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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.

SOLDIER BOYS DESERT.

Measures to Be Taken to Make Army Life More Endurable.

The War Department officials have been recently giving their attention to the causes which depopulate the army. From late statistics it is shown that the evil is largely on the increase. During the six months ending June 30, 1889, the records show an increase of 135 over the number reported for the corresponding period of last year. For the last six months of the present year there were 1,467 desertions, about 1,239 for the same period of 1888. Fully seven-eighths of the desertions took place during the first year of enlistment. The importance of these figures is appreciated by General Schofield and Adjutant General Kelton, and some plan of action which will look toward the modification of the existing articles of war will receive their earnest advocacy and be presented to Congress. Quite a number of officers believe that one of the best ways to break up desertion in the army would be to put a stop to the soldiers doing so much extra work. When a man enters the army he expects to become a soldier. When he finds that, in addition to his duty of a soldier, he has to do all the work around the garrison and officers' quarters, the soldier feeling dies out and he deserts at the first opportunity, generally in the first year of his enlistment.

THE WEATHER AND THE CROPS.

Weekly Report of the Signal-Service Bureau.

The weekly weather-crop bulletin issued by the Signal-Service Bureau says:

The weather is generally favorable for harvesting in Minnesota and Dakota. Threshing is in progress in the southern portions of those States, and harvesting is well advanced in the northern sections, with the exception of the eastern. Some damage has resulted from hail in Minnesota and Nebraska. A light frost in the extreme north did no damage to grain, but injured vegetables slightly. In Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri the cool nights are generally unfavorable, and retard the growth of corn, which, however, continues in good condition, but is much in need of warm, clear weather. In Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee all the crops have been improved by favorable weather. Corn is reported in excellent condition. Tobacco has improved in Ohio, and the crop needs more sunshine in Kentucky. In the northern portion of the cotton region, from Mississippi to Georgia, the weather has been more favorable than that of the preceding week, and the condition of the cotton crop is somewhat improved. In North and South Carolina excessive rains have caused some injury in the cotton and tobacco crops. In the western portion of the cotton region the weather has been generally favorable. The prospects are reported as excellent in Arkansas and in Texas a heavy cotton crop is expected if rain falls in the next few days.

AROUND THE DIAMOND.

Base-Ballists Competing for the League Championship.

The official standing of the ball clubs that are in the race for the championship of the associations named is given below:

National. W. L. P.C.	American. W. L. P.C.
Boston...52 30 .634	St. Louis...62 31 .666
New York...51 30 .629	Bronx...58 32 .644
Philadelphia...46 37 .554	Baltimore...51 35 .573
Cleveland...47 39 .546	Athletic...48 37 .564
Chicago...44 44 .494	Cincinnati...51 41 .554
Indianapolis...36 52 .409	Columbus...35 59 .414
Pittsburgh...35 42 .402	Kansas City...53 41 .411
Washington...27 53 .337	St. Louis...37 71 .219

A FOE TO THE FARMERS.

An Estimate of the Yearly Damage to Crops by Insects.

L. O. Howard, acting entomologist of the Agricultural Department, estimates that the crops of the United States are damaged annually to the extent of \$300,000,000 by injurious insects. He says the department is doing all that is possible to suppress them, and in some cases has imported from abroad insects known to be destructive to pests here. Twelve thousand beetles were brought to California from Australia to destroy the fluted scale or black louse that is so injurious to the orange and lemon crops of California.

Fatal Wreck on the Rock Island.

The Caldwell express on the Rock Island Road collided with a freight train on a curve two miles west of Topeka, Kas. The baggage and express cars of the passenger train, many freight cars, and both engines were wrecked. Expressman Courier was crushed to death. Fireman Pat Donovan was fatally injured, and Lew Ball, a brakeman, had one leg cut off and was otherwise injured. None of the passengers were injured.

Recent Appointments.

President Harrison has made the following appointments:

Samuel F. Phillips of North Carolina, Commissioner on the part of the United States, under Venezuela and United States treaty, concerning the adjustment of claims; Charles G. Pope of Missouri, Consul at Toronto; Richard G. Lay of the District of Columbia, Consul General at Ottawa.

Col. W. H. Snodgrass Dead.

Col. W. H. Snodgrass died near New Albany, Ind., of blood poisoning. He served through the war with the 22d Indiana volunteers, and was lieutenant-colonel at the close. He has since been assistant roadmaster of the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis railroad, with which he had been connected before the war. He was 57 years old.

FAVORED BY OFFICE.

A Large List of Appointments by the President.

The President has just made a large number of appointments, the more important of which were the following:

Edward F. Hobart, of New Mexico, to be Surveyor General of New Mexico; Calvin G. Townsend, to be Principal Clerk of the Public Lands in the General Land Office; Isaac R. Conwell, of New York, to be Principal Clerk on Private Land Claims in the General Land Office; William T. Harris, of Massachusetts, to be Commissioner of Education; William H. Hart, of Indiana, to be Third Auditor of the Treasury; John T. Rankin, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Co-Auditor of the Treasury for the Postoffice Department; Walter H. Johnson, of Georgia, to be Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of Georgia; Eugene A. Webster, of South Carolina, to be Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of South Carolina; Granville E. Benedict, of Vermont, to be Collector of Customs for the District of Vermont; Columbus C. Wimberly, of Georgia, to be Surveyor of Customs for the port of Atlanta, Ga. John F. Patty, of Louisiana, to be Naval Officer of Customs for the District of New Orleans. John Ingles, to be Supervising Inspector of steam vessels for the Sixth District (Louisville, Kentucky). Joseph H. Ritter, of Arizona, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Arizona; George W. Jolly, of Kentucky, to be Attorney of the United States for the District of Kentucky; William Grant, of Louisiana, to be Attorney of the United States for the Eastern District of Louisiana; Peter A. Williams, of Florida, to be Marshal of the United States for the Southern District of Florida; Andrew J. Whitaker, of Illinois, to be Deputy Fourth Auditor of the Treasury.

Harry R. Probasco, Assistant United States District Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio; William S. Chase, Special Agent of the Treasury at Philadelphia; John Coker, of Illinois, Law Clerk in the General Land Office; William A. King, of Colorado, Chief of Division in the Census Bureau.

A BUFFALO HORROR.

Four Children Perish Before Their Father's Eyes—Terrible Naphtha Explosion.

A Buffalo (N. Y.) dispatch says:

Bystanders near the boathouse at the foot of Ferry street heard two explosions in quick succession from the boathouse just being built by L. B. Crocker, in which his pleasure yacht, the Cedar Ridge, was stored. Immediately following the explosions the boat burst into flames. Sixty persons were thrown into the water as from the force of the discharge. A young woman, Miss McLean, aged 23, picked up from the water was badly burned. Mr. Crocker's young son was seen standing on the boat's deck against a background of fire. A bystander extended a pike pole towards the little fellow, but he seemed paralyzed, and in a moment fell back into the fire and burned to a crisp. John Rogenstein, a carpenter, was another victim. The other children of Mr. Crocker, Leonard and Ethel, also perished in the flames. Another girl, Charlotte, aged 14, was blown into the water, but was rescued. The yacht was what is known as a naphtha launch, run by naphtha for fuel. It is supposed the accident was caused by the explosion of some gas which had leaked out. The family were preparing to go off on a pleasure trip, and Mr. Crocker had taken his four children and Miss McLean, a lady friend from Detroit, to river for an excursion. Crocker himself barely escaped with his life. He was almost insane with grief. His wife was then ill for some time, and this grief will probably kill her.

'BRADSTREET'S' TRADE REPORT.

A Larger Volume of Business and a Bright Outlook.

Bradstreet's weekly review of the state of trade says:

Special telegrams report a somewhat larger volume of trade at Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Louisville, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Chicago, and Galveston, and at other points the outlook for the autumn trade is bright. Anthracite coal and lumber at the East remain quiet, and raw wool has been somewhat depressed by several failures among manufacturers. This has affected general trade in some degree at Boston. There is increased activity in dry-goods jobbing lines at New York, but notably in cotton and wool dress goods. Southern and Southwestern jobbers are reported buying. Commission men report trade moderate. Prices are as a whole, steady, the only notable exception being in print-cloth futures, which are weak. The consumption of iron has reached the highest point of the year, and furnaces, mills, bloomeries, and shops are well filled with orders for from one to three months, and prices are steady. The week has brought a reaction in breadstuffs, caused by improved home and foreign crop reports, moderate export demand, and stronger ocean freight rates. Business failures reported were 173 in the United States this week against 200 the previous week and 186 the corresponding week last year. The total number of failures in the United States Jan. 1 to date is 7,032, against 6,627 in 1888.

A WISCONSIN MAN HONORED.

J. D. King, of Janesville, Appointed Post-office Inspector.

J. D. King of Janesville, Wis., has been appointed Postoffice Inspector in charge of the Washington Division, which is composed of the District of Columbia and the States of Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia, and Delaware. Mr. King succeeds Gen. L. G. Estee. For the last eight years, with the exception of a few months, he has been employed as a post-office inspector, serving in the West a part of the time as inspector in charge of the Denver division. He was removed from office in June, 1888. Other appointments have been made as follows:

Thomas W. Blackburn of California, Chief of the Education Division; the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; Samuel L. Taggart of Iowa, Chief of Division in the Education Office; Frank M. Lewis of Pomona, Cal., Special Indian Agent; David L. Finch, in the Fifth Illinois District; John Wills, F. N. Bierbower, and John D. Nash, in the Seventh Kentucky; William H. Baer, in the Second Tennessee; and Jasper Pearl, in the Eighth Kentucky.

HE STOLE THOUSANDS.

A Minneapolis Lawyer Confesses to the Most Extensive Forgeries.

One of the most sensational and at the same time most stupendous cases of forgery on record in Minnesota has been unearthed in Minneapolis. John T. Blaisdell, the millionaire capitalist, is the victim, and J. Frank Collom, the well-known attorney, is the self-confessed forger. Mr. Collom has been Mr. Blaisdell's attorney, and in that capacity has used Mr. Blaisdell's name on paper amounting to nearly \$700,000, which he has negotiated among bank and money loaners. Collom has dealt largely in real estate and thinks he can pay back the amounts received for the forged securities.

NATURAL GAS MAIN EXPLODES.

Two Men Instantly Killed and Many Injured at Pittsburgh, Pa.

The terrific explosion of a natural gas main at Pittsburgh resulted in killing two men instantly, fatally injuring two more, and seriously injuring some fifteen others. The contractors were testing a thirty-inch natural gas main before turning on the natural gas by means of compressed air. They ran the pressure up to seventy-five pounds per square inch, when the dead cap on the end of the pipe blew out, scattering debris in every direction. Several hundred workmen, employed in the iron mills nearby,

were just returning home, and a number of them had stopped to watch the experiment. They were struck by the debris and flying missiles. The workmen and spectators were thrown down, and one man was hurled against a brick house and his neck broken. An investigation showed that two men had been killed outright and about fifteen others injured, two of them fatally. The dead were conveyed to their homes and the injured, who were unable to walk, taken to a hospital.

TREASONABLE PLOT IN EGYPT.

A Widespread Conspiracy to Join the Rebels Unaccountably Abandoned.

The startling news comes from Tokio, Egypt, the scene of the recent overthrow of the dervish hordes, that documents have been found in the abandoned camp of Wad-el-Njumi and upon the bodies of his sheiks which prove the existence of a widespread conspiracy, with its center among high officials of the Egyptian army and prominent Egyptian leaders in Cairo itself. The invasion of Wad-el-Njumi was to have been followed by wholesale treason on the part of the Egyptian army. Just why the traitors at the last moment abandoned the brave dervish leader to his fate is not yet clear. General Grenfell is returning to Cairo. The campaign is over. A body of Egyptians was left at Sarras, and cavalry are in pursuit of the one emir who survived the battle. He is lurking in the hills above Bellana with a force of 200 men.

A LONE HIGHWAYMAN.

He Plunders a Passenger Train on the Wisconsin Central.

A Wisconsin Central passenger train was robbed between Chippewa Falls and Abbot'sford, Wis., at 3:30 o'clock in the morning. At that time a man entered one of the sleeping-cars and drove the porter to the end of the car. The porter yelled to awaken the passengers and was fired at, but missed. The robber then took all the valuables belonging to the conductor and one or two passengers, after which he pulled the bell-rope and when the train stopped escaped. The thief is described as having the appearance of a woodsman. He carried a gun and had a big knife in his belt.

KANSAS CITY IS GIVEN A BATH.

A Small Tornado Visits the City and Is Followed by Torrents of Rain.

A small tornado passed over Kansas City, Mo., from north west to southeast, tearing down chimneys and outbuildings, but doing little damage to the city. As it went on it appeared to gather force and increase in size. It was followed by a heavy electrical storm of rain, which fell in torrents for half an hour, deluging the streets and stopping traffic.

THE ELIXIR OF LIFE.

Tried with Great Success on a Patient in a St. Louis Hospital.

The Brown-Sequard elixir of life has been applied with marked success at the Missouri Pacific Hospital in St. Louis, by a large corps of leading physicians, on Dennis O'Brien, a paralytic, whose whole right side was useless. The case has created a stir in medical circles, and the patient is being watched with interest.

STANLEY BOUND FOR THE COAST.

The Explorer Heading for Zanzibar—Germans Making Trouble.

A Zanzibar cable says: "Stanley is coming down to the coast with Emin Pasha, 9,000 men, and an enormous quantity of ivory. The exact date of their arrival is uncertain. The Germans are doing their utmost to create a disturbance here, and an uprising against all Europeans is not only possible but highly probable."

Death of a Kentucky Judge.

Judge William F. Bullock died at his son's home near Shelbyville, Ky. He was born near Lexington in 1807, and educated at Transylvania University. He began life as a lawyer at Lexington, was soon elected to the State Legislature, and continued in that body many years. He was one of the founders of public schools in Kentucky, having presented the first bill for their establishment. He also drew up in 1858 the bill for the establishment of the first school for the blind south of the Ohio.

Dismissals and Appointments.

Henry H. Haynes, of Ohio, has been appointed receiving clerk of the General Land Office, vice C. N. Douglass, dismissed. Charles E. Baxter, of Michigan, a postoffice inspector, has resigned. Henry Brace, of Pennsylvania, and Cyrus A. Mosier, of Washington Territory, have been appointed special agents of the General Land Office in fraudulent land entry cases.

Cyclone in Kansas.

A cyclone passed south of Clear Water, Kan., doing considerable damage. Two houses were demolished and William Goode, the occupant of one of them, was fatally injured. Several horses and many cattle were killed. The corn crop was damaged to the extent of \$12,000. The path of the cyclone was a quarter of a mile wide and six miles long.

Best Three-year-old in Kentucky.

At the fair trots at Danville, Ky., Nancy Hanks trotted the second heat in the 3-year-old stakes in 2:24%, which beats the world's record for a 3-year-old over a half-mile track. She is a bay filly by Happy Medium, dam by Dictator, and is owned by Hart Boswell, formerly State Senator from Fayette County. Horsemen regard her as the best 3-year-old in Kentucky.

A Notorious Desperado Captured.

At Cincinnati, Ohio, George Webster, a notorious desperado, was captured by Detectives Jackson and Wappenstein. He attempted to escape, and received a shot in the shoulder and one in the arm. Webster had been under sentence of death in Missouri for killing a St. Louis policeman. After three trials in that State, he was sent to the penitentiary for two years.

Japan Ratifies the American Treaty.

Ex-Governor R. B. Hubbard, of Texas, Minister to Japan during the Cleveland

administration, has arrived at St. Louis. Governor Hubbard has received a cablegram from Tokio, stating that the treaty and Japan has been ratified by the Japanese Government.

Royal Wedding in Russia.

The marriage of the Princess Militza, daughter of Prince Nicholas of Montenegro, to the Grand Duke Peter, nephew of the Czar, was solemnized in the chapel of the Peterhof palace, at St. Petersburg. The imperial family and all the ministers of state and foreign diplomatic representatives attended the ceremony.

Coke Employees' Wages Advanced.

At Pittsburg, Pa., the coke firms of Shomaker & Co., McClure & Co., and Cochran & Co., three of the largest outside of the Frick Company, have advanced the wages of their employes 6 1/4 cents per ton. The strikers demanded uniform wages and will probably accept the increase offered.

Valuable Mines Discovered in Mexico.

Rich petroleum deposits have been discovered in Tabasco, Mexico. The engineer Battalion is excavating at Coyoacan, one of Montezuma's palaces, seeking the Aztec King's hidden treasure. Valuable coal mines have been discovered in the State of Guerrero.

The Cherokee Elections.

The latest returns from the Cherokee election show the contest on members of the Legislature to be close between the Downing and National parties. Both claim a majority, though on the face of the returns the Downing party have five out of nine districts.

A Japan and Russian Treaty Signed.

A cablegram received at the Japanese Legation at Washington brings intelligence that a treaty with Russia has been concluded at Tokio. It is similar to the treaties recently concluded between Japan and the United States and Japan and Germany.

A Boston Man Goes Down.</h