

Downers Grove Reporter.

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DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS.

HISTORY OF A WEEK.

THE NEWS OF SEVEN DAYS UP TO DATE.

Political, Religious, Social and Criminal Details of the Whole World Carefully Condensed for Our Readers—The Accidents Record.

Amos Decker, the 18-year-old slayer of George Miles, is on trial for murder at Findlay, O.

Henry Durham, a farmer living near Iowa Falls, Iowa, was assaulted and robbed by unknown men.

William H. Laird, a lumberman of Winona, Minn., has presented the city with a library and site, to cost \$50,000.

At Crown Point, Ind., a \$2,500,000 mortgage from the Chicago, Hammond & Western Railroad Company to E. E. Francis, trustee, has been filed.

Harry Trevert, clerk and treasurer of Clay County, Indiana, who recently tendered his resignation, has been found \$500 short in his accounts.

Monroe Johnson, the notorious burglar, was hanged at Charlotte, N. C.

The Catholic Order of Foresters met in national convention at Columbus, Ohio.

The Westerly, R. I., Woolen Company has started its mill after an eighteen months' shut-down.

Arthur W. Palmer, who killed his mother, brother and sister recently, was arraigned at White Plains, N. Y.

James Moseley, a negro, shot and fatally wounded his wife at New London, Mo. He attempted to escape, but was caught.

The mountaineers in Polk county Arkansas, will drive out the Italian laborers imported to work on the Pittsburg and Gulf railway.

The two men arrested on the charge of murdering Charles L. Webster, of Fort Wayne, Ind., at New York, have been discharged.

The Wabash has announced a rate of 50 cents per 100 pounds on wool in car loads from East St. Louis to Boston, minimum weight 20,000 pounds. The rate heretofore has been 87 1/2 cents, minimum weight, 10,000 pounds.

The court has ordered the receiver of the Ohio Southern Railroad to issue certificates for the payment of \$32,551.95 due employes for three months prior to the road going into the hands of a receiver, \$43,281.95 for locomotives purchased by the receivers and \$25,181.97 for fuel.

The riots at Hamburg resulting from the disappointment due to the recent collapse of the dockers strike were renewed Monday. The police finally charged with drawn swords on the crowd in the vicinity of the Schaar market and several persons were injured.

Germany has declined the sultan's request to send officers and financiers to reorganize the country, as being inopportune. France and Belgium, the dispatch adds, have also declined.

There will be no court balls at St. Petersburg this winter, owing to the health of the czarina, which, although not causing anxiety, is such that she requires rest.

An ordinance introduced by Sherlock Swann in the Baltimore council which prohibits the wearing of bonnets by ladies in theaters, passed the first branch of the city council this afternoon.

A meeting of remonstrators against the proposed dredging of the Salamonica river was held at Pennsylvania, Ind. About 2,000 persons were present. The work is estimated to cost from \$75,000 to \$200,000, and is being vigorously fought by those who will have to pay the taxes.

Mrs. William I. Fee, the aged wife of the Rev. Mr. Fee, a well-known former minister of Springfield, Ohio, fell dead in the pulpit while speaking at a revival at Felicity. Mr. and Mrs. Fee celebrated their golden wedding three months ago.

The firm of Perkins & Perkins, composed of Lester and Charles G. Perkins, proprietors of the Des Moines Fuel and Lime company, made a voluntary assignment on Saturday night. No schedule of assets or liabilities was filed, but the assets are said by the firm to be worth \$90,000, and the liabilities are about \$30,000.

Boss Parker, aged 21, shot and killed his father, Anderson Parker, aged 50, in the northwestern part of Mount Vernon county, Ky. Boss Parker was also shot twice by his father, once in the head and once in the leg. He will probably die. It is said both were intoxicated. The son was the only child.

A dispatch to the London Daily News from Brussels says that, despite repeated denials, there is reason to believe the report that the king's eldest daughter, the wife of Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg, has eloped with an Austrian officer is true.

Andrade Matro is in custody at New York, accused of having with two others stolen a package of diamonds from George E. Gall, a jeweler of New Orleans.

The Menasha Woodenware Company at Menasha, Wis., the largest concern of its kind in the world, shut down Thursday, throwing out of employment over 600 hands.

Ferdinand Scheik, of Joliet, Ill., died of pneumonia in a foot caused by too close corn-paring.

Adolph Meyer pleaded guilty to setting fire to the tenement house in East Chicago, Hundred and Thirteenth street, last about two weeks ago, and was sentenced to serve twenty years in prison. The fire was set at midnight, and the lives of 43 persons were saved.

CASUALTIES.

Fire destroyed the general store of J. W. Fringle, at Mahlasville, Ind. Loss, \$3,500.

At Eureka, Kas., Edward Hillsberry's three-year-old daughter was burned to death while playing near the kitchen stove.

A large part of the business part of Shell Rock, Iowa, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

The four-year-old daughter of Joseph Bohall, near Oneida, O. T., was burned to death. Her mother was visiting a neighbor.

Joe Richie and John Thomas, stone-masons, were terribly mangled in a premature dynamite explosion, at Frankfort, Ky. One is dead and the other will die.

Mrs. Elizabeth Starr, living near Edwardsburg, Mich., died from blood poisoning, caused by accidentally scratching one of her thumbs with a pin. She was one of the pioneer residents of southern Michigan.

The ice gorge broke and swept away the wharves at Richmond, Va., taking vessels from their moorings and doing other damage. A large tobacco factory was also destroyed.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brohnamann and two sons, Earnest and William, living about five miles west of North Branch, Minn., were suffocated by carbon dioxide, due to a fire in a closed room. A boy 10 years old survives them.

William Beck, a well-to-do farmer residing six miles from Quincy, Ill., is dead from being gored by an angry bull. The animal trampled upon his body and then tossed him over the fence into a pig pen, where the hogs inflicted other injuries.

At Dixon, Ill., C. B. Doyle, an Illinois Central brakeman, was instantly killed. His home was at LaSalle.

FOREIGN.

The pope celebrated mass Sunday before thirty-seven persons representing different nationalities. Afterward he received Cardinal Marco Mocenni.

The plague in India is getting beyond all control. Saturday 114 deaths were reported. Even the vultures on the "Towers of Silence" are dying.

Signor Calileo Frarias, member of the Italian senate, and a well known electrician is dead.

General Wilbraham Oates Lennox of the British army is dead.

The Echo de Paris says that fighting has occurred on the frontier of Siam between the French and the Siamese.

The ship-yards of the Fairfield Shipbuilding company at Govan, near Glasgow, Scotland, have been almost completely destroyed by fire. The damage done is estimated to amount to \$50,000 (\$250,000). Four thousand persons have been thrown out of employment.

Lady William Beresford, formerly duchess of Marlborough, and previously Mrs. Louis Hammersley of New York, has given birth to a son. Mother and child are doing well.

A dispatch to the London Daily Mail from Bombay says the plague has made its appearance as far north as Delhi and as far south as Bangalore.

According to the official returns there have been up to date 5,098 cases of the plague and 3,841 deaths at Bombay. A sugar trust has been formed at Berlin. The trust is outspoken and makes no concealment that its object is to raise the price of sugar.

CRIME.

Henry Keith and Zine Tucker met at Knoxville, Tenn., to settle old love affairs. Tucker asked Keith to produce some letters, which the latter said he would. Keith disappeared in an adjoining room, seized a revolver, and returning, shot Tucker dead. Keith surrendered.

Suicides were epidemic in Chicago Sunday. Three persons—two men and a woman—are dead by their own hands, two others are in a critical condition and the two remaining victims of the mania for self-destruction recovered.

The wife of Robert Cort, a rancher, near Big Timber, Mont., picked up her three small children, rushed to the Yellowstone river and threw the children and herself in. All drowned.

The grand jury at Galesburg, Ill., returned indictments for wife murder against Anson Gregory and for arson against Joe Shafer and Frank Nelson, accused of trying to burn Williamsfield.

John Bishop, a wealthy Cass County, Mich., farmer, committed suicide by taking a dose of poison. The cause of Bishop's suicide was his fear of being sent to prison charged with attempting wife murder.

Howard Shoup, aged 17, of Hebron, Ind., was found dead on the Panhandle railroad tracks near Aylesworth. He was seen last with John Blanchard. Blanchard is missing, and many believe that there was foul play.

Thomas Ash and Jefferson Rynearson were arrested at Greencastle, Ind., on the charge of passing counterfeit money.

Anderson Parker, a farmer of Rock Castle county, Ky., in a drunken rage attacked his wife and fractured her skull with a club. He then shot his son through the wrist and inflicted a scalp wound. The son secured a revolver and killed his father. The rest of the family escaped.

Sneak thieves made a daring raid on the Laketon, Ind., postoffice, this county, and stole over \$300 in money and stamps.

Three men were killed Wednesday in the settlement of a feud between the Price and Partlow families, who resided on adjoining farms in the northern part of Lebanon county, Mo.

James M. Chester, aged 23 years, was arrested at Findlay, Ohio, and confessed bigamy. He married Miss Flora A. Hammond and took his bride on a wedding trip to his mother's at Sycamore, where his wife No. 1 was living at the time.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Union Fire Insurance Company of Indianapolis, Ind., is now in the hands of Receiver Henry L. Smith. He reports \$14 assets, with liabilities of \$13,000.

Cities all over the republic of Mexico celebrated the anniversary of the adoption of the constitution of 1857.

Chief Engineer William S. Smith, U. S. N., died suddenly at Philadelphia. Albert Merritt Billings, founder of the People's Gas Light and Coke Company, Home National Bank and the Home Savings Bank, whose wealth is estimated at \$20,000,000, died at Chicago Sunday.

A revival of industry is beginning in the Monongahela valley, which, it is expected, will result soon in placing every manufacturing plant in full operation. The Homestead Steel Works of the Carnegie Company started up full in all departments, giving employment to 4,000.

The big battleship Indiana, the crack vessel of the American navy, was unable to proceed to Charleston, with the North Atlantic squadron, owing to an accident on board.

The house committee on the library has reported favorably a bill appropriating \$50,000 to erect a statue to commemorate the services of Peter Charles L'Enfant, the engineer who laid out the city of Washington.

Cleveland capitalists have discovered along Swan creek, in Branch county, what are said to be the finest deposits of marl in the United States. Large cement works will be erected at Bronson.

The Valparaiso, Ind., council passed an anti-cigarette law, but the boys kept on smoking. After an inquiry it came out that the cigarettes were brought to the city by the Fort Wayne railway newsboys. There is no help for it.

The Omega, British steamer, outward bound from Hull, England, has signaled Cape Carveiro that the British steamer City of Agra, outward bound from Glasgow, has been lost. The captain of the Agra is on board the Omega.

The condition of Senator Harris is more satisfactory, he being comparatively comfortable. The patient also takes more nourishment than usual. While still very ill, the physicians believe the worst has passed.

Secretary Olney has received from President Eliot of Harvard University an invitation to fill the chair of international law at that institution after the expiration of his term of office in the State Department. The Secretary has taken the offer under consideration.

Colonel Robert A. E. Crofton, Fifteenth Infantry, has been arbitrarily relieved by order of the president.

Senor Arriaga, the Guatemalan minister, has received a cablegram from his home government announcing that there is no revolution or insurrection in Guatemala, and that perfect peace prevails throughout the whole country.

The United States and Hayti Telegraph and Cable company, incorporated, with a capital stock of \$1,800,000, have certified to the secretary of state that one-half of its capital stock has been paid in.

The cotton mills of the Blackstone valley, in Rhode Island, which include the immense manufacturing estates of the Chaces and Goddards, will not enter into any agreement to curtail production for the present at least.

John Lane of Grand Rapids, Mich., in consideration of \$25, has under written agreement, sold and released his wife to James H. Hurst. All concerned are to-day celebrating the event.

Chairman W. R. Sheiby of the Michigan gold democratic committee, has issued the formal call for the state convention, to be held in this city Feb. 24, the day after the Republican convention, in Detroit. Henry Watterson has not yet been heard from, but it is hoped he will be able to come.

Harry Woods, aged 13, was declared insane by a lunacy commission at Vincennes, Ind. He became an inveterate smoker of cigarettes, and as a result, will be sent to the insane asylum.

T. Oliver Hamsher, contractor and builder, was killed by being thrown from a buggy at Monmouth, Ill.

LATEST MARKET REPORTS.

Table with market prices for Chicago, including items like Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Corn, Wheat, Oats, Eggs, Rye, Potatoes, and Butter.

Table with market prices for Detroit, including items like Wheat, Corn, Oats, and Rye.

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Table with market prices for Peoria, including items like Wheat, Corn, Oats, and Rye.

Table with market prices for Milwaukee, including items like Wheat, Corn, Oats, and Rye.

Table with market prices for St. Louis, including items like Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Wheat, Corn, Oats, and Rye.

Table with market prices for New York, including items like Wheat, Corn, Oats, and Rye.

Table with market prices for Kansas City, including items like Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, and Lamb.

THE GREAT VENEZUELAN ARBITRATION VICTORY.

The four men who will arbitrate the Venezuelan question are all eminent jurists. Chief Justice Fuller and Justice Brewer of the United States Supreme court will represent the American side of the controversy, and Great Britain's interests will be looked after by Lord Farrer Herschell and Sir Richard Henn Collins, both members of the Supreme court of Judicature in England. Lord Herschell is one of the judges of the court of appeal, a branch of the Supreme court of Judicature, and is the first lord of his name. He is just 60 years old, and is the son of a clergyman. Herschell passed through University College in London and the University of Bonn, and was called to the bar in 1860. In 1872 he became a queen's counsel and a bencher of Lincoln's Inn. He was appointed recorder of Carlisle in 1873, and he was elected to parliament by the Liberals to represent Durham City. In 1880 Mr. Gladstone made him solicitor general, and he was knighted in the same year. In 1886 he was raised to the peerage, and at the same time became lord high chancellor. He was again made chancellor by Gladstone in 1892, and held the position until 1895, when he resigned to accept his present position on the supreme bench. He is an able judge, highly cultured, and just the man to arbitrate an international question. He has the degree of doctor of laws from Harvard and many other degrees from various universities. The other arbiter selected by England, Sir Richard Henn Collins, is a member of the queen's bench division of the supreme court and is also a member of the railway and canal commission, which is likewise a department of England's high court. Sir Richard was made a judge and a knight but recently, yet he has been one of the big guns of the law courts in Fleet street for many years. He is 55 years old, and was educated at Trinity college, Dublin, and Downing college, Cambridge, where he was graduated with high honors in the classics and the sciences. He began law practice in 1867, and was created queen's counsel in 1883. In both branches of the English law, junior and queen's council, he enjoyed a large practice. He has long been known as a sound and careful lawyer, and since his elevation to the bench, in 1891, he has proved himself a most cap-

sage soon brought England to time. Had it not been for our threat to fight England would have gobbled up the disputed territory long ago. If in future, disputes in which other great questions are involved, a threat to fight it out on our part should be choked off by the existence of a permanent board of arbitration, our dignity as the leading nation would be subjected to many severe jolts.

FEUD MAY DRAW BLOOD.

Deadly Affairs in Oklahoma—Whole Country Stirred Up. Guthrie, O. T., Telegram: W. E. Lurton, E. Lurten and Charles Moore were surrounded near Stroud, sixty miles east of here, by George Graham, his three sons and four other men Thursday and taken bodily into the Creek county. A feud of long standing has existed between the men, and the abduction was doubtless made with the intention of murdering the Lurtens and Moore in revenge for depredations committed against the captors. The citizens of Chandler, in the Sac and Fox agency, have organized a posse and gone in pursuit. Full particulars from Lincoln county show that the outlaws who terrorized the Sac and Fox agency did depredations at the town of Stroud, fifteen miles northeast of Chandler, a few hours before. The reports brought in by deputy marshals to the effect that Gen. Thomas, agent at the Sac and Fox agency, was shot, and that three men had been killed, were incorrect. On Monday the Griffiths gang, composed of six members, gathered at the town of Stroud and terrorized the citizens. They ordered everybody inside the house and school closed and locked, declaring that a bloody battle would shortly take place. For two days Stroud was in a state of siege and few people ventured out. Wednesday, while Deputy Jim Furber, Henry Lurten, Everett Lurten and Charles Moore were entering Stroud they were ambushed by the Griffiths gang, eight in number. Twenty shots were fired, but no one was killed. Four of the Griffiths rode hurriedly away to Sac and Fox, where they caused the excitement already mentioned. The four remaining outlaws then captured the two Lurtens, Furber

ICE GORGE BREAKS UP.

MUCH DAMAGE REPORTED AT LOUISVILLE, KY.

New Orleans and Memphis Packets Caught—Both the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers Are Full of Floating Ice—Coal to Be Moved.

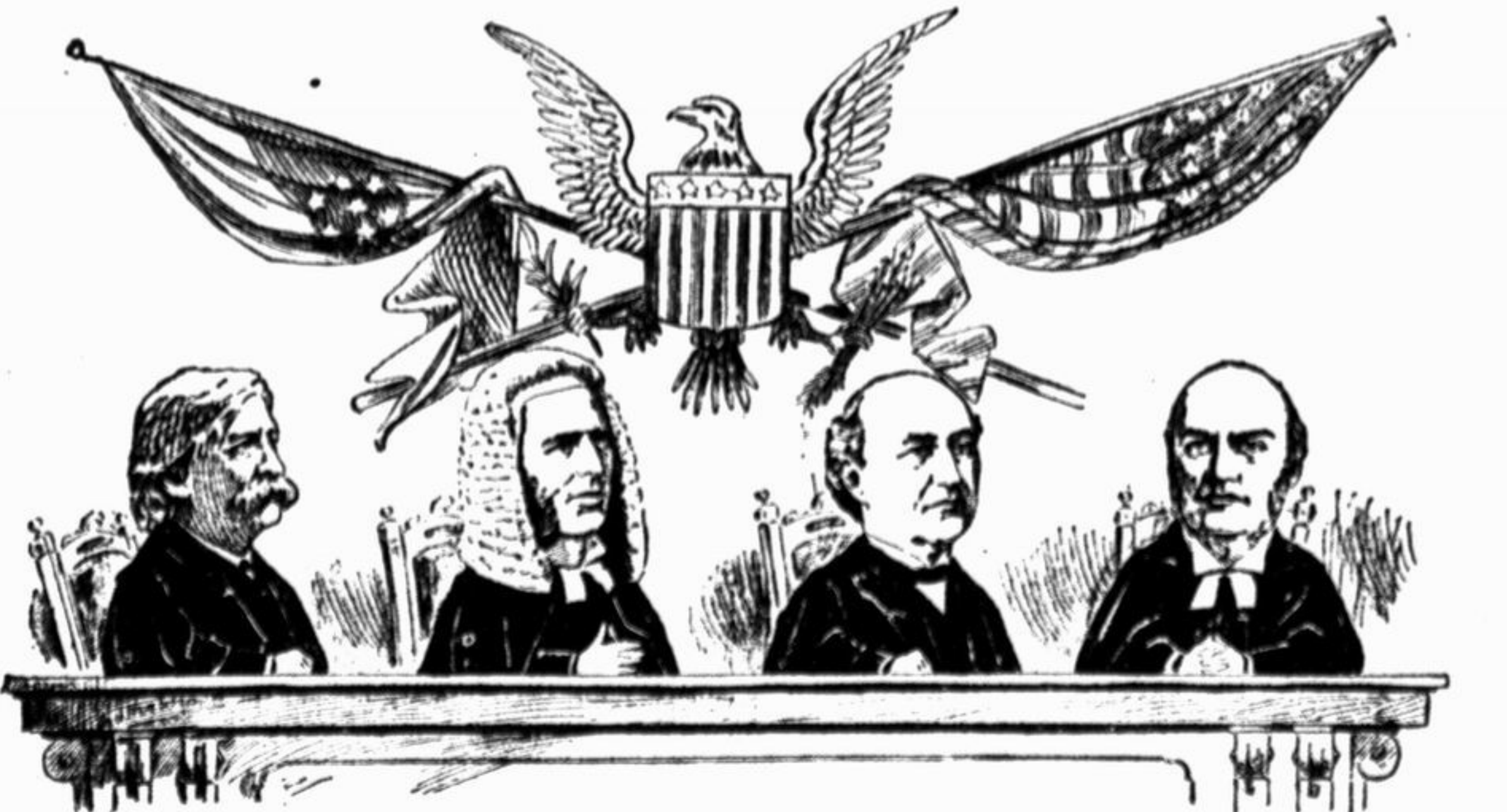
Louisville, Ky., Special: An ice gorge fifteen feet high and twenty miles long, which has been forming for several days, gave way Sunday afternoon. Several New Orleans and Memphis packets have been caught in the ice and compelled to lie up. If these have not succeeded in finding refuge in tributaries the loss may be large. A telephone message from the scene states that the Buckeye State ran into Blue river to escape the ice. The water in Blue river quickly rose with the passing of the gorge and quickly receded, leaving the steamer stranded on the shore. Her pilot-house and smokestacks were demolished and it is now thought she will be a total loss. Her value is \$40,000.

PENNSYLVANIA RIVERS RISING.

Good Boating Stages Now Assured in the Allegheny and Monongahela. Pittsburg, Pa., Special: Both the Allegheny and the Monongahela rivers are full of floating ice and are rising rapidly, but a dangerous flood is not apprehended. A good boating stage of water is assured, however, and between seven and ten million bushels of coal will be shipped to southern points at once. Several tows were made up and started, but had to lay up because of the ice. The Monongahela above Brownsville and the Allegheny above Kittanning are still frozen over, and as the weather is getting colder they will probably not break up at this time.

WEYLER'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Horse Shot Under the Spanish General by a Cuban Sharpshooter. New York, Special: A Key West special to the World says: "As General Weyler was marching with his columns just before entering Santa Clara his horse was shot under him by a Cuban sharpshooter. It is supposed the shot came from a distant hillside. Throughout the march from Rodas the captain-general was assailed by missiles of this kind, and several times barely escaped being wounded. He is greatly worried over it, and large scouting parties precede the advance of the Spanish columns to capture the daring marauders. "A Spanish force of 5,000 was am-



Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller. Right Hon. Lord Herschell. Justice David J. Brewer. Sir Richard Henn Collins. MEMBERS OF THE ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL.

able and discriminating judge. Like his associate on the arbitration board, Sir Richard won his way from the bottom round of the ladder, and owes his present lofty position to pure merit, unmixed of political influence. No less interesting, though more familiar, are the stories of the rise of the two jurists who will represent America on the arbitration board. Chief Justice Fuller is as high up as he can get in the American judiciary. From the position of a humble lawyer in Augusta, Me., he rose steadily in his profession, and continued to rise after his removal to Chicago in 1856. He was one of the profoundest jurists in the United States when President Cleveland made him chief justice in 1888. Harvard, Northwestern and Bowdoin have honored him with their degrees. Justice Brewer was appointed to the supreme bench in 1889 by President Harrison. For many years he had been a supreme judge of Kansas, and his decisions were noted for their fairness and wisdom. In 1884 he became a federal judge, and was advanced to the supreme court of the United States. The court will proceed to business at an early date. What if it should decide that England's contention in Venezuela must be satisfied? The Monroe doctrine would thereby be indirectly placed at naught, and the new difference that would arise, would go before the general arbitration treaty—if the United States senate ratifies the Pauncefoote-Olney agreement. It is likely, however, that there will be no ratification. With no other treaty or alliance in the way, the Venezuelan dispute can be settled in a manner satisfactory to the defenders of the Monroe doctrine. It will be remembered that at first England refused to submit the dispute to arbitration. She would have maintained her position had it not been for President Cleveland's special and warlike message to congress. The mes-

and Moore, bound them and hurried them away to the Creek country. Two posess of deputies have left Chandler to intercept the Griffiths. A report received says old man Henry Lurten has been lynched and Everett Lurten and Moore shot. At this writing the latter report cannot be confirmed. The whole eastern country is stirred up.

PENSION AGENCIES DROPPED.

Nine Important Offices Will Be Consolidated. Washington, Dispatch: The President has signed, on the recommendation of Secretary of the Interior Francis, an important order reducing the number of pension agencies in the United States from eighteen to nine. The object of the order is to effect a very large saving to the government without inconveniencing the pensioners. The Secretary demonstrates that by this reduction of the pension agencies the cost of distributing pensions can be reduced by at least \$150,000 per annum. The change was made possible by an amendment to the law governing the disbursing of pensions which was approved March 23, 1896. It required that all pensioners should, after that date, be paid by checks remitted by mail.

Newspaper Man Arrested.

Washington, Special: Consul-General Lee has telegraphed the state Department from Havana as follows: "Sylvester Scovel, World correspondent, arrested at Tunas, Santa Clara province." Sylvester Scovel is the only New York newspaper correspondent who has been for any length of time with the Cuban army in the field. He is a son of the Rev. D. R. Scovel, president of Wooster (O.) university. Some months ago, it is alleged, Gen. Weyler offered \$10,000 reward for the capture of Scovel.

WANTS NO CABINET PLACE.

Mr. Goff Declines Maj. McKinley's Offer—Wilson at Canton. Canton, Ohio, Special: The usual Sunday quiet prevailed at the McKinley home. Congressman Wilson had a half-hour's talk with the major before leaving for the east in the afternoon. He had little to say except that his mission was not of national importance. The best information is that Mr. Goff will not be in the cabinet; that he has arrived at this conclusion for personal reasons after two weeks' consideration. Judge Goff has written a letter to this effect to Maj. McKinley. His withdrawal brings up for reconsideration by the president-elect the whole question of who shall represent the south in the cabinet. It is safe to say his mind is not made up on this subject, and that he would be greatly relieved if Judge Goff, even at this late date, could be induced to alter his decision, which, it may be stated, is not expressed in absolutely final terms. J. J. McCook of New York is now considered probable for attorney-general.

Gold Found in Calcite Rock.

Custer, S. D., Special: Gold has been found in limestone ten miles west of Custer. Assays show the ore to run from \$16 to \$175 to the ton. During the last six weeks about 200 assays have been made from ore of the limestone. In every instance gold was found from a trace to \$9 a ton. There are at least 2,000 square miles of limestone exposed in the Black Hills. Gold is found so seldom in alkaline earths that this deposit is a great curiosity to mineralogists. Gold is usual in siliceous or volcanic rocks.