

ELECTRIC FLASHES.

LATEST TELEGRAPHIC NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Political Gossip, Railroad Rumblings, Personal Mention, Confabulations, Accidents, Crimes and Criminals, Minor Occurrences and Events.

THE CORN CROP.

The Signal Service Reports It Out of Danger by Frost.

The following weather crop bulletin has been issued by the signal office:

The last week was warmer than usual over the corn and cotton belt generally over the Atlantic coast; the daily excess of temperature in the central valley, ranging from 3 to 9 degrees, while on the Atlantic coast about the normal temperature prevailed. It was colder than usual from Dakota westward to the Pacific coast. There has been less than the usual amount of rain during the week throughout the principal agricultural districts. There were excessive rains over limited areas in the Northwest, including Northern Missouri, Eastern Kansas, Eastern Dakota, Western Minnesota, and Southeastern Iowa. In the remaining States, including Mississippi and Missouri, valleys well distributed showers are reported, while no rain occurred in the lower lake region, the Ohio Valley, and lower Michigan. The weather during the week was especially favorable throughout the corn belt. Cutting of corn is in progress and a large percentage of an excellent corn crop is now safe from frost. Recent rains placed the grounds in a favorable condition for plowing in the States of the Mississippi valley, but fall farm work is delayed in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana, owing to the advance of rain. The prospects of the cotton crop have been generally favorable. Reports from Kentucky indicate a fair crop of tobacco if not damaged by frost. The weather conditions were favorable on the Pacific coast for hop picking, prune drying, and fall seeding.

BASE-BALL BATTERS.

Standing of the Clubs That Are Contending for First Place.

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

Western. W.	L.	W.	Interstate. W.	L.	W.
Boston....	71	77	710	750	751
New York....	70	40	639	82	694
Philadelphia....	59	52	531	73	42
Chicago....	58	58	500	64	49
Cleveland....	55	61	474	61	512
Indiana....	56	66	435	69	441
Pittsburgh....	49	67	422	71	413
St. Louis....	39	68	364	51	394
Wash'g'tn....	24	94	203		

S. S. COX'S SUCCESSOR.

Daniel Dougherty Will Probably Be Elected by the Tammany Braves.

The death of S. S. Cox, who was re-elected to the Fifty-first Congress, necessitates a special election in the Ninth District of New York. The man whom the Tammany chieftains consider worthy to take the dead Congressman's place, and whom they could unite on, is Daniel Dougherty, who could have had a Congressional nomination last year, but he had not resided in the city and State long enough. There is little doubt he will be nominated in a few weeks to represent the Ninth District. Mr. Dougherty is an intimate friend of ex-President Cleveland and nominated him at the St. Louis convention.

FATAL EXPLOSION OF POWDER.

Two Men Killed and Three Others Badly Injured Near Vancouver.

A dreadful accident has happened at the stone quarries just above Vancouver, B. C. Some laborers were engaged in opening a few cans of powder with chisels, when the powder ignited and a fearful explosion ensued, hurling one of the men, Patrick Delaney, instantly into eternity. Four more were fearfully burned and thrown a considerable distance. One of them, Patrick Moran, died shortly after, and the other, James Murphy, will not live.

Another Accusation Against Ives.

Henry S. Ives and his old partner, Stayner, are charged by a New York paper with having robbed Christopher Meyer, the rubber boot and shoe manufacturer, of a million when alive, and after his death making an attempt to get hold of his entire estate of \$7,000,000 by means of a forged signature.

Fastest Man-of-War Afloat.

The new cruiser Baltimore has returned to Philadelphia from her trial trip, in which she made 20-10 knots, an hour for three hours, and developed 10,000 horse power, which is 1,000 in excess of contract requirement. It is claimed that this makes her the fastest man-of-war afloat.

Monument to French Soldiers.

A monument to the French soldiers and sailors who fell in the Franco-Prussian war, built by national subscription, has been unveiled in the Place de Fontenoy, in Paris.

A Professor and \$37,000 Gone.

Professor J. Wiss, one of the oldest citizens of Texarkana, Ark., has disappeared, and with him, it is said, went \$37,000 of the Texarkana Savings Bank, of which he was until lately President and manager.

Celebrated Her 104th Birthday.

Mrs. Rachel Stillwagon, of New York City, who was born at Tarrytown, N. Y., Sept. 18, 1785, has just celebrated her one hundred and fourth birthday.

Outrages Against the Christians.

Turkish outrages continue against the Christians in Armenia. Mussulman officials refuse to punish the offenders.

A French Duel.

M. Lallou, editor of *France*, and M. Canvet, editor of *Paris*, fought a duel near Paris, in which the former was wounded.

Death of a Bulgarian Statesman.

M. Stoyanoff, President of the Bulgarian Sobranje, has died in Paris.

MONEY IS SCARCE.

The Demand for Currency Has Considerably Increased.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

Scarcely a week has passed since Government purchases of bonds and heavy payments made the street certain that there could be no monetary pressure this fall. Now people are talking again about possible exports in gold, foreign exchange is higher, and rates for money have advanced. The exports of products are remarkably large for the season—for the two weeks per cent. above last year's—but the imports of merchandise have also increased, and the recorded imports of securities increased from 10 per cent. to 15 per cent. tend to turn the scales. At every Western and Southern center money is in fair supply, with a demand generally good, but brisk at Milwaukee and such at Chicago that an advance in rates is expected. The violent storm has disturbed business not little along the sea coast, and affected purchases for the interior, but in all other respects the week has been one of satisfactory business. Nearly all interior cities report trade as active or improving. The latest Government crop report was thought slightly unfavorable, other accounts all concur in satisfactory views, and the course of trade at interior points manifests the confidence of local dealers. The wool market is nominally firm, but if manufacturers refuse to buy the expected lower prices will come. The grocery trade has been much affected by the weather, and sugar is also weakened by the conviction that a fall in prices is not far off. The price of coffee is lower. Coffee advanced another half cent, and oil 2 cents, but hogs and lard are lower. On the whole speculation in products is making unusually little disturbance this year, and the large crops are therefore all the more likely to go into consumption promptly and at moderate prices. The business failures during the last seven days number for the United States 170, and for Canada 23. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 190 for the United States and 27 in Canada.

TANNER TO HARRISON.

Resignation of the Pension Commissioner and Its Acceptance.

Following is Commissioner Tanner's letter of resignation and President Harrison's reply thereto:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF PENSIONS, WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 12, 1889.

To the President:

The differences which exist between the Secretary of the Interior and myself as to the policy to be pursued in the administration of the Pension Bureau have reached a stage which threatens to embarrass you to an extent which I feel I should not call upon you to suffer, and as the investigation into the affairs of the bureau have been completed, and I am assured, both by yourself and by the Secretary of the Interior, contains no reflection on my integrity as an individual or as an officer, I herewith place my resignation in your hands, to take effect at your pleasure, to the end that you may be relieved of any further embarrassment in the matter. Very respectfully yours,

JAMES TANNER, Commissioner.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, D. C., September 12, 1889.

To Hon. James Tanner, Commissioner of Pensions:

DEAR SIR—Your letter tendering your resignation of the office of Commissioner of Pensions has been received and your resignation is accepted, to take effect on the appointment and qualification of your successor. I do not think it necessary, in this connection, to discuss the differences which have led to the present attitude of affairs in the Pension Office. You have been kindly and fully advised of my views upon most of these matters. It gives me pleasure to add that so far as I am advised your honesty has not at any time been called into question, and I beg to renew the expression of my personal good-will. Very truly yours,

BENJAMIN HARRISON.

NAMED FOR OFFICE.

A Number of Land Officers and Indian Agents Appointed.

The following appointments have been announced:

To be Collectors of Internal Revenue, John S. Lothrop of Iowa, for the Third District of Iowa; James W. Kearney of Texas, for the Fourth District of Texas.

George W. Lyon of New York City, to be Surveyor of Customs for the port of New York; Theodore B. Willis of Brooklyn, to be Naval Officer of Customs in the District of New York; Ernest Nathan, to be Collector of Internal Revenue for the First District of New York.

W. H. Mervine, Disbursing Officer of the Haskell Indian Institute in Kansas; Scott Swett, Receiver of Public Moneys at St. Louis; Horace R. Williams, of Missouri, Receiver of Public Moneys at Springfield, Mo.; Benjamin H. Miller, at Nez Perce Agency, Idaho.

George C. McKee, of Jackson, Miss., Receiver of Public Moneys at Vicksburg, Miss.; Horace R. Williams, of Missouri, Receiver of Public Moneys at Springfield, Mo.; Benjamin H. Miller, to be an Indian Inspector.

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COLONEL FLETCHER FOUND GUILTY.

Gen. Schofield Disapproves the Sentence, and It Will Probably Be Annulled.

Affairs have taken a sensational turn in the Fletcher court-martial case. Colonel Fletcher was found guilty and sentenced to be cashiered from the army. The Judge Advocate General has reversed the sentence and General Schofield has approved his action. The General, however, is also acting Secretary of War, and as such he hesitates to approve his own action as General of the army, but it is believed he will do so, and that the President will concur in his decision.

A FORTUNE IN CHARITY.

Munificent Bequests of the Late Mrs. Ellen M. Gifford, of New Haven.

By the will of the late Mrs. Ellen M. Gifford, of New Haven, the bulk of her property is left to charitable institutions. Among the largest bequests are the following: New Haven Hospital, \$50,000; New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, \$50,000; Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, \$25,000; Massachusetts General Hospital, \$10,000; Massachusetts Society for Aid of Poor and Incurables, \$30,000.

THE CARDINAL'S COMPROMISE.

It Is Accepted by the London Dock Companies and the Strikers.

The great strike which has paralyzed London for several weeks, and at times menaced it with riot and bloodshed, has at last been ended through the mediation of Cardinal Manning. At the final conference, the Cardinal submitted definite proposals from the strikers, the chief point being that the payment of increased wages

should commence on Nov. 4, and the terms were accepted by the dock companies, after a protracted debate, in which the Cardinal urged the duty of the Directors to concede the demands and thus restore the city to tranquillity. Work will accordingly be resumed at once. There is an almost unanimous agreement of opinion that the amicable and mutually creditable settlement of the trouble, now apparently secured, is entirely due to the untiring efforts and great sagacity of Cardinal Manning, who voluntarily took the part of mediator between the obstinate contending parties.

LOSSES BY THE ANTWERT FIRE.

They May Reach Thirty-five Million Francs

—Starting Relief Funds.

Estimates of the loss by the recent fire at Antwerp range from 25,000,000 to 35,000,000 francs. No public building was injured. The fire still smolders over a large area, which is surrounded by a cordon of troops. The firemen are working night and day pouring floods of water upon the ruins. Ten persons who ventured too near the ruins met with accidents, due to the occasional explosion of cartridges. Some steamers in the dry docks are badly damaged about the decks. M. Corvillain, the proprietor of the cartridge factory, is charged with homicide by imprudence. His defense is that the fire originated in the petroleum sheds and caused the explosion in the cartridge factory. Large subscriptions to the relief fund have been received. King Leopold heads the list with 12,000 francs. Relief fêtes and performances have been given in Brussels, Paris, and Berlin.

Thirty Acres Caved In.

The cave-in at Plymouth, Pa., has affected thirty acres belonging to the Delaware and Hudson Company. Several mules were killed and the miners lost their working tools. Twenty-five men were in the mine when the break occurred, but they rushed for the first opening and escaped without injury. About fifteen hundred men and boys are thrown out of employment. The property damage will be immense.

Burial of Congressman Cox.

The funeral of Congressman Samuel Sullivan Cox took place from the First Presbyterian Church at New York, the floral tributes being magnificent. Vice President Morton, ex-President Cleveland, ex-Gov. Hoadly, and other distinguished citizens were present. The remains were interred in Greenwood Cemetery.

Gen. Boulanger in the Field.

Despite the refusal of the Prefect of the Seine to receive Gen. Boulanger's declaration of candidacy for member of the Chamber of Deputies, placards were posted in Montmartre announcing that he would be a candidate. The police have torn down the placards and arrested the men who posted them.

Terrible Storm in Mexico.

A terrible storm has prevailed in Tampico, Mexico. Two hundred and fifty families found it necessary to seek shelter in the public buildings. The towns of Pamico and Tempalo are flooded and crops have been destroyed in the surrounding country.

In the State of Sonora crops are badly damaged.

Result of a Territorial Convention.

The Democrats of Washington Territory, in State convention, chose the following ticket:

Lieutenant Governor, M. H. Platner of Whitteman; Secretary of State, W. H. Whittelsey of Port Townsend; Treasurer, Col. Kaufman of Tacoma; Attorney General, H. J. Snively of Yakima; Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. H. Morgan of Ellensburg; Land Commissioner, J. H. Taylor.

Swindlers and Robbers.

Near London, N. H., Joel S. Ordway, aged 80, was robbed of \$9,500 by two confidence men at the point of a revolver. Ordway had drawn the money from bank to show that he was able to support his title to his farm, which he wanted to sell, and for the purchase of which one of the swindlers pretended to be negotiating.

Sons of Veterans Elect Officers.

The Sons of Veterans, at their encampment in State convention, chose the following ticket:

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Devastated by a Cyclone.

Lulu Island, British Columbia, was devastated by a cyclone, but so far as known, no lives were lost.

THE MARKETS.

CHICAGO