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FOREIGN NEWS.

LEADING TOPICS AT MANY POINTS.

NIHILISM IN THE RUSSIAN ARMY—TOPICS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS—IRISH AFFAIRS IN ENGLAND, IRELAND AND CANADA.

It is said that there is a Nihilist society composed exclusively of officers of the Russian Army. In the House of Commons yesterday statements were made relative to the war in Madagascar, the Governor-Generalship of Canada and the Alabama Award. Mr. McCoan, M. P., in withdrawing from the Parnellite party, assails Mr. Parnell and his followers. Details of a supposed plot to destroy a portion of the Welland Canal in Canada are given. A murder conspiracy has been discovered in County Tipperary. Messrs. Davitt, Healy and Quinn have been released. Herr Lasker is coming to America.

THE NIHILISTS AND THE CORONATION.

LONDON, June 4.—*The Pall Mall Gazette* to-day publishes another portion of the letter from the Russian Nihilist Stepniak, in which he declares that a widespread society exists in the Russian Army, composed exclusively of officers, including numerous colonels of regiments. In regard to the present quiescence of the Nihilists, he says it would be foolish to attempt to create a revolt when the enemy are most alert. An attempt to assassinate the Czar might still form the beginning of a revolt or a *coup d'état*, but such an attempt of itself, he says, is no longer of importance.

A secret inquiry into the riot which occurred in the streets of St. Petersburg last Monday evening shows, it is reported, that it was instigated by Nihilists.

MOSCOW, June 4.—The Emperor and Empress drove to Sokolniki to-day to attend a military fête. They were without an escort. The municipal authorities of Moscow will give a grand dinner at Sokolniki to the foreign newspaper correspondents who attended the coronation.

TOPICS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, June 4.—In the House of Commons this afternoon, Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice, Under Foreign Secretary, stated that the commanders of the men-of-war Dryad and Dragon now in Madagascar waters, had been instructed to consult as to what measures were necessary to be taken to protect the lives and property of British subjects in Madagascar.

Mr. Gladstone declined to answer a question as to whether the services of the Duke of Albany as Governor-General of Canada had been refused. The Government, he said, was aware of the willingness of the Duke of Albany to render service to his Crown and country. He added that this feeling did the Duke the highest honor.

Mr. Kennard asked whether or not the Government would represent that the registration of a new set of claims at Washington by the Alabama Claims Commissioners was in violation of the intentions of the Geneva Conference. Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice replied that it was not the intention of the Government to interfere in the matter in any way.

McCOAN ASSAILS PARNELL'S PARTY.

LONDON, June 4.—Mr. McCoan, Member of Parliament for Wicklow, in a letter to Mr. Parnell informing him of his withdrawal from the Parnellite party, says that his reason for so doing, besides offence at Mr. Parnell's action in his (Mr. McCoan's) affair with Mr. O'Kelly, is that the aims and methods of the party have long ceased to be those to which he subscribed three years ago. He cannot, therefore, conscientiously remain in it.

Mr. McCoan also, in a letter to *The Freeman's Journal*, of Dublin, says the aims of four or five men who obviously force Mr. Parnell's hand have long been developed beyond a policy of honest land reform and federal home rule. He says he cannot continue to maintain even nominal relations with veiled Communism and rebellion. He asserts that there are other men in the party who think as he does, but they are cowed by a fear for their seats in the House of Commons, which is hard to understand in honest men. Mr. McCoan says he will not shrink from asking the judgment of his constituents on his action.

ARREST OF AN AMERICAN FENIAN.

BIRMINGHAM, June 4.—The police arrested here to-day an avowed American Fenian who had declared his intention of making mischief at the Bright celebration next week. The man is forty years of age. Since his arrival here he has received letters from America and Paris. He gives his name as George Smythe. Previous to his arrest Smythe bought fifty cartridges for a large revolver and then entered a tavern, where he displayed the revolver and threatened to disturb the Bright procession on Monday. The police were then summoned.

A FENIAN SCARE IN CANADA.

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., June 4.—A few weeks ago the Government at Ottawa received warning that it was the intention of the Fenian faction to send a party of their followers into Canada on the day of the execution of Joseph Brady, one of the Phœnix Park murderers, to blow up certain portions of the Welland Canal with dynamite. The Government on May 12 stationed men at short distances along both the old and the new canals, to watch the movements of any suspicious persons. The day before the execution of Brady (Sunday, May 13) fifteen suspicious looking men, each carrying a medium-sized satchel, jumped from a train at St. Catharines, having just come over the Suspension Bridge from Buffalo. They were immediately "shadowed" by private detectives who were sent to the places of supposed attack on the canals and who soon after overheard enough of the conversation of the strangers to be convinced that this was the party they were commissioned to watch. The visitors walked about apparently unconcerned, but at the same time they were making secret arrangements for the carrying out of their object. A few of their number were sent along the canal to select a suitable spot to destroy the connection between the upper and lower lakes. They soon learned, however, that their designs were known. They saw large numbers of men stationed along the canal in sentry-boxes. The delegation then returned to St. Catharines, where the party immediately dispersed and returned as quickly as possible to the States. Watchers are still stationed along the canals, guarding the locks day and night. A Government official to-day said, "I am satisfied we did not take our precautions one hour too soon." A gang came over from Buffalo on Sunday, but when the men found the canal guarded at every point they returned to that city.

MURDER CONSPIRACIES, NEW AND OLD.

DUBLIN, June 4.—James Carey and the other informers who testified at the trials here of the Phœnix Park murderers, have been informed that they must indicate the places out of the country to which they wish to be sent, and that on no condition will they be allowed to remain in Ireland. It is inferred from this action that the extradition proceedings in the case of Messrs. Walsh, Sheridan and Tynan are collapsing.

A memorial to the Government praying that the death sentence of Timothy Kelly, one of the Phœnix Park murderers, be commuted, has been signed by seven of the special jurors summoned during the recent commission, including two men who served on the jury which convicted Kelly.

In the Letterfrock murder conspiracy case four men, two named Faherty and two named Donnelly and Connelly, have been committed for trial on the charge of having murdered Constable Kavanagh and a man named Lydens. Five other men were committed on charges of treason-felony and conspiracy to murder.

The existence of a conspiracy to murder at Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary, has been discovered. No arrests have been made up to this evening. It is believed that all the persons implicated in the conspiracy have fled to America.

INCIDENTS IN THE IRISH AGITATION.

DUBLIN, June 4.—Archbishop Croke in his address at Tipperary yesterday said he would not be able for many reasons to accept any more addresses during his visitation of his archdiocese, or to participate in any popular demonstrations.

Edward Harrington, editor of *The Kerry Sentinel*, was arraigned in court at Tralee to-day. He admitted that the placard requesting persons who desired to join the Invincibles, to attend a meeting, was printed in the office of *The Sentinel*, but declared that the work was done without his knowledge.

MONTREAL, June 4.—At a meeting of the Land League it was resolved to form a National League for Canada in connection with the Irish League, to aid in redressing the grievances of Ireland by legitimate and constitutional means. The resolution was carried unanimously. The president in a moderate speech repudiated, in behalf of the local League, any design to act contrary to the wishes of the clergy.

DAVITT, HEALY AND QUINN RELEASED.

DUBLIN, June 4.—Messrs. Davitt, Healy, M. P., and Quinn, who were sentenced in February to confinement in Kilmainham Jail for six months for making inflammatory speeches, were released from prison this afternoon. The three men look well.

HERR LASKER COMING TO AMERICA.

BERLIN, June 4.—Herr Lasker has started for England. He will go from there to America, where he intends to remain for five months.

Edward Lasker, a German statesman of Jewish parentage, was born at Jarocin, Posen, on October 14, 1829. He studied at Breslau and was some time in the judiciary service in Berlin. He also studied English jurisprudence in London. Herr Lasker was elected to the Prussian Chamber in 1865, and was afterward a member of the North German and German Imperial Parliaments. He was one of the founders of the National Liberal party and a promoter of the union of the Northern and Southern States of Germany. In the Reichstag he is one of the foremost leaders, and until two or three years ago—when Bismarck broke with the Liberals—he was a strong supporter of the Chancellor's policy. A few years ago Herr Lasker published a notable work on the constitutional history of Prussia.

M. DE LESSEPS ON THE CANAL PROJECT.

PARIS, June 4.—At a meeting of the Suez Canal Company to-day a proposal made by Count de Lesseps to examine into the project for the construction of a second canal across the isthmus was adopted unanimously. M. de Lesseps assured the meeting that the English directors were giving loyal assistance, and prophesied that another canal would be built. He stated that improvements now being made at a cost of 30,000,000 francs would suffice for a traffic of 10,000,000 tons yearly. The company a year ago had decided to undertake the building of a second canal. It could accomplish this within the limits of its own lands, but could do the work much more rapidly if the Egyptian Government would grant fresh concessions. He said the negotiations for obtaining the aid of England in this object were proceeding favorably.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINION.

MONTREAL, June 4.—The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal was held this afternoon. There was a large attendance. The president's address was very conservative. In a comprehensive review of the past and present condition of the institution, he said he thought its profits are better now than ever, and they would have been a great deal better than they are but for losses within the last few months. With regard to the future, the policy of the directors would be the same as formerly. The reins on money, he said, would not be relaxed for some time, so as to prevent any tendency to inflation. The report and resolutions were carried without discussion.

It is stated here that the Société Postal of France is about to withdraw its steamers from the Brazil route, on the ground of not making expenses. Mr. Bently, Consul-General and general agent, is now in England organizing a new company to take up the Government subsidy.

The Duke of Athole is here.

ST. JOHN, N. B., June 4.—The bark Sterlingshire at Chatham, N. B., from Youghal, has been in collision with an iceberg. She struck on the luff side of the bow, breaking in her upper works, knocking her bowsprit out of position, and carrying away her headgear and foretopsail stays.

FOREIGN NOTES.

BERLIN, June 4.—In the Reichstag to-day the Copyright Convention with France and the Treaty of Commerce with Italy were passed.

LONDON, June 4.—In the chess tournament to-day, Winawer and Sellman played a drawn game. Rosenthal, English and Mackenzie defeated Mason, Bird and Blackburne respectively.

PARIS, June 4.—General Wimpffen, of the French Army, in a letter to the *Evénement* says the object of Count von Moltke's tour recently in Italy was to study the best route for an invasion of Southern France.

BERLIN, June 4.—A committee of Progressists and Liberals has been formed with the object of erecting a monument to the late Herman Schulze Delitzch, founder of the system of friendly societies.

ROME, June 4.—A statue of General Garibaldi was unveiled at Caprera yesterday, in the presence of the entire family of Garibaldi and many of his friends-in-arms.

ROME, June 4.—In execution of a decree issued by Garibaldi when Dictator, the Chamber of Deputies has approved a bill providing that 800,000 lire be annually included in the budget to compensate families ruined by pillage at the hands of the Bourbon troops in the years 1849 and 1860.

MADRID, June 4.—An official telegram has been received stating that the last obstacle to the conclusion of a treaty between Spain and Chili has been removed. It is believed that the treaty has already been signed, and that its conditions are honorable to both countries.

PANAMA, June 4.—The Central and South American Telegraph Company's aerial line connecting Santa Elena and Guayaquil is interrupted between Juntas and Guayaquil. Juntas reports hearing firing near Guayaquil at noon and from 3 to 5 o'clock yesterday, and again this morning.

HAVANA, June 4.—Zorrilla & Co., bankers, who suspended payments a few days ago, have issued a circular announcing the liquidation of their business.

EMPLOYERS AND LABORERS.

BLACKSTONE, Mass., June 4.—A strike of the speeder tenders at the Blackstone Cotton Mill this morning caused the shutting down of the machinery and the throwing of 800 operatives out of employment.

CHICAGO, June 4.—The drivers and conductors of the State Street Cable Railway Line, to the number of 300, quit work to-day, owing to a reduction of wages. A few cars on the State Street Line are being operated by new men, but the remaining three lines have been abandoned.

CHICAGO, June 4.—The Calumet Iron and Steel Company at South Chicago, which has been closed for several days debating whether it would accept the Pittsburg schedule, started again this morning with half the usual force.

READING, Penn., June 4.—The puddlers at the Bloodin Rolling mill who struck for 25 cents per day advance have been granted the advance and have returned to work.

THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 4.—The thirty-fourth annual session of the American Medical Association will open here to-morrow and continue four days. The address of welcome will be delivered by General Edward S. Meyer. The forenoons will be devoted to general business. The afternoons will be divided into seven sections, meeting separately. Several hundred delegates and others have already arrived. A grand reception and banquet will be given in the Euclid Avenue Opera House and the Skating Rink to-morrow night and a large number of receptions at private residences on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

LEGISLATION IN PENNSYLVANIA.

HARRISBURG, June 4.—In the Senate to-day a substitute for the bill to prohibit political assessments was adopted providing that it shall be unlawful for any committee or member thereof to demand of any person in the service of the State or in the service of any city or county of the State any money or anything of value with the understanding that the same is to be used for any political purpose. In this shape the bill was passed. The Senate passed the House bill to establish the contract system in prisons and reformatory institutions.

OFFICERS OF A FRAUDULENT COMPANY ARRESTED.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Va., June 4.—W. P. McCreary, secretary, and F. Listenwater, manager of the Marriage Fund Mutual Trust Association, were arrested to-day on the charge of conspiracy to defraud and of using the United States mail for that purpose.

AN AWARD AGAINST BOSTON.

BOSTON, June 4.—The referees in the suit of William Pollard et al., contractors, against the city of Boston, to recover $600,000 damages alleged to have been sustained by failure of the city to carry out its contract with them in building a sewer at Dorchester Bay, have awarded the plaintiffs $66,000.

THE NEWPORT CITY GOVERNMENT.

NEWPORT, R. I., June 4.—The City Government was organized to-day by the re-election of the old officers in both branches. Mayor Franklin, in his inaugural, places the debt of the city at $84,500, against which there is a sinking fund of $13,687 98.

BEATEN AND ROBBED ON HIS JOURNEY.

A CABINET-MAKER DANGEROUSLY INJURED NEAR CROTON LANDING WHILE SEEKING WORK.

CROTON LANDING, N. Y., June 4.—Henry Moore, a German cabinet-maker, late of No. 509 West-st., New-York, was brutally assaulted at this place about 1 a. m. on Sunday by Henry Tice, George Tuttle and a third person supposed to be John Crandall, all of this place, and employed in one of the brick-yards as laborers. Moore left New-York City last Saturday to go to Cornwall, where he had been promised employment in a cabinet-maker's shop. He bought a ticket to Sing Sing, intending to walk the remainder of his journey. He carried with him an umbrella, a satchel containing his tools, a few articles of clothing and a shawl. About midnight he reached Croton Landing, and being wearied by his long walk, sat down on the front-stoop of the dwelling-house occupied by George Hatter, taking advantage of his rest to eat some crackers, which he carried in his valise.

While eating on the step Moore was approached by Tice, Tuttle and the man supposed to be Crandall, and was accused by Tice of having stolen his bag of flour. This accusation he denied, and becoming alarmed he called for assistance. Mr. Hatter responded to the call and succeeded in driving off the men, and at the same time he fully identified them. When Mr. Hatter returned to his house, Moore proceeded on his journey, but had only gone a short distance when the men had assaulted him. Tice hit Moore in the face while Tuttle grasped him around the waist and took his watch and chain. He ran away but the men attacked him for the third time until Moore was unconscious. He managed to return a short distance to collect his property and he subsequently crawled into the barn of Abraham Hoag, a farmer of Croton. On Sunday morning Mr. Hatter made a complaint against Tice and Tuttle and they were arrested. When arraigned on Sunday morning the prisoners treated their arrest in a jocular way, and boasted that they could not be convicted because the "Dutchman" could not be found to testify. Police Justice Roberts surmised from this that the men had thrown Moore into the river, and at once began to search for his body.

As Hoag with a party of residents of Croton were prosecuting the search, they came across Moore's umbrella and shawl. They found Moore in an unconscious condition. He was taken to the home of Police Justice Roberts, who summoned Dr. Bynigton and not until late to-day was he restored to consciousness. Moore is a good-looking German about thirty-five years of age and has only been in this country about three years. The right side of his head is terribly bruised, while his right eye is totally closed. Dr. Bynigton hopes that Moore will recover the use of his eyesight. It is thought that his skull is fractured. This afternoon the prisoners pleaded not guilty. Tuttle gave bail in $1,000 and Tice was locked up, in default of bail, in the Peekskill Jail. The prisoners were intoxicated and their object was robbery.

IMMIGRANT GIRLS SWINDLED.

SARATOGA June 4.—This morning twenty five young women, English and Swedish immigrants, arrived here from New-York by boat and train. They were sent out by a firm alleged to be doing business in New-York to accept situations in hotels and boarding-houses represented to have been obtained for them. On their arrival they found that no places had been secured and that they were the dupes of swindlers. Each girl had paid a man purporting to be a member of the firm $3 50, —$1 for booking and $2 50 for boat and car fare. They were told that this would include berths and meals on the boat; but they had neither accommodation nor meals furnished on the boat and arrived here without having partaken of food since Sunday at noon.

Being nearly all penniless and none having sufficient funds to buy a return ticket to New-York, they went to Police Headquarters and explained the state of affairs. The reporters of the local newspapers provided dinner for the girls at the New-York Hotel. Ex-Alderman Mitchell stated the case to Mr. Hoyt, the Commissioner of the Poor, who gave orders that the young women be entertained at the same hotel until to-morrow afternoon, if situations for them are not sooner obtained. The police also took an interest in them, taking care that improper persons did not seek to inveigle them to places of evil resort. The sympathies of some residents were enlisted, and through their efforts situations for all were obtained in private families this afternoon.

One day last week a man, representing himself as Mr. Seastedt of the alleged firm alluded to, was in town and left the firm's card at the Adelphi Hotel. The description of this man by the hotel clerk tallies with that given by the young women of the man to whom they paid their money in New-York.

BUTLER STILL INVESTIGATING.

BOSTON, June 4.—Governor Butler has sent a message to the House of Representatives, asking for the appointment of a joint legislative committee to consider the abuses in the State offices and institutions. He says he has asked that such power be given the Governor and Council, but the Legislature has refused to grant it. He therefore asks that they select some of their own number, before whom he can appear, for he is not afraid to make his charges before any body of fair-minded men.

CONVICTS WELL PREPARED FOR ESCAPE.

AUBURN, June 4.—Two convicts early this morning got out of their cells in the prison here. A guard on the gallery above fired, and the convicts returned two shots from a revolver and ran to their cells, where they were found to be in possession of a revolver, jimmies, saws and other implements. The exit from the cells was made by drilling off the lock-bar on the door. No one was hurt.

WOOLLEN MILLS CLOSING.

PROVIDENCE, June 4.—A notice has been posted in the Lippitt woollen mill at Woonsocket announcing that the mill will close on the 16th inst., for an indefinite period. It is reported that the Evans & Seagrave mill at Waterford, Mass., will shut down about the same time.

A MUSIC FESTIVAL FOR PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, June 4.—The Music Festival Association has decided to hold a festival in 1884, and to raise a guarantee fund of $100,000 to insure its success. The oratorio of "Elijah" will be rendered.

CALIFORNIA ORANGE SHIPMENTS.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 4.—A reduction of $100 per car in the freight charges on oranges has largely stimulated exportation of the fruit. Oranges are going forward a train load at a time.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES—BY TELEGRAPH.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A RAILROAD CONDUCTOR.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., June 4.—Michael Sullivan, a freight conductor on the Central Railroad, who was injured in the accident at Palmyra on Sunday, has since died.

A HARTFORD PAINTER SHOOTS HIMSELF.

HARTFORD, Conn., June 4.—F. P. Loomis, a painter of this city, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself.

CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL ASSAULT.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., June 4.—Andrew Teeter, Henry Noonan and Joseph Coleman were arrested at Brockport this morning, charged with assaulting Catharine Hever on the Ridge road last night.

RETURN OF AN EMBEZZLING CLERK.

BOSTON, June 4.—William M. Story, formerly a station agent of the Boston and Maine Railroad, who is charged with the embezzlement of $2,000, arrived here to-day from Carthage, Ohio, where he had been arrested.

THIEVES ON A RAILWAY TRAIN.

SALEM, Mass., June 4.—On the train from Lawrence this forenoon thieves sawed out a panel in the conductor's room and stole the contents of the cash box, about $2,000.

SUICIDE OF A PENSIONER.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., June 4.—Nicholas Webber, age forty-two, a member of Company D, 140th New-York State Volunteers, this afternoon cut his throat with a razor. He had become insane through mental distress caused by the investigation of his pension papers. He will die.

THE SLAYER OF MRS. FREITZHEIM.

AUBURN, N. Y., June 4.—Joseph Petmecky, who was arrested in Albany for the murder of Mrs. Freitzheim, arrived at Auburn this morning. He admits the killing, but claims that it was done in self-defence.

A BRIEF REIGN OF TERROR.

ATLANTIC, Iowa, June 4.—"Frank" Brown and John Anderson pursued a course of intimidation in the town of Wiota for three hours on Sunday, firing revolvers promiscuously. Finally a body of citizens opened fire upon them, shooting Anderson dead and fatally wounding Brown.

GAMBLERS ESCAPING THROUGH ROBBERY.

AUSTIN, Tex., June 4.—The Grand Jury indicted from forty to fifty members of the Legislature for gambling. Some of those indicted left money with counsel to plead guilty and pay the minimum fine rather than go to trial. Some one entered the County Clerk's office on Saturday night and stole all the indictments. Sporting circles are greatly elated.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

MAHONE MEN IN A FINE FRENZY.

SOME RASH UTTERANCES BY THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Senator Mahone's Washington organ, which is edited by Messrs. Hatton and Gorham, is in a state of frenzy over the prospect that the Administration will soon cease to countenance political practices in Virginia which would not be tolerated in any other State, and which are in violation of law. In a column and a half editorial to-day entitled, "Mr. Blaine's Democratic Alliance against the Administration and Senator Mahone," an editorial which bristles with italics and small caps, *The National Republican* proceeds to read out of the Republican party everybody who does not approve General Mahone and all his practices—political assessments and bossism included. Messrs. Hatton and Gorham, it is reported, visited Senator Mahone last week and the editorial of to-day may be regarded as significant on that account. An extract from it reads as follows:

Why should THE NEW-YORK TRIBUNE, *The Philadelphia Press*, *The Cincinnati Commercial Gazette* and all the journalistic minnows which follow in their wake, be so anxious now to make the public swallow the silly Bourbon canard that the Democrats have just won a victory in Virginia? Is there a Republican in the land so demented as not to take these deserters at their own word and give them over to the Democratic party, for which they are thus openly doing battle? The trouble with them is that they have failed to make their mud stick to the President. He is beyond the reach of their spent missiles.

A little further on the editor emphasizes his remarks as follows:

The sole question is whether the Democratic party shall or shall not have the electoral vote of Virginia in 1884. Mr. Blaine and his organs say they shall.

Apparently oblivious of the fact that an overwhelming majority of the Republicans in every State and, so far as known, all the Republican newspapers in the country, with two or three exceptions, are opposed to political assessments and political bosses, the editor thus concludes:

The Coalition committees in Virginia are really but one in thought and purpose. Virginia will cast her twelve electoral votes for the Republican candidate for President in 1884 if our National Convention nominates a candidate who does not prefer Virginia Bourbons to their only antagonists, and treats the latter as political friends and worthy associates. The National Convention will be compelled to choose sides between the Northern allies of Southern Bourbons and the sincere friends of equal rights, North and South. If there is no objection to Democracy in Virginia, let its Northern friends go over to that party. If they could control a National Republican Convention, it would prove that pirates had seized our political ship, whose orders Republican sailors would never obey.

In another place the editor says: "The favorite lie now is that the relations between the Administration and General Mahone are of a diminished cordiality." It is rather a pity that so astute a man as the editorial Assistant Postmaster-General should thus mistake himself for "the Administration," especially after some of his most recent experiences. There is some reason to believe that before many days there may be an expression from a very high authority which even Mr. Hatton will be likely to understand and also to heed in case he shall desire to continue in his present dual capacity as a high officer of a Republican Administration and editor of a newspaper which professes to be Republican.

NORFOLK NAVY YARD ABUSES.

RUMORS OF A FORTHCOMING "WHITEWASHING" REPORT.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

WASHINGTON, June 4.—It is understood that the officers detailed by Commodore Mayo, of the Norfolk Navy Yard, to investigate the charges made by ex-Congressman Dezendorf, have finished their work and submitted a report, which, however, has not yet been received by the Secretary of the Navy. There are rumors that the so-called investigation has been far from thorough and that the report will be a "whitewashing" affair. It is asserted, for example, that Mr. Dezendorf was invited to testify in relation to alleged irregularities in the Bureau of Yards and Docks only and, only in relation to the time between May 1 and May 11. Mr. Dezendorf filed no specific charges whatever against the Bureau of Yards and Docks, but he did in relation to the Bureaus of Construction and Repair, and Equipment and Recruiting, respecting which, it is said, he was permitted to offer no testimony.

In regard to the charge that one Halbaman, a per diem employe, was given a leave of absence with pay for a fortnight or more pending the election of last November, in order that he might electioneer against the regular Republican candidate for Congress, it is asserted that it has been arranged to have the responsibility for this violation of law assumed by the time clerk, one Manning, in order to relieve Commodore Mayo and Naval Constructor Varney, and that Senator Mahone has promised to recompense Manning for his sacrifice by obtaining him an appointment in the Navy. If this story be true and the Secretary of the Navy shall hear of it, Mahone may find it difficult to redeem his promise. The Secretary has repeatedly declared that he intends to have a thorough investigation and reform of existing abuses at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

It appears that after the investigation was ordered and while it was in progress, Commodore Mayo or Constructor Varney visited Senator Mahone at Petersburg to consult with him about it, and it is inferred that the forthcoming report of the Mayo Board will be the natural result. It is possible both of these officers will learn that there is in Washington "a bigger man than Mahone" and that they have really been tempting fate.

THE STATUS OF CADET ENGINEERS.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—The rehearing of the case of Cadet Engineer Leopold against the United States in the Court of Claims, which was set down for this afternoon, has been postponed until Friday. This case is exciting much interest in naval circles, for the reason that upon it depends the status of more than forty young men of the grade of cadet engineer. The act of August, 1882, provided that all undergraduates at the Naval Academy shall hereafter be called "naval cadets." It further provided that all, except ten each year upon graduation, should be discharged from the service with one year's pay. The cadet engineers—who are now interested in the Leopold case—had all completed their four years' course at the Naval Academy and were scattered over the globe performing the required two years' active service preliminary to promotion to the grade of assistant engineer.

The Secretary of the Navy ruled that the act of August, 1882, affected the cadet engineers as well as the naval cadets, and that by its language and intendment they were still undergraduates and entitled to the pay of naval cadets only instead of the higher rate of pay (that of cadet engineers) which they had been receiving. A test suit was then brought in the Court of Claims by Cadet Engineer Leopold to recover cadet engineer's pay and thus determine the status of the entire class. The Court, in an opinion by Judge Schofield, rendered a decision in favor of the claimant, and the cadet engineers thereupon sent a petition to the Secretary of the Navy asking him not to act finally in their case until Congress could have an opportunity of speaking, or until the United States Supreme Court could decide whether the Court of Claims was right or wrong.

To that petition the Secretary sent a voluminous reply, stating in effect that he is asked not to obey the law of August 5, 1882, and that he cannot accede to such a request. He reviews the law and the intent of Congress in passing it, discusses the Leopold case and the decision of the Court of Claims awarding Leopold the pay claimed by him, states that an appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court, and says: "In the sincere belief that with the enormous disproportion of 1,817 naval officers to 31 vessels in commission, being 59 officers to each ship and 1 officer to every 5 seamen, the true interests of the country require that the legislation of Congress should be carried out according to its undoubted intention, I shall be no party to any narrow pretext to evade it."

THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—The Civil Service Commissioners met to-day, and discussed questions of detail relating to the examination of candidates for places in the Civil Service, and to the application of the new rules governing appointments. The most important of these questions was what interpretation should be given to the words "one family" in that clause of the Civil Service Reform bill which provides that when two persons of one family are employed in the Civil Service of the Government no other member of that family shall be eligible to appointment. The Commissioners will ask the opinion of the Attorney-General. They desire to know whether "one family" means only the parents and their children, or whether the prohibition is to be understood as extending to nephews and nieces, brothers and sisters, grandchildren, cousins and relatives by marriage of persons holding places in the Civil Service.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—The Tallapoosa left Washington Navy Yard this afternoon for the various navy yards.

The Navy Department is informed that arrangements have been made to launch the double-turreted monitor Amphitrite at Wilmington, Del., on Thursday.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

WASHINGTON, Monday, June 4, 1883.

MAIL SERVICE RESUMED.—Mexican mail service from New-Orleans and Galveston has been resumed.

ASKING FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Owing to the order issued by the Postmaster-General on Saturday, requiring first and second class postmasters to attend personally to the duties of their offices, several applications for leave of absence have already been received at the Department.

EXPORTS OF PETROLEUM.—The total value of the exports of petroleum and petroleum products in April, 1883, were $3,172,492, and in April, 1882, $4,186,955; for the ten months ended April 30, 1883, $35,195,865, and for the corresponding period of the preceding year, $42,394,212.

A COURT OF CLAIMS AWARD.—In the Court of Claims to-day judgment was rendered for $3,272 in favor of Colonel Elias Boudinot. This claim was referred to the Court of Claims by Congress. It was for damages for the seizure of property in the Indian Territory by officers of the Internal Revenue.

CONSOLIDATION OF REVENUE DISTRICTS.—Walter Evans, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, called upon the President to-day. The President referred in a general way to the proposed consolidation of Internal Revenue districts, and informed the Commissioner that he would dispose of this question as soon as possible.

NEW NATIONAL BANKS.—The Controller of the Currency has authorized the following banks to begin business: The Puget Sound National Bank of Seattle, Washington Territory, capital $50,000; the Front Royal National Bank of Front Royal, Va., capital $50,000, and the Farmers' National Bank of Owenton, Ky., capital $60,000.

RELATIVE TO H. F. HAYDEN'S REMOVAL.—Colonel Bright, Sergeant-at-Arms of the United States Senate, publishes the following card: "Misrepresentations have been published about the removal of H. F. Hayden from the position of Chief Engineer of the Senate. He was removed for cause. The reasons will be furnished to the Senate if the President of the Senate should deem the matter of sufficient consequence."

THE GREELY RELIEF EXPEDITION.—General Hazen returned from St. John, N. F., last evening. He reports that the Proteus, which he thoroughly inspected, is admirably fitted for the relief expedition, and he thinks she will be ready to sail about June 20. Commodore Walker, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, has gone to New-York to inspect the Yantic, which will sail about Thursday to join the Proteus at St. John, and accompany her to Lady Franklin Bay.

PASSED THEIR EXAMINATION.—In the recent competitive examination of candidates for appointment as cadets in the Revenue Marine Service, the following-named persons passed the examination in the order named: J. Charles Harris, New-York; William D. Hoover, District of Columbia; William C. Shields, Virginia; Charles E. Mower, Connecticut; David J. Ainsworth, Virginia; Allen D. Quinan, Maryland; William W. Culver, Illinois; C. B. Fengar, Connecticut, and John Owens, jr., of Maine. There are five vacancies to be filled, and it is expected that the first five persons named will receive the appointments.

INDIANS VISITING WASHINGTON.—White Wolf, Big Bow and Sun Boy, representing the Comanche and Kiowa Indians of the Indian Territory, arrived here to-day to confer with the Secretary of the Interior respecting the boundaries of the reservation. Chief Bushy Head, of the Cherokee Nation, who is expected in Washington to confer with Secretary Teller relative to the $300,000 appropriated by Congress to pay for lands ceded to the Government, will arrive to-morrow. Under the treaty of 1866 with the Cherokees the Department holds that a portion of the money appropriated should be paid to the Shawnee and Delaware Indians, and that the freedmen are also entitled to their share.

THE NICKERSON CASE POSTPONED.

PHILADELPHIA, June 4.—Counsel for Mrs. Nickerson in the proceedings to have the decree of divorce obtained by Major Azor H. Nickerson set aside were in court this morning. Counsel for Major Nickerson asked for a continuance. He said that he did not get a copy of the depositions taken last Tuesday until Friday, and wanted an opportunity to cross-examine and to call witnesses on the part of the libellant. The respondent, he said, was in Washington. Mrs. Nickerson's counsel replied that Major Nickerson was in the city on Tuesday, and had full notice that the depositions were to be taken. The judgment in question, counsel said, was obtained through fraud, as he could show. He represented a woman who had been placed in a very embarrassing position, and for that reason he was anxious to have a speedy hearing. "This proceeding," he added, "was begun by a falsehood sworn to by the libellant, as I have proved conclusively by testimony taken. We will produce Mrs. Nickerson any time on a two hours' notice, but we can't promise to have the other witnesses here, as they all live in Washington."

Judge Thayer announced that the case would be heard on Wednesday, and directed the counsel to complete the depositions by that time.

STORMS OF WIND AND RAIN.

GREENVILLE, Tex., June 4.—A tornado struck this place last evening, in a northwesterly direction, with great force. The rain fell in torrents for twenty minutes, and the total destruction of the town seemed inevitable. A survey of the city shows that 150 houses were either blown down or moved from their foundations. One life was lost—that of a colored child—and several persons were severely injured. The northern ends of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and freight depots were blown off, the Methodist and colored churches were totally wrecked, and the Presbyterian and Baptist churches were badly damaged. Heavy rain-storms prevailed at other points, but no tornado occurred.

DECATUR, Ala., June 4.—A storm swept through Barbour County on Sunday, demolishing houses on the plantations of Messrs. Belroument, Neeley, Wilkinson, Stiles, Turner and Mrs. Meighan. One negro was killed and several other persons were injured.

A SURVEYOR LOST IN THE WOODS.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 4.—Frederick Ffield, son of D. C. Ffield of the Chamber of Commerce, has been lost in the woods of the Penokee range, near Ashland, Wis., for five days. He strayed from a surveying party while doing work for the Wisconsin Central Railroad.

THE COMMERCE OF BOSTON.

BOSTON, June 4.—The total value of imports into Boston for the week ended June 1 was $1,969,254; sugar and molasses were the leading articles, amounting in value to $659,623. The exports amounted to $880,502; live animals and raw cotton contributed the largest sums.

HOW MAJOR WASSON WILL PLEAD.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., June 4.—Major Wasson, the defaulting Army Paymaster, will plead guilty to the embezzlement of $5,400, but will resist the charge of embezzling $18,000, which he claimes to have lost.

ARRIVAL OF A MISSING SCHOONER.

MILWAUKEE, June 4.—The schooner Young America, nearly a month out from Erie, and supposed to have been lost, arrived this morning with her cargo and crew all safe.

TELEGRAPH NOTES.

PEACE RESTORED AT DODGE CITY.

DODGE CITY, Kan., June 4.—All trouble here is over. Luke Short has returned and comes under no flag of truce.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION MEETING.

CINCINNATI, June 4.—The thirty-first annual meeting of the International Typographical Union of the United States and Canada was begun here this morning.

EIGHTY-SEVEN YEARS IN ONE HOUSE.

TROY, June 4.—Prince Duel, who has just died at Greenfield, Saratoga County, lived in the same house over eighty-seven years.

A STATUE OF ZACHARY TAYLOR.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 4.—In about one month a marble statue of General Zachary Taylor will be unveiled at his grave, eight miles from this city. All the survivors of the Mexican War are to be invited to attend the ceremonies. General Grant has said he will be present if possible.

A STEAM LAUNCH FOR MR. GOULD'S YACHT.

PHILADELPHIA, June 4.—A handsome steam launch built at Bristol, R. I., for Jay Gould's yacht Atalanta, arrived on the steamship Tonawanda to-day. It will be used to carry passengers up small rivers and shallow places not navigable for the Atalanta.

AMERICAN TIN-PLATE ASSOCIATION.

PITTSBURG, June 4.—The tin-plate manufacturers of the United States met here to-day and organized the American Tin-Plate Association, with William J. Lewis, of Pittsburg, president. The object of the association is to introduce, foster and develop the tin-plate industry, and to endeavor to have such laws passed as will afford adequate protection to the trade.

THE BARBED-WIRE CASES.

ST. LOUIS, June 4.—In the barbed-wire suits brought by the Washburn and Moen Manufacturing Company in the United States Circuit Court, Judge Treat this morning announced the decision. The motions for preliminary injunctions are overruled and both parties are allowed until September 1 to take further proof for use at the final hearing.

THE NEW JERUSALEM CONVENTION.

BOSTON, June 4.—The General Convention of the New Jerusalem Church to-day elected the following officers: President, the Rev. Chauncey Giles, of Philadelphia; vice-president, T. A. Plantz, of Pomeroy, Ohio; secretaries, the Rev. W. H. Hinkley, of Brookline, and the Rev. S. S. Howard,