

The defalcations of Cashier Risley, of the Willimantic (Conn.) National Bank, amount to \$125,000. The city was in a state of consternation over the discovery, and a run on a local savings institution took place.

George Payne, aged sixty-four years, an old and respected business man of Rome, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. He had been mentally deranged for several days.

Civil Service Commissioner Roosevelt decided to accept one of the Police Commissionerships of the city of New York tendered to him by Mayor Strong.

Julia Gross, a sixteen-year-old girl, who was lured away by a young man from her home in New York City, and returned two days after, was found lying dead in the yard of her home. She had committed suicide through remorse.

Edward B. Shaw, of Newburyport, was nominated for State Treasurer and Receiver-General by the Republicans of the Massachusetts Legislature. The nomination was tantamount to election.

Salvatore Cavaliere, an Italian shoemaker, is in the Long Branch (N. J.) jail charged with a score of burglaries, committed during the last five years. Three houses are said to have been built by him with stolen lumber. He had enough stolen goods on hand to stock a store.

Thomas S. Borden, agent and treasurer of the Metacommet and Anawan Mills, has fled from Fall River, Mass. He is short in his accounts to the extent of \$6000.

Louisville's Board of Trade authorized the appointment of delegates to the Memphis Sound Money Convention.

NEW MONEY ORDERS.

A New Form Like a Bank Draft Hereafter to Be Used.

The Postoffice authorities at Washington have for some time been dissatisfied with the form of money order now used, which was designed a year ago, and put in use with the beginning of the present fiscal year. It is criticised on account of the size, which adds a good deal of unnecessary bulk to the mails, and besides this objection the design is not altogether pleasing. For several weeks efforts have been made to fashion a blank that would combine the requisite characteristics. It is intended to secure a handsome form if possible. The present blank has been severely criticised on this score.

The form to be next introduced will be unlike all its predecessors in shape, resembling a bank draft rather than a sheet of foolscap. The present scheme of tearing off the end so as to leave the amount of the order fixed in the figures torn off at the stub will be retained. While it is sometimes said that there is danger of these notched stubs being torn off and the amount of the order changed or vitiated, this is something that has yet to occur for the first time to the knowledge of anyone connected with the money order office. This feature will be retained for the security it affords against forgery or alteration, and the new blank will be instead of an upright note form, an elongated slip like a bank draft, which by two folds can be put in a letter just as a check or draft would be, and add very little to its weight or bulk. The new form will doubtless be ready for use with the beginning of the new postal year.

Next W. C. T. U. Convention.

October 18th has been fixed for the date of the next National Convention of the W. C. T. U.

A CALAMITY IN FRANCE.

Over a Hundred Persons Drowned by a Bursted Reservoir.

LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$10,000,000.

The Disaster Occurred at Bouzzy and a Large Tract of Country Was Inundated --Half a Dozen Villages Suffered-- Searching for the Dead--Farm Houses Swept Away and the Crops Ruined.

The reservoir on the drive of the canal at Bouzzy, near Epinal, France, gave way, sweeping away many houses with their inmates. The flood quickly subsided, and a search for the bodies of the dead was immediately made.

The disaster occurred at five o'clock a. m. The rush of water through the villages was so sudden that there was hardly any chance to escape, and many persons were drowned in their beds. The number of deaths exceeded 130.

The Bouzzy reservoir fed the southern branch of the Eastern Canal. The water followed the valley of the Aviere. The sudden accretion of the canal burst its banks, and the water poured from it over six miles of country until the channel was empty.

The torrent, hemmed in by high hills, rushed down the valley like a bore, sweeping the villages mentioned, and after a course of ten miles emptying into the Moselle at Nonexy and Chatelet.

Every house at Bouzzy was demolished, and very few remain at Les Forges, where there are 1400 inhabitants. At Uxegney twenty-three persons were drowned. Every building was destroyed at Barnieulles, where the population number 600.

Notwithstanding the fact that Nonexy is ten miles from the dam, many of the inhabitants of that place had not time to reach the upper portions of their dwellings before the torrent was upon them. Many farmers throughout the valley are ruined, and a large number of families are without food or clothes. The damage caused by the flood is estimated at \$10,000,000.

The Bouzzy reservoir had a capacity of 7,000,000 cubic metres. The torrent carried off bodily some of the houses in the villages of Bouzzy, Barnieulles, Uxegney and Domcevre, and swamped many others, besides demolishing walls, bridges, roads, crons and farm buildings. A large part of the valley is little more than a morass, with timbers and uprooted trees protruding from the mud.

Much damage was done to the villages at some distance from the dam. As the flood swept down the valley it gathered an immense quantity of timbers and tree trunks, which were thrown against the buildings in the lower neighborhoods.

Part of the Bouzzy tavern was found on the bank of the Moselle, eleven miles distant. The exact cause of the break is not known. Some think the defect was in the plan of the structure, which was vertical. Others assert that the dam, though originally strong had been cracked for years.

The little Aviere brook, which ordinarily is but seven feet wide, has been converted into a lake a mile and a half broad. Soldiers and workmen from the Department of Roads are burying cattle and sheep as rapidly as possible to prevent disease. Hundreds of carcasses were put underground.

The masonry on the Bouzzy dam was begun in 1879 and finished in 1884. It was strengthened in 1889. The dam was 550 yards long, sixty-six feet high, and the same thickness at the base. It was built against vertical rock and on sandstone.

BIG GOLD NUGGET FOUND.

North Carolina Suffering From an Outbreak of Mining Fever.

Gold miners from the West are arriving in the Piedmont section of North Carolina, and there is an outbreak of mining fever. The discovery of a pure nugget weighing eight pounds and five ounces in Stanley County has increased interest in mining. Four hundred Western miners are expected within sixty days. Western men purchased the McAmety mine recently. Inventor Edison has bought a mine near Charlotte, at which he expects to develop a new process for the treatment of North Carolina gold ores.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Emperor William's latest fad is telegraphy. J. M. Barrie, the Scotch novelist, was a newspaper man.

The life of the Prince of Wales is said to be insured for \$16,250,000.

It is estimated that Du Maurier has made about \$25,000 with his "Trilby."

James A. Garfield is a candidate for the same seat in the Ohio Senate once filled by his father.

Gladstone has announced that he cannot undertake to answer or even read any letters that may be addressed to him.

Kenneth Mackay, known in Australia as "the bush poet," has been sent to the New South Wales Parliament by his admirers.

Hall Caine, the author of "The Manxman," is said to write with such microscopic fineness that he is able to put 700 words on one sheet of note paper.

General Duchesne, who has sailed to take command of the French forces in Madagascar, is fifty-eight years old and has served in Africa, Siam and in the war with Germany.

Thomas A. Edison is very fond of children. He delights to show them through his workshops and to mystify them with his magic. To them he is the real wizard he is often called.

Prince Bismarck recently said to an American who had the pleasure of an interview with him that one of his greatest regrets was that he had never had an opportunity to visit this country.

Major Calhoun, the editor of the Standard, the new Boston daily, is the author of "Marching Through Georgia." He was an officer in General Sherman's army, and lost a leg in battle.

Nothing is known in London of the report in circulation in the United States that the Prince of Wales will visit Newport, R. I., in the autumn in order to be present at the races for the America's cup.

William Henry Huribert is living without disguise at Rome with his wife, though the British Government maintains the fiction of looking for him and of being entirely ignorant of his whereabouts.

King Humbert can broil a steak, grill a chop and do plain cooking just as well as he can run with the machine, couple up hose or pump at a fire. Indeed, his Majesty of Italy is a man of many talents.

The new Spanish premier, Senor Canovas, is said to be the homeliest man and the most sarcastic orator in Madrid. The Senor was the champion of the abolition of slavery in Spain and its dependencies.

By the recent succession of Rev. W. B. Ponsoby to the earldom of Beesborough four clergymen are now British peers. The others are the Marquis of Normandy, the Earl of Scarsdale and Lord Plunkett, the Archbishop of Dublin.

Bishop Balsley, who was an intensely popular Danish theologian, has just died at the age of ninety, at Ribe, in Southern Jutland. It is said that one of his publications went through 160 editions, and that each edition numbered 10,000 copies.

Rev. Dr. William H. Furness, the oldest living graduate of Harvard University, has just celebrated his ninety-third birthday. Dr. Furness, who is a Unitarian minister, has often been referred to as the most effective reader of the Bible before an audience in the world.

The youngest State Treasurer ever selected to fill so responsible a position in the United States is Lon V. Stevens, of Missouri, who had not yet reached his thirtieth year when he was appointed, seven years ago, to succeed his defaulting predecessor in office at Jefferson City.

Electric Cars Stopped by Eels.

At New London, Conn., the new organ of St. James's Episcopal Church was stopped twice by eels in forty-eight hours. The electric street cars over the city were obliged to suspend running, as the power did not work on account of eels. All the trouble is caused by these fish getting into the supply-pipes and shutting off the water used in steam boilers.

Population of New York City.

The results of the police census of New York City show a total population of 1,849,866. The number of males is 925,310, and the number of females 924,556, so that the two sexes are almost equally represented. The work of collecting the figures occupied the policemen specially assigned to the duty for several weeks.