

M. Jussurand, the new French ambassador to the United States, brought with him to Washington some Gobelin tapestries which have been donated by the French government for the decoration of the embassy there.

Senator Hoar heard the other day that an old lady in reduced circumstances had a fine portrait of Daniel Webster. The senator, who owns the largest and finest collection of Websteriana in the country, hurried to the address given and shortly owned the painting, which is from the brush of Chester Harding, well known in art circles 60 years ago.

The remnant of a strange tribe of Eskimos has been discovered on Southampton island, at the north end of Hudson bay. These people had never seen a white man until recently.

The royal commission which has been investigating tuberculosis recommends rigid laws. Some of the points proposed are: Reporting of cases; compulsory confinement of recalcitrant patients in special institutions; prohibition of infected persons from acting as nurses, teachers or physicians; erection of municipal phthisis hospitals, the state bearing half the cost and the extremely poor being treated free of charge.

Duke Carl-Theodor, of Bavaria, has for a great number of years followed the profession of a doctor. What was in his boyhood a hobby has become the serious work of his lifetime.

By the will of the late Mrs. Mary M. Adams, widow of the late Charles Kendall Adams, formerly president of the university of Wisconsin, that institution will receive a large part of the estate.

Representatives of all the kings of Europe marched in the funeral procession of the late Baroness von Cohn-Oppenheim, daughter of the old Emperor William's banker.

Several smart English women recently made an attempt to revive the long curls hanging on the shoulders, which date from the days when Queen Alexandra—then "the sea-king's daughter"—made her state entry into London.

A Wednesbury (England) resident in the sixteenth century left \$1,000 to provide annually on St. Thomas' day three gowns and three coats to indigent persons of the parish.

The Emperor Menelik, of Abyssinia, among his other hobbies, takes great interest in clocks, and several chronometers have recently been imported from Switzerland by his Swiss adviser, which vary no more than six seconds in two months.

The Commercial club, of Kansas City, has asked the Missouri legislature to appropriate \$20,000 for a statue of Thomas H. Benton, to be erected in Kansas City, as near as possible to the spot where Benton made his famous prophecy, in 1855, that this continent would be bound together by bands of iron, and that our products would be carried to feed the innumerable millions to the Orient.

MANY PERSONS PERISHED

Flames Destroy a Flimsily-Built Hotel at Cedar Rapids, Ia., Early in the Morning.

AWAKE TO FIND ESCAPE CUT OFF.

Many Seek Safety by Jumping from Windows, and Forty-Two Are Thus Injured—Four Dead Bodies Recovered—Five Are Still in the Ruins.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Feb. 21.—The fire which early Friday morning destroyed the Clifton hotel, cremated nine of the guests and caused injuries to 42 persons, who were scorched or forced to jump to the frozen street from second and third-story windows.

The dead are: W. A. Mowery, of Whatcheer, Ia.; E. G. Young, of Minneapolis; two unidentified men, bodies recovered; five bodies still in debris.

The fatally injured: Vina Burns, head waitress, jumped from third story; L. C. Burnett, Nebraska City, Neb., badly burned.

The seriously injured: Sinna Williams, waitress, face badly burned, leg injured; Lizzie Kelly, waitress, burned; F. C. Outing, Center Point, left arm sprained, hands burned; Emma Smith, waitress; H. W. Bremer, Lyons, Ia.; F. R. Moore, Chicago; Beatrice Netolicky, Shueyville, Ia.; J. U. Winniger, Waterloo, Ia., face burned and wrist sprained; J. E. Anderson, Chicago, back strained; A. S. Farrow, Boone, Ia.; F. G. Gardiner, Woodburn, Ia.; D. F. Taylor, Davenport, Ia., head injured and elbow fractured, hip injured, and burned about body; Louis Thompson, Cedar Rapids, badly burned; A. M. Larsen, Oelwein, feet injured and lungs hurt; C. W. Roberts, Cedar Rapids; L. O. Vernon, Delta, Ia., cut and right side injured; May Reel, waitress, badly burned; M. P. Hoover, Tama, Ia.; T. J. Zally, Canton, Ill.; J. A. Flear, Davenport; C. L. Benedict, body burned; G. P. Hawes, Decorah, Ia.; F. O. Redmond, mail clerk, Tama, Ia.; N. O. Templeton, Monticello, Ia.; George Taggart, St. Paul, hands and face burned; James Lewis, colored porter; F. M. Gardner, Woodburn, Ia.; D. S. Taylor, Davenport; J. H. Dunbar, Monticello; John W. Lewis, Ottumwa, bruised; Dr. S. C. Grove, Cedar Rapids, terribly burned while hanging to fire escape, probably fatal; P. E. Strickland, Clinton, Ia., jumped from third story window, leg broken and injured internally, probably fatal; Cella Williams, waitress, badly burned; C. F. Hamburg, Leroy, Minn., limbs badly burned; R. C. McConahy, Aurora, Ill., hands and face burned; O. J. Lamb, Center Point, Ia., seriously burned; G. F. Kaesser, Walker, Ia., face and hands burned; C. A. Roseman, Independence, Ia., legs and arms sprained by jumping from top floor, struck wires and landed in a snow bank; F. A. Chase, hands injured.

The hotel, a three-story brick veneer structure, is said to have been a veritable firetrap. The flames started in a pile of rubbish in the basement, presumably ignited by defective electric light wires.

The victims were literally driven by the flames to jump. Nearly every one of them lingered to the last moment, urged by the people below to wait as long as possible in the hope of assistance. Then a cry would tell that the fire had reached them, or the smoke had made it impossible to breathe, and one after another jumped, some to the street and some, more fortunate, to the roofs of buildings adjoining. In a short space of time the street was filled with men and women bruised, battered, broken-limbed and half crazed. All were in their night garments.

Murder and Suicide. Somerset, Pa., Feb. 17.—Oliver Nichols, a lumberman, shot and killed Mrs. Ira Shaffer in a woods near Edie post office, and then placing the muzzle of the shotgun to his face blew his head off. It is thought the deed was prompted through jealousy.

Tillman Refused Bail. Columbia, S. C., Feb. 20.—Former Lieut. Gov. Tillman was Thursday afternoon refused bail at the conclusion of the hearing of his application for release on bond. Mr. Tillman is held on the charge of murdering Editor Gonzales.

Monument to Lawton. Manila, Feb. 17.—Gov. Taft is on the point of starting on a week's tour of the southern islands. A monument erected on the spot where Gen. Lawton fell was unveiled by Bishop Brent with appropriate ceremonies.

Elkins Bill a Law. Washington, Feb. 21.—The president late Friday afternoon signed the Elkins rebate bill. With the signing of this measure the administration's anti-trust programme for this session of congress is completed.

ENTERS THE CABINET.

George B. Cortelyou Named by the President for Head of New Department of Commerce.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The president yesterday sent to the senate the nomination of George B. Cortelyou, of New York, to be secretary of commerce and labor, and the nomination was promptly confirmed. Mr. Cortelyou was born in New York city July 26, 1862. He was



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private secretary of President McKinley, and retained the same position with President Roosevelt. Both the president and Mr. Cortelyou have been inundated with congratulations from all sections and classes of people on the appointment, and the senate stamped the nomination with its cordial approval by confirming it unanimously on the day it received the nomination.

Washington, Feb. 19.—George B. Cortelyou took the oath of office as secretary of the department of commerce and industry yesterday. At the same time William Loeb, Jr., was sworn in as secretary to the president. The oaths were administered by Chief Justice Fuller.

PRESENTS RESIGNATION.

Justice Shiras, of Supreme Court, Retires, and Judge Day Will Be His Successor.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Justice Shiras, of the United States supreme court, presented to the president yesterday his resignation as a member of the



JUSTICE SHIRAS.

tribunal, to take effect February 24. Former Secretary of State William R. Day, of Ohio, has been selected as the successor of Mr. Shiras.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The president announced yesterday the appointment of Judge William R. Day, of Canton, O., to be justice of the supreme court of the United States in place of Justice Shiras, resigned.

VETERAN DEAD.

Maj. Gen. Doolittle Passes Away at His Home in Toledo, O.—Was a Brave Soldier.

Toledo, O., Feb. 21.—Maj. Gen. Charles C. Doolittle is dead at his home here, death ensuing as the result of a complication of diseases, especially heart trouble superinduced by inflammatory rheumatism contracted during the civil war. The deceased enlisted with the Fourth Michigan volunteers at the outbreak of the war and rose to the rank of brigadier general, commanding a brigade at Nashville. At the close of the war he was regularly brevetted major general.

Fatal Hotel Fire.

Port Huron, Mich., Feb. 19.—The St. Clair hotel, one of the largest hosteleries of this city, was destroyed by fire at an early hour yesterday morning. Milton Campbell, a fireman, was crushed to death under falling walls. All the hotel guests made their escape, many of them rushing out in their night clothes. The property loss is \$100,000.

Must Pay Fines.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Millions of dollars in fines will be demanded of Illinois corporations under the anti-trust laws declared constitutional by the state supreme court on Wednesday. There are 469 cases involved and hundreds of others are threatened for refusal to make anti-trust affidavits.

New Pension Division.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Commissioner of Pensions Ware has abolished the middle division of the pension bureau and created a new division, to be known as the army division, to take effect March 1 next. The personnel of the middle division will be distributed among the other divisions.

Starved to Death.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 20.—Charles E. Waite, custodian of the courthouse, died here Thursday, aged 52 years. He had eaten nothing for 23 days. In December Waite fell from the balcony of the courthouse, sustaining injuries about the head, and since then he has refused to eat.

SCHOOL CHILDREN KILLED.

Ten Lose Their Lives in a Trolley Car Accident at a Crossing in New Jersey.

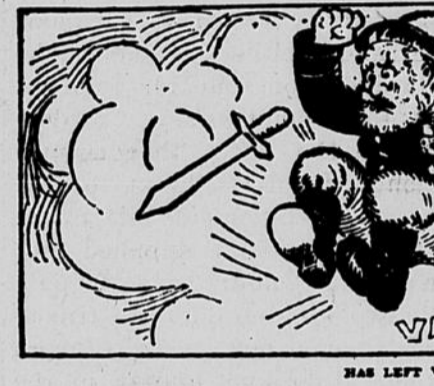
NEARLY ALL OF VICTIMS WERE GIRLS.

Car Was Struck by an Engine of an Express Train—Over a Score Injured, Some of Whom Will Die—icy Tracks Prevented the Motorman from Stopping.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 20.—Ten pupils of the Clifton high school, eight of them girls, were instantly killed yesterday in a trolley car which was struck by a Delaware, Lackawanna & Western express train at the Clifton avenue crossing in this city. Nearly a score of others were injured, and of these five will die. Most of those killed were girls, whose bodies were ground under the wheels of the locomotive and scattered along the track for 100 feet.

It was a grade-crossing tragedy, due to weather conditions and the natural conformation of the locality. From the south came the trolley car on a down grade that culminated at the railroad track. From the west came the

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railroad train on a down grade that struck a level at the same point. Car Slides on Icy Rails.

The trolley car, a special run for the convenience of the high school pupils, carried about 100 passengers. As the car approached the crossing the motorman noticed that the gates were down, this being a warning that a train was due. He applied the brakes, but the rails were covered with ice, and the wheels would not hold. The car slid like a sled to the crossing, crashed through the gates and stopped on the track on which the Morristown express was approaching. The next instant the crash came.

Neither the engineer of the train nor the motorman of the car could save off the accident. The motorman, Henry Brady, who was probably fatally injured, did all in his power to stop the car, even to the extent of sanding the track and reversing the motor.

Carried Two Blocks.

So great was the speed of the express train that, although the engineer applied the brakes before the crash came, it cut its way through the car and carried many dead and mangled school children on with it. When the train did stop, two blocks beyond the scene of the collision, the mutilated body of a young woman was found wedged between the slats of the pilot.

The children who had crowded back in the car were scratched and bruised, and some were seriously injured, but the deaths were restricted to those who took the front part of the car. Those in the rear, when turned over in the car, scampered out and extricated themselves from the mass, the front part of the car being torn away. It was found a block and a half down the track.

Rescue Injured.

Immediately the accident had been reported all the police reserves of the Second precinct were sent to the scene to keep back the crowd which had gathered. Mutilated bodies of the children were scattered in all directions. The uninjured passengers carried the injured children to nearby places of temporary refuge. Later the injured were taken to their homes or to hospitals.

Given a Long Term.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—George Stone, who ten years ago murdered Robert Nelson, fled to England and was finally brought back by Chicago detectives, was found guilty by a jury and sentenced to 35 years in the penitentiary.

THREE TRAINMEN KILLED.

Result of an Accident on the Illinois Central Railroad at Galena, Ill.

Galena, Ill., Feb. 21.—Three trainmen were killed here at 10:30 o'clock Friday night in an accident to the Chicago-Minneapolis limited train on the Illinois Central road. None of the passengers were injured. A freight engine, on which was Engineer Searles, had been run onto the main track to get water, and had just started to return to its train when the limited came around the curve, which winds around a small hill, and crashed into the light engine. Both engines were badly wrecked and two men, who were killed outright, were buried in the debris. These were on the freight engine and had no chance to escape. Engineer Searles was probably fatally hurt. Fireman Spockman, of the passenger train, lived about three hours.

EIGHTEEN LIVES LOST.

Cyclone Strikes a Steamer on the Chowan River, in North Carolina, and It Goes to the Bottom.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 18.—In a cyclone that struck and sank the passenger steamer Olive Monday night 18 persons are known to have perished. Eight other persons who tried to escape from the ill-fated vessel in a life-boat were picked up four hours

WORK DONE IN CONGRESS.

Lawmakers in the Senate and House Discuss Matters of Importance and Make New Laws.

STATEHOOD BILL KEEPS SENATE LIVELY

House Occupies the Time in Considering Appropriation Measures and Some of Them Are Passed—Breaks the Record in Number of Pension Bills Passed in One Day.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The senate on Saturday agreed to the amendment made to the Elkins anti-rebate bill by the house and it now goes to the president. The Indian appropriation bill was considered.

Washington, Feb. 17.—There was no debate on the statehood bill in the senate yesterday. The Indian appropriation bill and the Philippine currency bill both passed. In executive session the treaty of friendship recently negotiated between the United States and Greece was ratified.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The senate yesterday agreed to the conference report on the army appropriation bill. Discussion of the statehood bill was resumed, and Senator Dewey continued his remarks in opposition to it. A house bill was passed granting a pension of \$30 per month to the widow of the late Representative John N. W. Rumple, of Iowa, who was a captain of volunteers in the civil war.

Washington, Feb. 19.—There was lively debate in the senate yesterday over Senator Quay's resolution declaring it to be the sense of the senate that there should be a vote on the statehood bill before the adjournment of congress. The post office appropriation bill, with statehood rider, was reported, and Senator Morgan spoke against the Panama canal bill.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The senate met at 11 o'clock yesterday, but spent only an hour and 20 minutes in open session. The time was devoted to routine business and passing bills of no great general importance. An evening session was held and Senator Morgan continued his talk against the Panama canal.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The senate spent the entire day in executive session considering the Panama canal treaty and at 5:25 p. m. took a recess until to-day at 11 o'clock. No vote was taken on any of the amendments which have been prepared by Senator Morgan.

House Proceedings. Washington, Feb. 16.—The house on Saturday passed 325 private pension bills, breaking the record. The sundry civil bill was also passed. An omnibus public building bill, carrying approximately \$6,000,000, was introduced, as was also a bill to prevent hazing at the naval academy.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The house disposed of a number of bills yesterday under suspension of the rules, defeating two. The most important measure passed was the senate bill to amend the railroad safety appliance law.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The house yesterday began consideration of the naval appropriation bill under the operation of a rule which made the new legislation relative to the increase of the personnel of the navy and for the increase of naval academy in order. The senate amendments to the Indian appropriation bill were disagreed to, and the bill sent to conference.

Washington, Feb. 19.—In the house yesterday the conference report on the army appropriation bill was rejected because of its provisions for the retirement of civil war officers at an advanced grade. The remainder of the day was devoted to the naval appropriation bill.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The house yesterday passed the naval appropriation bill providing for three new battleships, a new armored cruiser, two steel training ships, and a wooden brig for training purposes.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The house Friday passed the fortifications appropriations bill, and then spent three hours wrangling over the Fowler currency bill.

Fatal Explosion.

New York, Feb. 20.—Three men were killed outright, one man so injured that he died later, two other men fatally and at least seven seriously hurt in an explosion in the workshop of the naval storage magazine at Fort Lafayette in New York bay.

Sustains the Law.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 19.—The Illinois supreme court has sustained the anti-trust law of 1891 and amendments of 1893. Corporations are held liable for fines in case of failure to make yearly report on affiliation with combines.

Wireless Messages.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Wireless messages to the Hawaiian islands are to be sent from this coast, according to A. L. New, manager of the Pacific Wireless Telephone and Telegraph company.

Three Killed.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 20.—Fire destroyed several business buildings here, causing a loss of \$325,000, and J. H. Mulholland, Dorsey Crane and Albert Voorhees were killed by falling walls.

New Counties Created.

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 21.—Both houses have passed the bills creating Roosevelt and Quay counties. Gov. Otero will sign the bills.