

FORTY-FOURTH YEAR.

A CAREFUL CORONER.

Reasons for Moving Slowly With the Inquests on the Johnstown Victims.

NO TIME FOR PREJUDICES.

The Verdict Must Be Fair, and Accuse Nobody Unjustly.

IMPORTANT EVIDENCE BROUGHT OUT.

Testimony of Two Men Who Saw the Dam Break—They Never Saw the Water Rise so Rapidly—The Feeling of the Johnstown People—Destructive Appearance of the Dam as to the Volume of Water It Contained—What the Jury Saw Yesterday—Another Adjournment Till Thursday—Conference of the Governor With the Local Finance Committee—The Boroughs Favor the Consolidation Scheme.

Coroner Evans is moving slowly with his inquest for the purpose of securing a full and fair investigation of the causes of the break of the South Fork dam and the extent of the responsibility as far as possible. The jury doesn't intend to be influenced by those who feel indignant at the amount of property destroyed and the terrible loss of life, but, on the other hand, it doesn't mean to shirk their responsibility.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. JOHNSTOWN, July 1.—Coroner Evans and the jury viewed the South Fork dam to-day, and took the testimony of two witnesses. Before the jury left Johnstown I overheard a prominent business man remark: "Why does Coroner Evans go so much trouble before the verdict is rendered? Everybody knows the dam was always unsafe, and that settles it."

Coroner Evans may have his own opinions about the safety of that lake, but he is doing nothing rashly. He is proceeding slowly and according to law with the inquest. Naturally, the people of Johnstown feel bitterly against the men who maintained such dangerous fishing grounds. You can scarcely find a man in the town who doesn't think they ought to be held responsible financially.

THE UNIVERSAL FEELING.

The feeling, to tell the truth, is universal and strong against the South Fork Fishing Club, or somebody else unknown, who backed the dam enterprise. Even the jurymen find it a difficult matter to try aside their prejudices, and with the people discussing them how to decide, they realize they have a very ticklish task to perform. On the one side is the immense loss of life and property that the treacherous lake has caused; on the other is the phenomenal rainfall, and whether or not the catastrophe was produced by causes and forces over which humanity has no control.

A SECRET SEANCE.

Held by Governor Beaver, General Hastings and the Johnstown Local Finance Committee—The Registration Unsatisfactory. JOHNSTOWN, July 1.—Governor Beaver, General Hastings and the Local Finance Committee held a secret seance to-day. General Hastings said after the meeting that the little gathering had been entirely harmonious, and no explanations were formulated. They agreed to attend to the dam work on the 15th of this month. The Governor will hurry up the Chicago houses, and Master Carpenter Hughes was instructed to build 100 two-story structures for the dam, and more will be added if they are needed.

DECEITFULNESS OF THE DAM.

At a distance the dam looks insignificant enough, and more than one man, deceived by its gigantic proportions, wondered how it could have done so much damage; but, when one stands on the bank and looks down into the great basin, that is sufficient. The jury had this experience, but it didn't take them long to discover that the reservoir held a large body of water. Against the breast of the dam the ravine is narrow and deep, but up the valley in front of the club house it widens out and covers considerable ground. Just above the dam is a short curve, and standing on top of the reservoir the observer can get a full view of the basin.

CONSOLIDATION IN FAVOR.

All the Boroughs Heard From With a Joyful Acclamation. JOHNSTOWN, July 1.—The question of consolidating the boroughs was discussed this afternoon, at the conference of the committee elected. East Conemaugh, Franklin, Upper Elder, Morrellville and Walnut Grove were represented. Those present passed resolutions recommending consolidation and appointed A. J. Maxham, Colonel J. F. Lister, and G. T. Swank a committee to study plans. The conference adjourned for another meeting on Friday, July 6. It is hoped all the places interested will be represented.

THE OFFICIAL NOTE.

Returns on the Prohibition and Suffrage Amendment as Forwarded to the Secretary of State—The Figures Show.

HARRISBURG, July 1.—The official returns from the various counties have been received at the office of the Secretary of State. There is but little change from the figures as originally given, although the majority against the suffrage amendment has grown somewhat. The following are the particulars:

Table with columns: County, Prohibition Amendment (For, Against), Suffrage Amendment (For, Against). Lists counties like Adams, Allegheny, Armstrong, Berks, Berks, Blair, Bucks, Cambria, Carbon, Chester, Clearfield, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Erie, Forest, Fulton, Huntingdon, Jefferson, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mifflin, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Northumberland, Perry, Potter, Schuylkill, Snyder, Somerset, Susquehanna, Union, Warren, Wayne, Westmoreland, Wyoming, York.

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THAT MOW JURY.

Is Now at Work on Another Interesting Murder Trial. CHARLESTON, S. C., July 1.—On the 9th of March last, three days before Captain Dawson was killed, William Munsmann's throat was cut from ear to ear on King street, this city, by John Weir, a factory operative. The murder was the result of a quarrel between the two men. Weir, a general sealer took place in the street Weir almost severed Munsmann's head from his body with a razor. The trial of Weir began to-day before Judge Kerash.

A COLORADO TOWN IN DANGER.

Durango is Being Wiped Out by the Devouring Flames. DURANGO, COLO., July 1.—At 3 this afternoon a fire broke out in the south part of the city, and in an incredibly short time the flames, assisted by a strong wind, spread in every direction, leaping from building to building, until, at this writing, half of the town is in ashes. Every business house and public building in the city, with the exception of the postoffice and Strater's Hotel, is burned to the ground. The wind is still blowing and the fire is entirely beyond control. The threatened and may soon go. What the final result will be cannot now be foretold.

THEY CANNOT COMPROMISE.

Trinity Church Must Pay \$1,000 for Importing a Preacher Under Contract. WASHINGTON, July 1.—The Attorney General has given an opinion to the Secretary of the Treasury expressing grave doubts as to the authority of the latter under section 5609, revised statutes, to compromise a case arising under the alien labor contract law. The question arose on the offer of the officers of the Church of the Holy Trinity, of New York City, to pay \$100 in compromise of the contract.

EVERYTHING IS STRAIGHT.

The Court of Notes and Stamps in the Bureau of Engraving. WASHINGTON, July 1.—The Commission of Treasury experts appointed to count the stock of notes and stamps and paper thereon at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, concluded their work to-day and found everything correct. Mr. F. O. Graves, ex-Chief of the Bureau, left Saturday night for Seattle, Wash. T., where he will open a bank. His successor was inducted in office to-day.

STILL AFTER TERRITORY.

Another Island in the Pacific Annexed to the British Crown. WASHINGTON, July 1.—The Department of State has been informed by the United States Consul at Auckland, New Zealand, that the Island of "Suvarrow" in the Pacific Ocean, has been annexed by the British Crown, the commander of the warship Rapid having hoisted the British flag on that island on July 1st.

CLEARING THE RIVER FORKS.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. JOHNSTOWN, July 1.—Major Phillips started this morning, with a large force of men, to clean up the forks of the river. He is making good progress.

BEFORE THE BATTLE.

Slight Odds on the Great Fight Are Now Offered on Sullivan.

ONE BIG BACKER FOR KILRAIN.

Pony Moore Comes From England With \$14,000 to Put Up on Him.

JUMPED THE ROPE A THOUSAND TIMES.

Minister's Governor Offers a Reward for the Fugitive Arrest.

The final arrangements for the pugilistic contest between John L. Sullivan and Jake Kilrain are being completed. The friends of both men appear confident, although the betting odds are somewhat in favor of the big resident of Boston. Governor Lowry, of Mississippi, has issued a proclamation forbidding the fight, and offering \$200 reward for the arrest of the principals.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

NEW YORK, July 1.—"Pony" Moore, father-in-law of Charles Mitchell, the pugilist, arrived from England to-day. He had been expected earlier, and Mitchell's visit to this city had partly for the purpose of meeting him. He went at once to the Police Gazette office, and after being duly interviewed, set out to see a little of town before going to Baltimore to join Mitchell.

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He said that he had come over solely to the Kilrain-Sullivan fight, but that while he was here he would like to get on a match between Dempsey and Mitchell. Mr. Moore is said to have brought with him \$14,000, the whole of which he proposes to place on Kilrain at the fight. Being the editor of this city is dull, chiefly because the Sullivan men want more odds than the Sullivan men are willing to give. The betting odds are 100 to 100. Arden Langley, of the "Illustrated News," has sent \$5,000 to New Orleans to be placed on as nearly even terms as possible.

COULD NOT GET BANKERS.

It was San Francisco money which Mr. Lunley has been unable to get taken in this city. It is believed that a large part of the big loan which he put on for the Sullivan fight will go to New Orleans, in the hope of the odds being better there. A letter from Baltimore, dated July 1st, says that the odds there are \$1,000 to \$700 in Sullivan's favor, and that \$10,000 has been put up at that rate.

THE BIG YELLOW NEW-BOY STATE FOR THE SOUTHERN BATTLE GRAND.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 1.—John L. Sullivan, William Muldoon, Charlie Kilrain and Joe Warner boarded a special train at Churchville Junction, on the West Shore road, at 10 o'clock this evening and joined about 48 New York sporting men who were on their way to Rochester from Belfast to this city this morning, but left the train outside the city to be taken to the West Shore, where they were to meet the special there and avoid the crowd at Rochester. It was rumored around this city that Mayor Parsons had the best of the matter, and that the law which forbids any person from leaving the State to engage in a prize fight, and the big fight which was to be avoided this evening, was a contingency also.

TWO DIFFERENT DECISIONS.

The Judge Gives His and Then the Commissioner Takes Up His. KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 1.—A sensation took place in Police Judge Boland's court this afternoon. Last Friday G. Paxson, a prominent wealthy stock broker of this city, was arrested at the instance of J. J. Halpin, brother of Mark Halpin. Halpin accused Paxson of a serious charge in connection with the former's wife. The case came to trial to-day before Judge Boland, and no less than four witnesses gave criminal testimony. Judge Boland, however, announced that no case had been made and dismissed the case.

LONGENECKER'S PROGRAMME.

He Wants to Try Burke With the Rest of the Cronin Suspects. CHICAGO, July 1.—The regular grand jury for the July term will be impeached July 22 unless the State's Attorney calls for a special grand jury before that date to carry on the investigation. The rest of the Cronin suspects, including Burke, were dropped last Saturday. But there is no present indication of a proceeding against Longenecker to-day, "unless we get some new evidence that would enable us to put out a warrant for his arrest."

TACKLED THE WRONG MAN.

Three Young Fellows on a Spruce Attack an Inoffensive Individual. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. ERIZ, July 1.—Augustus Foster, a young man, went out on a frolic this morning, and with two companions, entered the premises of John Knobloch, where they began to destroy the shrubbery, and when Knobloch remonstrated they attacked him and he fled at them, shooting Foster through the left eye. Foster is still alive. Knobloch went to the police station and gave him a receipt for a shotgun. Foster says he was shot to kill him, as it was done in self-defense and in the protection of his property.

NEW HOUSES AND STORES.

Distribution of the Portable Huts to be Resumed Again To-day. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. JOHNSTOWN, July 1.—Forty of the portable houses are scheduled to arrive to-morrow. They will be distributed at once. Sixty-five applications have been received for the State of Kentucky, but the committee will award them to-morrow morning.

THE STANDARD AT WORK.

One More Extensive Cripple in the Ohio Field. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. LIMA, July 1.—The Duke Norton Oil Company has transferred to William Fleming, of the Standard Oil Company, leasehold on the Standard Oil well in this field for a consideration of \$40,000.

A ROLICKING TIME.

Anticipated by the President on His Fourth of July Excursion.

HE WON'T TAKE HIS WIFE ALONG.

A Number of Rather Important Appointments Made Before He Leaves.

PENNSYLVANIA PARES FAIRLY WELL.

Ohio Republicans Are Not at All Hopeful of Their Coming Fight.

Before leaving Washington for Woodstock, Conn., where he will spend the Fourth, President Harrison is trying to clear his desk of some of the accumulated applications for positions at home and abroad. He made several important appointments yesterday, and more are promised for the next day or two.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—A rain which within two hours after it began, flooded hundreds of cellars, floated street cars at Center Market and the Pennsylvania Railroad station, and made a river of water in nearly every street of the city, was pretty effectual in keeping office-seekers from the White House to-day, and so President Harrison had only two or three Cabinet and Congressional calls, and none of the rank and file. The net result of this quiet day's work, so far as appointments are concerned, is 1 minister, 3 consular agents, 10 consuls and 1 commercial agent, which is considered very good work for a President who is so busy with the roll of the clocking time he's going to have on the Fourth of July with the celebration of the religious New York Independent.

SOME MORE COMING.

It is expected that the President will, before his departure to-morrow, announce the appointment of eight or ten more consuls, or if not then, that they will soon sail for their respective ports. The Secretary of State has announced from the State Department, but whether any of the several applicants who expect to be appointed from Allegheny county will be of the number, cannot be discovered. It is intimated, however, that at least one name familiar to Pittsburgh will be among them. Notwithstanding the frequent announcements in regard to the nearness of the appointment to all offices of other Pennsylvanians, there seems to be a hitch in that direction. The terms of several officials have expired, and it is known that their successors have been decided upon, but what stays the hand of the President or the heads of Departments is known only to themselves. Possibly the lack of a copy in the form of a presence of Senator Quay or Colonel Bayne may have some part in the explanation.

MRS. HARRISON WON'T GO.

Mrs. Harrison will not accompany the President to Woodstock, as she had intended. She fears the oppressive weather and the length of the journey might counteract the benefits she receives from her visit to Cape May, and she will therefore rest until after the President's return, and will then join Mrs. McKee at the Davis estate in Delaware.

MR. HEWYLL'S PARTY WILL COME TO THIS CITY TO-MORROW TO ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT ON HIS EXCURSION TO WOODSTOCK.

Mr. Henry C. Bowen will come to this city to-morrow to accompany the President on his excursion to Woodstock. The party will leave Washington to-morrow in President Roberts' private car, which will be attached to the 9:38 train on the Pennsylvania road, reaching New York at 10:20. The party will be President Harrison, Secretary Tracy, Secretary Noble, Associate Justice Miller, Senator Higginson and the President's private secretary, Mr. Bowen.

REAR OF FACTION FIGHTS.

Republicans Quarrel in Several States Threaten to Do Them Injury. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. WASHINGTON, July 1.—The factional differences in several States threaten to do the Republicans much injury. A number of Ohio politicians, including several Republican Congressmen, who arrived here, since the Ohio State Republican Convention, with one accord seem to find it necessary to protest that they are enthusiastic for Foraker. Some of them, however, test too much. Governor Foraker has not greatly changed in his character or political relations within the last few weeks, yet the Ohio Republicans are so divided that they will be unable to support him. The President's friends are so divided that they will be unable to support him.

TWO LITTLE BOYS DROWNED IN A CANAL LOCK.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. PHILADELPHIA, July 1.—Two bright little sons of Thomas Brown, of 2128 Wood street, were drowned in the old canal lock at the western end of the water works dam in Fairmount park this afternoon. The little fellows, with three others about the same age, were fishing for minnows in the lock. While walking along the stone coping of the lock the young boy, John, aged 8 years, slipped and fell into the water. The other boy, aged 11, who could not swim a stroke, plunged in after him and endeavored to save him. He made a brave attempt to reach the drowning brother, but could really do nothing, and both boys were drowned before assistance came.

THE SHAH IN LONDON.

His Asiatic Highness Received by the Prince of Wales. LONDON, July 1.—The Shah of Persia arrived in the Thames this morning. An immense crowd of people was gathered on both banks of the river for the purpose of seeing the launch containing the Shah passed. The Shah and the Prince of Wales had lunch on board the launch before they landed. The Shah was very affable. The weather was fair.

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CLAIMING A BIG CITY.

John K. Moore Determinedly Pressing His Claim to a Large Portion of the Lots of San Francisco.

After Fruitless Litigation of Thirty-Four Years, He Tries Again.

HIS CASE IN THE FEDERAL COURT.

Many Citizens Securing Titles From Him as Well as From the City. John K. Moore does not relinquish his claim to a large portion of the city of San Francisco, although knocked out of court in California for many years. He has now brought suit in the United States Court, through his non-lawyer, for the property.

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Middleton, N. Y., July 1.—The action brought in the United States District Court of California by David D. Houston, of Middletown, N. Y., as assignee of John K. Moore, against the city and county of San Francisco for the recovery of the property, property, almost inestimable value, bids fair to rival, in the vast interests involved and in prolonged and stubborn litigation, the famous case of Myra Clark Gaines against the city of New Orleans. The extraordinary story of what is known as the "Moore claim" to the ownership of a square mile of land in the city of San Francisco is now for the first time correctly told.

MINISTER TO GREECE.

Colonel A. Loudon Snowden Secures a Foreign Appointment Rather Unexpectedly—No Personal Effort Made to Get the Place. PHILADELPHIA, July 1.—Colonel A. Loudon Snowden, who was to-day appointed Minister Resident and Consul General to Greece, Serbia and Roumania, was this evening the recipient of numerous congratulations from friends who had just learned of his appointment. The new Minister and Consul General appeared in a very happy mood and when asked to sign the appointment said: "Although I had hoped that my name was under consideration for a foreign mission, I had not thought that the appointment would be made so soon."

HOW HE GOT THE PROPERTY.

Moore said March 25, 1850, for the property. It was that of a tract of barren and vacant land. It is now part of the city of San Francisco, occupied by public parks or by blocks of private residences or business buildings, and is of immense value. Moore procured at once to take possession of the tract, and to put up buildings on a section of it, some of which buildings are still standing. Moore retained the title to the property for three years, until 1853. Then he left on a long visit to his old home at Middletown. While he was away the question of the validity of the Marchina grant was brought in as a collateral issue in a case before one of the superior courts of the city. It was then that the grant in question was declared void, whereupon the municipality of San Francisco, which had acquired a secondary title, and drove off Moore's tenants and took possession of the property and parceled it out to the public.

LENGHY LITIGATION.

From 1854 to 1888, a period of 34 years, the question of the Marchina grant has been in stubborn litigation in the courts. At length, settling over a year ago, the Supreme Court, in a unanimous decision, pronounced the grant invalid. Undismayed, Chairman Moore now began a new strategy in the United States District Court, a highly respectable business man of this city, as plaintiff.

AN ATTACK ON BALFOUR.

Glendon and His Friends Denounce the Grant as a House of Cards. LONDON, July 1.—In the House of Commons this evening, Mr. Sexton moved to adjourn in order to challenge the Government to explain the events attending the suppression of the Nationalist meeting at Cork yesterday, which was being memorialized and disgraced even under the present regime of brute force. Mr. Redmond attacked the Government of prompting bloodshed in Ireland, and was the holder of the Government of Ireland, defended the action of the Government officials at Cork.

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