

MR. WILSON VERY SICK

His Condition Takes a Sudden Turn for the Worse.

May Not Be Able to Leave Kansas City in a Week or More—His Physicians Extremely Anxious, but Fear Only Other Complications—Mrs. Wilson With Her Husband.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 12.—Last night a change for the worse came in the condition of Congressman W. L. Wilson, who arrived in this city Saturday, enroute to Mexico. Mr. Wilson caught a severe cold and suffered with a chill while on his way from Washington to Chicago last week. Against the advice of his physician, he left Chicago Friday night and came to Kansas City to fill an appointment to speak here Saturday evening Dr. Purvis positively forbade his leaving the hotel.

Sunday he felt better, and in the afternoon the doctor thought Mr. Wilson could continue his journey Tuesday, but last night the great tariff reformer was attacked by a high fever and is now a very sick man if he will be able to leave here this week.

Mr. Wilson is stopping at the Coates house. His wife is with him, and everything possible is being done to aid the sufferer, and although the physicians in charge say that Mr. Wilson will pull through unless more serious complications arise, it is plainly evident that they are exceedingly anxious.

LOVE'S WESTERN LAND VENTURE

The Watkins Bank's Money Probably Sunk at Muncie, Ind.

MUNCIE, Ind., Feb. 12.—Secretary George W. Love of the Western Improvement company of West Muncie and a cousin of J. W. Love, the absconding defaulter of the Watkins, N. Y., National bank, yesterday said his cousin was one of seven owners of the \$500,000 capital stock of the company, but that only \$100,000 has been paid in and he has only invested about \$4,000 in cash and that his actions will not impair the interests of the corporation. The company is composed of New York men who purchased a fine tract of land four miles from this city, built an elegant summer hotel, artificial lake, located factories, built streets and made improvements with a view of selling town lots. The venture has not been a success financially, and the story that John Love likely lost a large amount of cash here is generally credited. George Love says his cousin was afflicted and might have lost his mind.

Keith's Concerts for Charity.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 12.—The most successful charity concert ever given in this city was held last night in Keith's Opera house. It was the fourth in the series of six concerts in aid of the poor, arranged by Mr. Keith for the various theatres in his circuit. The programme was a notable one, and a handsome sum will be turned over to the organized charities. Mr. Keith's Philadelphia theatre gives the fifth in the series, and his Union Square theatre in New York the sixth and last, on Sunday, Feb. 25. The total fund netted from these entertainments will exceed \$5,000.

Robbed an Old Maid of Her Fortune.

PERU, Ind., Feb. 12.—Mrs. Michael Heenan has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment for robbing Miss Mary Reuley, an old maid, of her home and fortune. They were neighbors, and Mrs. Heenan, disguised as a gypsy fortune-teller, worked upon the feelings of the old maid at each of her many visits, and at last got all her money and finally a deed for property. Mrs. Heenan was arrested, proved to have played the gypsy, and sentenced to one year in prison. A new trial was granted and has just ended by a verdict of two years, given by a Loganport jury.

Awful Charge of Cruelty.

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 12.—Andrew Smith, a Poland, told a horrible tale of cruelty before Alderman DeLauney yesterday. He has brought suit against Charles Black, Anthony Peacock, Frank Partiluna, Alexander Zorridge and Powell Carpage, charging them with seating him naked upon a red-hot stove and holding him there despite his shrieks of agony as long as they could endure the odor of burning flesh. Smith exhibited the scars left by the burns and they are horrible. The accused were held for court.

Hon. C. J. M. Gwinn Dead.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 12.—Ex-Archbishop General C. J. M. Gwinn is dead, after an illness of ten days. Gwinn was a prominent adviser of Senator Gorman and stood closer to him probably than any other man. He was born in October, 1822.

To Return at Reduced Wages.

WAREFIELD, Mass., Feb. 12.—About 30 of the molders at the Smith & Anthony shoe foundry, who two months ago refused to accept a reduction of wages, will go to work on to-morrow morning at a reduction of about 8 per cent.

Niagara's Second Ice Bridge.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 12.—The rare case of an ice bridge forming on two successive winters in the Niagara gorge below the falls is witnessed to-day. The bridge is composed mainly of slush ice, and is frozen very solid.

Death of E. S. Hawley.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 12.—E. S. Hawley, aged 84, an old and respected resident of this city, died yesterday. His family is one of the oldest in the city. He left a very large estate.

AS FROM THE GRAVE

Negro Purvis' Reception at His Parents' Home.

In Charge of a Deputy Sheriff, the Man Who so Miraculously Escaped Death on the Gallows Wednesday, Visits His Father and Mother—Sentiment Changing in His Favor.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 10.—A Purvis, Miss., special city: M. Q. McLellan, deputy sheriff of this place, passed through here last evening with Will Purvis, the young white cap who was to have been executed on last Wednesday, but who escaped by some means not well understood by everybody. Many persons of a superstitious nature think the breaking of the rope was a special act of providence to save his life in order that more facts in the case might be developed in the future.

Purvis was being carried to Hattiesburg for safe keeping until the sheriff could obtain official information in regard to his disposal. There has been a radical change in the minds of the people in regard to his guilt since the attempt at his execution on last Wednesday. It is believed now by nearly everyone that he is an innocent man and that the real murderer of Will Buckley is still at large.

When the deputy sheriff arrived here with him the people, in order to get a glimpse of the young man who had escaped death so miraculously, crowded the waiting room almost to suffocation. He was brought from Columbia, a distance of 32 miles and allowed to stop at his father's house which is on the road. His parents received him almost as one who had arisen from the dead. The prisoner was in fine spirits, looked fat and was well dressed, having on the same suit in which he was dressed when he mounted the scaffold expecting to die.

OFF FOR RONCADOR REEF.

The City of Para to Bring Back the Kearsarge's Crew.

COLON, Feb. 10.—The steamer City of Para sailed at noon for Roncador reef to take aboard the officers and crew of the United States warship Kearsarge, which went on the rocks last Friday. She was chartered for the voyage by the United States government. As Roncador reef is about 300 miles from this port, the City of Para probably will not be back before Sunday afternoon.

Albany Burgess Corps in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The Albany Burgess corps, of Albany, N. Y., arrived in Washington about 5 o'clock last evening from New Orleans, where they had been in attendance upon the Marli Gras. There are 146 in the party. The visitors were met at the station by General Tracey, congressman from the Albany district, and a detachment from the National Fencibles, and escorted to the white house, where they were presented to President Cleveland. The president is a life member of this company and gave his fellow soldiers a hearty handshake. From the white house and serenaded Senator Hill, who responded with a felicitous address. The corps then proceeded to the Arlington hotel where General Tracey resides. Here they dined. The corps left at midnight for home.

His Death Causes Suspicion.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Feb. 10.—John Ostram died at the home of his nephew, Jay Dennison, in the village of Orwell, this county, ten days ago. Hiram Ostram was satisfied that the circumstances surrounding the death of his brother were not all right, and he laid the matter before Coroner Nelson, who is conducting an investigation behind closed doors. The deceased was 87 years old. It is said that there was an insurance policy for a large sum on his life. The investigation has created a great sensation in the neighborhood.

Democratic Campaign Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The democratic congressional campaign committee met last evening in the room of the house committee on labor and effected a permanent organization. Senator Faulkner, of West Virginia, was unanimously elected chairman; Lawrence Gardner, of Washington, secretary, and James L. Norris, of Washington, treasurer. A resolution was adopted authorizing the chairman to appoint an executive committee of fifteen members—five senators and ten representatives.

Princess Colonna Not on the Trave

QUARANTINE, S. I., Feb. 10.—It was thought possible that the Princess Colonna, Mrs. John W. Mackay's daughter, might be among the passengers on the steamer Trave, which arrived last night from Bremen via Southampton. The name of the princess, however, does not appear on the passenger list, and the officers of the steamer when questioned, said the princess had not taken passage on the vessel.

Colt's Big Factory Burned.

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 12.—Colts Patent Firearms Manufacturing company's factory was partially destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon, involving a loss of nearly \$500,000, with insurance of \$200,000. Five hundred men are temporarily made idle.

Bishop Spalding Going to Rome.

ROME, Feb. 12.—Bishop Spalding, of Peoria, Ill., will start on Wednesday for Naples, whence he will proceed to Sicily. He will visit Rome again before returning to the United States.

Polymaths Pardoned.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The president has pardoned the following persons: ...

ITS EFFECT IN THE SOUTH.

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In the senate there may be some renewal of the Hawaiian debate, as Senator Daniels and Senator Gray, the latter a member of the committee on foreign relations, have given notice of speeches on that subject, which will not probably be deferred until the report of the committee is made. The Berry bill requiring railroads in the Indian territory to stop at townsites is the unfinished business. An adjournment over from Thursday till the following Monday is to be expected in order to give the committee now engaged in the revision of the tariff bill further opportunity to complete their labor. In the event that the committee on the judiciary takes up the Peckham nomination at to-day's meeting there may be a short but savage contest in executive session.

BRUTAL WHITE CAPS.

A Woman Shamefully Beaten—Numerous Acts of Cruelty.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—A special from Louisville, Ky., to the Sun, says: Mercer county white caps have whipped five or six men, killed one man, whipped one woman and made raids on a large number of farmhouses in Mercer and Washington counties in the last six months. The whipping of the woman, Mrs. Sam Milton, was on Wednesday night last. A party of fifty men broke open the door of Milton's house, and a dozen leveled their guns at Milton, who was sitting by the fire listening to a music box. Then the outlaws pulled his wife from her bed and tore her clothes from her and whipped her until she was unconscious. They left, saying she was not living the life of a true wife, and they wanted this to be a warning to other faithless wives. The circuit court is in session and Judge M. C. Saufley has instructed the grand jury to ferret out the white caps, even if it is necessary to extend the term of the grand jury.

Gave Them a Great Fright.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Feb. 12.—The inhabitants of the town of Westmont had the worst scare they have had since the South Fork dam broke and carried death and destruction through the valley of the Conemaugh. Westmont is situated on the mountain side five hundred feet above the valley, and its water supply is drawn from an artificial dam 100 feet higher up the mountain. Saturday night the dam broke and the familiar and terrible sound of the rush of the water down the mountain side awoke sleeping villagers and sent them rushing in a panic into the streets of the town. Fortunately the volume of water in the dam was insufficient to do any harm.

Will Resign as Prefect.

ROME, Feb. 12.—The report published last week that Cardinal Ledochowski was about to resign his office as prefect of the Propaganda Fide has been confirmed. His retirement is due to differences between him and the French ambassador as regards the Vatican's policy towards France. Ledochowski was archbishop of Gnesen, Prussia, at the beginning of the Kulturkampf, but, after having been prosecuted, fined and imprisoned, he left the country. Recently he was conciliated by Emperor William.

That Mysterious Black Sloop.

NORFOLK, L. I., Feb. 10.—The robbery of the Fort Salonga, L. I., postoffice Thursday night is thought to have been committed by a gang of five men who have been sailing along the shore of Long Island in a black sloop for the past year, dodging into coves and harbors after night and robbing the stores and offices of the villages.

Rev. Father Casey Dead.

ERIE, Pa., Feb. 10.—The Very Rev. Father T. A. Casey, vicar general of the Catholic diocese of Erie, died last evening at the age of 48.

THE WEEK IN CONGRESS

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INGALLS AMONG THE PENITENTS.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 10.—When evangelist Sam Jones called for penitents at the gospel tabernacle in this city where he is holding a revival, the first person in the line of those who went forward to take his intended palm was no less a personage than Hon. James Ingalls, of Kansas. Mr. Ingalls has been in Nashville several days and will lecture here. His presence at the tabernacle was conspicuous, and it was noticed that he took a deep interest, several times laughing and joining in other demonstrations as the unique Georgia preacher continued his remarks. "I endorse every word you say," he remarked earnestly as he grasped the evangelist's hand.

Buying Right of Way.

SEQUEHANNA, Pa., Feb. 10.—The right of way for the Lehigh, Catskill Mountain & Boston railroad is being purchased through Delaware and Schoharie counties of New York, and work will soon be begun. The road will run from the Pennsylvania coal fields, crossing the New York, Lake Erie & Western road at Deposit, N. Y., thence to or near Albany, where it will connect with the Fitchburg road for Boston and other points east. It will be an independent road and not a connecting link between the Ontario & Western and the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western.

Rumors from Rome.

ROME, Feb. 10.—It is rumored in German circles here that Cardinal Ledochowski, prefect of the congregation of the Propaganda Fide, is about to resign that office on the pretext that his health will not permit him to fulfill its duties. The rumor has it that the true reason for his resignation is that there is a radical difference between himself and the French ambassador to the vatican, Count de Béhaine, regarding the policy of the church in France.

Gold Reserve Again Intact.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The gold reserve in the treasury is again intact. It reached that condition when the gold received from the recent bond issue swelled the gold beyond the \$100,000,000 mark. On Aug. 10 last the gold in the treasury stood at \$103,000,000, since which date it has gradually declined, reaching its lowest point of \$84,000,000 on Tuesday last, when the gold received from the sale of bonds was transferred into the treasury cash.

Rosebery Favors the Gouty Lords.

PARIS, Feb. 10.—The Eclair says that Lord Rosebery, British foreign minister, twice recently offered to resign. It adds that his resignation is held in abeyance only until Mr. Gladstone's return to England. According to the Eclair, Lord Rosebery differs with Mr. Gladstone on the British foreign policy and on the agitation against the house of lords.

North Atlantic Naval Station.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The wreck of the Kearsarge leaves the North Atlantic naval station in a very impoverished condition. The other ships attached to it are the Monitor, Miantonomah, the dynamite cruiser Vestalis, and the gunboat Machias, and the last named is to be placed out of commission in a few days.

Mrs. Lange to be Imprisoned.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Mrs. Minnie Lange, convicted of conspiracy with her husband of attempt to defraud the Mutual Reserve Fund Life association in collecting \$3,000 on a policy on Lange's life, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Barbour Flax Mill Resumes.

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 10.—The Barbour flax spinning company, which employs 500 men, women and girls, has given notice that its Grand street mill, which has been working three days a week for the past few months, will resume on full time next Monday.

Off on a Short Sea Voyage.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The light house tender Maple left here at 11 o'clock this morning for Fort Monroe, Va. She carries as guests secretary and Mrs. Casfile, Assistant Secretary Hamlin and his sister, Miss Hamlin, Miss Berry, daughter of Representative Berry, of Kentucky, and Mr. Logan Carlisle. The party expects to return on Tuesday or Wednesday. Secretary Carlisle, who is worn out from overwork, prefers taking this trip to a longer one, to recuperate his health.