

NEWS IN BRIEF.

FOREIGN.

The sun, like a flaming sword, is driving swarms of idle pleasure-seekers out of Paris. A cable dispatch says the temperature in the Exposition building has become unbearable. In other parts of the continent and in England the heat is also distressing.

Servis will have to pay 5,000,000 piastres for her share of the Turkish debt, on account of territory awarded her by the Berlin congress. The people are not pleased with the idea of thus paying for their "conquests," but they will certainly have to submit.

The French cannot get over their amazement at the way in which Great Britain has acquired the control of the island of Cyprus, and it now looks as though the act would cost England the friendship of France, such as it is. It is a matter of rivalry in commerce.

Sir Garnet Wolseley, proclamation in hand, has taken formal possession of the island of Cyprus. He will appoint a Commissioner to decide upon the necessary governmental reforms to be instituted in this new British province.

Cuba is to be represented in the Cortes by forty Deputies and ten Senators.

Gen. Escobedo has been captured by Diaz troops, near Cuatro Chinas, Mexico.

Herr Zukertort, of Berlin and London, has carried off the main prize at the Paris International Chess Congress. Mr. Mackenzie, of New York, the American representative, taking fifth prize.

In the House of Commons, the Chancellor of the Exchequer recently announced the betrothal of the Duke of Connaught, Queen Victoria's third son, with the Princess Marie Louise of Prussia, daughter of Prince Frederick Charles.

Hereafter travelers in Germany will be required to show their passports.

No President of the republic of Mexico can hereafter be re-elected. A new law has established this inhibition. The election for a successor to President Diaz will occur in 1890.

The International Monetary Congress will be held at Paris Aug. 10.

A London dispatch reports a strike by 24,000 nail-makers in that city.

At the session of the Woman's Rights Congress in Paris, M. Martin, Municipal Counselor of Paris, and Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, of Boston, were elected Presidents of the Congress.

Russia is about to negotiate with the Rothschilds a loan of 400,000,000 rubles, at 5 per cent., the issue price to be 85.

Fourteen children and three teachers were drowned by the capsizing of a boat on the river Blackwater, near the town of Ballyleborough, Ireland.

THE POTTER INVESTIGATION.

The seafaring sessions of the Potter committee began July 23 at Atlantic City. The only witness examined was Representative Danford, who visited New Orleans in 1876 as a member of the Morrison committee. He testified to Andrew's opinion that the Republicans of Louisiana were bulldozed.

At the session of the committee held July 24, ex-Congressman Sypher, of New Orleans, testified that at the time the Republican visitors were in New Orleans he met D. A. Weber, who asked, "Can I take the promises of gentlemen who are here to provide for me if I am driven out of my parish?" Witness said in reply, "Whom do you mean?" Weber mentioned Matthews and Sherman especially. Witness then said, "These gentlemen stand very closely to the incoming President, personally and politically, and I think you can trust them." Weber remarked he had been deceived a good many times, and as he therefore did not feel like taking a man's verbal promise, he would demand a promise in writing. Witness said that was the only way. The next day he again met Weber, who exhibited a letter which witness read and then returned. Weber made no special remark, but appeared to be pleased with the letter, which purported to be signed by John Sherman. He would not testify that the letter was in Sherman's handwriting, but there was nothing to make him think it was not. He could not give the purport, but the published letter seemed to be substantially correct. Secretary Sherman testified he was invited to go to New Orleans by President Grant by telegram. On his way to Cincinnati he stopped at Columbus, where he saw Gov. Hayes. In reply to interrogators he said that his conversation with Gov. Hayes was general about the election, all then being in the dark. Representatives Kelley, of Pennsylvania, Hale, of Maine, and Danford of Ohio, the Hon. Cortland Parker, of New Jersey, and Secretary Sherman were examined on the question whether the action of the Returning Board was influenced by the Republican visitors. All testified positively that no such influence was exerted. All of the visitors testified that they proceeded to New Orleans upon the solicitation of President Grant. In reply to a question, Hale said, "I thought that if Hayes was elected President, Packard was elected Governor, I thought both were elected." Representative Danford testified that there was no discrepancy or difference between the votes cast for Hayes and those cast for Packard, except in Natchitoches, where Packard had 200 or 300 more votes than Hayes.

Secretary Sherman resumed his testimony before the Potter committee, at Atlantic City, N. J., July 25. He stated the character of the visit of the Republican statesmen to New Orleans to witness the action of the Louisiana Returning Board in 1876, claiming their perfect non-interference with the proceedings of the board. He was shown a letter alleged to have been written to him by Weber and Anderson, dated Nov. 20, 1876, and said that case, be sent by the way of Spitsbergen, while the Jeannette goes by way of Behring's strait. The town of Cattellberg, Ky., was visited by a conflagration lately, which left very little standing. The total loss is estimated at \$200,000. Very little insurance. Nearly the entire business portion of the town was destroyed.

A cyclone struck North Albany, N. Y., the other day, sweeping through West Albany, unroofing houses, scattering the contents of lumber-yards, and destroying cattle-pens. The gales were so badly damaged that North Albany was in total darkness that night. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Secretary Schurz has affirmed the decision of the Land-Office Commissioner regarding the rights of settlers in the purchase and pre-emption of railroad lands. The Secretary holds that the lands remaining unsold three years after the completion of the railways receiving grants from the Government are subject to pre-emption by settlers at the rate of \$1.25 per acre, the Government having the authority to make the sales through the land offices, and to place the money to the credit of the railroad companies.

East St. Louis, which a short time since was rife with warring factions over the struggle for municipal control, has been the scene of violence and uproar. This time, however, the authorities were arrayed against a non-political enemy—a railroad company that wanted to lay its track through the city so as to reach the big bridge, Mayor Bowman and his cohorts, backed by what they claim to be a perpetual injunction granted by the courts, attacked and put to flight the force of laborers engaged in laying the track, which was torn up, and the rails twisted and ties burned by fire fed with coal oil. In the evening, the Bowman and

Wider factions got into another row, and in the melee several persons were wounded.

Yellow fever has made its appearance in New Orleans, seven fatal cases being reported in one day.

The Congressional Military Commission,

appointed to carry out in the best manner the provisions of the act reorganizing the army, is in session at White Sulphur springs, W. Va. Those present are Gen. Burnside, who is President of the commission; Senator Butler, of South Carolina, and Representatives White, Dibble and Strait. The sessions are secret.

FINANCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.

A press dispatch from Winona, Minn., relative to the condition and prospects of the wheat crop, states that previous reports of damage by reason of unfavorable weather have been exaggerated, and that the outlook is nothing like so bad as it has been made to appear. The damage by blight and rust is by well-informed millers and grain-buyers estimated at not to exceed 10 per cent., and not over 2 per cent. produced by wind and rain, so that, taking into account Minnesota's increased acreage of 25 per cent., it is thought that last year's yield of 35,000,000 bushels will be considerably surpassed.

The first bale of this season's cotton arrived at St. Louis recently from Texas. It

graded strict low middling, and sold at 31 cents per pound. It is to be forwarded to Liverpool.

The Boston Belting Company has sus-

pended payments in consequence of a defi-

ciency of \$900,000 in the accounts of the late

treasurer, John G. Tappan.

Chicago elevators contain 251,319 bushels

of wheat, 955,616 bushels of corn, 42,049 bushels

of oats, 39,684 bushels of rye and 256,555 bushels of barley, making a grand total of

1,535,233 bushels, against 2,222,935 bushels for

this period last year.

One million ounces of fine silver has been purchased of the Nevada Bank by Secretary Sherman for coinage into dollars. The bullion is to be delivered immediately at the San Francisco and Carson City mints, and is to be paid for in standard silver dollars.

The total receipts of the Government from

internal revenue for the year ending June 30, 1878, were \$11,089,819.94, or \$7,905,864.94

less than the year preceding.

It is expected that between \$8,000,000 and

\$10,000,000 in silver will be coined during Au-

gust.

Some laborers engaged in excavating for

the foundation of the new Bureau of Engraving and Printing, were driven from their work

by a party of rioters. It is claimed they were only receiving 75 cents a day.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

Wilson Howchins, who resides near Flaw-

ers Court House, Va., recently murdered his wife, mother-in-law, and one child, and then himself.

A son 7 years old, who saw his father attack the mother, took the baby out of the cradle and fed and to a place of safety.

J. H. Sharp, Treasurer of Williamsburg, Ohio, has been detected in a for-

gery, and has disappeared to avoid the penalty. It is stated, also, that he is short in his treasury accounts.

Peter Brecheban, who killed Michael Dan-

thir, April 1st, was hanged at Canton, N. Y., last Friday.

THE ONLY TRAMP.

There appeared in the Tribune office yesterday evening Mr. George Lawrence, journeyman printer, the original tramp, whose life of adventure far outdoes that of a base imitator by the name of McGinty, concerning whom paragraphs have recently been floating around the papers. Mr. Lawrence, who is now 63 years of age, has, according to his story, been identified with the history of this country during the last forty-odd years. He has been by turns a printer, a circus-clown, Methodist minister, navigator of a canal-boat and a whale-ship, and master of a raft on the Susquehanna. He raised Artemus Ward and Mark Twain, was an old chum of Burdette, and first discovered the genius of Nast. He invented the dots and dashes used in the Morse alphabet, and dashes used in the telegraph, being himself the oldest operator in the country. In company with a printer, a circus-clown, Methodist minister, navigator of a canal-boat and a whale-ship, and master of a raft on the Susquehanna. 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