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## DOINGS OF THE DAY.

### SUMMARY OF LATE NEWS BY WIRE

Eventful Happenings in Every Known Hemisphere—Fires, Accidents, Crimes, Politics, Religion, Commerce and Crops, Sandwiched with Minor Affairs.

#### EXTRA SESSION TALK.

The President Earnestly in Favor of a November Call.

There was as much discussion as to the probability of an extra session in November as there was of the election, says a Washington telegram. Many seemed to think that whether or not an extra session would be called would depend upon the issue of the voting. The Democrats very generally maintain that if it should appear that the Republicans have lost the House of Representatives a special session will be called to meet about two weeks before the time of the December session. They insist that the administration intends to make an issue of the apportionment bill and of the election bill, and that it will be regarded by the Republicans of the utmost importance to secure before March 4 if they are not to control both houses of Congress after that.

#### KILLED THE BRIDEGROOM.

An Uninvited Guest Uses a Stiletto at a Scotch Wedding.

Lorenzo Marc Antonio attended uninvited a feast given to celebrate an Italian wedding at Glasgow, Scotland. His intrusion was resented and he was forcibly ejected from the premises. Later in the evening Antonio returned, and engaging in a quarrel with the bridegroom, plunged a stiletto into the latter's side, killing him instantly. The bride swooned, and before the murderer was overpowered another guest was severely wounded. The police have arrested Antonio. The parties to the affair were ice cream vendors.

#### CRUSHED TO DEATH.

An Engineer Scalded and His Fireman Killed on the Northwestern Road.

In a wreck of a passenger train on the Northwestern Road, at Beloit, Wis., Thomas Welch, a fireman, was killed by being thrown under the engine, which tipped over. Thomas King, the engineer, was badly scalded. The engine was broken into a shapeless mass of iron, and the baggage-car was knocked all out of shape. The passenger coaches were derailed, but no one in them was hurt. The accident was occasioned by a switch not being properly secured. That many more lives were not lost is a wonder.

#### INDORSE BOOTH'S SCHEME.

Contributions in Aid of the Salvationist Plan to Help London's Poor.

The scheme proposed by General Booth, of the Salvation Army, for the relief of the poorer classes continues to be much discussed in London circles. Several members of the royal family have written General Booth praising his plans and expressing hope for their success. Similar tokens of approval have been forwarded from people in all walks of life, and contributions are constantly coming in for the fund with which it is proposed to begin the work.

#### St. Petersburg Threatened.

St. Petersburg is again suffering from floods caused by storms and winds which pile up the waters of the gulf and river and force them upon the city. The recurrence of this condition of affairs leads many to believe that the situation of the city is growing more perilous and that there is danger of complete submersion at some time of unusual storms and high water.

#### No Compromise Was Made.

At Boston, Mass., Counsel Josiah Benton, Jr., for the Old Colony Railroad, denies that a compromise has been made whereby \$75,000 was to be paid to the Louisville people who were injured in the recent accident at Quincy. He stated, however, that the amounts mentioned in the cases of Judges Edwards and Lucy Johnson were correct.

**Mr. and Mrs. Scovill to Sue a Newspaper.**  
Mr. Scovill, the tenor, and his wife, who was formerly Miss Roosevelt of New York, will bring an action for libel against the *St. Stephen's Review*, of London, for publishing an article in which it was suggested that Mr. Scovill had married Miss Roosevelt for her money and that the marriage was an unhappy one.

#### Made an Independent Post.

By a general order issued from the War Department the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., is constituted an independent military post, under the immediate command of the Major-General commanding the army.

#### Critics and Critics.

Robert Buchanan, like every one else who starts a new review, reckons on making a stir after Christmas with the venture he is hatching. Curiously enough, one of its chief functions is to be a "critic of critics."

#### Restored to His Privileges.

Alexel Platshew, the poor but famous Russian poet who was sentenced to death in 1849, partially pardoned by Nicholas, and restored to his privileges by Alexander II, has just become incredibly wealthy by the death of a kinsman.

#### Won the Prize.

Miss Harriet McEwen Kimball, of Portsmouth, N. H., has received the first prize of \$100 for a hymn to be sung on hospital days in the churches and synagogues of New York.

#### Spain Financially Embarrassed.

A Madrid dispatch says that the Spanish Government is in very gloomy financial straits, and that the proposed high tariff is not so much a measure of protection as to raise revenue.

#### End of a Revolutionary.

General Berno's, a Swiss, leader in the revolution of 1848, is dead.

#### Shot by His Own Gun.

Some time ago thieves entered the store of Benjamin H. Huber, postmaster at Huber, Pa., and he arranged a spring gun to shoot them should they return. Next morning he was found shot dead in the store. The gun was discharged, and Huber is believed to have shot himself while setting the gun.

#### On Stanley.

Herbert Ward, who was an officer of the gear column, says he is not aware of any conduct on the part of Major Bartelot that would justify Mr. Stanley's insinuations.

### WANTED MORE BLOOD.

A Crowd at a Mexican Bull Fight Thinks the Sport Too Dull.

The Mexican Jockey Club held its second autumn meeting in the City of Mexico, and the day was generally observed as a festival. In the Colon ring a bull-fight was given, at which more than 30,000 spectators were present. Posters had announced that the celebrated Guanajuato bulls would furnish sport with Zocato and Ferrar as first and second espadas. The stock from the first fought badly for the fighters, and while Zocato was attempting to kill the third bull he was caught on its horns, spun as though he were a top, and tossed in the air. He fell to the ground and was again gored by the infuriated animal. He was taken from the ring for dead. Later he entered the ring, but was not permitted to fight, and while retiring dropped in a faint. It was found he had three deep wounds, which, it is believed, will be fatal. Flies more bulls were let in the arena, but none fought well. The spectators became enraged, and fights were started on the sunny side of the arena among the spectators. Piles of wood were thrown into the ring from this side, which started a general demolition of the plaza. After all the chairs had been pitched into the arena the railings were wrenched off and thrown in the heads of the police in the alleyway. The bull fighters, fearing they would be mobbed, escaped from the arena, and sought safety in the street. The police endeavored to quiet the tumult and used their clubs freely, but their efforts proved futile, as it was threatened that if they did not desist they would be hurled into the ring. At the commencement of the disorder women, children, and timid men rushed into the passageways to escape into the street, choking them and causing a partial panic, in which, fortunately, nobody was hurt.

### BAD FOR THE SALOONS.

A Federal Court Decision Sustaining the Original Package Law.

Judge Caldwell of the United States Circuit Court for the Eighth Circuit, sitting at Little Rock, Ark., has rendered an opinion sustaining the constitutionality of the original package law, and also the constitutionality of the liquor law of Iowa. The Excelsior Brewing Company, a corporation of the State of Missouri, shipped from that State to Pella, in the State of Iowa, signed to H. M. Vanvilet, who was its agent at that place, a wooden case containing two dozen quart bottles of beer manufactured by the company in St. Louis. The case containing the bottles of beer was substantially made out of wood and securely fastened with a metallic seal, and constituted an unbroken or original package. The case of beer in its original form, Vanvilet, as agent for the brewery company, sold at Pella. For this sale he was arrested, tried before a Justice of the Peace, convicted, and sentenced to imprisonment. He claims his imprisonment is illegal and in violation of the Constitution of the United States. Ex-Chief Justice C. C. Cole, of Iowa, applied to the Federal Court for a writ of habeas corpus, and John Y. Stone, Attorney General of Iowa, resisted the application. The case was originally instituted in Iowa while Judge Caldwell was there holding court. Recently the same question was passed upon by the United States District Judge at Topeka, Kan., but they did not enter into the constitutionality of the original package act as passed by the last Congress. The effect of Judge Caldwell's decision will no doubt cause the case to be appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States, but there is little doubt among eminent lawyers that the court will sustain the opinion of Judge Caldwell.

### GOOD WEATHER FOR FARMERS.

Conditions Favorable for Fall Work on the Farms.

The weather crop bulletin for last month says: The month of October has been slightly cooler than usual throughout the district east of the Mississippi, although during the first half of the month the average daily temperature over this region ranged from 3 degrees to 6 degrees above the normal. The month was warmer than usual in the extreme Northwest and on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains. During the month of October there was more rain than usual throughout the Northern States from the Atlantic coast westward to the Missouri Valley. Excessive rains occurred generally throughout North Dakota and Montana and over the greater portion of Minnesota. The weather has been especially favorable for farm work throughout the winter and spring wheat regions, and the general increase of moisture throughout these sections has placed the ground in excellent condition, and the winter wheat crop generally presents a fine, healthy appearance, with an acreage equal to if not greater than that of the previous year.

### FIG OCTOBER TRADE.

The Volume of Business for the Month Was Unprecedented.

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

The approach of elections has caused some slackening of trade at many points, which is obviously temporary. At a few cities, notably St. Louis, there is observed reaction from the great activity which prevailed just before the new tariff went into effect, demand for the time having been satisfied by dealings in anticipation of that measure. But at nearly all cities trade continues remarkably large, and the majority through all clearing-houses outside New York for the month of October will probably be the largest ever recorded in any month, exceeding those of last October by about 15 per cent, and those of last May which were \$2,027,000,000 and the largest ever known, by about 10 per cent. Foreign trade for the month will certainly be much the largest over known, and the great industries are unusually active. At Chicago receipts of grain fall below last year's, and hides and wool a third, but cured meats and dressed beef show increase; the dry goods and clothing trade surpass last year's, and the shoe trade as well, though lately less active.

### A FATAL DISH OF OYSTER.

A Chicago Man Dies from the effects of Ptomaine Poison.

Dr. William N. Hibbard died at his residence, 5039 Jefferson avenue, Chicago. The cause of his death was ptomaine poisoning of which cases are extremely rare. About a week ago Dr. Hibbard ate at a restaurant some oysters which contained the poisonous substance. The patient died while under the influence of an anesthetic. Ptomaine poison has only recently become known to science and deaths from it are rare. The name was first suggested in 1875 by Prof. Selmi, an eminent authority, to designate substances obtained from putrefying organic matter. Recent investigations have developed the fact that every animal organism is filled with microbes. These microbes excrete certain particles in process of decay after death. These excreta are the ptomaines that form the poisonous element in the animal food. These ptomaines are most commonly found in oysters, shell fish, clams, and other sea animals. Almost all the recorded cases of poisoning by ptomaine have been confined to this species of animal food. In 1885 a number

of cases of serious poisoning from ptomaines occurred in Wilhelmshaven in consequence of eating muscles.

### IT WILL BE A BIG STRIKE.

Probability that Ten Thousand Men Will Leave Their Work.

Ten thousand men, employees of the Frick Coke Company, will lay down their tools, or Andrew Verotic, the discharged Tip Top Coke Works Committeeman, will be reinstated. There is not the slightest doubt now in anybody's mind but that the man strike threatened will materialize. The miners obstinately refuse the withdrawal of the notice embracing their demands, while the coke company firmly maintains its position diametrically opposite to Verotic's reinstatement. They contend they are in the right, having in their possession affidavits of workingmen showing that their cause was fully justified. The miners say they will not do as they have done in the past and ask for a conference, but have agreed to confer if the company makes the proposition. It is definitely understood that, should the workmen strike, the Frick Company will immediately annul the existing wage scale agreement. In the event of this matter will be placed in a more awkward position and a satisfactory settlement can't be looked for. Nothing save a long and bitter strike is anticipated. The Knights of Labor openly declared their intention to carry the strike to every plant in the region should it be necessary to inaugurate the struggle at the Frick plants.

### CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

Baltimore Commission Men Swindling We're Farmers.

John R. Crittenden and William Stoffen, Baltimore commission merchants, have been arrested by detectives, who had been watching them for some time, on charges of obtaining goods under false pretenses. They had been doing business both as individuals and as a firm under the name of Crittenden & Co. The men have been considered responsible parties and their arrest has caused surprise in the business community. The charge is that they have been flooding agricultural points in the West with circulars offering big prices for produce, for which, upon being shipped here by unsuspecting farmers, it is charged, they failed to pay. The specific charge on which the indictment is framed is that of Charles Kember, of Serena, Ill., in which he alleges that, in reply to a circular soliciting business, he shipped Sept. 30 to Stoffen nineteen tubs of butter, for which he has not been paid. The firm denies the charges. The detectives say that other commission merchants are liable to be mixed up in what appears to have been a big swindle of Western farmers.

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