

A Summary of Important Events.

The new Ministry in Manitoba reject all overtures of compromise coming from the Dominion Government at Ottawa.

The balance of trade with the world for the year 1887 was in favor of the United States to the amount of \$113,647.

The Irish member of Parliament who has eluded the police so long, has been traced to London, and warrants have been issued for his arrest in England.

The Chinese Minister at Washington will give a ball on February 1 to celebrate the Chinese New Year. The ball will be a superb affair, but not as crowded as that of last season.

GEORGE CLARK, President of Typographical Union No. 8, of St. Louis, and ex-president of the International Typographical Union, died on the 27th from typhoid pneumonia.

The first storming of the third Ice Palace at St. Paul, Minn., on the night of the 27th, was a great success. The weather was perfect, and the thermometer marking 35 deg. above.

The anniversary of the marriage of the German Crown Prince and Crown Princess was celebrated at San Remo, on the 25th. Englishmen and Americans contributed many bouquets.

The Pope has declined to receive Don Jaime, son of Don Carlos, as a public or private. Don Jaime has in his possession a cross set with diamonds which he desires to present to the Pope.

The St. Paul (Minn.) ice carnival was formally inaugurated on the 25th by the reception of the Ice King and suite, a grand parade, etc. The Ice Palace was grandly illuminated in the evening.

The Baltimore Sun professes to have information from an authentic source in New York that Archbishop Corrigan has resigned as trustee of the Catholic University to be established in Washington.

The mercury went sixty below at Neche, Dak., and the wind reached a velocity of forty miles an hour on the night of the 23d. A heavy fall of snow set in, and with the wind blowing a gale it was drifting.

The proprietor of the Currency has declared a first dividend of fifty per cent. in favor of the creditors of the First National Bank of Corry, Pa., on claims proved amounting to \$162,923. This bank failed October 11, 1887.

The late frontier incident near Metz has ended in a bloodless victory for the French. The French soldier was made because he was illegally on German soil; the soldier declares he was enticed across the border and then arrested.

It is believed that nearly thirty lives were lost in the Wellington collision explosion, which occurred at Victoria, B. C., on the 24th. Three-fourths of the men yet in the mine are Chinamen. How the explosion took place is a mystery.

The Senate committee on pensions has unanimously approved Senator Mendenhall's "Grand Old Man" bill, which has been framed to overcome the President's objection to the Dependent Pension bill, which he vetoed last year.

The total values of the imports of merchandise for the twelve months ended December 31, 1887, were \$708,397,711, against \$642,129,000 for the same period in 1886. The values of exports for the same periods were \$115,820,053 and \$113,404,021, respectively.

On the 23d the New England Milk Contractors' Union, who supply the contractors that supply the Boston market, met at a stock meeting which will probably lead to the formation of a milk trust. Delegates were present representing fully a thousand producers.

A REPLY has been prepared by the Porto to the recent demand of Madrid for arrears of the war indemnity. The government states that the delay has been due to the famine in the villages, which has made it necessary to divert thistles from the industry.

MR. THOMAS O'CONNOR'S Star of the 26th, in a long leader, denounces the House of Peers, and lords in general. It says they are a worthless lot, and do the country no good, and that England will know no progress until the very name of peer is done away with.

The claims of Ishmail Pasha have been settled. By the terms of the settlement he receives the Egyptian palaces that formerly belonged to him, property in Stamboul valued at \$200,000, and the annuity of \$150,000. He also receives the annuity of his civil allowances at fourteen years' purchase and \$100,000 in cash for crops.

The Grant monument committee in New York, on the 26th, adopted the draft of a circular to be sent to all architects and sculptors who may desire to compete for the honor of designing the memorial to General Grant. The estimated cost is \$500,000 instead of \$300,000, the original figure.

MR. COX, National member of Parliament for County Clara, who was arrested in London on the 23d, after leading the Irish police such a long chase, arrived at Ennis on the 24th, where he will be tried for addressing proclaimed League meetings. Mr. Cox was remanded for trial without bail.

The Freeman's Journal, of Dublin, printed on the 26th a three-column list of prosecutions and convictions had under the Coercion law since it was passed in Ireland. It is rather a startling array to look at when one remembers that the Coercion law has been in progress only about nine months.

On the 23d, at the meeting of the Methodist preachers in Baltimore, Md., the resolutions offered at a previous meeting, censuring President Cleveland for sending a copy of the Constitution of the United States to Pope Leo, came up. There was much discussion, but the resolutions were finally adopted by a vote of 19 to 10.

ISAAC N. STANLEY, who, as paying-teller of the National Bank of Commerce of Cleveland, O., embezzled \$100,000 of the bank's funds in 1886, and lost the money in wheat speculations, was sentenced on the 23d to five years in the Ohio penitentiary by Judge Walker of the United States District Court. The prisoner confessed his crime.

The Secretary of State has received an application from the Government of Mexico for the extradition of Mayor, alias Bourton, the alleged ticket swindler, who made arrangements for the United States of Patti in Mexico, and then absconded with the money. Bourton is now in New York awaiting a hearing before a United States commissioner.

The steamer City of New York, from China and Japan, entered the harbor of San Francisco on the 27th, flying a yellow flag. Three cases of small-pox were found on board. The vessel contracted the disease before the steamer started and was left at Hong Kong. A lady cabin passenger died on the passage. The steamer has been placed in quarantine.

FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

In the Senate, on the 23d, Mr. Edmunds, from the Judiciary committee, reported a resolution authorizing that committee to send a person and papers inquiring into the alleged troubles at Jackson, Miss., which was adopted. Mr. Frye, in the course of his remarks, said that the session in a speech criticized the attitude of the President's message on the question of protection.

In the Senate, on the 24th, after a long and important session, the President's message on the Pacific railroads was taken out of the hands of the Judiciary and referred to a special committee of seven. Senator Palmer spoke at some length on the immigration bill. In the House the resolution relating to Ft. Brown reservation, in Texas, and bills providing for the erection of bridges over the Mississippi at Memphis, and over the Missouri at Lexington, were passed.

In the Senate, on the 25th, after a little talk on Mr. Chandler's resolution in regard to naval contracts, took up and passed the Deficiency Appropriation bill. In the House the Senate bill authorizing the construction of a bridge over the Mississippi at Burlington, Ia., was passed, and a resolution providing for the investigation of the trusts was adopted.

In the Senate, on the 26th, a petition from the Chicago Board of Trade was presented, and a resolution was passed in relation to the Franco-German exhibition at the Centennial. The House bill in regard to experimental stations at agricultural colleges was reported back from the appropriations committee and placed on the calendar. The bills increasing the pension of clerics from \$13 to \$30 a month and granting \$2000 a year to each of Mr. John A. Logan and Mrs. Frank Blair, were passed.

In the House a bill providing for the disbursement of the three-cent piece was passed; and also a bill amending the navigation laws.

The Senate was not in session on the 27th. In the House the delayed Deficiency bill of last year, with Senate amendments, was favorably reported by the committee on the 27th. Mr. Chandler introduced a bill for the protection and administration of the forests on the public lands, and a bill for the construction of a dam at the mouth of the Mississippi.

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MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Special elections are to be held in St. Louis, February 26, in order to allow the new Ministry to secure, if possible, the endorsement of their constituents.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL FRANKS, of California, now in Denmark, has identified A. J. Benson, held at Copenhagen, as the party wanted in California for fraudulent land surveys.

A RECEPTION was given by the President and Mrs. Cleveland at the executive mansion on the evening of the 29th to members of Congress and the justices of the District and United States courts. Mrs. Cleveland was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Fairchild, Mrs. Whitney and Mrs. Don M. Dickinson.

CHAS. C. B. WALKER died at Corning, N. Y., on the 29th, and there is general mourning over the loss of one who, for a quarter of a century, was the foremost man in business in Southern New York. Colonel Walker had suffered from a long illness. He was sixty-three years old and was born in Drewsville, N. H., January 27, 1824.

The German War Minister officially announces that 280,000,000 marks is the amount of the new military loan needed. The Chicago Indians are greatly excited over the delay in the payment of their claims against the Government.

PICTURES valued at \$150,000, in transit in a closed van, were destroyed by fire in London on the 27th.

ANOTHER contingent of Irish leaders was convicted under the Crimes act on the 27th.

MISS ALDORA J. HILL, of Clinton, Ill., has sued Walter T. Wilson, of Monticello, for \$5,000 damages for breach of promise.

A GABLE-CRACK got away from the grip-iron on a bridge over Selby avenue, St. Paul, Minn., on the 27th, and the bridge and track was smashed to pieces. Two or three persons were fatally injured and fourteen badly.

BARON DE FORMS, of England, is in Belgium awaiting the abolition of the sugar tax.

CHAS. FOSTER, of Jintown, I. T., committed suicide on the 27th by tying one end of a rope to the chimney of his house and other to a rafter extending from the end of a barn, and jumping off.

A PATROL boiler explosion occurred at the mill, Marion county, Ga., on the 27th. Eric Down and Charles Brown were instantly killed, and Andrew Snelling had his thigh broken. All were negroes.

JUDGE COLT in the Federal Court at Boston, on the 27th, decided that the preparation of a punched strip of paper for use in the organetto is not an infringement of musical copyright.

Min. G. D. F. GARDNER, in a circular from Florence to his followers in Parliament, indicating that an exciting session is approaching.

CHARLES WARD, confined at the workhouse in Kansas City, Mo., on a heavy fine, has been identified by J. H. Orloff as one of two men who robbed him on the street on the night of December 23.

FORGERS and counterfeiters employed at the First National Bank in Chicago, King were instantly killed, and Andrew Snelling had his thigh broken. All were negroes.

ENGLISH papers profess alarm at the gigantic sums asked for the new German Military bill, and say war or financial disaster, or both, confront Germany.

FRANK MURPHY, a Sanitary engineer, was killed by a train at Lexington, Mo., on the 27th. He was last seen on the last day of his life. He was of good habits, and as he had no cause to doubt himself, he was not afraid to go on his errand. He was nearly sixty years of age and weighed 160 pounds. The neighborhood has been overrun with tramps, and the impression prevails that he has been murdered by some of the vagabonds.

NORTHERN WINTER SPORTS.

The Ice Carnival at St. Paul—A Gorgeous Procession of Winter Vehicles and the Population Out to Enjoy the Wonders of the Ice Palace.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 26.—The third street fair of the season, the Ice Carnival, was held on the other, the street being lined with sleighs of every conceivable description, and the sidewalks almost blocked with people on foot who came out to see the display. It was a very successful day.

The afternoon was perfect for the successful performance of the programme, the sun shining brightly and the thermometer registering about thirty degrees above zero. It seemed as if every person in the entire city who possessed a horse and sleigh of any description had trimmed up their turnout, and joined the throng of equipages.

The procession was headed by the Mayor, followed by the city council, and the various societies. The sleighs were of every description, from the simple to the ornate.

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DEFENDING PROTECTION.

Mr. Frye, of Maine, Attacks the President's Message on the Floor of the Senate in Speech Defending the Protection of American Industries.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Following is a synopsis of Mr. Frye's speech on the tariff, delivered in the Senate yesterday.

Proceeding to discuss the message, Mr. Frye said the President had clearly thrown down the gauntlet of free trade. There was an attempt at disguise, but so feebly that it did not deceive any one.

That message has been received with unbounded joy in Great Britain, and in no other country. It has been seen here in England, and has been seen in the American market for years.

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A SNOW BLOCKADE.

The Recent Storm at the East and Its Effects.

Railroads in Every Direction Badly Blocked by Snow-Drifts and Travel Impeded—A Good Snow-Blockade.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—There was one of the biggest blockades yesterday ever known on the New York Central division.

Superintendent Bissell had the entire working force of his division out shoveling snow, and at six o'clock last night he telegraphed General Superintendent Toney here that the snow lay upon the tracks as fast as it could be shoveled away.

Under these circumstances it was deemed foolish to send out the depot the six o'clock and the six o'clock west-bound express trains, and they were held. The depot waiting-rooms were filled with people, who had expected to take these trains. Superintendent Toney told all inquirers that he did not expect any trains during the night at all, unless the weather moderated.

The snow blockade on the Erie delayed all trains about six hours. The St. Louis express, due here at noon, finally plowed its way through the Orange County drifts, and pulled into Hoboken at 6 p. m. The Scranton express on the Erie, due at 1 p. m., arrived at seven o'clock. The trains on the Pennsylvania and the Lackawanna were also delayed.

The Chicago Limited express over the New York Central, due here at seven o'clock last night, did not arrive until eight o'clock this morning. At eleven o'clock the Michigan Central train, due at half-past nine o'clock last night, had not arrived yet. It was expected to arrive at ten o'clock, but it was held in an enormous snow-drift between Albany and Schenectady. The blockade at Hudson has been raised, and all north-bound trains are now running through the snow.

All mails from the north, east and west, including those that arrived by the New York Central, Pennsylvania, Erie, Lackawanna and New York Central, were delayed by reason of the great storm. The Chicago mail that should have arrived at 7:50 p. m. yesterday did not arrive until eleven this morning. There is less delay than there was on the morning, but they run from five to ten hours late. The drift between Albany and Schenectady was in several places from seven to eight feet deep.

FIFTY-FIVE THIRTY SEVEN OF SNOW. PITTSFIELD, Mass., Jan. 27.—Five long passenger trains on the Boston & Albany railroad are snow-bound at the depot awaiting new snow-fall. The opening of the road before venturing further. The fast St. Louis express, composed of six drawing-room sleeping cars, which left Boston yesterday afternoon at three o'clock, reached here at five o'clock. The snow-drifts were about one hundred passengers were aboard. Fast mail train No. 11, with one hundred and fifty passengers, left Boston at half-past seven o'clock last night. It was brought up at Hinsdale at 1:45 a. m., where it spent the night a mile from the station. Many of the passengers suffered much from cold, and many ladies were prostrated. Some of the passengers had to go to a drug store and procure food and bread. Several young children were frost-bitten. Freight trains covering a mile of track are blocked near Shaker. Much valuable property has been lost. Engineers say that the snow between here and Becket is drifted fifteen to thirty feet in depth.

RUN INTO A GANG OF SNOW-SHOVELERS. SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 27.—The mail train from the north, on the Connecticut River railroad, due at Holyoke at six o'clock last night, became stalled in a cut two miles north of Holyoke. The snow went to work this morning to dig it out. The snow was blowing so thick that nothing could be seen a few feet distant, and the men were obliged to dig their way through the snow. The snow was blowing so thick that nothing could be seen a few feet distant, and the men were obliged to dig their way through the snow.

SNOW ON THE READING. READING, Pa., Jan. 27.—The trains on Reading railroad were all more or less delayed this morning. On the Schuylkill and Lehigh branch the snow-drifts were from ten to fifteen feet deep, and the officials do not expect to get the line clear before to-morrow. A freight wreck at Royer's Ford, on the Reading road, this morning, was a very serious one. Five cars and an engine were badly damaged.

EIGHTEEN INCHES OF SNOW AND THE MERCURY SIX BELOW. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 27.—Eighteen inches of snow fell on the city this morning, and the thermometer is six degrees below zero. The wind is blowing a hurricane. Seven trains are blocked between Warren Summit and Shaker. Much valuable property has been lost. Engineers say that the snow between here and Becket is drifted fifteen to thirty feet in depth.

ALL TRAINS LAID OUT. BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Jan. 27.—All trains on the Erie are laid out east and west of here. Only one train has arrived from New York at Binghamton. There is a small chance of another getting through before to-night. The snow has drifted badly and trains are either abandoned or running "wid."

A Good Call. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 27.—Rev. Charles D. Cooper, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Apostles; Rev. Wm. N. McVicker, of Erie; Rev. J. H. Church, of Rev. Dr. Phillips Brooks, of Boston, and Miss McVicker, a sister of Dr. McVicker, started last evening in a carriage to attend the funeral of a friend. The carriage was struck by an engine. The latter was going south, and the carriage was struck by the engine. The driver was thrown from his seat and the carriage demolished. The occupants received no injuries beyond a thorough shelling up.

A Regular Whopper. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 27.—J. W. Peters & Co., at French Market, received a curiosity fish this morning in the shape of a fish from the Gulf of Mexico. It is of the kind known as the grouper, which generally run in weight from two to twenty-five pounds. The one received this morning weighed over three hundred pounds, and is the largest of the kind ever seen in St. Louis. Measurements of its carcass after being dressed were as follows: Length, 7 feet 6 inches; girth, 4 feet 1 inch; around edge of mouth, 3 feet; diameter of mouth (open), 18 inches; length of dorsal fin, 18 inches.

THE TARIFF.

The Bill to Amend the Tariff Laws Being Formulated by the Majority of the Ways and Means Committee Almost Completed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The Star says the Democrats of the ways and means committee have almost completed their tariff bill. They have reached "a point now where they are in perfect agreement and the bill in a general form is completed. There remains now little for them to do but to put the bill in its final form and to have some 'revisionary work' to strengthen the bill.

They are advancing in a way that is more satisfactory than they had hoped for. The bill, as it stands, will be simply the yielding of little points here and there when they can thus gain strength for the bill without making any serious sacrifice. The bill as reported will cut wool on the free list, will by way of compromise make a material reduction in the tax on tobacco and fruit brands, and will make a reduction of twenty per cent on sugar, salt and other articles. Such a material will go on the free list. There will be a general revision and adjustment of the tariff schedule, and the administrative features of the bill will be practically the same as those advanced by Mr. Hovitt.

At every step they have consulted expediency to a great extent, and have so managed as to gain strength in many directions. They have not lost sight of the fact that they will be able to pass the bill almost as reported. An exception may be made as to the wool clause. After a fight they may succeed in having the wool clause on the free list, if they can gain some decided advantage by so doing. They appear, however, to think that they will not have to make any change in the bill in this respect. The avowed Protectionists are watching the work of the committee very closely.

LABOR LOST. A Year's Work in Preparing for an Escape From the Eve of Accomplishment. JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Jan. 26.—A startling plot for the wholesale liberation of prisoners confined in the State penitentiary was discovered yesterday by Warden Patton. Scott Thompson, a burglar, was to be released. When he was searched keys and sealed instructions to large prisoners were found under his arm. Thompson and Clark, cell-mates, confessed that the escape was planned for today, at the time when the convicts are brought out to the yard. Keys to the cell, and outside doors were found tied up in Clark's shirt, and drills were removed from the leg of a bed. It was a part of the plot to overpower and kill the guards. Clark confessed that he was over a year in making the keys, the impression of which he took in wax. The major gave the superintendent instructions to take in all who came, but to take them before the recorder the next morning. This morning eleven were brought into the police court and were fined seven dollars each, which is equivalent to a month's work on the rockpile. The other traps are skipping out in all directions.

A Remedy for the Tramp Nuisance. LEXINGTON, Mo., Jan. 26.—For some days the town has been overrun with tramps, and the system of house-to-house begging which they instituted soon became an intolerable nuisance. As many as twenty-five have applied for lodging in one night at the calaboose. The mayor gave the superintendent instructions to take in all who came, but to take them before the recorder the next morning. This morning eleven were brought into the police court and were fined seven dollars each, which is equivalent to a month's work on the rockpile. The other traps are skipping out in all directions.

Sam Jones, the revivalist, spoke to men only at Kansas City a few days ago. The attendance was 6,000, and the collection for Jones' personal expenses amounted to \$3,500. He spoke the same night to the Gurnsey Furniture Company of St. Louis has assigned.