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SMITH'S KIDNEY TONIC--TRY IT. BERLIN, Feb. 17.--The debate in the reichstag on the subject of a protective tariff on wheat.

THAT DYNAMITE WAR.

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE BARRED FROM THEIR SEATS.

Valuable Presents Made--Threatening Witnesses--Dismissing Irish Laborers--Dublin Police in London--The Vatican--News Notes.

LONDON, Feb. 17.--The members of the press holding seats in the press gallery are greatly excited over the speaker's new regulations abolishing the rule granting to press representatives admission to the inner lobby of the house of commons and forbidding reporters to go into the leading corridors or to use committee rooms for the purpose of transcribing their reports.

A conference of leading editors was held and several plans of retaliation were broached. The favorite project is to report the actual business transacted by the house, as a matter of justice to the readers of the papers, but to ignore the speeches of all the members, from the highest to the lowest.

The new regulation for the admission of people to the house of commons are so stringent as to amount almost to prohibition. The members who ask for permission from the speaker to introduce persons will be held answerable for the conduct of the persons so admitted. Strangers will not be allowed to promenade on the terrace even if escorted by members.

Policemen Cole and Cox, who were so dangerously wounded while endeavoring to prevent the recent dynamite explosion at Westminster hall, have received a number of valuable presents in recognition of their heroic efforts on that occasion. Mr. Gladstone has given each of the gallant officers £50 from the royal bounty fund.

The police and other witnesses for the crown in the case of James G. Cunningham, the alleged dynamiter, charged with high treason in causing the recent explosion in the tower of London, have received letters threatening them with death if they persist in giving damaging testimony against the prisoner. Detectives Roper and Wilson, two of the government's principal witnesses against Cunningham and Burton, are annoyed by the frequent reception of threats against their lives. Recently these threats have been written on paper stamped with a skull and crossbones, and apparently issued by some murderous organization.

There is a growing movement in the docks of London and among builders and other tradesmen to dispense with the services of Irish laborers. Fifteen hundred Irish workmen have recently been summarily dismissed from buildings in course of construction in East London, their fellow workmen of other than Irish nationality being unwilling to work beside men whom they regard as possible dynamiters.

The clubs and the newspapers have scores of jokes at the expense of the policemen who have been imported from Dublin to protect public buildings in London. They are all in plain clothes, but they would never be taken by the most casual stranger for plain citizens. Most of them are big, strapping, handsome men, with a military air and swagger that is unmistakable. They wear regulation boots, and betray their calling in various other ways. A blind dynamiter might be fooled into running against them, but no Londoner is likely to make such a mistake. A reporter of the Standard saw one of these specials guarding the admiralty office. The reporter, who had lately been in Dublin, recognized the special constable and proceeded to amuse himself. He behaved in such a mysterious way that the detective promptly left the admiralty office to guard itself, and followed the practical joker over half of London.

Russia's New Guns. LONDON, Feb. 17.--A dispatch from Berlin states that the Russian government has ordered two thousand Krupp guns of the largest pattern, to be furnished as soon as possible. The guns are to be shipped to Central Asia, ostensibly for the purpose of strengthening Russian fortifications in that country. The dispatch has caused much uneasiness in government circles and the belief is freely expressed that Russia's present activity with regard to Asiatic possessions means further encroachment on the territory held by England in that country.

Exiling a Bishop. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.--The bishop of Vilna, Mgr. Neyniewicki, has been conducted into exile at Jaroslaw under a police escort by reason of a row with the military governor of Vilna. In Vilna there is a bitter feeling among Catholics, and there are threats of papal intervention.

Tariff on Wheat. BERLIN, Feb. 17.--The debate in the reichstag on the subject of a protective tariff on wheat.

creants was continued. Bismarck stated that he was satisfied, and a majority of the reichstag approved a duty of three marks on wheat.

Gordon's Nephew. BRUSSELS, Feb. 17.--A nephew of Gen. Gordon attended last week a court ball by authority of his father, who telegraphed him not to believe that the defender of Khartoum was dead until the receipt of more positive proof.

Sebastopol a Free Port. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.--It is stated on semi-official authority that the czar is contemplating the issuance of an ukase making Sebastopol a free port.

Magazine Explosion. GIBRALTAR, Feb. 17.--One of the large government magazines has exploded. Seventeen persons were killed.

CAMPAIGN VAGARIES. A Priest Peremptorily Removed for Carrying a Case to Blaine.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 17.--A sensation in Catholic circles has been caused by the peremptory removal by Bishop Chatard of Father Hugh O'Neill, of St. Patrick's, growing out of a campaign episode. During the month of October the ladies of Father O'Neill's parish held a fair. Among other articles put up to be raffled was a gold-headed cane to be voted to the most popular candidate for president. Father O'Neill promised to take the token to the successful candidate, and it was found that Blaine had been the winner. The bishop was at the time absent from the city, but on the eve of Father O'Neill's departure Vicar General Bessoures warned him that such a step would incur the displeasure of the bishop. The ladies who gave the fair, however, insisted on the making of the trip. Since his return the relations between him and the bishop have been strained. Bishop Chatard has now ordered the peremptory removal of the priest. The latter made a statement of the case to his parishioners, who received the announcement with unqualified expressions of disapproval of the bishop's conduct. One of the trustees announced that the action of the bishop was intolerable, and that he then and there resigned his position. His action will probably be followed next Sunday by the remaining trustees. Father O'Neill has been ordered to vacate the parsonage at once and will depart for Philadelphia on Wednesday. The affair creates a decided upheaval among the Catholics.

HORRIBLE ACCIDENT. A Railroad Engine Runs Over, Kills and Mutilates Three Persons.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 17.--A locomotive ran over the railroad bridge crossing the Cuyahoga river, Peter Havenor, of 639 Scranton avenue; John Havenor, and John Havenor's little son Peter, who had taken the men their dinner at Smith & York's malt house, where they worked. John was instantly killed and his remains horribly mangled. Peter Havenor's legs were cut off below the knee, and the right arm of the boy close to the body. It is supposed the accident was due to an engine run by Engineer Harrigan, which was backing up to take out a Bee Line express train.

Three engines followed close behind it. The boy seeing them coming jumped up and ran a short distance, falling down unconscious in the snow. The other engines horribly mangled John Havenor's body and scattered the remains along the track. Peter is dying and the boy is so crazed by the awful shock that two strong men were scarcely able to hold him down while the surgeon tried to check the rapid flow of blood. Both the men were married and had large families who are left destitute.

The End of a Notorious Desperado's Life in Missouri.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 17.--For many years Joe and Dick Brannon have been terrors in Western Texas. Their crimes have been many and bloody. They belong to a large and desperate gang of outlaws. Joe was killed in Hickory county, Mo., while resisting arrest by United States officers. Their last depredation was in December last, when a post-office and store in Barnett county were robbed. Deputy Marshal Bayliss, of Austin, got a clue to the whereabouts of the Brannon brothers by means of letters directed to them. Last Sunday, Bayliss, accompanied by Deputy Marshal McGee, left this city for Hickory county. They proceeded to Buffalo, Mo., where they were reinforced by Sheriff Burns and an attorney named Roberts. They went on to Pittsburg where the Brannons lived, being there reinforced by four other men. They rode to within one mile of the house, secreted themselves behind the log stable.

About daylight the next morning the young brother of the desperado came out to the stable. He was captured and put under the care of Burns. After waiting some time Joe Brannon came to the stable, and just as he turned the corner McGee demanded his surrender. Brannon drew a revolver, McGee fired immediately, as also did Brannon, the two shots being almost simultaneous. Brannon then ran around the corner of the stable pursued by the posse, while Bayliss ran around the other side and headed him off. The firing then became general. Brannon fell, exclaiming: "Boys, I surrender." The wounded man soon expired, having received thirteen wounds between the belt and the knees.

MISTAKEN GROUND HOG. Another Frigid Wave Rolls Its Congealing Breath Over the Northwest.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.--The weather here, and throughout the northwest generally, is again intensely cold. In Chicago the mercury indicated fifteen degrees below zero. The weather is clear, but the air is filled with little particles of snow that are being blown around by the keen wind which prevails. Trains were somewhat delayed by snow, but the situation is not regarded as serious by the railway men who have been seen. All east and west bound trains are starting on time. The southeastern lines are subjected to delay.

The prospect is not encouraging for warm weather. Storm signals are flying, and a further drop of the mercury is predicted. At Omaha it is 13 below, at Paul 10 below, at Des Moines 16 below, at Duquoin 15 below, at Fargo, Dakota, 28 below, at Jamestown 35 below and at Winnipeg 34 below.

CAPT. PHELAN VS. SHORT

THE PRELIMINARY TRIAL IN THE TOMBS COURT CONTINUED.

Phelan Tells His Story--The Ultimate Result of the Case is Not Positively Predicted--The Victim of Short Returns Home.

New York, Feb. 17.--A United Press reporter called on District Attorney Martine with a view of learning what effect Capt. Phelan's departure would have on his case. The district attorney stated that the case would go on as usual next Saturday. It is not necessary for Phelan to be present. He has sworn to his statement, and his cross-examination has been completed. The district attorney added that he believed if the police justice sent papers in the case to the grand jury and an indictment was found, Phelan would return from Kansas City to testify. Phelan's friends, however, predict that the case against Short will be dismissed.

In the examination of the case at the Tombs court an unusual interest was manifested by the large crowd present. Phelan's arm hung in a sling. Police Sergeant Cook took charge of the captain's revolver, which Phelan carried in his pocket. Short came in latter, accompanied by his counsel. He looked a trifle pale.

The prosecution called Phelan to the witness stand. After being sworn he said in response to the questions of his counsel: "My name is Thomas Phelan, and I live in Kansas City. On the 9th of January I was sitting in O'Donovan Rossa's office with my left side to the table and my back to the door. Richard Short came in with a long knife in his hand, and said: 'Now I have got you. Now I have got you.' Then he plunged his knife into my breast. He pulled it out and stuck it into my neck. I tried to get away from him by running around the table, but he managed to strike me three times. Two men who were in the room ran out, and I tried to escape. I got out at length and made my way to the street. I became acquainted with Short last July. I have resided in Kansas City, twenty-eight years, with the exception of the time I was in the army, and three years I lived in Washington. I took a three months' trip abroad in 1883. I visited Ireland, England and Wales. I landed at Queenstown, and from there I went to Cork. I did not meet any persons I knew at either of these places. I never was in the employ of the British government. I never made the acquaintance of any government officers while abroad. I had a conversation with a British detective, but I did not know he was a British detective until after he left my hotel.

"I came to New York last January for two purposes--one to visit my sister, Mrs. Levy, at Northampton, Mass., and to explain to certain persons an article in the Kansas City Journal. I had a talk with Kearney about the article and my purpose in coming here. He had told me the boys down at the office were angry at me for talking so reporters in the way the article represented I did. He also said something about the article in O'Donovan Rossa's paper. I told him he cannot publish a lie without my bringing him to account for it. When I went down to Rossa's office I had my little boy's revolver with me. I placed it in my overcoat pocket. I don't know whether it was loaded or not. I had been arrested twice in Kansas City--once for tearing down, on St. Patrick's day, a picture in a store representing Irishmen as apes; the second time for carrying weapons. I was charged once with stabbing a man named Trouthorton. I did not know about this affair or say I would do it again if anybody insulted me. The article in the Kansas City Journal did not call me an informer. It is said I gave information that dynamite was concealed in the steamship Queen. I did give that information, and would do so again under similar circumstances. It's true, to a certain extent, that an English detective got into my confidence. I told him my name, where I came from, and where I was going. The reason I used Kearney's name and told what he said and did was because he openly boasted of what he had done in England.

The defense then asked an adjournment until Saturday next, and the request was granted.

CAPT. PHELAN RECOVERED. The Kansas City Dynamiter Returns to His Home in Company with His Wife.

New York, Feb. 17.--Capt. Phelan, whom Dick Short stabbed in Rossa's office, got out of a cab at the Grand Central depot, helped his wife out, and entered the waiting room. When the bell rang for passengers for the Pacific express, Mrs. Phelan handed the man at the door two tickets for Kansas City to punch and she and her husband boarded the train.

Dynamiter John Rouch learned that Phelan had started for home. He went up to Mrs. Buckley's, meeting Rocky Mountain O'Brien on the way. Rocky told Short that Phelan had cleared out for good. "That's good news, John," Short replied, "but maybe 'tisn't true." "Oh, but it is true," Rocky replied. "I have it from a man who knows all about it." Short paced up and down the room for awhile. He said nervously: "It was kind of him to get out of the way just as he did. I think I ought to have a show to tell my story now."

A Costly Fight. LINCOLN, Ill., Feb. 17.--Three farmers, Fred and Ernest Runnahan and Abe Myers had a terrible fight in the general store and postoffice at Burton View, a station on the Wabash railroad, Saturday evening. The trouble started on the train out from Lincoln, and was the result of a long standing feud between the Runnahan and Myers.

The postmaster took a hand in the fight, and succeeded in ejecting the Runnahan. Locking the door, he went out the back way to get the railroad section hands to come and help keep the infuriated men from again entering. Myers was left in the house. Fred Runnahan dashed in the front window and made for Myers, who began shooting with a revolver, but failed to hit Runnahan. The men clinched, and in the scuffle Runnahan over the lamp and stove, setting the building on fire, which, in a short time, was burned to the ground. The loss to F. W. Obermiller, proprietor of the store and postmaster, is estimated at \$4,000. All of his account books and money, and the letters and mail were consumed in the flames. The sheriff placed the Runnahan under arrest and lodged them in jail. All of them were intoxicated and did not seem to know the extent of the damage they did.

GORDON'S DEATH CONFIRMED.

Murdered While on His Way to the Austrian Consulate.

KORT, Feb. 17.--The mudir is now convinced that Khartoum has fallen and Gen. Gordon is dead. A cavass of Ibrahim Bey Reichel states that Farag admitted the rebels to Khartoum. The cavass, with his master, went to the government house and met Gordon coming out, armed, with Mahomed Bey, Mustapha and twenty cavasses. While proceeding to the Austrian consulate, they met a party of rebels, who fired a volley. Gordon, Mahomed and Mustapha fell dead.

LONDON, Feb. 16.--The fate of Gen. Gordon is no longer in doubt. A refugee from Khartoum, who arrived at the British lines, confirms the story of the commander's death, which he witnessed, as well as the fall of the city. When the Arabs had entered Khartoum through the treachery of the pasnas, Gordon set out to seek the Austrian consul. On the way thither he was shot dead. El Mahdi's troops immediately took possession of the government house, which they burned.

TRAIN WRECKERS KILLED. Two Negroes Caught in the Act and Filled with Buckshot.

HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 17.--Several attempts have been made lately to wreck the night express on the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio railroad, near Harwood station, by obstructing the track with ties. The officers put detectives on the case, who patrolled the track in that vicinity for several weeks, and were finally rewarded by discovering the wreckers in the very act, who proved to be two negro brakemen recently dismissed from the service. The detectives succeeded in killing both of the negroes with buckshot in the endeavor to escape. The express train was stopped by danger signals, and the passengers viewed both the obstruction and the dead negroes. The latter with apparent satisfaction.

The New Treaty. OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 17.--As far as can be gathered the new extradition treaty between the United States and Great Britain, which has been submitted to the dominion government for approval, in the main covers such offenses as are embodied in the present treaty between Great Britain and Belgium. It is stated, however, that in a few particulars the proposed treaty is somewhat more extended than the treaty with Belgium, this enlargement having been made to more effectually meet the requirements of extradition between the United States and Canada.

Another Absconder. MANSFIELD, O., Feb. 17.--The Exchange bank of Belleville, an adjacent village, has failed, and the cashier is reported to have absconded with \$75,000 belonging to depositors. On Friday the bank announced that it had suspended business. Three depositors at once filed attachment suits, and writs for sums aggregating \$7,000 were immediately served by the sheriff, who is now in possession of the bank.

A Long Petition. NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 17.--It is thought that the governor will commute the sentence of death pronounced on ex-United States Marshal Wm. Spence, who assassinated Marshal Edward White, his son-in-law. Petitions with 8,000 names appended have been presented.

Against Chinese Immigration. VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 17.--An anti-Chinese emigration bill with very stringent provisions is on its way through the legislature. A similar bill, passed by the provincial parliament last year, was rejected by the Ottawa government.

Senator Bayard paid another visit to Cleveland Sunday.

Toronto churches prayed for British success in the Sudan.

Harry H. Fowler was crushed to death by ears at Newark, O.

Wilbur A. Hill, missing California editor, is found in New York.

A fire at Jacksonville, Fla., destroyed five buildings. Loss, \$50,000.

Mrs. Schreffer, assaulted by tramps at Kankakee, Ill. will recover.

W. H. Andrews, Meadville, Pa., was crushed to death by an elevator.

A number of Chicago socialists are on missionary tours through Ohio and Illinois.

Schlichting, New York, jealous lover, stabbed his rival with a fork. Not fatal.

The Canadian government increases the duty on flour to seventy-five cents a barrel.

Cleveland will be asked by democratic congressmen not to commit himself on the silver question in his inaugural address.

Joe Hoffer, of Zanesville, O., was fined \$50 and sentenced to five days' imprisonment for selling a glass of beer on Sunday.

The three-year-old child of Finn Taylor was shot through the head by the accidental discharge of a pistol at Andersonville, Tenn., receiving fatal injuries.

Nancy M. Price, an aged lady of Cave Creek, N. C., who has been insane two months, committed suicide by hanging with a lace curtain.

T. C. Spellings and Ben B. Price, two Forney's (Mo.) lawyers, quarreled during the progress of a case, and the latter shot and mortally wounded the former.

It is estimated at the lowest calculation that there are 75,000 men and women idle in New York City, which means at least \$1,000,000 a week lost in wages.

A dreadful collision occurred on the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia railroad, about eight miles from Chattanooga, Tenn., between the south-bound Atlanta express and a freight train. Jim Tracy and the fireman of the passenger train received severe injuries. The collision was caused by a misunderstanding of orders. Both trains were wrecked.