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### THE FLOODS.

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ST. LOUIS, May 17.—The upper Mississippi is fast big where Alton, Ill., and the Missouri from Kansas City to St. Charles is on the decline, but the local service reports heavy rains in Kansas last night and says that another downpour will reach the lower Missouri and central Mississippi valleys from the north tonight. This will not only check any fall that may set in, but will cause another rise and add still more water to the immense volume that is now rushing down the great rivers and carrying destruction and desolation with it. It is impossible to predict what the result will be, but the outlook is gloomy in the extreme. Conservative estimates now place the area under water in the section surrounding St. Louis at 400 square miles of fertile farm lands. Fifty odd families are out of their home. The main suffering is in Alton bottom and on Missouri land, where every living thing was given to higher land. In the former locality nearly 500 recipients gathered on the bluffs. Southern Illinois is under water. In St. Louis county business houses were done to farming lands. The crops are ruined over hundreds of acres of land.

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### A HARD LABOR FIGHT.

### Immense Proportions of the Granite Laborers' Strike.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The strike of the men connected with the granite industry against the New England Contractors' association is rapidly assuming large proportions. It was estimated that 10,000 men were out at the hour for beginning today's work.

The building business is completely prostrated, very few men being employed in the Harlem river and New York city besides those with boycotted stone. The tombstone and monument industry is also affected today. Wherever non-union stone is used the men are ordered to refuse to handle it. This attack on the monument industry will be extended to all parts of the country. It is believed this branch alone will take out 5000 men.

Committees are out today to investigate all jobs going on with instructions to call out the men wherever non-union stone is used. It is expected that within a few days fully 100,000 men will be on strike.

### THE STRIKE SPREADING.

The great strike in the stone industry continues to spread today. Neither employes or employers showed any signs of giving up the fight. Although it is only begun, it is said there are now fully 75,000 men idle throughout the country in consequence of the general lockout.

The number of men idle in this city and Brooklyn is said to be about 10,000. It is estimated that about 50,000 men stopped work today in various parts of the country.

### CONGRESS.

### The Naval Appropriation Bill in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, May 17. — Senator Chandler introduced a bill to authorize the designation of certain vessels owned as vessels of the United States. Referred to the committee on commerce. The preamble recites that Austin Corbin of New York and his associates propose to organize a company, to be known as the American Steamship company, with a capital of at least $10,000,000, for the purpose of purchasing and constructing first-class passenger steamers to run between New York and a port or ports of Great Britain, and provides that all the vessels owned by such company, of not less than 5000 tons capacity of speed not less than 19 knots per hour, acquired by purchase or otherwise after the passage of the act shall be entitled to receive American registers in accordance with the conditions of the act of May 10, 1892, provided that the company shall show to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that it has built or contracted to have built, in an American ship yard, of a vessel of equal or greater tonnage with such foreign built ship, also provided that the register shall be issued to a foreign built ship until the company shall have acquired, and applied for the registry of at least two such foreign built ships, with the specified capacity and speed.

The naval appropriation bill was then taken up, the pending question being the provision for an increased navy.

Senator McPherson, who Friday last offered an amendment to strike out the House provision for an armored cruiser and the Senate provision for a battleship, and provide for three, instead of one, harbor defense double-turreted, monitor type, modified his amendment, leaving the number of monitors at one.

Senator Higgins (Del.) favored an increase of the navy, even if it involved an increase of the national debt.

Senator Vilas said that the amount of naval appropriations now imposed on the country might not improperly be described as appalling, and he did not think that the Senate should go further than the House bill, even under present circumstances than the House bill provided.

Senator Vest said he would vote against the proposed increase in every shape and form.

Senator Allison (Ia.), chairman of the appropriations committee, asked the Democratic senators to indicate what statutes they would like to repeal in order to reduce the appropriations for sundry civil.

Senator Vest replied that he would repeal the sugar bounty law and the postal subsidy bill.

Senator Allison calculated the amount that would save at about $8,000,000, and said that the country was asked to elect a Democratic President and Senate in order that the sugar bounty and the postal subsidy laws might be repealed.

Senator Vest replied that that would just suit his case.

Senator Allison referred to the condition of the public treasury, and, among other things, said to the Democratic senators that they owed the sinking fund at this time "$14 has $24,000,000" to its credit, and the chances are that before the end of the fiscal year every dollar that ought to be applied to it for the year, or within a few millions at least, will be applied to it. When the fiscal year ends we will have, instead of bankruptcy, twenty-five millions surplus, and probably $20,000,000. That is the latest estimate, and I have no doubt that we will. I will venture my six cents on the twenty-five millions and say that every requirement of the treasury will have been satisfied, and that there will be twenty-five millions surplus on July 1st next."

Senator Mills (Tex.) said that the report of the Secretary of the Treasury did not coincide with Senator Allison's statement so to the surplus.

Senator Hawley (Conn.) said that issue of our warships could go out to sea to fight.

Finally a vote was taken on the motion to table Senator McPherson's amendment. Rejected—yeas 18, nays 30, as follows:

Yeas—Senators Berry, Blodgett, Carlisle, Cockrell, Coke, Faulkner, Hill, Kyle, McPherson, Mills, Palmer, Pasco, Peffer, Pettigrew, Pugh, Turpie, Vilas and Voorhees.

Nays—Senators Allen, Allison, Butler, Casey, Chandler, Davis, Dennis, Dolph, Felton, Frye, Hale, Hansbrough, Hawley, Higgins, Jones, Morgan, Mitchell, Mitchell, Morgan, Paddock, Perkins, Proctor, Quay, Ransom, Sanders, Shoup, Stanford, Teller and Wilson—30.

Senator Morgan (Ala.) offered an amendment providing that if harbor defense ships to be built on the Pacific coast be allowance of 5 per cent should be made on its cost to the contractor in addition to the contract price, to cover the cost of transportation of material. Agreed to without a division.

The question recurred on the amendment reported by the committee on appropriation.

Senator Cockrell (Mo.) spoke in opposition on the ground that there was no absolute necessity for the new vessels contemplated, and that the condition of the treasury did not justify such an expenditure.

Without coming to a vote on the question the Senate adjourned.

### BILLS REPORTED IN THE HOUSE.

In the House the committee on judiciary reported favorably and the House passed a bill for the relief of Mutchler, of Penn., calling on the attorney-general for information which would authorize proceedings against the Reading railroad company. The following bill, among others, was reported and placed on the calendar: For the survey of a ship canal to connect Lake Erie and the Ohio River.

The regular order was taken up, despite the effort of Holman to proceed with the sundry civil bill, the question being on the adoption of the conference report. It was referred to the committee on rules and the House went into committee of the whole on the sundry civil bill.

Pickler, of S. D., moved to increase the appropriation to meet the expenses of protecting timber on the public lands from $125,000 to $250,000.

During the discussion of this motion Otis, of Kansas, Bowers, of California, and Snodgrass, of Tennessee, engaged in a spirited controversy as to whether the law was efficiently executed. Bowers and Snodgrass had a difference as to a statement that was made by the former, of which Snodgrass intended him to make, and, although the lie was not passed, the "I did not," and "You didn't" so far argument was indulged in to the amusement of the members.

Pending action on the bill the committee rose and the House adjourned.

### The Reading Stage Robbery.

HANFORD, CAL., May 17.—The stage robbery of Saturday night is still the topic of conversation. Posses of armed men and boys were engaged in the capture of the wounded robber, who was brought in yesterday, and whose name is given as George Shaw. His gun, an old muzzle-loader, has been found, and a man named Harkell was carrying it. Yesterday party swerving down hill it by east the robber walking leisurely along the river on the side of the canyon. They shouted to him and he began to run, going around the sand, and as he ran he dropped the iron flame Haskell told him to throw up his hands. He turned around and threw the flame up, when a man named Hall seized him. While sending him to Shasta he was killed against his companions. He said, "They have robbed me and I have left me to die." He robbed his companions, and his remarks lend color to the story that there were three robbers. The wounded robber was shot all night in the race. His identity has been established and the officers think they have a correct description of one of his companions, who was seen with him in Hanford, Mountain and was known as "Arizona Pete." It was thought the captured robber would get well, but a change took place for the worse, and it is thought the first other officers are here working on clews. He now states that not over $600 was taken from the box, and it was principally in gold dust.

### Inflammable Bottoms.

The progress of science is not without its dangers, as the following shows, which is kind. The experiments of a preparation of solidified gasoline, as a substitute for fuel, have caused the bottom of a certain chemist, who has long been known to be absorbed with a certain amount of gas. Under some conditions the compound is inflammable, and the chemist, who is generally as inflammable, Mr. C. V. Dyke, of the Royal College of Science, has published a letter, addressed to a popular scientific journal, which reads: "Dear Sir—Who would standing near a fire, the flame herself suddenly surrounded in smoke, and a portion of the gas ignited, I quickly perceived that my trousers had too hard baby blaze. The fire originated when a large lump, before had been, which had disappeared.

Notwithstanding the great inflammability of one of the bottoms, the degree of this state of inflammability is dangerous to such a place and to such a man, placed in such a place, and in such a place, and in such a place, and