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NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

PRINCE JEROME NAPOLEON publishes a letter against the proposed proscription of the French Princes.

CAPTAIN BROWN, of the Norfolk Navy yard, denies the stories recently published of cruelty to seamen on the Dolphin.

THERE were 248 failures in the United States and Canada reported during the seven days ended the 26th, as against 286 for the week before.

IN the British House of Commons on the 25th a grant of $1,200 was made for medals for volunteers who took part in the campaign against Riel.

MRS. THOS. A. HENDRICKS has been chosen a member of the board of directors of the Hecla Mining Company, to fill the place of her deceased husband.

THE amount of standard dollars in the Treasury, after deducting silver certificates in circulation, February 20, was $825,875,546, as compared with $67,627,842 in the Treasury July 31, 1885.

CREOLE ladies of New Orleans gave an elegant reception to Admiral Lacombe and officers of the French fleet at the art hall of the exposition on the 26th. The French Marine band furnished the music.

THE commercial depression in Sweden has reached a crisis. The number of failures in Stockholm is steadily increasing. The gravity of the financial situation has not been paralleled since the panic of 1857.

A YOUNG commercial traveler, who was on his bridal tour and spending a few days at Monaco, was found dead on the 24th at Monte Carlo. He ruined himself at the gambling table and then committed suicide.

IT is confirmed from a Chinese source that China will not consent to the cession of Bhamo and adjoining districts to England. If England does not yield, China threatens to organize a rebellion of the tribes.

THE Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in deference to the wishes of its employes expressed through its grievance committee, has decided to abrogate the compulsory feature in its proposed relief fund scheme.

RETURNS from various parts of the Fifth Congressional District of Wisconsin show T. R. Hudd, Democrat, of Green Bay, to have been elected by a large majority as successor to the late Congressman Joseph Rankin.

MISS JENNIE CHAMBERLAIN, whose refined American beauty has been instilling unhappiness into the bosoms of the English sisters in London and turning the heads of half the men, arrived in New York on the 22d.

A FURIOUS blizzard prevailed during the night of the 26th in the vicinity of Boston and for a long distance down the eastern coast. At Portland twenty inches of snow had fallen, and ice was still forming. Business was at a standstill.

THE London *Standard's* Rome correspondent learns from the Jesuit portion of the Vatican that the Pope does not favor the separation of England and Ireland, on the ground that separation would be inimical to the Catholic religion.

THE London trades unions unanimously reject aid from the Mansion House relief fund. They declare they are able to provide for their own members out of employment. The ratio of their members out of work is only three per cent.

M. LOCKREY, French Minister of Commerce, has been urged to continue the prohibition of American hog products, but has decided to wait for the hygienic committee's report as to the alleged presence of trichinæ in American pork.

THE issue of standard silver dollars from the mints during the week ended February 20 was $306,980. The issue during the same period of last year was $121,498. The shipments of fractional silver coin during February amounted to $166,459.

BOTH branches of the New Jersey Legislature have passed a bill providing for a speedy appeal and hearing before the Court of Errors in the matter of the railroad tax law, which was declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court.

THE total value of merchandise and gold and silver exported from the United States during January past amounted to $57,959,562, against $80,532,582 in January, 1885. The total value of imports for January last was $47,398,490, against $42,221,171 in January, 1885.

THE President gave the second of his official receptions on the night of the 26th, the officers of the army and navy being the guests of honor. The diplomatic corps, judiciary and Congress were expected to meet them, but Congress did not participate to any extent.

THE Virginia Legislature passed a bill on the 24th which provides that a majority of voters, and not simply a majory of those voting at previous elections, shall determine whether liquor shall be sold or not. This practically defeats local option in the State.

THE charges of mismanagement of the Soldiers' orphans' schools in Pennsylvania continues to excite much interest. Governor Pattison will, it is expected, announce his intentions as to an investigation. The Grand Army of the Republic intend to aid in sifting the facts to the bottom

MESSRS. CROFTS & Co. and Dingley, Strout & Co., large shoe manufacturers of Auburn, Me., have followed the example of Asa Cushman & Co. by entering into an agreement with the Knights of Labor which shall govern their relations with their employes. Other firms will probably follow suit.

LORD ROSEBERY, British Foreign Secretary, received on the 23d from Sir Horace Rumbold, British Minister at Athens, a telegram announcing the formal submission of Greece and stating that Premier Delyannis will prepare a protest to the powers that Greece submits only to "force majeure."

THE *Nord Deutsche Zeitung* says that a large number of Germans, styling themselves doctors on the strength of diplomas purchased in America, will shortly be prosecuted for empiricism. A great many of these spurious doctors are practicing in Berlin, while the number scattered throughout the German Empire is appalling.

FRANK J. CANNON and Angus Cannon have been held in $1,000 bail each at Salt Lake City for assault on United States Attorney Dickson. S. A. Kenner was discharged. H. I. Gowans, W. H. Lee, H. J. Foulger, all defiant, unlawful cohabitors, were sentenced on the 26th each to six months imprisonment and $300.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

ABBOTT LAWRENCE was dangerously shot by Geo. A. Wardner at Milwaukee, Wis., on the 24th.

THE Commercial Bank of South Australia, with headquarters at Adelaide, has suspended.

SECRETARY MANNING has written a letter to Mr. Morrison, pointing out some minor defects in the tariff bill.

THE Dominion Government has settled the Hudson Bay Company rebellion losses for $1,500,000.

MINERS of the Kanawha and New River district of West Virginia held a meeting at Coalburg on the 24th to formulate grievances to be laid before the Legislature.

SENATOR MILLER, of New York, on the 24th introduced a bill in the Senate to establish a postal savings depository as a branch of the Post-office Department.

SIR WILLIAM JENNER, the well-known physician, has ordered Lord Salisbury to go abroad to recruit his health.

THE strike inaugurated by the hand-loom ingrain carpet weavers of Kensington, Pa., January 24, practically ended on the 24th in a victory for the workingmen, who secure and advance of one and a half cents per yard for weaving.

AT Zoschen, a village in Saxony, on the 24th, a piece of land twenty acres in area, on which were several houses, suddenly subsided, leaving a large lake. Three men were drowned. Most of the dwellers in the houses were absent at the time

IN the executive session of the Senate on the 24th a resolution from the commerce committee was adopted, calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for the papers in relation to the suspension of Customs Collector William Wells, of Vermont.

AN explosion of dynamite occurred at the works of the Clinton Powder Company, two miles from Plattsburg, N. Y., on the 24th. One building was demolished. William P. Foss, superintendent, was injured and Walter Austin, seventeen years of age, was hurt, it is feared fatally.

SENATOR MORGAN reported an amendment to an appropriation bill on the 24th accepting the offer of the Government of Japan to this Government of a site in the city of Tokio for legation purposes and recommended an appropriation of $25,000 for the erection of a suitable building.

MISS FANNY MILLS, of Ohio, who claims the distinction of having the biggest feet on record, has just had a pair of shoes and a pair of slippers made for her in New York. Their size is thirty. The measurement around the ball of each is twenty-two inches; instep, twenty-two inches; heel, twenty-five inches; ankle, twenty inches. The cost of shoes and slippers was seventy dollars.

IT is reported that the first outline of Mr. Gladstone's Irish proposals has been presented to his colleagues in the Cabinet and that the Premier goes the whole length of restoring the Irish parliament.

GEO. WINGATE, of Thornton, Ind., committed suicide on the 25th.

BARON DE ROSEN, present Russian Consul-General at New York, has been appointed Consul-General at Sofia.

A CROWD of Socialistic Hungarians marched through the Pennsylvania coke region on the 25th and forced the coke drawers to quit work.

THE Servo-Bulgarian armistice has been extended to March 10.

W. A. MCGREW, a bank cashier of Ottumwa, Ia., is under arrest on a charge of making false entries.

EXPERTS declare that there are autograph letters of Mahomet among the papyri acquired in Egypt by Archduke Renier.

THE conference of nail manufacturers and strikers at Wheeling, W. Va., adjourned on the 25th without coming to an agreement.

JUDGE JAMES L. MITCHELL, of Nebraska, dropped dead at Des Moines, Ia., on the 25th while addressing a convention of early Iowa law-makers.

A BILLIARD match between H. McKenna, of Detroit, Mich., and A. H. Morris, of San Francisco, 6,000 points, began at the latter place on the 25th.

MR. HOWARD VINCENT, member of the British Parliament for Shields, has been offered the office of chief police commissioner of London.

THE three cigar firms, Brown & Earle, Levy Bros. and McCoy & Co., of New York, have concluded to accept the Knights of Labor label. The rates paid by the union shops are accepted, and all the hands in the shop began work on the 26th.

A BILL will be introduced in the British House of Commons to compensate sufferers by the recent London riots.

THE Spanish Supreme Council of War has confirmed the sentence imposed on the Duke of Seville for disrespectful language against the Queen Regent.

ALEXANDER ROSE, an employe of the Brush Electric Light Company at Detroit, Mich., while fixing the carbons on the tower on Gratiot street on the 25th, fell headlong a distance of 135 feet, being horribly mangled by the fall. He lived for an hour after the accident.

THREE THOUSAND strikers at Llanberls, Wales, have resumed work on the employers' terms. They had been idle nineteen weeks and were in terrible distress.

A MILITARY subaltern in one of the galleries of the French Chamber of Deputies created a sensation on the 25th by firing a revolver downward into the chamber. He was arrested.

A PROPOSITION for a joint international movement in the interest of laboring men has been sent by the Socialist members of the French Chamber of Deputies to the British workmen in the House of Commons.

THE body of a well-dressed man about thirty-five years old was found in the river at New York on the 25th. In his pockets were two cards bearing the name of W. H. Smith, one as of the New York *Clipper*, the other as the correspondent of the Cincinnati *Sporting Journal*.

THE Bayview (Wis.) Nail Company has signed the nailer's compromise scale, and propose to start up full in all departments at once. The mill has a capacity for cutting about one thousand kegs of nails per day and employs 350 men.

THE British Government has approved Lord Dufferin's request that a strong force be sent against the Shauns of Burmah.

MR. ATKINSON, manager of the Court Theater at Liverpool, has absconded. His liabilities are large.

IT is stated that the immediate release of Poundmaker and the half-breed prisoners at Stoney Mountain penitentiary has been decided upon by the Dominion authorities.

WIEBREN WARTENA was hanged at Rensselaer, Ind., on the 26th for murder. A large crowd gathered in the town to witness the execution, and it was conducted in the presence of over a thousand people.

THE trouble with coke drawers in Pennsylvania is practically ended and the men have returned to work.

THE New York Senate on the 26th passed the bill ceding to the United States jurisdiction over the Drexel cottage at Mt. McGregor, in which General Grant died.

THE Vallambrosia Skating-rink and two or three other buildings at Troy, N. Y., were burned on the 26th. Loss, $45,000; insurance, $25,000. Owing to the fierce gale the northern part of the city narrowly escaped destruction.

A DISPATCH from Westport, Ireland, reports great distress from famine and fever in the villages of Caslecka, Mulvany and Doobeg. The reports are confirmed by the parish priest. One death has already occurred from want of food and many are ill from the same cause.

A DISPATCH from Adelaide says that the losses of the Commercial Bank of South Australia, which recently suspended payment, amount to $1,500,000. The manager of the bank will probably be arrested.

TOMPKINS A. LEWIS, general manager of the Erie fast freight lines, died at Indianapolis, Ind., on the 26th. He had but recently returned from California, whither he went on a health-seeking tour. He had been in the railway business since 1859.

PAT SMITH, of Stone City, near Anamosa, Ia., was arrested on the 26th on suspicion of having murdered his wife, who was found dead in bed the day previous. He is in Anamosa jail.

MITCHELL & WELLS' planing mill in the southern part of Kansas City, Mo., and eight tenement houses adjoining, burned to the ground on the 26th. Loss estimated at $16,000. The mill was the only property insured.

THE jury in the case of Fred Foote, charged with the murder of Andrew J. Brink, saloon-keeper at Fenton, Mich., on the evening of December 29 last, at the trial at Flint on the 26th, brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree. The prisoner listened coolly to the verdict and was remanded to jail to await sentence.

CHARLES BOULEN, who was awaiting trial in New York for the murder of his wife, committed suicide on the 26th by cutting his throat with a pocket knife in his cell in the Tombs.

A FREIGHT train going north on the Grand Trunk railway jumped the track about two miles south of Fergus, Ont., on the 26th. The engine and thirteen cars went over an embankment of twenty-five feet. The cars and engine were completely wrecked. One man was injured. The cause is supposed to have been ice on the rails.

JOHN SCHLAESMAN, sixty-five years old, committed suicide on the 26th in West Hamburg, Pa. He tried to shoot himself with a revolver first, but the cartridge failed to explode. He then cut the artery of his left wrist with a pocket knife, and gashed himself at various places in the arm and in one of his feet, and bled to death.

XLIXTH CONGRESS.

IN the Senate on the 23d a bill to confirm entries of public lands was favorably reported. Mr. Edmunds introduced a bill to facilitate the administration of law in Alaska. Resolutions were introduced instructing the judiciary committee to inquire whether the refusal of the Attorney-General to send certain papers to the Senate is an offense for which he can be impeached. After considerable debate the bill appropriating $250,000 to build a Grant monument passed. Then followed a lengthy debate on the Education bill........In the House the appropriation committee was given permission to sit during the sessions of the House. A resolution was reported for the payment of the public debt with surplus funds in the Treasury. Bills were reported for improvement of the Erie and Oswego canals; also a bill amending the pension laws. A bill authorizing executive departments to have exhibits at New Orleans was tabled. The bill forfeiting the unearned portion of the land grant of the Atlantic & Pacific railroad passed.

IN the Senate on the 24th the bill permitting National Banks to change their names passed; also the bill appropriating $250,000 for relief of purchasers of public lands in Nebraska and Kansas; also bill allowing army officers to take temporary service in Corea. The education bill was debated at length....In the House the bill passed quieting titles of settlers on Des Moines river lands in Iowa. The bill forfeiting lands granted the Southern Pacific railroad was reported. The bill passed to annex the northern portion of Idaho to Washington Territory. The Hennepin canal bill was called up and Mr. Murphy (Ia.) made a speech. A resolution for free coinage of silver was objected to and the House proceeded to discuss the half-gallon tax-bill, which was finally passed.

IN the Senate on the 25th the bill for a bridge across Staten Island Sound was reported favorably. Mr. Edmunds introduced a bill for inspection of meats for exportation. The bill for allotment of lands in severalty to Indians was further debated and passed. A joint resolution concerning Hot Springs leases passed. The Education bill was then taken up and debated.....In the House a memorial of savings banks for repeal of the Bland Silver act was presented. A bill was introduced for incorporation of the Atlantic & Pacific Ship Railway Company. The Military Academy Appropriation bill was reported; also the Post-office Appropriation bill. The Hennepin Canal bill was taken up and debated. The House again went into committee of the whole on the Pension Appropriation bill, and a lengthy political debate ensued.

IN the Senate on the 26th Mr. Mitchell made a speech on the Chinese question, advocating the abrogation of all treaties with China. Debate on the Education bill took up the rest of the day....In the House Mr. Morrison (Ill.) offered a substitute for all other resolutions for an investigation of the telephone scandals. A debate ensued, in which Mr. Gibson handled Mr. Pulitzer without gloves. The substitute was adopted. Mr. Dockery reported a resolution for a thorough inquiry into the telegraph business of the country to correct the evils of the existing monopoly. The Immediate Deficiency bill was reported and referred.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

THE Senate was not in session on the 27th......In the House the day was given to speech-making. Mr. Candler (Ga.) spoke against the suspension of silver coinage. Mr. Weaver (Neb.) also discussed the silver question, as did Mr. Clements (Ga.), Mr. Perkins (Kas.), and Mr. Evans (Pa.)

COLONEL THOMAS J. WILSON, a well-known journalist, died at Baltimore, Md., on the 28th.

GOTTLIEB LENTZ killed his wife and then himself at Philadelphia, on the 28th.

MR. WINSTON, United States Minister to Persia, has reached Constantinople, on his way to Teheran.

EDWARD O. OLIVER, of Evansville, Ind., lost his life on the 28th by an electric shock.

AN unknown man went over the falls at Suspension Bridge, N. Y., on the 28th, and was lost.

FRANK BURGEL, who shot his wife at Massillon, O., on the 27th, afterward committed suicide.

FRED PLAISTED claims that he and Ross will undoubtedly attempt to row over Niagara rapids next summer.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND is said to be very much overworked, and his friend are suggesting methods of relieving him of the heavy strain.

AT Vienna on the 28th the Archduchess Maria of Tuscany was married to the Archduke Carl Stephen, brother of the Queen-Regent of Spain.

SPEAKER CARLISLE will appoint a committee of nine under the Hanback resolution to investigate the Pan-Electric Telephone matter.

THE February dinner of the Gridiron Club at Washington was given at Welker's on the night of the 27th. A number of prominent public men were among the guests.

THE date of the forthcoming billiard match between Shaefer and Vignaux has been fixed for March 9 to 13 at Cosmopolitan Hall, New York.

A FEMALE six-days' type-setting match, two hours and twenty minutes each day, closed at Boston on the 27th. The final score was: Miss Kennin, 24,495 ems; Miss Davis, 24,650; Miss Franers, 24,495; Miss Hammond, 15,825.

IT is estimated that there has been a decrease of $2,500,000 in the public debt during the month of February. The pension payments during the month were $11,000,000.

SECRETARY LAMAR has requested the Attorney-General to institute suits against parties for timber trespass upon lands reserved for school purposes in Washington Territory.

CHARLOTTE SMITH testified before the House committee on accounts on the 27th that the House paid fifty cents a dozen for washing its towels, whereas the Treasury Department gets the same work done for fifty cents per hundred.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

St. Louis celebrated Washington's birthday by a parade of the police and fire departments.

Mrs. Sallie McLellan Gunn, wife of J. Will Gunn, a prominent merchant of Louisiana, Pike County, died of consumption a few days since.

A school-house two miles west of Sedalia was burned a few days ago. It is supposed to have been fired by tramps; loss, $8.800.

The Missouri Press Association will hold its annual meeting at Mexico, May 11.

During the year 1885 St. Louis paid in fire insurance premiums $1,492,028, and collected for losses $511,361, or an excess of premiums over losses of $980,667.

Harry Kroeger and Charles Knollman, a pair of St. Louis boys, each about fifteen years of age, left home a few weeks ago with $135 in money which Knollman had stolen from his father, and started on a "Jesse James" career. Their money becoming nearly exhausted, they turned their faces homeward, and arriving in St. Louis a few days ago, put up at a cheap lodging-house, and while fooling with their revolvers, playing burglar, Kroeger's pistol went off, killing Knollman almost immediately.

Adam Rodel, forty years of age, dropped dead on the street in St. Louis a few days ago from heart disease, from which he had been suffering for some time.

St. Louis sports lost over sixty thousand dollars and the main in the recent cocking contest at Dallas, Tex. It was an eight to seven affair in favor of the Dallas birds.

George Smith, a colored porter at the Chicago & Alton depot at Independence, was tied up in a barn by N. G. Williams, a coal dealer of the city, a few evenings since, and was given a hundred lashes for having presumed to address love notes to Williams' little daughter. Smith has left the city.

The property owners along the proposed route of the Elevated road at Kansas City have commenced proceedings for an injunction.

The residence of H. W. Jaenecke at Louisiana, Pike County, was burglarized a few nights ago.

George T. Ray, eighty-two years old, died at Chillicothe recently.

Arthur Gage Millen, a dissipated newspaper man, was run over and killed on the Missouri Pacific track near Sedalia a few days ago.

John S. Cavender, one of the original Free-State leaders in Missouri, who rose to the rank of Brigadier-General in the Union armies of the Southwest, died in St. Louis a few days ago.

During the year 1885 there was issued for the purpose of building school-houses in this State bonds to the amount of $169.670. These figures were obtained from Judge J. M. Oldham, clerk of the bond department of the State Auditor's office.

The remains of Luther B. Kneisley, who died recently in Kansas City from a stroke of paralysis, were taken to Sedalia for interment. Mr. Kneisley was formerly part owner of the Sedalia *Democrat*.

Wm. Nelson, of Pleasant Hill, while in a temporary fit of insanity on a Missouri Pacific train a few nights ago, jumped from the platform of one of the cars, alighting on a pile of rocks and sustaining severe injuries about the head. He was carried to his destination in charge of attendants.

A defective flue caused the destruction by fire a few days ago of the grocery store and residence of J. W. Hardin at Sedalia. Mr. Hardin will bring suit against the Missouri Pacific railway for damages, the fire department having been delayed fifteen minutes in reaching the fire by a freight train blockading the thoroughfare.

Martin O'Brien, charged with criminally assaulting a little girl at Sedalia, was bound over to await the action of the grand jury. His bail was placed at $500, and being unable to furnish a bondsman he was lodged in the county jail.

Fred Mauer, of Collinsville, Ill., aged thirty-two was found dead in his room at a Union Avenue hotel, Kansas City, a few days ago, with a bullet hole through his forehead. Mauer had been in the city two months, and claimed to be an engineer. The case was clearly one of suicide.

The Knights Templar and members of the Masonic fraternity generally in St. Louis are making great preparations for the triennial conclave, which will take place in that city September next and the prospects are that it will be one of the notable events in the history of the order. Nearly all the available hotel room has already been contracted for.

What is generally supposed to be the body of the missing Dr. S. A. Richmond, of St. Joseph, was seen on a float of ice in the river at Winthrop a few days ago. A party of boatmen started in pursuit, but the ice was in such a condition as to render approach impossible. The body of the man lay on a cake of ice on its back and his face bore long black whiskers. Telegrams were sent to towns down the river to look out. There is a reward of $1,000 for the recovery of the body.

The executive committee in charge of the Wool Growers' convention and National Sheep-Shearing to be held in St. Louis, have decided, in view of the enlarged importance which that coming event has assumed, to extend the time for holding the same to take in April 7 and 10 next inclusive. Letters received by the committee show a great interest in the convention all over the Western country. The gentleman having the affair in charge feel warranted in expressing the belief that the attendance will be larger than at any similar enterprise ever held in the West.

Henry Englar, a German laborer, was killed by a Fort Scott train near Armour Bros.' packing house at Kansas City a few days since. It is thought that he was walking on the track near a switch and failed to observe the train until it was within a few feet of him. He then attempted to leave the track, but his foot got caught and rendered him powerless to save himself. When found he was still breathing, and lived for an hour after the accident.

St. Louis is to have a dog show.

A grim procession passed down the Missouri river at Kansas City a few days ago The river was full of floating coffins, a change in the current, caused by the ice-gorge, having turned the water in on Pesthouse island, entirely washing away the graveyard.

The Missouri Press Association was represented in the international editorial convention at Cincinnati by F. A. Weimer, R. M. White, T. J. Lingle, F. H. Ramer, J. E. Payne, W. H. Kerns, Dan C. Kennedy, Lewis Lamkin, J. W. Jacks, J. T. Childs, Tho . Irish, W. L. Thomas, Jos. H. Turner and J. A. Hudson.

J. Rhey Boyd has left Sedalia and will locate in Kansas.

John S. Tutt. one of the most prominent citizens of Buchanan County, died a few days since of pneumonia at the residence of his father, Judge Henry Tutt, in St. Joseph, at the age of sixty years.

Miss Ella Garvin, a sprightly young sixteen-year-old, of St. Louis, took up the cudgel in defense of her good name a few evenings since by administering a severe horse-whipping to Harry M. Snyder, a rather fresh young man, who had been guilty of using Miss Garvin's name with altogether too much freedom to comport with good breeding or gentlemanly manners.

St. Patrick's Day is to be becomingly celebrated in St. Louis.

EADS' SHIP RAILWAY.

Report of the House Committee on Commerce on Captain Eads' Proposition to Build a Trans-Continental Ship Railway Across the Isthmus.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The majority of the House committee on commerce submitted a long report with a substitute for the Reagan bill, reported yesterday, to incorporate the Atlantic & Pacific ship-railway, and known as the "Eads bill." The report goes over what it deems the "necessity for the construction of a transit way for ships across the American isthmus," and states that this necessity arises from the fact that we have growing possessions which can only be reached by 16,000 miles of ocean travel, but that two-thirds of this distance can be saved by the removal of the isthmus obstruction, which excludes our commerce from entrance into many valuable markets of the Pacific. There are but two ways to secure a transit way; one is for the Government itself to construct it, and the other to secure its construction by a private company. Mexico is unwilling to give her consent to any government acquiring such valuable rights, but is willing that a private company chartered by the United States Government shall construct the transit way. Then the report recites the terms upon which Captain Eads has secured the right for his Ship Railway Company, and recommends that the Government grant him the charter and unite with Mexico in a pecuniary guaranty in its construction. Mexico has guaranteed that after the ship railway is completed, one-third of its annual net revenues during a period of fifteen years will annually amount to $1,250,000, and the United States Government is now asked to guarantee that the other two-thirds of such revenues shall, during the same period of time annually amount to $2,500,000. This is equivalent to a guaranty by Mexico of five per cent. per annum on $25,000,000, and by the United States of the same per cent. on $50,000,000. The guaranty is merely to make good any deficiency in the revenue which may exist at any time during the fifteen years to the extent of the sum mentioned, and any advances thus made are merely in the form of loans. It is not proposed that the Government advance any money to aid in the construction of the railway, but, on the contrary, the report says, it is distinctly provided by the bill that the liability of the Government under its guaranty shall not attach until the ship railway, with its terminal works, has been completed and equipped, and until the company has transported from ocean to ocean in perfect safety a vessel weighing, with her load, not less than four thousand tons.

The committee discusses the practicability of the proposed ship railway, but concludes that it is not a matter for Congress to consider, as the company assumes all responsibility of it; but the committee thinks it not reasonable to expect a private company to complete a work of such enormous magnitude without some guaranty from the government to be benefited by it.

OUR NAVY.

The Committee on Naval Affairs Considering the Reconstruction of the Navy--New Vessels Proposed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The rough draft of a bill providing for the reconstruction of the navy was laid before the House committee on naval affairs yesterday afternoon as a basis for the committee to work on. It proposes the construction of two vessels of 6,000 tons, with torpedo outfit, to cost $2,500,000 each; three protected double-bottom cruisers of between 3,500 and 5,000 tons displacement, to have great speed and to cost $1,500,000 each; four first-class torpedo boats, costing in the aggregate $400,000; one torpedo cruiser of 800 tons, to cost not more than $300,000. Two million dollars is appropriated toward the completion of the monitors. One of the cruisers is to be built and one of the monitors completed in the navy yards. The rest are to be given by contract, if suitable contracts can be made, otherwise they too are to be built by the Government in the yards. Armor plates and part of the machinery may be bought abroad. One million dollars is appropriated for ordnance to be constructed in the navy yards, and provisions are made for the purchase of necessary plants and tools

THE REVENUE LAWS.

Secretary Manning Offers Suggestions Relating to Proposed Changes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Secretary Manning yesterday sent a long letter to Senator Allison, chairman of the Senate subcommittee on undervaluations. The Secretary condemns increased penalties for undervaluation, where no fraud is alleged, as unfair and inexpedient—a virtual confiscation of property where no wrongdoing is charged and no trial granted. A larger, better and more capable appraising force at New York is urged. An extension of the present system of consular invoices is opposed, as existing methods are productive of satisfaction. A return to a system of rewards for informers is opposed. The Secretary again urges the passage of a bill which he has drafted in reference to protests and appeals. Legislation discriminating against the consignment system is deprecated.

Spanish-American Day at the New Orleans Exposition.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 25.—Yesterday was Spanish-American Day at the exposition. The exercises occurred at Music Hall, where the State and Territory commissioners, representatives of the management, and others assembled at two o'clock to welcome His Excellency, Senor Don A. M. Sotildo, Venezuelan Minister to the United States. Hon. W. P. Curtis presided, and introduced Hon. Wm. Burwell, orator of the day. Addresses were also made by Senor Sotildo, Consul Martinez, of Guatemala, and Dr. R. Fritzgaertner, Commissioner of Honduras.

The Ford-Murphy Murder Case.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 26.—The celebrated Ford-Murphy murder case is to come up before the Board of Pardons for the third time on Saturday. Since the last reprieve issued by the Governor, petitions asking for commutation of sentence to life imprisonment have been circulated in every community in the State, and about thirty thousand names have been secured. The citizens' committee of one hundred, of this city, publish a strong address to the board today requesting them to stand firm and insist on the execution of the sentence.

Burmah Proving An Expensive Conquest.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Lord Dufferin telegraphs the India Office, of a renewal of the disorder in Burmah. Officials are reticent regarding the details. It is evident, however, that the dispatch had a very disquieting effect at the India Office. Dispatches from Rangoon and Mandalay reveal a very grave condition of affairs in Upper Burmah. Troops are being hurried forward to reinforce Prendergast. More troops are now en route than were used in the conquest of the country last November. Mandalay is saved from anarchy only by the stern enforcement of martial law. The country is in a state of great excitement.

MURDER WILL OUT.

Discovery of the Remains of Mrs. Sarah H. Graham in a Cave Near Springfield, Mo., With the Evidence of a Foul Murder--The Effect of the Discovery on Her Bigamous Husband.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Feb. 26.—The body of Mrs. Sarah H. Graham, the missing wife of George E. Graham, was found yesterday by John Potter and other citizens of Brooklyn, who with Detective Ed C. Davis explored a deep sink-hole or cave on a farm of Mrs. Emma Molley, about four miles southwest of this city and about fifty feet under the ground, found the nude body of a woman partially decomposed. Near the body was her clothing. Death was caused by a pistol-shot wound in the right breast. Other wounds had evidently been inflicted on the unfortunate woman, who, it is thought, beyond any doubt is the missing Mrs. Graham.

Her husband was married to Cora Lee, an adopted daughter of Mrs. Molley, in this city, on the 18th of last July. He was arrested on the charge of bigamy a month ago. Last September Graham wrote to his wife, who was with her parents at Fort Wayne, requesting her to meet him with the children at St. Louis. He also sent money to pay her fare. Mrs. Graham did as requested, and her people not hearing anything of her whereabouts since then suspected foul play, and made a vigorous search for her. Graham and the second wife reside on the Molley farm, where the body was found yesterday, and when he was told of the startling discovery, he turned pale and looked down at the floor, protesting that he could not get justice here.

The case has been worked up by detective Davis on the theory that Graham quietly brought his wife on here and taking her out to the farm brutally murdered her. He had taken the clothing from her body for the purpose of burning it to destroy any evidence of the crime, but being near the roadside, he became frightened at the approach of some one and threw the clothing into the cave with the body.

AFTER SCALPS.

Captain Chase, of Maine, Takes a Trip to Washington With Blood In His Eye, Declaring He Does Not Propose to be Made a Scape-Goat to Shield Others' Shortcomings.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A Portland (Me.) special says: Captain Chase, the collector of internal revenue, has started for Washington again. This is not because he had any hope of securing confirmation, but because he has no hope. He has received information which leaves no doubt that he will be rejected by the Senate whenever a vote is reached, and his motive in going to the capital, under the circumstances, is to make trouble for his enemies in both parties. Captain Chase has always declared that he would not quietly suffer being made a scape-goat for the alleged iniquities of the count-out, and has freely intimated that he has in his possession much interesting correspondence, which would show that some gentlemen, who, deep in the mire as he was in the mud, are playing the hypocrite while professing their innocence of responsibility. He has also intimated that he has had, at times, correspondence with some of the Republican leaders that would be highly interesting if published. It is understood that "The Tabulator" has taken some selected correspondence to Washington with him, which he thinks will make gentlemen in power open their eyes wide when they read it, and he is fully persuaded that in his case it is no longer a virtue to be patient. He does not propose to go down with no other company than his old chum, Pillsbury. When or what way the vials will be uncorked and the books opened, is not known.

CONTINUING THE SEARCH.

The Long and Thus Far Fruitless Search for the Bodies of the Nanticoke Victims Still Being Prosecuted.

NANTICOKE, Pa., Feb. 27.—The work of sinking the bore hole in the ill-fated mine of the Susquehanna Coal Company at Nanticoke, where are entombed the bodies of twenty-six men and boys, the result of the terrible disaster of ten weeks ago, has been completed, the drill reaching the workings at a depth of two hundred and fifty feet. When the drill pierced into the mine it fell with a sudden thud the drop being noticed by the drillers. This indicates that portions of the mine were not filled by the debris. and also that the quicksand must have clogged while running in the fifth counter. No danger is feared by the men employed in clearing the main gangway and they will push forward steadily in the work of reaching the bodies until they find it absolutely unsafe to work there longer. They are now 270 feet from the turn in the roadway leading into that portion of the mine where the men are, and about seven hundred feet from the base of the cave in.

CLEARING UP A MYSTERY.

A Murder Being Brought to Light By the Confession of a Participant in the Deed.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 25.—The mystery surrounding the death of Mrs. Thomas, alias Mrs. Smith is being cleared up. Yesterday Floyde Ganung confessed that he bought the corrosive sublimate that caused her death on February 10. The druggist from whom he bought the drug identified him at the city prison. He told the druggist that he wanted it to make plaster. Ganung and Thomas are both under arrest. From letters found it is known that Mrs. Thomas was first married to a man named McDougal. She next married a man named Robbens and lived with him but one day, when he left for Palestine, Tex. He telegraphed her to come there. She obeyed, and afterward married a man named Smith, who was robbed and almost murdered at the Watson House, and soon after died there. By the death of Robbens she inherited considerable real estate, both in this country and Belgium.

The Trans-Continental Rate War.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Railroad circles are turned upside down again this morning by the cut in rates to Omaha and St. Paul, on first-class tickets, of three dollars. At the meeting yesterday of all roads interested in Northwestern business, the Northwestern and St. Paul insisted on making the run to St. Paul in fourteen hours. Other roads having longer routes refused to agree; hence the cut. The cut affects the business of Nebraska and Colorado, and also makes San Francisco three dollars cheaper than yesterday, the fare now to San Francisco being $39.50.

What a Blizzard Did.

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—A furious blizzard prevailed during the night in this vicinity and for a long distance down the eastern coast. At Portland twenty inches of snow has fallen, and ice is still forming. Business is at a standstill. The Grand Trunk railway is blocked at Bethel, and between there and South Paris is in a bad condition. At St. John, N. B., the snow is the heaviest of the season, and the wind is blowing sixty miles an hour. At Westfield the steeple of the First Congregational Church was turned completely over and thrust through the roof into the audience room, creating sad havoc in the sacred edifice.

THE GRAHAM TRAGEDY.

The Inquest Over the Remains of the Murdered Mrs. Graham--Damaging Testimony in Regard to Graham's Movements Followed by a Confession by the Latter of the Crime and its Entire Responsibility--Lynching Talk.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Feb. 28.—The inquest over the remains of Mrs. Sarah Graham was resumed at the courthouse at nine o'clock yesterday morning and the proceeding were watched with increased interest by a large throng of people.

The first witness examined was Peter Hawkins, a colored man who worked on the Molloy farm from last July till October 8. Among other things he testified that when Graham returned home from St. Louis, where he had been after his two boys, he arrived alone at the house after midnight and that two hours before that time he heard two pistol shots fired, apparently near the well where the body was found; that some days after he remarked to Graham that something smelled bad at the well, to which the latter replied that he guessed it was a hog and that he was going to fill the well up. Hawkins' testimony, however, is not considered very reliable, as his mind is not altogether sound.

Roy Graham, the bright little six-year-old boy of the dead woman, was placed on the stand and recognized some of the clothing and other articles found with the body as belonging to his mother. The trunk that Mrs. Graham took with her away from Ft. Wayne, Ind., having been found was brought into the court-room, and Rev. J. C. Plumb, pastor of the Congregational Church at North Springfield, testified that George E. Graham had left it at his house, having asked permission to do so.

Roy Graham, on being recalled, said he knew the trunk and that it was his mother's.

Charlie Graham was also recalled and recognized the trunk as belonging to his mother, and said that the last time he saw it was at Fay's restaurant, in North Springfield, when his father unpacked it and took out some clothing for him and Roy. Then he fastened up the trunk and left it at the restaurant. Graham stated that his wife took the trunk with her when, as he alleges, she went on to Kansas City the night of the 30th of last September. He was seen by your correspondent last night, and when asked about the trunk he owned up that he left it at Rev. J. C. Plumb's some time last November, and said he made the former statement because he did not want to injure his case; that the night he and his wife separated here they were both somewhat excited and forgot about the trunk at the restaurant, and it being left he concluded it was best to leave it at Rev. Mr. Plumb's until he could send it to his former wife. He said that he had not opened the trunk since it was packed by her and did not know what was in it.

The last witness examined last evening way Miss Ettie Molloy, who said she was nineteen years old and had lived with Mrs. Molloy ever since she was six. She first met Mrs. Molloy at Chicago, and had lived at various places since that time. Nothing of any special importance was elicited from this witness, who evidently manifested a disposition not to tell all she knew of Mrs. Molloy and her association with George E. Graham.

At the close of the examination the inquest adjourned until Monday morning.

Mr. T. L. Breeze and his wife, who is a sister of the dead woman, arrived here from Fort Wayne last night, and will remain until after the inquest and examinations are concluded. It having been announced that they were coming a crowd of people, estimated at not less than one thousand persons, was at the North Springfield depot to meet them.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Feb. 28.—Mr. Breese went out to the Molloy farm to see the old well or cave in which Mrs. Graham's body was thrown. A strange circumstance in relation to the horrible crime has come to light. When, on the occasion of T. L. Breese's former visit to this city officers went out to the Molloy farm on a tour of investigation. Mrs. Molloy took her Bible to have family worship, and read the fourth chapter of John, where there is an account of Christ's conversation with the woman of Samaria at the well, in which he told her, "The man thou hast is not thy husband." An impression was made on the mind of John Potter, of Brookline, and he afterward dreamed that the missing woman was in the bottom of a well. The dream had a part in urging him to the search which resulted in the finding of the body.

GRAHAM'S CONFESSION.

To-night Graham made a lengthy confersion which, trimmed of all verbiage, is that he alone is responsible for the death of Sarah Graham. He says that most of the statements he has heretofore made are true up to the period of the night of the 30th. Using his own language, he then says:

"On that night Mrs. Sarah Graham and myself walked from Springfield to the Malloy farm, five miles southwest of town. For the death of Sarah Graham, I am alone responsible. No one else was concerned with me in any way in the matter. Mrs. Malloy and Mrs. Cora E. Graham are wholly and entirely innocent of any complicity whatever in the matter. Mrs. Malloy was in Kansas for ten days before and did not return until two and a half months afterward. Mrs. Cora E. Graham never knew or had the slightest idea that Sarah Graham was ever within three hundred miles of the farm. Neither of them ever would have in any degree abetted or tolerated any such thing.

LYNCHING TALK.

The talk of lynching Graham continues as common as ever. Men openly express their readiness to join a mob and argue that a trial might cost the State several thousand dollars, whereas a lynching would not cost over five dollars for a rope and repairs to the door of the county jail.

How They Will Evade the Law.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 28.—The Ohio Valley Telephone Company, which controls the lines in Kentucky and Floyd and Clarke Counties, Ind., announced yesterday that they would take out their exchanges in New Albany and Jeffersonville by April 1. They do this because the Supreme Court of Indiana has decided that the law fixing the rental of telephones at three dollars a month is constitutional, and they say this would be operating at a loss. They propose to evade the law by putting in private lines connected with the Louisville exchange.

Murdered by His Cousin.

PETERSBURG, Va., March 1.—Word reached here yesterday of a terrible tragedy in Sussex county Saturday. Wm. Bain, a prominent citizen, while walking along the road with a friend, was met by Quincy Bain, a distant relative. The men had long been enemies, and yesterday when they met no words were exchanged. Quincy Bain was armed with a double-barreled shot-gun, loaded with buckshot. He fired at William, killing him instantly. The murderer fled and has not yet been arrested. The murder was the outcome of the alleged attempt, on the part of William, to outrage Quincy Bain's wife. Threats of lynching are made.