

WALKERTON INDEPENDENT.

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WILL ADMIT WHEAT.

GERMANY REMOVES THE DUTY ENTIRELY.

Killed by Drinking Strong Coffee—Fatal Collision in Minnesota—A Warning to Cigarette Smokers—San Francisco Shaken—Attempt on the Premier's Life.

To Admit Our Wheat.

REPORTS are revived in Washington that American wheat and flour will soon be admitted to Germany free of duty. That the convention is completed to all intents and purposes, lacking only the little final touches, is generally believed. The negotiations have been in progress for some weeks, and have been occupying a great deal of the President's time. The German Government desired that the present conditions governing the importation of beet sugar from that country into the United States be continued. In return, the President requested the German reduce its tariff on American breadstuffs. Germany, according to the report, has not only acceded to this request, but has gone farther and removed the duty on wheat and flour altogether. President Harrison desired to include canned meats in the articles to be freed from duty, and it is possible that he has succeeded, but the only authority obtainable confines the articles to breadstuffs.

Northwestern Wheat Stocks.

The Northwestern Miller gives the stock of wheat in private elevators of Minneapolis at 1,150,000 bushels, or 131,000 bushels more than last week. The Minneapolis public stock increased 391,600 bushels for the week, and Duluth decreased 103,209 bushels, leaving the total stock of all kinds at these two places 6,387,504 bushels. The Market Record reports the wheat in country elevators of Minnesota and the two Dakotas at 2,434,300 bushels, an increase for the week of 282,000 bushels. The aggregate stock in the Northwest is thus made 8,821,804 bushels, an increase for the week of 701,051 bushels. A year ago the total Northwestern stock amounted to 9,931,000 bushels.

Strong Coffee Killed Him.

Dr. F. C. Fowkes died in New York, his end being brought about by an inordinate slavery to strong coffee. At one time his practice was one of the largest enjoyed by any homeopathic physician in New York. In the course of his practice some twenty years ago he became addicted to the use of coffee, and the taste grew on him to such an extent that he drank from three to five quarts a day. The coffee was made almost as strong as tea, and could not be swallowed by anyone but himself. Dr. Fowkes became such a slave to the drink that he gradually lost his practice, and at the time of his death was reduced to penury, for he had become a palsied wreck.

Arrested on a Novel Charge.

At Aberdeen, S. D., Mr. C. M. Sweitzer has commenced action against Dr. W. E. Fowkes for \$5,000 damages. She alleges that the Doctor repeatedly "pumped morphine into her husband so that he had become a morphine fiend," and she was deprived of his support and companionship. Also that her husband is physically, intellectually and morally a wreck on account of said treatment. Sweitzer is in jail in default of bail. He is said to have made a written confession in the presence of the Sheriff and notary.

He Charmed the Bloodhounds.

Bob Aikens, a tough citizen hailing originally from Nashville, where he is connected with good families, escaped from the County Workhouse at Chattanooga, Tenn., by assaulting and stabbing the guard. Bloodhounds were put on his trail and caught him, but he evidently stood in with them and the brutes went away with him, leaving the officers in the lurch.

Fatal Collision Near Shakopee.

A HEAD-ON collision occurred on the Minneapolis and St. Louis Road, near Shakopee, Minn., between an Omaha and Minneapolis and St. Louis freight train. Fireman Thomas Rogers, of Albert Lea, was killed, being wedged between the cab and tender. The engineers and the other fireman saved their lives by jumping.

Sad Warning to Cigarette Smokers.

Jay Soules, 18 years old, was found dead in bed at his home in North Norwich, Conn. He was an inveterate cigarette smoker and was subject to severe attacks of headache and bleeding at the nose as the result. It is said his death is directly traceable to the cigarette habit.

Attempt on Premier Mercier's Life.

The Chief of Police at Montreal, Que., received a telegram from Premier Mercier to send a detective and a sergeant to Toureuvre, the premier's country residence. The reason for the call is unknown, but it is stated that an attempt was made upon the life of the Premier.

The New Mexican Tariff.

THE new Mexican tariff will go into effect Nov. 1, and the custom-house officials at Nueva Laredo and Piedras Negras, the two principal gate cities, are being deluged with business on account of merchants rushing in goods from the United States so as to avoid the high duties.

Earthquake Shock in San Francisco.

A SEVERE earthquake shock occurred at San Francisco. It lasted fully half a minute and was the most severe experienced in that city for a long time. So far as known no damage was done.

Two Months Old and Weighs a Pound.

A GRIM baby two months old and weighing less than one pound is the object of much interest to the residents of Norwalk, Conn. The child at birth weighed nne ounces. It is perfectly formed and seemingly as strong as babies usually are at that age.

Oregon Stage Robbery.

WELLS, FARGO & Co.'s stage was robbed near Linkville, Oregon. It is not known how much money the robbers secured.

EASTERN OCCURRENCES.

NEARLY two hundred acres of ground in the northwest corner of Carbondale, Pa., under which Coalbrook colliery of the Delaware and Hudson is tunneled, is sinking, and there is danger of one of the most extensive cave-ins in the history of the coal regions.

A WAGON at Erastina, N. Y., with four occupants, consisting of a man, woman, and two children, was struck by a train. The man and woman were instantly killed and their bodies were hurled a considerable distance. The children were picked up in a dying condition.

THREE Burgettstown, Pa., hostlers found a bottle of liquor and almost drained it. Alex. Chaple took convulsions and died in two hours, and the others are lying at the point of death. An analysis of the liquid remaining in the bottle showed equal parts of strychnine and whisky.

Fire destroyed the mansion occupied by August Belmont and family, at New York, completely ruining its costly contents and involving a loss estimated at \$20,000. Mrs. Belmont, two children and the servants had narrow escapes from death. The fire started on the second floor and was caused by a curtain coming in contact with a lighted gas jet.

At New York news of numerous disasters was received. The storm seems to have cropped up all over the Atlantic Ocean as far north as the banks of Newfoundland, as far south as the West Indies and as far east as the coast of Great Britain. The most serious disaster reported was the loss of the steamer Wolverton. Her crew of thirty persons was rescued and brought to St. John's.

At Buffalo, within a week about forty men have been discharged from the employ of the Wagner Palace Car Company at East Buffalo because they were members of an organization of anarchists. A short time ago a number of men had arranged to strike on a certain day, but on arriving at the works found a force of men ready to take their places. They mixed up with paint used in finishing cars. Trouble is likely to follow.

The Oliver & Roberts Wire Company, of Pittsburgh, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the country, has made a request of its creditors for an extension. The amount of its indebtedness could not be learned, as the members of the firm could not give figures, but it was confidently said that the creditors would be paid every dollar. The suspension was not wholly unexpected, as it was known the firm had been closely pressed for several weeks. The plant employs a large force of men, boys and girls.

At Bordentown, N. J., Mrs. Jarnell has been prostrated ever since her son's death. Her friends fear that the shock has been too great for her and that she may lose her mental balance. She has been confined to her bed, her old servant, Edward Slevin, and her friend, Mrs. W. J. Knod, of New York, being in constant attendance. At one time Mrs. Jarnell left her bed and burst into the dining-room, her eyes ablaze and her features haggard. She was greatly excited, and declared she would go at once to New York, and thence sail for Ireland to see her beloved son. Sobs and hysterical laughter shook her frame and the attendants were greatly frightened.

WESTERN HAPPENINGS.

A BLACK bear weighing 200 pounds passed through one of the most populous streets of Duluth, Minn., and jumped into the bay, where he was killed. The bear was headed for the wreck of the steamer Winslow, and had undoubtedly been attracted to the city by smelling the odor of the burning sugar in the unlucky vessel's cargo.

R. C. VAUGHAN, a well-known Fremont (Neb.) business man, committed suicide by lying down under a freight car, with his neck across the railroad track, and when the train started up his head was cut off. The waywardness of a son, wanted for burglary, is supposed to have driven Vaughan insane.

WHILE Indianapolis firemen were at work in the Van Camp Building, the wall was torn by a passing train and fell, burying five men. As Walter Kerr struggled to his feet another train passed, and he was struck again, inflicting fatal injuries. Two others were killed. Four men were injured at the same place when the fire started, two days before.

SOUTHERN INCIDENTS.

The dead bodies of Deputy Sheriff Bill Castor and a bartender were found lying in Glio's saloon at Arthur City, Texas. The men were shot in the back and death must have been instantaneous. There is no clue.

FIRE at Montgomery, A. A., destroyed Hunter & Co.'s compress and 2,500 bales of cotton, causing a loss of \$125,000. At Mayfield, Ky., six acres of ground were burned over. The loss is placed at \$100,000, with but little insurance.

NEAR Norfolk, Va., Dr. William M. Lockwood was found choked to death. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive for the murder, as the deceased was thought to have some money. No trace of the murderers could be found.

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

The German Government has placed an order in the hands of their American agents for eighty-five tons of alum. It is intended for use in military tents.

A SPECIAL cable dispatches that Tamaqua, a city in Pennsylvania, is not to be a very serious resort. The city is said to be in some slight excitement, but nothing important happened. Nobody was hurt. The rumor that an army is marching on the city from Quesadango is false.

DISPATCHES from China state that there has been serious rioting forty miles from the town of Amoy, in the province of Fo-Kien. The population of Amoy, amounting to about 300,000 people, is in a state of great excitement. The riot was caused by official abuses. Several mandarins and other officials were killed by the rioters.

BRIGANDS attempted to wreck a train at a desolate spot on the Haidar-Pachaiamit Railway in Turkey for the purpose of robbery. The obstructions were discovered in time, and the brigands dispersed. The Oriental Railway Company, as a result of recent outrages by brigands, has demanded special guarantees from the Porte if it is to carry on its traffic.

ED NEAL, the murderer of Allan and Dorothy Jones, was hung at Omaha, Neb., in an enclosure built just outside the county jail. Ninety-four people witnessed the execution. The condemned man passed a restless night, but he walked to the scaffold without a tremor. There was no hitch in the proceedings, and Neal's neck was broken by the fall,

death being instantaneous. The murderer's real name is unknown, and on the scaffold he refused to disclose his identity, although he confessed his crime.

AN INCENDIARY fire at Washington, Ind., destroyed the court house together with all the records. The fire was started simultaneously in the office of the recorder and auditor, and only a few of the records from the clerk's, sheriff's and treasurer's offices were saved. Charred papers from the recorder's office which were saved were found to have been saturated with coal oil, showing that the incendiaries had used oil to insure destruction. Every land title, every mortgage and all the papers relating to the assessment of the county were destroyed in 1877 at a cost of \$135,000.

INDEPENDENCE, Iowa, was insane with joy over the success of her idol, Allerton, in his race with Nelson at Grand Rapids. Men, women and children attend to the necessary duties with a waltz step and wear a boundless smile. The telegraph office, American Trotter office and bulletin boards of the post office were besieged by a hope that a xmas mob watching with feverish interest for reports of the great stallion race. The news that Nelson had won the first heat was followed so quickly by reports of Allerton's success that the disappointment was not felt. Three bands blared blithely, and even the merchant contributed his stock of

GENERAL NOTES.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY CONDUCTORS and the Order of Railway Conductors were formally consolidated at Cedar Rapids.

THE sum of \$100,000 was subscribed by members of the Spanish colony of the City of Mexico for the relief of the sufferers by the late floods at Consuegra, Spain.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT will reserve, under the act of Congress passed at the last session, 1,200,000 acres of land on the headwaters of the White River in Colorado.

THE COMMITTEE appointed to pass on the acceptance of the marble statue of Jefferson Davis for the vestibule of the Confederate monument in Jackson have finally decided to accept the statue.

AT THE CITY OF MEXICO, anxious creditors whose claims aggregate over \$400,000 are seeking the whereabouts of Salvador Ma'zo, a prominent contractor. He is said to have gone to Europe by way of New York.

IT is reported on excellent authority that Flora Frances is to be the name of the little daughter of the ex-President and Mrs. Cleveland. The first name is to be given to the baby in honor of Mrs. William C. Whitney, wife of ex-Secretary of the Navy Whitney. The Frances will be added, it is said, at the earnest request of Mr. Cleveland, who has not shamed his wife's distaste for her name.

THE CENSUS BUREAU has made public a bulletin in relation to iron ore. It shows the quantity of iron ore produced in the United States during the year 1880 to have been 14,188,011 long tons, valued at \$33,351,978, an average of \$2.30 per ton. The four leading states were Michigan, Alabama, Pennsylvania and New York, aggregate 10,234,239 tons, or 70.40 per cent of the total product. Capital invested, \$10,761,494.

A FREIGHT car that contained Chinese lepers is missing. When last heard of, the car, bound for New York, was being pulled out of Vancouver. The lepers were inside, with a cask of water and a barrel of bread. The car door was sealed. The car should have reached New York a week ago, if the Canadian Pacific Railroad succeeded in getting it past the authorities on the United States border. Friends of the lepers would like to know what has become of them, and so would the New York Health Board.

R. G. DUN & CO.'s weekly review of trade says:

FROM all parts of the West and South come advices that business is gradually improving, and the improvement is felt in Eastern centers. There is still a most encouraging absence in any trade of that speculative excitement and over-confidence which is so often a prelude of disaster. Purchases are governed by unusual conservatism, and yet are large in volume. Failures are rather rare, and are the result of a long continued commercial strain, since the foreign disaster of last November. It is true that prices of nearly all products are very low, and the margin for profit is very narrow while competition is severe; but the volume of trade is larger than in any previous year, in spite of the fact that some branches of business are retarded. It is also true that collections in some quarters are slow, but the latest reports from various sections are on the whole more favorable. The news regarding the chief industries is decidedly favorable.

MARKET REPORTS.

CHICAGO—Common to Prime..... \$3.50 @ 6.50
HOGS—Shipping..... 4.00 @ 5.25
SHEEP—Fair to Ch. ice..... 3.0 @ 5.25
CORN—No. 2 Red..... 53.00 @ 54.
OATS—No. 2..... 26 @ 27.
RYE—No. 2..... 86 @ 87.
BUTTER—Choice Creamery..... 25 @ 28.
CHAS—Full cream, flats..... 70 @ 71.
HOG—Fresh..... 18 @ 19.
POTATOES—New, per bushel..... 32 @ 33.

INDIANAPOLIS.

CATTLE—Shipping..... 3.50 @ 5.75
HOGS—Choice..... 4.00 @ 5.00
SHEEP—No. 2 Red..... 59 @ 60.
CORN—No. 2..... 59 @ 60.
OATS—No. 2..... 21 @ 22.
RYE—No. 2..... 81 @ 83.

ST. LOUIS.

CATTLE..... 3.50 @ 6.00
HOGS..... 3.50 @ 5.25
SHEEP—No. 2 Red..... 96 @ 97.
CORN—No. 2..... 23 @ 24.
OATS—No. 2..... 21 @ 22.
RYE—No. 2..... 81 @ 83.

CINCINNATI.

CATTLE..... 3.50 @ 5.25
HOGS..... 4.00 @ 5.00
SHEEP—No. 2 Red..... 3.00 @ 5.00
CORN—No. 2..... 59 @ 60.
OATS—No. 2 Mixed..... 29 @ 30.
RYE—No. 2..... 81 @ 83.

DETROIT.

CATTLE..... 3.00 @ 5.25
HOGS..... 4.00 @ 4.50
SHEEP—No. 2 Red..... 3.00 @ 4.50
CORN—No. 2 Yellow..... 54 @ 56.
OATS—No. 2 White..... 31 @ 33.
RYE—No. 2..... 81 @ 83.

TOLEDO.

WHEAT—New..... 99 @ 100.
CORN—No. 2 Yellow..... 55 @ 57.
OATS—No. 2 White..... 29 @ 30.
RYE—No. 2..... 87 @ 88.

BUFFALO.

BEEF CATTLE..... 5.00 @ 7.00.
LIVE HOGS..... 4.50 @ 5.50.
WHEAT—No. 1 Hard..... 1.02 @ 1.04.
CORN—No. 2..... 84 @ 85.
OATS—No. 2..... 29 @ 30.
RYE—No. 2..... 88 @ 89.

MILWAUKEE.

WHEAT—No. 2 Spring..... 98 @ 95.
CORN—No. 3..... 56 @ 54.
OATS—No. 2 White..... 29 @ 31.
RYE—No. 1..... 88 @ 89.
BARLEY—No. 2..... 61 @ 62.
PORK—Mess..... 12.00 @ 12.50.

NEW YORK.

CATTLE..... 3.50 @ 5.50.
HOGS..... 4.00 @ 5.00.
SHEEP—No. 2 Red..... 3.50 @ 5.25.
CORN—No. 3..... 56 @ 54.
OATS—No. 2 White..... 29 @ 31.
RYE—No. 1..... 88 @ 89.
BUTTER—Creamery..... 30 @ 35.
HOG—New Mess..... 16 @ 27.
PORK—New Mess..... 11.50 @ 12.00.

WALKERTON INDEPENDENT.

PARNELL IS NO MORE

THE IRISH LEADER EXPIRES SUDDENLY.

HIS UNLOOKED-FOR END DUE TO A CHILL CONTRACTED LAST WEEK—INTENSE SURPRISE CAUSED THROUGHOUT ENGLAND AND IRELAND BY THE STARTLING EVENT.

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