

ING COMMERCIAL UNION

France is Left Out of the Germany and Austria In It.

REGULARS ARE KEPT SECRET

Known No Trade Relations be Formed Without Consent of All.

and Terrible Destructive one—The Walla Walla Lynchers.

EASTERN STORMS.

and Missouri Again Devastated by Severe Storms.

CITY, June 20.—The southern part of Kansas was visited by severe storms last night causing great loss of life, much damage to property and an enormous damage to growing crops. The storm was of a different nature at different places. At Fort Scott it took the form of a cloud-burst and at Emporia a cyclone and at Emporia a tornado. Its effects were the same, however, wherever its fury was felt. Towns were flooded, houses blown over, barns washed away, fences swept away and crops washed and laid low.

At Fort Scott the water poured down for half an hour, the storm having the appearance of a cloud-burst. Dams of land in Buck run, which flows through the center of the city, were washed away and the creek was swelled to a vast proportion, flooding bottoms for four and five feet deep and endangering the lives of many families who reside there. The occupants of houses escaped as best they could, some climbed trees, while others were rescued by rescuing parties in boats. One of the relief boats was manned by John Connalin, jr., B. Bowman and Joe Osman, members of the company. Their boats proved leaky and had to be abandoned, two of the occupants saving their lives by clinging to trees. Connalin caught hold of a branch which gave away and he was lost in the darkness and has not since been seen. There is no doubt he was drowned. No other lives were lost but danger to crops and property was great.

Farmers from the surrounding country report great loss to standing crops. It is estimated the loss is \$150,000. Several bridges on the Wichita road were washed out. The damage to the Memphis road is enormous.

At Arkansas City, southwest from Fort Scott, the storm developed into a cyclone. Little damage was done in the city itself but barns and houses out of town were damaged. Homes of John Bowman, L. Noeret, Sam Brown, K. Kersey and Wm. Brown were wrecked. All inmates escaped without serious injury, except Mrs. Elizabeth Bowman who was fatally injured. The wife of Bennett was in the cellar and was buried under the wreck, but escaped unhurt. A large number of barns were also wrecked.

The damage to crops in a radius of twenty miles from the city is estimated at about \$50,000. Much of the wheat was in shock, and although drenched with rain a great part of it can be saved. The principal damage was to growing crops.

At Emporia the storm was a tornado accompanied by extraordinary rain. There was one-half inch of water fall in a little less than two hours. Nearly every cellar in the city was flooded and the lower floors of many houses were covered with water. The wind blew a hurricane, but did no particular damage in the city beyond breaking down shade trees and shrubs. In the country crops were washed to the ground, and along creeks which overflowed their banks washed out and ruined. The damage is estimated at \$50,000.

At Chabute the worst wind and rain storm ever known struck the town and lasted about forty minutes. Several buildings were badly damaged. About 2,000 acres of wheat near Neosho river, east of the city, were ruined, entailing a loss of about \$20,000.

At Osceola, Mo., there was a terrible storm of wind and rain. About three inches of water fell, flooding cellars in the city and doing much damage to the crops. The storm could not have come at a worse time for crops. Wheat was almost ready for the reaper and some had been cut and stacked. Much of the crop when the storm raged it a total loss, and the rest has been badly damaged. Corn has just got a fair start and is in no condition to withstand a heavy rain. Much of it was washed away and much will have to be replanted. Comparatively meagre reports have been received from country districts where rains occurred and a full estimate of damage to crops cannot be made. From data at hand, however, it is estimated that the total loss will not fall far short of a full half million dollars.

THE EUROPEAN CUSTOMS LEAGUE.

Formation an Accomplished Fact and Acknowledged by Official Circles.

Berlin, June 20.—The formation of a great central European customs league is an accomplished fact acknowledged by official circles. An exchange of communications between Germany, Austria, Hungary, Italy and Switzerland has resulted in a basis of agreement which became known here today. Interest in the realization of the most formidable Zollverein ever conceived will vibrate that in every other public matter when the scheme is generally published. In the meantime the official circle alone knows that negotiations have attained a definitely successful stage. The terms upon which the commercial union was agreed are meant to be held

secret until after the plenipotentiaries prepare the draft of the treaty. The conference for this treaty has been arranged to meet at Berlin on July 20. The league is to be an intimate commercial alliance in which no one of the contracting powers will be privileged to form a trade treaty with any other outside union unless it first obtains the assent of the other parties to the alliance. It is understood here the government has obtained the consent of the federal states of Germany to a denunciation of the treaty of Frankfurt, and to accepting what ever grave consequences may arise from the hostility of France to such a course. The existence of the league will naturally affect the trading relations of the four contracting powers with France, England, the United States and every quarter of the globe. How far independent action will be controlled depends upon the nature of the decisions of the Berlin conference.

APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

Delegates to the Arid Land Convention to Be Held in Salt Lake.

HELENA, June 20.—At the request of Governor Thomas, of Utah, Governor Toole has appointed thirty delegates to attend an arid land convention which will be held in Salt Lake City next September. The convention is called to consider matters pertaining to the reclamation of the arid public lands of the west, and to petition congress to cede to each state and territory such lands within its borders for the purposes of reclamation for the support of its public schools, and for such other public purposes as the legislature of each state or territory may determine. The various commercial, agricultural, scientific and mechanical associations, together with each municipal corporation in the several states and territories west of the Missouri river are also requested to send delegates to the convention. The delegates appointed by the governor are: Martin Maginnis, Samuel Ward, E. O. Weed, W. A. Clark, Stephen De Wolfe, Lee Mantle, Thomas Marshall, Frank Woody, T. L. Greenough, W. M. Thornton, Frank D. Brown, H. M. Whitehill, T. W. Poindexter, B. F. White, Thomas Dearyman, Henry Eling, Thomas Joyce, Will Kennedy, J. V. Bogert, Caleb Rich, J. A. Savage, C. R. Middleton, H. J. Huskell, William H. Todd, T. E. Collins, Ernest Crutcher, C. M. Webster, William Sutherland and J. H. Moe.

THE MORPHINE ROUTE.

A Man Said to Be From Great Falls Suicides in Butte.

BUTTE, June 20.—A ronder in town known as Jack the Ripper died in a morphine den here yesterday of an overdose of morphine. The coroner's jury last night brought in a verdict of death by suicide. Jack came here from Great Falls, where he was known as Jack Adams. [No such party as the above is known in Great Falls. "Jack the Ripper," otherwise known as Jack Martin, is still above ground.]

Storm in Ohio.

MANSFIELD, O., June 20.—A violent and destructive storm passed over this city last night. Hundreds of acres of oats, wheat and hay were ruined. Wheeling and Lake Erie road was submerged between Oreville and Creston, stopping all trains. Telegraphic communication in this part of the world has been cut off west of Creston since last night. Along the Fort Wayne road three iron bridges across Sipps creek were carried away. The damage will be high in the thousands.

A Fatal Cyclone.

WHITEHALL, Ill., June 20.—A cyclone accompanied by a deluge of rain passed ten miles southwest of here this afternoon. John Brennan was fatally hurt by flying timbers, houses and barns were demolished, growing crops were destroyed and orchards leveled to the ground. The details which are meager report the total destruction of houses and barns on the farms owned by John Brennan, John W. Fechenbach and John Good. The implements on these farms were caught up by the wind and blown a hundred yards and more. More complete particulars will probably tell of greater destruction to life and property.

Not Guilty.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 20.—The jury in the case of the six soldiers on trial for the lynching of W. J. Hunt on April 24, returned a verdict of not guilty this afternoon.

Storm in Kentucky.

OWENSBORO, Ky., June 20.—A storm of wind and rain, the heaviest since the tornado of March, 1880, visited this city this morning. At Lowport, George Ray, a farmer, was killed by the blowing down of a barn in which he had taken shelter. Several other barns there were destroyed, and the Methodist church was blown entirely away. Great damage was done to the harvested wheat.

The Olympic Club's Big Offer.

NEW ORLEANS, June 19.—The Olympic club of this city has telegraphed the offer of a purse of \$25,000 for the fight in the Olympic club arena between Slayin and Sullivan, to take place Feb. 27.

Railroad Accident.

NEW ORLEANS, June 19.—A fast express train on the Illinois Central railroad, due here at 7:20 p. m., passed Kenters station nearly two hours behind time. Five miles south of that point and an equal distance from this city the train was wrecked and six persons, it is reported, were killed and fifteen or twenty more or less badly hurt.

A relief train has been sent to the scene of the accident with doctors and a number of ambulances ordered to the depot to receive and convey the wounded to the hospital. The latest report is that the accident is not as severe as was first reported.

Fire in Marquette, Michigan.

MARQUETTE, Mich., June 19.—The Nester block was entirely burned late tonight. The building was occupied by dry goods firms and various other offices. The loss is \$125,000, insurance \$65,000.

THE GREAT AMERICAN DERBY.

Fifty Thousand People Crowd and Jostle Each Other to See the Great Race.

STRATMEATH CARRIES AWAY THE PURSE

While His Most Dangerous Foe, High Tariff, Disparingly Lays Down and Dies.

Incidents of the Race The Betting—The Start, and the Time 2:22.

THE AMERICAN DERBY.

Stratmeath Wins Race and Money and High Tariff Dies.

CHICAGO, June 20.—Death to one horse and \$100,000 to another; that was the American derby of '91. A scarlet flash on the horizon; a half hundred thousand people breathless; a gleam of white beneath the wire and the richest stake race ever run in the west was at an end. It was by Stratmeath, New York's favorite, the battle royal was won. Half a mile off where had been the thick of the fight lay motionless on the track the corpse of his foe in death High Tariff, Tom Kiley, the gallant beast's rider, twice the derby victor on that very course had this time pushed the limit of equine endurance. There was a sudden plunge, an upward queer stagger of twenty yards and High Tariff sank down into the mud lifeless.

Whether in point of great horses; famous jockeys' magnificence; of fashionable display and marvelous outpouring of the people as well as in sensational incidents and the lucky purse, probably no such race was ever witnessed this side of the Alleghenies, certainly not in Chicago. No one of the seven derbies that in preceding years have made Washington Park Burke's celebrity more than fringed in the interest of the classic event of today. Just enough brilliance shone through the partly overcast sky to light up the hundreds of gay bonnets and bright-hued parasols that peeped out everywhere from the club house to the gate. Such a multitude of the fair sex as put in an appearance was something wholly unprecedented here and so great was the crush that hundreds of them were wedged helplessly in an enormous mob of heterogeneous male sports that packed the lawn solid in front of the betting ring. But for the jam of humanity the day would have been the perfection of temperature for spectators. Once within the confines of the park, however, faces speedily flushed and perspiration dripped as eager thousands pushed each other backward and forward in huge waves. No aisle or stairway in the grandstand afforded an inch of unobstructed standing room. Its galleries and roof were black with people. While the approaches from end to end of the stretch including even the club house grounds, reserved for members and friends, were full almost to suffocation. In the field showed line after line of vehicles, tallyho, victorias and cabs all loaded down with people, stretching in bewildering succession far beyond a point to the rear whereby any possibility of glimpses of the course could be had. Stable tops, telegraph poles and fences to each point of the compass seemed literally festooned with would-be lookers on hanging to pickets or other points of vantage as if life depended on the result. Everybody agreed that despite the yielding, dustless condition of the soil that the recent rains had left, the race with the array of powerful animals entered was to be a struggle fit for kings to see, or for that matter a worthy spectacle for the vast throng of American sovereigns that had gathered on the course.

Of the ten noble brutes that were to make the contest, unbeaten Kingman not to mention High Tariff, Forerunner, Valleria and Michael had in many a hard western race under similar track conditions given evidence of remarkable form. On eastern tracks Pessara and Snowball were no less notable. Ludovic was looked upon by Californians who were supposed best able to judge him as the most certain to prove a surprise, while Stratmeath, regarded as all around the best of last year's two-year-olds, had been reserved all the present season solely for this race. "Snapper" Garrison, Taral, Covington and Fitzpatrick, probably four as crack jockeys as almost any equal number now on the turf, had been brought especially for the race from New York, and it was current gossip that Garrison's pet ambition was to ride an American derby winner. Tom Kelly, too, the winning jockey of the two latest of the great Chicago sports was to have mounted and with it a chance of success equal to the record of the ideal rider, Isaac Murphy.

So intent was the huge concourse of people on the real event of the day that the first two races passed almost unnoticed. The confusion in the bookmakers' quarters as the time for the big race approached was by long odds the worst ever witnessed in Washington park and bedlam scarcely mitigated spread to other portions of the grounds. So many thousand wild steers at the stockyards could hardly have made such a belaboring or a more maddening jostle. The roof over the bookmakers' heads and the thousands of eager gamblers' heads by this time became thick with other thousands unable to gain admission below. The police fearing the frail supports would give way, causing perhaps a loss of scores of lives, attempted to clear the graded platform. To avoid the officers' clubs, many on the roof jumped plumply into the mass of people on the lawn. Suddenly the supports creaked as the line of blue coats forced back en masse the crowd and the fact was clearly demonstrated that it was less perilous to allow the reckless mob to remain unmolested. The hubbub was at its height when "Snapper" Garrison lithely resting on

the back of Snowball centered out into view and centered every eye to the track. He was heartily cheered as was also Lewis on Kingman and Fitzpatrick on Michael. Stratmeath's sleek coat and beautifully clean limbs were narrowly scanned by many. This was the way they were recorded, starters weights jockeys and post betting:

Snowball 122, Garrison and Pessara 123, Taral, Walcott and Campbells entry coupled 3 to 1, Forerunner 125, Allen 10 to 1, Ludovic 122, Hill 15 to 1, Michael 125, Fitzpatrick 8 to 1, Kingman 119, J. Lewis 4 to 1, High Tariff 127, Kiley and Post Scout 115, Overton, Eastin and Larribies entry coupled 12 to 1, Valleria 127, Britton 12 to 1, Stratmeath 122, G. Covington 3 to 1.

Halgowan was scratched about an hour before the race. There was much regret expressed at Potomac's failure to start though it had been known for some days that the fatuity winner had pulled up lame in his work and in consequence could not be sent west.

At last the hugh sounded for the race and a frightful crush began to secure advantageous positions from which to view the race. For a moment at this junction all eyes were turned to the vigorous looking colt that was galloping toward the grand stand. The familiar face of George Covington was seen in the saddle. "It's Stratmeath," shouted thousands. Sure enough, it was the junior champion winner. He was cheered to the echo by his many admirers. Next came Kingman the hero of Louisville and Latonia. Shout after shout went up as the great son of Glengarry galloped by the stand. The Campbell pair were next and one by one the horses found their way to the starter's post. Starter Sheridan mounted his box and lectured the boys. Then the horses were placed in line and were ready for the start. The first trial was false, half a dozen refusing to break. The second attempt was without result. At the third trial the horses moved in a solid phalanx toward the starter. Sheridan's red flag was poised in the air for an instant, and with a swish descended. A mighty shout went up from the multitude: "They're off." Then tip-toed thousands realized with a thrill of delight that the great derby was on. Forerunner, as if inspired by his name, jumped to the front, and closely followed by Pessara and Post Scout, led to the first turn. Ludovic was last five lengths away. Coming down the stretch, Post Scout had forged to the front, Stratmeath, who had been in the rear division moving up to second place and Kingman third. Passing the stand these positions were steadily maintained. At the turn Michael had worked to the front and set a merry pace down the back stretch. Post Scout still second, while Kingman and Stratmeath, the two favorites, went back to the bunch. It was at this point that the sensation of the day took place. High Tariff, the stake winner at Louisville, and ridden by Kiley had started sixth as the flag fell, and had been shoved relentlessly through the heavy going track, notwithstanding his 127 pounds weight. Kiley, by sheer force of will, seemed determined to make his showing equaling his past record on the course, and sufficient, if within human possibility, to again carry off the laurels. Well did the good animal respond to Kiley's calls. He was visibly gaining and had passed three competitors when nature rebelled. An instant later the feet racer was a hopeless cripple floundering wildly in the mire the very caricature of his former self. Kiley regretfully tried to check the poor wreck and at least succeeded only a moment later to feel the animal tremble and fall in a heap. Kiley hastily extricated himself unhurt. Meanwhile the pace of the others, never halting a hair for the mishap, had been getting hotter and hotter and the horses swung into the stretch with Post Scout in front, Stratmeath second and Michael third. Overton now began to ride the tiring horse leader desperately and for a moment it looked as if he might win but Coving brought Stratmeath by the outer rails up with a rush, stealing the former tactics of Kingman's rider and won by an open length without the use of whip or spur. Post Scout was second half a length before Kingman, third; time 2:24 1/4.

Of the other races decided two were won by favorites. Mile—Joe Carter, Yale '91, Labold, Time 1:53 1/4. Mile and one-eighth—Santiago, Sportsman, Dickerson, Time 2:45. One and one-sixteenth miles—St. Albans, Martin Russell, Marie K. Time 1:57 1/4. Five-eighths mile—Strathmaid, Frank Kinney, Rirt Gun, Time 1:26 1/2.

THE RAGING MISSOURI

Cutting Away Land and Threatens St. Joseph With Isolation.

St. JOSEPH, Mo., June 22.—The Missouri river is higher than for several years and is still rising. All government work on the Kansas shore has been abandoned and the government fleet moored in a place of safety. The rapidity with which the surging waters are cutting away the Kansas bank can best be imagined when it is stated that half acre lots of earth have been tumbling into the river ever since yesterday evening.

Workmen who came in from Belmont on a government steamer this morning stated that the neck of land which now separates the river north and south is less than a quarter of a mile wide. At the rate the river is now cutting the land away, it would require but a short time to place Elwoods upon an island, and leave St. Joseph two miles from the river. This would also leave St. Joseph's million dollar bridge standing over a dry spot where the river once wended its way north.

Tired of Her Dusky Lord.

CHAMBERLAIN, June 22.—Steamboat men coming down the river today bring the report that Mrs. Cora Bell Fellows Chaska, the society belle whose marriage to Sam Chaska, an Indian, a few years ago, creating a great sensation, will apply for a divorce.

A Strike Defeated.

DENVER, June 22.—The brickmakers strike was declared off at a meeting held last night. After months of waiting the men were compelled to acknowledge defeat and today nearly all the old men will ask for work at reduced wages.

Remington Typewriters at Calkins' Book Store.

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EDMONDS INTERVIEWED.

Blaine Has Bright's Disease—Harrison Will be Nominated and Cleveland Will Beat Him.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., June 19. Senator and Mrs. Edmunds of Vermont were on the western North Carolina train the other day, having Nashville, Tenn., as their objective point.

"Whom do you think will likely be the next speaker in the house of representatives?" was asked of Mr. Edmunds by a San Francisco Examiner correspondent who was on the train.

"From what I can learn it looks as if Crisp was likely to win. He would make an able presiding officer. I see Mills and his friends are confident of his success." "Which of the two, in your opinion, would make the best presiding officer?" "They are both men of ability," said the senator in reply. "Crisp is the coolest and Mills the most excitable." "What do you think of Mills' tariff views?"

"Some of his papers that I have read are strongly put and forcibly drawn." "Well, I suppose Mr. Harrison will be nominated by the republican party for president in 1892, will he not?"

"Yes, it looks so. He wants it. In his recent tour of the south he was well received and created in some places some enthusiasm, and, much to the surprise of his friends, as well as his political enemies, on his tour he made a number of good speeches. Blaine could get the nomination if he wanted it. He could have had it before when Harrison was nominated. Yes, he could get it now. I know Blaine well. Blaine is a sick man. What he most wants is health. He has got Bright's disease. He realizes his condition and is taking no active part in politics, nor is he likely to. Since he has devoted his time and attention to the duties of the cabinet office.

"The reciprocity treaty is Blaine's work, and whatever others may claim the credit must be given to whom it belongs, and that is to Blaine."

"Blaine is one of the strongest men of the republican party, and if his health would permit him to enter the canvass, and he was the nominee of the republican party, he would be elected."

"Do you think Harrison would be?" "At this point the senator looked out of the window and said: "Is that not a beautiful view over there?" and the answer never came.

"Well, whom do you think will be the democratic candidate?" "Cleveland. He is growing in popularity daily. He is the strongest man in the New England states with his party." "If Harrison should be the republican candidate and Cleveland the democratic candidate, which would be likely to be elected?"

"The senator was non-committal, but rather intimated that he thought Cleveland's chances of election were better than were Harrison's."

"Senator, what do you think of the third party?" "It's a short-lived affair, but likely to last long enough to give both parties some trouble. The election of president may fall to the house of representatives. No one can tell what their strength may be for a time, but no party can live on the demands they are making."

A Fake Dispatch.

DETROIT, Mich., June 19. The dispatch sent from Chicago today as a Detroit special reporting a serious shooting scrape on the barge Jane Cook at Ambersburg, Ont., turns out to be a fake which originated from members of the Detroit high infantry, who were picnicking on Sugar island. There was nothing whatever to warrant the dispatch.

A Phenomenal Rain.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., June 19.—A phenomenal rain fell here tonight, beginning at 7:30 and continuing one hour and ten minutes. The streets were flooded and Buck Run ravine, which traverses the city from south to north, was transformed into a raging torrent. It is feared several persons are drowned, but nothing certain is known at this hour.

A MONTANA BELLE

Captures at First Sight One of Chicago's Gallant Bachelors.

CHICAGO, June 22.—Mr. Arthur G. Brabrook, well known about town, frequenter of clubs and gallant warrior of the Chicago Hussars, is a quick action man when it comes to getting married. His dear friends did not round up this phase of Arthur's nature until the other day. If anyone had suggested the idea of Arthur tying himself to a woman his dear friends would have shouted: "Never." He belonged to four anti-marriage clubs. But Saturday, May 30, Arthur met his friend, Jimmie Nichols, down at Betty Monroe's. "There's a couple of pretty girls down at the Saratoga," said James; "let me present you." Mr. Brabrook shook his head with a smile like a man who has swallowed a box of tacks. But the persuasive Nichols insisted, and at last the pair sent up their cards. "The girls were students at the Chicago Female college, out at Morgan park, one lived in Denver and the other in Montana. They were on their way home, and had stopped over in town to make a few calls and do some shopping.

The girls came down. Immediately afterward there was a report that could have been heard for miles. It was Arthur falling in love. One glance at Miss Viola Savage and Arthur was struck. His brain reeled; his hands clutched at the furniture. He sat and looked at the fair girl before him as men gaze at the Venus de Milo. Miss Viola could not resist. To be sure Miss Savage was engaged to a prominent business man, but he faded away like a stereoscopic view when Arthur smiled. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, how the days sped by. On the fourth day Arthur cried: "We must elope."

There was no real necessity for an elopement, but the young folks thought it was the proper thing to do, so they eloped. They fled to Port Michigan, across the lake. When they reached their objective point they learned the county seat of Berrien county, Michigan, was fifteen miles distant. The rain was pouring down in sheets, but, nothing daunted, the young couple hired a horse and buggy and through the rain and mud they went, reaching the county seat by nightfall. They procured a license and were immediately married, whereupon they returned to this city.

Mr. Brabrook has been forgiven by his parents, but the news has not yet reached Miss Savage's parents, and the prominent young business man in Montana, whither Miss Savage is from.

WE ARE STILL IN IT!

While for some weeks past we have been busy making arrangements for our Columbia Falls store, we have paid but very little attention to our interests here, but do not lose sight of the fact that we are here to stay, and will still be at your service to make low prices on

Dry Goods, . . .

. . . Millinery,

Boots and Shoes, . . .

For this week we will place on sale an elegant line of muslin underwear at prices that will hurry our competitors to match without loss.

How would it strike you to buy full standard prints at 5 cents, No. 1 India chollos at 3 cents, etc

We have placed on our job counter a big assortment of remnants of Dress Goods, Gingham, Prints, Etc., Etc. You can save money by picking up some of these bargains while they last.

Some special jobs to offer in Ladies' Shoes and Slippers.

Mail orders will receive prompt attention.

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