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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.

ARMY DESERTIONS.

The Figures Show that the Number Is Decreasing.

Reports received at the War Department for the nine months beginning with the fiscal year July 1, 1889, show that there have been 1,574 desertions from the regular army during that period. For the corresponding months of the previous year there were 1,893 deserters. The reduction this year is over 16 per cent. The percentage of deserters to the enlisted strength of the army has been for this period 6.1 per cent; for the same period last year it was 7.6 per cent. Secretary Proctor has taken an active personal interest in the subject and labored diligently to reduce the evil with some show of success, as the figures show. In his annual report he showed that it was only partly a question of administration, but it was also legislation that was needed. The House has already passed bills in the line of the Secretary's suggestions, and it is believed that if the same pass the Senate and become laws it will enable him to accomplish much more in this direction. Not only is the prevalence of desertion demoralizing to the army, but the expense it makes the Government in recruiting and transporting new men amounts to a very large sum.

HORROR AT A BAPTISM.

By the Giving Way of a Bridge Many Persons Are Hurled Into the River.

A terrible accident occurred at Springfield, Ohio, during a baptizing ceremony in Buck Creek of the Third Baptist Church (colored). Fair weather had brought out about 2,000 people, mostly whites, to witness the immersions. The banks were lined and an adjacent bridge crowded.

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A SUCCESSFUL BREAK FOR LIBERTY.

A Batch of Convicts Overpower Their Guard and Four Escape.

While a batch of fourteen prisoners were on their way by train to the Eddyville, Ky., Penitentiary in charges of four guards a notorious burglar named John Heine and his chain-mate walked to the water-cooler of the smoking-car. One of them raised the goblet as if about to drink, but instead dashed it into the face of the guard, while the other grappled the guard by the throat. In an instant every convict leaped to his feet and one seized the guard's pistol and fired two shots at him, both taking effect in the breast. As the guard sank down Heine and his companion leaped from the car and escaped and were followed by two others. The other guards sprang to the doors and stopped the rush of the remaining prisoners. The four prisoners are still at large.

FOR WESTERN WATERS.

Proposed Appropriations for Lake and River Improvements.

The river and harbor appropriation bill reported to the House appropriates \$21,000,000, not including the Galveston harbor. Following are the appropriations in Illinois:

Chicago harbor	\$100,000
Calumet River	50,000
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Illinois River	20,000
Kaskaskia	10,000
Hennepin Canal	50,000
Waukegan harbor	25,000

The following appropriations are made for the Mississippi River:

Reservoirs	\$40,000
Minneapolis to Des Moines Rapids	500,000
Des Moines Rapids	11,000
Des Moines Rapids to Illinois River, including \$15,000 at Clarksville	165,000
Illinois River to mouth of the Ohio	350,000
Cairo to head of passes	20,000
Above St. Anthony's Falls	18,000
Survey	75,000
Vicksburg	120,000
Greenville	120,000
St. Louis	184,000
New Orleans	100,000
Red River	250,000

REGISTERED MAIL PLUNDERED.

Thieves Enter a Mail Car on a Santa Fe Train.

A Santa Fe, Col., dispatch reports that a through registered mail pouch on a Santa Fe train has been cut open and all the valuable matter extracted. There is as yet no clew to the thief, neither do the postal authorities know the money value of the contents of the bag, but it is believed to be quite large.

MOTHER AND CHILDREN BURNED.

Three Persons Meet with a Terrible Fate at Berlenton, Mich.

A terrible fatal happened in the little village of Berlenton, in Van Buren County, Michigan, by which a whole family, except the father, met a fearful fate. As E. J. Post was walking along the street he saw

STONE LEAVES THE "Q."

The Second Vice President of the Burlington Road Resigns.

Henry B. Stone, Second Vice President of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company, has tendered his resignation, to take effect June 1. Mr. Stone is largely interested in the Chicago Telephone Company and the Central Illinois Telephone Company, and retires from his present position to accept the Presidency of the two telephone companies. Mr. Stone has been prominently identified with the Burlington system for the last twelve years, although he is still a young man. In 1878 he entered the motive power department of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy proper, and was soon promoted to be Superintendent of Motive Power, and a promotion to be General Superintendent followed in 1881. About five years later Mr. Stone was made General Manager. In this position he became the responsible officer for the policy of the roads in the entire system, acting, of course, in harmony with the President. In 1888 Mr. Stone was elected Second Vice President of the Burlington, the position which he now leaves.

M'CALLA WILL BE TRIED.

A Court-Martial Ordered to Meet at the New York Navy Yard.

The Judge Advocate General of the Navy has submitted a preliminary report to Secretary Tracy in the McCalla case, recommending that Commander Bowman H. McCalla be tried by court-martial on charges based on the facts developed during the recent investigation by a court of inquiry into the late cruise of the United States corvette Enterprise. The Secretary approved this recommendation, appointed the court, and ordered it to meet at the New York Navy Yard. Rear Admiral David B. Harmony will preside and Captain Henry Eben, Captain Richard W. Meade, Captain Lester A. Beardslee, Captain Edmund O. Matthews, Captain Robert L. Phythian, Captain Frederick V. McNair, Commander Benjamin F. Day, Commander William R. Briggman, Commander Morrill Miller, Commander George H. Weddell, Commander Colby M. Chester, Commander William H. Whiting, and Lieutenant Perry Garst, Judge Advocate, will take part in the trial.

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STOCK-YARDS ON THE PACIFIC.

A Number of Packing-Houses to Be Established Through California.

The Union Stock-Yards Company of San Francisco has been incorporated, with a capital of \$2,500,000, to establish stock-yards for collecting stock of all kinds for sale to a number of packing houses to be established in various coast cities. Two or three, costing \$400,000 each, will be erected at the stock-yards, which will be located at Point Pinos. The head of the company is H. D. Hedges, President of the stock-yards at Sioux City, Iowa. It is also stated that packing-houses will be established at Los Angeles, San Diego, Portland, Seattle and Tacoma.

OBTAINED ENTRY INTO OMAHA.

Rock Island and St. Paul Roads to Use the Union Pacific Bridge into That City.

Negotiations have been concluded by which the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific and Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Roads will within the next thirty days run trains solid into Omaha over the Union Pacific bridge. The contract was signed by General Manager Holcomb, of the Union Pacific; President Cable, of the Rock Island; and President Miller, of the Milwaukee. The contract also provides that the Union Pacific and Rock Island shall use the track jointly to Peoria by way of Lincoln, to which the Rock Island proposes to extend its lines.

A TALE OF HORROR.

Sixty Corpses Found in the Ruins of a Costa Rican House.

The Press, of Varsovia, Colombia, contains a horrible story to the effect that in the ruins of the house of a woman named Skohiski, which was destroyed in a fire there, the police have discovered more than sixty corpses, forty of infants, and the others of young girls from 12 to 15 years of age. The woman was arrested, and is now in prison surrounded by a strong guard to prevent her threatened lynching.

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