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CURRENT COMMENT.

The Delage railway has been closed to the frontier of the Transvaal.

The two rival miners' organizations formed an alliance in their recent meeting at Columbus, O.

A survey had come to the interior that Dr. Rogers is safe and well at Subah.

James Buchanan of Canada, has been elected a member of the House of Commons.

Members of the House have ordered the committee to report on a number of land registers who show deficiencies in their accounts.

The German Reichstag has passed the bill authorizing loans for the military, naval, railway, postal and telegraph services of the Empire.

JAMES MASTERS, of the Queen's Bench division of the English High Court of Justice, was stricken with paralysis while presiding over a case recently.

HENRY MOOR, the New York anarchist, will have to serve his sentence of one year for using incendiary language in 1897, his appeal being rejected.

The funeral of the late Field Marshal Lord Napier took place in London on the 24th. The body was buried in St. Paul's Cathedral. Many notable persons were present.

The Fell Rubber Company, of Boston, proposes to shut down shortly unless the demand for rubber boots and shoes improves. Three thousand persons will be made idle.

At Pasa del Norte, Mexico, recently the drunken keeper of two bears was incensed so terribly by one of the animals that he died. He had been giving them whisky.

GERMAN newspapers express disapproval of the Spanish treaty, claiming that Germany had more than an equal right of interference in the island, having more trade.

Reports from Buenos Ayres state that there have been a large number of failures there which footed up nearly \$10,000,000. A panic prevails and gold has reached \$14.

The Chinese Minister authorizes the denial of the story printed in a New York paper that he had approved the proposition of Count Mitrkewicz for the formation of an Oriental American bank in China.

The report that a revolution had broken out in Costa Rica is denied by the representative of that country in Washington. Cablegrams received later from there say nothing in regard to the supposed revolution.

SENATOR MORRILL, who had been confined to his home suffering from an attack of influenza, returned to the Senate on the 24th. Senator Sherman was still confined to his home. Senator Edmunds was also suffering with a mild attack of the prevailing complaint.

The feud between the old and young Czechs of Bohemia is becoming less bitter. A compromise was arranged by the terms of which the young Czechs attended the meeting of deputies to consider the result of the German Czech conference recently held in Vienna.

NEARLY 200,000 shares of Atchafson stock were represented at the modified five year trust meeting at Boston. Messrs. R. P. Cheney, Levi C. Wade and William J. Beebe were chosen the new trustees. The trust indenture is modified so that any vacancies in the trust shall be filled by the trustees as a whole.

EX-EMPEROR DOM PRAVO of Brazil is passing his time in almost absolute seclusion at Cannes, France. His health is fairly good and his mind clear. He is working on his memoirs, which will not be published until after his death. The downfall of the Empire will occupy much space and careful preparation.

News from Rio de Janeiro is that a defection of 80,000 pesos has been discovered in the telegraph department, of which Baron de Capanema was chief. The Baron has been arrested and lodged in jail. It is asserted by the cashier of the company that De Capanema disposed of the money and that he was assisted by others, against whom warrants of arrest have been issued.

A DECIDED flurry among commission men on the Chicago Board of Trade has been caused by the bill introduced in Congress by Representative Butterworth to impose a high internal revenue tax on all dealings in "futures." The purpose of the bill is supposed to be to prevent speculation in food products and to restrict transactions to actual sales and purchases in the market.

In consequence of recent scenes in the French Chamber of Deputies when Boulangist reactionist members attempted to prevent M. Joffris from speaking, a resolution has been introduced to suspend for the remainder of the session the members who created the disorder. The resolution was received with murmurs of disapproval by the members of the party of the Right and was referred to a committee.

The court of inquiry appointed by Secretary of War to investigate the charge that several officers conspired to secure lobbyists to have their pay increased met recently. A number of witnesses were examined, who testified to being asked to assist and also to receiving a letter from ex-Congressman Thomas tendering his services to secure the passage of a bill for a certain monetary consideration.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

When the Senate met on the 24th, several bills, local in their character, passed and Senator Paces, of Florida, addressed the Senate on the paragraph in the President's message relating to federal control of elections, and was replied to by Senator Chandler. When the House met the Speaker appointed the World's Fair committee as follows: Messrs. Candler (Mass.), Wilson (Ill.), Bowden (Va.), Belden (N. Y.), Franchot (Ill.), Hanson (Mich.), Wilson (W. Va.) and Flower (N. Y.). After the introduction of a large number of bills the House, in Committee of the Whole, resumed consideration of the Oklahoma Territory bill when the committee rose several bills were reported from committees and the House adjourned.

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A JANUARY BLOW.

The Colorado Divide the Scene of a Terrible Hurricane.

The unfortunate snowed-up tourist train on the Santa Fe at Cheyenne—A Burning South—North—quake.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 27.—A terrible wind storm raged in Eastern Colorado all Saturday and Friday. Denver streets were almost deserted from morning till night and reports from the divide country show it to be the worst storm in years. Trains on the Santa Fe, Rio Grande and Fort Worth were moved yesterday only by gangs of section men clearing the sand, which fills the cuts, from the rails. The path of the heavy storm is down the mountains through Monument, Colorado Springs and Manitou.

A telephone from Monument said that many out-buildings had been destroyed and that citizens were moving from their houses and taking refuge in the brush. It reached a hurricane at Manitou. Buildings are reported wrecked and side walks lifted bodily and hurled through the air.

To add to the ominous situation fire has broken out in the mountains between that point and Pike's Peak, and is spreading over the hills with fearful rapidity. It is only two miles from the town and a slight change in the wind would soon drive it into town and nothing could save the beautiful mountain resort with its mammoth hotels and elegant cottages. Heavy explosions about six p. m. along the mountains in the vicinity of graders' camps on the Pike's Peak railroad led to the belief that the fire has reached the powder magazine. There are hundreds of men in the mountains and grave fears are entertained for their safety.

Fires are also reported on the mountains west of Pike's Peak. It is reported that the wind is unusually severe on Pike's Peak, and that at a railway grading camp half way up the mountain several men were killed by being blown over a precipice. This report, however, is not confirmed.

North of Denver the storm has devastated the country for miles, and at Louisville, the center of the storm, many dwellings were completely wrecked. At Fort Collins, the new college building was demolished, and trains on all the roads were compelled to stop in sheltered places to avoid the storm.

Reports from Idaho are that the worst snow storm of the season has been raging since two o'clock Friday afternoon all through the Territory. The Utah & Northern railroad is completely blocked again and all rolling stock and motive power has been ordered sidetracked until the storm is over. The Central Pacific is in worse condition than ever. It was reported that the fast mail, side-tracked at Shady Run for the past ten days, on which the Howard Athenaeum Company is, had been gotten out, and the company was on its way to Omaha to pick up the thread of its engagements, but later advices prove this false. The unfortunate train is still stuck fast and it is not likely to get out for several days. Nothing can be learned as to their health or condition, but they must be in a very unpleasant shape.

FIRE AT CINCINNATI. CINCINNATI, Jan. 27.—The Nevada building on the southeast of Fifth and Sycamore streets, a new seven story structure, was completely ruined by fire Saturday night. The two upper floors were occupied by the Henderson-Achert Lithographing Company. Among the other occupants of the building were George C. Laphorn & Co., shoe manufacturers; Herman Keck & Co., manufacturing jewelers; Faber & Dineen, manufacturers of paper boxes; Hicks & Farley, hardware; H. B. Echeleman, shoe manufacturers; Eberole & Co., real estate agents; Houston printing office, the Franklin laundry and Hoffman's barber shop. The loss on the building, which is owned by the Glenn estate, is about \$75,000 and the Henderson-Achert Company lose \$60,000, while the total loss is estimated at \$200,000; insurance about \$75,000. The fire started on the third floor, but its origin is unknown.

A SHIP ON FIRE. NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Fire in the cargo of the bark, Pythons, from Calcutta, owned by Henry Furnesssons, of Liverpool, and consigned to Charles F. Sumner, of this city, caused a loss of \$25,000 to cargo and vessel yesterday morning. Several of the crew were made unconscious by the smoke and were taken out with difficulty. To save the vessel it was necessary to scuttle her, and she now lies submerged to the water line at Pierpoint Stores, Brooklyn.

EARTHQUAKE IN TENNESSEE. CAIRO, Ill., Jan. 27.—The officers of the steamer Baton Rouge, passing up last evening, reported a heavy shock of earthquake at Hellfont Lake, Tenn. A veritable panic resulted among the inhabitants of the locality, who have not forgotten the result of the great earthquake of many years ago, when New Madrid and much of the adjacent territory sunk beneath the Mississippi, and the bottomless Reelfoot lake was formed.

CATTLE CASES. CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—Epidemic influenza has now extended to the cattle of this vicinity, and a large number are suffering from the disease. The symptoms are sore eyes, a dry cough and refusal to eat. On some farms whole herds are afflicted.

Portugal Withdrawn. LONDON, Jan. 25.—Sir James Ferguson, Parliamentary Secretary for the Foreign Office, speaking at Kilmarnock last evening, and no doubt echoing the opinion of his chief, Lord Salisbury, ridiculed the claim Portugal made to her right to demand the arbitration of the African difficulty by virtue of the treaty adopted at the Berlin conference.

Winter South in Chicago. CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—There was a marked decrease in the number of deaths yesterday, though the grippe still has a strong hold. In twelve cases influenza was the cause.

RIDDLEBERGER DEAD.

The Ex-Virginia Senator Dies Comparatively Young.

WINCHESTER, Va., Jan. 25.—Ex-Senator Riddleberger died at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning after a long illness. He was comparatively a young man, having just entered his forty-sixth year. He was born in Edinburg, Shenandoah County, Va., October 4, 1844, and received his education at the common school and by private instruction at home. Despite the fact of being deprived of the advantages of a university his education was good and thorough. He served three years on the Confederate side in the late civil war, and during that time was promoted from Second Lieutenant to Captain. His first civil office was commonwealth's attorney of Shenandoah County, which he held for two years. He afterward served four years in the House of Delegates and four years in the State Senate of Virginia.

He was a member of the State committee of the conservative party of his State until 1875. In 1876 he was Presidential elector from his State on the Democratic ticket and in 1898 he held the same position on the Readjusters' ticket. He was elected to the United States Senate from Virginia in 1891 and took his seat December 2, 1893. His term of office expired March 3, 1899. Since 1870 he has been the editor of three newspapers, the Tenth Legion, the Shenandoah Democrat and the Virginia. His later years in the United States Senate were marked by the belief that his colleague, General Mahone, had undermined him and consequently he turned against Mahone and last fall was one of the strongest opponents of General Mahone for Governor of Virginia, taking the stump against him and in favor of the Democratic party.

TO BE HOMESTEADED. Congressman Perkins' Bill to Open Certain Portions of the Indian Territory to Settlement. WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The House Committee on Indian Affairs yesterday authorized a favorable report on Congressman Perkins' bill to open to homestead settlement certain portions of the Indian Territory.

This bill, which Judge Perkins is determined to press to early consideration, provides as follows: Section 1. That the lands in the Indian Territory ceded by the Cherokee Nation of Indians by treaty dated July 19, 1866, except such as have been granted to other Indians by act of Congress or by treaty or which have been set apart for Indian occupancy by executive order, be and the same are hereby declared to be public lands of the United States and subject to entry under the Homestead laws only, and it shall be the duty of the President to issue a proclamation opening said lands to settlement as aforesaid, and he is hereby authorized to establish a land office at some suitable point on said land and appoint therefor under existing laws a register and receiver for said office.

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to appoint a person learned in the law to confer with a person to be appointed by the Cherokee Nation of Indians to determine whether said Indians are legally or equitably entitled to any further compensation for so much of the lands ceded by them to the United States by said treaty of July 19, 1866, as are embraced in the above described domain, and if so how much, and all matters of disagreement between said persons shall be settled and determined by the President of the United States, who shall make report to Congress on all proceedings under this section for its approval.

Sec. 3. That all acts or parts of acts of Congress inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and the sum of \$100,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury to carry out the provisions of this act.

HE KILLED JOHNSON. William Vaughan Claims That It Was All Done in Self Defense. OMAHA, Mo., Jan. 25.—Yesterday week William Vaughan, living near Rulo, Douglas County, who had an old difficulty growing out of a land trade and later a dispute about a roadway, with George Johnson, a neighbor, was met by Johnson, who was drunk, and followed him to his home. When Vaughan reached home he began to unload his wagon when Johnson dismounted from his horse and threw a rock at him. Vaughan threw a rock back at Johnson, hitting him in the mouth. Johnson then drew his pistol and fired at Vaughan. The report of Johnson's pistol caused a horse which was hitched to the back of Vaughan's wagon to break loose. Catching the horse Vaughan protected himself behind the animal and drawing his pistol returned Johnson's fire. Johnson threw his head down to dodge Vaughan's fire and received three fatal shots, each ball penetrating the brain. Vaughan immediately surrendered himself to the sheriff of Douglas County, claiming that he had killed Johnson in self defense.

LOT JUMPING. The Case of Guthrie—The Military Needed to Keep Order. GUTHRIE, Ok., Jan. 25.—The lot jumping craze looked up all over the city here yesterday, and for the first time in eight months, the assistance of the military was called to help enforce the laws. Robert Hamill, who claimed the ownership to a lot in the heart of the city, was ejected by the authorities. A great crowd gathered and the soldiers were ordered to preserve order. The passage of the Perkins bill has caused a great deal of uneasiness among the innocent purchasers of lots, but they are willing to wait until the necessary law of Congress are passed. The disorderly element on the other hand are only willing to grasp at any thing that comes along even if it takes mob violence to get it. Property holds up at very figures.

Deaths in Chicago. CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—There were nine deaths yesterday, making the total for the week 51. Of these ninety deaths since were caused by pneumonia, five by bronchitis, six by diphtheria, five by pleurisy, pneumonia, and one by grip.

Did Not Hear the Train. LAWRENCE, Kan., Jan. 25.—Samuel Craigman, an old resident, was instantly killed by a Santa Fe passenger train. He was standing on a trestle over watching the ice cutting and did not hear the train. He was seventy years of age and a carpenter by trade.