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A CORRUPT CONSPIRACY.

OFFICIALS EXACT ILLEGAL FEES.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL M'DOUGAL'S DEPUTIES AND A UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER IMPLICATED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

ROCHESTER, Oct. 29.—For a number of months there have been rumors of fraud and corruption in the United States Marshal's office of the Northern District of New-York, located in this city. Though individual charges have been made, nothing definite has become public until to-day. Marshal Clinton D. McDougal lives in Auburn, and seldom is seen in his office here, which has been run by Deputy United States Marshals Ambrose N. Lane, John M. Bardwell and General Isaac F. Quimby. Lane is thought to have acted as an accomplice of McDougal, as has also William Wallace Gilbert, who is United States Commissioner. It has been Lane's duty, as clerk, to make out the accounts of the thirty-five deputies in the forty-six counties in this district.

INVESTIGATION BY THE GOVERNMENT.

The abuses in this office have at last grown so flagrant that the authorities have been obliged to take cognizance of them and institute investigation. In August Will Haight, examiner of the Department of Justice, came to Rochester and held a secret investigation in Power's Hotel, whither he called witnesses for examination. The results of his investigations were reported to the Attorney-General, who afterward reported to McDougal. His report cannot be obtained, but Gilbert, who has seen it, states that it contains the following charges and an order for Lane's dismissal:

A WIDE VARIETY OF OFFENCES.

That through conspiracy in this office, Lane, Quimby and Bardwell have collected illegal fees; that the witnesses before the Commissioners have been compelled to discount claims, and in some instances have failed to get their fees; that officers have been unnecessarily subpoenaed and paid as witnesses; that technical and frivolous charges have been trumped up for the purpose of obtaining fees; that professional spies employed to an unjustifiable extent have been paid without rendering any services; that United States Commissioners have aided these informers, and increased their fees by adjournments; that Commissioners have made no report of cases where prisoners have been discharged; that the deputy marshals have charged for serving warrants of commitment when prisoners have not been committed; and finally that the clerk of the District Court at Buffalo had charged for records not written up and for questionable final records. It is stated that Robbins, the clerk, has not written up the records since 1881.

DEPUTY LANE INVITED TO RESIGN.

Last May Lane obtained leave of absence and went South. He did not return until September 7, at which time he, at the request of McDougal, handed in his resignation. This has remained a secret until to-day, and he has been in the office regularly. Even to-day was to be seen upon the door of his office, "A. N. Lane, Deputy United States Marshal." He refused to say anything about the charges made against him, further than to express surprise at and deny them.

Gilbert was visited by a reporter to-day. As United States Commissioner, he has heard nearly all the cases begun in this city. He is charged with being cognizant of the conspiracy by which the Government was defrauded. He explained that as McDougal succeeded General Quimby as Marshal in this district the latter had been made a deputy. By courtesy his title of deputy has been dropped. Gilbert says Quimby never did any work, and consequently never drew any pay. The General is a professor in the Rochester University. It is charged, however, that accounts have been made in his name, and sworn to by him for services performed by others. This has been done, it is said, to enable Lane to receive additional fees. It is, however, generally believed that General Quimby has not been consciously guilty of any fraud. He may have been made a dummy for Lane.

As for Bardwell, Gilbert says he is not implicated in the conspiracy. His name was only brought in by reason of his being Lane's assistant. He now holds Lane's position.

DENIALS BY COMMISSIONER GILBERT.

In answer to the charges that witnesses before commissioners have been compelled to wait for fees or discount their claims, Gilbert stated, when interrogated, that nothing of the kind had occurred here. There have been charges of this kind in some parts of the district, and, when substantiated, the Marshal has made the matter right. As to the charge that officers are unnecessarily subpœnaed and paid as witnesses, he said that the District-Attorney orders all subpœnas made, and directs who shall be called as witnesses from his knowledge of the case in which they are needed.

He said that there was no doubt that charges had been made and considered which proved to be frivolous.

He further denied that informers or professional spies had been used to an unjustifiable extent in his office. He said he always reported cases in which prisoners are discharged. No fees are collectable in any such cases, and for this reason most Commissioners do not report them.

ONE CHARGE ADMITTED AND EXPLAINED.

The charge that marshals have exacted fees for serving warrants of commitment when prisoners have not been committed was, he said, made in one sense of the word, often true. When the warrant is served the accused gives bail, and so is not committed, but the deputy is entitled to his fees.

He denied that he ever made unnecessary adjournments to aid informers in increasing their fees. A number of adjournments, he said, was often necessary. He did not think that any arrests would be made as Lane's resignation appeared to have been all that was required. The revelations have made considerable excitement in this city.

DEATH FROM A RARE CAUSE.

AIR GETS INTO THE VEINS AND HEART OF A WOUNDED WOMAN.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

BRIDGEPORT, Oct. 29.—The trial of James Donahue, charged with manslaughter, which was expected to proceed at the present term of the Superior Court, has been postponed till the February term, 1884, for reasons which the defendant's counsel allege are unusual, weighty and important. The wife of the accused died from the effects of a blow from a chair inflicted by her husband. A deep gash over the right eye was caused by the same. Tetanus set in at the end of ten days, when physicians supposed she was in a fair way of recovery.

After death an autopsy revealed the fact that death had been induced by air finding its way through the wound into the veins and heart. It is said to be the first instance of the kind known to the medical fraternity of Connecticut since 1818; and it is one of so much importance that Dr. G. L. Porter, who made the autopsy, had prepared a paper setting forth the facts of the case and read it to the Medical Society here.

CONNECTICUT ANTICIPATES NEW-YORK.

MISS STOCUM'S ASSAILANT SENTENCED FOR OTHER CRIMES.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

BRIDGEPORT, Oct. 29.—The first case heard at the current term of the Superior Court here, was that of "Sam" Pine, charged with breaking into the store of David S. Gage, in the town of Ridgefield, on the night of September 8, 1883, and stealing a horse at Lake Mahopac, N. Y. By advice of his counsel, Judge D. B. Lockwood, the accused pleaded guilty to both charges, and was immediately sentenced to four years in the State Prison on the first charge and ten on the other. The prisoner's eyes fell to the floor in dismay as he heard his sentence, which he had been told would not exceed five years on each count in any event. This disposition of the case was not unexpected. Connecticut thus asserts a prior claim to the prisoner, and New-York must wait fourteen years before she can proceed in her defence of Miss Stocum. Had he been extradited and tried in New-York for the assault on Miss Stocum, he might have been found guilty and sent up for twenty years. The prompt disposition of the matter gives satisfaction here.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOOTING HIMSELF.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

KINGSTON, N. Y., Oct. 29.—Marvin Smith, a young son of Phineas Smith, living near Marlboro' Village, shot himself with a pistol accidentally yesterday, while loading the weapon. The charge entered the abdomen and there is little hope of recovery.

RUN OVER BY A WAGON.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

KINGSTON, N. Y., Oct. 29.—J. Hallock Young, a wealthy and respected citizen of Marlboro', who was run over by a wagon at Milton on Saturday night, is still lying in a critical condition, and it is feared the injury may prove fatal.

NEWS OF A MISSING GIRL.

MARY CHURCHILL WRITES TO HER FATHER.

A SHORT NOTE MAILED AT INDIANAPOLIS—THE SEARCH TO BE RENEWED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 29.—Since the Charley Ross disappearance no case has attracted more widespread attention than that of the young girl, Mary Churchill, who left her father's home in this city August 17. On the evening of that day, just before dusk, her parents reached home from a drive, only to find that their daughter had disappeared. She had taken no clothing except what she wore. On Monday night, when her absence had begun to cause the darkest forebodings, Colonel Churchill, the father, invoked the aid of the police. A complete description of the missing girl was given and the attire in which she was last seen was described accurately. The only thing known was that she had left the house through the rear entrance. The detective force, as usual, went to work on theories that were not justified by the habits or training of the girl. Then the "cranks" came to the front.

Miss Churchill was seen by all kinds of people at all kinds of places. An early morning iceman saw her in a hack; a bus-driver saw her on the bridge; a crazy man led the way to where she was buried, her throat cut from ear to ear; a railroad brakeman saw her walking on the track near Carondelet; a drummer saw her in an opera chorous in an Eastern city; the body of a suicide in Kansas City was identified as her's; a woman saw her walking on the streets after nightfall, heavily veiled; she was in Canada; she was on the stage; she was in a convent; she was married and living happily with her husband; she was in distress in Chicago, and she was teaching music in a Southern city. All these clews, and a hundred more, were given and proved worthless. Her description was telegraphed to every corner of the country. Her photographs were distributed broadcast, but nothing came of it.

Friends of the family at last came to believe her dead. Her mother and father, however, never gave up hope, and this morning there came to them a letter which brought with it balm, for it proved that their daughter was in the land of the living. The handwriting was positively identified by father and mother as that of their daughter. The letter is dated October 25, but the postmark proves that it was not mailed at Indianapolis, Ind., until October 27. The letter is addressed to her father and reads: "I write to let you know that I am alive and well. I am not on the stage, as you supposed; nor have I eloped. Oh! How could you think so, when I cared so little for gentlemen's society? I am earning my own living honestly. Teach my little sisters and darling little brother to think kindly of their sister Mary. Please do not publish this. God bless you all. I think that this will be mailed from Indianapolis."

The letter was written on one side of a sheet of common note paper. Why she should write so formal and ambiguous a letter, her father cannot understand. As she is a girl, who would naturally write a long and affectionate letter, and that she did not is evidence to his mind that the letter was dictated by an older head. This leads to the thought that the girl is probably held by some person, who will later on open negotiations. To night Mr. Churchill is in consultation with the detectives and they will probably hit upon some plan of action, now that the case is open to them again.

REMINISCENCE OF DARTMOOR PRISON.

AN AMERICAN SEAMAN, CAPTURED IN 1812, DIES AT STRATFORD, CONN.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

STRATFORD, Conn., Oct. 29.—An old sea-captain, with a particularly interesting history, was buried here to-day in the ancient churchyard of the Protestant Episcopal Society, Captain D. Pakulki Benjamin. He was laid in the same grave with his wife, amid the sorrowful demonstrations of a large number of friends.

During the war of 1812, he was taken prisoner by the British and conveyed to the fortress of Dartmoor, County of Devon, which was built, it is believed, with the intention of using it as Napoleon's prison. He used to declare that much cruelty was practised there, and mentioned this incident: The men confined were allowed to play at ball, but were compelled to keep within a certain limit. One day the ball they were playing with got over the line, and one of the prisoners ventured to capture it. The men on guard, instead of firing at him, discharged their muskets into the crowd killing eight of them. Mr. Benjamin escaped injury. In due time he was set at liberty and resumed the work of an American seaman. He was probably the last survivor of Dartmoor.

Benjamin began a seafaring life in 1807, at the age of thirteen. After the war of 1812-14, he rose rapidly in his profession and commanded several fine vessels. Among the first of these was the Herald, a brig, in which he undertook the long and hazardous voyage around Cape Horn, to Lima. Afterward he had charge of the clipper ship Rainbow. His last trip was made in 1850, and he left the sea a veteran of forty-three years. He was a son of Colonel Aaron Benjamin, of this place, and the oldest of four brothers, one of whom, Frederick A. Benjamin, age about seventy-five years, survives him.

LIGHT ON THE PERTH AMBOY MYSTERY.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

PERTH AMBOY, Oct. 29.—It is stated here to-day that the description of the unknown woman found in the woods near here a week ago last Friday, corresponds with that of a young woman named Fanny Dunham, who visited here in the latter part of July. She lived in New-York, and when in this vicinity was generally in company with a young Dane living here, John Knudson. They disappeared suddenly, but nothing was thought of this as Knudson was not in the habit of being home all the time until the body of this woman was found. This story has been gaining ground rapidly in the past twenty-four hours, but there are many who will not listen to it and adhere to the theory that the woman was brought to the spot in the woods by canal boatmen and left there. County Physician Williamson has ordered an inquest, which will probably be held to-morrow.

A CYCLONE IN LOUISIANA.

MANY PERSONS INJURED AND MUCH DAMAGE DONE TO PROPERTY.

NEW-ORLEANS, Oct. 29.—A dispatch to *The Times-Democrat* from Waterproof, La., says: A cyclone passed over Catahoula and Tensas parishes this morning. The first place it struck was James Bowman's plantation on the Tensas River. Three houses here were blown down and four negroes were wounded. The next place was D. D. Miller's highland plantation, where one house was lifted from its foundation and carried about half a mile into the woods. A negro church was turned half round. "Tim" Thomas, colored, had his arm broken. His wife, another woman and two children were badly hurt.

The cyclone then visited D. Stone's pecan plantation and a barn and two houses were blown down. On H. Moses & Co.'s Helena plantation the roof of the overseer's house was carried away, and three persons were badly hurt and seven or eight slightly. Mrs. Bowman's house in Catahoula Parish was blown down, she escaped, but her three children have not been found. Three houses on W. C. Young's place, three on Mr. Watson's and three on Mr. Permenter's were demolished.

STORMS ON LAND AND SEA.

HEAVY WIND AND RAIN IN THE WEST—THE OHIO RISING RAPIDLY.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 29.—It rained heavily here last night, and this afternoon the Ohio River is rising rapidly. Special dispatches to *The Times-Star* state that there are big rises in the Licking, Kanawha and Big Sandy rivers.

A storm in Bourbon County, Ky., yesterday blew down Bedford's tobacco barn and warehouse, and James E. Clay's farm-house, killing a family of four negroes.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 29.—A tornado struck the west side of Columbus, Ind., between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning, unroofing Mooney & Son's Tannery, and Gaff, Gent & Thomas's new four-story mill. It also knocked the corner off the Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis depot, and partially demolished John Gyne's saloon. Nobody was injured.

FISHING AND COASTING VESSELS IN DANGER.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Oct. 29.—The gale here to-day was very severe, with heavy rain up to 3 p. m., when it moderated. A large fleet of fishing and coasting vessels is in the harbor, many of which dragged their anchors and came in collision with each other.

RELIEVING INSURANCE COMPANIES.

ALBANY, Oct. 28.—A circular has just been issued by John A. McCall, jr., Superintendent of Insurance, which shows what a faithful servant of the public he has been. He went into office on April 16, and has already reduced expenses $17,000 per annum, besides, as the accompanying circular shows, relieving all insurance companies of a burden amounting to $11,165 a year. Following is the circular:

The superintendent is pleased to inform the fire, marine and life insurance companies, and the co-operative or assessment societies, organized under the laws of this State, that owing to the reduction made in the expenses of the department, no charges for fees, taxes or dues will be made to the several companies or societies named during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1883. The statutory and reciprocal fees, collected and to be collected from the companies of other States and countries, are sufficient to pay all the present and future expenditures of the department during the period mentioned.

RETIREMENT OF AN OLD FIRM.

TRANSFER OF THE BUSINESS OF CULVER, PAGE, HOYNE & CO.

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—The stationery and printing house of Culver, Page, Hoyne & Co., one of the oldest in this city, closed its doors this morning. In answer to inquiries it was stated that the business had been closed out to John Morris. Beyond this none of the parties in interest would talk.

The fact that Morris, a young lawyer, has until recently been in the office of the attorney of the Union National Bank, coupled with the general understanding that the bank has been carrying some of the firm's paper, leads to the accepted theory in business circles that Morris represents the bank, together with the Massachusetts Paper Company and other preferred creditors. The immediate cause of the trouble seems to be the fact that Culver, the moneyed man of the firm, had put his capital into mines and an insurance company. It is asserted that he has just sold one of his mines to an English syndicate for $400,000, and it is believed that this transfer is for the purpose of tiding over the difficulty until the same can be realized on. The assets are roughly estimated at $325,000; the liabilities are believed to reach $500,000.

A confession of judgment was entered to-day by W. K. Dunham against the firm for $5,000.

A TUG-BOAT'S DISASTROUS RACE.

FOUR MEN KILLED BY THE EXPLOSION OF HER BOILER.

MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 29.—While the tug-boat Edye was putting to sea yesterday afternoon in search of a tow, and when four miles south of Fort Morgan, Mobile Bay, her boiler exploded. The boat sank immediately, carrying down with her the captain, John Carney, a well-known sailing-master, the mate, named Andrews, a native of Barcelona, Spain, and a colored fireman. The engineer and cook were picked up, but the latter died while being carried back to Fort Morgan. The engineer is painfully but not fatally wounded. The bodies of the drowned have not been recovered. It is probable that they have been eaten by the sharks which infest that locality.

From the statement of the only survivor it is believed that the Edye and another tug boat, the Nellie, were racing to catch a tow, and that the Edye, falling behind, crowded on steam until she blew up. She had lately been overhauled and inspected and was put in commission again on September 1. She was insured for $7,500 in local companies.

A SINGULAR RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

A SERIOUS DISASTER STRANGELY AVERTED.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 29.—Two passenger cars of a train making up at Glendale, Ohio, this evening got loose, and started south on a down grade. They ran nearly to Park Place, where they met a north bound passenger train. The engineer saw the red light of the car, checked the speed of the train, jumped and escaped with bruises. The fireman remained aboard, and was extricated with difficulty. His hands and face were cut. One passenger had his face cut. The red light prevented a serious accident.

ARCHBISHOP RIORDAN STARTS WEST.

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—The newly appointed Roman Catholic Archbishop, Riordan, accompanied by many clergymen and laymen started for his new post of duty in San Francisco to-day. The laymen returned to the city, after going as far as Mendota; but the other members of the escorting party will remain with him.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A PROPERTY MAN.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 29.—Daniel Ryan, the property man of the "Romany Rye" Company, was found dead in his room this evening. At 5 o'clock he was apparently well, and a little more than an hour later he was found lying dead on his bed. He had complained of rheumatism.

A RARE ZOOLOGICAL SPECIMEN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 29.—Dr. Leonard Stegnejer, who was commissioned by the Smithsonian Institution to go to Behrings Island to find a skeleton of the northern manatee or sea cow, arrived here to-day with an excellent specimen. Dr. Stegnejer says his skeleton is, he believes, the only one in this country.

A HIGHER TARIFF ON WOOL ASKED.

POMEROY, Wash. Ter., Oct. 29.—The Washington Territory Wool Growers' Association has been organized here, and has passed resolutions calling on Delegate Brents and the Representatives in Congress from Oregon to use their efforts to fix the tariff on wool as it was before the last Congress met.

THE ENVIRONS OF LAKE TAHOE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 29.—Respecting the probable request of the Forestry Commission to have Congress give California the land in Nevada bordering on Lake Tahoe, to be reserved as a pleasure resort, the Central Pacific Railroad Company, which owns the lands, says it will exchange it for other lands if Congress is willing to donate it to the public.

A DEFAULTER LIKELY TO ESCAPE.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 29.—In the Supreme Court to-day Chief Justice Mercur quashed the writs of error in the case of Cashier Roth, who defaulted with over $100,000 from the Washington, Penn., Savings Bank. Unless the stay of proceedings is removed, which is said to be unlikely, Roth will escape punishment.

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS IN BALTIMORE.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 29.—William Shepard Bryan was nominated to-night by the Executive Committee of the Democratic City Convention as a candidate for Judge of the Court of Appeals of this State, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge James L. Bartol.

A PROBABLE MURDER.

AN OYSTER-PEDLER KNOCKED SENSELESS BY A LIQUOR-SELLER.

While Officer Adams, of the Fifteenth Precinct, was patrolling his post shortly after 6 o'clock last night he saw the body of a man of about thirty-five years of age upon the sidewalk. He lifted the man's head and found that blood was flowing from a deep gash in the scalp, and that the man was unconscious. The injured man was taken to the precinct station, where an ambulance was summoned; it was then discovered that he was suffering from concussion of the brain and a fracture of the skull. While in the station he recovered consciousness sufficiently to tell the police that his name was John Foley, an oyster pedler, living in New-Jersey, and that he had entered Peter Carroll's liquor-store at No. 43 West Thirteenth-st. late in the afternoon and called for a drink. He drank several glasses of beer, when a young woman in the corner of the bar-room attracted his attention. He was somewhat under the influence of liquor, and thought that she smiled at him. With this encouragement he went toward her, took a seat beside her and began talking to her with more familiarity than her father, Peter Carroll, relished. The liquor-seller took Foley by the coat-collar, and the oysterman kissed the girl, jumping to his feet as he did so and running toward the door. Carroll pursued him with a heavy tapping-mallet in his hand, and just as Foley was about to escape he received a blow on the head from the mallet, which will result in his death.

Carroll saw the man fall, but made no attempt to raise him. When Foley's story was given to the police a detective was sent to arrest Carroll on the charge of felonious assault. He was found in his liquor-store, and when told that he was arrested he made no resistance. He said that Foley had insulted his daughter and that he had put him out. He denied having struck the man with a mallet. Carroll was taken to the station and locked up.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES—BY TELEGRAPH.

THE BODY OF A DROWNED MAN FOUND.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 29.—The body of ex-Alderman John Geiger, who was drowned last June, was found this morning in a pile of drift in a mill creek.

COMMITTED ON A CHARGE OF MALPRACTICE.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 29.—Mrs. Ann McIlheany, in whose house Maggie Conway died on Friday, was to-day committed on a charge of malpractice.

A CONFESSION OF MURDER NOT BELIEVED.

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—A dispatch from Lincoln, Ill., says that a man had been arrested at Hampton, Iowa, who has confessed that he was hired to murder Zora Burns. A later dispatch to *The Daily News* declares that the story is a pure fabrication.

TO BE HANGED FOR CRIMINAL ASSAULT.

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 29.—Guilford Loom, who was convicted of criminal assault in the Lenoir County Superior Court, has been sentenced to be hanged.

ESCAPE FROM A BURNING VESSEL.

ROCKLAND, Me., Oct. 29.—A dispatch was received to-day by the owners of the schooner America of this port, for New-York, which states that she was burned and sank off Cape Cod. The crew took to the boats and was picked up by the schooner Addie M. Bird and landed at Newport News, Va.

TWO LETTER CARRIERS ARRESTED.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 29.—Two letter carriers, Charles Gehring and John Isaacs, were arrested to-day charged with embezzling and destroying mail matter. The particular charge is opening envelopes containing election tickets, sent through the post office addressed to various parties, and destroying the tickets by burning them. They were held for a hearing.

AMERICANS IN CUBA.

COMPLAINTS OF SPANISH EXACTIONS.

MR. DAVIS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, PROBABLY SENT TO HAVANA ON A MISSION.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—It is said at the State Department that the trip to Cuba at this time of the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Davis, is only for rest and recreation and yet there is some reason to suspect that his journey is not made at this season of the year solely for that object. It is rather early in the season, some suggest, for a man who is not acclimated to choose Havana as the place to spend his vacation, especially in a "yellow fever year." But there is a better reason than that to surmise that Mr. Davis has gone on a tour of official observation, as well as of pleasure.

Consul-General Badeau has been in Washington for several weeks and it is learned from different sources which appear to be trustworthy that he has made strong representations, not only to the Secretary of State, but to the President and others in authority, as to the condition of affairs in Cuba and the deplorable effects upon the interests of American citizens who have capital invested there or who are engaged in commerce with the island. It is said that since the Cuban rebellion was quelled Spain has renewed her exactions, and that they have been so severe that the Cuban people are upon the verge of bankruptcy, and business of every kind is in state of paralysis.

AMERICAN INTERESTS SUFFERING.

This stress is laid by Spain not only upon her own subjects, but citizens of the United States who have business interests in Cuba are equal sufferers. Complaint is also made of the sharp and severe discrimination exercised against the masters and owners of American vessels and cargoes in Cuban ports, and it is asserted that their reports to the American Consuls, if published, would disclose a condition of affairs which would so arouse the indignation of the people of the United States that the Government would be compelled to take steps for the protection of its citizens and their property.

UNJUST TREATMENT OF AMERICAN VESSELS.

It is charged, among other things, that American vessels and cargoes have been seized and declared forfeited or their owners subjected to heavy fines, simply because their masters were unable to produce the certificate of a Spanish Consul, despite the fact that Spain had no Consuls at ports from which the vessels sailed. It is understood that many other facts, showing the unsatisfactory condition of affairs, have been brought to the attention of the President and his Cabinet, and that a remedy has been suggested.

It seems not improbable, therefore, that Mr. Davis's trip to Cuba at this juncture may result in placing the State Department and the President in possession of additional information having an important bearing upon the abuses and grievances to which, it is understood, General Badeau has urgently invited attention. It is expected that Mr. Davis will return to Washington before the President begins the preparation of his annual message to Congress.

THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

RETIREMENT OF REAR ADMIRAL CROSBY—ORDERS TO OFFICERS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—The Secretary of the Navy to-day received a cable message from Rear Admiral Crosby, commanding the Asiatic station, dated at Shanghai, asking to be placed upon the retired list immediately, under the forty years' service law. The request was granted, and he was relieved of command of the Asiatic station. Commodore John Lee Davis, now on duty with the Lighthouse Board, was selected to succeed him in command of that station. Commodore A. C. Rhind will succeed Rear Admiral Crosby as Rear Admiral until October 31, when he will be retired.

The Naval Board to examine Commodores for promotion to the grade of Rear Admiral will consist of Vice-Admiral S. C. Rowan and Rear Admirals J. S. Worden and R. W. Shufeldt.

The retirement of Commodore Rhind with the rank of Rear Admiral will promote Commodore Thomas Patterson to be a Rear Admiral from November 1.

The retirement of Rear Admiral Crosby will cost him $500 of salary, but will add $1,000 a year to the pay of Commodore Rhind as long as he lives.

Lieutenant Robert H. McLean has been ordered to the Alliance; Chief Engineer David Smith to duty at the Washington Navy Yard; Passed Assistant Engineer Francis M. Ashton in charge of the machinery of the ironclads at the Navy Yard, League Island; Lieutenant Charles M. McCartney ordered to the receiving vessel Wyandotte; Lieutenant W. L. Field from duty on the Asiatic station, when Rear Admiral Crosby hauls down his flag, and granted leave of absence for six months with permission to remain abroad; Passed Assistant Surgeon Ernest Nordlect ordered to temporary duty on board the Alert; Chief Engineer John Lowe ordered to the Yantic; Lieutenant F. J. Milligan has been ordered to hold himself in readiness for orders to the Oneipee.

A WORD WITH SECRETARY FOLGER.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Secretary Folger said to-day that he had invited from several bankers and from General Hillhouse suggestions on the subject of the National bank circulation and the best means for its maintenance and preservation. He has received replies to some of his letters, but has not yet found time to read and digest them.

In reply to a suggestion that the "Cabinet makers" were again busy with the work of Cabinet reorganization, Judge Folger said: "Yes, but it has all been done without my knowledge, and I have no information on the subject. The trouble with the Cabinet makers seems to be that they do not dovetail their work, but put it together with glue and it does not stick—does not wear well."

REPORTER OF THE SUPREME COURT.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—It is understood that while the appointment of Judge J. C. Bancroft Davis as reporter of the Supreme Court has been decided upon, the public announcement of it is deferred in order to allow time for the selection of his successor in the Court of Claims, a place for which it is said there are several strong competitors.

The voluntary retirement of Judge Otto from the place of reporter is not a surprise to his friends, who have known for several years that he has retained it simply because he desired some regular occupation. The amount of work required, however, has steadily increased, and that, with the burden of advancing years, at last made him feel that he ought to lay aside the heavy cares and responsibilities which the office imposed.

POSTAL RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—The total receipts from the postal service during the fiscal year ended June 30 were $45,508,692, as follows: Letter postage paid in money, $146,219; box rents and branch offices, $1,882,064; fines and penalties, $9,752; postage stamps, stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers and postal cards, $43,014,043; dead letters, $12,280; revenues from money order business, $411,620; miscellaneous, $32,714. The expenditures were $42,816,700. The principal items were: Railway mail transportation, $11,155,180; compensation of postmasters, $10,315,394; Star Route service, $4,661,526; post-office clerks, $4,067,379; letter carriers, $3,173,300; railway postal clerks, $3,088,032. The surplus revenue was $2,691,992.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—The excess of the value of exports over imports of merchandise was as follows: Month ended September 30, 1883, $3,197,052; twelve months ended September 30, 1883, $117,326,900. The total values of the imports of merchandise for the twelve months ended September 30, 1883, were $694,960,036, and in the twelve months ended September 30, 1882, $749,704,698, a decrease of $54,744,662. The total values of the exports of merchandise during the twelve months ended September 30, 1883, were $812,286,945, and in the corresponding period of the previous year, $737,650,206, an increase of $74,636,739.

THE EXAMINATION OF TEAS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—To secure uniformity in the examination of teas imported into the United States at ports on the northern, northeastern and northwestern frontiers, the Secretary of the Treasury has directed that samples be forwarded by the Collector of any port on said frontiers east of Detroit to the Collector of Customs at New-York; at Detroit and ports west thereof, but east of the Rocky Mountains, to the Collector of Customs at Chicago; and of any such port further west, to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco. On receipt of the samples they will be carefully examined by the proper officers and the result of the examination reported to the Collector of the port of importation.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Oct. 29, 1883.

ANOTHER CLAIM AGENT SUSPENDED.—A. B. Webb, of this city, has been suspended from practice as a pension attorney, for making false representations as to the rights of claimants under the Pension law.

INDIAN SCHOOLS FOR ALASKA RECOMMENDED.—Memorials have been received by the Secretary of the Interior from State Teachers' Associations of Vermont, Connecticut and New-Hampshire, urging him to recommend to Congress the establishment of an Indian industrial training school at Sitka, Alaska, and common schools at other points in that Territory.

BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING.—Captain Burrill, Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, has prepared his annual report, which shows that an unusually large amount of work was done, and that the service was much improved. The aggregate expenditures were $1,104,986. An enlargement of the quarters of the Bureau recommended.

NEW LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTORS.—A circular will be issued by the Lighthouse Board on November 1, announcing the appointment of the following new Inspectors: Commander A. S. Crowninshield, Portland, Me.; Commander George B. White, Philadelphia; Commander N. Mayo Dyer, Buffalo; Commander F. A. Cook, Detroit.

A CHANGE OF LOCAL TIME.—Major Powell, Director of the Geological Survey, to whom the matter was referred, has given the opinion that the adoption by the Interior Department of the seventy-five meridian time as the local time of Washington would be of advantage to business men and to all who travel by rail. The Secretary of the Interior has informed the Secretary of the Navy that he would be glad to adopt the new time, which is understood to be eight minutes, eight seconds faster than the present local time, and the change will go into effect on November 18.

HAVOC WROUGHT BY DYNAMITE.

FIVE MEN BLOWN TO PIECES.

EXPLOSION IN A MAGAZINE—THE CAUSE UNKNOWN.

CONFLUENCE, Penn., Oct. 29.—A terrible disaster occurred near Brooks Tunnel, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, yesterday morning about 9 o'clock, resulting in the instant killing of five men.

The railroad company has been strengthening and widening the tunnel, and some distance outside a magazine had been erected in which was stored 1,200 pounds of dynamite to be used for blasting. At about the hour named a freight train had just passed through the tunnel and was put on the side track to allow an over-due passenger train to pass. Four of the hands of the freight train walked back to the vicinity of the magazine and were engaged in conversation with the watchman when the people living in the vicinity were startled by a loud concussion. Houses for fifteen miles around were shaken to their foundations, and windows for a distance of seven miles were shattered.

Horror-stricken, the people ran from their houses, and upon investigation it was found that the dynamite had exploded with fearful effect. Everything in the vicinity gave evidence of the terrible force of the explosion. Trees were uprooted, huge rocks were torn asunder, and telegraph poles for half a mile were prostrated. Nothing remained of the magazine, and the men who stood before it just before the explosion were missing. All must have been instantly killed. Portions of bodies, including legs, arms, hand and heads, have been picked up half a mile distant, but so badly disfigured as to be unrecognizable. The victims are George Reynolds, the engineer; Charles Tice, a flagman; Robert Hammond, watchman; W. A. Dean, tunnel blacksmith, and H. R. Burchfield, helper.

The cause of the explosion is enveloped in mystery, and as the five men who might have thrown some light on the accident are dead it is probable that the cause will never be known. Not far from the spot a gun was found, and it is supposed that one of the victims discharged it, the concussion causing the dynamite to explode.

An inquest was held to-day by the Coroner, and a verdict of accidental death was rendered. Great excitement prevails here, and hundreds of people have gone to the scene of the disaster.

AN EXPLOSION OF FIRE-DAMP.

ONE MINER KILLED AND FOUR SERIOUSLY BURNED.

WILKESBARRE, Oct. 29.—An explosion of fire-damp occurred this afternoon at the Pennsylvania Coal Company's shaft No. 7, near Pittston. There were thirty men in the mine. Thomas Gallagher was burned to death, and four others—James Gallagher, Patrick Joyce, Hugh Devers and John Kelley—were badly burned, their recovery being doubtful.

Later.—Thomas and James Gallagher, brothers, were brought out dead. Six others were seriously burned and otherwise injured, and three of them will probably die, having inhaled "after damp." There were thirty-five men in the part of the mine where the explosion occurred. Those uninjured escaped through the mule-way. The force of the explosion blew down the brattices and props and tore the gates apart, lifting the men up bodily and hurling some of them a distance of twenty or thirty feet.

NEGRO RIOTS IN TEXAS FEARED.

DISCONTENT OVER THE LATE CIVIL RIGHTS DECISION.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 29.—*The Post-Dispatch* prints a dispatch from Austin, Texas, stating that intense excitement prevailed there all last night and to-day in consequence of a telegram received by Governor Ireland that 500 negroes were under arms in the town of Gause, Milam County; that an outbreak was momentarily expected, and asking for immediate help. The late decision by the Supreme Court regarding the Civil Rights bill has created a very bad feeling among the negroes in various parts of the State, and outbreaks have been looked for. Governor Ireland immediately issued a proclamation calling the militia to arms. Two companies were mustered at once, and before midnight last night over 1,000 men at Austin, Houston, Galveston and other places responded to the call and were ready to march at a moment's notice. Governor Ireland ordered a special military train to be made ready for immediate use. At 2:30 p. m., when the dispatch closed, the writer said that the Governor received telegrams from the sheriff of the county and from railroad officials saying that matters had quieted down, but no particulars of the affair were given.

A WOMAN LIVING AS A MAN.

WAUPUN, Wis., Oct. 29.—S. J. Hudson, of Belvidere, Ill., who came here recently with two children in search of his runaway wife, found her dressed in man's attire and calling herself Frank Dubois. She was living with Gertrude Fuller, having been married to her early last spring by the Rev. H. L. Morrison at the home of the bride's mother. Many persons thought that "Frank Dubois" had many characteristics of a woman. Under this name she had solicited jobs of painting and was making sufficient money to support them both.

TELEGRAPH NOTES.

SALE OF A NEWSPAPER.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Oct. 29.—*The Schenectady Union*, the only paper in this Congressional District having the Associated Press franchise, was sold to-day to John A. Sleicher, formerly of *The Troy Times*. The price paid was $18,000.

THE PIMLICO RACES POSTPONED.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 29.—The races at Pimlico to-day were postponed until to-morrow, on account of rain.

FALLING OFF IN IMPORTS OF IRON.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 29.—The American Iron and Steel Association has received statistics showing considerable falling off in imports of iron and steel from Great Britain. The imports of these products last month were 55,144 tons. The total imports for the nine months of this year were 540,079 tons, while for the corresponding period last year they were 950,905 tons.

PRINCE WINS THE BICYCLE RACE.

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—At the close here last night of the bicycle race the score stood as follows: Prince, 889 miles; Morgan, 883; Woodside, 865; Shock, 835, and Dawes, 750.

CONSOLIDATION OF EXPRESS COMPANIES.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Oct. 29.—It is reported in railroad circles here that the consolidated Railway Express Company has sold out to Adams Express Company.

THE STEAMER EAGRE SAFE IN PORT.

NEW-LONDON, Conn., Oct. 29.—The United States Coast Survey steamer Eagre, about which apprehension has been felt, arrived here this morning after a r