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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Seven persons were killed and thirty-three injured by a railway crash at Wakefield, England.

The fighting between the Russians and Turcomans in Central Asia has been very severe, and heavy losses are reported on both sides.

Russia maintains, in opposition to the opinion of the French Government, that the powers are bound to abide by the decisions of the Berlin Conference on the Greek frontier question.

The brigading of the various regiments of the Greek army has been ordered, and Russia has been requested to take Greek subjects in Turkey under her protection. Greece evidently means business.

A heavy snow-storm is reported in the United Kingdom, and the weather is said to have been the most experienced in twenty years. Several wrecks are reported on the coast. Similar storms prevailed throughout France and Spain, and much damage has been done. The weather in Paris was so cold that there was skating in the Garden of the Tuileries.

The recent storm in England was one of the most violent and destructive ever experienced in the British Isles. All the railroads were blocked with snow and the trains stopped running, while in the city of London traffic of all kinds was abandoned. The tide in the Thames river was higher than ever before, and the lower portions of the city were flooded. Woolwich pier was washed away, and over 100 barges sunk. The damage is estimated at \$10,000,000. Scores of vessels were wrecked on the coast and many lives lost.

The Scottish Harbortide Security Company, of Edinburgh, with capital and assets of \$2,000,000, has suspended.

A company has been formed in London to establish a line of steamers to be built with special facilities for transporting cattle from the United States. The capital stock is \$2,500,000.

One of the mines at Red Path, Cornwall, England, was suddenly drowned, and eight miners were drowned.

The French Chambers reassembled on the 20th of January, and Leon Say was elected President of the Chamber of Deputies.

A terrible battle occurred between the Chilian and Peruvian forces nine miles south of Lima. The Peruvians were defeated and driven from their position with heavy loss.

The police of Berlin prohibited a meeting of workmen to be taken place on a Jewish agitation, although no interference on the contrary side had been attempted.

South American advices report that a decisive battle has taken place at Mitrovitz, in which the Peruvians suffered an utter rout and the loss of Lima. President Piérola fled, and the Minister of War was taken prisoner. Twenty-five thousand Peruvians were engaged in the action. The Chilian loss was very heavy. An armistice is urged by the diplomatic representatives at Lima.

The police of St. Petersburg have begged the cattle stock and another nihilistic organization, securing the release of a quantity of axes and daggers, and a secret printing-press.

E. A. Sothern, the well-known English actor, is dead.

A terrible storm prevailed recently on the Mediterranean. It is rumored that fifty persons were killed and a great many injured.

Gladstone announces that it is the resolution to re-establish British authority in the Transvaal.

It is rumored in London that Gladstone is to be created Earl of Hawarden.

Eugene Joseph Verboekhoven, the eminent Belgian painter, is dead.

Gen. Skobeleff, who was leading had a desperate battle with Toklo-Turcomans, on Jan. 16, finally repulsing them with great slaughter.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

ELECT.

By the explosion of an oil tank at the Adams distillery near Philadelphia, the wharves, warehouses and two vessels were burned.

A fatal coasting accident occurred in Grandville, in the coal region of Pennsylvania. Miss Mary Cardiff and Miss Honora Dougherty were enjoying the racing sport, when the boys who were guiding their sled lost control of it, seeing the danger, rolled off and escaped. The sled crashed against a telegraph pole, and the two young ladies were instantly killed.

William H. Westervelt, after completing a term of seven years for conspiracy to kidnap Charles T. Davis, was taken from the Eastern penitentiary at Philadelphia. He pretends that he was utterly innocent of the charge on which he was convicted.

Rufus Hatch, the well-known New York capitalist, has begun suit in the New York Supreme Court to prevent the consolidation of the telegraph companies.

There is intense indignation among the business men of New York and other Eastern cities over the recent consolidation of the telegraph companies, which will not doubt culminate in the formation of an independent company in opposition to the great monopoly. In connection with this subject, a recent telegram from New York, says the leading business men of that city "are strongly advocating the management of telegraph lines by the Government. Those who have studied the problem most closely see no remedy against the exactions of this present monopoly except the adoption of just such a system as is in use in Great Britain, and they note with pleasure that the idea is being agitated in all parts of the country, particularly in the West."

The Egyptian obelisk has been placed upon its pedestal in Central Park, New York. Secretary of the Navy Goff, Secretary of State Evans, the Central Park Commissioners, and many representatives of the Masonic fraternity were among the nearly 10,000 people who witnessed the ceremony.

An Erie railway train, having postal and express cars and nine Pullman sleepers, and running at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour, was thrown from the track near Oswego, N. Y., by the breaking of a driving-wheel axle of the locomotive. By the explosion of the oil lamps the postal car took fire and burned like tinder, four clerks being roasted to a crisp. The express messenger, Henry C. Brewer, also expired in the flames. The train employees escaped unhurt, but ten members of a colored minstrel company from Birmingham were more or less injured. The mail agents were Messrs. Reid, Seybold, Ingraham and Fox.

WEST.

A dance at Las Lunas, a small village in New Mexico, ended in a free fight between Americans and Mexicans, in which two of the former and one of the latter were killed.

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A singular and shocking murder was committed Sunday evening, at Lapeer, Mich. While the people were at church, Mrs. Barnard, wife of a prominent lumberman at Greenville, attended the residence of Rev. E. Curtis, attacked his wife, threw her down, poured gasoline over her clothing, and set her on fire. The unfortunate lady was terribly burned, and died within a few hours. As there was no apparent motive for the crime, it is believed the murderess is insane.

J. Philip Krieger, Jr., at one time one of the prominent men of St. Louis, and ex-treasurer of the defunct Broadway Savings Bank, was found dead in his room at the Western Hotel in that city. An empty morphine bottle and a letter to his father told that it was a suicide.

A Creek Indian has arrived at Abrams, Battle river, from Cypress hills, with the report that six of his friends and thirty Creeks were killed in a fight with the Sioux.

The body of Jeremiah Sullivan was stolen from the Mount Elliott Cemetery, Detroit, and the janitor of the medical college has been arrested for participation in the crime.

Near Plain City, Ohio, Mrs. Ophelia Clear, her niece and an adopted son were killed with a club. Robert Gaines, a colored man who formerly lived with them, has been arrested.

Capt. George W. Chilton, of the First Eighth Cavalry, committed suicide at Eagle Pass, Tex., the instrument of death being a revolver.

Sitting Bull, having grown tired of negotiating with the military authorities, has started for the British possessions, accompanied by forty lodges.

The directors of the Illinois Central road have declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 1/2 per cent, payable March 1. The New Orleans branch is in position to liquidate its bonded indebtedness of \$12,000,000.

Floods in Oregon and Washington Territory caused the destruction of half a million dollars' worth of property.

On a company of foreclosures, the Green Bay and Minnesota railroad was sold, at Milwaukee, for \$2,000,000, to John L. Blair, for the bondholders.

The Illinois State Grange, in session at Freeport, endorsed the Rangan bill to regulate commerce between the States.

A mortgage of a colored character has been filed in the Recorder's office in Chicago. By its terms the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific railroad pledges its entire property for the payment of \$50,000,000 to the Central Trust Company of New York, and James Cheney, of Indiana. The mortgage runs for forty years, with interest at 6 per cent, payable semi-annually.

During the progress of a fire on Canal street, Chicago, which destroyed the furniture building of T. Mayer, one of the walls of the building fell outward, injuring four firemen and a policeman—three of whom of the former, and a female, of the latter, were killed.

A terrible smash-up occurred on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad, near Ford Creek, Ill. The Omaha express was thrown from the track by a broken rail, and two coaches were completely wrecked. One car took fire, and the engine and tender were burned that died. Five others were severely injured, and the other two partially failed, and several received slight bruises or lacerations.

Two Illinois Central trains, about midnight on Thursday, following their instructions, came to a stop at a weak bridge between Adams and Clinton. A third train came dashing around the curve, and a fireman and brakeman were killed, an engineer seriously injured, and two engines wrecked.

A playful scuffle between a rough and a gambler, at Bodie, Cal., ended by their wounding themselves about each other and shooting each other dead, and the other mortally wounded.

Jan Gould is said to have purchased an interest in the Kookuk Northern Line Packet Company.

Application has been made for a receiver for the Missouri River Packet Company of St. Louis.

Henry Koster, who killed his wife at Danville, Ill., was hanged at Danville on Friday, Jan. 21.

James M. Walker, formerly President and of late Solicitor of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railway, died in Chicago last week.

Reports received at Evansville, Ind., indicate the failure of the wheat crop in Southern Indiana and Illinois. A large farm near Newkirk, Ind., has been abandoned.

An oil well recently opened at Canon City, Col., yields five to eight barrels per day. Some wealthy citizens of Chicago, among them N. K. Fairbank, George W. Dunlap, Perry H. Smith, George C. Walker, Wirt Dexter, Henry W. King, John B. Lyon, and others, have taken steps to organize a new oil company, to be independent of the Standard Oil Company.

Havey's New Mastodon Mine-trails, after one very successful week at his Chicago home, will remain for seven days more, the business having justified this change of programme. Havey's immense auditorium has been tested to its full capacity the past week, and will continue the same way for the present one.

South.

Dr. Levin Smith Jones, D.D., one of the most prominent physicians of Virginia, died at Richmond.

Miss Bessie Werts, living near Prosperity, S. C., was brutally outraged by two negroes named Spearman and Fair. Spearman was shot to death and Fair hanged.

A feud of long standing led to a number of assassinations near Augusta, Ark. A planter named Charles Johnson, a school teacher named George Finn, and a colored man were killed in their homes, and Dr. D. F. Dale was dangerously wounded.

Henry Xarrell and a man named Howe were shot near Chattanooga, Tenn., the former being killed and the latter dangerously wounded. The assassins were concealed in the darkness. Next day two men named Brooks and Griffey were arrested on suspicion, and, being committed to the jail, they were confined in a blacksmith shop, where they were guarded by two men. During the night a noise was heard at the windows, and almost simultaneously two rifles were fired, the bullets entering the brains of the two prisoners, causing instant death.

William L. Wells, of Georgetown, South Carolina, S. C., has been guilty of voting twenty-one times at the last election. The jury recommended him to mercy.

An insane man who went aboard the steamboat Annie P. Silver, at Memphis, as a deck passenger, upon arrival at a negro, fired at the pilot, killed the clerk, Daniel Black, and put a ball through the palm of Capt. Silver's hand. He was then knocked down by a poked and handed over to the authorities at New Madrid, Mo.

An oyster war has broken out along the Rappahannock river, in Virginia, caused by the appearance of a fleet of fifteen vessels

from Maryland intent upon taking out the bivalves in defiance of law. Fire was opened upon the invaders with a howitzer stationed on a cliff, to which the Marylanders replied with rifles and revolvers, but ultimately hoisted a white flag and set sail for home.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Col. Butterfield, with a corps of assistants, who have been in South Carolina examining into the accuracy of the census in that State, returned to Washington last week and reported to Gen. Walker. The report says the census of June was taken with unusual accuracy, and fully maintains the integrity of the enumerators.

Mr. Tresscott, one of the Commissioners who negotiated the treaty with China, says the only change produced by it in the status of China is in this, that the United States Government now stands pledged to protect them from persecution.

Gen. Walker, of the Census Bureau, says, in regard to the alleged frauds in the census in South Carolina, that he ordered a re-enumeration in eight townships, situated at the place where the frauds were alleged to have been committed. The results were carefully compared, name by name and house by house, with the first enumeration, and in every case there was found a further increase. He expresses a hope that the census will be found correct, and hopes that it will be accepted as such.

The original papers bequeathed by Benjamin Franklin to his grandson have been offered to the State Department for \$25,000.

It is generally believed at Washington that a re-enumeration bill will be passed before Congress adjourns, and that the number of Representatives will be fixed at about 300.

The President has approved the sentence of Paymaster J. H. Nelson, of the army, which is dismissal, two years at hard labor, and a fine of \$2,500.

POLITICAL POINTS.

The Massachusetts Legislature has elected H. L. Dawes to succeed himself in the Senate of the United States.

A concurrent resolution has passed both houses of the Michigan Legislature asking the President-elect to give ex-Gov. Bagley a seat in the Cabinet.

Gov. Littlefield, of Rhode Island, in his message to the State Legislature, recommends union suffrage on the school question.

The Governor of Nevada has sent to the United States Senate the result of a vote on the Chinese question. There were 183 votes in favor of Chinese immigration, and 117 against it, only 659 persons failed to vote on the subject.

Gen. Sewell received the Republican caucus nomination for the New Jersey Senatorship on the twelfth ballot. In the Wisconsin Republican caucus Philbrick Sawyer received 124 votes on the first ballot, and Eugene Hale, of New York, 100 votes.

Keyes' twenty-five, when Sawyer's nomination had been made unanimous, the caucus adopted a resolution recommending Keyes to Garfield for the Postmaster Generalship.

The following United States Senators were elected on Wednesday, 19th inst.: Thomas C. Platt, of New York; Eugene Hale, of Maine; Benjamin H. Harrison, of Indiana; Joseph R. Hawley, of Connecticut; Henry L. Dawes, of Massachusetts; Francis M. Cockrell, of Missouri; and Henry P. Baldwin and Omar D. Conger, of Michigan.

Senator Allison has returned to Washington from Menard. He says Gen. Garfield listened respectfully and attentively to his representations in behalf of Mr. Wilson, of Iowa, but did not commit himself by a single syllable. It is believed by many that Gen. Green Bay, of Illinois, the present Commissioner of Internal Revenue, will be tendered the Treasury Department, or that at least Gen. Garfield will give one place in his Cabinet to Illinois.

Secretary Ramsey of the War Department has decided to resign altogether from public life at the close of his present official term.

Gen. Mahone, Senator-elect from Virginia, has selected a seat on the Democratic side of the Senate.

Charles H. Van Wyck was chosen United States Senator from Nebraska, after a somewhat protracted contest. Gen. Van Wyck was a Brigadier General of volunteers during the war, and member of Congress from New York.

He is regarded as an anti-railroad man. His father, probably a large farm near Nebraska City, and is a member of the present Legislature.

The leading Republicans of Arkansas gathered at Little Rock and adopted an address of Interior Revenue, which was tendered to Hon. W. W. Gibbs, collector, to a position in the Cabinet.

The Mexican Central railroad project promises to be a complete success. Bonds to amount of \$5,000,000 have been placed on the market, and already more than double the amount of subscription has been offered. Jay Gould has purchased 666 blocks of the stock, valued at \$2,997,000, and Gen. Grant has received 100 blocks, valued at \$45,000.

Gen. Walker, Superintendent of the Census, has sent to Congress a statement showing the population of the United States as follows, by States:

Alabama.....	1,267,784	Mississippi.....	1,131,472
Arkansas.....	872,741	Minnesota.....	2,108,434
California.....	661,586	Nebraska.....	427,433
Colorado.....	165,866	Nevada.....	42,745
Connecticut.....	626,688	New Hampshire.....	246,934
Delaware.....	166,788	North Carolina.....	1,150,283
Florida.....	267,381	New York.....	5,085,810
Georgia.....	1,000,046	Ohio.....	3,450,407
Idaho.....	30,778	Oregon.....	137,289
Illinois.....	2,517,882	South Carolina.....	174,767
Indiana.....	1,758,000	Texas.....	1,021,778
Iowa.....	1,021,778	Vermont.....	232,298
Kansas.....	956,866	Washington.....	276,238
Louisiana.....	1,245,788	West Virginia.....	120,874
Maine.....	648,072	Wisconsin.....	1,162,443
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The thirteenth annual convention of the National Woman Suffrage Association was held in Washington last week.

In a small town in Nova Scotia one family lost eight children by diphtheria within a week.

The arrangements for the consolidation of the three leading telegraph companies have been ratified by the Board of Directors, but the stockholders will not act on the matter until next month. The new stock will be distributed on the basis of 138 for Western Union, 150 for American Union and 60 for Atlantic and Pacific. The capital of the consolidation is to be \$80,000,000.

Gen. Grant is to be President of the Nicaraguan Canal Company and Senator Marcellus Romero, ex-Minister of Mexico to the United States, is to be Secretary. Efforts will be

made to secure the necessary Congressional action on the measure before the close of the present session.

Some enterprising capitalists of Montreal have conceived a project for making a railway tunnel under the Falls of Niagara.

A Bolivian representative is on his way to the United States to negotiate a treaty of commerce and secure a loan of \$5,000,000 at any sacrifice.

John Gallagher, of Syracuse, a leader in the Fenian organization, states that another raid on Canada is contemplated.

The twenty-four hours ending Sunday, Jan. 23, was one of unusually widespread meteorological violence, as shown by the telegraphic reports from the various sections of the country.

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of the Chinese treaty became public in several newspapers. The bill was introduced into the Senate by Senator Stanford, of California.

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