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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

From Great Britain we learn that all the stokers employed by four or five of the largest gas companies in the city of London have struck work, ostensibly because two of their number were unjustly discharged. The directors of the companies warn the public to use as little gas as possible till the trouble is ended.

The steamship "Dalmatian" from Liverpool for the Mediterranean, has been wrecked, and 35 of the passengers and crew were lost.

An orderly meeting was held in Hyde Park on the 1st inst. Messrs. Odger and Bradlaugh were the principal speakers. A resolution condemning the public Park regulation Bill was adopted, and a petition drawn up asking for the resignation of Commissioner Ayrton.

It would appear to be the last effort of servile folly to allow all the vagabonds and loafers of a city like London, to distract the public peace at the call of every scheming cobbler like Odger. The time is not long since the law of England was that no legal public meeting could be called, except by a magistrate or sheriff, on the requisition of a certain number of rate payers. Now every ruffian can marshal his host of blackguards, and English journals will announce the fact that an *orderly* meeting has been held, with one of the *Tooley Street Tailors* in the chair. Said meeting limiting its modest desires to the resignation of a Minister of the Crown. The Whig Radicals are fast bringing London and its blackguards, the latter especially, to represent England, as their friends have brought Paris to represent France, and with pretty much the same results.

The gas works in the town of Newport, Monmouthshire, exploded last night with terrible effect. Several persons were instantly killed and a large number injured some fatally.

The steamship "Cresswell" from Falmouth to Cork, was lost during the voyage, and 21 passengers and crew perished.

Five hundred of the stokers employed in the London Gas Company, who are now on strike, have been summoned to appear before the Police Court under the Masters and Servants' Act. The summons of several of the strikers charge them with conspiracy. The companies show no disposition to concede the demand of the strikers, and the latter announce that they are determined not to resume work until their companions are taken back. Meanwhile the absence

of gas is severely felt throughout London. Last night the city was in a state of partial darkness, and several of the theatres were compelled to omit their performances.

A despatch from Madrid says a Royal decree fixes the emission of a new loan, to the amount of 250,000,000 pesetas, for the 12th inst. The announcement was made in this city to-day that subscription books for a Spanish loan of £10,000,000 will be opened in the London market, on the 12th inst.

A despatch from Bayonne, in the department of Basses Pyrenees, says 250 Carlists entered Spain from France yesterday.

President Thiers has sent a despatch to King Amadeus of Spain, congratulating him upon his convalescence.

There is much excitement in Malaga over apprehensions of a Carlist demonstration in that city. Many families are leaving and troops are being quartered in the custom house and cathedral.

It is reported that Count Von Longay, Minister of Finance of the Austrian Empire, has tendered his resignation, which has been accepted. The other ministers remain in the cabinet.

The Crystal Palace will soon be lighted by gas manufactured from petroleum.

Abstracts of President Grant's message are published in the morning papers. The *Times* says it will be read with interest, although so largely devoted to domestic affairs. The *Daily News* hopes General Grant's attention will hereafter be more occupied with the reform of the civil service than with the acquisition of San Domingo. The *News* thinks the people of the United States are ready for a new departure in the administration of their affairs, and the present session of Congress will be especially interesting to those who watch for indications of the coming party of progress.

The determination of M. Thiers and his Cabinet to remain in the Government has served to dispel grave feelings of uncertainty which followed the action of the Assembly on Saturday last. All parties are awaiting the organization of the Committee of Thirty, appointed by the Assembly to draw up a law regulating public powers, and prescribing the conditions of Ministerial responsibility, as provided for in the resolution of Minister Dufaure, adopted on Friday last. M. Picard is mentioned for Minister of the Interior, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of M. Lofranc. The *Republique*

Francaise newspaper says that in the event of the defeat, on organization, of the committee under M. Dufaure's motion on Thursday, it is possible that M. Thiers and his supporters will withdraw from the Assembly. The Assembly will divide into two great parties, the Left and the Right, for the election on Thursday of the Committee of thirty proposed by Minister Dufaure. The Ministry of the Interior was tendered to Dufaure, but he declined it.

It is expected the committee of Thirty to be elected by the Assembly to-morrow, and whose duty is will be to draw up a law regulating public powers and prescribing the conditions of the Ministerial responsibility, will consist of sixteen Monarchists and fourteen Republicans. The party of the Right had rejected a proposition for even a renewal of the Assembly by an appeal to the people. A meeting of the party of the Left was held to-day at which after a powerful speech by M. Gambetta in advocacy of the dissolution of the Assembly measures to that end were absolutely insisted on.

The Government situation at Versailles unsettles business of all kinds throughout the country. The committee of Thirty, formed on 6th by the Assembly, is regarded as hostile to the Republic. The Republican journals of Paris declare that the Assembly does not represent the will of France, and demand its immediate dissolution. President Thiers is expected to resign. The Government will probably make a statement at the session of the Assembly to-day, as to the course it intends to take.

The tombs of General's Cavagnac and Baudin, in the Montmartre Cemetery, were decorated yesterday, in the presence of 300 persons. The demonstration was quietly conducted, and there was no interference on the part of the police.

The steamer which arrived at Havannah yesterday from Spain brought 200 sailors implicated in the Ferrol revolt.

The steamer *Fatchery* has arrived with 1,000 coolies who were sold previous to the arrival of the steamer.

The *Reho* newspaper, published in Sancti Spiritis announces the arrival there of ten bloodhounds, to be used in capturing negroes still remaining in the mountains near that city. The hounds were purchased by order of the Commanding General.

It is rumored that Namyk Tachia, who was governor of Djeddah at the time of the massacre of 1859, will probably be appointed Grand Viceroy of Turkey.