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THE NEWS EPITOMIZED

Washington Items.

John W. Foster has arrived at his home in Washington from China, where he served as counselor to the Chinese peace envoys in the negotiations to end the war with Japan. Mr. Foster has been absent from Washington on this mission nearly seven months.

Secretary Herbert's investigation of the labor system in Brooklyn Navy Yard led to the removal of Naval Constructor Fernald and Civil Engineer Asserson.

President Cleveland has pardoned Edmund L. Crittenden, of Kentucky, sentenced on June 28, 1894, to eighteen months' imprisonment in the Ohio Penitentiary on the charge of robbing the mails.

Secretary Carlisle has directed that the new revenue cutter now being built for service along the New England coast be named the Daniel Manning, and that the one being built for service on the great lakes be named the W. Q. Gresham, both after former Secretaries of the Treasury.

The appointment of Willis L. Moore, of Illinois, as Chief of the Weather Bureau was announced from the White House.

Fishermen who, by squatter sovereignty, occupy shanties at Sandy Hook, were ordered to leave by the War Department. They threatened to resist eviction by arms.

The State Department instructed Ambassador Eustis to take steps for the relief of ex-consul Waller, who is ill in a French prison.

The principal postoffices throughout the country have discontinued the use of the cancelling machines, by which letters are postmarked and the stamps upon them cancelled.

The total number of stamps of all kinds issued to postmasters in the fiscal year just closed was 2,823,000,000, valued at \$56,885,418. This is an increase in valuation of \$4,000,000 over last year.

Secretary Hoke Smith accepted the invitation of the Cordele (Ga.) Sound Money League to deliver an address there on the currency question.

The total value of envelopes issued to postoffices during the fiscal year was \$12,036,019, and postal cards \$4,968,161.

Domestic.

RECORD OF THE LEAGUE CLUBS.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Per cent.	Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Per cent.
Baltimore	34	21	.61	Minneapolis	34	27	.557
Boston	33	22	.60	Philadelph.	32	26	.552
Chicago	40	28	.588	New York	28	31	.475
Pittsburg	37	26	.587	Wash'g'n	23	35	.397
Cleveland	37	28	.569	St. Louis	21	43	.328
Brooklyn	33	26	.559	Louisville	10	49	.169

Senator Blackburn has been called off the stump in Kentucky by the Democratic State Central Committee because of his free silver views.

A tornado of terrific violence and widespread extent swept over the country near Newton, Kan., destroying everything in its path. Four houses were wrecked and over thirty farm houses destroyed. Twenty-five persons were injured, seven of them fatally.

One man was killed and sixteen people were injured in a trolley-car accident at East Liverpool, Ohio.

Josiah Chamberlain, a farm hand, went to his wife's boarding place at Norwich, N. Y., and after firing two bullets into her neck and abdomen killed himself.

Justice Gaynor, of Brooklyn, granted to ex-Police Inspector McLaughlin, of New York City, a certificate of reasonable doubt, which acts as a stay of judgment pending decision by the Court of Appeals.

The President and Mrs. Cleveland received countless congratulations at "Gray Gables," Buzzard's Bay, Mass., on the birth of their daughter.

Abram Eckert, janitor of the High School in Nanticoke, Penn., killed wealthy Frederick T. Bittenbender, chairman of a school committee.

At San Luis Obispo, Cal., ex-Governor Stevenson, of Idaho, committed suicide by taking laudanum. He was a great sufferer from sciatica.

Defender's trial trip indicated that she will have wonderful racing qualities.

Sheriff Tamsen removed Warden Raabe and Keepers Schaefer and Schoen, of Ludlow Street Jail, New York City, because of the lax discipline which permitted the escape of the Postoffice robbers, Killoran, Allen and Russell.

Charles J. Kinsler, a Philadelphia alderman, was shot and killed, evidently by accident, while watching a flag-raising.

Grover and Lela, aged eleven and thirteen years respectively, children of William Schultz, of Marcelline, Ill., were drowned in near Creek. Grover was bathing in the

creek, and the girl, hearing his screams, went to rescue him from drowning.

Dernberg, Glick & Horner, proprietors of the Leader, one of the large department stores of Chicago, have failed. Creditors hold a chattel mortgage for \$225,000. It is said that the assets of the firm will realize over \$400,000.

Three people were drowned in the Delaware River at Beverly, N. J., by the capsizing of a boat. They were John Anderson, Frank Bevans, a bicycle manufacturer, and Miss Marenbeck.

Because Mollie Biers would not marry him Luke Hoyer blew up her home, in Lemont, Ill., with dynamite, fatally wounding her, her mother and her aunt.

Francis M. Dickinson, seventy-one years old, a prominent Belchertown (Mass.) farmer, was gored to death by a bull. His sons found him mangled and dead, lying in the mud.

The safe in the County Treasurer's office at Harrisburg, Ark., was robbed of \$3400 at noon while Mr. Vanderver was in court consulting with the Judge.

Foreign Notes.

The Prince of Wales announced that he would not be able to visit the United States to see the America's Cup yacht race.

The French Chamber of Deputies asked the Government to negotiate an arbitration treaty with the United States.

An Imperial ukase relating to the Chinese loan has been issued; Russia will indorse the coupons of the bondholders.

The railway station at Dortmund, Germany, was destroyed by fire and two men were killed by the falling of its walls.

Ambassador Eustis presided at the Fourth of July banquet given in Paris by the American Chamber of Commerce.

A dispatch from Madrid, Spain, says that a committee of the Ministers will arrange a settlement of the Mora claim.

Michael Cleary was convicted in Ireland of burning his wife to death as a witch.

Four hundred Cuban insurgents, under Amador Guerra, were defeated in two battles in Palma Saitas, Cuba. Their leader and three lieutenants were killed, together with sixty men. The loss of the Government troops was seventeen killed and about the same number wounded. Expeditions for Cuba are leaving North, South and Central America.

Fire in Godillet's military establishment, in Paris, caused \$1,400,000 damage.

HOT FIGHTING IN CUBA.

Insurgents Lost 280 and Spaniards Fifty in One Battle.

Advices from Santiago de Cuba are to the effect that Major Sanchez, commanding a Spanish Government force, discovered 1500 insurgents under command of the rebel chief, Rabi, strongly posted near Manzanillo.

Major Sanchez sent a message to Major Aznar inviting him to join forces and attack the rebels. The insurgents captured the messenger and hanged him. They then sent a reply to Major Sanchez's message, signing Major Aznar's name to it, directing that an attack on the insurgents be made at another point.

Major Sanchez fell into the trap and advanced as directed in the forged message. His force was attacked suddenly by the rebels in a narrow defile. The insurgents charged the Spanish troops in fine style.

The troops were unable to manoeuvre owing to the lack of space. Two sergeants, one at the head of thirty and the other at the head of twelve men, gained commanding positions, and succeeded in checking the insurgents, shooting all that came within range of their rifles.

Their fire was so deadly that the rebels made no further attempt to charge and the troops were enabled to escape from the defile in which they had been ambushed. The Government force then attacked the main positions of the rebels and compelled them to retreat. The insurgents lost 280 killed. The Government loss was fifty killed and wounded.

Woman Ties the Knot.

Rev. Ella G. Thorp, a roving preacher, and a young couple from Bentley, Kan., met by appointment at the Keystone Hotel in Wichita, Kan., and the lady performed the wedding ceremony. The couple were L. C. Kennedy and Mrs. S. F. Helvie. The wedding attracted much attention from the fact that a woman tied the knot. It is the first instance of the kind known to have occurred in Kansas.

SLAUGHTER OF PILGRIMS

A Terrible Collision on the Grand Trunk Railway in Canada.

CARS TELESCOPED AND WRECKED

The Second Section of an Excursion Train Dashes at Full Speed Into the First—The Victims Were Pilgrims to the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre—An Engineer's Awful Blunder.

A terrible accident occurred on the Grand Trunk Railroad at Craig's Road, Quebec, Canada. A special excursion passenger train, rushing along in the darkness of the early morning, crashed into another excursion train preceding it, killed thirteen people, and wounded thirty. The trains were filled with pilgrims en route from Sherbrooke, Richmond and Windsor Mills to Levis, where they were to cross over to Quebec and proceed to the shrine at St. Anne de Beaupre. One was following the other and there was supposed to be an interval of twenty minutes between them. The forward train was making good time, having left Richmond at 10 o'clock the night before. On the rear of this train was a Pullman car, in which were the priests and others in charge of the party, and it was in this car that most of the loss of life occurred.

The first train reached Craig's Road about 3 a. m., and stopped at the tank to take water. Due precautions were taken, and the semaphore was thrown to danger. Only the train men were about. The Pullman car in the rear was wrapped in silence.

Suddenly there was a great crash—the second train coming at full speed had dashed into the rear Pullman of the first section. So great was the impetus of the colliding train that the engine embedded itself in the palace car, and the latter plunged forward and partially telescoped the first-class car immediately in front. Every berth in the Pullman was wrecked, and some of the occupants who were killed never knew what happened to them. They died sleeping. Others awoke to their horrible surroundings and position, maimed, bleeding, and bruised, conscious of little but the agony that racked them. It was an awful scene. The cries of the wounded, the moans of the dying, the outpouring of passengers from cars that were not badly damaged, and the hurrying forms of the uninjured trainmen, with their flickering lanterns, all combined to make a sight seldom exceeded in tragic horror.

The work of rescue was begun as soon as possible. When the blinding clouds of steam had subsided the trainmen, priests, and others got together and the dead and wounded were taken from the ruins of the engine, the Pullman, and the first-class car and removed to temporary quarters, where the women of the party ministered as best they could to the wants of the maimed pilgrims. They tore off their clothing and made bandages for gaping wounds and tried, in the absence of enough medical aid to go round, to stanch the flow of blood, and properly cleanse the wounds. All of the wounded who could be moved were placed on board and sent to Levis.

It is hard to say where the blame for the accident rests. It has been suggested that Engineer McLeod of the colliding train may have dozed off to sleep and then have missed seeing the warning semaphore and was unconscious of his whereabouts.

The following is a list of the dead: Charles Bedard, mail clerk, Richmond; Miss Bedard, Richmond; Hector McLeod, engineer, Richmond; Richard L. Perkins, fireman, Richmond; the Rev. J. L. Mercier, Richmond; the Rev. F. P. Dignan, Windsor Mills; Mr. Cogan, Richmond; Miss Valin, St. Joseph de Levis; Miss Phaneuf, St. Joseph de Levis; Mrs. J. B. Cayer, Danville; Miss Delicourte, Shefford; aunt of Miss Valin, name unknown, St. Joseph de Levis; John O'Farrell, Capleton.

The scene in the Hotel Dieu, at Levis, after the arrival of the wounded from the wreck was something which an eye-witness can never forget. The unfortunate pilgrims all occupied beds in different wards of the hospital, and were attended by physicians of Levis and Quebec and by nuns and ladies of Levis. The cries of some of them were fearful to hear.

All of us waste too much energy.

TRIO OF GIRLS NOW.

The President's Third Daughter Born at "Gray Gables," His Summer Home.

At "Gray Gables," the summer home of President Cleveland, at Buzzard's Bay, Mass., a little girl was born to Mrs. Cleveland at 4.30 o'clock p. m. Dr. Joseph D. Bryant, the attending physician, said that mother and child were doing well.



DR. J. D. BRYANT.

(The family physician of the Cleveland.)

Ruth and Esther, the other daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland, were born respectively on October 3, 1891, and on September 9, 1893. Ruth was born at Mr. Cleveland's residence at 816 Madison avenue, in New York City, which was the Cleveland's home for a time after they left the White House in 1889. Ruth weighed eight pounds at her birth. Esther was born in the White House after Mr. Cleveland's second term had begun.

MURDERED HIS FAMILY.

Horrible Crime of Frederick Hellman, of Chicago.

Frederick Hellman, a mason contractor, of Chicago, Ill., thirty-six years old, murdered his wife and four children by asphyxiation, and died with them. The victims of his horrible crime were: Ida Hellman, thirty-four years old; Fritz Hellman, twelve years old; Ida Hellman, eleven years old; Willie Hellman, eight years old; Hedwig Hellman, four years old.

The place of the tragedy was the Hellman cottage. The house is small, but it was their own, and the family was supposed to be living happily. That the murder was deliberately planned by the crazy father of the family seems beyond doubt. Ever since Hellman built his house it has been supplied with gas pipes, but there had been no connection with the gas main, and there were no fixtures in the house until several weeks ago, when he had the pipes connected and fixtures put into the family bedroom only. The entire family slept in one small room. It seems certain that Hellman had the gas put in for the express purpose of using it in the murder of his family.

When the dead bodies were found the gas was turned on. It had been turned on after the family, excepting the husband, had gone to sleep, and none of them regained consciousness.

LITTLE GIRLS MURDERED.

A Series of Terrible Crimes on the Outskirts of London.

A series of outrages and murders of little girls of ages ranging from four to seven years has created great excitement among the working classes in the district of Walthamstow, seven miles northeast of London, England. Within two months five little ones have been decoyed from near their homes and vanished completely. Searching parties have subsequently found their bodies in the fields stripped of all their clothing, and giving evidence of the most outrageous treatment. In every case the victims have been children who have been playing along the roadside or on their way in the discharge of short errands. The immediate cause of death in every instance has been strangulation. The miscreant usually hides the bodies of his victims in secluded places in the fields and under hedges and covers them with leaves.