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The collection comprises pages or clippings of pages from nineteenth and early twentieth century periodicals including Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, Harper's Weekly, The Illustrated London News, Gleason’s and Ballou's Pictorial Drawing-Room Companion, Every Saturday, among others, with many illustrations of Memphis or Tennessee. A large group is of Civil War subjects but the contents cover the years 1861 to 1917 and include the Yellow Fever epidemic, the Mardi Gras parade in Memphis, and the Mississippi River floods.

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