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Watertown, N. Y., Feb. 28.—A frightful epidemic of diphtheria has broken out in the village of Watertown of the St. Lawrence, and all business is temporarily suspended and the schools are closed. Twenty deaths have occurred and new cases are reported daily.

IN THE U. S. SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The Senate today passed the Fortifications Appropriation Bill, and then took up the Financial Bill known as the Aldrich Bill.

THE CAUSE OF HIS "INDIGESTION."

Buffalo, Feb. 28.—Physicians at the Erie County Hospital state that as a result of an operation performed at the hospital, 452 carpet tacks, 41 small knife blades, 142 screw nails, 40 pin points resembling the points on a shoemaker's awl, six and one-half ounces of ground glass and a wire chain about three inches in diameter were taken from the stomach of the patient, Claude Trimble, 24 years of age, who claims to be a cook. He went to the hospital complaining of indigestion and dull pains in stomach. The physicians report this afternoon that the patient is in a fair way to recovery.

A BANK TREASURER'S SHORT-AGE.

Milford, Mass., Feb. 28.—A shortage in the account of the Milford Co-operative Bank, which the president says "may be \$5,000, and may amount to \$15,000," has been found by State Bank Examiner Manson. Treasurer Cooke attempted to kill himself at Roxbury Thursday. His recovery is doubtful. He held several town offices here. The bank is closed temporarily.

HEAVY SNOW STORM.

Garden City, Kansas, Feb. 28.—Western Kansas is under one of the heaviest snow storms on record. There is fully 20 inches on the level. Trains are snow-bound, and stock will suffer greatly.

PIERCE WINDS.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 28.—High winds, reaching at one time a speed of 20 miles an hour, prevailed here all day, and great damage resulted to wires and buildings in course of erection. During the afternoon telegraph communication was entirely cut off except with Washington. Heavy rains have greatly swollen the rivers.

A CLOUDBURST.

Middleboro, Ky., Feb. 28.—This section was devastated today by a cloudburst which washed fences and houses away. It is believed there was loss of life in some sections and the property damage will reach \$75,000. Two women and four men, in attempting to cross the Mississippi River at Hickman, were drowned by the capsizing of their boat.

FISHERMEN RESCUED.

Grand Haven, Mich., Feb. 28.—After a three days' battle with the ice in Lake Michigan, 14 fishermen, aboard two tugs, have been rescued.

FRESHETS IN NEW ENGLAND.

Boston, Feb. 28.—Freshets are threatening at many points in New England because of a heavy snow and melting snows. A severe gale is sweeping the coast.

A YOUTHFUL ANARCHIST.

New York, Feb. 28.—After a severe lecture, Frank Hertz, 16 years old, arrested on suspicion of being engaged in an Anarchist plot to kill European rulers, and charged with making incendiary remarks, was discharged by a police magistrate today.

MURDER BY A DEPUTY SHERIFF.

Jonesboro, Ga., Feb. 28.—Wm. Farmer, deputy sheriff of Clayton county, has shot his father-in-law to death here, mortally wounding his wife and then committed suicide.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE OF A PREACHER.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Rev. Dr. J. M. Caldwell, for many years presiding elder of the Methodist Church at Chicago, and now pastor of the Union Avenue M. E. Church, attempted to end his life today by throwing himself in front of a train. He was badly injured, but may recover. Dr. Caldwell was arrested last night on charge of disorderly conduct and released on bail. His case was to have come up today.

WOOL QUARANTINED.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Secretary Wilson had a conference with the President today respecting the quarantine which has been placed by the department of agriculture on New England wool to prevent the spread of the sheep and mouth disease. Large holders and owners of wool in New England, particularly in Massachusetts, have protested against the quarantine, regarding it as an unnecessary hardship. Secretary Wilson and other officials of his department take an opposite view, however, and the quarantine will be continued in force. It has been decided by Secretary Wilson that foreign-grown wool and wool grown in States outside of the zone of the sheep and mouth disease, infection of which now may be in New England warehouses, provided that it is not in contact with wool which the agricultural department officials regard as likely to be infected.

FOUND DEAD.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 28.—The body of Edward Ford Howard, a junior in the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale, was found late today lying on a rocky projection about half way down the face of East Rock Cliff. The body had been missing for several days, but no public notice had been made of the fact, his friends thinking he had gone to his home in Mont Clair, N. J.

TRAGEDY ON A U. S. BATTLESHIP.

Newport News, Va., Feb. 28.—Trouble on board the battleship Maine, which is lying in dry dock here for repairs, culminated to-night in the shooting of one seaman by a guard of marines. It is reported that the wounded man died shortly afterward. All information relative to the affair is refused. It is reported that Capt. Leutze has had difficulty maintaining discipline on the ship. The officers on board are virtually isolated here, denying outsiders access to the shipyard. Twenty-three men have deserted the Maine in the past week.

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