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AMERICAN NEWS.

Winter Weather in Some of the Eastern States.

Decoration Day Faithfully Observed in the North and South.

King Kalakua Wants Funds for His Trip to Paris—Collapse of a Huge Brick Building.

Killed by a Tornado.

EMPORIA, Kas., May 30.—Captain Milton Brown was the only person killed outright in the Clement's tornado of Tuesday night. His wife, however, is not expected to live, having had her leg terribly mangled. Their son Edward had his leg and shoulder broken. Miss Sarah Brown has an ankle broken and is internally injured, and a lady is also badly hurt. All were expected to survive, however, except the mother. The storm was only about 100 feet in width and travelled almost around Clements, following the course of the Cottonwood river in a southerly course, and more than a dozen farms are denuded of their buildings, and orchards and crops are destroyed.

A Kansas Cyclone.

MCPHERSON, Kans., May 30.—A cyclone formed about six miles southwest of this city, between 3 and 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, passing almost directly east through the country, striking the earth three times in its passage. Where it touched everything was destroyed. Three miles east of Elyra it struck John Nightingale's house, taking it from the foundation with all its contents, and carrying it away, not a vestige being seen since. The family escaped by taking refuge in the cellar. B. Katzlap's house was also destroyed, and his family likewise saved themselves by taking refuge in the cellar. No lives were lost nor was anyone injured.

Decoration Day in New York.

NEW YORK, May 30.—Decoration day was faithfully observed as a holiday throughout the country, all business being suspended. Rain in most of the cities interfered with the ceremonies of decorating the soldiers graves, but the programmes were generally carried out. There was a large attendance at Arlington Heights, opposite Washington, where the monument over General Sheridan's grave was unveiled with an impressive but simple ceremony. In New York all the cemeteries were visited by the G. A. R. and other military bodies, and flowers were profusely distributed. Special services were held at Grant's tomb in Riverside Park, New York. In Brooklyn the presence of President Harrison added interest to the occasion.

King Kalakua Needs Funds.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 30.—The latest advices from Honolulu announced that King Kalakua was contemplating a trip to Europe for the purpose of visiting the Paris exposition. It is, however, learned from good authority that his majesty lacks the necessary funds to carry out his intentions. An agent is now in the city negotiating a loan of ten thousand dollars.

Collapse of a Building.

DANVILLE, Va., May 30.—An awful casualty occurred here to-day. A force of men were engaged on a brick factory, which J. G. Penn, tobacconist, was building. The building was an immense affair, about 200 feet long and six stories high. The bricklayers had just completed the walls, but there was no roof on the building. The wind was blowing a gale, and one of the walls got out of plumb. The force of hands went to different parts of the building to brace the walls. There were twenty men engaged, when the entire structure collapsed. Five men were killed, and seven more or less injured.

The Cronin Case.

CHICAGO, May 30.—To-day was barren of developments in the Cronin case, being a public holiday, there was no session of the grand jury, and the offices of the states attorney were closed. Dragging of the lake by the police, in the hope that the clothing of the victim might be found, was resumed this morning, but the gale compelled a suspension of operations. A thorough search of the residence of the ice man Sullivan was made by the police, but nothing of an incriminating character was found.

Suicided on Decoration Day.

NEW YORK, May 30.—Capt. C. Henry Witthans, a prominent citizen and a member of the Old Guard, the Liederkrantz Society, the press club and other organizations, shot himself dead after returning home from a decoration party. He was 35 years old and quite wealthy.

White Child in a Chinese Den.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 30.—A six-year-old white girl was discovered by the police last night in a house occupied by Chinese. They found the child hidden in a cracker box in a corner of the room. She can speak Chinese only, but is of German or Swedish parentage.

Cyclone in Virginia.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 30.—The Sun's special from Martinsburg, W. Va., says: "A disastrous cyclone swept through a portion of this valley this afternoon. At Falling Waters, a new barn of John W. Griswell, was blown down and killed J. E. Howell, a pump-maker, and fatally injured John Vogle, both of whom had taken refuge therein from the storm.

Decoration Day in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, May 30.—G. A. R. Posts, Confederate association of the army of Tennessee, Northern Virginia veterans and cavalry joined in decorating the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers to-day. There were services of prayer and orations.

Rumored Indian Outbreak.

OMAHA, Neb., May 30.—Settlers for miles around Northern Key, Apaho County, are driving into that town for protection on account of a great Indian scare. The place is not on any railroad or telegraph line, and reliable information is difficult to secure. It is thought the scare originated in false reports from the Pine Ridge Agency of an outbreak there.

Ice and Snow in Michigan.

CHICAGO, May 30.—It is reported from Northern Michigan to-night that a heavy snow storm prevailed in that section to-day. At Howard City snow fell heavily for an hour or more, and at other points along the line of road there was an inch of snow on the ground. At Grand Rapids a heavy rainfall changed to snow during the afternoon. At Tuscola, Ill., where it had been extremely cold for three days, snow fell this morning and ice formed later in the day. Heavy rains have fallen for fifty hours in Central Illinois. At Galena there was a damaging frost last night, blighting fields of corn and blasting fruit trees. At Bariboo, Wis., a hard frost prevailed this morning, entirely ruining the corn and grape crops. Vegetables were cut down. Ice formed one-eighth of an inch in thickness at Winnemac, Ind., and a snow storm prevailed all the afternoon. There will be much damage done by floods.

Iron Mines at Guthrie.

ST. LOUIS, May 30.—Dispatches from Oklahomo report the finding of rich iron mines within a short distance of Guthrie. The ore is said to be very fine and probably contains 65 per cent of iron. A shaft will be sunk at once, and a thorough examination of the deposit made.

A Killing Frost.

OSWEGO, N. Y., May 29.—There was a killing frost all over Oswego county last night. Great damage was done to growing crops and fruit. Damage was greatest on the lowlands at points from twenty to thirty miles from Lake Ontario. Ice formed in Oswego Falls and Hastings, and whole fields of potatoes and corn are ruined. The greatest damage is to the strawberry crop. Most of the vines were in the lowlands, and they were badly nipped. The loss on strawberries alone will aggregate many thousands of dollars, as large numbers of farmers made this their principal crop. Last year 30,000 crates of berries were shipped from here to Eastern markets. There is every indication of another frost to-night.

Terrific Wind Storm.

EMPORIA, Kan., May 29.—A terrific wind storm took place this afternoon near Clements, thirty-four miles west of here. Four persons are known to have been killed, and a great many injured. The only names so far learned are a farmer named Milton Brown, killed, and his wife and son badly injured. The wires are down, and the only information is from persons on a stock train just arrived here.

Attempted Murder.

BALTIMORE, May 29.—Alex. M. Walter, 69 years of age, attempted to murder his wife and kill himself this afternoon at their home, 712 St. Carling street. The old man had been drinking during the morning, and at 1 o'clock quarrelled with his wife. The old lady is seriously shot, and the bullet hole in Walter's chest will prove fatal.

A Jockey's Death.

CHICAGO, May 29.—Jockey Enoch Turner, who was injured yesterday by being thrown from a horse at the Westside track, died to-day while being taken to the hospital. The immediate cause of death was concussion of the brain. The horse "Saratoga," which Turner was riding, was killed shortly after the accident. Turner was betweed 45 and 50 years of age, and was a great favorite on the turf.

Street Parades Allowable.

CHICAGO, May 29.—Judge Moran, of the Appellate Court, rendered a decision to-day that the city of Chicago has no right to prohibit street parades by insisting that processionists shall secure a permit from the chief of police. The case in point was the appeal of the branch of the Salvation Army, the captain of which had been arrested and fined for parading with his corps. The decision directly affects the rights of the anarchists, who have hitherto been denied permission to parade.

Death of a Well-known Man.

CHICAGO, May 29.—Nathan Corwith, one of the most widely known citizens of Chicago, died at his residence, on Michigan avenue. Mr. Corwith at one time had accumulated about $1,500,000, and retired from business. Last July his son, Guerdon Corwith, a metal broker in New York, persuaded his father to embark his means in an effort to control the lead market; but the attempt failed, and Mr. Corwith lost every dollar of his fortune.

Valuable Pipe Works Burned.

ADDISTON, May 29.—The pipe and street works at Addiston, eight miles west of Cincinnati, were burned this afternoon. Loss $50,000 to $75,000. The Cincinnati fire department responded to the call for aid in subduing the flames.

Mind Reader Bishop's Death.

NEW YORK, May 29.—The jury investigating the death of Mind Reader Bishop, to-day rendered a verdict that Bishop died of coma, and that although Drs. Irvin, Ferguson and Hunie acted in good faith respecting the autopsy, they were over zealous and hasty in the matter. The coroner thereupon discharged the three doctors, who had been under bail.

A Double Tragedy.

NEW YORK, May 29.—John Berken, aged 32, this afternoon shot Bertha Schreger, a married woman, aged 25, four times, killing her, and then killed himself by a shot through his head. The tragedy occurred at Mrs. Shreger's home, 403 West One Hundred and Forty-second street.

The Haytian Trouble.

NEW YORK, May 29.—Admiral Gherhardt, who arrived from Hayti on the United States ss. Galena to-day, says it is true that Hyppolyte is rapidly gaining the advantage over Legitime.

Baseball Contracts.

NEW HAVEN, May 29.—The Detroits have signed Jimmy Donnelly, late baseman for Washington. The New Havens have signed John Burdick, formerly second baseman for the Bostons.

Crushed by Falling Timbers.

PITTSBURG, May 29.—While a number of farmers were assisting Jacob Boresteter in putting up timbers for his new barn, one of the heavy bents fell upon a score of the men, and Walter and Frank Erie, Jacob and Milton Boresteter were terribly crushed and all will die. Wm., Charles and Joseph Bauen received serious injuries and a dozen others were cut and bruised.

Free Passes Forbidden.

HARTFORD, Conn., May 29.—The Senate to-day passed the House bill forbidding railroads from issuing free passes to members of the Legislature, and ordering the state comptroller to furnish the necessary tickets.

A Missing Ship.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29.—Some little uneasiness is felt here by the agents of the American ship Portland Lloyds, which is several days overdue. The ship left Baltimore 173 days ago and was sighted outside the heads the day before yesterday by incoming vessels. No reasons can be assigned for her non-arrival in port, and since that date she has not been seen.

Run Over by an Engine.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—Wm. W. Wilson, a railroad switchman, 40 years of age, slipped while about to step on his engine last night, and was run over and killed.

CABLE NEWS.

O'Brien Refuses to Testify Before the Commission.

Second Reading of the Scotch Local Government Bill.

An Austrian Prince Fatally Injured in a Duel—The Parnell-Times Suit Postponed Till November.

The Parnell Commission.

LONDON, May 30.—Mr. Arthur O'Connor, M. P. for East Donegal, testified before the Parnell commission at to-day's settings. Among other statements, he said that he heard President Harrison, in a speech delivered at Indianapolis, say that every honest man and lover of liberty would rather be in the company of William O'Brien in Tullamore jail than to be entertained by the Viceroy of Ireland at Dublin Castle. Mr. O'Connor testified that when he took the office of secretary of the National League he found many of the organization's books in such a fragmentary condition, and so far in arrears, that it was impossible to do anything with them. The witness did not know whether the books of the league, which the government seized when Mr. Forster was chief secretary for Ireland, had been destroyed or not. Presiding Justice Hannan ordered the inquiry to be made, and that it be ascertained if the books were in existence. Mr. O'Connor declared the suggestion that the tenants understood his advice to them to boycott land-grabbers as a hint to murder them and to commit other outrages, was a base calumny. Mr. Justin McCarthy, M. P. for Londonderry, was called to the witness-box. He testified that the Parnellites received the news of the Phœnix Park murders with horror and dismay.

A Bi-Metallic Standard.

LONDON, May 30.—Lord Salisbury to-day gave audience to a deputation of merchants and bankers, who came to advocate the adoption of a bi-metallic standard. After listening to the reading of a carefully prepared address, in which necessity was strongly urged for remonitizing silver on a fixed ratio of interchange with gold, Lord Salisbury said that in his opinion this was not a question which could be settled by a parliamentary decree. Unless the commercial nations of the world could reach some agreement, any action by Parliament must count for very little. The business interests of each nation must decide whether or not bi-metallism would be desirable. He hoped that the coming congress in Paris, called to decide the question, would be really international in its character, with representatives from all the nations interested. If this proved to be the case, the congress would demonstrate to what extent it was possible to secure international co-operation, and the final decision must depend entirely upon such co-operation.

Geo. Lewis on the Stand.

LONDON, May 30.—George Lewis, solicitor for the Parnellites, testified before the Parnell commission to-day. He was questioned about the missing bonds of the land league, but disclaimed all knowledge of any league books except those of the English branch, which had been produced in court. He had not applied for a return of the cancelled checks on the bank pass-books. He had not inquired what had became of the league's letters, and had not taken any steps to trace payments noted that were made by the league. Presiding Judge Hannen said that it was not permissible for either side to select books to put in evidence. All the books must be produced or none at all.

The Times-Parnell Libel Suit.

LONDON, May 30.—Counsel for the Times in the Parnell libel suit to-day made application to court for a postponement of proceedings in the case until after the decision of the Parnell commission had been made public. They profess to believe that an attempt is being made to forestall the report of the commission and that the proceedings before the court are being conducted with this object in view.

O'Brien Refuses to Testify.

LONDON, May 30.—Mr. Wm. O'Brien refuses to testify before the commission on prison rules, because it fails to deal with the question of the treatment of political prisoners.

Postponed Till November.

LONDON, May 30.—On application of counsel for the Times in the Parnell libel suit, the case has been postponed till next November.

Scotch Local Government Bill.

LONDON, May 30.—In the commons to-day, the Scotch local government bill was read a second time.

Fatally Injured in a Duel.

VIENGA, May 30. — Prince Aloes Schwarzenburg, has been so badly injured in a duel with a lieutenant of hussars, that he is now dying.

Marriage at Baden Baden.

BERLIN, May 30.—At Baden Baden on Monday the civil marriage took place of Prince William of Hohenlohe, lieutenant in the first regiment Prussian guards, to Princess Marie of Bourbon, daughter of the Count of Paris.

Services Rewarded.

BERLIN, May 30.—Emperor William will appoint Herr Hammacher, member of the Reichstag, a councillor of state as a reward for his services in mediating between the miners and their employers in the recent strike.

THE SENATE COMMITTEE.

In Session at Seattle—British Columbia's Coal and Wood in Competition with Washington Territory's Products.

The seate committee on trade relations with Canada held a session at Seattle on Wednesday afternoon, and took the testimony of several of Seattle's citizens:

Mr. Muir Picken, mining engineer, was asked by Senator Hoar:—If all the conditions were equal would you fear the competition of the coal of British Columbia?

Mr. Picken—No, sir. There are no great difficulties for us to compete with at Nanaimo. The country there is greatly broken up and the mines there have not been conducted at a profit. They have only paid one dividend since the company first began operating them. Senator Hoar—I understand that one of the owners, the late Mr. Dunsmuir, became very wealthy through these mines.

Mr. Picken—He owned the Wellington mine which was a good one while it lasted. It is located in a basin which is now about worked out.

H. W. McNeill, vice-president of the Puget Sound Shore Railroad Company, and the resident manager of the Oregon Improvement Company, was the next witness examined. He stated that the price of Seattle coal in San Francisco was $6 per ton, while British Columbia coal was sold at from $7 50 to $9 per ton, because it was of a little better quality. The difference between Washington and British Columbia coal was about $2 a ton. He thought the Pacific coast market consumed 1,000,000 tons a year. The Washington mines could supply 50 per cent. more coal than was needed in San Francisco, the principal market. The trouble was that the market was glutted with coal from Australia and British Columbia. If the coal companies of Washington were not strong and wealthy corporations, they would not stand up against the competition of British Columbia.

THE LUMBER INTEREST.

John Campbell of Port Blakely mill company, was the next witness. The mill employed 250 men, and fir was the principal lumber cut. The product of this mill was shipped all over the world.

Senator Hoar—If the duty on lumber was removed, what effect would it have on your business?

Mr. Campbell—It would give the lumbermen of British Columbia an advantage of from 50 to 75 cents per 1,000 feet over us. They already have the advantage of cheaper labor and stumpage. Land there costs two or three times less than it does here, skilled labor is about the same here as it is there, while unskilled labor can be hired cheaper. They employ more Chinese and Indians there than we do here. We only employ a few Indians in disposing of the slab wood, and do not work Chinese at all.

BENEFICIAL TO SEATTLE.

James R. McDonald, President of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern Railroad, thought the construction of his line to a connection with the Canadian Pacific would be beneficial to Seattle, as it would give a competing line. In other words, it would keep the other roads from discriminations and extortions.

Senator Hoar—Do you think the American trans-Pacific steamship lines can compete with the subsidised British lines?

Mr. McDonald—I do not think they can without they, too, are subsidised.

Bailey Gatzert, president of the Chamber of Commerce, was next called. After being duly sworn, he said it had been stated that the competition of the Canadian Pacific was destroying the Northern Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads. He had prepared a statement showing what traffic the Canadian Pacific and Northern Pacific had received from Seattle during the past month. Northern Pacific imports, 32,915 tons; exports, 5,650 tons. In the same period the Northern Pacific received $15,000 for passenger transportation. The Canadian Pacific steamer Premier had brought into port in this period 690 tons. This showed, Mr. Gatzert said, that the Canadian Pacific had not injured the Northern Pacific to any great extent. The people of Seattle, he said, desired to have a competing line, and the Canadian Pacific afforded the facility. They also desired to have a connection via the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern with the Canadian Pacific, which would be of still more advantage to the city.

LOOKING TO THE CANADIAN.

George R. Adair, president of the Board of Trade, concurred in all that Mr. Gatzert had said. He said that all the merchants of Seattle looked on the completion of the Canadian Pacific as a benefit. Before it was finished they had to beg for accommodation in addition to paying for it.

LEFT FOR TACOMA.

The committee left for Tacoma on Wednesday evening, and yesterday were to have left for the east.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Good Prospects of the Conservative Party in Quebec.

All the St. Lawrence Canals to be Opened on Sundays.

Edward Murphy, of Quebec, Appointed Senator—The Government Printing Bureau to be Reorganized.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, May 30.—The Premier returned to-day, delighted with the convention held at Montreal yesterday. He thinks the prospects of the Conservative party in Quebec are good. He delivered a speech full of his old fire.

Instructions have been given to open all the St. Lawrence canals on Sunday. This will evoke another storm of protest from the Sabbatarians.

Edward Murphy, of Quebec, has been appointed Senator, vice Ryan, deceased.

The patents branch reports a large increase in business.

Information has reached the Department of Justice that American counterfeiters are trying a new dodge to defeat the objects of the Canadian Statute.

All the printers in the Government bureau have received notice to leave at the end of June. The new bureau opens on the 1st of July, with a re-organized staff. The best of the present staff will be re-engaged.

OFFICIAL DENIAL

That the British Men-of-War Have Been Ordered to Behring's Sea to Protect the Sealers.

LONDON, May 30.—In the House of Commons to-day, Sir James Ferguson, under secretary of state for foreign affairs, denied that a British man-of-war had been ordered from the Pacific Station to Behring's Strait to protect British sealers from an attack by American war-ships.

CHEMAINUS NEWS.

(From the Courier.)

T. D. Conway has gone to Seattle to splice the submarine cable. Mr. Conway holds the unique position, we believe, of being the only man on, or off the Sound, for many a long mile, who can do this particular work. He will return in a few days, and start out with a party of men to superintend the building of a telegraph line to Alberni.

We understand that the Lumber and Manufacturing Company has let a contract for 300 piles, with which it intends to build a wharf to be used by foreign shipping.

A terrific thunderstorm burst over Chemainus Tuesday morning, doing we fear considerable damage to crops in the neighborhood. The area affected by the storm was extremely limited. Persons standing in one field where there was no rain at all could see sheets of water deluging another clearing on the other side of the fence. No damage other than to crops done, so far as is known at present.

Two fine new hotels are in process of construction at Lewisville, about half a mile from Chemainus wharf. One is being built for Mr. Sam Gray, the other for Mr. Lewis.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Disastrous Floods Throughout Pennsylvania.

Many Lives Lost and Much Property Completely Destroyed.

McGarigle Surrenders Himself at Chicago and is Fined $1,000—Details of the Danville Disaster.

Biggest Flood Since 1865.

WILLIAMSPORT, May 31.—The biggest flood since the memorable one of 1865 is now on its way down the west branch of the Susquehanna river. Advices from north of here indicate that much damage has already been done by high water, and what may follow no one cares to predict. A great volume of water has fallen in this part of the country in the past two days and all the streams are bank full. Telegraphic, telephonic and railroad communication are very seriously interfered with. Numerous land slides are reported all along the Pennsylvania road north of here. At Clearfield the water is rising at the rate of 1½ feet per hour. Half a dozen bridges have been swept away. The streets of the town are overflooded. People are rowing about in boats. The booms at Caledonia and Curwensville have been broken and it is feared that the Lockhaven boom will break before morning. Lumber men here fear that in the latter event, the Williamsport will not stand the strain, and that 225,000,000 feet of logs, valued at over four millions of dollars, will be carried away on the flood. The river is rising rapidly here, and by morning it will probably be 20 feet above low water mark. The Beech Creek railways have already sustained losses that will aggregate $25,000.

Disastrous Floods.

CHARLESTON, May 31.—The heavy rains of yesterday and last night have caused considerable damage in this part of the country. This morning the Chesapeake and Ohio railway bridge across Cabin creek was carried away and the boom in coal river was taken out by the floods. Some fears are entertained that the lower part of the city will be flooded. The Kanawha and Elk rivers are still rising rapidly. The Brantford flume on Elk river, above the city, broke this forenoon and is letting out thousands of logs, ties and other lumber. Loss of life is feared.

Storms on the Lakes.

CHICAGO, May 31.—The waves broke over the life saving station all day yesterday with a fury and force unequalled since 1880. Few boats ventured beyond the breakwater during the day, and outside of the freight propellers the arrivals during the latter part of the afternoon and evening were far between. Fortunately a comparatively small number of vessels were on the lake bound for this port, and the chances of disaster were considerably lessened. The storms on Lakes Huron and Superior are reported as extremely severe. To-day many bring news of serious disasters on both lakes.

The Danville Disaster.

DANVILLE, Va., May 31.—Details of the disaster of yesterday show that the loss of life and property was greater than was at first supposed. The dozen at work on the Penn building had but little warning to make their escape ere the crash. E. W. Young, the boss bricklayer, was at work on the 5th floor. He jumped from the building to the ground below, sustaining internal injury, and had his shoulder injured. Tom Carlin (colored), a brick-carrier, was on the 6th floor; as the building separated he went through to the cellar and suffered injury in the back. Most of the bricklayers stopped work at twelve o'clock, or the loss of life and injuries to persons would have been much greater. As it is, two persons were killed outright, and nine injured. Four of them have since died. In fifteen minutes after the alarm had been given through the city, crowds gathered, and, in a driving rain, went to work removing the debris in order to get out those supposed to be under. After hard work the body of William Young, white, a carpenter, was reached, and when taken out there was hardly a whole bone in his body. His neck was broken and resting on one of his legs, while his body was doubled up in a knot.

Whitecap Outrage.

DES MOINES, May 31.—A telegram from Mount Auburn reports brief particulars of a White Cap outrage which occurred near there on Wednesday night, and in which several persons were fatally injured. The victim was a farmer, and his barn was burned down. Being driven out by the flames he defended himself with a pitchfork, wounding several White Caps. All the parties implicated are under arrest except the wounded.

Floods in Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 31.—Destructive rains are reported from Johnston, Cambria County, Pa., and adjoining towns. Great loss of life is reported. The towns are partly under water.

Collieries Flooded.

SHAMOKING, May 31.—The rains of the past thirty-six hours have caused great damage. All the collieries in this vicinity have been forced to suspend, and many are washed out. No trains have arrived on the Lehigh Valley since noon, a bridge west of here having been swept away. Advices from points on the Reading railway and branches show great damage, the trains are all late.

A Mountain Freshet.

PITTSBURG, May 31.—A sudden freshet is reported in the North Fork river, east of Johnstown, Pa., in the Alleghany Mountains. Two-thirds of Johnstown is said to be under water. The railroad and telegraph lines are washed out.

The "Ticker" Service.

NEW YORK, May 31.—All wires connecting the stock exchange with "Tickers" were out to-day in pursuance of the decision not to renew contracts with either the gold and stock or Commercial Co. It is expected a new company will be formed to obtain control of the gold and stock plant and procure an exclusive contract with the exchange. The "Ticker" service will be absent to-morrow for the first time in 23 years.

Preparing the War Vessels.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—The United States revenue cutter Richard Rush went into the stream to-night and will leave early in the morning for Behring's Sea. The Bear will leave Monday or Tuesday for Point Barrow with material for the new station at that point. The Adams and Iroquois are still undergoing repairs at Mare Island and will be ready for sea in about two weeks. Work is being pushed very rapidly on them, under special orders from Washington.

Presentation.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—Irving M. Scott, president of the Union Iron Works, was presented with a handsome silk banner this evening by the employees of the works for securing the contract for constructing the new armored cruiser for coast defences.

Murdered by a Peddler.

SANTA FE, N. M., May 31.—John Preston, a peddler, shot and killed L. L. Lail, agent of the Albuquerque Townsite Co., at San Pedro yesterday afternoon. He was brought here this morning, jailed and charged with murder. Preston claims that he was erecting a cabin on a claim, whereupon Lail interfered and began tearing down Preston's improvements, giving as his reason that the land belonged to the townsite company. He told Preston that if he didn't vacate the premises he would perforate his body and accompanied his threat with an attempt to draw his revolver. Preston was quicker, however, and sent a bullet through Lail's heart, and then surrendered himself.

McGarigle Surrenders.

CHICAGO, May 31.—McGarigle, the alleged boodler, for a long time a fugitive from justice in Canada, walked into Judge Shepard's court to-day and gave himself up. He was taken into court and fined $1,000, on payment of which he was immediately liberated from custody.

More Flood Disasters.

PITTSBURG, May 31.—A Greensburg, Pa., special says: "Houses are floating down the river with people clinging to them. At Cokestown the houses are almost entirely covered. Many dwellings at Blairsville are submerged. Hardly a dwelling is left in the vicinity of Sang Hollow, Bolivar and Nineva. Bridges are gone and the Saltsburg bridge is likely to go. The river is rising at Livermore and threatens the town.

Overflowed Its Banks.

PITTSBURG, May 31.—A special from Tyrone, Pa., says the Juniate has overflowed its banks at this place and flooded the southern portion of the city, causing great damage. The people had to be removed from the houses in wagons. All of the railroads centering at Tyrone are greatly damaged. One man is reported drowned at Cowansville. A despatch from Clearfield says two young ladies were drowned there while endeavoring to escape from the flooded district.

The James River Rises.

LYNCHBURG, Va., May 31.—There is a great flood in James River. The river is now 25 feet and rising a foot an hour. Many of the factories and machine shops on the river front are flooded. Considerable damage is done. The river is higher than it has been since 1881.

Extensive Land Slides.

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 31.—An extensive land slide is reported at Lilly station. The water is said to be ten feet deep over the Pennsylvania railroad tracks.

U. S. Consul for Hawaii.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29.—Hon. Henry W. Severance, consul to the Hawaiian Islands, has taken the oath of office and will leave for Washington to-morrow for his instructions.

No Reduction for Teachers.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29.—The railway companies here have refused to make any reduction in rates to teachers attending the National Education Association, which meets in Louisville, Ky., next month.

Fatal Dispute.

FORT JONES, Cal., May 29.—This morning Joe A. Davidson and his son Charles became involved in an altercation with a Portuguese named Manuel Cardoso over the right of water used for irrigation purposes, in which Cardoso was shot and killed.

Run Over by a Train.

PINOLE, Cal., May 29.—An unknown man was struck by the train going west to-day. He crawled to the opposite track, and was instantly killed by an east-bound train.

A MICHIGAN STORM.

Great Loss of Shipping on the Lake.

Steamers Swamped and Blown Ashore—The Men Rescued by Life-Saving Crews—Heavy Losses.

VESSEL ASHORE.

DETROIT, Mich., May 31.—A special to the News from Port Austin, Mich., says: "The steamer Peace is ashore two miles above Port Hope. The crew were taken off by the Huron City life saving crew, and are all safe. The Peace is badly wrecked."

OTHER DISASTERS.

SAND BEACH, Mich., May 31.—The steam barge Chamberlain became disabled off here last night, and her consort, the Victor, lumber laden, went adrift down the lake, and went ashore near Rock Falls, during the terrible gale then prevailing. The Sand Beach life saving crew went to her assistance, and succeeded in bringing the seven persons, including a woman and little girl, on board, safely to shore. The schooners Eugene Trader and Josephine are ashore. The crews of both were rescued in the surf boat.

A HEAVY NORTHEASTER.

EAST TAWAS, Mich, May 31.—The heaviest northeaster for several years has prevailed since yesterday morning, accompanied by rain and snow. The tug Music let go a large raft off Harrisville as it was dragging her on shore. The life saving crew left here at three o'clock this morning in tow of the tug Music and rescued the crew of the schooner Mary Hattie, ashore at Whitestone point, from the rigging. The men were nearly perished when rescued, but are receiving every attention. The vessel is a total wreck, with no insurance on either vessel or cargo. The steamer Kate Williams let go the schooner Gen. Siegle, thirty-five miles out. A seaman named Manday, of Sanduskey was lost overboard from the schooner Our Son, and Frank McLean was struck by a boom and badly injured.

A STEAMER SWAMPED.

BAY CITY, Mich., May 31.—The steamer Sea Gull, towing two rafts, was swamped by a heavy sea and sunk in Saginaw Bay, off Linwood, yesterday afternoon. The crew of nine men managed to swim ashore, having a narrow escape, and reached this city this morning. The boat was valued at $7,000, and will be raised.

CABLE NOTES.

Lord Salisbury Declines to Apologize to O'Brien.

Murder of a Bank Manager and His Assistant in Ireland.

Earthquakes in Various Parts of France and on the Isle of Wight—Illness of the Marquis of Lorne.

The Parnell Commission.

LONDON, May 31.—At the sitting of the Parnell commission to-day, Mr. Reid, of the Parnell counsel, stated that inquiry had resulted in the finding of 130 books belonging to the National League, which would be produced in court. Mr. Lockhart, one of the Parnellite counsel, produced a passbook, apparently belonging to Mr. Justin McCarthy, dated from November, 1880, to May, 1887, which contained an entry of a check for £100, to Frank Byrne, the dynamiter. Mr. McCarthy informed the court that the passbook did not belong to him, that it never was in his possession, and that he did not know that the book existed.

The Behring's Sea Matter.

LONDON, May 30.—The news in to-day's papers of the despatch of a British war ship to Behring's Sea served to create a little sensation. None of the leading papers commented on it. Questions, however, were asked in the house of commons to-night. Sir George Baden-Powell urged the goverment to propose some "modus vivendi" whereby, without prejudice to the claims of the various parties concerned, sealing may be fairly conducted this season and steps be immediately taken to arrange for a lasting settlement. Sir James Ferguson replied that the government was awaiting despatches from the British minister in Washington, who was fully conversant with the question.

The Premier's Libel Suit.

LONDON, May 31.—Lord Salisbury's solicitor, Sir Richard Nicholson, announces that the premier has definitely decided to get the suit for libel and slander brought against him by Mr. O'Brien to go to trial, and the service of the writ has accordingly been accepted. The premier had the alternative of withdrawing the charges made against Mr. O'Brien in his speech at Watford and of tendering an apology. This course he has absolutely declined to follow, and eminent counsel has been secured by both sides. The trial will cause a sensation.

Assaulted by a Duke.

LONDON, May 31.—The magistrate to whom journalist George R. Simms appealed for a summons for the Duke of Cambridge and Inspector Robinson, who Simms charged with assaulting him on Saturday while witnessing the fire parade, has refused the summons. Simms has now applied to the Court of Queen's Bench to compel the magistrate to issue a summons.

Drainage in Ireland.

LONDON, May 31.—In the House of Commons, this evening, Mr. Balfour introduced a bill providing for an elaborate system of drainage in Ireland, for the improvement of the Shannon and other rivers and loughs, and for the construction of additional railways in Ireland.

Rumored Loss of a Steamer.

LONDON, May 31.—The owners of the Beaver line steamship Lake Ontario, reported to have been lost in the Gulf of St. Lawrence yesterday, have not received any news of the disaster as yet.

Earthquake on Isle of Wight.

LONDON, May 31.—A slight earthquake shock occurred on the Isle of Wight to-day.

Earthquake Shocks.

LONDON, May 31.—Earthquake shocks were felt at Cherbourg, Havre, Rouen, Granville, Caens, Portsmouth and Havana, yesterday. No damage is reported.

O'Brien Gone to Nice.

LONDON, May 31.—Wm. O'Brien has gone to Nice. A friend of the Irish editor has placed a villa at his disposal.

Illness of the Marquis of Lorne.

LONDON, May 31.—The Marquis of Lorne is confined to his house with a severe cold. He has wholly lost the use of his voice.

A Youthful Boycotter.

DUBLIN, May 31.—A boy of 12 years of age was sentenced to prison for one month at Milltown, Malbay, county Clare, to-day, for inciting a boycott at a cattle sale.

Evicting Tenants With a Ram.

DUBLIN, May 31.—A battering ram was used against the barricaded houses of the tenants on the Redwell estate, near Cork. Its use so exasperated the sympathising bystanders, that they joined the tenants in resisting the police and bailiffs. A hot fight ensued, in which several persons on both sides were wounded. One of these injured, a boy named Shea, is in a dying condition.

Double Murder in Ireland.

DUBLIN, May 31.—John Lawlar, manager of the Ballymena bank, a branch of the Provincial bank of Ireland, and Mr. Murray, assistant manager, have been shot dead on the road just outside of Ballymena.

The Samoan Protocol.

BERLIN, May 31.—A protocol has been drawn up by the Samoan commission, which will be signed if favorable answers are received from Washington and London. No further meeting will be held until the forthcoming instructions arrive.

Outbreak of Smallpox.

BERLIN, May 31.—The Vossiche Zeitung says that Captain Wissmann has telegraphed to Berlin asking that doctors be despatched to him immediately, as smallpox of a most malignant character is raging among his Soudanese followers.

Hippolyte Defeats Legitime.

PARIS, May 21.—Hippolyte telegraphs from Hayti that he has defeated Legitime and captured Port-au-Prince, and that he has proclaimed himself provisional president.

Earthquake in Paris.

PARIS, May 31.—Several earthquake shocks were felt on the left bank of the river Seine to-day.

Fighting in Tangiers.

PARIS, May 31.—Despatches from Tangiers state that several of the most powerful of the native tribes have rebelled against the authority of the Sultan and attacked his troops. In the engagements which have taken place a number of the Sultan's officers have been taken prisoners by the natives, who have sent messages to the Sultan intimating their intention to kill them.

England Will Assent.

BERLIN, May 31.—It is confidently believed here that the Governments of England and the United States will give their cordial assent to the decisions of the Samoan conference without necessitating the alteration of the protocol.

WESTMINSTER NEWS.

(From the Columbian).

Spring salmon were a little more numerous to-day than usual. The sockeye run has been wound up.

Saloon licenses in Vancouver cost $400 each. Alderman Whetham wanted to fix the license at $600 but he was overruled.

The Matsqui dyke is said to be standing the pressure of the high water in good style, and the general opinion is that the dyke will prove a complete success.

Real estate transfers, though not so numerous as last week, continue active, and the demand for both city and suburban property does not appear to have lessened perceptibly. Several large blocks of suburban property have changed hands during the past few days at prices satisfactory to both buyer and seller.

TERRIBLE DISASTER.

Bursting of a Reservoir in Johnstown, Pa.

Scores of Houses Swept Away and Hundreds of People Drowned—Johnstown Nearly Wiped Out.

PITTSBURG, May 31.—A telegraph operator in the Pennsylvania Railway signal station at Sangholloe, 12 miles below Johnstown, says that about 75 dead bodies have floated past him down the river from Johnstown. It is stated the reservoir above Johnstowa broke at 5 p. m. and the water deluged the town, sweeping away houses by scores and drowning probably hundreds of people. The wire are down and no communication can be had with Johnstown to-night. No trains are running east of Blairsville, 25 miles west of Johnstown, and there will be none through to the east before to-morrow.

TWO HUNDRED DEAD BODIES.

Pennsylvania railroad officials in Pittsburg state that they have advices that over two hundred dead bodies have been counted floating in the stream at Johnstown alone, while all along the line many additional lives were lost. Johnstown is described as wholly submerged, only two houses being entirely above water line. A special train has left Pittsburg with Pennsylvania railway officials, newspaper men and a telegraph operator on board. A telegraph office will be opened at the nearest available point to Johnstown.

LATER PARTICULARS.

PITTSBURG, May 31.—A Greensburg, Pa., special says: "Reports from Johnstown are to the effect that hundreds of lives have been lost. Houses have been carried away bodily. People fortunate enough to escape are fleeing to the mountains. Eighty-five persons were seen floating past a point near New Florence, clinging to drift wood. All buildings along the Conemaugh, between New Florence and Johnstown, have been carried away. Railroad towns have been abandoned by telegraph operators. The Corstown and New Florence bridges have been destroyed. It is stated that the roofs of only two houses in Johnstown are visible above the water.

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