

WEATHER: WARMER

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GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

Hon. Robert Rogers may stay in the West until August.

There will be no all night cafes in Coney Island this season.

The corner stone of the new \$150,000 Masonic Temple was laid at Newburg, N. Y.

Attempts are being made to interest King George in an around-the-world flight.

Hon. Frank Cockrane has left Ottawa on an inspection trip over the Welland Canal.

France is contemplating establishment of government monopoly of insurance and oil business.

The hull of the Wanamaker trans-Atlantic flying boat America is being turned into a gigantic "sea-sled."

The Duke of Aosta, cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, is reported to be dangerously ill from typhoid fever.

James Birchmough raised an accepted cheque from \$54 to \$54,000, but claims that no fraud was intended.

Thousands of cattle have died in Saskatchewan and Alberta during the present year, the result of the dread disease black leg.

Thomas B. Rice, veteran abolitionist and friend of Wendell Phillips and William Lloyd Garrison died in Warren, Mass., aged 97 years.

Empress, said to have been the largest female depicted in captivity, died in the zoo at Philadelphia, where she had been for 38 years.

Application for receiver for United Retail Grocery Stores Co., Pittsburgh, \$1,000,000 concern, has been filed by the company's vice-president.

The name of ex-President Taft has been mentioned as possibly successor to the late Justice Lorton in the United States Supreme Court.

The will of Mrs. Virginia Gay, of Columbus, Ohio, leaves \$400,000 for aged Ohio school teachers and \$50,000 for a hospital at Vinton, Ia.

The Government steamer Lady Evelyn and Strathcona have been dispatched to haul the S. S. Canada off the rocks at Cape Chutter.

Captain Firsoff, of the General Staff of the Russian Army, and a passenger were killed while making a flight in the aerodrome at Odessa.

Investigation of Lorimer bank failure indicates that \$250,000 of capital stock of La Street National Bank was paid for in notes instead of cash.

All the volcanoes along the Alaskan Peninsula are in action, according to Captain McMullen of the steamer Djigo.

A protest has been made against a uniform tax of \$500 on all moving picture houses, the claim being that such a levy is unfair to the smaller houses.

Because of valuable nature of mineral rights in Benbow County, Ontario, \$400,000 has been offered for a family quarry, caused by a remark made by Mrs. Astor, Jr., concerning her father-in-law's control of the "money bags."

Richard Croker, the old-time leader of Tammany Hall, will return to New York from Ireland next September, and will seek to outdo Charles F. Murphy from the leadership of Tammany Hall.

The members of the Toronto Glee Club of Victoria University were entertained at the Mansion House by the Lord Mayor of London. The club has given several very successful performances in London.

Joe Martin's decision to come to Canada permanently and still retain his seat of East St. Pancras, carrying with it an indemnity of \$2,000 a year, is to be made the subject of an interpolation in the Imperial House.

Efforts of New York bankers to save \$2,000,000 of Sackett and Wilhelms Co. have succeeded. Its affairs, which have been found to be sound and W. L. Adams has assumed management.

Efforts to bring about an alliance between the 10th Royal Grenadier Guards of Toronto and the Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians) have just come to fruition, and a new era of increased usefulness may be looked for.

The first initiation of the Leinster Regiment is the old "One Hundredth," raised in Canada during the Crimean war.

ONLY SEVEN "AMERICANS" ON LIST OF DEBENTURES AGO

"Good Old Eries" First Gamble Brought to London From Wall Street About a Half a Century Ago

Though the American market in Capitol Court, London, cannot be much more than half a century old, its origin is already almost lost in the mists of antiquity. On the official list, securities classes of American securities appear and disappear. It may interest dealers to know which American roads were first "introduced" in London. In 1862 the official list mentions only seven—New York Central, Erie, Atlantic and Great Western, Michigan Central, Reading, Illinois Central, and Ohio & Mississippi. Five of the seven were mortgage bonds. The Erie group, which was the largest, offered a liberal choice of bonds, preferred stock and common stock, while the leading importation was limited to shares. They came, through a highly respectable channel—Messrs. McAlmont Brothers, who for many years acted as London agents for the Reading company. In 1862, it was already established at 22 Old Broad Street, where it still remains. How the Peabody millions were earned has always been a fertile theme of gossip and conjecture. The Erie group, which was the most powerful banking firm in America, or for that matter, in the world.

"Good Old Eries." It may surprise and perhaps amuse the London Stock Exchange to observe that the "good old Eries" were the first American gambles brought to Wall Street. Who brought them over and why they were honored with the which have puzzled questions of the present generation. Probably James McHenry of Atlantic & Great Western fame, had something to do with it. His road, the old Atlantic extension of the Erie, and from the start it was mixed up in Erie finance. In course of the chequered career it was repeatedly leased to the Erie company and cut loose again when one or other, or both of them, passed into the hands of a receiver. Such a misfortune happened two years ago, but after being two years under judicial protection it made a fresh start.

THE CLAFIN FAILURE AND BUSINESS PAPER

Fundamental Principles of Issuing of Business Paper Ignored it is Claimed—The Winding Up of H. B. Clafin's Business

Some of the banks to be conservative with their assets have already marked their Clafin paper down to 50 cents on the dollar. It is not generally expected that Clafin will pay in full, but some progress has been made that the concern can be set going with the creditors granting extensions for a part of their notes and taking stock of the other part.

There are about 5 millions of this paper in New England, a little over 2 millions in Boston alone. There is about 5 millions in hold in New York, of which 5 millions is held by the state bank and trust companies. Nearly half of the total is in the South and as far West as San Francisco.

Neither to the stockholders, nor to the buyers of Clafin paper, would it be Clafin ever make report of the amount of the company's financial liabilities—its endorsed bills receivable.

Some of the Clafin stores are in unenviable shape and are able to take care of themselves locally. This is said to be true of Pittsburgh and Minneapolis.

But it will take some time to unravel the relations between the New York office and many of the subordinate stores. Most if not all of the 27 stores had their treasurer in the office with Clafin in New York and paper was made and issued as required, the Clafin Company practically acting as bankers for the 27 stores.

There is only one legitimate situation when a borrower may refuse to take his creditors into his confidence and that is when he can say: "My business is so profitable that I cannot afford to run the risk of its publicity lest I invite further competition; therefore I am willing to pay a higher rate for business secrecy."

Every business man and financial man ought to know, and every text-book on finance ought to teach what a true business paper, and that back of a very true piece of business paper, should be readily at hand a statement of the goods and the business it represents.

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RESERVE JUDGMENT

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The woman, who belongs to the peasant class, was arrested. She refused to give her name, but at the police station said: "I wished to remove from this world that false and infamous prophet, who has led so many people astray, and who has falsely instructed the Czar on countless questions."

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STRIKE HAD GOOD FEATURES. Westinghouse Electric Officials Regard Trouble in a Favorable Light. CAPACITY 85 PER CENT.

By Drawing Down Unfilled Orders. Plant Was Kept Fairly Busy. Completion of Five Weeks Built up This Department.

(Special to the Journal of Commerce). Boston, July 15.—It is an open secret that the New York officials of Westinghouse Electric have not from the first regarded the strike, which has now been settled as an unmitigated disaster. The company, from a business standpoint, was probably better able to stand a strike than at any previous time in its history. New business since Mar. 31 has been 25 to 30 per cent. below last year's average, and it has been only by drawing down unfilled orders that plants have been kept at about 85 per cent. capacity.

New business did not stop coming in during the strike period, with the result that the cessation of the five weeks' labor difficulty has built up a considerable order backlog.

A Pittsburgh authority on the Westinghouse situation says: "It seems extraordinary that a few hundred scattered agitators were able to sway 12,000 people, but they succeeded. Their success was so overwhelming that they actually got scared themselves when their achievement. As a result of the calling off of the strike the employees are now trying to get their jobs back. Settlement of the Electric Co. strike has caused the adjusted labor troubles and Signal Co. at Swissvale that they are now trying to operate again at capacity with a full complement of workers. The strike was broken two weeks ago."

HAS AUTHORIZED BONDS. Columbus, Ohio, July 15.—The State public utilities commission has authorized the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad to issue \$3,500,000 7 1/2 per cent. consolidated mortgage bonds. The proceeds to be used in the company's program of improvements and additions in 1914.

STANDARD OIL CO. San Francisco, July 15.—Stockholders of Standard Oil Company of California, hold a special meeting at Richmond, and authorized a capital stock increase from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

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