

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

IN CONGRESS, COMMITTEE AND COURT. NO RECESS FOR CONGRESS—THE BANKRUPTCY BILL—TARIFF ON METALS—THE POLITICAL ASSESSMENT LAW CONSTITUTIONAL.

The House yesterday voted not to take the usual holiday recess, and adopted a resolution fining any member absent without leave or reasonable excuse. The Lowell Bankruptcy bill, somewhat modified, was reported in the Senate from the committee.

The House Ways and Means Committee continued the consideration of the tariff on metals yesterday. The Supreme Court rendered a decision in the political assessment case of N. M. Curtis, affirming the constitutionality of the law under which he was convicted.

DISCUSSING THE TAX ON METALS. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The House Committee on Ways and Means this morning continued its consideration of the metal schedule and is still at work on that part of it relating to iron.

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AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN LANDS.

MR. PARNELL ON THE NEEDS OF IRELAND. LONDON, Dec. 18.—Mr. Parnell in his speech at the banquet given in his honor in Cork yesterday, said that he would always oppose any attempt of the Government to land emigrants in a helpless and penniless condition on the shores of the Eastern States of America.

TOPICS IN CHINA AND JAPAN. HONG KONG, Nov. 22.—There was a great fire in Canton on November 7. Eight hundred houses were destroyed and many lives were lost. The fire broke out in the morning at about 10 o'clock.

DISASTROUS BOILER EXPLOSION. CINCINNATI, Dec. 18.—This afternoon a boiler burst at the Globe rolling mill in West Front-st. city. Thomas Malloy was killed and H. Hargrave was fatally injured.

POISONED BY DISLASED PORK. DUBUQUE, IOWA, Dec. 18.—The people of Cresco, Howard County, are excited over the recent death of August Nass, a German, from trichina, caused by eating diseased pork.

FAILURE OF A BANK PRESIDENT. LYNCHBURG, VA., Dec. 18.—D. G. Thomas, president of the Bank of Abingdon, has failed, and has been assigned in favor of his creditors.

PHASES OF THE IRISH AGITATION. DUBLIN, Dec. 18.—It is stated that a famine prevails in Carrick County Donegal. The people are living on Indian meal.

EARL SPENCER TO RESIGN HIS OFFICE. DUBLIN, Dec. 18.—The Evening Mail says it believes there is little doubt that Earl Spencer will resign the Lord-Lieutenancy when affairs in Ireland are in a more satisfactory condition.

THE STAR-COURT TRIAL. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—In the Star-Court case this morning the question first came up on the application made by the defendant's counsel last Friday.

NOMINATIONS BY THE PRESIDENT. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate to-day: John F. Oliver, of the District of Columbia.

EXPORTS OF BREADSTUFFS. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The total values of the exports of domestic breadstuffs from the United States during the month of November, 1882, and during the same month of the preceding year, were as follows:

CHINA AND THE POWERS. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—The Novoe Vremya says that the Chinese Government has promised to institute an inquiry into the matter.

THE APPOINTMENT OF LORD DERBY. LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Times, in a leading article, says that the chances have been raised to Lord Derby's appointment to the India office by reason of the resignation of Lord Salisbury.

A LAND GRANT IN A NEW TERRITORY. OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—The country lying between the western limits of Manitoba and the eastern boundary of the British Columbia has been divided into four separate divisions.

GENERAL CANADIAN NEWS. MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—A collision yesterday between two freight trains on the Grand Trunk Railway near St. Amé, wrecked two locomotives and fifteen cars.

FOREIGN NOTES. A fire causing the death of nine persons occurred in the town of Le Puy, France, to-day.

AGAINST AN INCREASE IN POSTAGE. ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 18.—A delegation of the proposed increase of postage on fourth-class mail matter has been organized to-day.

IRON WORKS TO BE CLOSED ON SUNDAY. TROY, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The mills of the Albany and Housatonic Iron and Steel Company were shut down to-day.

A SCHOONER DAMAGED. CHATHAM, MASS., Dec. 18.—The schooner Mary D. Wilson, lost, master from New York for Boston, split her mainmast and was forced to return to New York.

PROJECTED WORK FOR REVIVALISTS. BOSTON, Dec. 18.—The Revivalists are expected to start to-morrow on a tour in company with the Rev. Mr. F. A. Johnson.

TO RESTRAIN FURCLOSURE OF MORTGAGE. BOSTON, Dec. 18.—In the Supreme Court here to-day Judge Allen, attaching creditor, against the New-England Building Association, the judgment of the court was affirmed.

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OPINIONS ON SPECULATION.

WHAT THE SENATE COMMITTEE HEARD. JAMES H. KEENE THE PRINCIPAL WITNESS YESTERDAY.

J. R. Keene was the principal witness before the State Senate Committee on "corners" and "futures" at the Metropolitan Hotel yesterday. He came into the room with the manager of a so-called "bucket shop" and testified as to the manner in which his business was carried on and as to an abortive attempt to corner the market for export wheat.

Keene testified that he had not been inattentive to the testimony of his predecessor in the witness chair. His manner was very quiet and self-contained, his answers were direct and generally prompt, although once or twice he seemed to lose himself in an abstraction and called for questions by the committee.

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