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A TURBULENT WORLD.

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS OF THE DAY TOLD BY TELEGRAPH.

Foreign and Domestic Intelligence Transmitted by Wire—A Kaleidoscope of Interesting Occurrences—Political, Criminal, Accidental, and Industrial.

NATIONAL LAW-MAKERS.

The Senate Bill Passes the House to Ratify Agreement with Creek Indians.

Consideration of the resolution regarding election outrages was resumed by the Senate on the 23d inst., and the day was occupied in discussion of the same. In the House the Senate bill was passed to ratify and confirm the agreement with the Creek Nation of Indians for the purpose of opening to settlement the unassigned lands in Indian Territory ceded by the Creeks to the United States. The Senate amendments were concurred in to the House bill for the taking of the eleventh census. The House went into committee of the whole on the deficiency bill, and the following amendments were proposed: Appropriating \$100,000 to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the Bureau of Construction and Repair for the navy; appropriating \$2,100 to Mrs. A. R. Hancock for monies expended by Gen. Hancock in entertaining the Yorktown visitors; for the payment of an extra month's salary to Senate and House employees. Pending further progress with the bill the committee rose and public business was suspended. Appropriate memorial services, in memory of the late James N. Burnes of Missouri, were read, after which the House adjourned.

WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW.

Inflated Bank Transactions—Stronger Market in Breadstuffs.

In their review of trade for the past week, R. G. Dun & Co. say:

It can hardly be said that business improved during the week, and the accounts from interior points almost uniformly represent trade as rather quiet, or at least fair. The clearing house reports continue to show gains over last year at a majority of cities, but the number falling behind is larger than that of gains. At Chicago and other Western points, grain speculation inflated bank transactions. General confidence in the future continues unabated. The net earnings over operating expenses on 127 railroads for 1883 amounted to \$35,145,606, as against \$25,974,626 in 1882, showing a loss of about 9 per cent. for the year, of which the greater part was on Northwestern railroads. The coal market is glutted by excessive production, in spite of the fact that consumption in January appears to have been 2,437,511 tons, against 2,397,000 in January, in breadstuffs, there was a stronger market, with the usual lack of definite reason. Atlantic exports do not improve, and corn goes to Europe in great quantities in place of wheat, while the exports of wheat from the Pacific ports are remarkably large. But wheat advanced 2½ cents during the week, without change in corn, while oats declined a quarter. Pork is steady and lard stronger, while hogs are weaker, each 15 cents per 100 pounds. Cotton advanced an eighth. Coffee is a quarter strong, and oil and cotton oil advanced. The average of prices for commodities declined and lost more than the entire advance early in February. Interior cities report money in ample supply, and nearly all report collections slow, or somewhat backward. The monetary prospect is at least as favorable as it has been at any time this year. Business failures numbered for the United States 224 and for Canada 41.

WRECKED BY A BROKEN RAIL.

Some Thirty Passengers Injured on a Pennsylvania Road.

The fast-line express train on the Northern Central Railroad struck a broken rail between Ralston and Roaring Branch Pa., about thirty miles from Elmira, N. Y., while running at high speed around a curve, and the rear coach was thrown down a twenty-foot embankment into a small stream. The thirty occupants of the car were all injured, and it is considered marvelous that no one was killed. Among the injured are: Conductor William Dale, of Elmira; Gottlieb Beyer, of Philadelphia; A. D. Oberton, of Elmira; Elmer Goden, of Roaring Branch, Pa.; the Rev. C. A. Babcock, of Canton, Pa.; Mrs. T. Bronson, of Watkins, N. Y.; Simon Zerg, of Herndon, Pa.; O. E. Deighton, of New York; John Lee, of Williamsport, Pa.; William Pascoe, of Woodstock, Canada.

ELEVEN SEAMEN DROWNED.

The Bark Jose Troop Wrecked Off Chincamico—Most of the Crew Lost.

Information has reached Norfolk, Va., of the wrecking of the British bark Jose Troop off Chincamico, N. C. A terrible storm raged along the coast, and about an hour after dark the vessel struck the beach. The weather was intensely cold, and, as heavy seas burst over the vessel, the seamen were drenched from head to foot and their clothes were frozen to their bodies. Their sufferings were terrible. The life savers on the beach saw the rockets of distress and hastened to the vessel as fast as possible. They did everything in their power to save the crew, but only succeeded in rescuing six out of seventeen.

DEATH OF A MILLIONAIRE.

Charles H. Sherman Stricken Down with a Peculiar Disease.

Charles H. Sherman, a millionaire, died at St. Paul, Minn., of a most peculiar disease that had baffled the best physicians. About three weeks ago Mr. Sherman was attacked by a chill and his throat began to swell. A physician was summoned, and as the only means of saving Mr. Sherman's life, it was decided to perform the operation of tracheotomy. This was done, but several paroxysms followed, resulting in death. The case created great interest among the medical fraternity, as such a general and sudden attack of oedema is rare.

MRS. LESLIE SELLS HER PAPERS.

Mr. Arkell Secures Control of Valuable Illustrated Periodicals.

Mrs. Frank Leslie, of New York, has sold to W. J. Arkell, of *Judge*, her weekly illustrated papers, both English and German. The transfers are to be made May 1. Mrs. Leslie will retain and personally direct her other publications. Mr. Arkell refuses to state the price paid. He says the policy of the weekly will remain the same—aggressive and independent. The present force will be retained, and new skill added. Mr. Arkell says he had been negotiating for these papers since 1883.

KENNA AGAIN HONORED.

The West Virginia Senator Is Re-elected After a Weary Struggle.

The weary dead-lock in the Legislature at Charleston, W. Va., has been broken by the re-election to the United States Senate of

John E. Kenna, Democrat, by a strict party vote, he receiving forty-six votes. John E. Kenna is 41 years old and was born at Valcoulon, Va., on a farm. He served through the war in the Confederate army, afterward graduated at St. Vincent's College, Wheeling, and studied law. He served as Prosecuting Attorney of Kanawha County from 1872 to 1873; was elected to the XLVth, XLVIth, XLVIIth, and XLVIIIth Congresses, and then was promoted to the Senate, taking his seat in 1883.

THIRTY-FIVE PERISH.

A Boiler in the Park Central Hotel, Hartford, Conn., Explodes with Awful Results.

A terrible catastrophe occurred at Hartford, Conn., caused by the explosion of the large boiler in the basement of the Park Central Hotel, one of the most popular hotels in that city. The large building was completely wrecked, the great walls going down with a tremendous crash, burying in the ruins all but a few of the guests in the house. A special telegram says:

Almost simultaneously with the falling walls was a tremendous explosion that shook the whole city and wrecked the fronts of all buildings near by. Nothing remained of the handsome hotel but a mass of ruins, which barely filled the deep cellar, and a scanty twenty feet of the rear end of the building, five stories in height, and showing the interior of the last row of rooms on each floor. The ruined part had been sliced away as neatly as though with a saw-blade. From the ruins arose groans and cries, and from the ruins, which were standing were heard the shrieks of the servants, who had been in an annex. A cold, half-frozen rain from a lowering sky, with the spectacle of wreck and ruin, and the thickening clouds of steam which for hours had from the surging crowds of people around the policemen's cordon the occasional awful revelations made by the workmen in unearthing dead bodies or living sufferers, combined to make a scene which no beholder will be likely to forget. Held close to the top of the wreckage was a man, his wife, and a child. Planes had burst forth from near the boiler, and the child was screaming toward the group. The child cried aloud for help, but no help could reach it. The man and woman looked death in the face with clasped hands, and a moment later all were beyond suffering. The flames at first prevented any attempt to rescue any one, and the ruins were flooded with water before any work could be performed. A few dead or dying persons were taken from the edge of the debris, however, within the hour of the explosion. The force of the explosion threw a bed with a sleeping woman upon it far into the street, while one of the heavy doors landed a block away.

The special telegram, sent out a few hours after the explosion, continues:

The magnitude of the calamity cannot be realized. The register of the hotel is lost, and Night Clerk Perry is buried in the ruins. But from the best estimates that can be procured from the landlady and others it is probable that there were 1,000 troublous people in the hotel proper. Of these 200 are known to be missing, leaving forty-five to be accounted for. Ten are in the hospital; sixteen dead bodies have been taken from the ruins, leaving nineteen missing. Andrew F. Whiting, attorney of the Hartford Life and Annuity Insurance Company; the Rev. Dr. Lavellette Perrin, agent of the Memorial Hall Association, and wife, and Edward Perry, the night clerk, are in the ruins. The body of Frank J. Weston, of Springfield, Mass., the widow of Frank Weston, who was killed at the White River Junction, Vermont, coincident, was in the hotel, together with all of his family, five children, and probably a servant or two. The complete list of the bodies taken out is as follows: Dwight H. Buell, of Hartford; George Gaines, porter of hotel; J. George Engler, of Hartford; John W. Housman, of Boston; C. H. Hill, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Louis H. Bronson, of Hartford; his wife and son; George Ketchum, brother of landlord; Eddie Ketchum, of landlord; W. R. Root, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; M. J. Guley, proprietor of the Hartford Herald, and Mrs. Andrew F. Whiting, whose body was burned to a crisp; two unknown persons. The victims at the hospital are: Helen Leport, of New Britain; Rachel Cramer, of Avon; Jacob B. Turnip, a colored barber; Walter M. Gay, of Bayonne, N. J.; Henry Steffel, of Philadelphia; Wellington Ketchum, proprietor of hotel; Mrs. George Ketchum, wife of proprietor; Jennie Decker, of Unionville; Michael Corrigan, of Unionville; Enos James.

PENNSYLVANIA PROHIBITIONISTS.

They Endorse the Stand Taken by Master Workman Powderly.

The Pennsylvania State Prohibition Convention met at Harrisburg, with 74 delegates in attendance. The convention adopted a resolution endorsing Master Workman Powderly's stand on the Prohibition question, and defeated by a vote of 176 to 162 a motion for a committee to prepare a plan of campaign, the opponents of a third party opposing it. Resolutions pledging the organization to the support of the constitutional amendment were adopted.

IT BURNED LIKE TINDER.

A Twenty-second Street Block Destroyed in Chicago.

The three-story business block on Twenty-second street, Chicago, was completely destroyed by fire, involving a total loss of about \$60,000 to the building and the stock and personal property of the numerous tenants. The structure was the property of the Wood & Bliss estate, of Philadelphia. It was a brick veneer front, the remainder of the building being frame back to the alley in the rear. It was erected in 1869, and, as the timber was as dry as powder, there was no stopping the flames once fairly started, and it burned like tinder. The loss to occupants was heavy.

An Inter-State Case Dismissed.

The Inter-state Commerce Commission has dismissed the case of the Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce against the Flint and Pere Marquette and the Detroit, Grand Haven and Milwaukee Railroads, on the ground that the rate of Feb. 1, 1888, on wheat, flour and mill stuffs from Minneapolis to Eastern points was a through rate.

Washington's Natal Day.

The one hundred and fifty-seventh anniversary of the birthday of George Washington was celebrated throughout the country with fitting observances, on the 22d inst., showing that the memory of the Father of his Country is still kept fresh in the hearts of the patriotic Americans as the years go on.

Hard Struggle for Life.

In York county, S. C., the Rev. James Gibson, a prominent Baptist minister, was

high license bill, the Democrats voting solidly against it and the Republicans solidly for it.

Up to date all but fifteen of the certificates of members-elect of the next House have been received at Washington, D. C., by Gen. Clark, the Clerk of the House. Among those lacking are the certificates of two Representatives from West Virginia and one from Tennessee. Assuming that Evans (Rep.) will receive the certificate from the Tennessee district, the Clerk figures that the Republicans will have 164 and the Democrats 159 members at the organization of the next House, not counting the West Virginia members. Should these two seats go to the Democrats it will leave the Republicans a majority of three, but the admission of the Dakotas, Washington and Montana will increase the majority.

The National Tariff Reform Convention met in Chicago, over 300 delegates being present. The proceedings lasted for three days.

President Cleveland has returned to the House with a veto message the bill for the relief of the settlers on the Des Moines (Iowa) river lands.

TIRARD FORMS A CABINET.

De Freycinet Takes the War Portfolio—M. Rouvier Minister of Finance.

A Paris special says: President Carnot has signed a decree appointing the following Ministry:

M. Tirard, Premier and Minister of Commerce. M. Constant, Minister of the Interior. M. Rouvier, Minister of Finance. M. Thenevet, Minister of Justice. M. Fallières, Minister of Education. M. Faye, Minister of Agriculture. M. Gues Guyot, Minister of Public Works. M. de Freycinet, Minister of War. M. de la Jaurie, Minister of Marine. M. de Courte, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The cabinet is a coalition of Opportunists and Radicals. The *National* asserts that if the Tirard cabinet fails President Carnot will summon M. Ferry to form a cabinet. Gen. Boulanger says that if President Carnot could not obtain a better cabinet he should have resigned to prevent his being overthrown. Personally the General says he is satisfied, the President and M. Tirard working unconsciously in the interests of the Boulangists.

MONSTER NATURAL-GAS WELL.

A Flow of Between 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 Cubic Feet a Day.

The gas well owned by Theodore Mithoff Sr., at Lancaster, Ohio, has been drilled seven feet further into the gas rock, which more than doubled its capacity. In an attempt to measure it the mercury was blown out of a three-pound gauge placed in the five and five-eighths inch opening. A ten-pound gauge was afterward tried and the mercury shot up to four pounds, although the gauge was imperfectly held and the force too great to allow a more perfect test.

As near as can be ascertained the flow is between 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 cubic feet per day. An excited multitude thronged to the well. The drillers, Messrs. Stretton and Kee, pronounce it the greatest well in the country. The well is located in the heart of Lancaster.

GERMAN SHIPS FOR SAMOA.

Bismarck Said to Be Preparing to Resist American Demands.

The London *Times* correspondent, referring to the fact that the German squadron had been ordered to Port Said, says: "I hear on good authority that this step is connected not so much with East Africa as with the Samoan question. The squadron will remain at Port Said pending development in the latter question, and sail for the Pacific in event of the American Government proving too exacting or unreasonable. But this explanation had best be received with caution." Four German iron-clads at Genoa have been ordered to sail for Samoa immediately.

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drowned in Sugar creek. For eight hours he clung to overhanging branches, while a large number of persons stood on the bank watching his struggle for life, but none of them attempted his rescue.

Attempted the Life of a Mayor.

An attempt was made to blow up the office of the Hon. J. D. Alsop, Mayor of Dyersville, Iowa. A hole was bored in a stick of wood and filled with powder. When Mr. Alsop put the wood in his stove an explosion took place which wrecked the office, but which failed to kill the Mayor.

Railroad Matters.

At Cincinnati the Chamber of Commerce voted against the Mack bill authorizing an indefinite extension of the present lease of the Cincinnati Southern Road at a minimum annual rental of \$1,250,000, while the Board of Trade unanimously reported in favor of the scheme.

Large Issue of Bonds.

The stockholders of the Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad have decided to issue \$1,000,000 worth of 6 per cent. bonds for the purpose of enlarging, improving and operating the road, for the purpose of additional right of way and for the erection of buildings.

Froze to Death While Intoxicated.

Mrs. Margaret Ford was found dead and frozen on the floor in her house at Clinton, Iowa, while her husband was found in a drunken sleep in bed. The husband is suspected of kicking his wife to death while both were intoxicated.

Disastrous Fire at Cincinnati.

The machine-shops, car-shops, and locomotive-house of the Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis and Chicago Railway, at Cincinnati, have been entirely destroyed by fire, causing a loss to the company of \$200,000, which was partially covered by insurance.

An Iowa Man in Trouble.

John H. O'Keefe, who disappeared from Northern Iowa last fall with some cattle which he had bought on time from L. M. Hartley, turned up at Windsor, Ont. O'Keefe was enticed into Detroit, and was immediately arrested.

Policemen in Trouble.

Sergeant Gano, of the San Francisco Chinatown police squad, and three policemen under his command have been arrested on indictments charging them with receiving bribes from keepers of Chinese gambling dens.

A Prize for Cleanliness.

John G. Borden, of New York, who