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NEWS ITEMS.

Five hundred miners struck at Mascoutah, Ill.

Rudolph Speckels denies that he is in the Hawaiian plot.

Two hundred colored families from Georgia have reached Mapimi, Mex.

The new cruiser Olympia has been placed in commission at Mare island.

A tow barge to carry 6,000 tons is being built at Chicago for eastern capitalists.

Gen. Daniel Sickles gets one-fourth of his father's estate, which is valued at $350,000.

The cruiser Minneapolis is preparing to join the North Atlantic squadron in the West Indies.

Oscar Sherlock, of Pittsburgh, was arrested at Chattanooga for passing counterfeit money.

Fire at Mt. Carmel, Ill., Thursday morning destroyed five store buildings, causing a loss of nearly $50,000.

M. E. Shay, of Boston, was elected president of the Master Painters and Decorators at the Louisville meeting.

The continued cold weather has caused a suspension of all operations practically in the Pennsylvania oil fields.

Foul play is suspected in the case of the drowning of the Misses Mollie Rodiger and Ida Trinkley, near Old Monroe, Mo.

Hon. John L. Stevens, of Augusta, Me., ex-minister to Hawaii, is critically ill with nervous prostration and heart trouble.

George M. Johnson, once a millionaire, died in abject poverty at Parkersburg, W. Va., Thursday. Paralysis caused his death.

John Duffy, a young farmer, was found frozen to death about seven miles north of Boscobel, Wis. He was lying in the road.

A joint resolution has passed both Oregon houses for a constitutional amendment extending the elective franchise to women.

The temperature fell to 3 degrees below zero at Little Rock, Ark., Thursday morning, which is about the coldest weather ever known there.

The West Virginia dealers who sell cigarettes and paid $100 license are trying to have the money refunded, the law having been declared unconstitutional.

A north bound freight on the New Orleans and Northeastern railroad was wrecked near Purvis, Miss., killing one negro tramp and mortally wounding two others.

An epidemic of fire appears to be on in Cincinnati. Eighteen alarms were reported from Thursday morning up to Friday afternoon. Some of them were serious.

At Omaha, Neb., Charles Forman was boiled alive by the explosion of a steam heater in his father's residence Friday morning. The water pipe froze, and the heater exploded.

The steamer Cienfuegos, which was stranded on Harbor Island, near Nassau, N. P., has become a total wreck. Very little of her cargo will be saved and that much damaged.

At Chattanooga, Tenn., the mercury went to three below zero Friday morning, which is the lowest since 1886. Howling northwest winds makes it almost unbearable out of doors.

Friday forenoon Wm. Douglass, aged seventy years, a wealthy farmer residing in the neighborhood of Camden, Butler county, O., was found in one of his barns on the farm frozen to death.

It is reported that the United States government has formally protested against the monopoly of navigation on the Orinoco river, granted by President Crespo's administration to an English syndicate.

Rufino Iloneo, 21 years old, consul from Venezuela, at the port of Philadelphia, was fined $500 Friday in the court of general sessions, by Recorder Goff, a jury finding him guilty of carrying concealed weapons.

The Stout schoolhouse, twelve miles southwest of Winamac, Ind., caught fire while school was in session. Two children were seriously injured by being trampled upon in an excited rush from the burning building.

Friday was the coldest at Nashville, Tenn., with one exception, in the past twenty-five years. At 6:30 o'clock Friday morning the thermometer registered 6 4-10 degrees below zero. At 9 o'clock it marked 4 degrees.

At Sacramento, Cal., in the trot between Klamah (2:12¾) and Azote (2:08¾) Azote came under the wire six lengths ahead of Klamath, winning the heat in 2:09¼, being the fastest mile ever trotted in California.

The snow storm has seriously impeded railroad and street car traffic at St. Joseph, Mo. The storm is especially severe in southern Nebraska and northwestern Kansas, and train service on the Grand Island railway is entirely suspended.

Masked burglars dragged the watchman, blew open the safe and robbed the post office at Mattewan, N. Y., of $300 in stamps and some registered mail matter. As they were escaping Officer Marshall was seriously, if not fatally shot.

At Cleveland, O., two masked men entered the grocery of Frank B. Westgate, on the west side, and ordered the proprietor and a customer to throw up their hands. While one of the men was rifling the money drawer Westgate attacked him with a club. The other burglar shot the grocer and he may die.

The American Oak Leather plant, Cincinnati, the largest in the world, was damaged by fire Friday afternoon to the amount of $75,000. Several firemen were injured by falling walls. Others were disabled by frozen hands, feet, etc.

At Akron, O., Margaret Burke and Millie Clare retired together Thursday night. To keep warm they clasped each in their arms and went to sleep. When they were called Friday morning Miss Clare awoke to find in her arms a corpse, cold and stiff. It was with the greatest difficulty that she unlocked the dead girl's arms. She had been dead six hours.

In consequence of the serious illness of his daughter, United States Ambassador Eustis has obtained a leave of absence and gone to the Riviera. Secretary Vignaud will act as charged' affaires during Mr. Eustis' absence.

Frigid weather prevailed throughout the northwest up to 8 o'clock Friday morning, some Minnesota points reporting the lowest temperature ever known. It was 26 below Friday morning at daylight in St. Paul, and from 30 to 34 below in western Minnesota. In the Vermilion range, at Louden, the best spirit thermometer registered 45 below.

HEAVY SEAS.

Much Damage Done to Several of the Big Ocean Steamers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The Ward Line steamer Santiago, which arrived Monday morning from Nassau, brought forty of the crew of the steamer Cienfuegos of the same line, which was wrecked last Monday on Harbor Island, in the Bahamas. Very Rev. Dean Young, dean of Nassau, en route for England, was also a passenger on the Santiago.

The men return under charge of First Assistant Engineer Underwood. The other officers and a few of the crew are standing by the vessel, caring for the cargo.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The steamer Maryland (British), Capt. Herman, from Philadelphia January 22 for London, arrived at Valentia Monday morning with damaged bows. She had been towing the disabled steamer Loch Mare (British), Capt. Allison, from Charleston January 25 for Bremen, which she was obliged to abanon, owing to the fact that the Maryland was very short of coal. In the terrific gale which prevailed the cables parted, and it was then that the Maryland's bows were stove.

GLASGOW, Feb. 12.—The British steamer Grecian, from New York January 24 for Glasgow, arrived at Greenock Monday. She experienced terrific weather throughout the trip, and lost some of her cargo of live stock. Nineteen horses, sixty-eight cattle and a large number of sheep were swept overboard.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The harbor pilots have had their share of the discomfort and peril incident to the late seve weather. Fourteen boats of the New York and four of the New Jersey fleet are still out at sea, and from most of them no report has been received. The crews and pilots on board number nearly 200. The J. H. Stafford was doing station duty outside the bar, but on Friday stood out to sea to escape being blown ashore. She has not returned, and six pilots who took vessels out Saturday were compelled to stay on the ships and make the ocean voyage.

The position of Almsey Buoy in the horbor has been changed by drifting ice, which is another difficulty the pilots have to contend with.

NO FAST SOUTHERN MAIL.

The Post Office Committee Fails to Make an Appropriation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The last hope of the promoters of the southern fast mail from Cincinnati Monday was destroyed by the calling up of the post office appropriation bill in the senate without the proposed amendment for the Cincinnati southern mail. The committee did their best to get the committee to insert the amount asked for and the appropriation committee even cut out the appropriation for the southern fast mail along the Atlantic coast line, which has been appropriated for the last ten years or more.

Senator Sherman introduced a petition from members of the bar at Cleveland, O., asking for the appointment of an additional judge for that circuit. He also introduced a bill for the appointment of an additional judge as petitioned.

The senate amendments to the Chicago public building bill were agreed to by the house Monday.

Cranston's Wrongs.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The state department will proceed to take vigorous measures in the case of J. C. Cranston, who arrived at Vancouver Sunday on the Warrimo, an exile from Hawaii. A brief statement of his case has been received at the state department from the United States commercial agent at Vancouver, alleging that Cranston is an American citizen; that he was guiltless of any participation in the rebellion and that he was forcibly placed aboard the steamer and exiled without any trial and to his severe pecuniary loss. It will be necessary in order to make out a case against the Hawaiian government to substantiate Cranston's statement at every point.

The Elbe Captain's Last Words to His Wife.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—A dispatch to the Standard from Berlin says that according to his brother-in-law, Capt. Von Goessel, the master of the Elbe, while standing on the bridge after the collision, seeing that disaster was imminent, wrote a few words of farewell and handed the note to Deflarde, the German pilot, who was rescued, instructing him to give it to nobody but his (Capt. Von Goessel's) wife. The purport of the message has not been revealed.

Ohio Republican Leagues Meet.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 12.—Representatives of the Republican leagues of Ohio will hold sessions in this city beginning Tuesday. There are 110 republican clubs in the Ohio league, varying in membership from 50 to 1,400 members, the Blaine club being the largest, with that number. There are about 20,000 members in the state league. There will be 1,100 delegates and alternates in the convention.

Colonial War Dinner.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The Society of the Colonial Wars of the State of New York held its annual dinner at the Hotel Waldorf Monday afternoon, the occasion being the 132d anniversary of the signing of the treaty of Paris. Among the speakers were Joseph H. Choate, James C. Carter and Rev. Dr. David H. Greer.

Cable Bill in the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—A bill to incorporate the International Pacific Cable Co., for a cable from California to the Hawaiian islands and thence to Japan and other points in the Pacific and the mainlands of Asia and Australia, was introduced in the house Monday by Representative Charles W. Stone, of Pennsylvania.

Still Above $41,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Monday's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $142,412,007; gold reserve, $41,393,212.

Exiles Sue Steamer Co.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 12.—The trio of Hawaiian exiles have retained Wilson & Campbell, a local legal firm, to bring an action for damages against the Canadian Australian steamship line for carrying them off against their will.

Likened Himself to Moses.

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 12.—Gen. Booth, of the salvation army, addressed 200 ministers here, not So. He claimed that he was pulled over r of John Wesley, a himself to Moses. s of my life."

LA GASCOGNE.

The Big French Steamer Arrives Safe in Port.

Her Delay Was Caused by a Broken Piston Rod, and in Her Disabled Condition She Was Unable to Make Much Headway in the Fierce Gale.

QUARANTINE, Feb. 12.—La Gascogne, the big French liner, eight days overdue, dropped anchor at the bar just before midnight. All are well on board and a sigh of relief goes up from two continents. The delay was due to a broken-piston rod and to the terrific gales which swept the north Atlantic for the past week or more and brought disaster to many a stanch craft.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The first definite news that La Gascogne had arrived reached the city at 5:20 p. m., but for an hour before that dispatches had been coming in which gave ground for the hope that the missing Frenchman was near at hand.

At 5:20 a messenger boy from the Maratime exchange came running in with a telegram as follows:

"Fire Island, 5:15.—La Gascogne is off Fire island."

That was official, and settled the matter. The joy of the agent and other officials knew no bounds. They clapped each other on the back, and shook hands with tears in their eyes. One of them hustled up to the roof and ran up the French flag, while another chalked a transcript of the last dispatch on the big bulletin board outside, which is used to announce the sailing dates of the French ships.

An elderly Frenchman burst into the office just before the final telegram came. It was A. A. Richie, the wealthy phosphate agent, with headquarters at Ocala, Fla., who has three daughters on board La Gascogne. The reaction from his anxiety was so great that he laughed and cried at once. He shook hands with everybody in the place.

"Oh, my daughters," he cried. "They are safe. If you wish to see a happy, happy man, look at me."

Tears glistened in the eyes of all who were present, as they congratulated the old gentleman.

At no place in New York was the news of the Gascogne's arrival hailed with as much joy as at the Hotel Martin. For days all the prominent Frenchmen of New York have been gathering at this popular French resort for the news. The long distance telephone has been constantly ringing in the cafe. Frenchmen in Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, Pittsburgh and elsewhere have been asking for the news.

Such a scene of uncontrolled delight has seldom been seen in New York. Men who had relatives and intimate friends on board almost cried for joy. Only a party of Frenchmen could have expressed their extreme happiness as they did. With tears in their eyes, and their faces fairly beaming with joy, they hugged each other passionately.

There were many Frenchmen at the Martin who came from Boston and other cities to meet relatives on the vessel. They lost not a moment in rushing to La Gascogne's pier.

Mr. Crosier, of Philadelphia, whose wife is on board the Gascogne, was quite overcome when he heard the news.

"I can hardly talk, I am so happy," he said. "It seems as if I have just passed through a hideous nightmare. My anguish, as the days and nights went by without a word, was something terrible. I can hardly believe that it is true."

The tug Fred R. Dazell, with representatives of the press on board, was the first tug to reach La Gascogne. The disabled steamer had left Fire Island twenty-five miles astern and was eight miles to the eastward of Sandy Hook lightship. It was 9:45 p. m. The big liner was limping into port at half speed, with two big red lights, signals of distress, at the foremast.

The tug lay alongside half an hour and the following story of the trip was obtained:

The steamer left Havre January 26. On the first day out 449 miles were logged; on the second day 407 miles; on the third day, after traveling 380 miles, the piston rod broke, and eighteen hours were spent in making repairs. When they were completed the ship steamed at nine miles an hour, making in all 66 miles on the 29th. On the 30th, 31st and February 1, 225, 255 and 280 miles a day were made respectively.

On February 2 the piston rod broke down again. The break was more serious this time. Sea anchors were put out, and for forty-one hours the ship was hove-to, making repairs. On the 4th the first severe weather was experienced, and the ship was blown 150 miles out of her course. On the 5th, the repairs having been completed, 103 miles were made. The ship was then clear to the northward of the track of trans-Atlantic steamers, and was therefore not seen by the many steamers which passed over the regular track. On February 6 160 miles were made.

On the 7th the machinery broke down for the third time. The heavy cyclone struck her on that day, and the ship hove-to with the sea anchors out all day. No headway was made, and, owing to the motion of the ship, repairs were difficult. On the next day the chief engineer, who had been at his post day and night, completed the repairs, and the ship proceeded 131 miles.

A Foolish Wager.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Feb. 12.—Walter Hostander, Robert Horea, Jas. Wilson, Robert Jones and Samuel Miller made a wager that the one who crossed on the ice to the Kentucky shore and reaching that point first, would win a bet. At a given signal the boys started. In their eagerness to reach the goal, and on getting out in mid stream, they came in contact with a large air hole hidden by an ice peak, which they went through. Fortunately they were good swimmers, and landed on the surface of the ice in safety.

The Pope Angers the Sultan.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—A dispatch to the Chronicle from Rome says that a cardinal confirms the report that the sultan ivited the pope to mediate in behalf of Turkey, with the powers on the Armenian question. The pope declined to do so, but advised the sultan to appoint Christian governors. This made the sultan angry.

The Chinese Forces in Manchuria.

PARIS, Feb. 12.—A dispatch from Shanghai says that the Chinese have a total of 178,700 troops in Manchuria opposed to 50,000 Japanese.

BEHRING SEA PAPERS.

The President Sends Them to Congress With a Message.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The president Monday sent the following message to congress on the Behring sea question:

To the Senate:

On the 8th day of January I received a copy of the following senate resolution:

"Resolved, That the president be required, if not incompatible with the public interests, to communicate to the senate, all reports, documents and other papers, including logs of vessels, relating to the enforcement of the regulations respecting fur seals, adopted by the governments of the United States and Great Britain in accordance with the decision of the tribunal of arbitration convened at Paris and the regulations under which said reports are required to be made, as well as relating to the number of seals taken during the season of 1894 by pelagic hunters and by the lessees of the Prybiloff and Commander islands; also relating to the steps which may have been taken to extend the said regulations to the Asiatic waters of the North Pacific ocean and Behring sea and to secure the concurrence of other nations in said regulations, and, further, all papers not heretofore published, including communications of the agent of the United States before said tribunal at Paris, relating to the claims of the British government on account of the seizure of sealing vessels in Behring sea."

In compliance with said request I hereby transmit sundry papers, documents and reports which have been returned to me by the secretary of state, the secretary of the treasury and the secretary of the navy, to whom said resolution was referred. I am not in possession of any further information touching the various subjects embodied in such resolution.

It will be seen from a letter of the secretary of the navy accompanying the papers and documents sent from his department that it is impossible to furnish at this time the complete log books of some of the naval vessels referred to in the resolution, but I venture to express the hope that the reports of the commanders of such vessels herewith submitted will be found to contain in substance so much of the matters recorded in said log books as are important in answering the inquiries addressed to me by the senate.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

Executive Mansion, Feb. 11, 1895.

STRANGE FUNERAL.

Services Over a Coffin Filled With Flowers for an Elbe Victim.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Conrad Weiderhold, of No. 3517 Cozzens street, received word Saturday confirming the report that her husband was a passenger from Bremen on the steamer Elbe, and that in all probability his body was at the bottom of the sea.

She determined to hold a funeral services at her home, and Monday purchased an expensive casket, which she ordered filled with the choicest flowers. Sunday evening the residence was draped in mourning, when six pallbearers bore in their light burden amid the moans of the widow and little girl, and between the bowed heads of other friends of the deceased.

Rev. Gustav Wangerin, of the German Protestant church, conducted brief funeral services, and the assemblage dispersed. Just what disposition will be made of the casket has not been determined.

Big Indianapolis Blaze.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 12.—The wholesale grocery of George W. Stout was destroyed by fire Monday afternoon at a loss of $115,000. The fire was discovered at 2 o'clock, when the first alarm was sounded. Second and third alarms were sounded immediately, and it was apparent from the outset that the building was doomed.

Attempt to Blow Up a Dwelling.

LINEVILLE, Ia., Feb. 12.—Unknown parties made an effort to blow up the house of Sol Litton, a farmer living a mile south, early Monday morning. The door was broken open and a bomb thrown in. It exploded, but no one was killed. The house was badly wrecked. Litton extinguished the flames, though badly burned.

Gold Pouring In.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Secretary Carlisle informs the syndicate which agreed to furnish 3,500,000 ounces of gold that interest on the bonds given in payment would not be charged after the deposit of the gold, and in consequence a large amount of gold was Monday delivered at the assay office.

Accidentally Killed.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 12.—Word has just reached here of the accidental death of a 17-year-old boy named Crawford, who lives at Stacer Station, about ten miles from here. He was out in the stable attempting to fix a revolver, when it was discharged, and the bullet entered his brain.

Bogus Checks.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 12.—Some smooth individual is working the bogus check racket successfully in this city. So far he has passed three checks, using the name of J. S. Abbott & Son in each case.

Frozen to Death.

BRYAN, O., Feb. 12.—Wallace Williams, of Montpelier, this county, was frozen to death on the road between Montpelier and Angola, Ind.

The Elbe's Physician.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—An inquest was held at Harwich, Monday, over the body of a man who is supposed to have been the physician of the Elbe. When the body was picked up it had a life buoy attached to it, and upon the clothing were the initials "H. G."

A Skater Drowned.

STEUBENVILLE, O., Feb. 12.—Charles Newlin, aged 16 years, while skating on the river here Monday night, broke through the ice and was drowned. He could swim and kept up for some time, but rescuers could not get near.

A New Circuit Judge.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Representative Storer introduced into the house a bill creating a new judge for the Sixth district United States circuit court. It is believed that the Storer bill will be favorably reported by the judiciary committee Tuesday.

Off With Their Heads.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Gov. Morton has signed the power of removal bill, which gives Mayor Strong the power to depose the heads of departments of the New York city government.

FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

Second Session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—SENATE—The opening of Tuesday's session in the senate was accompanied by a rather stormy scene between two of the members of that body, Mr. Mitchell (rep., Ore.) and Mr. Harris. The district appropriation bill was taken up and passed. At one point the financial question broke out in the shape of an amendment offered by Mr. McLaurin (dem., Miss.), looking to the coinage of the silver bullion in the treasury to the amount of seigniorage ($55,000,000), but the amendment to which it was offered was decided by a vote of the senate to be out of order, and Mr. McLaurin's amendment fell with it. The diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was taken up, not, however, displacing the bankruptcy bill as the unfinished business, and the senate at 4:45, after a brief executive session, adjourned.

HOUSE—Most interesting of the finance speeches in the house Tuesday was that of Ex-Speaker Reed, who calmly and dispassionately explained the situation and argued in favor of his substitute embodying the features of the Allison plan. The debate on the administration bill to authorize the issue of $500,000,000 gold bonds for the purpose of retiring the legal tenders and treasury notes developed widely divergent views at the outset.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—SENATE.—During the consideration of the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill in the senate, Wednesday, Senator Hale's amendment appropriating $500,000 for immediately beginning the construction of a cable from America to Hawaii, brought about a considerable debate, a little of which was unfriendly to the measure. An extended debate followed as to the constitutional right of the government to own or construct railroads, telegraph and cable lines, being participated in by Mr. Platt and Mr. Gray. No action was taken on the cable measure.

HOUSE—Wednesday, Mr. Bland introduced a substitute for the Springer currency bill. It provides for free and unlimited coinage of silver and the retirement of the treasury notes by issuing in their stead silver dollars coined from the bullion. The administration bill was taken up and the following amendments agreed to: Making the bonds payable at the pleasure of the government after ten years, and due in fifty years; to limit the amount of legal tenders retired by the amount of additional circulation taken out by national banks; imposing, in lieu of other taxes, a tax of one-fourth of one per cent. on the circulation of national banks annually, and to reduce the limit of capital necessary for the corporation of national banks from $50,000 to $20,000; to strike out section 4 of the bill prohibiting the issue by national banks of notes of a denomination of less than ten dollars, and the retirement of silver certificates of over ten dollars; for the payment of customs duties, half in gold and half in silver.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—SENATE—The diplomatic bill was before the senate Thursday up to the hour of adjournment, when it went over without action on the item for the construction of a telegraph cable between the United States and the Hawaiian Islands. Speeches were made by Senator Higgins (rep., Del.) in favor of the item and by Senators Palmer (dem., Ill.) and Caffrey (dem., La.) against it. The senate at 5:30 adjourned till Friday.

HOUSE—The Springer finance was again discussed Thursday. Several amendments were agreed to, and one by Mr. Livingston (dem., Ga.), with the provision that the repeal should go into effect July, 1896, was defeated. The Springer bill was voted down by 161 yeas, nays 134. The Reed substitute was killed just before this—199 to 197. An analysis of the vote on the Springer bill shows that 44 republicans and 20 democrats voted for the bill, and 56 repuplicans, and 97 democrats, and 8 populists voted against it. When the house resumed consideration of the administration bill to authorize the issue of $500,000,000 of gold bonds, the pending question was on the appeal from the decision of the chair ruling the amendment of Mr. Bland (dem., Mo.) out of order. The chair was sustained, 130 to 52.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—SENATE—The president's message was received Friday and referred. Senator Lodge by request introduced a bill to provide for the issue of $1,250,000,000 worth of bonds payable in gold coin at 2½ per cent. interest, to run from ten to twenty-five years. Unanimous consent was secured for a vote on the Hawaiian cable amendment and the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill at 2:30 Saturday. The president's message giving Minister Willis' latest dispatches as to the sentences of death in Hawaii was presented and read amid impressive silence. Mr. Hale said the tragic and melancholy results foreshadowed by Minister Willis showed the imperative need of a cable. It would have averted or postponed this tragedy.

HOUSE—Discussion and filibustering on an appropriation bill to allow congressmen clerks at $1,200 per annum brought forward as an amendment to the legislative appropriation bill, retarded progress on that measure in the house Friday. The bill was laid aside. President Cleveland's message was received with slight applause on the democratic side. Speaker Crisp promptly referred the message to the committee on ways and means. There was no debate preceding its reference and no outspoken objection. The message from the president on the Hawaiian question and the accompanying papers were read. Referred to ways and means committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—SENATE—No business worthy of note was transacted in the senate Saturday.

HOUSE—No business of importance transacted Saturday. The house ways and means committee took up the president's special bond message at the end of a long session, and so much difference of opinion made itself manifest immediately that the business was postponed until 8 p. m. Monday. Mr. Bynum (Ind.) proposed a resolution to amend the act of 1875, so as to make it authorize the issue of bonds bearing interest at a rate not to exceed three per cent., and payable in gold coin. Chairman Wilson proposed a resolution to apply only to the contemplated issue which was the subject of the message, and to empower the secretary of the treasury to make them payable in gold coin, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three per cent.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—SENATE.—Mr. Davis (rep., Minnesota) submitted resolutions from the legislature of Minnesota, characterizing the railroad pooling bill as an effort to "legalize a gigantic trust," and requesting the Minnesota senators and representatives to work against the measure. Resolutions were presented by which the legislatures of both Kansas and Minnesota expressed themselves in favor of the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. Senator Pettigrew introduced a resolution requesting the president to have suit brought against the directors and stockholders of the Union and Central Pacific railroads for certain crooked transactions.

HOUSE—A bill to incorporate the International Pacific Cable Co. for a cable from California to the Hawaiian Islands and thence to Japan and other points in the Pacific and the mainlands of Asia and Australia was introduced in the house Monday. Representatives Beckner, Lockwood, Brown and Jones, of the elections committee, have united in a minority report against the bill reported by the majority giving the U. S. district judges the jurisdiction to determine the prima facie right of a member-elect to his seat, pending a final decision by the house itself. The minority holds that this is a blow at the constitutional rights of candidates.

Preached Over a Telephone.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 12.—Rev. J. B. Hawthorne, pastor of the First Baptist church, preached a sermon over the telephone, and all in Atlanta, Athens, Griffin, Macon and Madison who had telephone connection listened. He did not attack Col. R. G. Ingersoll, as had been expected he would, and his auditors were disappointed.

Leader Vallost Must Die.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—A special dispatch from Moosh says it is rumored the popular Armenian leader, Hadji Vallost, has been condemned to death and will shortly be executed.

Overcome by the Cold Weather.

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 11.—The storm throughout Ontario was very severe. In this city, Miss Mamie Cable, aged twenty, was overcome by the intense cold. She fell to the ground and died before assistance could be rendered.

The Patria Floated.

SANDY HOOK, Feb. 11.—The Hamburg American Line steamer Patria, which grounded off the Hook Saturday night, was floated Sunday morning and assisted off by five tugs. The Patria then went to sea. She sustained no damage.

Shoes To Fit Slim Pocket Books.

B. & S.

No matter if your purse is a regular "double A," we can fit it with good, honest, well-wearing, shoes---give you "double E" value at a "double A" price.

So far as we know, there are no shoes made for the money that combine so much merit and so few faults as these.

BORDERS And STEWARTS,

LOUISA, KENTUCKY.

CURRENT TOPICS.

OKLAHOMA CITY has four daily papers.

ST. LOUIS has an ambulance trolley service.

FRANCE leads Europe in wheat production.

THERE is a machine for sewing on buttons.

COMBS are found in the earliest known graves.

BROOMS were used in Egypt 2,000 years before Christ.

NEEDLES antedate history. They were first made in America in 1680.

THE United States dead letter office handled 596,662 unclaimed letters last year.

A CENSUS of the unemployed workmen in Brooklyn puts the number at 50,000.

A SPECIAL train of ore from Cripple Creek to Denver carried $1,000,000 worth of ore.

THE Massachusetts senate has adopted a rule for the exclusion of lobbyists.

SOME of the insurance companies of Paris refuse to insure people who dye their hair.

GERMANY reports 289 instances of suicide among school children during the last six years.

EDW. LILLER was killed at Bellaire, O., by falling fifty feet from a blast furnace cupola.

ACCORDING to the latest enumeration there are 26,000 more women than men in Philadelphia.

A BEDSTEAD bottom that is made extensible, to fit any bed, is among the latest inventions.

A HUNTER in Maine recently shot a fox that weighed 17 pounds and measured 5 feet 2 inches.

A COLONEL in the English army may allow only ten per cent of the men in his regiment to marry.

THE average age at which women marry in civilized countries is twenty-three and one-half years.

A PORTLAND dentist was lately called upon to extract a tooth belonging to a lady ninety-six years old.

THE state of Georgia sent thirty cars of relief to Nebraska. Lafayette county, Mo., alone sent fifteen cars.

THE police census of Washington gives that city a population of 269,628, an increase of nearly 40,000 since 1890.

THE total output of canned tomatoes in 1894 in the United States was 134,567,996 cans, against 107,500,000 cans in 1893.

IT is said that the new president of France, M. Faure, bears a striking resemblance to the late Chester A. Arthur.

PERSONS bearing the same surname, although they may not be related in any way, are forbidden to marry in China.

THE city of Lowell, Mass., pays the doctors of that city twenty-five cents for every birth in the city that they report.

THE number of unmarried women in England and Wales exceeds the number of unmarried men by a majority of nearly 200,000.

A CONSCIENCE stricken citizen of Lynn, Mass., sent the city treasury $2,000 to pay the city for taxes wrongfully withheld.

GUS. TEELER, of Kirwin, Kan., fell off a windmill tower and saved his life by falling on his two porkers. It killed the hogs.

ONE of the Rutland (Vt.) churches has made a new departure in connection with its services, by having young women as ushers.

A CASE containing jewels and coins valued at $1,000 has been stolen from the Egyptian section of the Columbian museum at Chicago.

RECENT disastrous earthquakes in Argentine were caused by heavy rains, which resulted in the overflow of a subterranean river.

DURING a recent trip of a snowshoe club in Maine to Hammonds Grove, the members tramped over the tops of an orchard of apple trees.

THERE are 9,328 licensed saloons in the city of New York, which undoubtedly require the attendance of not less than 40,000 barkeepers.

A COMBINED candlestick and match box, with a projecting spur permitting its ready attachment to the wall, when desired, has been invented.

H. R. DROWNE, of New York, has in his collection of curiosities a watch once owned by Roger Williams, who settled Rhode Island in 1636.

FIVE hundred and seventy-six architects have entered the competition for the preparation of plans for the projected Paris exhibition of 1900.

MR. J. R. SLATON, a farmer of Bullock county, Ga., cleared $13,000 last season on watermelons. He will plant sixty acres in melons this year.

ARRAIGNED for carrying concealed weapons and assault and battery, Page M. Baker, editor of the New Orleans Times-Democrat, was fined $1,000.

PARISIAN restaurant keepers mix a little honey with their butter. This gives it an agreeable flavor, it is claimed, and makes inferior butter more palatable.

MARGARET ALLEN fell overboard at New York and would have drowned had not an intelligent pig on board the same schooner raised an alarm that saved her.

REV. MR. DOWNING, pastor of a colored Presbyterian church in Roanoke, Va., intends to place in his church a handsome window in memory of Stonewall Jackson.

WHEN she opened a can of peas which had just come from a grocery, Miss Carrie Miller, of Milford, Pa., saw some bright object glitter. As she looked closely she found a pretty gold ring.

IT has been noticed that eggs throughout Georgia, being packed in the strong, resinous pine sawdust of the region, have, when eaten, a decided flavor of turpentine, which, though unpleasant, may not be unwholesome.

A PHILADELPHIA milkman has a blind horse that regularly goes over the route while the driver, as is the custom of milkmen, run from house to house to deliver to customers. The horse never fails to stop at the right places.

OVER 1,000 yards of linen cloth have been unrolled from one mummy. The cloth in texture resembles the cheesecloth of the present somewhat; it is finer in quality.

AN intoxicated Philadelphian convulsed a street car full of people by lifting his hat to a Chinaman and saying in uncertain tones: "Le' me offer sheat, madame."

THE pine cone and tassel has received a majority of almost 7,000 votes in the contest for a floral emblem in Maine. The total vote was about 20,000. The chrysanthemum received one vote.

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