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## NEWS CONDENSED.

Concise Record of the Week.

### DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

Mr. VAN DYKE introduced a bill in the Senate, Dec. 16, to work by one-half the freight rates on the Union and Central Pacific roads. The bill was referred to the committee on commerce. A bill to amend an act to provide for the construction of public lands, was introduced by Mr. Logan. The bill was referred to the committee on public lands. A bill to amend an act to provide for the construction of public lands, was introduced by Mr. Logan. The bill was referred to the committee on public lands. A bill to amend an act to provide for the construction of public lands, was introduced by Mr. Logan. The bill was referred to the committee on public lands.

A bill restoring to the public domain the lands granted to the Iron Mountain railroad, because the route diverged from the contemplated line, was passed by the Senate Jan. 16. Mr. Miller introduced a bill to provide means to extirpate pleuro-pneumonia. During the consideration of the joint rules Mr. Frye charged that any person who introduced a bill in the Senate to extirpate pleuro-pneumonia, would be liable to a fine of \$1,000. The bill was referred to the committee on agriculture.

A MEMORIAL from William Pitt Kellogg, asking an investigation of the charges brought against him in connection with the Texas and Pacific land grant, was presented in the Senate Jan. 17. The memorial was referred to the committee on public lands.

The Senate received a message from the President, Jan. 18, recommending that a relief expedition be dispatched for the Greely party, and asking that immediate action be taken in the matter. A bill was favorably reported to carry out the supplemental treaty with China, by prohibiting the traffic in opium between the two countries. In executive session the Mexican treaty failed for lack of one vote. The Senate in executive session rejected the Mexican treaty. A motion was made to reconsider, pending which the Senate adjourned until Monday.

### EASTERN.

Godfred Eisenberger, a guest in Carsten's hotel, at Elizabeth, N. J., shot dead a waiter named Beuhler, who entered his room with a lighted candle.

James Egan, ex-Speaker of the New Jersey House, has been sentenced to a month in the penitentiary and \$500 fine for attempting to bribe an Assemblyman at the last session of the Legislature.

Edward Tappan, in prison at Hunter's Point, L. I., for the Townsend outrage, confessed that his brother, John B. Tappan, on the evening of Nov. 17, last, killed Mrs. and Anna Maybee by strangling them to death on the barn floor, then assaulted Mr. Maybee and robbed the premises.

Another appalling marine disaster is reported. The steamer City of Columbus, bound from Boston to Savannah, with eighty-two first-class and twenty-two steerage passengers, was wrecked on a ledge of rocks off the Island of Martha's Vineyard, at a point thirty miles directly south of New Bedford, Mass. All the boats were swamped. Many persons left the vessel in various descriptions of floating devices, but all lost their lives save seventeen. About 130 lives were lost.

Three men were killed by an explosion in a dynamite factory at Allentown, Pa., and three small buildings were destroyed. By the explosion of a boiler in the shoe factory of E. Y. & E. Wallace, at Rochester, N. H., four men were killed and six injured. The engineer had weighted down the safety-valve with a brick. A portion of the boiler went through the base of a chimney ninety feet high, which toppled over upon the factory.

Two persons were killed by a bursting boiler at Hunter's Point, L. I.

A special Treasury officer in New York seized a mail package from Amsterdam which contained diamonds valued at \$20,000.

The firm of Williams & Guion, New York, has been dissolved because of the financial embarrassment of Wm. H. Guion,

who made an assignment, and has liabilities approaching \$2,000,000. Other members of the house, or the company itself, are not involved, and a new firm has been organized under the name of Guion & Co. It is stated that Wm. H. Guion has no assets.

### WESTERN.

Amelia Olsen, an attractive young seamstress of Chicago, was the victim of an outrage by unknown persons, her corpse being found at a lonely spot on the prairie. She had evidently been strangled with a cord and conveyed to a snow-bank. Her money and jewelry were left by the murderers.

A bronze statue of the late Oliver P. Morton, over eight feet in height, for which \$12,500 was raised by popular subscription, was formally unveiled at Indianapolis.

After paying expenses and taxes, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad earned last year \$8,216,859.

Eight men were horribly scalded by the explosion of a boiler in a grist-mill at Columbia, Mo.

John Elfers was hanged in Washington Territory. He killed a man who would not pay a debt of 50 cents.

Leroy Donovan, supposed to be a son of the Mormon Bishop John D. Lee, was hanged at Rawlins, Wyoming, for killing a barber of Rock Springs, named William Leighton.

Thirty-nine Indian children, twenty-seven of whom were girls, reached Milwaukee in charge of Father Malo. The boys will be placed in Eastern institutions and the females in the House of the Good Shepherd, at Milwaukee.

Near Ouray, Col., Mike Cuddihie and his wife, who had been arrested for the murder of Rose Matthews, a little girl whom they had recently taken from a home in Denver, were taken from the officers by vigilants and hanged. The child's body was found covered with knife-wounds, a leg had been broken, her skull was crushed in, and her limbs had been frozen.

### SOUTHERN.

At Weatherford, Tex., the west-bound Texas Pacific passenger train was wrecked by a broken rail. Thirty passengers were injured, some very seriously.

A bill has gone through the Texas Senate to punish fence-cutting by imprisonment for two to five years.

In a row at Dallas, Miss., one man was killed, two mortally hurt, and several others seriously injured.

The first Jewish temple at Memphis, erected at a cost of \$40,000, was dedicated.

An elevated road, adapted both to passengers and freight, is to be constructed along the levee at New Orleans within two years.

### WASHINGTON.

The annual report of the Agricultural Department at Washington puts the corn crop of Illinois at 8,151,463 acres, yielding 203,786,500 bushels, being an average of twenty-five bushels per acre. Illinois is the banner State, no other having as large an acreage or producing as many bushels. The next highest is Iowa, which has 668,421 acres, though Kansas, which has 478,473 acres, has a larger number of bushels than Iowa, her total being 172,800,000, against Iowa's 169,639,000. Illinois has almost one-eighth of the total corn acreage of the entire country, and over one-eighth of the total yield, the yield running 23.10 bushels per acre, which is above the average. It is, however, a curious fact that the New England States have a higher number of bushels per acre than Illinois.

The bill of Representative Townsend for the adoption of retaliatory measures against France and Germany was defeated in the House Committee on Commerce.

C. P. Huntington made his appearance at Washington before the House Committee on Public Lands, in behalf of the California and Oregon railroad, as the representative of a company which always performed its contracts within the specified time, and argued against the forfeiture of the land grant.

The Garfield Memorial church at Washington was dedicated last Sunday. The cornerstone of the new church was laid on the first anniversary of the assassination of the late President. The dedicatory sermon was preached by President Pendleton, of Bethany College, Ex-Gov. Bishop, of Ohio, also spoke. President Arthur, Secretary Frelinghuysen, and several prominent public men were present.

C. P. Huntington, before leaving Washington for New York, revealed to an interviewer some of the intentions of the Southern Pacific monopolists. He virtually threatens that if Congress forfeits the old Texas Pacific land-grant he and his associates will, by protracted litigation, prevent the people from settling on the lands for the next twenty years, even if the railroad does not, by its peculiar methods, succeed in securing a favorable decision. Huntington distinctly stated that there is nothing in the recently published letters which he wants to take back or apologize for. He declares that he will not take any hand in the fight against the bills to regulate interstate commerce.

The House Committee on Pacific Railroads has decided to report a bill compelling all subsidized lines to pay the cost of surveying and selecting lands given in aid of construction.

### POLITICAL.

The Democratic members of the Texas Legislature, in session at Austin, were interviewed upon political topics. One-half of them were in favor of Thurman for President, and nearly all expressed themselves in favor of a radical revision of the tariff.

Senator-elect Payne, of Ohio, after receiving congratulations from a large number of his party friends, gave a banquet in Columbus to about 200 members of the Legislature and State officials. He delivered a long speech, in which he discussed the tariff, the civil service, and other political topics.

Hon. F. W. Rockwell, Republican, has been elected to Congress from the Twelfth district of Massachusetts, to succeed Gov. Robinson.

The Iowa Republican State committee, at its meeting in Des Moines, decided to hold two State conventions. The first, to choose delegates to the National convention, will be held May 7.

The Kansas Republican State Cen-

tral committee will meet at Topeka on Feb. 6 to call a State convention to select delegates to the National convention at Chicago.

The Indiana Republican State Central committee has ordered the holding of a convention in Indianapolis for nominating four delegates from the State at large to the National convention, April 17 being fixed upon as the date. The State convention for the nomination of a ticket will be held at Indianapolis June 19.

Judge E. K. Wilson has been elected United States Senator from Maryland, to succeed James B. Groome.

Some of the Democratic members of the Appropriations Committee, says a Washington telegram, are opposed to voting money at this session for completing the new cruisers and the dispatch-boat now in course of construction. The reason alleged is that John Roach, who is doing the work, is likely to make extravagant charges for extras, which may be allowed by Secretary Chandler, who is said to be on too friendly terms with him.

Speaker Carlisle was entertained by the Commonwealth club, at Philadelphia. Congressmen Randall, Morrison, Curtin and many other prominent Democrats were present.

### BUSINESS TROUBLES.

The commercial failures were neither so numerous nor heavy the past week as during the previous seven days. Following embrace the business collapses of note reported by telegraph:

Nesbit & Co., cotton, Savannah, Ga., \$100,000  
S. B. Beshore, groceries, Marion, Ind., 9,000  
J. E. Yellman, hemp, Lexington, Ky., 30,000  
Duncan A. Grant, furs, New York, 65,000  
H. F. Burchard, fine stock, New York, 50,000  
H. & B. Dessoir, furniture, New York, 35,000  
C. H. Hauge, boots and shoes, Aberdeen, Dakota, 10,000  
P. W. Gerhard, agricultural implements, Austin, Texas, 20,000  
Isaac & Samuel, clothing, New York, 35,000  
Bloch & Co., printers, Cincinnati, 40,000  
Thomas, Puryear & Docom, hardware, Evansville, Ind., 30,000  
Kelly, Gilchrist & Co., hardware, San Francisco, 90,000  
Chas. Hudson, general store, Maumee, Wis., 10,000  
Waterman & Co., grain, San Francisco, 1,000,000  
Buckley & Co., dry goods, Ulen, N. Y., 200,000  
Johnston & Sons, builders, New York, 75,000  
James Besland, dry goods, New York, 50,000  
Hyde & Turcotte, fancy goods, Montreal, 30,000  
J. Blinhard, dry goods, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 50,000  
Samuel Bitter, banker, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 50,000  
J. E. Popple, general store, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 10,000  
J. Sell, general merchant, Farmerville, La., 12,000  
W. W. Coleman & Co., grain brokers, New York, 637,000  
J. M. Waller & Co., grain brokers, New York, 300,000  
Henry, Cotton & Co., groceries, Peoria, Ill., 50,000  
M. J. Davis, milliner, Columbus, Ohio, 30,000  
S. Hogan, jewelry, Cleveland, Ohio, 30,000

### MISCELLANEOUS.

There is a steady decrease in the number of whaling vessels sailing from Atlantic ports. The last year proved an unprofitable season.

The Austrian Minister of Commerce has approved of a scheme for a monthly line of steamers between Trieste and New York. The Southern Pacific road has arranged for a direct line of steamers between Trieste and New Orleans.

Mr. Robert Harris has been elected President of the Northern Pacific railroad company. Mr. Harris has for some years been President of the New York, Lake Erie & Western railroad, and is a man of great capacity and energy.

While the failures last week were more numerous than in any week since resumption commenced, they were almost wholly confined to small traders.

Sharp shocks of earthquake were felt last week at Centokoot, N. H., and Wilmington and Beaufort, N. C.

An unsuccessful attempt was made by grave-robbing to steal the remains of the Right Rev. V. Whelan, late Bishop of the diocese of Wheeling, W. Va.

Messrs. John and William Redmond, members of Mr. Parnell's Parliamentary party, who have been in Australia for nearly a year organizing Land leagues, are now on a speech-making tour through the United States. They repudiate the dynamite policy of the Irish extremists, and say that nearly all the people of Ireland have the greatest confidence in Mr. Parnell.

### FOREIGN.

The unusual activity and arrival of stores at Woolwich arsenal gives rise to the belief that England intends to dispatch reinforcements to Egypt.

At Newcastle, Mr. Chamberlain said the Government had determined to bestow upon Ireland the same rights and privileges enjoyed by England and Scotland.

The police of Dublin refused to permit Mr. Biggar, M. P., to speak at a dinner given him by the Nationalists.

"Chinese" Gordon is to be allowed to retain his commission in the British army, notwithstanding his departure for the Congo country in the service of the King of the Belgians.

Egyptian insurgents have cut off the retreat of the garrisons in Senaar, and, by sunken boats, have made the Nile impassable below Duen.

Farmers plowed fifty acres of Parnell's land. One hundred and sixty plows were in use.

Monsignor Cesare, a church dignitary at Rome, was murdered in bed and his room plundered.

The immigrants into the United States from the principal foreign countries during the past year numbered 560,196.

The Chinese have suspended the work of obstructing the Canton river, on account of a protest by the British Government.

The King of Spain has accepted the resignation of the Ministry, and has called on Canovas del Castillo to form a new cabinet.

It is officially announced that the Khedive of Egypt has not the slightest intention of resigning.

The depressed state of the money market, owing to the Tonquin excitement, has caused several Chinese bankers to commit suicide.

The police of St. Petersburg discovered a secret printing office, and arrested eighteen persons connected therewith.

The retreat of the Egyptian troops and Europeans at Khartoum has been cut off, and Berbu is also beleaguered and massacres are imminent. Gen. Gordon goes to Khartoum with full powers to arrange a settlement.

Miss Hogarth has taken measures to prevent the publication in England of Charles Dickens' letters to his solicitor. Lord Lytton's biography of his father finds little favor, on account of its high price.

The new Spanish ministry has been announced. Canovas del Castillo has been selected as President of the Council, who says that the programme of the Government will be based on liberal lines, and that he will constantly endeavor to keep free from international politics.

### LATER NEWS ITEMS.

Washington telegram: The House Committee on Public Lands have agreed to recommend the passage of a bill declaring the lands granted to the Texas Pacific railroad forfeited for breach of the contract on which they were donated, restoring the lands to the public domain for sale and settlement, and protecting the rights of settlers. The report contains a scathing denunciation of the methods adopted by C. P. Huntington and his associates to secure their ends, and several of the celebrated letters to "Friend Colton" are quoted by the committee to show how the Southern Pacific labored to prevent the Texas Pacific from securing the aid desired.

Following are the week's record of fires where a loss of \$10,000 and upward was entailed:

Losses.	Losses.
Quarryville, Pa., tobacco warehouse, \$25,000	St. Paul, Minn., hide and fur store, 75,000
Memphis, Tenn., two stores, 25,000	Green Bay, Wis., Klaus building, 25,000
Savary, Kan., two hotels, 30,000	Batavia, N. Y., harvester works, 50,000
La Crosse, Wis., two stores, 10,000	Neesho, Minn., eight business houses, 50,000
Kenney, Ill., hardware store, 20,000	St. Louis, Mo., hardware store, 20,000
St. Paul, Minn., hardware store, 20,000	Clinton, Mass., soap factory, 20,000
Providence, R. I., woolen mill, 20,000	St. Paul, Minn., hardware store, 20,000
Fayette, Mo., a block of stores, 75,000	Eau Claire, Wis., clothing store, 45,000
Suwanee, Fla., hotel, 125,000	New York City, an office building, 200,000
Canastota, N. Y., stores, 75,000	Lockport, N. Y., paper-board mill, 60,000
Washington, Kan., opera house, 20,000	Newark, N. J., steel works, 30,000
Porterville, Ind., flour mill, 10,000	Toledo, O., cornice works, 10,000
Leipsic, O., twelve shops and stores, 35,000	Newburg, N. Y., woolen mill, 60,000
Paducah, Ky., St. Charles hotel, 30,000	Chicago, Schneider's candle factory, 150,000
Memphis, Tenn., business block, 45,000	Hot Springs, Ark., two stores, 15,000
St. Paul, Minn., hardware store, 20,000	Corfu, N. Y., cannery factory, 10,000
Low M. Mich., twenty small stores, 25,000	Racine, Wis., drug store, 55,000
Minneapolis, Wis., thirteen stores, 41,000	St. Paul, Minn., Holt & Parr's store, 20,000

Jay Gould is said to contemplate another exhibition of the contents of his huge tin box, to allay public distrust as to his standing. It is believed to hold \$300,000,000 in Western Union, \$15,000,000 in Missouri Pacific, \$20,000,000 in Texas Pacific, and a large amount of Washab and Union Pacific.

By a railway accident on the Washab road near Macon, Mo., six passengers were seriously injured.

Highwaymen robbed the stage between Wickenburg and Prescott, Arizona, rifling the letters in the mail-pouches.

Some orange groves in the vicinity of Mobile were touched by frost, but no one will admit that his trees were killed.

SEVERAL petitions were presented in the Senate, Jan. 21, asking an investigation of the divorce legislation, the respective States, and others praying for a law to give ex-prisoners of war the benefit of the public lands. In executive session a resolution to discuss the Mexican treaty with open doors was defeated. Mr. Edmunds introduced a bill to amend the act granting lands to the Union and Central Pacific roads, and to secure to the United States the indebtedness of the companies. Mr. Morgan offered a resolution, which was agreed to, that the Committee on Foreign Relations inquire into the subject of settlements in the valley of the Congo river, Africa, and report such action as is necessary in furtherance of our commercial policy. The committee on the army officers to hold civil office in the Territories. 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