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THE EASTERN QUESTION

Brought to the Front by the Hasty Action of King Milan.

A Skirmish Between Servian and Bulgarian Troops.

CONSTANTINOPLE, November 15.—The Servian Minister here, in notifying the Sultan of the outbreak of war between Servia and Bulgaria, adheres to Servia's former declaration in favor of the restoration of the *status quo ante*, and of strengthening the Sultan's authority in the Balkans. Turkish officers on the Greek and Servian frontiers have been instructed to repel any attempt to invade Turkish territory without waiting for orders.

SALONICA, November 15. — Unlimited preparations for war are being made here. [illegible] troops are being embarked for the Greek frontier. Business in the city is at a stand-still.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 15.—Russian newspapers, both official and unofficial, unite in condemning the fratricidal Servo-Bulgarian war, and declare that Russia will be unable to sit quietly while Bulgaria and Servia tear each other to pieces.

LONDON, November 15.—Prince Alexander arrived at Sofia at ten o'clock this morning. He was greeted with the utmost enthusiasm by the populace. The Bulgarian Government has asked Turkey for assistance. Servia will respect the rights of the Sultan in Bulgaria.

BELGRADE, November 15.—A decree has been issued announcing that King Milan will have the chief command of the Servian troops, and appointing General Petrovitch Chief of Staff. General Jakovitch, Minister of War, has gone to Pirot. It is reported that King Milan has telegraphed to the Emperor of Austria-Hungary that the advance of the Servians on Drazoman Pass has commenced. Four Servians who arrived at Loupalastaka on a steamer were forcibly arrested by the Bulgarian authorities.

LONDON, November 15.—Six battalions of Servian infantry, two batteries of artillery and two squadrons of cavalry to-day attacked two battalions of regular and irregular Bulgarian troops. The Bulgarians lost thirty-four killed and wounded. Servian troops, under Colonel Mlenkovitch, have occupied Tsaribrod, sustaining small loss. Fifty Bulgarians were captured and sent to the fortress at Belgrade. Topalhvitch, with the Morava Division, is operating against Irn. Colonels Mickovitch and Benecky, commanding the Drina and Shumadia Divisions, are advancing on Drazoman Pass. General Jowanovitch is in command of the Danube Division, which is held as a reserve force at Bela Palank. Djukniteh is leading the Timok Division against Belogradshik. Each division consists of 20,000 men. King Milan, before the advance commenced, observed to Colonel Benecky that Sofia would be captured within three days.

Frightful Experience.

DECATUR, ILL., November 13.—In the Wabash shops here to-day A. W. Perry, foreman of the machinery department, met with a thrilling experience, which may terminate seriously. He was oiling the shafting and was in a stooping posture, when the shaft caught his clothing and drew him quickly toward a big wheel. He caught hold of a beam and held on tightly, while every bit of clothing, except his shoes and stockings, was torn from his body. Pieces of his flesh in chunks were twisted off his breast, arms, hips and legs. He was removed to his home bleeding and lacerated. He is alive to-night. How he escaped instant death is a miracle.

A Woman Robbed at the Pistol's Point.

SALINE, ILL., November 15.—Friday night Maurice Marcote, living near here, was detained in town until late. About midnight his wife was roused by a knock, which she answered by opening the door, supposing it was her husband. Instead it was two strangers, who presented a pistol and forced Mrs. Marcote to open the safe, which they robbed of over $900 in personal and township money besides other valuables. Mrs. Marcote is almost prostrated from her fright.

Pay of U. S. Marshals.

WASHINGTON, November 15.—Judge Durham, First Comptroller of the Treasury, has decided that each U. S. Marshal is entitled to compensation amounting to $6,000 a year, provided the fees of his office amount to that sum after paying his Deputies and all other office expenses. Deputy Marshals, he decides, are entitled to three-fourths of their earnings after deducting necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

Female Skater Falls Unconscious.

WHEELING, W. VA., November 15.—Last night, at the Niagara Skating Rink, Bellaire, O., Kate St. John, aged nineteen, fell while skating, and was pronounced dead by physicians. She was removed to her home, and preparations for her burial began. To-day, however, the body showed signs of life, and though not yet conscious, the girl, it is believed, will recover. The syncope is attributed to tight lacing and over-exertion while skating.

The President's Message.

WASHINGTON, November 15.—It is understood that the President has made considerable progress with his annual message to Congress. Parts of it, it is said, have been copied on a type-writer and revised, and in the main it will be ready for the printer in a week or ten days' time. Commercial relations with foreign countries, the steamship subsidy question and new vessels for the navy are questions to which considerable space in it will be devoted.

A Tramp Cooked.

CINCINNATI, November 15.—E. Sherlock, aged twenty-one, a homeless tramp, was terribly burned at 10:30 this evening by falling, while in a fit, against Sol. P. Kinon's coke-oven. Patrol No. 4 took the sufferer to the hospital, where his injuries were pronounced serious. Sherlock and a number of similar sort make a lodging-place of the coke yard and sleep around and in the oven.

Terrible Death of a Child.

PHILADELPHIA, November 14. — While Lizzie D. Pole, aged twelve years, was at work in Smith's mill, on Pine street, this forenoon, her hair became entangled in the shafting. The child's body was whirled around with frightful rapidity, and when the machinery was stopped and the little mangled form extricated, life was extinct.

Two Children of Thirteen Elope.

WALTHAM, MASS., November 14.—Nettie Bergen, aged thirteen, a willful child, who was recently placed on probation by the District Court, eloped last night with a lad of her own age named Colby. The police have been notified, but the children have not yet been found.

Thrown From a Wagon and Killed.

CARROLLTON, ILL., November 14.—John Perrine, an old citizen of this county, came in from his farm to-day to do some trading. He started home under the influence of liquor, and before he had gone many miles fell out of his wagon and was killed. His neck was not broken, and concussion of the brain was probably the cause of death.

Breaking Up the Boomers.

FORT RIVER, November 13.—More boomers were yesterday brought in from the Oklahama district. Those of the prisoners who sign an agreement never to trespass again upon the Indian lands are allowed to pass out, the others will be escorted out by troops. The work of arresting the boomers is going on rapidly.

After Salt in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, NEB., November 13.—The last Legislature ordered the sale of enough marsh lands covered with natural salt springs to insure the operation of the salt industry, settling the sum needed at $20,000. The sale took place to-day, and in less than half an hour $20,000 worth had been sold.

A CONFLAGRATION.

Sixty Blocks Burned—From Street to Street the Demon of Fire Leaps.

GALVESTON, November 13—3:25 a. m.—A destructive fire is now raging in the eastern part of the city, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets. The fire broke out at 1:40 a. m. in a small foundry on the north side of Strand street, near the corner of Sixteenth. The flames rapidly spread under a stiff north wind, and the prospects are that Galveston is about to suffer a great loss. Six dwelling houses are already burned and immense clouds of sparks are being carried four or five squares over the roofs of wooden houses. The entire Fire Department is on the ground, but they seem paralyzed and unable to fight the flames because of the fierce wind and suffocating smoke.

3:45 a. m.—The fire has at this hour spread over seven blocks, and has become a great conflagration. Fully fifty houses are burning fiercely some south of the fire as it progresses southward is filled with the finest residences in the city, but all are wooden. For five squares south the fire was confined to the width of one square, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, but when it crossed Winie street, six squares from the starting point, it jumped diagonally to the southeast into the next block, and gives evidence of consuming one-third of the city.

GALVESTON, TEX., November 13—7 a. m.—The fire is still burning fiercely. It is now about four blocks from the Beach. It is raging on Avenue "N." It is still spreading on both sides, and has cut a swath of six blocks. There is great distress and hundreds of families has everything. The loss already reaches several millions of dollars.

GALVESTON, TEXAS, November 13—9:10 a. m.—The fire has now reached within three blocks of the beach, and is still spreading its path for that spot. The efforts of the firemen seem powerless.

GALVESTON, November 13—10 a. m.—Over fifteen hundred residences have been destroyed, and hundreds of families are homeless. The fire extended from the Bay to the Gulf.

GALVESTON, November 13.—11:20 a. m.—The fire has reached the beach. About a mile and a half in some places and six or seven blocks wide is consumed. The wind is blowing a terrific gale, and the fire is still burning fiercely and is not under control. Hundreds are in despair, and the scenes of sorrow and desolation are most heartrending.

1 p. m.—The flames continued their course fiercely until this hour, they had apparently exhausted themselves, having burned right across the city and reached the gulf on the south side of the island. Over four hundred houses were burned, and a thousand families are homeless. The loss is estimated at $1,500,000.

Found by a Dream.

FREDERICKTON, MD., November 12.—Last Thursday Columbus Dronenberg, aged twenty-five, son of a prominent wheelwright and farmer living near Urbana, this county, attended a sociable at a neighbor's house. He left for home about 1 a. m., and was never seen alive again. After two days' absence his family organized a corps of searchers, but they could find no trace of the missing man. Monday night Mr. Dronenberg, sr., says that he had a dream in which he saw his son's corpse lying on the floor of a mammoth barn, and, at the request of the father, the neighbors commenced to search all the barns in the neighborhood. Large barns were given the preference, and in the barn owned by Mr. Thos. Dixon, near Urbana, the largest in the county, the corpse of the missing man was found. It bore many bruises, and the manner of death has caused a great deal of comment. The Coroner's jury has adjourned to await the result of a post-mortem examination. The father and son have always been on good terms.

Too Sharp For the Robber.

CORRY, PA., November 13.—At three o'clock this morning E. D. Dalton, just south of the city limits, was awakened by a slight noise, and, opening his eyes, saw a man pass his bedroom window. He slipped quietly out of bed, revolver in hand, listening for the next noise, which soon came from a window in the adjoining room. Quietly he opened the door. He discovered a man's hand trying to open the window. He raised the revolver and let fly. A groan was heard, and all was still. Dalton stood guard in the kitchen till six o'clock this morning. It was seen that the ball had passed through the window, and probably lodged in some part of the robber's body. Some surgeon has by this time probed for it. A can of nitro-glycerine was found this morning not many rods from the house. Dalton, not knowing the dangerous character of the can, brought it to Alderman Truesdell's office, who immediately directed him to take it to some safe place and explode it with a rifle.

Digging up the Bones of Mound-Builders.

CARROLTON, ILL., November 13.—On the farm owned by R. M. Osborn, east of this place, in an old Indian mound, the remains of thirty-two Indians, or mound-builders, were brought to light. They were buried side by side in rows, face downward, one-half of the skeletons being headed to the north-west and the other half having the heads to the south-east, the two rows being together. Some of the thigh bones were sixteen inches long, and some of the skulls twenty-four inches in circumference. No utensils or weapons have been found.

A Boy Suicides.

WOOSTER, O., November 14.—Hiram Hoisington, aged seventeen, son of Wynam Hoisington, a wealthy farmer, nine miles north of Wooster, suicided this morning by shooting himself with a rifle. During the family's absence he went to the house, rigged the rifle on a pump in the kitchen, tying a string to the trigger, passing the string around the pump and pulling it, sending a bullet in the center of his forehead, causing instant death. He was quiet and well behaved, and the cause of the suicide is a mystery.

Smallpox Decreasing.

MORTREAL, November 13.—The turn of the tide has come at last. The cases of smallpox are steadily decreasing. This is due to the Borough system of isolation now in force and to the prosecution of all offenders against the sanitary laws. Yesterday there were only ten deaths in the city, by far the lowest number in one day for many weeks. There were thirteen in the neighboring municipalities, making a total of twenty-three.

Goes to Work Like a Man.

NEW YORK, November 14.—Ernest Schelling Huiskamp, who eloped with Miss Victoria Morosini from her father's house in Yonkers on September 9, 1884, according to the *Morning Journal*, applied a few days ago at the offices of the Sixth Avenue Surface Railroad for a position as car conductor. He was accepted, and at 9 o'clock this morning he started out on his first trip.

A Happy Nova Scotian.

HALIFAX, N. S., November 13.—Herman Rogers, of Acadia, has been notified by an English law firm that a recent decision of the Court of Chancery has established his heirship to an estate consisting of money to the amount of some millions of dollars.

A Week's Failures.

NEW YORK, November 13.—The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days, as reported to R. G. Dun & Co., number for the United States 190, and for Canada 33, or a total of 223, as compared with 179 last week and 201 the week previous. The considerable increase occurs in the Western and Pacific States and Canada.

Young Ladies, Here's Your Chance.

NEWBURYPORT, MASS., November 12.—Charles H. Barker, single, twenty-eight years of age, has fallen heir to $7,500,000 by the death of his aunt, Mrs. Mary Ann Thurber, of London.

DONE BY DYNAMITE.

What a Four-Year-Old Child Did With a Cartridge, and What the Cartridge Did For the Family.

MILWAUKEE, November 12.—Particulars have just been received of a distressing accident which occurred near the little village of Rockfield, twenty-six miles north of this city, this morning. The little four-year-old daughter of Jacob Dhein, lime-burner and stone-quarrier, innocently picked up a large dynamite cartridge, used for heavy blasting, and threw it into the kitchen stove. A terrific explosion followed, shattering the house, killing the little girl, fatally injuring Mrs. Dhein and seriously mutilating other members of the family. The child's head and arm were torn from the body, its head being found quite a distance from the house attached to a portion of the family dog's head, the animal having stood by the little one's side at time of the explosion. The mother had both limbs broken and her body frightfully mutilated in the region of her bowels. She can not recover. Mr. Dhein had several bones broken, but he is thought to not be fatally injured. The force of the explosion was so great as to scatter portions of the building for miles about.

State's Prison Romance.

JOLIET, ILL., November 11.—The mysterious murder of Dr. Allen, a prominent resident of Sandwich, Ill., six years ago, created a great sensation in this State. A young man named William Thomas, previously of high character, was arrested and, principally on the evidence of a female detective from Chicago, was convicted and sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary. Yesterday it was developed that a few days since James Young, a convict sent from Carroll County, recently had made a full confession of the crime, going into minute and hitherto unknown details and assigning remorse as the reason for his action. An indictment was quietly found in the DeKalb Circuit Court yesterday, a writ of habeas corpus was issued, and last night Sheriff Wood left the penitentiary with Young. Thomas has always protested his entire innocence of the crime.

SYCAMORE, ILL., November 12.—James Young, the convict sent to the Penitentiary for ten years seven months ago from Carroll County, and who has confessed to the murder of Hiram P. Allen, a retired farmer of Sandwich, on the night of February 14, 1880, was brought into court yesterday, and in response to the usual interrogatories, said he did not wish an attorney, and pleaded guilty. On being asked by Judge Killom if he understood the full import of his plea, and that he was liable to be hanged, Young replied that he was fully aware of it, and persisted in pleading guilty. "Then, sir," said the Judge, "the Court must say this is among the most astonishing cases on record. The idea of a man coming here and entering this plea is almost beyond belief, and the Court will not enter the plea of guilty until he has taken some measures to ascertain regarding your sanity, and see whether you are responsible for your acts." Young protested that he knew what he was about, and wished to write out a statement, but Judge Killom would not delay his plea, and will cause a special jury to test his sanity.

SYCAMORE, ILL., November 13.—In the County Court to-day Judge Kellum announced as his opinion that the confession of the convict Young of the murder of Dr. Allen was sufficient for the court, and sentenced him to imprisonment for life. This must result in the release of the innocent man now in Joliet penitentiary.

Preparations for Congress.

WASHINGTON, November 12.—The hall of the House is being put in order for the session, which is only a little over three weeks away. The desks have been refurnished and are now being covered with dark cloth. The new carpets have been put down. They are this time Brussels. Last year and the year before they were velvet. Every year Congress has a new carpet. The Forty-eighth Congress had a red one; the Forty-Seventh a green one with yellow spots. This one is red also, with small circular figures of yellow and black. It was made for the hall of the House from original drawings. It takes over 1,300 yards of carpet to cover the floor of the hall of the House, and when you add to that the amount required for the committee rooms in the House end of the Capitol, the total figures up about 2,000 yards.

American Shipping Statistics.

WASHINGTON, November 12.—The seventeenth annual list of merchant vessels of the United States, as prepared by the Commissioner of Navigation, shows as follows, compared with the list of the previous year: Total number of vessels—1884, 26,630; 1885, 25,513; decrease, 1,117 vessels. Sailing vessels—1884, 17,568; 1885, 17,167; decrease, 331. Steam vessels—1884, 6,111; 1885, 5,705; decrease, 405. Unrigged vessels—1884, 2,921; 1885, 2,640; decrease, 281. It is stated that the decrease in the number of vessels is more apparent than real, as is evidenced by the fact that there were many vessels on the list of 1884 which had been lost or sold to foreign traders; that they were retained on the list to a failure on the part of their owners or masters to report their loss or sale. It is estimated that the real increase in the number of vessels owned in the United States during the past year was about two hundred.

In Bed for Twelve Years.

PITTSBURGH, November 12.—Lying in the baggage-room at Union Station to-day were two women upon couches who had come from Midway. They were mother and daughter by the name of Bell, and they were going to Leetonia, O. Both were suffering with consumption. The mother had been in bed for twelve years. In 1873 she was living with her husband, who is a farmer. She quarreled with him one day and made a vow that she would go to bed and stay there till she died. She has kept that vow until the present time. Three years ago she persuaded her daughter to take the same vow.

A Novel Escape From Jail.

SALEM, ILL., November 12.—Ed. Jones, a prisoner awaiting trial for murder, was missing when the sheriff went to his room. He is supposed to have been carried out of jail in a bundle of bed-clothes, which another prisoner took out in the jail-yard to be aired.

A Walkup Juror's Sudden Death.

EMPORIA, KAS., November 12.—Michael Meyers, one of the jury in the Walkup case, dropped dead in his chair, at a farm near Neosho Rapids, yesterday, it is supposed, of heart disease.

The Last of Earth.

PHILADELPHIA, November 13.—The body of John McCullough, the actor, was committed to the tomb to-day, and the tears of thousands of mourners who loved him as a friend or admired him as a man, fell upon his coffin, fragrant with the perfume of flowers.

Ex-Confederate Soldiers Swindled.

WASHINGTON, November 13.—Ex-Confederate soldiers who were drafted into service are being swindled by Washington claim agents, who delude them with the idea that they can collect from the Government for the reason that they were forced to fight.

Oil Statistics.

WASHINGTON, November 12.—The Chief of the Bureau of Statistics report the total value of the exports of mineral oils from the United States as follows: October, 1885, $4,476,053; October, 1884, $5,520,146; ten months, ended October 31, 1885, $41,598,424; ten months, ended October 31, 1884, $40,462,025.

Sixteen Persons Injured.

PITTSBURGH, PA., November 12.—An express train on the B. & O. Railroad ran into a misplaced switch at Blue Stone-quarry, near Pittsburgh, and was thrown into the Youghiogheny River. Sixteen persons were injured.

THE WAR.

Prince Alexander Commanding in Person.

The Fall of Sofia Imminent—Savage Hand-to-Hand Fighting—Austrian War Office Undoubtedly Directing the Movement of the Servians.

VIENNA, November 16.—A dispatch from Belgrade states that after several hours desperate fighting, for the most part hand-to-hand, between the Bulgarians and Servians at Raptcha, the former were defeated and compelled to retire. The fighting on the line resulted disastrously to the Servians. The losses on both sides were total. After the victory at [illegible] the Servian forces pushed rapidly forward, hotly pressing the Bulgarians. Zaribrod, one of the principal Bulgarian frontier towns, was captured by the Servians. Colonel Beneck, commanding the Drina and Shumadia division, encountered a strongly entrenched position held by the Bulgarians just beyond the frontier, and immediately stormed the works. He captured four redoubts, taking 200 prisoners. General Djukniteh, commanding the Timok division, crossed the Timok River and attacked a force of Bulgarians intrenched near the river bank on the Bulgarian side and thoroughly routed them, capturing the trenches and taking 150 prisoners. The losses sustained by the Servians in these engagements were light, losing in all only two officers and fifty men killed and two hundred wounded. The Servians are following up their victories and pushing forward rapidly toward Sofia.

SOFIA, November 16.—About twelve thousand Bulgarian troops, including cavalry and infantry, left this city in the direction of the Dragoman Pass. They are under the immediate command of Prince Alexander. There is the most intense anxiety here on account of the report that the Bulgarian troops on the frontier have been defeated by the Servians. The scenes attending the departure of the troops were most effecting. The Prince was pale, but bore a resolute expression. He addressed the troops in words which showed his full realization of the gravity of the situation. At the same time, his remarks were courageous and inspiring, and they elicited warm applause. For some distance along the road leading from the city the troops were accompanied by specimens of the fairest women, among which the wives, mothers and daughters of the soldiers formed the larger portion. Popular and patriotic airs were started by the populace and caught up by the troops as they marched along. It was the comment of one accustomed to such scenes, that at no time was less of national enthusiasm manifested than of the personal sympathy naturally brought out by the presence of danger. In short, the people do not feel the sense of wrong nor the ambition for conquest which are requisite to arouse a nation to exaltation. Still, it is hoped that the fidelity of the troops to their Prince will serve to turn the tide of Servian success and save the Capital from the enemy. It is expected that a decisive battle will take place at the Dragoman Pass.

BELGRADE, November 16.—It is reported from the front that the Servians having turned the Dragoman Pass, are now marching on Sofia, and that the road to the line of entrenchments to that city is clear.

PHILIPPOPOLIS, November 16.—Twenty thousand troops have started for the front since Saturday. A students' legion, composed of youths belonging to the best families in the city, has also left for the scene of war. They wear a special uniform. There were many affecting scenes on their departure.

WAS HE ALIVE?

One of the Hanged Italians Turns in His Coffin.

CHICAGO, November 16.—It is rumored here to-day that Azari, one of the Italian murderers hanged on Saturday, was not killed, and that when the coffins were opened at the cemetery his body had changed its position and showed signs of life. It is said that the attendants, alarmed at the discovery and fearing that the murderer's restoration to life would cause him to suffer a second hanging, hastily screwed down the coffin lid again. The coffins were placed in the vault, owing to indications that the bodies, if buried, would be taken from their graves. Mr. E. G. Neili, President of the Society for the Burial of Indigent Italians, to whom the bodies were delivered, was seen to-day in relation to the rumor. He admitted that the body of Azari had changed its position, but believed that life was extinct when the coffins were opened.

Louis Riel Executed.

REGINA, N. W. T., November 16.—Louis David Riel was executed on the scaffold at the barracks of the mounted police force, near this city, for high treason against the Queen of Great Britain, at 8:45 o'clock this morning, mountain time. He displayed an inclination at the last moment to make an address, but Pere Andre reminded him of his promise, and he then arose and walked toward the executioner, repeating his prayers to the last moment, the final words escaping him being "Merci Jesu." He died without a struggle. Not to exceed twenty persons were permitted within the confines of the barracks to witness the execution, and it was certainly performed with decorum and dispatch. His body was taken in charge of by the Coroner, and the verdict usual to all State executions was rendered.

Theebaw's War Ship Captured.

RANGOON, November 16.—In the war with the war vessel belonging to King Theebaw, reported yesterday, the fire from the British caused 200 of the crew of the Burmese vessel to jump overboard. The British then boarded the vessel and proceeded up the river with her. It is reported that 3,000 troops are stockaded at Fort Kuligon, which occupies a high dominating position overhanging the river at Minhla.

Charged With Destroying Ballots.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., November 16.—George W. Hill and Charles Smith were arrested to-day charged with having stolen and destroyed the ballots of the Second Precinct, Eighteenth Ward, which could not be found when the recount Commission opened the ballot box. They were placed under $1,000 bond.

—A writer in a prominent British medical journal says the popular belief that beef-tea contains the strength of the beet is a terrible error, and that it has no food value whatever, being only a stimulant. The people who have supposed their lives had been saved by the use of the tea, and the physicians who have prescribed it for thousands of patients with apparently satistactory results, will doubtless be very much surprised to learn this.—*Chicago Current.*

—It is stated that many of the crown jewels stolen from the royal armory at Turin last August have found their way to this country. They comprise the most valuable of the heirlooms of the House of Savoy, being worth over $400,000. Dealers in jewels in the United States have been requested to look out for them.

—Previous to 1835 all the best gloves came to America from France and Germany, the former country sending the higher-priced article. The first American manufacturer settled at Gloversville, N. Y., during the year above named, and now there are at that place at Johnstown, near by, five hundred factories.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

Louisville Leaf Tobacco Market.

The market for Burley tobaccos has been marked by a quiet but steady and healthy action, with the demand uniformly proportionate to the supply. There have been no variations in prices except a slight weakening in common leaf and a fractional advance in medium leaf, and altogether the market has been in better form. Freight rates to Virginia points were reduced on Monday from 23c to 19c, the same as from Louisville.

We quote 1884 tobacco as follows for full-weight packages:

	Dark and Heavy.	Burley.
[illegible]	$3 75@ 4 00	$ 3 75@ 4 50
[illegible]	4 25@ 4 50	4 25@ 4 50
[illegible]	5 00@ 5 25	5 00@ 6 00
[illegible]	5 75@ 6 25	6 25@ 7 00
[illegible]	7 25@ 8 25	7 25@ 7 50
[illegible]	8 75@ 9 25	8 75@11 50
[illegible]	10 00@11 25	13 50@15 50
[illegible]	13 00@15 50	17 00@22 00

Miscellaneous Items.

JOHN H. CLAYCAMP, a farmer of Hamilton County, was swindled by an agent for a patent "feed-grinder and cooker," who induced him to execute a note for $195.35.

CHARLES GALE, wanted at Richmond on several criminal charges, has been brought back from Kansas by Sheriff Gorman.

CHARLES FORSTER, of Indianapolis, who has been appointed U. S. Consul at Elberfeld, Germany, has been found to be unnaturalized, and will be recalled.

THE city of Jeffersonville is in debt $375,000, and must borrow money to pay the interest.

AT Vincennes, Emily J. Daffron sued Emory Smith for $5,000 damages for being the author of betrain. The case was bitterly fought a week in court, and on the 13th the jury gave her $1,000 damages. Smith is a wealthy young farmer.

MRS. SARAH A. HARNESS died very suddenly at Indianapolis, of heart disease.

MICHAEL CONNOR was struck by an engine at Indianapolis, and received fatal injuries.

CHAPMAN, the Hartford City rapist, has been sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

DR. J. H. MARTIN, a prominent physician of Arcadia, died suddenly the other night, under circumstances that lead to the belief that he committed suicide.

WILBUR WORTENS, who was found guilty of murder a few days ago, was brought into Court at Rensselaer on the 12th, and created quite a stir by fainting when the Judge began to pronounce the death sentence upon him. When restored to consciousness he could not sit up, and the doctors advised returning the prisoner to his cell till morning, but Judge Ward declined, and declared his intention to proceed with the sentence. The Sheriff and Bailiffs placed the prisoner upon a table, where he lay pale and trembling, but partially recovered from his shock, while the Court pronounced the judgement in short, measured sentences, and the interpreter repeated them in the prisoner's ear. February 26th was fixed as the day for execution of the sentence.

WILLIAM MCBAIDE, a half crazy convict in the State Prison South, attempted to escape by letting himself down from the walls on a rope made from bedclothing. The rope broke early in the attempt, and McBride is in the hospital with several broken bones.

THE Fire Committee of the City Council of Jeffersonville, have called a meeting to investigate the conduct of the Chief and members thereof, who are accused of being loose in their habits and neglectful of their duty.

IN Harrison County a man named Gresham was severely whipped by regulators because he did not properly support his wife and children.

LAST June Mrs. Sarah Wilson and her two children, who made it a point to tramp from place to place during the summer, were caught on a high trestle near Roanoke by an F., D. and S. train and killed, and their bodies, being unclaimed by relatives in Indianapolis, were buried by the pauper authorities. Now comes Stephen C. Wilson, husband and father of the flock, with a suit in the Federal Court demanding $20,000, and he asks that if the receiver hasn't sufficient money to pay the claim it be taken out of the proceeds when the road is sold.

ADOLPH SALINGER, a clothing dealer of Lafayette, has assigned. Liabilities, $80,000; assets, $20,000. The creditors are chiefly Cincinnati firms.

THE Sheriff has levied upon and closed up the dry goods store of G. Conrad, an old and successful merchant of Washington, on judgments rendered upon suits brought upon the bond of Joseph G. Miller, contractor of the Gibson County Court-house.

THE $5,000 damage suit filed several weeks ago at Shelbyville, by Marion W. Henderson against City Marshal James Bassett for false imprisonment was dismissed the other day, the plaintiff failing to give security for costs.

A NEWSPAPER telegram from El Paso, Texas, says a man who recently created a sensation in Indiana by some astounding swindle is at present living under an assumed name in Chihuahua, Mexico, where he is on the point of making a trade for an English property which he will clear $75,000. It is said that this is the notorious Ben Davis, of Terre Haute, who was in contemplation of the feat.

[illegible] BRINING, Nelson Metcalf and [illegible] Sterling were killed by the explosion of a boiler in the flouring mill of F. J. Bryant at Hopkinsville.

The resignation of Pension Agent Kelley, of Louisville, has been accepted, and General Carlos Buell appointed to the position.

The Police Department of Louisville are making it unpleasantly warm for the army of thieves and thugs who have infested that city for some time past.

NEW corn brings thirty cents a bushel in Fulton County.

SUIT will be brought against John G. Roach & Co., Louisville, for $80,000 tax due on whisky.

HENRY SPILLMAN will wear irons in the Jessamine County jail to atone for sawing off his cell bars and attempting to escape.

GENERAL JAMES A. DAWSON, who is just appointed Surveyor General of Colorado, is a former Kentucky man, and has many friends in Covington.

SINCE the gambling houses have been raided and closed out in Louisville, the sporting fraternity who fancy faro have made Jeffersonville, Ind., their rendezvous.

AN ex-former turned up more than $5,000 worth of his stolen property in Louisville "fence."

Two hundred barrels of hickory nuts are shipped every day by a single firm in Paducah.

TEN thousand bushels of wheat have been sowed in Clark County this year.

AT Glencoe, a few days ago, a mare valued at $200, belonging to Daniel Odor was killed by a train. Later, as Mr. James Edwards and wife, of Owen County, were attempting to cross the railroad in front of the Post-office in a buggy passenger train No. 1 came suddenly upon them. To escape Mrs. Edwards sprang from the buggy, fall-on her arm and breaking it.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

An Imaginative Discourse On the Heavenly Constellations.

The Divine Nature as Illustrated by "The Pleiades and Orion"—Each World a Room In the "Many Mansions" Provided for the Redeemed.

The subject of the following sermon, recently delivered in the Brooklyn Tabernacle by Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, was "The Pleiades of Orion," the text being:

Seek Him that maketh the seven stars and Orion.—[Amos, v., 8.

A country farmer wrote this text—Amos, of Tekoa. He plowed the earth and threshed the grain by a new threshing-machine just invented, as formerly the cattle trod out the grain. He gathered the fruit of the sycamore tree and sacrificed it with an iron comb just before it was getting ripe, as it was necessary in that way to take from it the bitterness. He was son of a poor shepherd and stuttered, but before the stammering rustic the Phillistines and Syrians and Phœnicians and Moabites and Ammonites and Edomites and Israelites trembled. Moses was a lawgiver, Daniel was a prince, Isaiah a courtier and David a King; but Amos, the author of my text, was a peasant, and as might be supposed, nearly all his parallelisms are pastoral, his prophecy full of the odor of new-mown hay, and the rattle of locusts and the rumble of carts with sheaves, and the roar of wild beasts devouring the flock while the shepherd came out in their defense. He watched the herds by day and night, inhabited a booth made out of bushes, so that through these branches he could see the stars all night long, and was more familiar with them than we who have tight roofs to our houses and hardly ever see the stars except among the tall brick chimneys of the great towns. But at seasons of the year when the herds were in special danger, he would stay out in the open field all through the darkness, his only shelter the curtain of the night, heaven with the stellar embroideries and silvered tassels of lunar light. What a life of solitude, all alone with his herds! Poor Amos! and at twelve o'clock at night, hark to the wolf's bark and the lion's roar and the bears growl and the owl's te-whit-te-whos, and the serpent's hiss as he unwittingly steps too near while moving through the thickets! So Amos, like other herdsmen, got the habit of studying the map of the heavens; because it was so much of the time spread out before him. He noticed some stars advancing and others receding. He associated their dawn and setting with certain seasons of the year. He had a poetic nature and he read night by night and month by month and year by year the poem of the constellations, divinely rythmic. But two rosettes of stars especially attracted his attention while seated on the ground or lying on his back under the open scroll of the midnight heavens—the Pleiades, or seven stars, and Orion. The former group this rustic prophet associated with the spring, as it rises about the first of May. The latter he associated with the winter, as it comes to the meridian in January. The Pleiades, or seven stars, connected with all sweetness and joy; Orion the herald of the tempest. The ancients were the more apt to study the physiognomy and juxtaposition of the heavenly bodies, because they thought they had a special influence upon the earth, and perhaps they were right. If the moon every few hours lifts and lets down the tides of the Atlantic Ocean, and the electric storms of last year in the sun, by all scientific admission, affected the earth, why not the stars have proportionate effect? And there are some things which make me think that it may not have been all superstition which connected the movements and appearance of the heavenly bodies with great moral events of earth. Did not a meteor run on evangelist errand on the first Christmas night and designate the rough cradle of our Lord? Did not the stars in their course fight against Sisera? Was it merely coincidental that before the destruction of Jerusalem the moon was eclipsed for twelve consecutive nights? Did it merely happen so that a new star appeared in constellation Cassiopia and then disappeared just before King Charles IX. of France, who was responsible for the St. Bartholomew massacre, died? Was it without significance that in the days of the Roman Emperor Justinian war and famine were preceded by the dimness of the sun, which for nearly a year gave no more light than the moon, although there were no clouds to obscure it? Astrology after all may have been something more than a brilliant heathenism. No wonder that Amos of the text, having heard these two anthems of the stars, put down the stout, rough staff of the herdsman and took into his brown hand and cut and knotted fingers the pen of a prophet, and advised the recreant people of his time to return to God, saying: "Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion."

This command, which Amos gave 785 years before Christ, is just as appropriate for us, A. D. 1885.

In the first place Amos saw, as we must see, that the God who made the Pleiades and Orion must be the God of order. It was not so much a star here and a star there that impressed the inspired herdsman, but seven in one group and four in the other group. He saw that night after night and season after season and decade after decade they had kept step of light, each one in its own place, a sisterhood never clashing and never contesting precedence. From the time Hesiod called the Pleiades the "seven daughters of Atlas," and Virgil wrote in his Æneid of "Stormy Orion," until now, they have observed the order established for their coming and going; order written not in manuscript that may be pigeon-holed, but with the hand of the Almighty on the dome of the sky, so that all nations may read it. Order. Persistent order. Sublime order. Omnipotent order. What a sedative to you and me, to whom communities and nations sometimes seem going pell-mell and the world ruled by some fiend at hap-hazard, and in all directions mal-administration! The God who keeps seven worlds in right circuit for 6,000 years can certainly keep all the affairs of individuals and nations and continents in adjustment. We had not better fret much, for the peasant's argument of the text was right. If God can take care of the seven worlds of the Pleiades and the four chief worlds of Orion, he can probably take care of the one world we inhabit. So I feel very much as my father felt one day when we were going to the country mill to get a grist ground, and I, a boy of seven years, sat in the back part of the wagon, and our yoke of oxen ran away with us, and along a labyrinthine road through the woods, so that I thought every moment we would be dashed to pieces, and I made a terrible outcry of fright, and my father turned to me with a face perfectly calm and said: "De Witt, what are you crying about? I guess we can ride as fast as the oxen can run." And my hearers, why should we be affrighted and lose our equilibrium in the swift movement of the worldly events, especially when we are assured that it is not a yoke of unbroken steers that are drawing us on, but that order and wise government are in the yoke? In your occupation, your mission, your sphere, do the best you can and then trust God, and if things are all mixed and disquieting and your brain is hot and your heart sick, get some one to go out with you into the starlight and point out to you the Pleiades, or, better than that, get into some observatory and through the telescope see further than Amos with the naked eye could, namely, 200 stars in the Pleiades, and that in what is called the sword of Orion there is a nebula computed to be two trillion two hundred thousand billions of times larger than the sun. Oh, be at peace with the God who made all that and controls all that: the wheel of the constellations turning in the wheel of galaxies for thousands of years without the breaking of a cog or the slipping of a band or the snapping of an axle. For your placidity and comfort through the Lord Jesus Christ I charge you, "Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion."

Again Amos saw, as we must see, that the God who made these two groups of the text was the God of light. Amos saw that God was not satisfied with making one star or two or three stars, but he makes seven, and having finished that group of worlds makes another group, group after group. To the Pleiades he adds Orion. It seems that God likes light so well that he keeps making it. Only one being in the universe knows the statistics of solar, lunar, stellar, meteoric creations, and that is the Creator himself. And they have all been lovingly christened, each one a name as distinct as the names of your children. "He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names." The seven Pleiads had names given to them, and they are Alcyone, Merope, Celæno, Electra, Sterope, Taygete and Maia. But of the billions and trillions of daughters of starry light that God calls by