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ELEGRAMS

Hotel Fire.

YORK, Jan. 23.—A disastrous fire oc- this morning in the Metropolitan The fire started from a defective the second floor of the wing occupied dining room. The dining room, which mediately over the billiard room, was of flames. The guests in the hotel roused, and a number of men and fled from their rooms without waiting s. The manager of the hotel and the did all in their power to preserve or- nd went about from room to room g the guests that they were in no im- t danger, and that they had time to their wearing apparel. The firemen d labor succeeded in confining the to the dining room, and before the ion of an hour had the fire completely control. No damage was done to the y of the guests, and happily, none jured. The damage by the fire was d to the dining room. Nine large s reaching from the floor to the ceiling, at over $10,000, were shattered and about the floor, and six elegant chan- of cut glass valued at $12,000 were into a million fragments. Also six se vases valued at $1,500 were broken d repair.

Railroad Smashup.

IRA, N. Y., Jan. 23.—Erie train No. m Buffalo, left Elmira last night at 11 for New York. The train consisted postal car, one express car, two bag- ars and nine passenger cars, most of Pullman sleepers. When five miles west ego, near Tioga, the axel of the loco- broke close up to the wheel and the train, going at the rate of 35 miles an was thrown from the track. The ac- occurred where there was no embank- The engine kept its feet and the en- applied the air brake as soon as he felt ock. The cars were stopped very , but the forward ones were turned wo or three times, some going one side track and some on the other. The en- and fireman escaped unhurt. The car, containing four clerks, almost in- took fire and burned like powder, the oil lamps used, probably exploded and fuel to the fire from the stove. Every n the car was roasted to a crisp and the s of one who weighed over two hun- pounds were gathered up and put in o a box. In the express car, was the mes- Henry C. Brewer of Elmira. Efforts made to relieve him; a hole was cut in le door of the car so that he got his ut, but his legs were fastened by the p mass of express matter. The train ried to pull him out, but the flames them away. They saw his hair and rs burned off and then he put his hand his eyes and fell back into the flames. en in all were burned. No passengers ured. The men in the postal car must perished very quickly as not a sound from the wreck except the crackling of nes.

The Treaty.

CAGO, Jan. 24.—Papers here, and their ngton correspondents, are making over the late and illogical wrath of the because the Chinese treaty was pub- in advance of its being given to the by that august body. It is said by hat nothing is needed in such matters h as the greatest and earliest publicity. mistakes may be avoided and the be made with wide open eyes rather n the dark as to what is really wanted. e publicity of the Burlingame treaty en as great as that of the present one lifornians would have made their feel- n the subject known and the mistakes treaty would have been avoided.

Shooting a Father.

W ORLEANS, Jan. 24.—The steamer erer brings the news of great excite- n British Honduras over the shooting by of President Barricos, of Gautemala, of suit, Rev. K. Gillett, of Belize. Under ws of Gautemala all the jesuits have anished, and any caught in that repub- invariable executed. Father Gillett Gautemala for his health. Imme- after his arrival at Livingston he was d, heavily ironed and sent to Gaute- ity, where he was tried and sentenced ecuted on the 17th inst.

Trial of the Traversers.

BLIN, Jan. 24.—Judge Fitzgerald, in arge to the jury, repudiated the theory use that the land league was chiefly a able association and the contrary theory was a scheme of socialism devised in ica. The Americans, he said, are as a noble and generous, and no scheme of sm for the destruction of property in d had been divised by them. At the ime he strongly censured Irish Ameri- tlers who had returned to Ireland to dissension. He admitted the exis- of distress, and said there had doubt- en instances of harshness on the part llords, but he considered the land had aggravated the ill-feel- etween the landlords and tenants. ent on to detail thoroughly the objects d by the league in speeches and rules g they were illegal. He pointed out persons engaged in conspiracy were able to law even if they were not of the illegal acts committed. Some ear's speeches he said were shocking. also, had discountenanced seeking a of grievances by constitutional means. dge will continue his charge to-mor-

Telegraph Matters.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Dr. Green, president of the Western Union Telegraph company, says the rates now ruling will not be advanced except in a few suburban places where the 15 cent rate exists and the terminal facilities for delivery are not calculated to cheapen rates. The telegraph companies interested in the proposed consolidation have considered fully but in an informal way the matter of rates, and it was agreed they should not be raised.

Apache War.

DENVER, Jan. 24.—The *Republican's* Los Vegas, N. M., special says: On Saturday and Sunday the Apaches in the vicinity of San Marcial killed fifteen persons and wounded several others. Nine others are reported missing, and are probably killed. J. M. Robinson, mining engineer of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fee railroad, is reported missing, and two others of his party killed. Captain Jack Crawford's mining camp, it is reported, was attacked and three of his men killed. The Apaches headed northwest. Companies of troops and citizens of San Marcial are in pursuit. The band of Indians numbers from forty to sixty.

The Oyster War.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—A Fredericksburg, Va., special says: Intelligence has been received of the beginning of an oyster war on the Rappahannock river. On Saturday a fleet of fifteen dredge boats entered the mouth of the Rappahannock and began dredging for oysters in open violation of the Virginia oyster law. The authorities at Middlesex at once sent for cannon, which were brought to the river bank and warned the fleet of dredges, which was well armed with muskets and pivot guns used for shooting ducks, and proceeded with gathering oysters unmindful of the warning from the shore. The cannon was then opened upon them, and the first round was returned by a volley from the fleet delivered amid cheers from the oyster pirates. The cannon, a Whiteworth, which formerly belonged the Richmond Howitzers, fired a second sho with better effect than the first, and struck one of the dredges in the rigging. The oyster man who was here to-day, giving an account of the fight said, (to use his nautica. language): "The whole fleet then made a straigh shirt-tail for the mouth of the river, their speed being accelerated by the shots sent after them."

Encouraging.

NEW YORK, 25.—The *Times'* statement, telegraphed from Chicago, of the intention of the merchants of that city to establish a commercial telegraph line to New York, has been recieved with great enthusiasm among members of the produce exchange and other down town merchants having business relations with the west. It was stated that the projectors of the enterprise have had a line between Chicago and Milwaukee running for some time past and have been doing business at the rate of ten cents for ten words. Members of the New York produce exchange say there will be no trouble in obtaining all the money needed in Chicago without asking for public subscriptions, but that if this should not be so, all the projectors have to do is to come to New York and they will be accommodated. They can in any event be assured of recieving the full patronage of New York merchants.

A Mining Expedition

NEWPORT, L. I., Jan. 25.—The schooner Joseph P. Lacheca, of Portland, Me., sails thence to-night with a mining expedition for Atrata river, Panama. She is commanded by Lt. S. C. Payne, United States navy. The expedition is provided with valuable charts, many of which belong to the government. The capital of the company is $500,000, every dollar of which has been taken up. The stock is held by parties in New York, Maine, Virginia, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. It is a fact worthy of mention that nearly every officer of the navy who has ever been on the river holds certificates of stock. The company's counsel in South America is Col. Elladeo Ferrod, governor of Chaco. Two of the directors of the company, William Sargent and W. T. Curtis, both of Portland, accompany the expedition. The machinery for working the bed of the river was built at Bristol, and has been tested. The members of the expedition are young men, mostly graduates of the leading colleges.

Washington Notes.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The belief that Senator Allison is to be secretary of the treasury under the next administration gained ground among his senatorial associates during the past few days, but if he has given any information on the subject it has been in confidence. At the capital yesterday several of his brother senators called his attention to the report that his appointment would give general satisfaction, but he neither affirmed nor denied the rumor.

There has been of late a very marked let up in the wild hunt in Washington for office. The departments are not now overrun by office seekers, nor are the president's ante rooms daily crowded, as heretofore, with importunate applicants. Of course, it is not for a moment supposed that there are not as many people wanting office as ever, but they are holding back to tackle the new administration, being evidently of the opinion that their tenure of office, if successful, will then be longer and more solid. There is thus a reserve force in waiting for President Garfield and his cabinet. The navy department is the only one where the place hunter shows anything like his wonted activity. Most of those who hang around its waiting rooms and corridors are from West Virginia. They want to gather in the crop while the weather is good, but Sec. Goff has not responded very readily, as he has made only three or four appointments in his department since he took charge of it.

A Lively Passenger.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—The Cairo steamboat Annie P. Silver, reports that an insane man came aboard at Memphis, and when a hundred miles up the river went to the hurricane roof and fired at the negro pilot. Burnham opened the window when the fellow fired at him. Then the insane man bounded into the pilot house and killed the clerk, Laurel Blake. Captain Silver and the pilot then grapled with him, a pistol ball being sent into the captain's hand. The maniac was then knocked down with a poker and guarded until the boat reached New Madrid, where he was turned over to the authorities.

Bold Burglary.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—One of the boldest and most successful burglaries ever planned and executed in this city occurred about 7 o'clock last evening at the office of the South Chicago iron and steel works, on Ashland avenue near 31st street, but was not reported by the police until 2 o'clock this morning. It was then learned that three masked burglars had forced the office door, bound the janitor, Charles Brooks, and while one of their number stood guard over him with a pistol, the others drilled a hole in the safe, blew open the combination, and bidding the old watchman a cheerful good night, left, taking $1,000 in five-dollar gold pieces and $150 in coin, together with about $9,000 in bills done up in an envelope, ready for paying the help to-day.

The above facts are given by Brooks, but the police regard some things about the affair as sufficiently suspicious to implicate him, and have accordingly arrested him and his son. He told some rather contradictory stories, and his unruffled clothing and unpropossessing appearance raised doubts of his accuracy and integrity. Paddy Cavanaugh, a notorious character, was also arrested.

Mineral Laws.

WASHINGTON Jan. 23.—The following is the full text of the mineral land provisions finally agreed upon in the bill which passed the senate last Thursday providing for adjudication of Mexican land claims in Nevada, California, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah:

No allowance or confirmation of any claim shall confer any rights or title to any gold, silver or quicksilver or minerals of the same unless the grant claimed effected the donation or sale of such mines or minerals to the grantee or unless such grantee has become otherwise entitled thereto in law or equity and all such mines and minerals shall remain the property of the United States with the right of working the same, which fact shall be stated in any patent issued under this act; but nothing in this act shall authorize the working of any mines therein by any person, the confirmee or his assignee, until congress shall provide by law therefore. This clause is based upon the Spanish and Mexican ordinances, which provided that the precious mineral should be reserved to the crown, unless specially included in the grants. A motion submitted by Senator Teller to strike out the whole clause as originally framed by the private land claims committee was defeated. Ayes 12, noes 38, but the amendatory provisions with the words "unless" and "but" as above given were accepted at Teller's instance and it is believed will protect all existing mineral rights.

The Tekkes Repulsed.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 23.—General Skobeloff telegraphs that between the 15th and 16th insts., the Russians carried the Tekke's position 100 yards from the walls of the fortress. The Tekkes made desperate efforts to recover it, but failed. At 7 a. m. on the 16th the entire force of Tekkes assaulted the Russian centre and left, and desperate fighting ensued along nearly the whole line. The Tekkes were finally repulsed with great slaughter and pursued over the ramparts of their own works. The Russians continue sapping and entrenching, but operations are difficult because the enemy outnumber them.

A Restrictive Law.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—It is said that the bill for the protection of personal property in Ireland will much resemble the Westmeath act of '71. It will empower the viceroy, upon a reasonable suspicion, to arrest any person deemed an offender within the act. It will also provide that persons so arrested cannot be released, tried or bailed out without an order of the privy council or viceroy. Another clause will in certain cases substitute a trial before two judges for a trial by jury. It is possible that the suspension of habeas corpus will continue until Aug. 1.

Newspaper Talk.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.— The *Times* editorially prints a long review of Leland Stanford's reply to Judge Black and the New York commission, intended to ridicule his positions and show them to be illogical.

The *Tribune's* editorial on the apportionment tables, show the large states of Ohio and Illinois gain relatively to small ones. The membership in the house is increased and hence the north, in which the fewer largest states are included, has the most to gain from the increase in membership of the house. According to General Walker's tables, in a house of 325 members, the north would have 204 and the south 121; whereas, in a house of 301 members, the north would have but 189 members and the south 112. In other words, of the twenty-four members between 301 and 325, the north would gain 15 and the south only 9.

Forster's Bill.

LONDON, January 25.—In moving the bill for the protection of life and property in Ireland last night in the house of commons, Forster said he had never been clearer about anything in his life than the necessity of the measures he introduced. But if he had ever expected the unpleasant duty would be forced upon him, he would never have become secretary of Ireland.

Dillon declared the retrospective clauses of the first bill were evidently aimed at the Traversers.

Lytton, (Liberal), urged that the government, pending the remedial measures, should introduce a bill suspending evictions in cases where the rent is excessive.

Shaw was posted in Dublin, and the constituents of other members had passed resolutions calling upon them to resign.

No Verdict.

DUBLIN, Jan. 25.—Judge Fitzgerald concluded his charge to the jury at 20 minutes past 12 o'clock. He asks the Jury to perform their duty with courage springing from a desire to act conscientiously. Replying to the counsel for traversers the judge said that if his directions to the jury were wrong in point of law he could be put right by an appeal to the supreme court. Macdonough began his argument by quoting authorities. Parnell entered the court and was loudly cheered by the gallery. Great excitement in the court. The jury did not return into court until sent for by the Judge at five o'clock. The fore man then said that they had not agreed nor were they likely to agree.

DAYTON, O., Jan. 24.—Geo. Guies, a farmer living near here, suicided by drinking cider in which he had placed a large quantity of Paris green.

Jury Discharged.

DUBLIN, Jan. 25.—The jury was discharged at 7:45, the foreman stating that it was utterly impossible to agree. The jury stood ten for conviction and two for acquittal, but the judges could only receive a unanimous verdict. The judges said that after the exhibition to-day in court they could not expect a free and unanimous verdict. Great excitement ensued.

Basutos Weakening.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—A dispatch from Dunbar says the troop ship Dunrates arrived from Bombay with reinforcements of artillery, cavalry and foot 1,314 strong. The correspondent at Dunbar says the Basutos are in want of food and are tired fighting.

Hail to the Chief.

DUBLIN, Jan. 25.—A torch light procession with bands of music waited the return of Parnell from court. He left the city for London shortly after the conclusion of the trial.

Strike Averted

BALTON, Jan. 25.—At a crowded meeting of cotton spinners to-day it was resolved that notice for an advance of wages would be postponed until March, and the strike is therefore averted.

Riot.

BALTON, Jan. 25.—A riot occurred to-day between the miners and police at Skelmorsdale and Clydesly, near Balton. One man was killed and many of the police and miners seriously injured.

Opposition Telegraph Company.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Permission to organize a new telegraph company with $1,000,000 capital was received from Springfield to-day, and stock books will be at once opened here for subscriptions. It is believed the telegraph company outlined in Saturday night's dispatches will push forward its enterprise to get its lines first to New York and subsequently to other points in the east.

Sitting Bull.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 25.—The *Pioneer Press* has just received from Ft. Buford special advices from a runner who reports that he learned that in the Wood mountains Sitting Bull has surrendered to the Canadian mounted police and proposes to go to Buford under their escort for fear of bodily harm. The report lacks official confirmation but looks reasonable in the light of late official advices.

The Walkists.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Following are the scores of the pedestrians at 9 o'clock:

Hughes	216
Curran	179
Albert	206
Barber	107
Wegnault	185
Virt	200
Cox	209
Krohne	202
Fenay	190
Leconse	165
Howard	195
Campana	175
Burke	148
Phillips	162

Senatorial.

NEW YORK, Jan 25.—A special from Austin, Texas, says. Maxey was elected United States senator on the first ballot. The vote stood: Senate—Maxey, 22; Throckmorton, 8; Davis (rep) 1. House,-Maxey, 51; Throckmorton, 34; Davis, 5.

Washington Gossip.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The house judiciary committee to-day decided that the senate has a constitutional right to designate appropriation bills.

The committee tabled Pound's bill for a six-year presidential term.

Justice Swayne has resigned.

In the past six months 131,000 more immigrants arrived in the United States than in the same time in '79.

Irish Notes.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The home rule members held a meeting yesterday, at which they resolved to permit a division on Gladstone's resolution during the week, probably on Thursday, but decided to oppose the coercion bills to the last extremity.

A detachment of troops has been ordered from Portsmouth to Weeden to protect the government stores there, owing to information received by the authorities.

As soon as the result of the state trials became known at Dungarven the town was brilliantly illuminated, bands paraded the streets and the mention of the names of the traversers was cheered. The surrounding hills were ablaze for 20 miles.

DUBLIN, Jan. 29.—A mob of some 400 persons last night groaned and hissed before the house of one of the jurors supposed to have favored conviction.

Three baronies in Roscommon county have been declared in a state of disturbance.

The land league has received a postal card threatening that Parnell will be shot if acquitted.

Republican Tactics.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.— The vote taking up the electoral resolution resulted as follows: Yeas, 130; nays, 124. Ten democrats voted with the republicans and two republicans with the democrats.

Conger demanded the roll call to cut off the previous question.

The speaker ruled that there was a quorum present and consequently such a demand was unwarranted.

Conger sarcastically said that he desired to compel the forty absent members to return to their duties.

The chair said it could not entertain Conger's motion.

Conger appealed to the house.

Blount moved to table the appeal and the republicans refused to vote, leaving the house without a quorum. The vote stood—yeas, 140; nays, 5.

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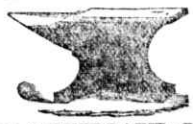

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