The News of the Week.

BY TELEGRAPH AND MAIL.

FROM WASHINGTON.

THE business failures in the United States during the seven days ended on the 21st numbered 216, against 227 the preceding week and 192 for the corresponding week last year.

IN nearly all branches of trade business was reported to be improving all over the country.

THE exchanges at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the week ended on the 22d aggregated $1,038,272,774 against $940,279,940 the previous week. As compared with the corresponding week of 1890 the decrease amounted to 10.6.

THE EAST.

REPUBLICANS of Pennsylvania in convention at Harrisburg adopted a platform which indorses President Harrison's administration, the McKinley bill, favors liberal pensions to soldiers, approves the ballot-reform law, recognizes the rights of labor, and eulogizes the course taken by Mr. Blaine as secretary of state. David M. Gregg, of Berks county, was nominated for state auditor, and John W. Morrison, of Allegheny county, for state treasurer.

ON the 19th President Harrison was present at the dedication of the monument erected at Bennington, Vt., to commemorate the victory of the Vermont and New Hampshire militia under Gen. Stark over a detachment of Burgoyne's army. It was also the centennial anniversary of the admission of Vermont as a state into the federal union.

IN the jail at Buffalo, N. Y., Anna Gorosowski and Catherine Schmidt hanged themselves with pieces of bedclothing.

H. G. MULLIGAN, John Lawton and J. F. Hickey were killed by the cars at Utica, N. Y.

THE failure of the Frederick Homer Brewing Company of Brooklyn for $500,000 was reported.

W. J. ARKELL tendered President Harrison a banquet at Mount McGregor, N. Y., on the 20th in honor of his 58th birthday.

LEMON ELLSWORTH shot and killed Mrs. Amanda Eitner, a widow aged 43, at Lancaster, Pa., and then committed suicide.

IN New York flames destroyed the buildings of L. H. Mace & Co., manufacturers of refrigerators, toys and woodware of various descriptions. Loss, $250,000.

TWO SISTERS, Mary and Kate Walton, 19 and 22 years old, were drowned by the upsetting of a boat at Dorchester, Mass.

AT McDonald Station, Pa., an oil tank caught fire and burst, the fire destroying many wells and buildings and 11,000 barrels of oil.

UPON arriving in New York Capt. Bakker, of the steamship Obdam, reported that on his last trip out of New York the stokers mutinied and that he shot the ringleader, a socialist named Duzen, dead.

TWO BRICK buildings in Park place, New York, collapsed, over eighty lives were lost and over seventy other persons were missing. An explosion caused the accident.

AT Pottsville, Pa., a cloudburst flooded many buildings, causing a loss of over $100,000.

WEST AND SOUTH.

IN Birmingham, Ala., Willie Armitage and his two little sisters were drowned in a creek. The little girls were trying to save their brother.

AT Carbon, Wyo., J. Crompton, a railway agent, while drunk set fire to the depot and perished in the flames. All the records of the Union Pacific Company and a large amount of money in the safe, the doors of which were left open by Crompton, were burned.

MRS. DICKINSON drowned her 14-year-old child and herself near New Auburn, Minn., on account of domestic troubles.

IT was discovered that Edward Lambert, Jr., bookkeeper of the San Juan Smelting & Mining Company and mayor of Durango, Col., was a defaulter in the sum of $110,000.

IN the Kiowa and Comanche country in Oklahoma gold and silver have been found in paying quantities.

GEORGE A. GILPATRICK and Henry C. Dahncke, the bicyclists who left Helena, Mont., July 1, reached Chicago on the 19th, having traveled 2,280 miles on their wheels.

In the eastern portion of the city of Indianapolis houses were flooded by the rising of Pogue's run and three boys were drowned.

INDEPENDENTS of Nebraska in state convention at Hastings nominated J. W. Edgerton, of South Omaha, for supreme judge, and W. A. Jones, of Hastings, for regent of the state university.

AT Lima, O., over 800 pieces of skin have been grafted to the body of William Shaw, who was scalded in the Standard oil refinery July 4. This eclipses all previous skin-grafting operations.

AT Hanover, N. H., Frank Almy, who most brutally murdered Miss Christie Warden, a beautiful young lady, several weeks ago, was captured in a haymow on the Warden homestead.

AT Dallas, Tex., fire originating in a telegraph office destroyed business property to the value of $312,000.

IN Chicago the American Wheel Company failed for $1,800,000.

IN Minnesota and North Dakota the Red River valley was the last to gather its wheat crop, but the returns are said to discount any previous year. Of wheat alone there is a crop of over 40,000,000 bushels, not to speak of millions of bushels of other grains, besides other crops and live stock, resulting in a per capita income to its people greater than that received by the population of any equal agricultural area of America.

AMIEL WILLIS died at Terre Haute, Ind., at the age of 92 years. He was the oldest veteran of the rebellion in Indiana and one of the first members of the G. A. R.

IN the penitentiary at Columbus, O., Edward Blair was hanged for the murder of Arthur Henry at Hartsburg March 17, 1887.

FOUR men—William Janz, G. A. McNeil, Robert Blackburn and Alexander Barron—were killed at the Black Bear mine in Idaho by falling earth.

NOTICE has been issued by the Great Northern railway to its agents in Minnesota, the Dakotas and Montana to not only observe the game law themselves, but report any violation of the same coming to their notice.

AT Milwaukee Cardinal Gibbons conferred the pallium on Archbishop Katzer.

THREE masked men robbed an express car in charge of J. T. Byne near Collins station, Ga., of $20,000.

THE largest carrier of wheat from original points in the world is the Great Northern railway of Minnesota and the Dakotas. Last year single stations in the Red river valley shipped over a million bushels each. This year it is expected to beat any previous record.

IN Nevada and Eldorado counties, Cal., large tracts of land were being completely denuded of buildings and all kinds of vegetables by forest fires.

IN and around Kansas City, Mo., and Huron and Leavenworth, Kan., stones unroofed stores and farm buildings, destroyed corn and prostrated telegraph wires.

THE death of Henry Worthington Beckwith, United States consul at Bermuda, occurred at his mother's home near Hinsdale, Ill., aged 28 years.

MRS. BANHOWER, of Alexandria, Va., during a fit of temporary insanity drowned her 13-months-old baby, then brained her 3-year-old boy with a hatchet and attempted to take her own life. She would recover.

IN Brown county, Ind., peaches and other growing crops were seriously damaged by wind and hailstorms. Fifty acres of corn in one locality were destroyed.

AT Cumberland, Wis., George Fussell, an old resident, and his grandson were drowned by the upsetting of a boat.

THREE little children of George Hamilton, of Ironton, O., were suffocated in a tool chest during the absence of their parents. A stick fastened in the staple of the chest indicated murder.

IN Macon county, Mo., crops were washed away and hundreds of live stock drowned by an overflow of the Chariton river.

THE percentages of the baseball clubs in the National league for the week ended on the 23d were: Chicago, .614; Boston, .588; New York, .577; Philadelphia, .520; Brooklyn, .479; Cleveland, .456; Cincinnati, .390; Pittsburgh, .384. The percentages in clubs of the American association were: Boston, .692; St. Louis, .635; Baltimore, .550; Athletic, .514; Columbus, .466; Milwaukee, .444; Louisville, .346; Washington, .346.

THROUGHOUT the northwest hard frosts were reported on the 22d. In portions of South Dakota ice formed on shallow water, and in Colorado snow fell.

A MOB lynched Charles Hawkins, a desperado, at Shelbyville, Ind., for fatally shooting Dan Bruce, the city marshal.

A FREIGHT train went through a trestle near Tula, Miss., killing two men and fatally injuring three others.

AN unknown man robbed James Gorman, a bachelor, who lived with his sister near Middleton, Wis., of $20,000, the savings of a lifetime.

AT New Ulm, Minn., a monument in memory of the massacre by the Sioux in 1862, by which 1,000 people lost their lives, was dedicated.

AT Wheeling, W. Va., a fraudulent co-operative company collapsed after swindling 14,000 persons out of over $300,000.

NEAR Clanton, Ala., Ray Porter (colored) was lynched by a mob for the murder of Henry Parr, a young white man.

THE death of Chester D. Hubbard, who from 1865 to 1869 represented the Wheeling (W. Va.) district in congress as a republican, occurred at Wheeling, aged 77 years.

A SCHEME was perfected by the Kansas Farmers' Alliance to establish a system of cooperative stores in every county in the state.

JOHN SAFFORD and Thomas Stevenson, two farmers of Ottawa county, Kan., took refuge during a storm in a barn and the building was crushed by the wind and both were killed.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

PASSENGER trains collided near Ostrowo, Prussia, and ten persons were killed and many injured.

IN Austria the village of Kollmann was flooded by a cloudburst and forty persons were drowned and half the houses in the town destroyed.

WHILE bathing Bella Nichol, aged 9 years, and her brother Willie, aged 6, were drowned at Brockville, Ont.

A SCAFFOLD at Nordenhamm, Germany, upon which a large number of men were working collapsed, killing fourteen men and seriously injuring forty others.

THE Canada crop of wheat this year exceeds anything in the history of the dominion, it being estimated at 63,000,000 bushels, of which 33,000,000 bushels will be for export.

THE Anglo-Australian bank at Melbourne suspended with liabilities of $600,000.

A RANCH owner named Marciano Medina, living in the United States of Colombia, has confessed to murdering his thirteen children. He objected to the expense of bringing them up.

MME. PATTI will make an operatic tour of the United States in the late autumn and winter.

CASUALTIES in the recent hurricane on the island of Martinique grow with each additional report. Two hundred and eighteen persons were killed in the coast towns alone, and many lives were lost in the interior villages.

NEAR Valparaiso, Chili, a terrible battle was raging on the 22d between President Balmaceda's forces and the insurgents, and over 3,000 soldiers had been slain.

STORIES of misery received from Russia are almost incredible. In Bessarabia peasants were selling their children in order to buy food.

LATER.

Mexican Famine.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 24.—A private letter from Albert Garcia, a prominent citizen of the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, to a friend in this city, tells of the most wide-spread and pitiable famine in that state. There has been no rain in many sections of the state for nearly two years. Cattle are dying by the thousands, and men, women and children are driven to madness by hunger. President Diaz has been appealed to and has suspended the custom duties for the state in order that breadstuffs from the United States can be gotten to starving people at the least cost.

The New York Disaster.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—A gang of Italians worked under the light of electricity all night at the scene of the disaster in Park place. Progress was slow owing to the large amount of debris which the overturned wall created. The first find of the day was made at 5:30 this morning, being the body of a man, burned beyond recognition, and by 8 o'clock four more had been found. Altogether thirty-five bodies have been taken from the ruins, of which only twenty have been identified.

NEAR Pendleton, Or., the 24th, Peter Techkella, his wife and three children were driving when the horse became unruly and backed over a bluff twenty-five feet high with the carriage and occupants. Mrs. Techkella and one child were instantly killed and two children injured. Techkella and the horse escaped.

THE Secretary of the Treasury gave notice the 24th, that the matured 4½ per cent bonds would be paid at the sub-treasury in New York, on and after September 2nd.

LATEST advices from Martinique state that 340 persons perished in the recent hurricane.

JIM HALL, the pugilist, and "Parson" Davies, his backer, had a quarrel in a bar room at Mt. Clemens, Mich., the 24th. Hall tried to brain Davies with a bottle. Davies grabbed a lemon knife and slashed Hall's throat, narrowly missing the jugular vein. Hall will recover.

REPORTS from all over the northwest indicate that the frost of Sunday morning caused no material damage to small grains.

THE postmaster general of England, H. C. Raikes, was killed by lightning the 24th.

THE Census bureau puts the U. S. wealth at $62,210,000,000.

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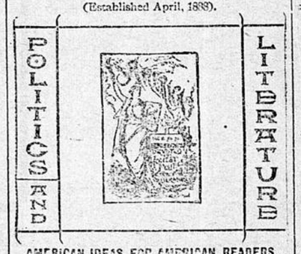

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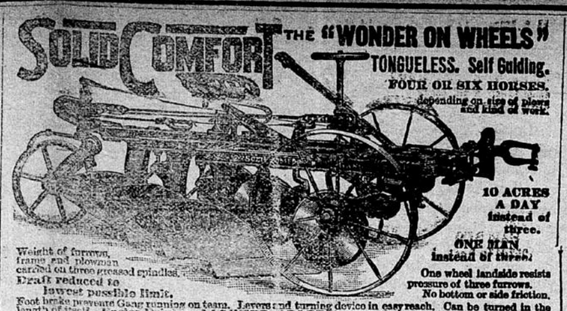

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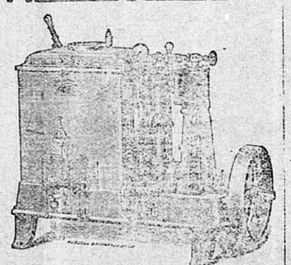

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