

REBEL WAR CLAIMS.

The Door Opened for a Fifty-Million Steel.

A Rejected Claim Ordered Paid by Congress—Rebel Bonds Paid Three Times as Much as Legal Bonds—The Item Nipped in Conference After Being Exposed to the Committee.

Entering Wedge to the Treasury. In the murky civil appropriation bill, which passed during the last hours of the last session of Congress, was the following:

To pay the treasurer of the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company the balance on account of the claim for the same, as certified by the accounting officers of the Treasury in settlement of \$7,500,000, and to pay the same of \$20,775,000 to be hereby appropriated for that purpose.

This claim had been considered by the House Committee on Appropriations, of which Mr. A. J. C. Cannon was chairman, and was an active member of the conference committee which agreed to insert the item.

It was a notorious fact, and within the knowledge of the committee, that the payment of this claim had been successfully combated by Hon. J. D. Cameron, when Secretary of War, and by Secretary Sherman in the Treasury Department, who had placed a veto upon it, so far as its payment by the Government was concerned.

The Richmond and Danville Railroad Company, in 1862, made a claim upon the Government for the use of the same, and for the use of the same in the military route established by the War Department, and for the use of the same in the military route established by the War Department.

Upon such a submission of facts the Comptroller rejected the claim, and his decision was approved by Secretary McCrann.

It is said that, fortified by this precedent, a rebel railroad risk company had secured a railroad note and a delinquent claim agents, had been formed to press this class of claims upon Congress with all the power of an immense lobby, supplemented by Democratic sympathy for the "lost cause."

The Secretary of the Treasury yesterday issued his sixty-sixth call for the redemption of \$300,000,000 of the same. These bonds are redeemable on and after the 7th of November, 1878, on which date interest on them will cease.

FIRY LOCOMOTIVE IN AMERICA.

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These are the killed, but there have been doubtless many more who were injured, and who were either killed outright or have died from their injuries. Many of the killed are emigrants, and cannot be identified.

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Threatened Raid in Arizona. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—There is considerable excitement at Yuma, Arizona, over a threatened raid by Indians, who have recently gathered in some numbers in the vicinity of that town, encouraged by the absence of the United States troops, and influenced with whisky, surreptitiously furnished them. The citizens are guarding approaches to the town.

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BANKERS IN CONVENTION.

The Remedies for the Hard Times.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 7.—The Bankers' Association began its annual session with a brief address by Charles B. Hall, of Boston. The president of the business committee made a report of work done during the year to strengthen and extend the influence of the association. One hundred and ten thousand sealed letters and 310,000 circulars and printed papers had been sent out and had helped to forward the return to specie payment. Letters regretting inability to attend were read from Secretary of the Commission of Internal Revenue, and the Director of the Mint.

O. C. Hale, cashier of the State National Bank, of Keokuk, read a paper on subsidiary specie, speaking of the entry against monopolies and bank stockholders. He said the door is wide open and inviting for all to enter into the monopoly of banking who desire, and riders on the Government should be made to furnish money for all. Regarding bank loans and interest, he said that banks had 350 per cent more loaned at an average less than 10 per cent in 1877 than was loaned in 1869. This convention should give no uncertain sound against dishonest money. Let us as a nation be honest with ourselves and our creditors, and hard times will gradually disappear.

George Walker read a paper on the history of banking, comparing the national system with all others in our States and in European countries, showing the advantages of our system. Among prominent persons present not mentioned were W. H. Raven, of Philadelphia, and J. C. Matthews, of New York. Wells and George A. Butler, of New Haven; Halsey Williams, of Pittsburg; G. C. Barrett, of Louisville, and Mr. Torrey, of Houma, La. The committee on officers will report tomorrow.

Congressional Nominations. GALESBURG, ILL., Aug. 7.—The Republican Congressional convention of the ninth district today renominated Thomas A. Boyd on the first ballot. The second race, hand-pick, for all ages, two miles, was won by Princeton, Eastwacker second, Shylack third, Time, 3:44.

The Detroit Regatta. DETROIT, MICH., Aug. 7.—This was the first day of the Northwest regatta. The weather was fine, but a fresh breeze prevailed during the entire afternoon, causing lumpy water, and the shells in all the races slipped more or less water, embarrassing the oarsmen. The first race was for junior double sculls, and was won by Princeton, Eastwacker second, Shylack third, Time, 3:44.

Paraguay. PANAMA, July 29.—The Congress is now in session. The early days of its session were stormy. The Civilists party has taken complete control and carries everything its own way. The government is largely in the minority. Letters received from Iquitos, the Peruvian naval station on the Amazon, announce that deplorable reports have been received as to the sanitary condition of the laborers on the Madeira and Manoro Railroad. A violent fever had broken out and was carrying off numbers daily, while medical attendance was almost entirely wanting.

Struck by Lightning at Sea. BALTIMORE, Aug. 7.—The British steamship Nova Scotia, Captain Archer, which arrived this morning, brought in tow the brig Kalina, Captain Curtis, picked up at sea, disabled. The Kalina was on a voyage from Philadelphia to Greenock, with a cargo of sugar and sugar-cane. On Friday, August 2, at 4:45 a. m., lat. 38:52, long. 76:24, she was struck by lightning, carrying away the mainmast forty feet above deck, and the foremast by the trees, with all yards. All sails were lost except the flying jip and middle-stay-sail, and the brig dismasted. On Monday, August 5, she was taken in tow by the Nova Scotia, and taken in tow. The Kalina is 348 tons, 2400 hp, and was built at New York, and A. C. Nash, of Huntington, Me.

Another Fatal Accident. GREENFIELD, MASS., Aug. 7.—The 9:30 train left Greenfield for Boston at 9:30 a. m. A heavy thunder storm visited this city yesterday afternoon. The German 64th Fellows were holding a picnic in Tread Park at the time. They sought refuge in a building on the grounds, which was struck by lightning, scattering fifteen persons, three of whom were seriously though not fatally injured.

Something in Tennessee. NASHVILLE, TENN., Aug. 7.—One hundred and thirty-five men went to jail at Franklin last night, broke it open, and took out Calvin Batty, colored, aged eighteen, charged with having raped a six-year-old daughter of Daniel Christman, a prominent citizen, while returning from school last Friday. They probably hung him, but no trace of this body can be found.

THE TURF, OAR, AND CUE.

Numerous Sports in Different Sections Yesterday.

Trotting Races at Rochester—Best Pacing Time on Record—A Heavy Track at Saratoga—The Northwestern Rowing Association—Pat Men's Rowing Match—Champion Billiard Match.

Second Day's Rochester Races. ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 7.—A strong wind was blowing, but the track was good. The attendance is increasing. First race, \$1,000, divided: St. Cloud and Josie Hayes were drawn. Croix took the first and second heats, Lucille the third, and the fourth was declared no heat, as the jockey thought Lucille had been pulled. Murphy then drove Lucille, winning the two following heats; Croix second, Lady Mills third, Hamiltonian fourth, time 2:21. Daily second, Edward third, Woodford Manbrino fourth.

Saratoga Races. SARATOGA, Aug. 7.—The track is heavy today from yesterday's storm. The first race, for all ages, one mile, was won by Gremlin Bend, filly, Bertha second, Binnet third, Time, 1:48.

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NEWS FROM ABROAD.

Patriotic Swindlers in Russia.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—The Estafette states that in consequence of the complaint of a Russian naval officer that a vessel purchased in the United States for 700,000 roubles, for the volunteer fleet, was not worth half that amount, an inquiry was ordered, resulting in the discovery that of the 2,500,000 roubles subscribed to the volunteer fleet fund more than half of the sum has found its way into the pockets of the organizers of the volunteer movement.

The Feeling at Constantinople. LONDON, Aug. 7.—A dispatch from Constantinople says: "The Press Bureau recommends editors of public journals to use moderate language in the discussion of public affairs, and instructs them to deny any insinuation of hostility between the Sultan and the Emperor, or that the Sultan secretly encourages resistance to the provisions of the treaty of Berlin."

The Kinsing Conference. BERLIN, Aug. 7.—The North German Gazette says the newspaper statements in press relative to a conference at Kinsing between Prince Bismarck and the Papal Nuncio are unreliable. There is great probability that the consensus of opinion in those statements are not founded. The Gazette adds that the Kinsing negotiations have no connection with the German elections, as the conference was resolved upon before a dissolution of Parliament was contemplated.

The French Strikers. PARIS, Aug. 7.—The strikes in the north of France have terminated. The reports of their revival are not true. ROMAN APOSTOLICAL FRANCIS'S SUCCESSOR. ROME, Aug. 7.—The Pope has asked Cardinal Morfeli if he is willing to succeed the late Cardinal Franzoni as Pontifical Secretary of State.

The Franco-American Conference. PARIS, Aug. 7.—The Franco-American conference, met at the Grand Hotel today. About forty American delegates were present and nearly all the chambers of commerce in France were represented. There was general indignation at a desire for a treaty, M. Fould, D'arcail and Mr. Paillex presided for France and America respectively. In their opening speeches the French delegates extended a cordial welcome to the American delegates, and expressed great hopes for the success of the conference.

The Turkish Declaration. LONDON, Aug. 8.—A Vienna dispatch to the Times says that the Turkish declaration of independence was not a declaration of independence, but a declaration of the Turkish occupation of the Turkish provinces. The declaration was not a declaration of independence, but a declaration of the Turkish occupation of the Turkish provinces.

Explosion of a Russian Magazine. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 7.—A Russian magazine exploded today. A number of persons were killed and great damage was done to property. The explosion occurred in a magazine in the city of St. Petersburg.

British Advice to the Greeks. ATHENS, Aug. 7.—A telegram from Athens states that the British Consul has informed the Greek Assembly that Great Britain will endeavor to obtain a reformed system of government for Greece, and will not support the present system, but will support a reformed system, and will not support the present system, but will support a reformed system.

Another Mysterious Death. LOUISVILLE, Aug. 7.—A brakeman on the Louisville, Nashville and Great Southern Railroad, passing Strawberry Station Monday, discovered the body of a man lying in a ditch near the track. The neck was broken and a deep gash was visible in the forehead. The body was found in a ditch near the track.

WASHINGTON GROVE CAMP.

A Temperance Meeting and a Wedding in Camp.

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