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POLITICAL NEWS

TALK OF A MESSAGE FROM HARRISON TO THE SENATE,

ASKING IT TO PASS THE FORCE BILL.

Because Its Opponents Have a Majority of Republicans.

HOAR MAY BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK ON IT.

Republican Split in South Carolina. Ames Indorses Blaine's Reciprocity Views---Reed and Raum.

The latest rumor set afloat by the rabid advocates of the Force bill is that President Harrison will send in a special message, asking the Senate to pass it at this session. It is well-known that Harrison is as hotly in favor of this measure as his cold and sullen temper will permit. Yet it is not at all likely that the idea of such a message exists elsewhere than in the lurid imaginings of the supporters of the bill.

It is a condition, not a theory, which confronts the Republicans now. They must pass the Tariff bill or they are hopelessly discredited. They cannot deny the opponents of that measure the right of debating the bill, as they are doing, paragraph by paragraph. It has had no public consideration anywhere as yet, save that it is now receiving in the Senate. The debate there cannot be curtailed except by a change of the rules, and the rules cannot be changed for such a purpose. No order can be adopted which will bring about a vote on the Tariff bill unless by its terms it excludes the consideration of the Force bill at this session.

The Senators favorable to the Quay resolution could have passed it at the caucus on Thursday night, as they were in a majority of one. But Quay is satisfied always with the results and has no desire beyond gaining his point. That done, he seeks to let his opponent rest easy. Hence the caucus was permitted to adjourn without formally adopting his resolution. He had won his victory and he did not seek to humiliate those opposed to him.

It is understood that the Senate Committee on Rules will hold itself in readiness to report the Quay resolution whenever it may seem necessary to do so. It is even possible that the resolution as reported may provide for the taking up of the Force bill for the purpose of permitting Senators Hoar and Spooner, the chief advocates of that foolish and iniquitous measure, to make the speeches they have labored over so long and have so carefully prepared. It would be too bad if these able gentlemen had burned the midnight oil to no end. But this is the utmost concession which would be made to the friends of the bill. Immediately after Hoar and Spooner had delivered themselves of the results of their toil, the bill would be postponed to a day in December, say the first Monday. Mr. Hoar is anxious to have a day named on which to take a vote, but this will not be granted. No day will be set for the taking of a vote.

Should the bill be taken up for the purpose indicated—for it will be taken up for no other—Senator Gorman has said he will advise his Democratic colleagues to make no reply whatever to any speeches in favor of the measure.

But this should not be allowed to operate against a demand being made on Mr. G. Frisbie Hoar to explain why he favors now a Force bill when he opposed it fifteen years ago.

The efforts of certain Republican organs of the Administration, which are paid to grind by lucrative offices bestowed upon their editors, to censure Senator Quay for introducing the resolution, are absurd in view of the fact that he is supported by a clear majority of the Republican Senators.

It is this fact that makes the talk of blacklisting Quay and his supporters so silly. No doubt Reed and Harrison, the one arrogant, the other sullen, of temper, would like to do this. Perhaps Spooner would be willing to take the minor role of keeping tab on his associates. But to paraphrase Burke's saying, that "you cannot indict a nation," neither can you blacklist a majority. And Quay has the majority.

Hence the intimation that the President appointed Captain Gilmore of the Twenty-fourth Infantry an Assistant Adjutant General at Senator Hiscock's request, instead of Captain Hamilton of the Second Cavalry, who was backed by Senator Quay, is nonsense. Hiscock voted for Quay's resolution.

Besides Hiscock and Aldrich, the latter in charge of the Tariff bill, three or four weeks ago went to certain Democratic Senators and proposed substantially the plan embodied in Quay's resolution, but they did not come from the caucus and spoke only for themselves individually. Ever since then affairs have been shaping themselves for the introduction and adoption of the Quay resolution, for the resolution is as good as adopted by the Republican caucus.

An odd complication in the situation is now talked of. That is, that the Democrats, seeing the confusion into which the Republicans have fallen, will not agree to cut the debate on the Tariff bill, but will continue to debate as they have heretofore done, paragraph by paragraph, until the end is reached. This would be somewhere about October 1 to 15. Some of the Democratic Senators think much will be gained by such a debate. Others—Senator Vest, for instance—think of the two the Tariff is more obnoxious than the Force bill.

The trouble of this course lies in the dangers always adherent to delay. The Republicans, or rather a majority of them under Quay's lead, are now in favor of laying the Force bill aside in favor of the Tariff bill and an early adjournment. If they cannot secure an early adjournment their object will be defeated, and it would be among the possibilities for a change of view to take place among them, which would result in a sudden change of the rules and the speedy passage of both the Tariff and Force bills.

There is a homely adage the Democratic Senators would do well to heed at this juncture: Let well enough alone!

It is notable that the Republicans back of Quay represent chiefly the younger element of the party. Besides there is not a Presidential candidate among them. There is, however, some excellent Presidential timber among them.

REED SHIELDS RAUM.

DEMOCRATS WANT NO WHITEWASH FOR THE PENSION COMMISSIONER.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 16. — The Washington correspondent of the *Record* says: The investigation of Pension Commissioner Raum, which Speaker Reed finally announced that he proposed to permit, after Cooper of Indiana, the author of the resolution, had kept stirring him up every other day in the House, does not proceed. The chances are that the special committee will hardly be ready to begin before the House will have adjourned, and that Congress will adjourn *sine die* in March before a report is ready. So far the committee has not been completed. The Democrats wanted Cooper, the author of the resolution, appointed on the committee.

Reed not only would not appoint Cooper, but he would not appoint anybody who was likely to press the investigation effectively. After Cooper the Democrats preferred Jason Brown of Indiana, a clever criminal lawyer, but Reed insisted on appointing two other Democrats. One of them promptly resigned, and every one of half a dozen successors has done the same, hoping to force the appointment of Brown. The place is still vacant. It was observed that Reed appointed Democrats from doubtful districts having large soldier votes. Brown had 3,000 majority, and so is independent.

AMES FOR RECIPROCITY.

THE EX-GOVERNOR INDORSES THE VIEWS OF SECRETARY BLAINE.

BOSTON, Aug. 16.—Ex-Governor Ames, one of the Republican figureheads of this State, comes out very emphatically for the position taken by Secretary Blaine on the tariff question. He said yesterday: "If Mr. Blaine's policy is not adopted, and if his lead on the tariff is not followed, the Republican party will get smashed. I believe in encouraging commerce with the whole continent and I agree with the Hale amendment, which authorizes the President to open American ports to those South American countries which will accord equal privileges to us.

"This would undoubtedly be a great thing for American trade if the South American countries would respond by trading with us, and I see no reason why they should not. The protective tariff has done a great service for this country. It has been a grand thing. It has established vast industries which could never have been introduced without that protection, and it has made us a great self-supporting nation; but those industries are, in the main, well established, and there is now no longer any need of excessively high duties.

"At this time Mr. Blaine has exhibited a wise and far-seeing statesmanship entirely worthy of him, and unless the Republican party takes his platform it is done for. I am a protectionist, but I believe in common sense."

NEBRASKA DEMOCRATS

DENOUNCE THE FORCE BILL AS AN ATTEMPT TO REVIVE SECTIONAL ISSUES.

OMAHA, Aug. 16.—The Democratic State Convention adjourned yesterday, after placing in nomination the following ticket: For Governor, James E. Boyd of Omaha; Lieutenant-Governor, Dr. Alexander Bear of Norfolk; Secretary of State, Frank A. Sprague of Rushville; Auditor, E. B. Wahlquist of Hastings; Treasurer, W. H. Cushing of Plattsmouth; Attorney-General, John G. Higgins of Grand Island; Commissioner of Public Lands, Jacob Bigler of Imperial; Superintendent of Instruction, C. D. Rakestraw of Nebraska City.

The platform reaffirms the declarations of the last national platform. It denounces the Republican party for its gift of more than 195,000,000 acres of public domain to railroad corporations; sends greetings to Allen G. Thurman and his patriotic associates who redeemed 70,000,000 acres of it for the people.

The Lodge bill is denounced as an attempt to revive sectional issues and place the ballot under the control of partisan officers appointed for life. A liberal pension policy is called for and the Australian ballot system favored. Trusts are denounced, and the election of United States Senators by the people is favored. The platform declares for free coinage of silver and favors high license and local option in controlling the liquor traffic.

MISSISSIPPI'S CONSTITUTION.

AN INDICATION THAT TEMPERANCE IS TO BE COVERED BY IT.

JACKSON, MISS., Aug. 16.—The Constitutional Convention has under consideration a series of proposed amendments to the constitution, submitted by Judge Calhoun. They cover almost every important change called for. Shortly after assembling yesterday a resolution was adopted by which it was agreed that the convention upon adjourning would not assemble again until Monday morning. At the earliest moment a resolution was offered by Senator George that all resolutions or suggestions submitted be printed, and it was agreed to. The chair appointed a committee on temperance and liquor, of which Mr. Pattie was made chairman.

VERY HOT POLITICS.

REPUBLICANS SPLIT—TWO DELEGATES THROWN OUT OF WINDOWS.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 16.—Ellery M. Brayton, chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of South Carolina, issued a call last night for a State Convention, to assemble in this city on the 17th of September. The object of the convention is not definitely known. By the time it meets the position of the two sections of the Democratic party will be definitely known, and probably two tickets will then be in the field.

Mr. Brayton has just been nominated for Congress from the Seventh district. Miller, who has been seated in the place of Elliott (Democrat), also claims the nomination, and the Republicans in that district have split. The convention was composed principally of negroes.

Two of the white delegates who were instructed for Brayton and voted for Miller were thrown bodily out of the windows. Several men were beaten with clubs.

The committee appointed by the Straightout Democrats who split from the convention Thursday issued an address last night to the people of the State stating their position and the reasons that guided their action.

They Want Bowden Renominated.

A meeting of the Norfolk District Republican Club was held last night at 1419 Third street northwest, with Sandy Parker, president, in the chair. A series of resolutions were adopted indorsing the State Committee in their action relegating to the several district committees full and complete power to regulate and control district elections; also asking the renomination of Hon. George E. Bowden. Speeches were made by T. W. Brown, A. J. J. Sykes, D. W. Jones, Rev. S. G. Lambkins, and others.

A Deadlock Broken.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, Aug. 16.—The deadlock in the Twentieth District Republican Convention was broken this morning when Hon. V. A. Taylor of Cleveland was nominated for Congress on the 381st ballot.

Why Editor Bentley was Tarred and Feathered.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Aug. 16.—Harry Ammon, William Penter, Oliver Cummins and William Hamlin were brought here from Azusa yesterday, charged with tarring and feathering Editor Bentley of the Azusa *News*. Editor Bentley published a statement charging E. C. Frazier, the principal of the Central School, with immorality. The young men, who are pupils of Frazier, resented the publication and tarred and feathered Bentley.

Destructive Prairie Fires.

ATCHISON, KAN., Aug. 16.—Reports from West Kansas are to the effect that prairie fires are raging in spite of the efforts of the people to check them. In the northern portion of Ford County a tract twenty miles square was burned over inside of two hours. The corn fields are like so much tinder, and when the fire strikes on the edge of the field it passes through it very rapidly. As yet no houses have been destroyed, as they are protected by the cultivated land.

EZETA INTERVIEWED.

THE AMERICAN MINISTER ANXIOUS TO BRING ABOUT PEACE.

Ezeta Is Growing Apprehensive, and May Make a Demonstration—The Situation With Honduras.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—A special to the *Herald* from the city of San Salvador says: I have had a talk with President Ezeta on the situation of affairs in Central America. The president says: "I have nothing to fear in the interior now. The people are unanimous in repelling forcibly all foreign interference with their home business, and are perfectly willing to fight out the question with Guatemala. The army on the frontier is 15,000 strong in seven encampments.

"The army on the frontier of Honduras numbers 4,000 men. The eastern frontier is also protected by 2,000 men.

"I have no confidence in the peaceful efforts of the Diplomatic Corps and soon expect a reopening of hostilities. I know that General Barrillas is gathering troops on the frontier every day. I am also preparing to receive him. My troops are enthusiastic and are desirous to engage in battle.

"General Bogran was helping the Rivas faction in an underhand way and gave an explanation through fear. He has now thrown aside all disguise and is openly favoring the partisans of Ayala, and I will invade Honduras before Guatemala moves. Nicaragua and Costa Rica will not interfere otherwise than diplomatically.

"The Diplomatic Corps will only postpone hostilities. Guatemala's government policy has always been deceitful; we do not trust them. I cannot possibly tell what the results of the war will be. The Guatemalan army is the more numerous, but that of Salvador is better disciplined and fights under the conviction that theirs is the right and just cause, and that is really the case. The Rivas rebellion was the result of machination; his defeat and death rule all the hopes of Ayala.

"Nicaragua's sympathies are in favor of Salvador. Her troops at the Honduras frontier, however, are only for the purpose of observation.

"To-day I asked General Bogran for the last time to decide for peace or war.

"Mr. Mizner, the American Minister, is personally interested in peace. I will soon organize a cabinet, and the moment a treaty of peace is signed I shall convoke a congress."

Minister Mizner was closeted with President Ezeta and the members of his provisional Cabinet several times during his stay here and there is a feeling that on Minister Mizner's arrival in the capital of Guatemala he will, with the assistance of other Ministers, be enabled to present terms of peace to President Barrillas which he will accept.

The representatives of Costa Rica and Nicaragua are taking a firm stand in favor of Salvador, and are laboring hard in the interest of peace.

It was rumored here to-day that President Ezeta was becoming uneasy, and had declared that if peace was not brought about within three days he would order the army of occupation to move on the Guatemalan capital.

Trying to Hasten Action.

The Commissioners have written a letter to the sub-committee of the House for the District, requesting that they will make a special effort to have the bill passed authorizing the Commissioners to use the space at the corner of Fourteenth and C streets and Ohio avenue as a truck house.

Kicked by a Horse.

John W. Rupert, a resident of 711 Seventh street northwest, was kicked by a horse last night and had his right leg fractured below the knee. He was attended by Dr. Kolesponskoe.

EXODUS OF BLACKS.

North Carolina Negroes to Emigrate to the Northwest.

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 16.—The negroes of this State have an emigration society which co-operates with the railway agents from the South and West in furthering the exodus of the blacks. It is learned to-day from the Rev. J. R. Ferebee, vice-president of the association, that next autumn and winter the movement will be fully as great as ever before, but will be to the North and West. The railway agents are already here making contracts for the wholesale removal of the blacks. They find willing helpers in the officers of the emigration societies. The movement will begin in October. It is stated by Mr. Ferebee that it will at first be from the turpentine region, a little southwest of the centre of the State.

A BANK'S TIME-LOCK FAST.

It Won't Yield to the Combination—Men's Wages in It.

WARSAW, N. Y., Aug. 16.—There is a lock-out here. The Wyoming County National Bank has a safe door which won't open by the use of the usual sesame, on account of the glass face to the time-lock clock having been broken in shutting the door.

The Blue Stone Quarry Company, which pays monthly, has the largest roll of the year to pay off, but cannot get the cash to do it, owing to the locked bank safe. A general disarrangement of financial calculations is the result.

NO ACTION YET

TAKEN UPON THE RESIGNATION OF DISTRICT COMMISSIONER HINE.

Mr. Douglass Believes in Jefferson's Motto, "Few Die and None Resign," and Will Stay In.

In connection with the resignation of Commissioner Hine the absurd story was started yesterday afternoon that Commissioner Douglass would also resign to show his regard for Mr. Hine. It did not take long for the president of the Board of Commissioners to condemn this story. Asked about it, he replied:

"My young friend, Thomas Jefferson once gave utterance to an immortal truth. He said, referring to office-holders, 'Few die and none resign,' and that axiom has been followed in political history ever since. It is perhaps needless for me to say that I have always in this respect lived up to Jeffersonian doctrine and I propose to continue to do so."

This interview ought to settle Mr. Douglass' position in the matter, and indicate that he has no intention of getting out.

The great question now is, who will succeed Mr. Hine? Thus far there is only one candidate in the field, Mr. Robert Christy, although a number of others have been mentioned in connection with the office. The President has not yet taken any action in the matter, and is awaiting the return of Mr. Hine from New York, when he will endeavor to persuade the Commissioner to reconsider his resignation and remain on the board, if affairs can be adjusted to his liking.

It is, of course, impossible for Colonel Robert to resign the Commissionership without losing his place in the Army, and he will not do it. It is likely, though, he will ask to be assigned to some other station, and his request will undoubtedly be complied with. This is the possible and probable outcome of the present imbroglio.

There was nothing new in the situation to-day, nor is there likely to be until the President has decided what disposition to make of Mr. Hine's resignation.

The friends of Mr. Charles G. Dulin will, it is said, urge his appointment as a District Commissioner to succeed Mr. Hine. Mr. Dulin is one of the best known young men in town, and resides in East Washington. He is a splendid business man, and possesses in an eminent degree the qualities required of a Commissioner.

"MY WORK IS FINISHED."

An Aged Minister Stricken With Paralysis in His Pulpit.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Aug. 16.—Rev. Andrew Hunter was brought here from Cotton Plant, where he was stricken with paralysis while preaching. He is in a precarious condition. He is over 70 years old, and is considered among the foremost preachers in this section of the South. He has served fifty years in the ministry. He was chosen United States Senator in 1866, but declined the office. He was delivering a powerful discourse on repentance, when, pausing abruptly, he murmured, "My work is finished," and fell. Among his last public utterances was an able defense of purity in elections, in which he held that the Government cannot stand unless the purity of the ballot is maintained.

A Bank Robber Found Guilty.

ASHLAND, WIS., Aug. 16.—Phelps Perrin was found guilty of robbery of the Iron Exchange Bank of Hurley last night. Forty thousand dollars were stolen on the night of September 19, 1889. Edward Baker and Perrin are charged with commission of the crime jointly. Baker was convicted one month ago and sentenced to five years in the State prison. Perrin will be sentenced to-day. The jury agreed at midnight, after being out two hours.

Minister Lincoln's Wife Comes Home.

CHICAGO, ILL., Aug. 16.—Mrs. Robert T. Lincoln and daughter Sarah arrived here yesterday from London and registered at the Palmer House. They leave to-day for Mrs. Lincoln's old home in Iowa, where they expect to remain for the remainder of the summer. The date of their return to England is at present uncertain.

Where is George Lomax?

On August 6 George Lomax, a colored man, bought a ticket at the Baltimore and Potomac depot for Culpeper, Va. He was seen to pass through the gate into the train shed and that is the last that has been heard of him. He had a satchel with his name on it and Mrs. Frances Lomax of 905 F street southwest is anxious to obtain some information about him.

NOT ENDED YET

NEW YORK CENTRAL STRIKE ASSUMES A SERIOUS ASPECT.

SWITCHMEN QUIT WORK THIS MORNING.

Trains in a Tangle, and Passengers Get Out and Walk.

A BIG FREIGHT BLOCKADE IMMINENT.

The Strikers Are Greatly Encouraged by the Situation---Narrow Escapes from Accidents.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 16.—The strike on the New York Central road was further complicated this morning. At 3 o'clock the switchmen in the Central yards struck work, and those on the West Shore system in this city followed suit. There are upward of 200 men in the movement, and a freight blockade at East Buffalo is imminent. The closing of the West Shore road for freight is the most serious aspect thus far, as it completely cripples the Central's facilities for forwarding freight.

There was the worst tangle of trains and engines in the Central depot this morning that has been seen since the strike began a week ago this morning. West Shore and Central engines crowded every track from the north to the south side of the depot, and for a long distance east. The Belt Line train, due at 8 o'clock, stopped at Chicago street, and the passengers walked in as they did from the same train last Saturday morning.

All passenger trains on all roads entering the Central depot were behind time this morning, and the big trainhouse presents as confused a spectacle as at any time since the strike began. The Michigan Central through train due to leave here at 6:30 got away at 9:15, and other trains were even further delayed. No information could be had at the Central offices. Superintendent Burrows and Trainmaster Maloney were out at East Buffalo.

One of the men about the depot was asked what caused the switchmen to go out. "Here's all there is to it," was the reply. "A crew of men were ordered around here from the Erie street depot last night to take the place of strikers in the train house. They came, but did not like the job and sent a delegation to Superintendent Burrows, asking him to send them back to the Erie street depot, as they being union men objected to being detailed to take the places of the other unionists out on strike. Mr. Burrows was determined that they should act as he desired and they struck. I guess the rest of the men were with them and will stand by them. So don't be surprised if you hear something drop. I don't know anything about the firemen going out; I only know the switchmen are out at Black Rock and East Buffalo on both the Central and West Shore roads."

A telephone message from Black Rock stated that all the Central switchmen had struck there this morning, but that the firemen were still at work. The West Shore is not affected at Black Rock. The strike of the West Shore men is greeted with joy by the old strikers, who see in it renewed hope for the success of their movement. A detail of fifty policemen were sent out to East Buffalo to preserve order, and special officers were numerous about the Central depot.

Superintendent Burrows was seen later at the Bailey avenue crossing, where he was surveying the situation. He said that no freight trains were being moved, but the passenger trains were going through all right, though late.

A commotion was created on the Board of Trade about 10:30 o'clock by the posting of a dispatch which came over a private wire, and stated that the switchmen on the Lake Shore, Nickel Plate and Michigan Central had struck clear to Chicago. Up to noon, however, this report has not been verified.

IS THE STRIKE OVER?

IT WOULD SEEM SO, BUT THE STRIKERS ARE STILL CONFIDENT.

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 16.—So far as the New York Central road's business is concerned the strike here is broken, or West Albany, where the big blockade of freight has held since last Friday, is rapidly being cleared out.

"The road," said Mr. Bissell this morning, "expects to send out about 1,000 of the stalled freight cars before night. The trains out of New York and Buffalo are going through all right."

There have been two or three narrow escapes from serious accidents occasioned by green hands. The passenger trains are arriving here on time and it looks as though the prediction of the road that the strike is over is true.

The strikers, however, are confident that such is not the case and the hourly bulletins declare that this is only the beginning. The leaders say that they are only waiting for orders and then there will be a general shut down.

A good deal of comment was caused this morning by the editorial article of Mr. Powderly in the organ of labor. It is said that its general tone is of the acceptance of defeat and an intimation that no aid will be received from the firemen and engineers. In one place Mr. Powderly says: "That the cause of the men is just, we know; but we also know that the fact of its justice does not insure its success." In another place he says: "True wisdom would counsel other organized labor bodies on the road to help us, but we cannot, with any certainty, count upon its presence now."

Whether the strike is over or not, it is a singular fact that the road has brought more Pinkerton men here to-day. There are now stationed here at least 450 of these guards.

SITUATION IN NEW YORK CITY.

VICE-PRESIDENT WEBB WAITING TO CONFER WITH POWDERLY.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Vice President Webb of the New York Central Road received a dispatch this morning from East Buffalo which stated that the freight conductors and yard switchmen at that point went out on strike this morning.

Mr. Webb said this morning that he had heard no word from Mr. Powderly, but that he was waiting to confer with him. At 9 a. m. Mr. Powderly had not yet put in an appearance.

To Confer About Grievances.

DANVILLE, ILL., Aug. 16.—A grievance committee representing the engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen on the Chicago, Eastern Illinois and Chicago and Indiana Central roads left Danville last night for the purpose of holding a conference to-day with the officials of the roads named in Chicago.

Has Not Reached Chicago.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—There has been no cessation of work in the yards of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad in this city and the switchmen profess ignorance of any order to strike. President Newell says there is and will be no trouble with the Lake Shore employes.

A Costly Strike.

OTTAWA, ONT., Aug. 16.—The coal mine strikers at Springfield, N. S., have ordered all the engineers and firemen to quit work. This means the total destruction of the mines unless the owners give in. The strike has lasted eight weeks at a cost to workmen of $120,000 and the coal trade is demoralized.

Switchmen Compromise.

MATTOON, ILL., Aug. 16.—After a strike of three days duration the Peoria, Decatur and Evansville switchmen returned to work yesterday, a compromise having been effected whereby they are to receive $13 per month increase.

Fire Raging at Pawtucket.

PROVIDENCE, R. I. Aug. 16.—Fire started in the Dunnell Print Works, at Pawtucket, at 7 o'clock this morning and is now raging.

The fire in Dunnell's mill was gotten under control at 10 a. m., and the loss is roughly estimated at from $150,000 to $200,000, fully insured in Manufacturers' Mutuals. The works were principally owned by Boston and New York parties.

The old works, covering about three acres, were burned. The new buildings, covering one acre, were saved, but in a damaged condition. The print works and drying room were totally destroyed. All costly printing machines and 500 brass rollers engraved, were lost.

DEATH O T E RAIL.

FATAL COLLISIONS ON A NUMBER OF RAILROADS.

Many Killed and Others Wounded—One Man Decapitated—Due to Misinterpretation of Orders.

ALTON, ILL., Aug. 16.—A collision occurred last evening near Clifton Terrace, on the St. Louis, Alton and Springfield line, in which three lives were lost and many persons seriously injured. The Springfield express which left Alton at 5:40 collided with a construction train just above Clifton. Fireman Smith of the passenger train was planed to the boiler head and crushed to death. The others killed were: Charles McGee of this city, who was completely decapitated, and a man named Murray, who was crushed to death.

The wounded are: D. T. Seymour, superintendent of the road, badly hurt; Frank Conley, express messenger, internal injuries; Isaac Thompson, both legs crushed; Michael Cantwell, fatally injured; George German, legs and arms mashed, internally injured; Joseph Daly, conductor of the construction train, cannot live; C. J. Owen, side and leg hurt; Young King, seriously hurt; R. J. Lesson, cut on leg; M. Powers, cut in back; P. McEiright, leg broken; Hermann Castday and Fred Snyder, severely bruised; Miss Burnett of Springfield, daughter of the conductor of the passenger train, and Thomas Collins, surveyor, slightly injured.

There were about twenty-five men on the construction train. The wounded were removed to the hospital here. Most of the passengers escaped with slight injuries. The accident is due to wrong orders, or a misinterpretation of orders.

KALAMAZOO, MICH., Aug. 16.—The following is a list of the killed and injured in yesterday's accident on the Michigan Central road at Augusta, Mich.:

The killed are: Robert Gregg, engineer; Charles McIlroberts, fireman.

The injured are: Ex-Mayor Howes, Battle Creek, side and back injured; G. B. Morris, Detroit, ribs broken and chest crushed; Mrs. P. Powell, Chicago, scalp wound; C. S. Kerne, Chicago, head cut; Clarence Cassidy, Augusta, fatally; George Stearn, New York, conductor of the buffet car, badly bruised; Charles Buckner, Detroit, baggage man, arms cut; George L. Beetle, Chicago, badly cut and bruised; Max Schore, Toledo, head cut.

Flooded With Silver Coin.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Aug. 16.—The banks of Kansas City and a few other Missouri points are overwhelmed with silver coin and are trying to reduce it by shipping it to the St. Louis subtreasury and quiting silver notes instead. Forty-five thousand dollars came in this morning. The banks have to pay the express charges both ways on the money, which amounts to about $1 per $1,000.

Bids Opened To-day.

The following bids for asphalt blocks and tiles were opened to-day by Commissioners Douglass and Robert: Patrick Mallinay, asphalt blocks, $71 per thousand; asphalt tiles, $55 per thousand. John Cox & Co., blocks, $79.50 per thousand; tiles, $64.75 per thousand. Cox & Co. state that they will establish a plant for the manufacture of blocks and tiles within the District, and will complete the contract within 120 days.

A New Enterprise.

The Ivy City Brick Company has been incorporated with Messrs. Albert Gleason, James Lansburgh, Charles C. Duncanson, William S. Thompson, Howard P. Marshall, Richard G. Israel, Henry Rozier Dulaney, Edward G. Bight and Henry Wise Garnett as trustees. The capital stock is placed at $3,000,000, divided into 3,000 shares.

DID NOT LIKE HIS CRITICISM.

An Attempt Made by Negroes to Kill a Colored Editor.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—The *Sun* publishes a special from Birmingham, Ala., which says: "An attempt was made yesterday to assassinate L. H. Harrison, a negro, who is editor and publisher of the *Citizen*, a weekly paper printed in the interest of his race. He was knocked on the head with a piece of iron by a negro named Sutton and badly injured. Three or four negroes armed to the teeth were searching for Harrison this afternoon and he applied to the Mayor and Chief of Police for protection, which was given him. Ten days ago a small german was given by colored society people.

"In the next issue of his paper Harrison said that certain colored men took women of doubtful character to the ball and danced with them. For publishing this he was threatened with bodily harm. In this week's paper he followed up the article with the names of the men and women, denounced in severe terms, at the same time mentioning the threats and announcing that he was prepared to defend himself. Several colored men, it is said, have sworn to kill him on sight and bloodshed is expected before the matter ends."

SALISBURY TO BLAINE.

BRITAIN'S PREMIER SAYS ENGLAND IS WILLING TO ARBITRATE.

He, However, Insists That England Never Admitted the Russian Claim to Jurisdiction in Behring Sea.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—Lord Salisbury's last dispatch to Secretary Blaine relative to the Behring Sea dispute bears the date of August 2. After quoting from historical documents the dispatch concludes: "These show that England refused to admit any part of the Russian claim, asserted in the ukase of 1821, to marine jurisdiction and the exclusive right of fishing throughout the whole extent of that claim from Behring Straits to the fifty-first parallel; also that the convention of 1825 was regarded by both sides as a renunciation on the part of Russia of that claim in its entirety, and that the Behring Straits was known and specifically provided for.

"Behring Sea was not known by that name, but was regarded as a part of the Pacific Ocean. Her Majesty's Government always claimed freedom of navigation and fishing in Behring Sea outside the limit of a marine league from the coast. It is impossible to admit that the right to fish and catch seals in the high seas can be held to be abandoned by a nation from the mere fact that for a certain number of years it has not suited the subjects of that nation to exercise such rights.

"It must be remembered that the existence of British Columbia as a colony and the development of the colonies' shipping interest are comparatively recent. If the United States Government continues to differ with Great Britain as to the legality of the recent captures, Her Majesty's Government is ready to refer the question, with the issues dependent thereon, to impartial arbitration."

CONSUMMATING A RAILROAD DEAL

By Which the Canadian Pacific and Shore Line Will Connect.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—A special from Bangor, Me., to the *World* says: Richard J. Cross of New York, president of the Shore Line Railway Company, of which Russell Sage is the largest owner; President Van Horne of the Canadian Pacific, and other prominent officials of both companies, held a consultation at St. John on Wednesday. All these people, with the heads of departments of both lines, have been inspecting the Shore Line road between St. John and St. Stephen.

The real object of their visit has not yet transpired, but it is understood they are discussing the project of connecting the Canadian Pacific Railroad and Shore Line systems by building a branch from Mattawamkeag to Calais, and that the Canadian Pacific will buy Mr. Sage's line. This will give the larger road its own from ocean to ocean, whereas it now runs over fifty miles of the Maine Central.

MR. MARTIN'S TOY GUN.

No Conviction, But Judge Mills Must Ventilate His Views.

John Martin was before Judge Mills to-day accused of carrying concealed weapons. It seems that he had some words with a man and pulled a toy gun on him and there was no evidence to the contrary. "This is the second time this week that we have had toy gun cases in this court. There is no proof to commit this man, but he is certainly a fool. No man ought to deliberately pull a toy pistol on another, for it would be sufficient justification on the part of the one attacked to shoot him dead and I do not believe that any jury would convict him. The case is dismissed."

Tours for Business and Pleasure.

The Commissioners have ordered the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department to visit Boston and vicinity and intermediate cities en route, with a view of obtaining information for use in building upon the internal arrangements and appliances for the new hook and ladder company's house. The Inspector of Buildings has also been ordered to visit Boston and the cities en route to inspect buildings of reformatory and educational institutions in order to obtain information for use in constructing a new female workhouse for the District.

Wants a New Potter's Field.

Intendent Sternbergburg of the Washington Asylum has recommended that the boundary lines of the grounds of the asylum be located east of Nineteenth street and south of B street east, and also that a portion of the grounds be reserved and platted for a burial ground for the poor of the District.

New Sewer to be Laid.

An order has been issued directing that a new sewer be laid on Thirty-sixth street, between Prospect street and First street, Georgetown.

FROM ACROSS THE SEA.

RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES AGAIN APPREHENDED IN EAST AFRICA.

Big Strike in Belfast—To Publish Carefully Newman's Sermons—The Massacre at Erzeroum.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—Advices from East Africa represent that hostilities are again apprehended on the part of the natives toward the German settlement. The Mafiis, not discouraged by the thrashing which they received last year from Major Wissmann, are contemplating another attack. They are said to be well armed with repeating rifles purchased from traders at Zanzibar. The Germans are getting ready to give them a lively reception. German trade in East Africa shows a marked increase.

CATHOLIC PILGRIMS.

The number of people who made the pilgrimage to Krock yesterday to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin was larger than usual. It is estimated that 70,000 persons visited the place, among them many prominent Catholics of England, Scotland and the United States. In anticipation of the great rush to Knock a large number of police were drafted from the north of Ireland to preserve order, but their services were not needed, as the crowds were perfectly quiet and orderly.

BIG STRIKE IN BELFAST.

It is probable, however, that a draft of police to the North of Ireland will be found necessary. The owners of a large factory in Belfast, having withdrawn the bonus which they have been accustomed to pay to certain of their workmen who exceeded the average daily accomplishment, a thousand hands struck yesterday and many others are preparing to follow the example. The strikers are disposed to be violent, and rioting is regarded as imminent.

CARDINAL NEWMAN'S SERMONS.

It transpires that for several years the sermons of Cardinal Newman were reported verbatim, without the knowledge of the Cardinal. The reports have been carefully preserved and it is intended to publish them as soon as possible.

JUSTIN MCCARTHY IN GOOD HEALTH.

Mr. Justin McCarthy has returned to London from his sojourn at Royat, France. His health is fully restored.

HORRIBLY MANGLED DEAD.

The *Daily News* is in receipt of an authentic account of the recent massacre at Erzeroum, which it publishes this morning. It is ascertained that twenty-one persons were killed and 200 wounded. The condition of the dead is described as horrible. Some of the bodies were mangled beyond recognition, and upon others as many as nineteen bayonet wounds were counted.

The *News* reiterates its demand that England shall take steps to inform the Porte that a repetition of such brutalities will not be tolerated by the civilized world.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stocks.

To-day's New York stock market quotations, furnished by C. T. Havenner, Rooms 9 and 11, Atlantic building, 930 F street northwest. Correspondents, M. B. Mendham, New York; Chandler, Brown & Co., Chicago:

STOCKS.	Open 2:30		STOCKS.	Open 2:30	
A., T. & S. F.	42½	43	Omaha	.....	.....
Can. South.	55½	55½	p'f'd	.....	.....
Chi., R. & Q.	104½	103	Ore. Trans.	.....	.....
Con. Gas.	.....	.....	P., M. & S. Ca	44½	45½
C., B. & Pac.	80½	80½	Reading	44	44½
Del., L. & W.	146	145½	R. & W. Pa.	21½	22½
Del. & Hud.	.....	.....	St. Paul	71½	71½
Erie	29½	29½	Tex. Pac.	20½	20½
Jersey Cen.	.....	.....	Un. C. & I.	.....	.....
L. & N.	87½	87½	T., St. L. & K. C.	.....	.....
Lake Shore	108½	108½	Wab. p'f'd.	20½	20½
Mo. Pac.	71½	71½	W. Union	84	84
N. Y. & N. E.	49	48½	W. & L. E. p'f'd	70½	70½
N. & W. p'f'd.	.....	.....	Petroleum	92½	93
N. Y. Cen.	107	107	Am. Cot. Oil Ca	22½	22½
N. Pac.	34½	34½	Cent. Gas Trust	53	55
" p'f'd.	82½	82½	Nat. Lead Tr'st	27	27
Northwest.	110½	110	S. Rolin. Co.	32	32½

The Chicago Markets.

To-day's Chicago grain and provision market quotations, furnished by C. T. Havenner, Rooms 9 and 11, Atlantic Building, 930 F street northwest. Correspondents, M. B. Mendham, New York; Chandler, Brown & Co., Chicago.

WHEAT.	Open	Close	PORK.	Open	Close
Aug.	101½	102½	Aug.	11 45	11 45
Sept.	102	103½	Sept.	11 25	11 25
Dec.	105	106½	Oct.	11 00	11 00
CORN.			LARD.		
Aug.	.....	.....	Aug.	.....	.....
Sept.	43½	43½	Sept.	6 15	6 27
Oct.	42½	43½	Oct.	6 32	6 42
OATS.					
Aug.	.....	.....			
Sept.	30½	[illegible]			
Oct.	30½	[illegible]			

Washington.

Sales—Regular: American Graphophone, 15½.

Miscellaneous: Lights, 1st, 6's, 20, 6's, 100; W. & G. R. R. 10-40 6's,