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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.

IMPORTANT RAILWAY DEAL.

The Big Four People Capture the Line of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois.

President H. H. Porter and others interested in the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railway Company and the Indiana Coal Company have had conferences in New York for the last week or two with President Ingalls of the "Big Four" and Chesapeake and Ohio, and other parties connected with the Vanderbilt interests. Rumors have been current since these conferences opened that negotiations were in progress by which the "Big Four," or, rather, the Vanderbilt people, were to secure control of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Road. It is now stated that negotiations for the acquisition of that company by the "Big Four" have been concluded and that its management will be turned over to the latter at an early day. The acquisition of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois will give the "Big Four" and Chesapeake and Ohio what they have long desired—namely, an independent inlet to Chicago with excellent terminal facilities in the heart of that city.

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION.

The Plan of Sir Henry Parkes for Uniting the Colonies.

A Sydney (N. S. W.) cable says: Sir Henry Parkes, in a circular letter to the Prime Ministers of the Australian colonies, after pointing out difficulties in the way of the creation of a federal army, gives in detail the objects of the convention recently proposed by him in a speech here. According to his plan a convention of delegates from the various colonies would be held for the purpose of constructing a federal government on the basis of a federal parliament. He further says that the scheme will necessarily follow closely the type of the government of the Dominion of Canada, and adds that the delegates to the proposed convention will also be guided by the rich stores of political knowledge collected by the framers of the American Constitution and by others since their time.

EIGHTEEN PERSONS HURT.

Wreck of a Santa Fe Train in Texas—Five of the Victims Fatally Injured.

The south-bound Santa Fe passenger train, consisting of five coaches and two baggage cars, was wrecked by a broken rail south of Brownwood, Texas. The two rear cars were thrown from the track and rolled down a fifteen-foot embankment, landing bottom up. They were full of passengers, who were piled together with the chairs lying on top of them. They screamed for help, and the windows had to be broken open to get them out. Eighteen passengers were injured, five of them fatally. One of the coaches caught fire three times, but the flames were promptly extinguished. Among the injured are:

T. R. Jones, of Belleville, Ill., fatally; left at Zephyr in a dying condition; Mrs. Henry Mason, of Austin, Texas, fatally; Alexander George, of Friedland, Texas, fatally; W. A. Spaugh. An unknown woman also was fatally hurt.

DISTINGUISHED CATHOLICS.

Delegates to the Baltimore Centennial Arrive in New York.

Archbishop Satolli, Papal Delegate to the Catholic Centennial at Baltimore, has arrived at New York, on the La Champagne, accompanied by Father Howell, an Englishman, and Rev. Dr. Hebron, professor of Egyptology and Oriental science at the new university in Washington.

Stanley Working Toward Mpwapwa.

A London cable says Mr. Mackinon, the organizer of the expedition to relieve Emin Pasha, has received the following dispatch from Zanzibar:

Letters have been received from Stanley, dated Victoria, Nyanza, August 23. With him were Emin, Casali, Marco, a Greek merchant; Osman Effendi Hassan, a Tunisian apothecary; Stairs Nelson, Jephson, Parke, and Bonny. Eight hundred people accompany him toward Mpwapwa. All are well. Stanley reports Wadelai in the hands of the mahdist.

The Two Dakotas Admitted.

The last act in the admission into the Union as States of North and South Dakota was completed by the signing of the proclamation of admission by President Harrison. This is the first instance in our history of two States being admitted at the same time.

A Kansas City Reporter in Luck.

Alexander Simpson, for some years a reporter on the Kansas City Times, has received word from London that he has fallen heir to the estate of his aunt in Edinburgh, Scotland. The estate is valued at \$200,000.

St. Louis Speculators Heavy Losers.

It is said that St. Louis speculators lost \$1,000,000 last week by drops in trust certificates, particularly in the cotton-oil trust, which was a favorite in that city.

Edison's Latest Idea.

Edison, the electric inventor, is experimenting upon an underground system of electric street-car propulsion with alleged chances of success.

Notes by Cable.

Abells, a prominent clothing merchant at Pesth, has failed with liabilities of \$400,000.

Queen Victoria has sent a telegram expressing sympathy for the sufferers by the disaster at Templeton's carpet factory.

A brass-worker named Wunsche has been arrested at Prague for counterfeiting. It is learned that he has issued 5,000 5-mark pieces.

UNCLE SAM'S OBLIGATIONS.

He Has Paid Over Nine Millions of Them the Past Month.

The following is a recapitulation of the debt statement issued Nov. 1:

INTEREST-BEARING DEBT.	
Bonds at 4½ per cent.....	\$ 126,699,320
Bonds at 4 per cent.....	647,288,860
Refunding certificates at 4 per cent.....	113,460
Naval Fund at 3 per cent.....	14,000,000
Pacific Railroad bonds at 6 per cent.....	64,633,512
Principal.....	\$ 852,635,172
Interest.....	6,427,60
Total.....	\$ 859,062,972
DEBT UPON WHICH INTEREST HAS CEASED SINCE MATURITY.	
Principal.....	\$ 1,885,875
Interest.....	152,405
Total.....	\$ 2,028,281
DEBT BEARING NO INTEREST.	
Old demand and legal-tender notes.....	\$ 346,737,458
Certificates of deposit.....	12,510,000
Gold certificates.....	120,937,229
Silver certificates.....	277,319,944
Fractional currency (less \$8,375,934, estimated as lost or destroyed).....	6,915,690
Principal.....	\$ 764,420,321
TOTAL DEBT.	
Principal.....	\$ 1,618,941,369
Interest.....	6,580,207
Total.....	\$ 1,625,521,576
Less cash items available for reduction of the debt.....	\$ 419,235,136
Less reserve held for redemption of United States notes.....	100,000,000
Total.....	\$ 519,235,136
Total debt less available cash items.....	\$ 1,106,286,439
Net cash in the Treasury.....	45,335,762
Dob less cash in Treasury Nov. 1, 1889.....	1,060,950,677
Dob less cash in Treasury, Oct. 1, 1889.....	\$ 1,070,055,530
Decrease of debt during the month.....	\$ 9,104,833
Decrease of debt since June 30, 1889.....	15,965,944
CASH IN TREASURY AVAILABLE FOR REDUCTION OF THE PUBLIC DEBT.	
Gold held for gold certificates actually outstanding.....	\$ 120,937,229
Silver held for silver certificates actually outstanding.....	277,319,944
U. S. notes held for certification of deposit actually outstanding.....	12,510,000
Cash held for matured debt and interest unpaid.....	8,466,082
Fractional currency.....	1,881
Total available for reduction of the debt.....	\$ 419,235,136
RESERVE FUND.	
Held for redemption of U. S. notes, acts June 14, 1875, and July 12, 1882.....	\$ 100,000,000
Unavailable for reduction of the debt.....	
Fractional silver coin.....	22,737,839
Minor coin.....	154,730
Total.....	\$ 22,892,630
Certificates held as cash.....	37,604,196
Net cash balance on hand.....	45,335,762
Total cash in the Treasury, as shown by Treasurer's general account.....	\$ 625,067,725

THANKSGIVING DAY PROCLAMATION

President Harrison Names the Last Thursday in November as a Day of Prayer.

The President has issued the following Thanksgiving Day proclamation:

A highly favored people, mindful of their dependence on the bounty of Divine Providence, should seek fitting occasion to testify gratitude and ascribe praise to Him who is the author of their many blessings. It behoves us, then, to look back with thankfulness on the past year and bless God for His infinite mercy in vouchsafing to our land enduring peace, to our people freedom from pestilence and famine, to our husbandmen abundant harvests, and to them that labor a recompence of their toil.

Now, therefore, I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States of America, do earnestly recommend that Thursday, the 28th day of this present month of November, be set apart as a day of national thanksgiving and prayer, and that the people of our country, according to the usages and labors of their working day, shall assemble in their respective places of worship and give thanks to God, who has prospered us on our way and made our paths the paths of peace; beseeching Him to bless the day to our present and future good, making it truly one of thanksgiving for each reunited home circle as for the nation at large.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this first day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and fourteenth. BENJ. HARRISON.

By the President: JAMES G. BLAINE, Secretary of State.

THE MILLS ARE SOLD.

The Pillsbury and Washburn Properties Secured by a Syndicate.

A London cable says: The sale of the great mills of the Washburns and the Pillsburys has been concluded, as well as that of their milling, elevator and water power properties, concerning which negotiations have been under way for many weeks. The sale is to a company recently organized and to be known as the Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Mill Company. It is composed of American and English stockholders. Ex-Governor Pillsbury, Senator W. D. Washburn and C. A. Pillsbury and four English associates will form the board of directors. Senator Washburn says that the new company would make extensive additions and improvements in the property, as the infusion of English blood would greatly increase the foreign sale of the mill's products, one-third of which is now exported. The property disposed of consists of mills A, B and Anchor, of C. A. Pillsbury & Co.; Lincoln and Palisade mills, of the Washburn Mill Company, 130 elevators of the Minnesota & Northern Elevator Company, the water-power of the Minnesota Mill Co. and St. Anthony's Falls Water Power Company, and a controlling interest in the Atlantic Elevator Company, which has forty elevators. The capital stock of the new company is \$5,000,000, and the debenture bonds \$3,175,000. The amount paid for the property, according to Senator Washburn, is \$6,250,000. The sellers of the property retain a large interest therein. The mills of the C. C. Washburn estate are not included in the deal.

Gen. Howard's Recommendations.

Gen. O. O. Howard, commanding the Division of the Atlantic, in his annual report urges prompt action in the matter of defenses for seacoast cities, and favors the adoption of "americanite," an explosive invented by a young Russian, as the most inexpensive means to that end.

Zero Weather in Canada.

Unusually cold weather for the season is reported at Lake St. John and on the line of the Lake St. John Railway in Canada. The mercury fell to zero at Chamber, St. Adona, and other points. Club Lake is reported frozen over, the ice being of sufficient thickness to support skaters.

No Hard Cider for Kansas.

Nick Schaeffer has been convicted at Topeka, Kan., of violating the State prohibitory law by selling hard cider. Judge Guthrie in charging the jury said that it was a violation of the law to sell any liquid, under whatever name, which contained as much as 6 or 10 per cent. of alcohol.

Nassau Rioters Under Arrest.

The American brig Alice and Romance have arrived at Fortress Monroe, Va., with sixty-four negro rioters from Nassau, West Indies. Fifty prisoners were formally arrested on warrants issued from the United States Court at Baltimore, taken into custody and started for that city.

Couldn't Stand the High Altitude.

E. McCormick, a delegate from Boone, Iowa, to the Engineers' Convention, at Denver, was so affected by the high altitude when crossing Marshall Pass that he was taken seriously ill. The attending physician says he cannot live. Heart trouble is the cause.

Opposed to French as an Official Language.

The Territorial Legislature of the Canadian Northwest has adopted a resolution in favor of the abolition of French as one of the official languages. This is an offset to French aggression in Eastern Canada. The resolutions will be transmitted to the Dominion Parliament.

New National Banks.

The Comptroller of the Currency has authorized the Union National Bank of Lou-

ville, Ky., and the Rio Grande National Bank of Laredo, Texas, to commence business, the former with \$50,000 and the latter with \$100,000 capital.

Named for Office.

The President has made the following appointments:

To be Surveyors of Customs—John Mahood, of Illinois, for the port of Galena, Ill.; William H. Alexander, of Nebraska, for the port of Omaha, Neb.; Henry C. McArthur, of Nebraska, for the port of Lincoln, Neb. To be Collector of Customs—William B. Sheppard, of Florida, for the District of Apalachicola, Fla.

Stock Yards at Emporia, Kas.

The new live-stock yards at Emporia, Kan., have been formally opened and the first shipments of cattle received and unloaded. The receipts are principally Texas cattle for feeding in this vicinity for Eastern markets.

A Kansas Bank Fails.

The Abilene Bank, at Abilene, Kan., has gone under with liabilities of \$400,000. The depreciation in property which followed the boom of 1884 was the cause of the failure. The bank officers claim assets of \$60,000 in real estate and notes.

Wyoming Wants to Be a State.

A statehood mass meeting in the Opera House at Cheyenne, Wyo. T., was attended by 4,000 people. Delegate Corey, Governor Warren, A. G. Campbell, and General Thompson made addresses on the Constitution, urging its adoption.

Helped Build Chicago's First House.

Edward S. Ebert, aged 90, a paralytic, fell into a fire at Shinington, W. Va., and was fatally burned. The injured man claims in 1818 he helped to build the first house ever erected by white men on the site of the city of Chicago.

A Woolen Firm Assigns.

The firm of Stiles & Co., at New York, composed of Gilbert C. H. Stiles, of Brooklyn, and Leopold Gottlieb, of Chicago, dealers in woolens and tailor's trimmings, have made an assignment. The liabilities are said to be less than \$30,000.

St. Louis Breweries.

The Associated Brewers of St. Louis, it is said, have completed a deal with a syndicate of Eastern and foreign capitalists for the transfer of all breweries controlled by the association for \$12,350,000.

A Foreman Defaults.

It is reported from Lima, Ohio, that E. W. Hewes, foreman for Richards & Co., railroad contractors, has disappeared with \$1,500 of the firm's money, which he had been given with which to pay the men.

Dakota Wheat Burned.

At Emerado, N. D., a fire destroyed the Minneapolis and Northern Elevator, with 25,000 bushels of wheat. Loss, \$25,000; fully insured.

The Deadly Thrasher Engine.

Through the explosion of a thrashing machine boiler, near Grafton, D. T., one man was killed and two probably fatally injured.

Window-Glass Five Per Cent. Higher.

As a result, as alleged, of a rise in chemicals, the window-glass manufacturers of Pittsburgh have ordered another advance of 5 per cent. in prices.

Proposed Northern Pacific Extension.

A Winnipeg