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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

THE Commissioner of Indian Affairs has received a report from Malachi Krebs, a special agent of the Interior Department to allot lands in severalty to the Indians upon the Devil's lake reservation in Northern Dakota, announcing the refusal of the Indians to receive the allotments as contemplated in the General Allotment act of 1887.

THE President has designated General McFeely to act as Secretary of War during the absence of Secretary Proctor.

THE President has turned over the papers applying for a pardon for E. L. Harper, who wrecked the Fidelity Bank of Cincinnati, to the Attorney-General for examination.

SECRETARY TRACY has cabled Admiral Gherardi at St. Nicholas Mole, Hayti, to rescue three American sailors left on an uninhabited guano island called Arenas Key.

C. A. KENSTON, of the geological survey, has been appointed by the Secretary of the Interior a special commissioner to visit France for the purpose of studying the irrigation system of that country with a view to the improvement of the American system.

SURGEON POSEY, of Jacksonville, Fla., who was instructed to investigate the alleged case of death from yellow fever at Brunswick, Ga., telegraphed to Washington that an autopsy revealed the fact that death resulted from hemorrhage and malarial fever, and that no yellow fever or suspicious cases exist at Brunswick.

THE Puyallup Indians, of Washington Territory, a tribe well advanced in education and intelligence, have sent a memorial to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, asking for severalty.

THE President returned to Washington on the 1st.

AS a result of the report of the commission which investigated the needs of the New York post-office, Postmaster-General Wanamaker has directed that an additional allowance of $78,000 be granted Postmaster Van Cott. His present allowance is $1,034,000. An additional force of clerks to the number of 102 is also allowed him.

THE public debt statement, issued August 1, showed an increase during July of $1,017,313.51. The cause of the increase was due principally to pension payments.

ADMIRAL GHERARDI has cabled Secretary Tracy that he will send the Ossipee or Kearsarge to the rescue of the three starving American sailors at Arenas Key, Yucatan.

THE papers in the Harper pardon case have been laid before the President. No action will be taken till the President returns from Bar Harbor.

THE EAST.

A CYCLONIC storm of rain and wind at Boston on the 29th uprooted trees, plowed a furrow fifteen feet wide a long distance and threw water out of the Chicopee river fifty feet high. Streams rose rapidly.

E. H. ROLLINS, ex-United States Senator, was reported ill at the Isle of Shoals, N. H. He was unconscious and failing perceptibly.

THE Cramps and all the other Delaware river ship builders deny the story from San Francisco that they are negotiating for ship yards in British Columbia.

BACHELLOR & Co., boots and shoes, of Boston and North Brookfield, failed on the 30th with liabilities of $1,000,000.

MCKEAN & APPLETON, shoe manufacturers at Salem, Mass., have made an assignment with $75,000 liabilities.

TWENTY-FIVE seamen of the bark Little Ohio, of New Bedford, Mass., perished when that vessel was wrecked in the Behring sea, October 3, last year. The remaining eight survivors were brought to Alaska by the Thetis.

NEWARK, South Orange, Bloomfield, Millburn, Plainfield and other towns of New Jersey have suffered seriously by floods.

THE boiler in the mill of John Flanagan & Bros. at Philadelphia exploded the other day, killing Johua Ambler and fatally injuring George Schofield, son of the engineer, and James Stewart. Two others were seriously injured.

GOVERNOR BEAVER, of Pennsylvania, has honored the requisition of the Governor of South Carolina for Rev. E. F. Flemon, the colored preacher accused of a murder in 1884.

HEAVY rains were reported in Pennsylvania and Virginia on the 30th and 31st. Overflowing rivers and creeks caused the stoppage of many mills and the derangement of railroad travel.

SULLIVAN, the pugilist, was arrested at New York on the 31st on a requisition from the Governor of Mississippi, approved by the Governor of New York.

EX-SENATOR E. H. ROLLINS, of New Hampshire, died on the 31st.

THE will of the late Charlemagne Tower has been admitted to probate at Philadelphia. He leaves all his estate in trust for his family. His estate is said to be worth many millions of dollars.

THE "National Bureau of Engraving," of Philadelphia, a large lithographic printing establishment, is hopelessly involved. Its material has been ordered for sale.

THE Massachusetts Republican State convention has been set for Boston, September 25. Ex-Governor Robinson will be the presiding officer.

ABRAHAM FINKBONE, aged twenty-six, accused of arson, hanged himself in the jail at Reading, Pa., the other night.

THERE was a cloudburst at Watkins Glen, N. Y., on the 1st.

THE latest effort of Ives and Staynor, the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad manipulators, to secure release from the New York jail has failed.

THE Bethlehem (Pa.) Iron Company has voluntarily increased the wages of its puddlers fifty-five cents a day.

W. J. JOHNSON & Co., leather dealers of Boston, have assigned with $55,000 direct and $170,000 contingent liabilities. The assets are said to be ample.

FIVE hundred striking Italian railroad laborers near Pittsburgh, Pa., recently engaged in a riot. Two were killed.

THE rainfall in the Pennsylvania coal regions was very heavy recently and a number of collieries were compelled to shut down. The streams were greatly swollen and the majority of the collieries in the Mahoning valley were drowned out.

THE New York Graphic is again in trouble. Reporters and clerks are clamoring for salaries. A syndicate, headed by Steve B. Elkins, was supposed to own it.

THE memorial commemorating the landing of the Pilgrims was dedicated at Plymouth, Mass., on the 1st.

WILLIAM AWL, cashier of the freight department of the Lake Erie road at Pittsburgh, Pa., is missing. His accounts are being investigated, and it is currently reported that there is a big shortage.

THE Bancroft mills at Media, Pa., whose product was handled by Lewis Bros. & Co., the bankrupt dry goods merchants of Philadelphia, have been seized by the sheriff and advertised to be sold at auction.

A SOUTH-BOUND train on the Delaware & Hudson went through an open switch at Kenwood Junction, N. Y., recently. Thomas Conniff, a passenger, was killed and five persons were more or less injured.

A CLOUDBURST on the 1st did considerable damage at Watkins Glen, N. Y.

Two unrecognizable bodies were taken from the debris of the Johnstown, Pa., disaster on the 2d.

WORKMEN succeeded in opening the gate of the Feltville dam near Plainfield, N. J., which had been closed for years with weeds, etc., and the threatened danger of a break of the embankment was passed.

THE WEST.

THE tobacco crop of Rock and Jefferson Counties, Wis., was completely ruined by a recent hail storm.

FOR two or three days the mountains in the vicinity of Gunnison, Col., have been ablaze with burning timber.

NINE persons were poisoned at Burlington, Wis., the other night by eating dried beef shipped to local dealers by a Chicago firm. Four victims were precariously ill, while the others were on the road to recovery. A cat and dog who were given the meat would not eat it.

GOVERNOR FRANCIS, of St. Louis, recently denied emphatically that he went to New York for the purpose of selling the Merchants' bridge to Jay Gould.

GENERAL SCHOFIELD has directed the commander of the division of the Pacific to take such action as may be necessary to protect settlers near Calispeld, Washington Territory, from the Indian outbreak threatened there.

THE Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton passenger train was wrecked at Oxford, O., on the night of the 31st. Twelve or fourteen persons were killed and injured.

A HARMLESS earthquake shock was felt in California on the morning of the 31st.

THE Indians at Mille Lac, Minn., received fresh consignments of firewater from Mora and Little Falls last week, and the result was a big drunk. Three were reported dead.

LACK of water caused a boiler explosion east of Fairfield, Ill., the other day. One man was killed and two fatally injured.

THE Sierras and Milton stage was stopped by two highwaymen near Cooperolis, Cal. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s safe was blown open, but found to contain nothing. Seventy-five dollars taken from the passengers was all the robbers secured.

THREE young ladies of good family named Flanagan, McCabe and Farrell were drowned the other night while trying to cross the Menominee river, near Ishpeming, Mich.

A HORSE suffering from hydrophobia run amuck in Chicago the other day, biting two men and several animals before being killed.

COLONEL CANADAY, sergeant-at-arms of the United States Senate, who had been in Alaska with a Senate committee, is lying quite ill in Montana.

ELEVEN business houses in Fennville, Mich., were destroyed by fire the other night, causing $35 000 loss. A tramp's carelessness was the cause.

IN the Washington Territory Constitutional convention the clause forbidding counties to grant subsidies for any purpose whatever was adopted.

THE United States Senate Committee on Irrigation of Arid Lands in the West commenced its labors at St. Paul, Minn., on the 1st. Those present were Senators Stewart, of Nevada, and Reagan, of Texas; Colonel Hinton, of the geological survey, and Major Powell.

THE Chicago world's fair committee held a meeting recently and elected Mayor Cregier president. Two hundred representative men were present and an executive committee was appointed.

FROST visited the low grounds about Galena, Ill., on the morning of the 1st and damaged growing vegetation.

SENECA SEVALIN, who caused Mrs. Clara Belle McDonald's divorce from her husband, the son of the president of the Pacific Bank of San Francisco, and then robbed her of $20,000, has been sent to the California penitentiary for ten years.

NEWS from Gunnison, Col., recently was that the Utes were off their reservation and were intimidating settlers.

TREASURER COLEMAN, recently defaulting in Warren County, O., is $63,000 short.

MANDAN, Dak., was devastated by fire on the afternoon of the 2d.

A RAILROAD deal was reported by the Chicago Times by which the Chicago & Alton would purchase or lease the old Kansas Pacific track to Cheyenne. It was not thought likely, however, by the general public that the Union Pacific would lose control of its terminal at Kansas City.

A PASSENGER train left the rails on the South Park (Col.) railroad and fell down an embankment. The engineer was killed and the fireman was seriously hurt. Several passengers were injured.

Two cases of giant powder exploded in pit No. 6 at Marquette, Mich., recently. Two men and three boys were killed.

THE SOUTH.

GOVERNOR BUCKNER, of Kentucky, has refused to interfere with the execution at Louisville of Charles Dilger for the murder of two policemen.

HON. HENRY BUCKNER, collector of internal revenue for the Louisville district for two terms under General Grant and one under Hayes and a leading Kentucky Republican, was reported dying from a paralytic stroke.

THE spreading of the rails near New Orleans the other day caused bad injury to an engineer and one passenger and the destruction of several cars.

WILLIAM SCHICK and Mrs. Hannah Becker were killed and Henry Pfistner was fatally injured in Louisville, Ky., recently while trying to cross a track in front of a train.

A DOUBLE execution took place at Louisville, Ky., on the 31st. Charles Dilger was hanged for the murder of two policemen and Harry Smart for the murder of a man and woman while going down the river in a boat. Dilger's execution was bungled, the noose slipping, necessitating his being dropped twice through the trap.

DR. G. M. CANTRELL, physician of the Arkansas penitentiary, asserts that Jim Burrows, the Genoa train robber, died in the prison hospital October 5, 1888, of typhoid-malarial fever.

IT is reported that cattle are dying at the rate of forty or fifty a day from splenetic fever in the Texas Panhandle.

KANSAS CITY won a ball game at Baltimore on the 1st.

THE Richmond (Va.) railroad stables were struck by lightning the other day and burned. Sixty mules and horses and seven street cars were consumed.

JOHN P. DAVIDSON, a planter living near Warren Springs, Ark., committed suicide the other day by shooting himself through the head. He was insane.

C. M. HULL, editor of the Bolivar County Democrat at Rosedale, Miss., was killed the other day by L. A. Weissinger, editor of the Bolivar County Review, at that place. The Review was lately established and the two editors had engaged in a bitter personal warfare in their respective columns.

REV. SAM SHARPE, a colored preacher, of Lebanon, Ky., has been killed for living with another man's wife.

A QUARREL over a hog worth $2 has caused an armed feud between the Smiths and Slushers near Pineville, Ky.

GENERAL.

A DISPATCH from Japan states that a dreadful earthquake had occurred in the western portion of the island of Kiou Siou. The town of Umaoto was destroyed. A great number of people perished. A vast amount of property was destroyed.

LA PRESSE, a Boulangist organ, accuses the Government of falsifying 3,000,000 voting papers at the elections for the Councils General. Corrected returns show that General Boulanger was elected in twenty-three cantons.

THE Journeymen Plumbers, and Gas Steam Fitters' Laborers' Union has decided to sever its connection with the Knights of Labor. This means the desertion of about 15,000 men from the ranks of that organization.

THE Shah of Persia bade farewell to the Queen of England on the 29th, preparatory to his departure from England.

SEVEN shipwrecked Norwegian sailors have been picked up by the steamer Niagara and landed at Vera Cruz, Mexico.

THE full court at Winnipeg, Man., has given judgment that Burke, the Cronin suspect, must be returned to Chicago.

THE British Columbia River Gold Dredging Company has been registered in London with a capital of £40,000 in order to purchase Gibson's rights to dredge for gold in forty-five miles of the Fraser river.

CHOLERA is reported as prevailing at Bessarabia.

IT is reported from Berne, Switzerland, that Germany has revoked the recognition of Swiss neutrality.

ADVICES from Assouan state that the advance of the dervishes is continuous, though slow. A skirmish had occurred between Egyptian patrols and dervish outposts, during which sixty dervishes were killed.

THE Spanish Government has advised the Pope that in case he finds it necessary to leave Rome he should find asylum in Portugal. It is understood that the same advice has been given to the Pope by Austria.

CAPTAIN L. DUVARGE, who shot Consular Agent V. F. M. Stanwood at Anakade, Madagascar, last November, has been found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

THE remains of General Lazare Carnot, grandfather of the President of the French Republic, have been exhumed at Madgeburg, Germany, where they were buried. They will be reinterred in the Paris Pantheon. The body was found in a wonderful state of preservation.

THE American ferry steamer J. L. Beckwith has been fined $400 by the Canadian authorities for doing a coasting trade, which consisted in conveying some Sunday school children to a picnic.

DR. W. A. HAMMOND is experimenting with Dr. Brown-Sequard's elixir of life. The elixir is a concretion of animal nerve tissue which is injected into the veins. Dr. Hammond says the old man on whom he is testing the remedy seems to be growing younger.

A MACHINE gun exploded on board the training frigate Couronne, at Heyeres, France, recently. Eight persons were killed and seventeen injured.

THE Wabash system, as it has for several years been called, has changed its name and hereafter will be known as the Wabash railroad. The old officers of the Wabash Western have assumed authority over all the lines reaching from Kansas City to Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago, Toledo and Detroit. The officers of what has been known as the Wabash East, under receivership, have retired from the service of the road.

THE Shah of Persia visited Buffalo Bill's Wild West show in Paris and was much interested in the performance.

THE treasure, footing up about $200,000, lost on the steamer Granada off the western coast of Mexico, has been recovered.

EVARISTO CARAZO, President of Nicaragua, is dead.

SNOW storms and icy rains prevail throughout Switzerland and the streams are beyond their banks.

THE island of Crete is reported to be in a state of anarchy as the result of the present uprising.

THE Algerian, a merchant vessel, sunk at Aultsville, Ont., the other day. The crew and passengers were saved.

THE Emperor of Germany arrived at Dover, England, on the 1st.

THE July sanitary reports to the Marine Hospital Service from Philadelphia and Chicago show that the latter leads the former in population and is the second city in the Union. The population is placed as follows: Chicago, 1,100,000; Philadelphia, 1,040,245.

LIEUTENANT TAPPENBECK, the African explorer, has fallen a victim to fever.

THE Royal Grants bill has passed the committee stage in the British House of Commons, all amendments being rejected by large majorities.

THE price of "The Angelus"—580,650 francs—has been paid to the French Minister of Fine Arts, and Millet's picture will soon be brought to America. Several European artists expressed an opinion that the picture was any thing but the grand work of art as generally thought.

THE miners of Durham, Eng., have voted by a majority of one to accept the 10 per cent. advance offered by the mine owners.

IN a ukase the Czar of Russia has approved the late Count Tolstoi's reform policy.

BUSINESS failures (Dun's report) for the seven days ended August 1 numbered 210, compared with 216 the previous week and 216 the corresponding week of last year.

ENGLAND has annexed the Union and Phœnix groups of islands in the Pacific ocean.

THE LATEST.

GENERAL GRENFELL with his Ezyptian forces met the invading dervishes at Toski on the 3d, killing and wounding 1,500, including the chief, capturing 1,000 and driving the remainder into the desert.

FELIX PIATT, the famous French Communist, died at Paris on the 4th.

THE Black Diamond sealer, recently seized in the Behring sea, arrived at Victoria, B. C., on the 3d. The commander of the Rush put on a seaman with orders to take her to Sitka, but the captain of the Black Diamond took no notice of his authority and made for a British port.

THE United States cruiser Boston, one of the finest of the new ships, was run upon a rock near Newport, R. I., recently and a hole knocked in her bottom. She was kept afloat by her water-tight compartments.

FRED ALLEN and Marcus Howe, two of a pleasure boating party, were drowned the other afternoon near Pembroke, Mass.

HENRY BRIGHT was cut to pieces by a reaper near Fort Wayne, Ind., recently.

AN explosion occurred on the Grand Trunk railroad near Montreal on the night of the 3d. James Rogers, an express agent, was killed and a train of passengers narrowly escaped destruction. Many rumors existed that the explosion was the work of dynamiters bent upon destroying the Victoria bridge.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN arrived at Jackson, Miss., on the 4th, where he received an ovation. Governor Lowry was indignant at the way in which the pugilist was received.

CLEARING house returns for the week ended August 3 showed a decrease compared with the corresponding week of last year. In New York the decrease was 2.1.

AT the Post-office Department it is learned that since March 4 last of 55 000 fourth class postmasters in the United States nearly 13,000 changes have been made, and of this number 9,000 were removals of Democratic officials and appointment of Republican successors. The daily changes now average about 100.

A COLLISION on the Virginia Midland at Burleys caused the death of Fireman Fred A. Fox and serious injury of three others. Two other trainmen were missing, supposed to be under the wreck.

THE Emperor of Germany has conferred upon Queen Victoria the command of the First dragoon guards of Berlin and upon the Duke of Cambridge the honorary colonelcy of a regiment of infantry.

PRICES were firm on the London Stock Exchange during the week ended August 3. American railroad securities were quiet and firm. At Berlin business was active and steady. The Paris Bourse was quiet, Panama shares not being quoted.

THE Connellsville coke strike continued to spread. Fifty-five out of fifty-seven plants were banked. Nearly all of McClure & Co.'s works were idle. The Standard and Moorewood men, 1,500, were also out, as were the 500 of Leisenring. The number of strikers was put at 11,000.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

A COMPANY has been formed to reclaim several hundred acres of land stolen by the Missouri river at Wyandotte within the past twenty-five years. The land is valued at millions of dollars, but there is a hitch in getting Kansas City, Kan., to relinquish her riparian rights.

THE Atchison Merchants' Exchange had a meeting the other night at which a committee report was adopted recommending that steps be taken to invite delegates from Missouri river points to meet in that city August 14 to discuss the freight discrimination question.

A HORRIBLE accident occurred at Kansas City (Wyandotte) about nine o'clock on the morning of July 29. Hon. Russell B. Armstrong, the former publisher and editor of the Kansas City, Kan., Gazette, attempted to board an east-bound "L" train which had gained considerable speed after starting from the station at Oakland avenue. He missed his foothold and fell with his legs on the rails. The front wheel of the truck passed over and crushed the left leg below the knee. His right leg was caught between the brake beam and the rim of the wheel and twisted. In this position he was dragged about seventy-five yards and it was three-quarters of an hour before he could be extricated. When taken home it was found necessary to amputate both legs below the knees. Mr. Armstrong is forty-six years old and has a large family. He has represented Wyandotte in the Legislature and been prominently identified with the interests of the county all his life.

THE Live-Stock Sanitary Board has been considering the question of quarantining against the Indian Territory and Texas in consequence of the reported outbreak of pleuro-pneumonia and fever among cattle in the extreme southwest part of the State.

JAMES BODKIN, a farm hand, working for John Frame, a wealthy farmer, ten miles west of Wichita, disappeared very mysteriously the other night. He was sleeping alone in a house two hundred feet from the main residence, and in the morning all his clothes were found in his room, but he was missing. Frame owed him for two months' labor, and some days previous offered to pay him, when Bodkin replied that he did not want it yet. He recently told an acquaintance that he feared he would be followed up and killed, not giving reasons for such misgiving. It was believed he had been murdered.

THE Lawrence canning factory employs 1,200 hands.

JOE WOODS and Calvin Sanders, colored, engaged in a quarrel at Leavenworth the other morning over the ownership of a handkerchief. Both claimed the handkerchief, which was a gaudy silk one, and the dispute ended in a fight in which Woods drew a knife and stabbed Sanders in the neck, cutting the jugular vein, from which he almost bled to death at the time, and from the effects of which he would not recover. Woods fled.

DURING a recent storm at Olathe St. Paul's Church (Catholic) was struck by lightning and took fire, but the flames were speedily extinguished.

A. C. SELDEN, chief clerk in the general office of the Missouri Pacific road at Wichita, was recently missing from his desk. He was said to be a defaulter for a large amount. A warrant was issued for his arrest charging him with forging a company draft for $4,500.

IT is officially asserted that there is not a case of pleuro-pneumonia among cattle in the State.

THE Governor recently pardoned Charles Sweney, of Wilson County, who was on February 22, 1889, convicted of embezzlement and sentenced to one year in the penitentiary, on condition that he abstain from intoxicating drink for two years. Sweney is nearly seventy years old and collected $30 for a Kansas City firm which he failed to pay over. Liquor was the cause of his trouble.

BRUMM BROS., dry goods merchants at Junction City, lost $5,000 by a fire the other night.

FOUR prisoners broke jail at Newton the other night. All were under sentence. They were Mitchell, Brown, Wilson and W. E. Moore. All were retaken except Moore, who is under sentence to three years in the penitentiary for horse stealing. He is a desperate man and an old offender.

THE police of Kansas City, Kan., raided three gambling houses located near the State line the other night and captured three proprietors and seventy patrons. Each proprietor put up $100 for himself and $10 for each "customer," which sums were "confiscated" by the police judge next day as "fines."

GOVERNOR HUMPHREY has pardoned Yancy Gans, who was convicted in the district court of Johnson County, June 17, 1886, of assault with intent to kill and sentenced to five years' imprisonment. Gans was a boy of eighteen whose home was in Topeka, but his mother being widowed he went away to work and so got to Johnson County. There he had a dispute with his employer and knocked the latter down. He was fined a small sum, and being unable to pay the constable started to take him from Wilder to Holliday. In a lonely place he knocked the officer senseless and escaped. He was subsequently arrested, pleaded guilty and was sent up for five years. The constable he knocked down was one of the applicants for pardon, not believing there was any malice in the case.

IT is stated that English capitalists in their search for profitable business investments in this country have found that the coal mines at Leavenworth do a large and paying business, and they are trying to get control of them. Failing to secure the mines in operation the syndicate had real estate agents quietly buy up the coal rights on 1,500 acres of land two miles south of the city. Every thing having been secured necessary for the sinking of a shaft, a new company was organized under the name of the Boston Coal Company with a paid up capital of $100,000.

IT is suggested that if all the railroad companies which have ever filed articles of incorporation in the office of the Secretary of State had carried out their plans, the railroad mileage of Kansas today would be equal to that of the entire United States, and even now there are several charters filed every month.

M. E. LARKIN, a prominent Atchison stock dealer, recently made an assignment. Liabilities about $19,000.

THE sheriff of Geary County recently arrested a Fort Riley deserter at Topeka, whither he had fled with a borrowed team and a woman.

THE colored people of the State celebrated Emancipation day (August 1) at Bismarck grove, Lawrence, with a grand picnic and other exercises. Excursion trains were run from various points of Missouri and Kansas and 8,000 persons were estimated as being present.

MRS. SNODGRASS and two childred, aged nine and six years, said to be from Kansas, were recently drowned while attempting to cross the White river in Arkansas.

A RECENT fire at Wichita burned the buildings occupied by the Cannon Fruit Commission Company, and the three-story block adjoining occupied by the Wichita Wholesale Grocery Company. Two cars standing on the switch, containing $7,000 worth of sugar, were also destroyed. The total loss was estimated at $170,000, and the total insurance about $75,000.

ANDREW C. DRUMM, who had full charge of the cattle commission business of A. Drumm & Co. at the stock yards in Kansas City, Kan., recently disappeared and an investigation showed his accounts short $15,000, and possibly double that sum. He is a nephew of the senior member of the firm.

TRAIN ROBBERS.

Masked Men Hold Up the Fort Worth & Denver Mail.

They Are Foiled in Obtaining Much Booty —Two Bold Men Rob a Train Near Kansas City.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Aug. 5.—At two o'clock yesterday morning six masked men stopped the Fort Worth & Denver mail and express, southbound, between Cheyenne water tank and Tascosa and three men got on the locomotive and compelled the engineer to pull away from the passenger coaches, which had been detached by the robbers and left under guard of the other three.

After going half a mile the robbers compelled the engineer to get off the locomotive and bring a pick to force open the door of the express car.

Express Messenger Marsh, seeing what was up, closed the doors of his car and piled up trunks against them and then put out the lights in the car after he had secreted all the express packages but three.

The robbers coming to the car ordered Marsh to open it and fired into it. The engineer hammered away with his pick until he got the door partly opened, when a torch was pushed into the opening and a revolver poked in and pointed at Marsh, who was told to open up or be killed. Marsh opened and three packages were stolen, but the Pacific Express Company people say that very little money was secured.

The robbers then went to the mail car and compelled Route Agent Wolcott to open his car. He had hidden all his registered matter, but one letter, under a sack and turned his lights out. The robbers got the one package and then opened mail pouches and scattered the contents over the floor. All the robbers were masked. After doing the work they ordered the engineer to put out the torch and pull out when they left.

The authorities in the several neighboring counties were notified and are in pursuit. It is said that the total amount stolen is less than $2,000. The robbers fired twenty or twenty-five shots into the mail and express cars. The passengers were greatly frightened, but not one of them was molested in any way, though money and jewelry were hid in short order. Cheyenne is 375 miles northwest from Fort Worth.

TRAIN ROBBERS NEAR KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 5.—Two men who wore red and white handkerchiefs over their faces as masks held up and robbed passenger train No. 4 on the Wabash railway four miles east of Harlem at 8:35 o'clock Saturday night. They secured $175 and two gold watches and would have secured a great deal more but they were frightened from the train by a nervy conductor before they succeeded in their operations. The men were medium sized and both wore dark clothing and slouch hats. They were between twenty-two and twenty-five years of age, and were loud and profane in their demands for money.

W. H. Bonnell, special agent of the road, sat in the smoking car of the train and was notified by Conductor James Reach that the rear coach had been gone through by robbers. He at once cut the engine loose and returned as far as Harlem where he notified Deputy Sheriff Tomlinson and they began a search for the men but were not successful in getting sight of them.

The train pulled out from this city at 8:20 o'clock and registered its time at Harlem at 8:35 o'clock. Two men boarded the rear coach at the Harlem bridge and as soon as Harlem was passed awoke passengers with the demand, "Throw up your hands." It took them about ten minutes to "invoice" the nine passengers who were in the coach.

They left the rear coach to raid the next one front and met Conductor Reach on the front platform.

"Throw up your hands," they commanded. The conductor thought that they were railway acquaintances and laughing at them started to pass on. They commanded again, and taking in the situation he struck one of them with his lantern. The other robber shot twice at Reach and both then jumped from the train. Reach threw his lantern after them and about this time one of the passengers pulled the bell-cord and the train was stopped.

Special Agent Bonnell detached the engine from the train and started back to this city. In company with Deputy Sheriff Tomlinson, of Clay County, he kept watch at the Hannibal bridge and scoured the country about Harlem until three o'clock yesterday morning when he reported the robbery to the Central police station and left a description of the two men.

The train consisted of a baggage car, two through sleepers on the Iowa Central, coaches which are switched off at Moberly, and the car sleeper that was robbed.

When the men left the train they took to a wagon road and disappeared in the darkness. Nothing has since been heard of them.

Starved to Death.

SPRING VALLEY, Ill., Aug. 4.—The wife of one of the locked-out miners here was ordered by the physician in attendance on her twins, who were slowly starving to death, to eat a sufficiency of the right kind of food so that she could nourish her offspring, but being in the poorest circumstances and living off such charity as was given by the relief committee here, she was unable to get the proper food and the babies died. That such a thing should occur in the midst of this beautiful, fertile region, teeming with an abundant harvest, is hard to believe. And yet the father of these twins was only striking to prevent the mine owners from cutting his wages almost to the starvation point.

Rags and Small-Pox.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Consul-General Cardwell, of Cairo, Egypt, warns the State Department that an extensive trade in Egyptian rags with the United States is rendered particularly dangerous by the prevalence of small-pox in Lower Egypt.

—Georgia has the biggest watermelon patch in the world. Think of a lane two miles long with melons on each side as far as the eye can reach. It is an interesting sight when the laborers go out at daybreak to gather the melons. Squads of them are moving the vines aside to make room for the wagons to go through. Others are thumping and cutting off the melons from the vines, while others follow, gathering the fruit into the wagons. The largest melons will average forty pounds, and there will be lots of sixty-pounders. There will be cars of 1,200 melons with hardly a melon under thirty-five or forty pounds. The Phillips Melon Company, which owns this immense melon patch of 800 acres, will make a big thing out of it. Their profit will not be less than $150 a carload, and they will ship 400 cars. Sixty thousand dollars on 800 acres will beat cotton. Without disaster they will make such a success that the farmers who are watching them will plant an immense acreage in that section next year. How did they do it? By business methods. They went to work with enough cash in bank to carry out their plans on a grand scale, and they fertilized and worked the crop to the best advantage in every way. The thing is business from one end to the other. Why, they have half their crop already sold at fancy prices—200 cars in Boston. Their estimate of 400 cars for 800 acres is a very conservative one. It will go over that.—Atlanta Constitution.

THE TRUST CRAZE.

As American Consul Thinks Germany is Seriously Troubled With the Incorporation Fever.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Jacob Muller, Consul-General of the United States at Frankfort on the Main, under date of May 27, sends to the State Department a report on the formation of stock companies or trusts in Germany which he calls the "incorporation fever." He says that he has always looked distrustfully on existing affairs there. The present events, the gigantic strikes by which Germany is visited, seem to him to prove that the social conditions are fraught with danger. The strikes are not revolutionary but are the outgrowth of unbearable conditions. In Rheinish Westphalia, on a territory of not more than twenty square miles, 90,000 people revolted at starvation prices. When the mining companies were realizing better prices for coals than for many years past the miners were receiving $125 to $185 per year. Just now Mr. Muller says Germany is showing symptoms of a business fever similar in many respects to that which terminated in the crash of 1873. It is taking the form of the creation of industrial enterprises or the changing of private undertakings into stock companies. In 1884 a law was enacted for the regulation of stock companies. It required a more definite statement of affairs in the organization of the stock company, but it made the stockholders much less responsible than the members of a private firm. The "winnings," as he calls the earnings of these companies, will, he says, be larger and spread out among a greater number of persons, but the people of limited means can not participate as the law has fixed the minimum price of a share at 1,000 marks. Mr. Muller believes that the separation of employer and employed which must result from these changes in business conditions will result in the union of workingmen and a permanent war between them and their employers.

AN OPEN SWITCH.

Wreck With Serious Consequences Near Albany, N. Y.

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 3.—A south-bound Delaware & Hudson through train in charge of Conductor Acker, ran through an open switch at the Kenwood Junction near here, about 4:20 yesterday afternoon, and into the north-bound West Shore train, due here at 4:30. The drawing room car 'Argyle," and two passenger coaches of the Delaware & Hudson train were thrown from the track. Thomas Conniff, a passenger on the West Shore train, residing in Albany, was killed, and several others were more or less seriously injured. There were about thirty passengers on the Delaware & Hudson train and their escape from death was marvelous, as two cars turned completely over on their sides and the inmates had to be taken out through the windows. The names of the seriously injured are: James E. Pittman, of Troy, injured about the back and head; Mrs. Henderson, of West Troy, cut on the head and injured internally not serious. Joseph Perkins, of Binghamton, engineer of the Delaware & Hudson train, leg injured by jumping; Mrs. Bart, of Coeymans Junction, badly bruised; William Mould, Saugerties, back hurt; H. T. Finch and wife, Brooklyn, internal injuries; Mrs. Kate Powers, Catskill, arm injured; C. J. Wright, Peekskill, arm strained; R. J. Kepple, Utica, arm sprained; W. T. Burnside, New York, arm lacerated; G. C. Morris, 136 South Fourth street, Philadelphia, badly shaken up; J. P. Foster, badly hurt; Engineer Perkins' arm was broken; Matthew Turner, fireman of the Delaware & Hudson train, slightly injured about the arms by jumping; he resides on Quaker street. The tracks were blocked until a late hour.

How a Convict Was Pardoned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—A convict in San Quentin prison serving seven years was pardoned this week by Governor Waterman. He had been convicted of forgery committed while intoxicated. Soon after President Harrison's nomination he wrote a poem entitled "The Old Soldiers," which was published in an evening paper. The poem, which described General Harrison's bravery at the battle of Resaca, was copied widely on this coast, and soon after Harrison's election one of the prisoner's friends sent it to Mrs. Harrison, with a brief account of the convict-author's good life in prison. She took an interest in him and he has been pardoned. The released convict expressed great gratitude to Mrs. Harrison and declares that her sympathy has made a man of him. His name is withheld as he has the promise of a good place.

Crawford's Big Fee.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug 3.—The Gazette's Muskogee, I. T., correspondent wires as follows: "The evidence taken in the investigation of the misappropriation of money by the Creek delegates was filed yesterday by Agent Gardner. The taking of testimony abruptly closed Thursday after the delegates testified that they paid ex-Governor Crawford the $228,000 alleged to be unaccounted for. Agent Gardner expresses the opinion that ex-Governor Crawford will be indicted by the grand jury. The delegates are only responsible to their constituency, many of whom boldly assert that the enormous fee claimed to have been paid the attorney is a ruse to shift the burden on Governor Crawford, who in some way will exonerate himself."

The Pilgrim Memorial.

PLYMOUTH, Mass., Aug. 2.—This old town yesterday was gay with decorations and filled with visitors to the dedication of the national memorial to commemorate the landing of the Pilgrims. All historic spots are marked by inscriptions and decorations. The celebration has included the ringing of bells, the firing of salutes and the dedication of the monument with imposing ceremonies, after which there was a parade to the dinner tent, where an oration was delivered by William C. P. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, and a poem was read by John Boyle O'Reilly followed by speeches from other distinguished guests. Concerts were given in the afternoon and the celebration closed at night with fire-works and a ball.

Collisions Caused By Fog.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—There were several collisions in the bay and river during the fog yesterday. The Clyde line steamer Yemasse from Charleston had in tow the fishing schooner Melinda Wood, of Nyack. The schooner's foremast was cut away, the mast was broken and a large hole cut in her starboard bow. When the collision occurred the steamer was running at half speed on account of the fog. The schooner J. P. Pharo, of Providence, was towed up the bay by the tug Robert Robinson and beached on the Jersey flats. It was run into by the brig Caluna during the fog last night. The schooner was almost a total wreck. Three persons were rescued by the pilot boat.

New Cattle Disease.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 3.—A new and somewhat serious cattle disease has broken out in two or three herds near this city. So far it has baffled all efforts to relieve it. It is spreading. It begins by a swelling of the eyes, which become so thoroughly inflamed that blindness follows in a few days. The gatherings break, leaving a small round pimple on the eyeball and the beast is totally blind. A fever accompanies the disease and the milk of the cow is unfit for use. The cattle owners of this vicinity are greatly alarmed, and the utmost precautions are being taken to prevent the further spread of the disease.

VISITING HIS GRANDMA.

Emperor William of Germany on a Visit to His Royal Grandma, Queen Victoria Who Kissed Him on Both Cheeks—A "Thundering" Reception.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—According to programme the Prince of Wales left Portsmouth harbor in his yacht, the Osborne, at half-past twelve o'clock to-day, and proceeded outside the Solent to await the arrival of the Emperor of Germany on board the imperial yacht Hohenzollern. As the yacht steamed out of the harbor she was saluted by the guns on shore and on the war vessels. Shortly before the departure of the royal yacht the German squadron was sighted steaming toward Portsmouth, and pilots were immediately dispatched to take charge of their movements. The weather at Portsmouth is superb, the bright sunshine being tempered by a cooling breeze. Every thing has been put in readiness for the arrival of the German Emperor, and the crowd which are constantly arriving by every available means by far surpass in numbers the attendance which has marked any previous Spithead maneuvers.

The enormous government flotilla and numerous private craft as well as all available space on shore are packed with sight-seers.

RECEPTION AND LANDING OF THE KAISER.

The spectacle attracted to the shore of the Solent hundreds of thousands of people, while the water was literally covered with every conceivable form of craft bearing sight-seers, most of which, as did all of the war vessels and transatlantic liners, serving as excursion steamers, displayed the German flag.

As the yacht Osborne approached the Hohenzollern, the Prince of Wales signaled his greeting to the Kaiser, to which the latter responded. The Osborne then accompanied the Hohenzollern with her escort through the lines of war vessels drawn in "parade" to receive her. Every vessel, both German and English, was in holiday attire, and the spectacle as the German fleet steamed slowly through the narrow aisle left between the gaily-decked war-ships—the flower of the British navy—was imposing in the extreme. As the imperial yacht passed each ship she was saluted by loud huzzas from the tars spread out upon the yards or ranged upon the decks, followed by the booming of the ships' guns which shot out their tongues of flames again and again until the Hohenzollern was hidden by the smoke. Then other voices took up the welcoming huzzas and other cannon boomed forth thunderous greetings. Through this gauntlet of fire and smoke the Hohenzollern passed with the ironclads Deutschland, Kaiser Preuser and Friedsrich Der Grosse and the frigate