



ALEXANDRIA. MONDAY EVENING APRIL 18.

MR. BARBOUR'S statement to the effect that the administration is becoming more democratic and less mugwump in its general policy, and that it now evinces a disposition to consult and put itself in accord with the Democratic leaders, is supplemented by the fact that the President has of late been turning out republicans and appointing democrats at an increased rate. Nothing could be more satisfactory to his party than this change. If the President shall persist in this change, and shall strike the age limitation, by which all ex-Confederates are excluded from the civil service, out of the civil service rules, as he has a right to do, and shall make Mr. Vilas abolish the rule that prohibits the promotion of ex-Confederates in the Postoffice Department, much of the existing disaffection in his party will be dissipated.

IT SEEMS that General Mahone has learned nothing by defeat, and that with all the recent experience of routed bossism before him, he still pursues his old course. The executive committee of his party is composed of three—himself, Mr. Brady and Mr. Elam. Mr. Elam resigned some time ago, and as the General now has no use for Mr. Brady, he constitutes the whole of the committee, and as such convened the State committee last Saturday, not even informing Mr. Brady of that fact. The General's word is law and gospel to a large majority of the State committee. But the Blaine republicans in the State will not let the General advance Senator Sherman, at the expense of their favorite, without a vigorous protest.

IN THE settlement of the State debt the policy pursued by Alexandria in the settlement of her debt should be adopted. Alexandria tried to induce her creditors to reduce the amount of the principal of her debt, but they refused, and proposed, instead, a reduction in the rate of interest. That proposition was accepted. It was satisfactory to the creditors, and therefore honorable to the city, and the city has never since had any trouble with her debt. It is human nature to prefer to draw three per cent. on ten thousand dollars, than to draw six per cent. on five thousand; and human nature is a thing to be observed quite as much in the settlement of public debts as in any other transaction.

REPRESENTATIVE HITT, Northern republican, seconds the proposal of Representative Butterworth, of the same section and party, for the removal of all trade restrictions between this country and Canada. The adoption of such a proposition would not only settle the existing difficulty between the two countries, but would effectually bar the occurrence of another one, and, besides, would increase tenfold the exports of American products to Canada, and reduce considerably the price of some of the necessities of life. It would be an appreciable advance in the march of democratic free trade. The democrats in Congress should hasten to make the support of such influential republican allies available.

IT HAS now been discovered that \$432,000 of the bonds which the Mahoneites contracted with the Kendall bank note company to print, and then refused to take because that company declined to contribute to the Mahone fund, were sold among the unclaimed packages in the office of an express company in New York, were signed by forged names, were put on the market, and are now being received at Richmond. A judgment has recently been awarded against the State for \$30,000 for the printing of these bonds. The Mahone regime was short; but it was long enough to damage the State materially for years to come, and morally, no man knows how long.

THE OPPOSITION the Valley Virginian, the leading republican newspaper in Virginia, manifests toward bossism in general, shows plainly enough that it has no especial admiration for the particular bossism of General Mahone in Virginia. It is evident that the General will meet with obstacles in the way by which he proposes to get Mr. Riddleberger's seat in the Senate and to carry a solid Sherman delegation from Virginia to the next national republican convention.

SENATOR SHERMAN says: "The Sherman's have nothing to conceal. They don't say anything they are ashamed of, and when they make a mistake they acknowledge the error." And yet this same Senator Sherman, with his hand on the Bible, swore he did not recollect writing the famous Weber letter, the most important one in the Hayes fraud, by the success of which he secured the Treasury portfolio, and became a millionaire.

THE PASSAGE of a bill by the legislatures of Maryland and Virginia prohibiting trap fishing in the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay for a term of years would, in the opinion of old and experienced fishermen, soon make shad and herring as plentiful as ever in those waters. The idea of effecting that object by the planting process of the fish commission never did have much hold in the minds of the fishermen referred to, and now has hardly any.

SPEAKER STUART, chairman of the legislative debt commission, in accordance with an understanding when the legislature adjourned, has called a meeting of the State commissioners for Saturday, the 23d.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Special Correspondence of the Alex. Gazette.) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18, 1887. A Democratic politician from Alexandria, county here to day, when asked the condition of local Cooney politics, replied that from all he could learn he thought Clements would be re-elected Commonwealth's Attorney, that the sheriffly lay between Veitch and Burch, the former in the lead, that the commissioner of revenue would be either Holmes or Wernley, both colored, with chances in favor of the former, and that either Young or Johnson would be clerk. He said the democrats would not nominate a regular ticket, and that there was some talk of holding a republican convention on Thursday night.

A Pennsylvania democrat, here to day, in talking about the reported coolness existing between the President and Mr. Randall, said there never had been any great warmth between them, and could hardly be between men with such opposite views respecting civil service, but that there was doubt that even the little that did exist has been recently dissipated. He recalled the fact that Mr. Randall went to the last national democratic convention as a Bazar man, and only consented to let the Pennsylvania delegation cast a solid vote for Cleveland when he found that the majority of that delegation was for him. He also said he didn't now see how Mr. Cleveland could get the vote of the Pennsylvania delegation in the next national democratic convention when both wings of the party in that State were against him.

An autopsy proves that the disease of which Judge Carter died here last Saturday night was cancer of the stomach. The Judge is chiefly remembered for the part he took in assisting Secretary Stanton to hold his position in opposition to the order of President Johnson.

Col. Canaday, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, has recovered sufficiently from the injuries he received from the fall of a horse about six weeks ago, to go to his home in North Carolina. Just before he left several of the employees of the Senate appointed by the Senators who failed to be re-elected were discharged. As the Colonel is away, he escapes appeals for their reinstatement.

The blue law was observed here pretty generally yesterday, and in many parts of the city it was not only impossible to get liquor, but even a cigar, a glass of soda water, candy or any other article that usually can be bought on Sunday; neither could a hack or cab be found on the street. The law is so generally objectionable that it will probably be repealed.

The report of the chief of the bureau of statistics shows that the use of distilled spirits and wines is decreasing in this country, but that that of beer is increasing, and that the annual cost of all kinds of liquor to consumers in this country is seven hundred million dollars, though the wholesale cost of it is only three hundred million.

A well known attorney of this city told the GAZETTE's correspondent to day that while in a restaurant a short time before he had heard two Virginians protesting against paying a dollar for a sirloin beef steak and the same price for a spring chicken, and that as the proprietor didn't seem disposed to yield, and as a man had been shot and killed there a short time ago, he had deemed it wise to finish his lunch in a hurry and leave.

The anniversary of the emancipation proclamation was celebrated here this afternoon by a procession, but the parade was sadly marred and reduced by the inclement weather. In it were some colored people from Alexandria.

As one of the Senate's type writers is again at work in the room at the Capitol still held possession of by General Mahone, it is supposed the General has resumed campaign operations at this end of the line.

The friends of J. L. Yoeckel, for several years past in charge of the B. & O. R. R. express office near the Metropolitan Hotel, who was arrested here last Saturday night for a shortage in his accounts, say the shortage was not his fault, and will be so proved, and that he lived at all times within his means.

The Pacific Railway commission will meet here to-morrow and organize. Ex-Governor Pattison, of Pennsylvania, will be chosen its president.

Senator Daniel, of Virginia, returned here this morning, and has rooms at the Dunbar.

Eulogy on Mr. Beecher. LONDON, April 18.—Dr. Parker will deliver his eulogy of the late Rev. Henry Ward Beecher in Brooklyn on June 24. After that he will preach a number of times in Brooklyn and will subsequently deliver several lectures in the United States.

An Erroneous Assessment. WASHINGTON, April 18.—Assistant Secretary Maynard has informed the Collector of Customs at New York that turpentine is entitled to free entry and has directed him to refund the duty exacted on a recent importation of such seeds.

Titles Confirmed. WASHINGTON, April 18.—The U. S. Supreme Court to-day affirmed the decision of the court below in the Maxwell land grant case. This has the effect of confirming titles of claimants to the full amount claimed.

Assignment. NEW YORK, Apr. 18.—Newton A. Parks, dealer in oils, of No. 61 Front street, filed an assignment for the benefit of his creditors to-day to John R. Parks, without preferences.

Foundering of a Steamer. LONDON, April 18.—The telegraph cable repairing steamer Volta has foundered off the Island of Myconus, in the Grecian Archipelago. A portion of her crew were drowned.

Spurious Bonds.

There is some excitement in financial circles in Richmond over the discovery that a large number of fraudulent Riddleberger three per cent. bonds are on the market.

During the past few days telegrams were received by banking and brokerage firms from Boston and New York asking for prices of Virginia threes, 1882, due 1902, interest January-July. Numbers of bonds being asked for, it was found that there were no coupons outstanding of the bonds named, which gave rise to a suspicion that something was wrong. A Boston firm then shipped \$14,000 of Virginia threes as described. These were received and taken to the State officers for investigation and were at once pronounced fraudulent with forged names attached. A New York firm offered a similar amount to that of the Boston firm, and a one thousand dollar bond of the same description was received by another firm of brokers, making in all \$20,000 in bonds, with all the coupons attached. The explanation arrived at is that during the legislative session of 1882 the Kendall Bank Note Company of New York engaged bonds for the entire issue of Riddleberger under the authority of the act known as the Riddleberger act. These bonds were well executed and were accepted by the State, but they were subsequently rejected, and a contract for executing the bonds was given to the American Bank Note Company of New York. The Kendall Company, however, shipped the bonds in three boxes, one of which the State refused to receive; the other two they took and paid express charges on them. The first box, containing bonds of the denomination of \$1,000 each, from number 1 to 432, were returned to New York. The Kendall Company refused to take them back. It is now believed that this box of bonds was sold by the express company afterwards as an unclaimed package. It evidently fell into the hands of sharpers, who forged the name of "D. R. Revely, Treasurer," and "J. A. Smith, Second Auditor," and proceeded to dispose of them. It is not known what amount of the spurious bonds are on the market. D. R. Revely was the treasurer, but J. A. Smith is a fiction.

The twenty-nine thousand dollars of worthless Riddleberger bonds sent from Boston, New York and Baltimore to be sold will be held by the Commonwealth's Attorney. A detective has gone to work to endeavor to trace up the author of the forgeries. All of the evidence seems to point to the fact that these were perpetrated in New York. There is a suspicion, however, that the work was done in some more rural locality. Messrs. Warren & Quarles Richmond brokers, do not think proper to give the name of their Baltimore correspondent who sent the \$1,000 bond. They have offered to reveal the name to the auditor or treasurer, but not for publication. The issue of these worthless bonds will no doubt be used by the State as a reason why the law should be enforced subjecting all coupons to a judicial examination before being accepted in payment of taxes.

PHOTOGRAPHING THE HEAVENS.—A dispatch from Paris to the New York World says: "The great international congress of astronomers, which is being held here, promises great results in the direction of perfecting a chart of the heavens, which is to be minute and exact to a degree beyond anything yet accomplished by science. This congress has been brought about through the personal efforts of the director of the Paris Observatory, Admiral Mouchez. He has been making a series of very wonderful experiments, with the aid of Messrs. Henry Brothers, in photographing the heavens. They have constructed a very powerful photographic instrument, and by the use of particularly sensitive plates have succeeded in photographing accurately and recording for observation certain stars not visible to the naked eye. These photographic reproductions of the heavens will enable astronomers to give all the time which they may need to the accurate study of the relations of the celestial bodies to one another, and will certainly result in greater accuracy of astronomical calculations. By prolonging the exposure of the plates in this wonderful instrument for one hour and a half, photographs of stars of the sixteenth degree, which are visible only through the most powerful glasses, are recorded. Not only are these ordinarily hidden stars revealed, but through this revelation astronomers will be able to determine exactly their parallaxes, and to measure absolutely their respective distances from each other. The additions which will be made to the chart of the heavens under this new process are very great. Thus, for instance, there is one of the regular charts representing the present state of astronomical science, where there are only 170 stars recorded; the photographs of Messrs. Henry Brothers reveal more than five thousand. This development in the direction of photographing the heavens is regarded by scientific men as one of the most important discoveries in the direction of exact science made during the present century."

A MEDICAL MAN'S ADVICE.—Under all circumstances, and in all states of health, we are affected favorably by personal contact. Two persons should rarely ever sleep together. The result is now well understood to be devitalizing to one or the other. Vampire natures fatten; their victims weaken. This is quite as true of husbands and wives as of others. It is peculiarly true of children. The exceptions do exist where there is a mutual benefit, but the exceptions are rare. The excretions during sleep are one thing, the absorptions another. I recently was called to attend a young girl whose symptoms were lassitude, and, as she said, she felt worse after sleeping, and dreaded going to bed. Yet she slept well. I found that her bed-mate was a woman of forty of a peculiarly vampiric temperament. The proper course in this case was a total separation of the victim from the devourer. If the case has been long protracted, and the evil seriously affecting health, send the patient into the country to associate with trees and flowers.—M. Maurice, M. D., in Globe Democrat.

THE NATIONAL DRILL.—A complete list of the organizations that will participate in the National Drill, in Washington, from the 23d to the 30th of next month, has been issued. The list includes three colored companies—two from Richmond, Va., and one from Washington, D. C.—and numbers ninety-eight in all—seventy-nine being for individual drill. Among the entries is the First Brigade Virginia Volunteers (29 companies infantry, 5 batteries artillery and 2 cavalry companies), comprising among others the Richmond Grays, Walker Light Guard, Winchester Light Infantry, Alexandria Light Infantry, The Bethel Cadet Corps, St. John's Cadet Corps, Attucks Guard and State Guard, the two last named being colored companies have also entered.

A well known French authority on matters of fashion on being asked whether it was proper to wear a watch chain on the waistcoat in full evening dress, replied in the negative. The only ornament permitted by Parisian elegants in evening dress is a single shirt stud made of cat's eye encircled with diamonds.

M. Lotand, editor of the Journal de Medecine de Paris, says that Pasteur's treatment for hydrophobia is not only useless but dangerous.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Hebrew Passover celebration ended Saturday.

Julio R. Santos claims \$390,000 indemnity for his imprisonment in Ecuador.

John Leighton, who claimed to be 118 years old, died at Cumberland yesterday.

A reunion of California pioneers residing in Washington will be held in May.

The Nickel Plate Railroad will be sold in Cleveland, O., at public auction, on May 19.

Rev. Mr. Kurtz, a prominent minister of the M. E. Church, died at Deer Park, Md., Saturday afternoon.

Heavy snow storms and bitterly cold weather are prevailing in the northern and eastern portions of France.

The Old Felicity Street Methodist Episcopal Church of New Orleans has been destroyed by fire; loss \$20,000.

The Blue Laws were again enforced in Washington yesterday, though those who wanted a drink did not suffer.

John J. Yoeckel, manager of the B. & O. Express in Washington, has been arrested for irregularities in his accounts.

Jim Bates, a notorious desperado, said to have been the slayer of ten men, was killed Friday night in Polk county, Tenn.

The business portion of Crescent City, 30 miles southeast of Palatka, Fla., on Crescent lake, was burned Friday night.

Henry Morgan died in New York yesterday, aged eighty. He was one of the leading men in New York railroad circles for forty years.

The 500 strikers at the Natrona (Pa.) salt works have been ordered to vacate the company's houses to-day. The men threaten to resist eviction, and trouble is feared.

The convicts in the State penitentiary at Raleigh, N. C., became insubordinate Saturday afternoon and the police and military had to be called in to reduce them to subjection.

While viewing the wreck of a freight train on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, near Palatine, Ill., yesterday, six persons were killed by the bursting of a water tank.

R. H. Knapp, a prominent real estate broker and politician, of Atlanta, Ga., has fled the country, having victimized a large number of dependent persons out of sums aggregating \$25,000.

Chief Clerk Youmans has decided to employ a force of 100 charwomen for the Treasury Department. By a system of furloughing the entire force will only be engaged nine months in the year.

It is likely that 6,000 journeyman shoemakers of New York will withdraw from the Knights of Labor, three hundred of them having already organized an open union as the result of a quarrel with the knights.

Arrangements have been nearly completed for the unveiling of the Calhoun statue at Charleston, S. C., April 26. All of the uniformed troops in the State have been invited to be present, and quarters have been provided for them.

The captain of the Georgia Cadets, a colored company of Atlanta, has formally tendered his company to the Governor as an escort on his trip to Washington during the encampment. The Governor has not yet indicated his acceptance of the proffered escort.

Governor Adams, of Colorado, has issued a quarantine proclamation against the importation of cattle from Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, West Virginia, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Missouri, Kansas, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia. Cattle from the above States cannot be brought into Colorado until they have been examined by the State veterinary surgeon.

Fire broke out Saturday on a coal dock at the foot of Seventieth street, North river, New York, belonging to the New York Central Railroad Company, and communicated to another pier belonging to the same company, which, with a lot of freight, was destroyed; loss about \$100,000. The excursion barge Pilgrim was damaged to the extent of \$12,000, and the coal barge S. H. Hoole was burned; loss \$8,000. The fire was caused by a spark from a tug setting fire to some oil leaking from a broken pipe.

The new minister to Austria, Gen. Lawton, was a prominent officer in the Confederate service, reaching the rank of quartermaster-general of the army in 1863. He is a South Carolinian by birth, and a graduate of West Point, but became a lawyer, and practiced in Savannah before and after the war. He was appointed minister to Russia by President Cleveland, but his political disabilities not having been removed, and a doubt arising as to his eligibility, he resigned. Since then he has been relieved of his disabilities.

THE TESTIMONY for the defense in the Ridenour murder trial at Winchester, will close to-morrow it is expected.

Rebecca Braxton, colored, aged 21 years, crazy drunk and very noisy, was arrested Saturday night in Richmond, and lodged in the station house. Yesterday morning she was found dead in her cell. A jury of inquest rendered a verdict that she came to her death from the effect of intoxication.

Much excitement was occasioned at Harrisonburg on Saturday night by a rumor that a party of men from Augusta county would lynch Pres Johnson and Bob Venable, negroes, confined in jail there, charged with burning W. B. Glover's barn on April 3. The sheriff had the military company put on guard, and they continued to patrol the approaches to the town last night. These men were removed from Augusta county to avoid lynching.

THE RAILWAY MYSTERY.—The New York World has a long account of the unraveling of the Railway mystery as made by its reporters. According to this the victim is Ana Christine Larsen, a Danish girl, who arrived at Castle Garden on the 2d of March last. The body is said to have been identified by Count Charles de Zaleski, a Polish refugee, who had known her well in Denmark. A former lover of the girl, who had been working on a farm near the scene of the murder, left his job two days before the crime was committed, and was not after seen. It is known the girl had threatened this country with the object of finding him.

Some of the scenes at the Municipal ball recently given at the Hotel de Ville, Paris, rival those which occurred at the last ball of the Chinese Legation at Washington. One guest is described as having seized an entire plate of pate de foie gras sandwiches, with which he ran into a corner, followed by a dozen guests reaching over his shoulders and grabbing at the food. In the struggle a number of sandwiches were knocked on the floor and partially crushed, but all were afterwards picked up and eaten.

The French nation has just lost David's celebrated picture of the "Death of Marat," which has been bequeathed to the Royal Museum at Brussels by the artist's grandson, who recently died in that city.

POSTSCRIPT

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Trouble in the Tonga Islands. SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—Advices received from Sydney, N. S. W., per steamer Mariposa give the latest particulars regarding the attempted assassination of Premier Baker, of the Tonga Islands, by converted Wesleyan natives. The correspondent of the Sydney Herald at Suva, Fiji Islands, writes under date of February 17th that Mr. Baker believed that an organized attempt to kill him and overturn the Government was to be made by the Wesleyans. He sent for soldiers and a large number of indiscriminate arrests were made. Mr. Baker put the prisoners through a form of trial, condemned them to death, and the sentences were executed the same night. Before the sentences were carried out the acting British Vice-Consul, W. E. Giles, used the utmost exertion to prevent the executions. Things were growing quieter when the newly appointed vice-consul, B. B. Leefe, arrived at Tonga and after an inquiry decided that he had no power to interfere. The storm again burst forth with redoubled fury. The Wesleyan mission college was invaded by an armed mob. Wesleyans were brutally beaten and their houses wrecked. Mr. Leefe was again appealed to, but again refused to interfere. Among the earliest persons arrested and condemned to death was an ordained Wesleyan minister, David Finan, a man of the highest position and repute. Many persons were under arrest and six executions were to take place the day after the departure of the steamer which brought the above news to Suva, and thirty more the day following. The French and Germans have sent for men-of-war, and urgent representations have been made to the Governor of the Fiji Islands to interfere and depose either Mr. Baker or Mr. Moulton, a Wesleyan missionary.

A special to the Sydney Herald from Auckland, New Zealand, says: "Further news from Tonga states that Wesleyans are being mercilessly plundered and maltreated by the King's soldiers. The premier does not anticipate any difficulty about French interference in Tonga, and is of the opinion that German jealousy would be aroused by the appearance of the French so close to Samoa."

A Stranded Steamer. LONDON, April 18.—Later dispatches confirm the report that a steamer has been wrecked off Bonifacio, Corsica. The name of the vessel is Lanania. Of 250 passengers which she carried, 50 have been saved. Help has been sent to the wreck, but the sea is rough and it will be difficult to get near her.

LATER. LONDON, April 18.—The steamer ashore off Bonifacio is the Tasmania, and not the Lanania, as at first reported. The Tasmania belongs to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co., and is of 4433 tons. She was bound from Bombay for Marseilles. She stranded on the Monachi Rocks, to the south of Corsica. All the women and children among the passengers have been safely landed. The majority of the passengers are still on board. Assistance has gone to the vessel from Ajaccio and Marseilles.

Later dispatches state that the Tasmania carried 180 passengers. Of these 74 have been landed. The French steamers are near the stranded vessel assisting in the work of rescuing them.

Body Found. CHICAGO, April 18.—The body of Frederick Wirth, whose mysterious disappearance one month ago has been the subject of police investigation, was found this morning in a slip of the river in the rear of Schoenemann's packing house where Wirth was employed as a butcher. Soon after the disappearance of Wirth, the mutilated body of a man was found in the canal near Lockport, Ill., which the widow of Wirth recognized as the remains of her husband, and they were buried one week ago as such.

LABOR PARTY AND SOCIALISTS. CHICAGO, April 18.—The plans of the conservative leaders of the United Labor party to oust the socialists and particularly their leader, Thomas J. Morgan, have been destroyed by the shrewd tactics of the radicals at a meeting held yesterday. After a long and bitter debate the conservatives came out and voted for socialists to draw a plan of reorganization. They turned over the entire leadership to the socialists, hoping, as they claim, to thus bring the party into disrepute and to destroy its influence. The socialists are greatly elated over their success in shaping the action of the meeting to suit themselves.

Shot by a Cowboy. CHICAGO, Apr. 18.—W. M. Irwin was fatally shot in a dime museum last evening by Chas. Plant, a member of a company of cowboys exhibiting there. Plant was arrested and taken to the Desplaines Street station. There he made the statement that he carried the weapon unloaded, and its discharge was a surprise to him. It had been passed around through the audience, and he said some one must have slipped a cartridge into it. He said some one asked him if it were "double acting" and that he responded by working the trigger, when the weapon exploded.

Evictions. DUBLIN, April 18.—The London Skinner's Company is evicting the tenants on its estates at Deerpstown, near Londonderry. The tenants are resisting with all their resources, in many cases having barricaded their houses, cut away the lower stairways and made fortresses of the upper floors, whence they are defending themselves against the sheriffs and constabulary.

Parnell's Alleged Letter.

LONDON, April 18.—The Globe, commenting on the letter, says: "Until the horrible accusation that Mr. Parnell wrote the letter is proved we shall discredit it."

The Pall Mall Gazette says: "Until the authenticity of the letter shall be absolutely proved there will be no need to discuss its contents."

The St. James Gazette says: "The letter is so grave a document that it will not do to regard it as genuine until Mr. Parnell shall be heard from concerning it."

The letter, which is signed by Parnell, is supposed to have been addressed to Egan when Parnell publicly denounced the Fenian Park murders, and is as follows:

Dear Sir—I am not surprised at your (find name), but he and you should know that I denounce the murders as the only reason open to us. To do that promptly and plainly our best policy. But you can do all and all others concerned, that thought I meant to do that that Burke got no more than a deserter. You are at liberty to show him and others whom you can trust also. But I am my address be known. He can write to Home of Commons.

The Pope and the Knights of Labor. NEW YORK, April 18.—The Catholic News of this city to-day received the following cable dispatch from Rome concerning the Pope and the Knights of Labor:

Rome, April 18.—The Pope has decided the question of the Knights of Labor in favor of that organization. This decision will stand so long as the present method pursued in furthering their aims prevails. The document of Cardinal Gibbons has been endorsed. The Pope further decides that in Canada, where a mandament had been issued against the Knights, the members of the order will receive absolution on promise of obedience to future decisions of the Holy See. If the Knights identify themselves with theories now being disseminated by certain agitators decision in their favor will be revoked.

The Pacific Railroad Commission. CHICAGO, April 18.—The Hon. David T. Littler, of Springfield, one of the members of the newly appointed commission to investigate the affairs of the Pacific railroads, was in the city yesterday. When asked, "When does your commission expect to begin its investigation?" Mr. Littler replied, "I hardly know yet. Tuesday I expect to meet Messrs. Pattison and Anderson, the other members of the commission, in Washington, when we will call on the President and map out a plan of action." Mr. Littler thinks the commission will find it necessary to ask Congress for an extension of time for the investigation beyond December.

Suicide of a Shoemaker. NEW YORK, April 18.—Eugene Connor, who was one of the employees of Hannan & Son, the manufacturing shoemakers whose men refused to obey the order to strike issued by the Knights of Labor, cut his throat this morning in a hotel at Park Row and Roosevelt street. Connor went out with the few men who struck but afterwards returned to work. He had been repeatedly threatened by the knights as was also his wife and this preyed on his mind and led to the suicide.

Can't Land Tar and Seines. WASHINGTON, April 18.—Assistant Secretary Maynard has informed the Collector of Customs at Gloucester, Mass., that there is no provision in the law under which the masters of foreign fishing vessels can land tar or repair seines at that port without payment of duty. He says that if such articles have been landed without having been entered at the Custom House for the payment of duty they should be seized and forfeited.

From Afghanistan. LONDON, April 18.—The Amer of Afghanistan, in refusing to comply with a request from the Governor of Badakshan for 15,000 troops, fearing a Russian attack, says that he must concentrate every soldier in the army around Herat, where a surprise is expected daily. He says English help may come too late or not at all, as the British Government may select Candahar as the first place to stop the Russian advance.

Burned to Death. LYNCHBURG, Va., April 18.—A special to the Advance from Seven Mile Ford, Smyth county, says: "The house of a man named Browles, near here, was destroyed by fire last night, in which two of his daughters, aged nineteen and twenty-one, were burned to death and three other persons so badly injured that they cannot survive. The fire was caused by defective flues."

Returning to Work. CHICAGO, April 18.—About three thousand carpenters returned to work this morning on a basis of eight hours and thirty-five cents an hour. All the employers appear to be willing to engage men on these terms, provided the men applying are skilled workmen.

Dangerously Ill. HOT SPRINGS, Ark., April 18.—Major John E. Blaine, paymaster in the U. S. Army, and brother to James G. Blaine, is lying at the point of death at the U. S. Army and Navy hospital here. His condition is so precarious that there is no hope of recovery.

Socialists Sentenced. BERLIN, April 18.—The trial of twenty-four socialists who were charged with being members of illegal secret societies has just been concluded at Posen. Nine of them were convicted and sentenced to various short terms of imprisonment.

Snow. NEW YORK, April 18.—Nearly three inches of snow fell in Westchester county this morning. There is sleighing on hard roads in the upper towns.

The breath of a chronic catarrh patient is often so offensive that he cannot go into society, and he becomes an object of disgust. After a time, however, the spongy bones are attacked, and frequently entirely destroyed. A constant source of discomfort is the dripping of the purulent secretions into the throat, sometimes producing invertebrate bronchitis, which in its turn has been the exciting cause of pulmonary disease. The brilliant results which have attended its use for years past, properly designated Ely's Cream Balm as by far the best, if not the only real cure for hay fever, rose cold and catarrh.