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NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

MRS. JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL, wife of the American minister, died at London on the 19th.

THE Washington monument was dedicated on the 21st with imposing ceremonies.

THE Senate of Pennsylvania on the 19th defeated the bill for whipping-posts for wife-beaters.

FOUR THOUSAND Spaniards are desirous of enlisting in the English army for the Soudan campaign.

AN official dispatch places the French losses in the taking of Lang Son at thirty, and the wounded at 222.

THE Italian War and Marine offices are preparing for quick action in the event of an alliance with England in the Soudan.

DISPATCHES from Korti say that Arabs are deserting from Metemneh in large numbers and are entering the British camp at Gubat.

THE First Battalion of the Coldstream Guards left London for Suakim on the 19th. There were many affecting scenes as they embarked.

THE British Parliament reopened on the 19th. Police allowed no one to pass the gates unless able to show that he had a right to enter.

IN the Michigan House of Representatives on the 17th a bill was introduced to prevent non-resident aliens from holding lands in the State.

EIGHT cases of dynamite were stolen from a magazine in Westchester County, N. Y., on the 16th. It was thought that Socialists committed the robbery.

CONGRESSMAN BELFORD, rather than see the suspension of silver coinage brought about, will filibuster in the House, and claims he has plenty of backing.

THE efforts of Belgium to secure the creation of an International convention for the regulation of duties on sugar failed, owing to the opposition of Germany.

EIGHT HUNDRED special policemen were sworn in to preserve order in Washington during the ceremonies attending the dedication of the Washington Monument.

RUSSIAN exiles in Irkutsk, Siberia, revolted recently. They were only subdued after a desperate contest, in which a number of people were killed and wounded.

IT seems to be generally conceded that Bayard, Manning and Garland will form a portion of the new Cabinet, but with regard to the rest there is no end of speculation.

CONSIDERABLE excitement has been caused in London by the statement that Russia has ordered 2,000 Krupp guns for the purpose of strengthening its position in Central Asia.

COLONEL ANDREW JACKSON, grandson of the President of that name, has instituted suit to recover certain papers which General Jackson left, and which are in the hands of the Blair family.

THE Canadian voyageurs who took General Wolseley's boats up the Nile, arrived at Queenstown, Ireland, on the 18th, on their way home. They embarked on the steamship Hanoverian.

ST. MICHAEL'S Orphan Asylum and St. Joseph's Convent at Pittsburgh, Pa., were partially destroyed by fire on the 20th. The inmates were all rescued with the exception of one Sister of Mercy.

SEVERAL thousand unemployed laborers of London visited the offices of the local government on the 16th and demanded work. They hissed and shouted in front of the Prime Minister's house.

IT is reported that General Gordon's last message to General Wolseley: "I can hold on at Khartoum for years," was preceded by the question: "What are you coming for? I have not asked for you."

THE House Committee on Contested Elections in the case of McLean vs. Broadhead, from the Ninth Congressional District of Missouri, decided on the 16th to report in favor of Mr. Broadhead.

A PECULIAR and fatal hog disease is raging in many sections of Massachusetts. The symptoms are loss of appetite, sight and strength, death invariably resulting in three days. Thousands of hogs are dying.

THE weather has been very severe all through the Northwest, the Middle and Eastern States and in Canada. Snowstorms were raging in all directions on the 17th, and railway traffic was greatly impeded.

GENERAL DURBIN WARD, in discussing war reminiscences, said that if General Albert Sidney Johnson's death had not happened when it did the result of the battle of Shiloh would have been far different.

CITIZENS of Richmond, Va., held a meeting on the 20th and passed resolutions reciting that the recent decision of the United States Court in the coupon cases tended to complicate the State finances and embarrass its officers.

IN the recent accident on the Virginia Midland Railroad, in which the cars were burned, an enormous amount of mail matter was destroyed, and the safe in the express car was open. The amount of money destroyed is said to be nearly $200,000.

THE Secretary of the Interior has declined to reinstate the land entry of John Talbott, in the Cheyenne district, Wyoming. Talbott's entry would, if allowed, place him in possession of the land comprising the entire water supply of the city of Cheyenne.

MANY protests were filed against allowing the Masonic Order to participate in the Washington Monument ceremonies, on the ground that the Masons have no more rights than the Hibernians or any other order. The protests were too late, though, for the committee to act upon.

THE Mahdi secured all General Gordon's papers and paper money, and is cashing the latter to obtain needed funds to continue the warfare. The British officers and men are eagerly buying up these notes, and also leaden medals struck off at Khartoum, which fetch their weight in gold as mementoes of General Gordon.

GENERAL GORDON'S trusted messenger, George, has arrived at Abu Klea. He says that almost all the native accounts agree that General Gordon, finding himself betrayed, made a rush for the magazine near the Catholic Mission building. Finding the rebels already in possession, he returned to the Government House and was killed trying to re-enter. The rebels were admitted to Khartoum at ten o'clock at night on the 26th of January.

XLVIIITH CONGRESS.

IN the Senate on the 16th about the only really important and conclusive action taken was the passage of the Indian appropriation bill. There was a lengthy discussion upon the action of the Senate committee in striking out certain amendments, which under the rules of that body, on account of their legislative value, are not entitled to be placed on an appropriation bill.....In the House, after consideration of the legislative appropriation bill, Mr. Slocum reported the bill for the retirement of General Grant, and a motion was made to suspend the rules and pass the same. A long debate ensued. Mr. Slocum enumerated the eminent services of General Grant and the reasons why the measure should be passed. General Rosecrans was quite severe upon the hero of Appomattox, and announced his opposition to the proposition to place him on the retired list. Messrs. Horr and Thomas (Republicans) opposed the bill because they considered it a trap set to catch the executive and embarrass him. They were in favor of retiring General Grant, but wanted the second bill offered in the Senate substituted. The motion to suspend the rules was finally lost. Little other business of general interest was transacted.

IN the Senate on the 17th there was a long discussion upon the anti-foreign contract labor bill, in which a number of Senators took part. Messrs. Maxey and Coke (of Texas) thought that the bill would keep out labor needed by the planters of Texas, and the latter offered an amendment modifying the penalty clause, but it was voted down. Senators Vest and Morgan criticised the Republican party's policy, and Mr. Sherman defended his party. With an understanding that a vote was to be reached on the 18th, the Senate adjourned .....In the House, after the passage of some minor bills and an adverse report from the committee on the resolution to appoint a commission to consider the liquor traffic of the United States, the legislative appropriation bill was discussed in committee of the whole and afterwards passed, a few slight amendments having been previously agreed upon. The Senate amendments to the Indian appropriation bill were non-concurred in, and a new conference committee was appointed. Mr. Dorsheimer introduced a bill to regulate coinage, and to promote the circulation of gold and silver equally.

IN the Senate on the 18th an original bill was reported to enable the President to negotiate for the purchase from the Indians of their remaining interests in the Oklahoma lands. Consideration of the contract labor bill was resumed. Mr. Plumb's amendment excepting professional artists from the provisions of the bill was agreed to; also an amendment by Mr. Lapham providing that the whole of the penalty recovered shall go into the United States Treasury. The bill then passed: yeas, 50; nays, 9....In the House the river and harbor bill was considered. Mr. Bayne opposed the appropriation for the Lower Mississippi, as the money, he said, would be thrown away except to remove snags. Mr. Potter opposed the Hennepin Canal scheme, and declared that it was a State matter, and Illinois was well able to build the canal, as New York had done in the case of the Erie. The amendment offered as a substitute for the Galveston Harbor paragraph was agreed to. It appropriates $500,000. The McLean-Broadhead contest was reported in favor of Mr. Broadhead.

In the Senate on the 19th there was a long discussion on the Texas Pacific Railroad land forfeiture bill. A number of amendments were offered and debated. The bill was finally passed. There was very little else of general interest reached.....in the House during the continuation of the previous day's session the river and harbor bill was considered, but nothing conclusive was done. A number of amendments were taken up and new amendments were offered. Later, in the regular session for Thursday, the naval appropriation bill was considered in committee of the whole. There was an animated discussion concerning wooden vessels and the amount of money to be appropriated to build the "New York." The House adjourned, though, before very much progress had been made with the bill.

IN the Senate on the 20th a memorial was presented from the Illinois Legislature urging Congress to acquire ownership in the ship canal connecting the waters of Keweenaw Bay with those of Lake Superior. The agricultural appropriation bill was passed. The Post-office appropriation bill was next reached. The reduction in the amount for Post-office clerks was combatted, but after discussion the committee's amendment was adhered to. The section changing the rate of postage was discussed at length, and the Senate finally agreed to the committee amendment so far as it related to the letter postage, leaving the newspaper provision to be acted upon .....In the House much time was wasted on the Mississippi River claims in the river and harbor bill. The friends of the bill yielded to the Mississippi River claim, thereby withdrawing the bone of contention. The Chair delivered an opinion on the point of order against the Hennepin Canal, sustaining the point that the Committee on Rivers and Harbors had not original jurisdiction of the subject, and ruled that the claims must be stricken from the bill. An appeal was taken, but was not acted upon during the day's session. The conference report on the consular and diplomatic bill was agreed to. The naval appropriation bill was taken up but no definite action was taken. At the evening session fifty pension bills were passed, completing this work for the present Congress.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

OFFICIALS of the Wabash at New York say that the proposition of Mr. Chamberlain, of London, for a reorganization of the company will be accepted.

THE Illinois State Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Peoria, on the 18th, passed a resolution urging the passage of the bill to place General Grant on the retired list.

ADMIRAL COURBET telegraphs that the French attacked the Chinese squadron and gained a complete victory. Another dispatch says that two Chinese men-of-war were sunk.

Two cases of trichinosis have developed at Columbus, O., one of which will prove fatal.

AT a National League meeting at Dublin on the 18th, speakers advised the Irish people to strike the blow for freedom while England's hands are full.

THE first formal vote of the Illinois Legislature for United States Senator resulted: Logan, 101; Morrison, 94; Haines, 4; Lawler, 1; J. H. Ward, 1; John Smith, 1. No election.

AN imaginary infernal machine placed in the Court-house at Greensburg, Pa., on the 18th, proved to be clock-works of a dancing toy monkey with a singed rope attached. It scared the people, though.

THE relief party who went to Alta, the Utah town visited by the terrible snowslide, recovered twelve dead bodies, and rescued those still living.

FIRE at the Memphis wharf on the 18th, which started in the Ida Darragh, burned that boat and her cargo, and also spread to the steamer City of Helena, of the Anchor Line, and that was also destroyed together with the wharf boat and contents. The Helena was valued at $60,000. Total loss, $150,000.

THE pulp mill connected with William A Russell & Son's paper mill at Lawrence, Mass., burned the night of the 18th, with its valuable machinery. The loss is not less than $50,000; fully insured.

AT the burial ground attached to the Pisgah Church, five miles from Point Pleasant, W. Va., the sexton on the 18th found a half dozen bodies taken from graves and strewn about on the ground. There is no clew to the perpetrators, nor to their motive.

EDWARD RYLAND, a well-known forger and check-raiser, pleaded guilty in New York on the 18th, and was sentenced to State Prison for five years. His young wife, Elsie, who assisted him in his operations, is now serving a two-and-one-half-years' sentence.

THE Michigan Legislature wants Congress to pass the postal telegraph bill.

THE Woman's Department of the New Orleans Exposition was formerly opened on the 19th.

THE New York Socialists met on the evening of the 18th to eulogize and commemorate the memory of the German Anarchists who were put to death for attempting to take the life of the Emperor. Herr Most was among the speakers.

THE condition of General Stewart, who was recently wounded in Egypt, is reported less hopeful.

THE Illinois Legislature balloted again for United States Senator on the 19th, but no choice was made.

THE Thomas block at Brazil, Ind., burned on the 19th. Loss, $30,000.

THE Grannis block was nearly destroyed by fire in Chicago on the 19th. The loss is very heavy.

IN a wreck on the Virginia Midland Road on the 19th, caused by a collision, several persons were killed, the cars set on fire, and both trains were burned.

THE *Medical Record*, of New York, corrects the sensational reports about the sickness of General Grant.

PHILADELPHIA was visited by a disastrous conflagration on the 19th. A number of stores and warehouses were destroyed, involving a loss of $400,000.

SIX hundred cattle were sold at Superior City, Wis., on the 19th, to an Englishman for $30,000. They will be shipped to England.

MR. GLADSTONE declares that the policy of the British Government to evacuate Egypt eventually remains unchanged.

A BILL has been filed at Pittsburgh, Pa., in view of the recent explosions, asking an injunction to restrain natural gas companies from bringing gas into the city.

JONATHAN J. WRIGHT, ex-Associate Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court, and the only colored man who ever held the office in that State, is dead.

SINCE the fall of Khartoum and the death of General Gordon, the British Governmennt have deemed it expedient to change the whole plan of the Soudan campaign.

THREE THOUSAND colliers are on a strike in the coal mines at Mons, Belgium.

A LARGE plow factory at Hamburg, Ia., burned on the 20th. Loss, $40,000; insurance, $20,000.

EL MAHDI is said to be making arrangements for a heavy attack upon the English.

AT Sturgis, Mich., on the 20th, an attempt was made to blow up a building with an infernal machine.

GENERAL SIR HERBERT STEWART, who was wounded at the battle of Abu Kela wells, is reported dead.

THE Bessemer steel production in the United States last year was seven per cent. behind that of 1883.

THE Marvin Safe Company's factory, a huge eight-story building in New York, was destroyed by fire on the 20th. Loss, nearly $300,000. Over 200 men are thrown out of employment.

THE Prince of Wales addressed and reviewed the Third Battalion of the Grenadier Guards at Windsor on the 20th, as they were about to start for Suakim. The Queen sent an autograph letter.

THE Mansion House at Boston was damaged $30,000 by fire on the 20th.

A BOTTLE of gunpowder was exploded on the 20th at the entrance to the Italian Parliament. No one hurt.

THE Irish papers are jubilant over the British reverses in the Soudan, and one of them hopes that success may shine upon El Mahdi's banners.

THE Roman Catholic Bishop of Shrewsbury, Eng., has issued a pastoral letter in which he denounces dynamiters as "pests, scourges, enemies of God and man, and assassins striking in the dark."

ROSWELL MILLER has been appointed general manager of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Road, vice S. S. Merrill deceased. Jos. Tucker has been tendered the position of assistant.

THE British Government has become so alarmed at the situation in the Soudan that the reserves are to be sent out to assist General Wolseley.

IT is now said that the President-elect, by including Mr. Bayard, intends to give the South three members of the Cabinet.

JAY RIX, of Cleveland, O., whose wife recently eloped with a skating rink man, vows that he will follow the couple and kill the man.

An engine on the Iron Mountain Road exploded on the 20th, killing Engineer Kline, and probably fatally injuring Fireman Fred Smith.

GENERAL BULLER, who had to retreat from Gubat, is intrenched at Abu Klea wells finding the enemy in too strong forces to continue his retrogade movement without serious hazard.

IN an accident to an Ohio & Mississippi passenger train near North Vernon, Ind., on the 20th, a Mr. Edrige, of Jefferson, Tex., and one other person were killed, and a number injured.

REPORTS from Korti declare that the Mahdi is bolstering the spirits of his followers by heralding British defeats.

THE Illinois Legislature took additional ballots for United States Senator on the 20th, but made no choice.

THE coke pool of Pennsylvania has been signed by all the parties interested.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

THE Senate held a brief session on the 21st. The Post-office appropriation bill was further considered. Contrary to the recommendation of the committee the legislative provisions inserted by the House fixing the postage on newspapers sent from the office of publication to regular subscribers at one cent per pound was retained, but the discrimination against sample copies was cut out, making a uniform rate for all newspapers sent out by publishers. The House bill appropriating money for the erection of a public building at Keokuk, Ia., was passed. Senators at 2:15 p. m. repaired to the House to be present at the conclusion of the Washington Monument ceremonies. The House transacted no business.

THE Educational Congress met at New Orleans on the 23d.

AN incendiary fire at Anderson, Ind., on the 22d, caused a loss of $12,000.

WHILE at church on the 22d Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher had an attack of paralysis.

NEWS from Egypt says that the forces of General Buller, Lord Chas. Beresford and Major Wardrop defeated the Arabs at Abu Klea. The report further says that the Mahdi's forces were routed.

FRANK WARNER, who escaped from jail at Zanesville, O., on the night of the 21st was found frozen to death.

AT the Washington Monument ceremonies on the 21st there were present a great many of the descendants of General Washington.

THE police at Dorpot, in the Russian province of Livonia, made an important seizure of Nihilist documents.

THE British Government has instructed its authorities at Hong Kong to relax the regulation of the foreign enlistment act so as to permit French men-of-war to coal and repair in ports under English control.

THE House Committee on Appropriations held a session on the 22d owing to the urgent business yet to be disposed of.

CHARLES CONNELL, an engineer on the Pan-Handle Road was killed on the 22d by jumping from his engine on account of the breaking of the connecting rod.

THE Supreme Medical Examiner of the Knights of Honor has decided a case where the member committed suicide. The widow gets the $2,000.

THE engineer and fireman of a West Shore train were instantly killed in a wreck on the 21st.

JAMES STEPHENS, the well-known Fenian, denounces the dynamiters.

IN a libel suit against the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, Wm. Lee was awarded $1,000 damages.

THE Russians are reported advancing upon Penjdeh, in Khorassen.

MACKIN GALLAGHER and Gleason, the Chicago politicians, were convicted of election frauds.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The Senate was not in session on the 14th.....In the House among the bills introduced were the following: Requiring prosecuting attorneys in counties of over 75,000 population, to pay their assistants out of their own fees; relating to the assessment and collection of the revenue; providing for a new Normal School, composed of the county and city of St. Louis, and providing for the transfer of the St Louis Normal to the State, relating to dower, allowing the widow one-half of all personal property; relating to concealed weapons. The bill appropriating money for a Court-house at Kansas City was adversely reported; also the storts gambling bill. Among measures passed was the bill requiring railroads to open ditches and cut the grass twice a year. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions on the death of the Governor's mother.

In the Senate on the 16th among bills introduced were: Providing for the assessment of telegraph companies; fixing rates of sleeping-car companies; to extend the time of State Supreme Court Commissioners; to apply half of the dramshop license to the road fund; to prohibit bank officers and clerks from dealing in options. A protest against the repeal of the Johnson gambling law was received from the St. Louis Police Board.....In the House a protest similar to the above was received from the St. Louis Police Board. Among bills introduced were: Relating to mortgages and deeds of trust; authorizing cities of the third class to issue bonds for funding floating indebtedness; compelling children to attend school; requiring railroads to stop trains at all towns of 100 population or more. The bill to regulate the weighing of coal was passed.

In the Senate on the 17th a resolution was offered, providing for the appointment of a joint committee to consider the propriety of redistricting the State for judicial purposes. A petition was presented, praying for the establishment of a Court of Appeals at Springfield. Among bills introduced were: Providing for the appointment of a State Veterinary Surgeon; to regulate the drainage of lead and zinc mines. The bill providing for the appointment of assistant prosecuting attorneys was passed; also the bill to facilitate railroad construction in the State. A message was received from the Governor recommending the building of a branch Penitentiary.....In the House, among bills introduced were: Providing for the payment of damages done private property by municipal corporations; providing that the Johnson gambling law shall apply to all games of chance and fixing penalty for violation. Among bills passed were: Looking to the preservation of the health of school employes; requiring school boards to publish all disbursements of money; relating to garnishments; relating to assignments and forbidding the preferment of one creditor over another; repealing the dog-tax law.

In the Senate on the 18th the resolution to inquire into the propriety of reducing the number of judicial districts in the State was adopted. Among bills introduced were: In reference to investigating the affairs of county officers; relating to assignments. Among the bills passed were: Providing for the teaching in the schools physiology and hygiene, with reference to the effects of stimulants and narcotics upon the human system; to exempt the counties of Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot and Dunklin from the payment of State taxes for 1885, on account of the damage sustained by overflows. .....In the House among the bills introduced were: prohibiting any person from working an employe more than twelve consecutive hours in every twenty-four; compelling employers to pay expenses and continue wages of employes while in their service, until able to resume work; making an attempt to commit suicide a felony, and punishing those who assist or advise people to commit suicide. Among the bills passed were: Amending the law in reference to property executions; giving St. Louis Circuit Judges power to select jurymen when necessary; requiring railroad companies to furnish double decked cars for the shipment of sheep. Mr. Wright's sleeping-car bill failed to pass. A resolution against the Buckner silver bill in Congress was passed.

In the Senate on the 19th among the bills introduced were: To provide for the transfer of cases from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court; to increase the salaries of Circuit Judges. Resolutions of respect on the death of Mrs. Lavinia Marmaduke, mother of the Governor, were read and adopted. The McGrath-Davisson case was taken up and pending discussion, the Senate adjourned.....In the House, among the bills introduced were: Extending the time of turning witness fees over to the State; for the protection of hotel and boarding-house keepers. An unfavorable report on the resolution to remove the capital to St. Louis was made; but a favorable report was made on the proposition to remove the capital to Sedalia. Among bills passed were: In reference to prosecutions before Justices of the Peace for misdemeanor; increasing the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace; repealing the act establishing the State Board of Immigration.

In the Senate on the 20th petitions were presented in favor of a law requiring coal to be weighed before being screened. Among bills introduced were: In reference to billiard hall licenses appropriating $20,000 for a laboratory at the Rolla School of Mines; to make the United States census the school census of St. Louis; in reference to the payment of insurance in incendiary fire cases ....In the House among the bills introduced were: striking out that part of the act relating to the State Board of Health which requires registration of births and deaths; making the obstruction of a public highway a misdemeanor. The general appropriation bill was introduced, the total amount being $7,163,734. Among the bills passed were: For the protection of hotel and boarding-house keepers; providing additional penalties for shooting across public highways; changing the boundaries of the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Senatorial Districts; the oleomargarine bill as applied to hotels and boarding-houses; to punish railroads for failing to give public notice of the time of running trains. The bill making the stealing of sheep and hogs grand larceny, and making dogs personal property failed to pass.

Miscellaneous Items.

The residence of Mr. John F. Smith at Sedalia burned a few days ago. Loss, $2,000; insurance, $1,500. An infant child of Mrs. Peter Fish was badly but not fatally burned.

In the St. Louis Criminal Court, in the case of the State vs. Shook, for the killing of Sullivan in an altercation last fall, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Louis Amann, a St. Louis barber, forty-five years of age, committeed suicide a few days ago by shooting himself through the head. Poverty was the cause. He leaves a wife and three children to face the world alone.

Captain Thomas Phelan, who was so badly cut recently in New York, has returned to his home in Kansas City.

Mr. M. H. Lee, one of the editorial staff of the Kansas City *Times*, died a few days since, after a brief illness of typhoid fever.

Christian Bart, a middle-aged man, was held up by highwaymen in St. Joseph a few nights ago and mortally wounded by a pistol shot by one of the robbers.

George Eswing, ten years of age, while coasting in St. Louis a few days ago, was carried beneath the wheels of a moving train and crushed so badly that he died.

Greatest ice crop ever known.

The Supreme Court has affirmed the judgment of the Circuit Court of McDonald County in the case of the State vs. James M. Wisdom, convicted of the murder of Wm. Judy in that county on December 3d, 1883. The execution is set for Friday, March 27, 1885.

Mr. Lee Happy, of Lexington has received permission to operate a line of street cars over the road-bed between the Richmond and Lexington Junction and North Lexington. Mr. Happy will try to lease an engine and a combined baggage and passenger car, but in case he does not procure them he will put on the horse-cars.

Governor Marmaduke's mother died a few days ago in Saline County.

Recent Missouri patents: Charles L. Burden, Gunn City, gate; J. C. Hibbs, Brownsville, sash fastening; George F. Knapp, St. Louis, folding barrel; O. G. Newton, Trenton, door or window screen: Judson S. Post, St. Louis, marine speed propeller; R. S. Wheeler, Red Oak, car-coupling.

The dead body of Mathias Haering was found on the street in St. Louis a few mornings since with a bullet wound in the left temple and a revolver lying near by. He was a maister in Wainwright's brewery, and had recently had trouble regarding some property in Germany.

The winter has been decidedly open—to criticism.

COSTLY BLAZES.

The Cities of Philadelphia, Pa., Chicago, Ill., Hornellsville and Troy, N. Y., Suffer Serious Loss By Fire—Aggregate Losses Nearly Three Quarters of a Million Dollars

FIRE IN PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., February 19.—At half-past nine o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the five-story structure, 125 Chestnut street, occupied by Stevenson & Co., Gatz & Stratton, Richard A. Blythe, Garzed & Co., all dealers in cotton and wool. Soon after the flames were discovered, fire burst from the upper windows, and the front of the three upper stories fell outward. Many supposed an explosion had taken place. It is not yet known whether there was any explosion in the building.

When the wall fell, a laborer, who is said to be John McKay, who was engaged in removing a safe from an adjoining building was instantly killed by falling brick, several other persons were injured.

The flames spread to the buildings numbered 123 and 121 Chestnut street, and they are now burning fiercely. The former is occupied by Irwin C. Beatty & Co., dealers in worsted yarns, and the latter by George H. McFadden & Co., cotton dealers. The adjoining building on the west is the Corn Exchange National Bank, on the northeast corner of Second and Chestnut streets, the roof of which is now on fire. A general alarm has been sounded. The loss can not now be estimated.

LATER.

The flames have extended across the back buildings to 47 South Second street, occupied by Homer & Son, toy merchants. In the upper stories of this building were stored a large amount of fire-crackers, rockets, Roman candles, bombs and other kinds of fire works.

At about half-past ten the crowd of people on second street were startled by a series of explosions, and an ins ant later the sky-rockets and Roman candles were shooting colored lights out of all the windows into the street.

The following persons were injured by falling walls:

James Hackett, clerk, eighteen years old.

Henry Seavers, laborer.

Phil Strong, residing in one of the burned buildings.

The estimated loss is from $350,000 to $500,000.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., February 20.—The fire was confined within the boundries already described, and the flames were extinguished late yesterday afternoon. The total loss on buildings and contents is estimated at $400,000; insurance about $250,000.

THE GRANNIS-BLOCK BURNED.

CHICAGO, ILL., February 20.—At five o'clock yesterday fire broke out in the upper story of the fine Grannis block, 113 and 115 Dearborn street. The building contains three banks—the National of Bank of Illinois; E. S. Brewster & Co., bankers and brokers, and the Continental National Bank. The upper stories were occupied by some forty law and other offices. Notwithstanding the building was considerd fire proof, the upper stories are gutted by fire, and the lower ones flooded with water. An explosion of gas in the vault of the Bank of Illinois occurred, wrecking portions of the lower walls, but it is thought the valuables and records are safe. The total loss will reach from $125,000 to $150,000. The block was purchased by Sheppard Brooks, of Boston, for $175,000 a few months since, and its annual rental amounted to $40,000.

ELEVEN BUSSINESS PLACES BURNED.

HORNELLSVILLE, N. Y., February 19.—A fire Tuesday night destroyed eleven places of business in the village of Canisteo. The loss will reach $50,000. Owing to the frequency of fires and failures in the town, the insurance companies are talking of withdrawing the risks.

FIRE IN TROY, N. Y.,

TROY, N. Y., February 19.—The Gurley building was destroyed by fire this morning, with the stocks of Coon & Co., manufacturers of collars and cuffs, and the J. Leroy Pine Company, dealers in leather and belting. The losses on stock and building will reach $120,000. The ladies of the Devil's Auction company, in the Everett House adjoining, were badly scared.

A TERRIBLE WRECK.

Collision on the Virginia Midland Railway, Resulting in Loss of Life and the Complete Destruction of Both Trains.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 20.—A terrible collision occurred about 10:30 o'clock last evening at Four-mile Run, four miles south of Washington, between a freight train, bound south, and a passenger train, bound north, on the Virginia Midland Railway. Both engineers and firemen are missing, and are supposed to be dead. Both engines are completely demolished, and both trains burned entirely up. At this hour no further particulars can be learned. Wrecking trains with assistance have been sent to the scene.

LATER.

A dispatch from the scene of the accident says the collision occurred on the single track at the mouth of the tunnel, four miles south of Washington, between a freight train and the New Orleans & Washington express bound north. The engineer and fireman of the freight and fireman of the passenger were killed outright, and the passenger engineer probably fatally injured. The baggage, postal and smoking cars took fire and were totally destroyed. No passengers were killed, but some were badly bruised and all badly shaken up.

Cabinet Speculations.

ALBANY, N. Y., February 20.—It is generally conceded that Bayard, Manning and Garland will receive Cabinet positions. Attorney-General O'Brien said yesterday that while he was confident that Manning would be taken into the Cabinet, he did not think he would accept the Treasury portfolio, because it would necessitate severing his connections with the bank of which he is President, which would entail serious financial loss. He thought the Postmaster-Generalship was the most probable position he would accept.

They Missed It that Time.

STEUBENVILLE, O., February 19.—Some time ago the manager of the Junction Iron Works at Mingo Junction, this county, made a proposition to his boilers that if they would work for less wages his company would help them to fight the steel nails. This proposition the boilers refused to accept, and the mill continued running making iron nails and a small proportion of steel nails until Monday evening when notice was given the boilers that puddling would be reduced from $5.75 per ton to $4. The boilers refused to accept the reduction, and yesterday morning the mill started making steel nails exclusively

THE SOUDANESE WAR.

Death of General Stewart—Departure of the Grenadiers for Suakim—The Militia Called Out—Buller In a Bad Box at Abu Klea—His Retreat Cut Off and the Rebels Attacking Him.

DEATH OF GENERAL STEWART.

LONDON, February 20.—The War Office received a dispatch this morning from General Wolseley announcing the death of General Stewart at Gakdul from the wound received on the 19th ult. while advancing, after the battle at Abu Klea, on Metemneh. The news spread like wild-fire throughout London. On every side expressions of regret were heard. The names of Gordon, Earl and Stewart are on every lip, and the query of the moment is: Who next?

EMBARKATION OF THE GRENADIERS.

LONDON, February 20.—The Prince of Wales, who arrived in London yesterday from a sojourn in the south of France, t -day inspected the Grenadiers previous to their embarkation to Egypt. After the review the Prince addressed the men. He lauded their fine appearance, and urged them to remember the gallant record of the regiment during the Crimean war.

"I have no doubt," said the Prince, "that the regiment will acquit itself as nobly in the present emergency as then."

The streets and public squares through which the regiment marched were thronged with people anxious to witness the departure. From the house tops along the route flags were flying, while the windows were filled with people. Shouts for vengeance and the restoration of British prestige filled the air. The feelings of the people were greatly intensified by the display of trophies captured by the late General Gordon during his campaign in China.

MILITARY PREPARATION.

LONDON, February 20.—Active military preparations continue. The War office to-day issued an order calling out the militia for garrison duty, to take the place of the regulars sent abroad. All transfers from the army to the reserves have also been ordered suspended.

BULLER'S RETREAT CUT OFF.

LONDON, February 20.—General Wolseley telegraphs the War Office: "On the 16th inst., General Buller reached Abu-Klea. Here the rapidly increasing numbers of the Mahdi's forces became so threatening that they menaced the safe conduct of his column back to Korti, and he was obliged to call a halt. When the messenger left with dispatches for Wolseley, Buller expected an attack at any moment, and his men were throwing up intrenchments.

BULLER'S CAMP ATTACKED.

LONDON, February 21.—General Lord Wolseley reports that General Buller's camp at Abu Klea was attacked by an advance force of Arabs, who kept up a persistent and remarkably accurate firing at long range all night. The sharp-shooters apparently numbered about 400. Three British soldiers were killed and eleven wounded. The British replied to the firing, but did not attack the rebels during the night. General Buller constructed three new forts and otherwise strengthened his position. By the messenger who brought this information General Buller also sends word to General Wolseley that his position has become critical. He has information that countless hordes of Arabs are advancing with El Mahdi himself at the head. The newspaper correspondents have all left the front except Colonel Burleigh, of the London *Daily Telegraph*, and Charles Williams, of the *Central News*. The latter was slightly wounded in the leg during the sharp-shooting above mentioned.

RESULTS OF THE WRECK.

The Killed and Injured by the Virginia Midland Railroad Wreck—Heavy Loss of Valuable Mail and Express Matter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 21.—The following is a full list of the casualties at the railroad accident which occurred on the Virginia Midland, between Washington and Alexandria last night:

KILLED.

Andrew Augur, conductor.
Geo. Frere, engineer.
Thomas Maloney, fireman.
Geo. Miller, brakeman.
Thomas Darby, fireman of passenger train.

INJURED.

W. Miles, flagman.
C. L. Stevens, brakeman.
John Bruce, engineer.
W. A. McNeal, mail agent.
C. T. Stewart, postal clerk.
J. T. Frane and Thomas Gayler, postal clerks.
T. Jones, chief clerk of the postal car.
R. E. Delette
R. O. Stone, Adams Express agent.

Post-office Department officials say the disaster last night on the Midland Road, between Washington and Alexandria, caused the heaviest loss of United States mail that ever resulted from a railroad accident. One hundred ordinary mail pouches and thirteen pouches containing through registered letters from the South for large cities in the East, besides considerable miscellaneous matter, were with all their contents burned up, and with them probably $100,000.

As soon as the collision occurred, the freight train caught fire and was consumed. The freight train consisted of thirty-one freight cars and four new passenger coaches, just built for the Midland Railway Company and which were being taken to Alexandria. Twenty-seven freight cars were destroyed with the contents. The passenger train consisting of baggage, express, postal and smoking-car was entirely destroyed with their contents. Both engines being in the center of the burning pile were completely destroyed. The safe of the express car, containing $100,000 in cash, was destroyed.

Lost With All on Board.

MOBILE, ALA., February 20.—News has reached this city of the wreck of the British schooner E. N. Olive, and the loss of all hands, on the east bank of Dixie Island, off the entrance to Mobile Bay. The wreck was discovered by the lookout at Fort Morgan, and the pilot-boat Lawe sailed out and took from the rigging of the vessel one man, who died a few minutes after being rescued, and without giving any explanation of the disaster. There was no other person on the schooner, and it is believed that they all perished during Wednesday night.

An Infernal Machine at Harvard.

BOSTON, MASS., February 20.—An explosion took place in the yard in front of Sever Hall, Harvard College, shortly after midnight last night. The shock was felt very plainly in the college dormitories. The explosive machine was placed about one hundred feet away from the hall. It tore up the earth for several feet and shattered a tree. The instrument used was a hollow wooden tube, over a foot long and an inch in diameter, which had evidently been crammed full of some explosive, tightly plugged at each end, and then closely wound over its whole surface with heavy wire. A searching investigation will be made.

KEENE'S LUCK.

The Fallen Prince of Wall Street Getting On His Feet Again—Lucky Ball Strikes in New York Central and Lake Shore Make Him Nearly Half a Million Winner.

NEW YORK, February 20.—The news went around on Wall street to-day that Jas. K. Keene was trading in stocks again, and that he had a hand in the late manipulation of the market. It was the first news that the street had obtained of Keene being on his feet again. It was less than a year ago that in the language of Wall street Keene "lay down" and confessed himself "broke." He was cleaned out and owed $200,000 besides in balances on his "privileges," which he gave notes for. Had he been driven to it, he might have scraped together $300,000 or so in

"CATS AND DOGS,"

by which is meant old laces, diamonds, pictures and the like, that he had accumulated in his prosperous days. His money was entirely gone, and without money he is helpless. The predictions about his future were conflicting. Some said his days in the street were ended, but others who knew his pluck, said he would get a start again. He finally scraped a little money together, and two months ago he caught a drop, and then a raise in petroleum, and cleared $300,000. That sum enabled him to settle every embarrassing obligation and also to begin speculating in a trifling way, for him, in stocks. He began "bulling"

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with his old tactics, and that, with the strength imparted by its supporters, sent it up. He realized ten points on his line in New York Central, and not many days ago counted up and found he had came out $200,000 ahead. Lake Shore showed strength to-day, and the story is that Keene was "long" of that. The stock closed at 66 1-4 bid. It has been as low as 59 3-4. When it was around 60 he told a friend he thought the stock would go up. Keene was in his office this afternoon, but would say nothing. There was a number in his office chatting and smiling, and judging by their looks they were on

RIGHT SIDE OF THE MARKET.

At the close of 1879 Keene counted his riches at $19,000,000, and no one put them below $13,000,000. When he came from California to New York he was worth $5,000,000, and "played it up." He came in 1877, and got in on the rise. He bought enormous quantities of stocks during the railroad riots, and when the disturbances ended prices jumped up in a way that added to his fortune faster than he could have hoped for. The terrible "squeeze" he received in wheat marked the beginning of his downfall. He tried to "bull" wheat, and took $8,000,000 in cash to Chicago. He bought wheat, corn, pork, etc., and saw wheat go up from less than $1 to $1.39. Then it broke, and he sold out under ninety cents, and every dollar of the $8,000,000 was gone.

RAN A NEWSPAPER.

Keene is an Englishman. When he first came to this country he peddled milk somewere in the Western part of this State. He afterward taught school for a time, and subsequently edited a newspaper in the Western country. When the Comstock mine was at its height he discovered that the ore had run out. He scraped together all he could and sold the stock short. Then he circulated news that the ore had given out and the Comstocks dropped like a plummet.

THE RIDE OF DEATH.

Shocking Result of a Family Sleigh-Ride—The Father and One Child Killed, the Mother Fatally Injured and the Remaining Two Children Badly Hurt.

MUNCY VALLEY, PA., February 21.—A terrible accident occurred about eight miles north of this place last night, by which two persons were killed and three others fatally injured. Jas. Harberecker, aged forty years, his wife, aged thirty-eight, and three children named Mary, Henry and Willie, aged respectively fifteen, twelve and eight, went out sleighing in a large two-horse wooden sleigh to visit neigh