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## NEWS CONDENSED.

### Concise Record of the Week.

#### EASTERN.

In a brutal prize-fight between two professional pugilists, near New York, the arm of one of them was broken in two different places.

By the burning of the grocery of W.L. Brothers, in Allegheny City, two persons were suffocated and two others were fatally injured by leaping from the upper floor.

The Bolton dyeing and bleaching mills near Fordham, N. Y., were damaged to the amount of \$15,000 by fire and the explosion of drying-cases.

A dispatch from Ashland, Pa., says: "Harry G. Michael, Michael Bannon, Harry Marmon, Daniel Finn, and Eben Francis were killed at the Tunnel colliery. Owing to an anticipated 'run' of 'pillars,' the west gangway has not been working for a couple of weeks. Notwithstanding all possible circumstance, the apprehended 'run' occurred, bringing down with the coal a volume of deadly gas by which the men above named and six miles were suffocated."

Fire destroyed the large factory building at Nos. 223 to 227 Canal street, New York. The loss is estimated at \$300,000.

Continuous rains in portions of Maine and New Hampshire have resulted in disastrous floods.

Miss Alice Cobb committed suicide at Portland, Me., and left a note stating that her father was the cause of it, and that her spirit would haunt him as long as he lived.

#### WESTERN.

The Calumet and Hecla Mining Company of Michigan has made contracts for the delivery this summer of eight million pounds of copper at the low price of 10 cents per pound.

The Dakota Board of Agriculture has decided to hold the first fair at Grand Forks, the date being fixed for September 13-17. It has also been arranged to hold trotting races at Grand Forks, Hillsboro, and Fargo.

A west-bound train on the Northern Pacific jumped the track near Steele, Dakota. One man was killed and several people injured.

Judge James Bradley, a pioneer and prominent citizen of La Porte, Ind., is dead at the age of 77.

The gambling-houses at Toledo, Ohio, were ordered closed, last Sunday, which is the first move of the reform police board, and the result was the gambling material was all packed and shipped to Detroit.

Twenty-one buildings, including two churches and a number of business houses, were destroyed by fire at Kankakee, with a total loss of \$45,000. The fires are attributed to incendiaries.

The condition of the winter wheat in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and Kansas has improved during the past week, although in some sections the need of rain is still urgent. Spring wheat looks promising in Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska.

George W. Eubanks, who is serving a sentence in the Milwaukee Workhouse for larceny, has made affidavit that three crooks named Murray, Flater, and Curley tried to hire him to help in the Rock Island express robbery, for which crime Schwartz and Watt were recently convicted. The attorneys for Schwartz and Watt will use the affidavit in support of a motion for a new trial.

The will of Alexander Mitchell gives the widow the homestead in Milwaukee, \$200,000 in such bonds or stocks as she may select, and an annuity of \$50,000, to be paid in monthly installments. To David F. Mitchell, a grandson, is left \$100,000; to Isabella Mackie, a niece, \$25,000, and in various educational and charitable institutions \$5,000 in gross. The remainder of the estate, except some bank stock, was given to his only son, and as soon as the will was promulgated he was elected to succeed his father as President of the bank, and the capital stock was increased \$500,000.

The coal-laden schooner Louise O'Neill was sunk in Lake Erie in a collision with the vessel Thomas W. Parker. The entire crew of eight souls perished.

#### SOUTHERN.

A negro named Foster, living in Harrison County, Texas, suddenly went crazy, snatched his 3-year-old child by the legs, dashed its brains out against a tree, and ran with the body to the creek bottom, where he was ineffectually followed by his family. Assistance was procured and he was finally captured. When found Foster was rending the child's body with his teeth, spitting flesh onto the ground.

Jay Gould is said to have purchased 160 acres of land at St. Louis, on which the machine shops of the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain and Southern Railroads are to be erected.

Edward E. Samuels, a St. Louis merchant, jumped into the river at Nashville, Tenn., and was drowned. He gave as his reason that he had broken his promise to his wife that he would drink no more intoxicating liquor.

The bodies of three negroes, brothers, named Sylvester, were found hanging to a tree near Proctor, W. Va. Each body bore a placard on which was written: "Nigger thievery must be broken up." The farmers in the neighborhood had suffered depredations at the hands of unknown persons, and it seems they finally settled on the Sylvester brothers as the guilty ones.

#### WASHINGTON.

Gen. Terry, in addition to other duties, has been assigned to the temporary command of the Department of the Missouri.

It is rumored that Consul General Waller is to be recalled from London. A coolness is said to exist between Mr. Waller and Minister Phelps.

Secretary Lamar said to a Washington reporter that he was fully in accord with the President in the Guilford Miller matter, and that there was no difference of opinion between them. He further said in reply to a question that he would try to carry out President Cleveland's suggestions if possible.

Treasurer Jordan has returned to Washington and resumed his labors. He reports the health of ex-Secretary Manning greatly improved, and that he will return from England June 1.

#### POLITICAL.

Mr. Blaine, after remaining in Chicago for a week, left last week for his Maine home, where he will remain until he sails for Europe in June. His health is much improved since his arrival in Chicago.

A bill prohibiting the playing of base-ball on Sunday was defeated in the Illinois House of Representatives.

The Pennsylvania Senate defeated a bill designed to reduce by \$4,000,000 per annum the profits of the National Transit Company in piping and storing petroleum. Oil-producers were unanimous in support of the measure.

The majority against the Prohibition amendment at the recent election in Michigan was 5,835.

The Illinois Senate has passed a bill to restrict the right of aliens to acquire real and personal property.

Milo H. Dakin, a member of the Michigan House, having been convicted of soliciting bribes, was expelled by a unanimous vote.

A new liquor bill has been introduced in the Michigan Legislature. A feature of the proposed act is that a fine of \$100 is provided for any assessor, county treasurer, or prosecuting attorney, or other officer refusing to make complaints against persons violating the law.

The Grant relics are being placed on exhibition in the National Museum at Washington.

#### THE INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK

The Troy (N. Y.) stove molders, who had been out on strike, resolved to go to work last week, but the manufacturers held a meeting and decided to keep their factories closed till the difficulty at St. Louis is settled.

The locomotive engineers on the New York Central Railroad are dissatisfied, and threaten to strike if their grievances are not redressed.

The coal miners in the Hazelton district of Pennsylvania have decided to ask an advance of 10 per cent. in their wages.

#### RAILROAD INTELLIGENCE.

The Pacific Railway Commission, sitting at Washington, has been investigating the workings of the Union and Central Pacific roads during the past week. C. P. Huntington gave some interesting testimony. Among other things he said that the company's lawyer in Washington was paid \$20,000 a year salary, and was allowed from \$30,000 to \$40,000 to "explain" the advantages to the public to be derived from the approval of the Central Pacific schemes in Washington. Charles Francis Adams testified in regard to the management of the Union Pacific Company for the past three years. He expressed the belief, from careful scrutiny, that Jay Gould and Sidney Dillon had always been more than fair to the company. He reported the taxes annually paid by the road at \$1,101,000.

A Peoria dispatch says: "The main line of the Santa Fe road has been located to run from Chillicothe, on the other side of the river, and will enter Peoria over the Perry and Peoria Union."

Competition by the Grand Trunk line led the Indianapolis and St. Louis road to return to the pass system for shippers of live stock, on the ground that men in charge are virtually employees of the railway.

J. F. Goddard has been promoted to the management of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad and all its branches, vice C. W. Smith, resigned.

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#### REGULATING THE RAILROADS

A numerously signed petition from citizens of California was received in Washington requesting the commission not to suspend the operation of section 4 so far as the Pacific coast is concerned, until an opportunity is afforded all persons interested to be heard.

Before the Interstate Commerce Commission at Mobile, on the 29th ult., Col. W. Butler Duncan, President; U. S. Depew, Traffic Manager, and Col. Talcott, Vice President of the Mobile & Ohio Road, testified as to the necessity of a suspension of the fourth section of the law in the case of that road. Mr. Depew explained that the rates to some intermediate points between East St. Louis and Mobile were greater than the full distance because of the competition of the Mississippi River boats

to New Orleans compelled it. The Commissioners were informed that Memphis controlled the rates at competitive points by her low all-rail rate to New York. Petitions for a suspension of the fourth section were presented from the coal and lumber interests from Mobile, Huntsville, and other towns, Louisiana planters, in convention at New Orleans, declared in favor of the strict enforcement of the law. The Union Pacific Railroad has asked for the suspension of Section 4.

James Bauron, Secretary and Treasurer of the Tennessee-Alabama Coal, Iron, and Railroad Company, testified before the Interstate Commerce Commission at Mobile that his company had \$16,000,000 invested in lands and property. The business of the company had grown and expanded under the effect of low rates so that before the interstate law went into effect the pig-iron products of Alabama were 600 tons per day. All this output had to seek distant markets. Since the law went into effect the daily sales had fallen to 100 tons, mostly for shipment by water. Petitions for a suspension of section 4 were received from Birmingham iron men and from representatives of the Southern Yellow-Pine Lumber Manufacturers' Association. A protest against the suspension of the law was presented from the Mobile Cotton Exchange. The Commission then proceeded to New Orleans.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

The marine hospital service has established inspecting stations at Yuma and Nogales, on the Mexican border, to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases.

The government's repeal resolutions were adopted in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly, and the resolutions opposing coercion for Ireland were passed unanimously.

A hurricane swept over the northeast coast of Australia the 22d of April. The pearl-fishing fleet, numbering 400 boats, was destroyed, and 553 persons perished.

During a gale on the North Atlantic coast, boats in charge of lobster fishers of Tusk Island, N. H., were capsized, and six men perished. Many others had marvelous escapes.

The steamer Benton, of Singapore, was sunk in collision with a bark off the island of Formosa, and 150 persons were drowned.

The schooner Flying Scud was recently lost off the coast of Alaska, with the owner, Captain, and fourteen native hunters.

The Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs says there is not a single case of cholera in Mexico or Central America.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade claims that evidences have multiplied during the last week of the harmful effects of the interstate commerce law, but nevertheless general reports of the condition of business are favorable, and it is cheering to note how hopeful a spirit is everywhere expressed, an apparent improvement being manifested in all the leading branches of trade.

#### FOREIGN.

Messrs. Short, East India merchants, of London and Birmingham, have failed.

The French-German war-cloud still hovers threateningly over Europe.

At the dinner given in London by the labor members of Parliament Mr. Gladstone declared his entire disbelief in the accusation against the Irish leaders. He said that in May, 1882, immediately after the assassination in Phoenix Park, Parnell wrote him a letter and offered to place himself, without reserve, in Gladstone's hands, apparently foreseeing that he would be associated with that crime. He wrote that he regarded the murders with the utmost abhorrence, and offered to resign the leadership of the Irish party and retire altogether from political life if Gladstone considered such a step advisable in the interests of Ireland.

A heavy snow-storm prevailed in Scotland and Wales on the 26th of April.

Seven Turkish soldiers have been massacred by religious fanatics in Albania.

Germany admits that the arrest of Schnebels was irregular.

The Swiss State Council has ratified the copyright convention with the United States.

The new Russian loan has been subscribed to the extent of two milliards of rubles.

The English poet, Swinburne, published a hundred-line poem denouncing Gladstone's Irish policy. The following reference to the ex-Premier is sent by cable across the water:

The heavy henchman of the gang lifts hands that never dew nor rain May cleanse from Gordon's blood again. Grand helmsman of the clamorous crew, The good gray recreant quakes and weeps To think that crime no longer creeps Safe to its end, that murderers, too, May die when mercy sleeps.

The German Government has ordered the release of M. Schnebels. It is understood that the French Government will place him on the retired list.

An agent of the Irish Woolen Manufacturing and Exporting Company recently organized by Messrs. Parnell, Davitt, and other National Leaguers has sailed for America to develop trade for the new company.

The *Petit Journal*, of Paris, has just declared a dividend of 19 per cent. on its last year's business. The profits for 1886 amounted to over \$1,000,000.

The Pope will shortly send out an encyclical letter on the land question in which it is said, he will unreservedly denounce the theories of Henry George.

M. Schnebels, released from a German prison, has been enthusiastically received by his countrymen, and is likely to be retired on a pension.

William O'Brien, the pugnacious editor of *United Ireland*, has started from Queenstown for Canada, where he proposes to make things interesting for Lord Lansdowne.

France is still hot over the prospect of a war with Germany, and Germany is making preparations for the conflict by large financial appropriations for strategic railways, barracks, and hospitals, and for increasing the efficiency of the army.

#### LATER NEWS ITEMS.

The Interstate Commerce Commission devoted one day to its sitting in New Orleans, and a pretty busy day it was. Judge Cooley, in opening the proceedings, remarked:

"It may be well to say at the outset that the scope of our authority in the premises is very much limited, and that we do not propose to go beyond it. Our investigations are under the act, but they are not for any purpose of questioning the propriety, justice, or expediency of this legislation. On the other hand, all that has been called for is, and we are here simply for the purpose of determining the question whether, in pursuance of that legislation, we shall in certain specified cases which have been brought to our attention make exceptional orders, which shall give relief in these cases from the ordinary operations of the law. That is all we propose to do, and all we have any authority to do."

The following is a recapitulation of the public debt statement issued on the 2d inst. by the United States Treasurer:

INTEREST-BEARING DEBT	
Bonds at 4% per cent.	\$25,000,000
Bonds at 5% per cent.	75,797,500
Bonds at 3% per cent.	28,074,120
Refunding certificates at 4% per cent.	17,750
U.S. pension fund at 3% per cent.	14,040,100
Pacific Railroad bonds at 6% per cent.	64,623,512

Principal.....\$1,094,678,712

Interest.....8,780,653

Total.....\$10,180,459,365

DEBT ON WHICH INTEREST HAS CEASED SINCE MATURITY.

Principal.....\$6,310,715

Interest.....193,00

Total.....\$6,504,015

DEBT BEARING NO INTEREST.

Old demand and legal-tender notes \$34,616,738,183

Certificates of deposit.....8,330,001

Gold certificates.....94,434,481

Silver certificates.....137,740,430

Fractional currency (less \$8,375,934)

estimated as lost or destroyed).....6,943,472

Principal.....\$594,211,573

TOTAL DEBT.....\$1,095,231,000

Interest.....8,733,936