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AROUND THE WORLD.

INTELLIGENCE FROM EVERY PART OF THE GLOBE.

News from Foreign Shores—Domestic Happenings—Personal Pointers—Labor Notes—Political Occurrences, Fires, Accidents, Crimes, Etc.

THREE NEW CRUISERS.

The Navy of the United States to Be Further Augmented.

The Secretary of the Navy is about to advertise for proposals for the construction of three twin screw protected cruisers, authorized by the last Congress and to cost not to exceed \$700,000 each. A submarine torpedo boat is still to be contracted for, and when that is done some eighteen ships will have been added to our naval force, each one embodying all the latest improvements. The three vessels for which bids are now to be invited are exactly alike. Their length is to be 257 feet, beam 37 feet, depth 19.6, and draught 14.6. They will each be of 2,000 tons displacement and 5,490 horse-power, with a guaranteed speed of eighteen knots, and carrying a crew of 185 officers and men. The motive power will be two triple expansion engines. Of coal 200 tons will be the load, although the bunkers will carry 435 tons. An oval-conning tower will be on the forecastle and forward of that a wooden pilot-house, and the vessel will also have an electric light plant.

HUNDREDS OF NEGROES BAPTIZED.

The Colored Population of Richmond, Va., Witnesses a Grand Immersion.

As a first result of the unprecedented revival going on in Richmond, Va., for three weeks in the colored churches 300 have been baptized in the river at one time. The crowd in attendance was estimated at from 20,000 to 30,000. The converts marched in procession through the streets, many of the women wearing white robes and some of the more opulent attired in Director's gowns. The three ministers stood in the river, three lines of penitents moving to them at a time, and the groans and shouts, the ecstatic ejaculations that rolled over the vast multitude surpassed anything of the kind ever before heard in Richmond.

THE CROP REPORT.

A Favorable Outlook in Northwestern States.

The weather crop bulletin of the Agricultural Department at Washington, says the season is twenty days in advance in the Northwest. The weather during the past week was favorable to improved crop conditions in Minnesota, Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, northwest Missouri, and portions of northern Illinois. Some replanting in that section will be necessary, owing to the high winds, which uncovered and scattered seeds. The weather was favorable for corn planting throughout the corn belt, Dakota reporting an unusually large acreage and planting well advanced. The condition of the fruit crop is encouraging in all sections.

NEW GOLD MINES FOUND.

Thousands Rushing to the Newly Discovered Diggings in Dakota.

Great excitement prevails over the discovery of new and rich placer diggings about forty miles from Deadwood, D. T. Prospecting these diggings for the last year on a small scale showed gold in quantities, which was kept quiet; but in renewing work this spring the secret got out, and now thousands of men are rushing to the new gold fields from all directions on horseback and with teams, taking tents, provisions and complete mining outfit. Parties from the diggings returning for provisions and supplies show plenty of gold dust, and state that the diggings are extensive and worth 60 and 70 cents to the pan.

BASE-BALL BATTERS.

Standing of the Clubs That Are Contending for First Place.

The relative position of the various clubs that are competing for the pennant is shown by the annexed table:

National	W.	L.	W.	C.	American	W.	L.	W.	C.
Boston	8	5	.615	St. Louis	18	6	.750		
Philadelphia	8	5	.637	Baltimore	12	8	.606		
New York	8	6	.571	Brooklyn	12	8	.579		
Chicago	8	7	.533	Athletic	11	9	.550		
Cleveland	9	8	.520	Kn's City	12	10	.545		
Pittsburgh	8	8	.500	Cincinnati	10	12	.454		
Indiana	7	9	.437	Columbus	6	13	.315		
Washington	10	12	.166	Louisville	4	18	.181		

Western	W.	L.	W.	C.	Inter-St. W.	L.	W.	C.	
St. Paul	12	2	.837	Evansville	9	5	.642		
Omaha	10	5	.666	Quincy	8	5	.615		
Sioux City	8	6	.571	Davenport	7	6	.538		
Denver	7	6	.538	Pearl	6	6	.500		
St. Joseph	6	7	.461	Springfield	5	7	.307		
Minneapolis	5	9	.367	Burlington	4	10	.285		
Des Moines	4	10	.285						
Milwaukee	4	12	.250						

FLAMES ON AN OCEAN STEAMSHIP.

The steamship *Rugia*, which sailed from New York May 2 for Hamburg, has put into Plymouth. While at sea the cotton, which was stowed in her after-hold, took fire from spontaneous combustion, and the flames spread rapidly. When the iron bulk head doors were opened many of the passengers were scorched. The cotton bales stowed around the passengers' luggage-room ignited, and the flames were fed by casks of lard near by. The cabins were flooded with water, and the passengers were compelled to remain on deck forty-eight hours. Finally volumes of steam were turned into the fire-stricken portion of the ship, with the result of extinguishing the flames and assuring the safety of all on board.

DEATH OF CLEVELAND'S FORMER PARTNER.

Lyman K. Bass died in New York of heart failure. He was born in Erie County 54 years ago, and was a partner of ex-President Cleveland in Buffalo in the law firm of Bass, Cleveland & Bissell. They were warm friends, though bitter political enemies. Mr. Bass was a Republican Congressman from 1871 to 1875.

THE CHOSEN FEW.

President Harrison Makes Known His Choice for Various Offices.

The President has made the following appointments:

Frank W. Palmer of Illinois, to be Public Printer; Theodore Roosevelt of New York and Hugh S. Thompson of South Carolina, to be Civil Service Commissioners; Arthur L. Thomas of Salt Lake City, Utah, to be Governor of Utah; Elijah Sells of Salt Lake City, Utah, to be Surveyor General of Utah; Perry J. Austin of Idaho, to be Registrar of the Land Office at Blackfoot, Idaho; William H. Daniellson of Idaho, to be Receiver of Public Moneys at Blackfoot, Idaho; Michael A. Leahy of Wisconsin, to be Agent for the Indians of the La Pointe Agency, in Wisconsin; Joseph F. Bennett, of New Mexico, to be Agent of the Indians of the Mescalero Agency, in New Mexico; James N. Beacon, of Kansas, to be Referee and Chairman of the Referees to be appointed under the act of March 2, 1887, entitled, "An act to grant the right of way through the Indian Territory to the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska Railway" for the purpose of appraising the compensation to be made by said railway company to the Cherokee Nation.

George D. Reynolds, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri; Elbert E. Kimball, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri; Richard Farn, of Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the District of Virginia; Joseph P. Hagan, of Idaho Territory, to be United States Marshal for the Territory of Idaho; Samuel D. Warmest, of Pennsylvania, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Twenty-third District of Pennsylvania; Levi S. Wilcox, of Illinois, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Eighth District of Illinois; James M. Townsend, of Richmond, Ind., Recorder of the General Land Office; Lars K. Aaker, of Minnesota, Receiver of Public Moneys at Crookston, Minn.; James A. Spradling, of New Mexico; Receiver of Public Moneys at Santa Fe, N. M.; Robert S. Robertson, of Indiana, a member of the Board of Registration and Election in the Territory of Utah; John B. Cattlin, of Montana, Indian Agent at the Blackfoot Agency, Mont. T.

The President has appointed Asa Matthews of Illinois to be First Comptroller of the Treasury, vice M. J. Durham, resigned. Mr. Matthews is the present Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives. He was Colonel of an Illinois regiment during the war and subsequently held the office of Collector of Internal Revenue for the Peoria District. He lives at Pittsfield, Ill. The President also appointed Frank C. Loveland to succeed Gen. Franz Sigel as Pension Agent at New York City, and Samuel C. Wright of Nevada to be Superintendent of the Carson City Mint. Irving G. Caldwell of Ohio and Richard W. De Lambert of Kansas have been appointed Special Agents of the General Land Office.

DUN & CO.'S WEEKLY REPORT.

Consistency of Commercial Action Lacking Throughout the Country.

The condition of trade for last week, as follows:

Contractor R. G. Dun & Co., is as follows:

It is the most prominent characteristic of the present situation throughout the country that the usual consistency of commercial action is lacking. In effect, for the last year, for some branches of business are highly satisfactory, and for others much the reverse. The approaching transition from one crop year to another, the recent change of Administration, the changes in the interstate law, and the rapid development of manufactures at the South are producing effects which cannot be fully measured. Iron production has begun to decline. Prices are lower at Pittsburgh, but there is a better feeling in finished iron there and at Philadelphia, and the demand for plate, pipe, sheet and structural iron continues satisfactory. The coal market is still unsettled. The coal price is lower while waiting for adequate new supplies. The future depends upon the state of the dry goods market, which is not now encouraging. The cotton manufacture is active and healthy. The trade in drugs and chemicals has become quite active, with collections excellent, but dye stuffs are dull. A speculative movement in bread stuffs has developed again. Wheat has advanced 1½ cents, corn 1½ cents, and oats 1¼ cents, with an advance of 15 cents per 100 pounds in hogs and lard. Oil has declined 3½ cents, and cotton a similar amount. The grain trade has been active. In sugar the demand is confined to general needs. In spite of some speculative advances the general average of prices for commodities is a little lower than it was May 2. The outlook in the Northwest is regarded much more confidently since the recent rains. Everywhere the crop prospects are encouraging, with the season more advanced than usual and the acreage in wheat considerably increased. The business failures numbered 227, as compared with 214 for the previous week.

HURLED TO DEATH.

Ten Pennsylvania Miners Killed in a Horrible Manner.

At Kaska William colliery, near Middleport, Pa., the cage containing ten miners was ascending the shaft, and had reached a height of about sixteen feet from the bottom when an empty car was pushed over the top of the shaft by two Hungarian laborers. The car struck the ascending cage with awful momentum, shattering it to splinters and instantly killing every one of its occupants. The names of the victims are as follows: Michael Boyle, assistant inside foreman; Hugh Carlin, Patrick McDonald, George Bendel, John Pottovich, Frank Stratkovich, John Moore, Albert Dwyer, Edward Kurtz, and Stephen Matson. The cage with the victims was hurled into the "sump," a hole at the bottom of the shaft where the water from the workings accumulates, and the mangled bodies were not recovered for some time. The mine is operated by the Alliance Coal Company. It is an old working, and the shaft is 500 feet deep.

CRUSHED IN A STREET CAR.

Six Women Killed in an Accident at Kalamazoo, Mich.

A shocking accident occurred at the West Main street crossing of the Michigan Central Railroad, at Kalamazoo, Mich. A street-car, containing eight women and two men, was crossing the track when a switch-engine dashed down upon it at a high rate of speed, and the driver, being unable to get the car out of the way, the helpless passengers were hurled to a terrible death. The human freight was mangled in a terrible manner. The killed and wounded are: Mrs. Alexander Haddock, killed and body horribly mangled; Mrs. M. E. Wateles, instantly killed and body badly mangled; Miss Gertrude Tilloot, Mrs. George Smiley, Mrs. Middleton, and Mrs. Van Antwerp, killed; Mrs. Gibson, injured in the head and side; Mrs. Barnes, badly cut and bruised about the head.

Both of the male passengers escaped, and the driver jumped from his seat in time to avoid anything but a few bruises.

A CHANCE FOR GENIUS.

The State Grange of Illinois Wants a Straw Binder.

The State Grange of Illinois, through its Executive Committee, offers \$10,000 to be paid to any one who will invent a machine or devise to attach to reapers that will bind wheat and oats with straw. Said device may work and twist its straw direct from the reaper, or it may be a separate

machine that will twist the straw and wind on large spools that may be re-ereed on smaller spools by the farmer and set in place in the reaper when wanted. Said money to be paid as soon as the device is proved to be a success. Should more than one person claim the above \$10,000 on his invention the committee reserve the right to choose the one that to them seems most practical. The said patent to be issued for the use and benefit of the Illinois State Grange and legally transferred by the said patentee. This offer holds good until July 8, 1889.

TO THE CATHOLIC CLERGY OF QUEBEC.

Summary of Decrees Passed Condemning Bazaars, Theaters, and Excursions.

Archbishop Fabre has issued a circular to his clergy in which he gives a summary of the decesses passed by the Seventh Council of Quebec and approved by his Holiness the Pope and comments thereon. This circular deals with the means adopted for raising money for religious purposes and condemns bazaars, concerts, excursions, and dinners, even when for charitable purposes. It urges the establishment for separate schools and commends temperance societies. It deals in the strongest terms with blasphemy and condemns theaters, circuses, amateur theatricals, snowshoe races, skating clubs, and excursions for pleasure.

FLED WITH FIFTY THOUSAND.

A Tacoma Contractor Victimizes a Friend and Decamps for the East.

Contractor J. E. McCormick, of Tacoma, W. T., has disappeared with about fifty thousand dollars secured from friends. He met William Squires, of Seattle, in Tacoma and asked him to indorse a note at the Pacific National Bank for \$37,500 for ten days until he could complete his contracts and get some money on them. Squires complied with the request. McCormick went to the bank, drew the money, and subsequently took a train for New York, where he formerly resided. His liabilities will aggregate over forty thousand dollars besides the \$50,000 in cash he took with him.

WHAT CONSTITUTES TIMBER LAND.

Secretary Noble has rendered an important decision in the case of James Hair, of Kirwin, Kansas, in which he reverses the rulings of the department during the last administration in relation to timber-culture land entries. Hair's entry was not allowed because there were two cottonwood trees and four cottonwood sprouts on the land, the Land Commissioner holding that the words "devoid of timber" in the timber-culture act necessarily meant "without timber" or "destitute of timber." Secretary Noble says the intent of Congress in passing the act was to encourage timber-culture, and that it was not the purpose to deprive the occupants of the vast prairies of the West of the benefits of the act if there happened to be a single tree upon the section. He holds that the words "prairie land or land devoid of timber" within the spirit of the act meant land practically so.

AN ENGLISH LUCRETIA BORGIA.

The body of Sydney Bolton, 11 years old, who died at Deptford, England, in February last, has been exhumed, and evidences of arsenical poisoning were found in the remains. The boy had boarded with a Mrs. Winton, a relative, who, upon his death, obtained £20 insurance by forging the name of the boy's mother to the insurance receipt. It is learned that since 1885 Mrs. Winton has insured twenty-seven relatives and that five of them have died. It is believed that she poisoned the five and that she intended to poison all the others.

PARIS' GREAT SHOW.

The great French exposition, the greatest the world has ever seen, is open at Paris, France. The formal ceremony of giving to the people this magnificent show took place when President Carnot delivered an address and touched the button that set the vast machinery in motion. Only 1,500 people were able to see the real ceremony inside the grand vestibule, or to hear President Carnot's speech, which, however, was a very good effort. Probably 250,000 people went in on tickets. The scene was a magnificent one, and the crowd a prodigious one.

WASHINGTON PARAGRAPHS.

George Dennison, of Illinois, has been appointed a special land agent.

Assistant Attorney General Shields has decided that appointments to service under the census act are not within the civil service rules.

Major George B. Davis has been selected to succeed Col. Lisselle as head of the commission in charge of the publication of the rebellion records.

GERMAN PROPOSALS FOR SAMOA.

It is stated that Germany will consent that Malietoa be reinstated as king of Samoa provided the United States Government purchases the German plantations or guarantees the payment if Samoans purchase them. Germany will further waive her demands for the punishment of Mataafa if the relatives of the Germans who were slain are amply compensated. Germany will not claim political preponderance.

A MILLIONAIRE DIES IN POVERTY.

Andrew Mitchell died in the City Hospital at Baltimore, Md. He refused to send to his relatives for help, saying that he had led a roving life for many years and deserved no help. A few hours after Mitchell had been buried it was discovered that his parents