

NATIONAL CAPITAL.

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VANDALS AT WORK.

Special telegram to THE BEE. WASHINGTON, March 7.—The democratic mob in Washington during the inauguration have left plenty of traces of their presence. The Washington monument even did not escape. The lower courses of the monument have been blackened during the week by persons who have scribbled their names on the stones with nails or pen-knives. Superintendent McLaughlin said that his men were powerless to prevent the vandalism, as the vandals would not pay attention to any persons but the police. Some have gone so far as to chip pieces from the stones. This, when detected, was stopped by the officers, who forcibly expelled the offenders. Scribblers have also defaced the marble in the interior of the monument at the top.

Forfeited Lands Restored to the Public Domain.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The forty-eighth congress, notwithstanding its long protests in the matter of the forfeiture of the unopened land grants, really accomplished little. In the long list of land grant forfeiture bills only three became laws. The three bills which passed both houses, with a number of acres forfeited and restored to the public domain are as follows: Iron Mountain of Arkansas, 800,000 acres; Texas Pacific, 10,000,000 acres; Oregon Central, 1,500,000 acres. The aggregate amount of acres forfeited by the bills which passed the house, is 52,072,000. The aggregate amount of lands covered by the bills reported to the senate for forfeiture, which have not passed and are not on the calendar, is 49,348,800 acres. The number of acres forfeited in the three bills which became laws is 29,530,859 acres.

Mutterings of the Army of Office Seekers.

Special Correspondence to THE BEE. WASHINGTON, March 8.—It is very apparent that the demagogues are discouraged over the outlook touching the distribution of offices. A few prominent men will be given diplomatic and consular places and a few others will be made chiefs of divisions in the executive departments, but what is to be done for the torch-bearers of the grand army that carried Cleveland into the White House? These will get nothing because the civil service act forms a barrier over which they can not be lifted. Cleveland and his officers may remove subordinate officers, but they cannot select successors for those removed. Those officers will require the confirmation of the senate, but there are few, and the places here and elsewhere not requiring the confirmation of the senate, that are out of the civil service law, are fewer still. Therefore there is a fair prospect for the mounting of the demagogues now heard at Washington will soon swell into a crowd of national vipers, which will be distinctly heard whenever two or three democratic assemblies. The fact Cleveland has given no attention to the office-seekers. He refuses to consider any applications, referring all applicants to the heads of departments. Those applications which reach him by mail are not presented to the president but referred by his direction to the proper department. The selection of the principal subordinate officers will be left principally to the several secretaries. There is no scarcity of applicants for these places. Nearly all demagogues whose official tenure ended with this forty-eighth congress are pushing their claims for executive appointments.

The Fight on the Silver Question.

Special Telegram to THE BEE. WASHINGTON, March 7.—The silver men here say that the fight on the silver question at the next session of congress will surpass any contest that can take place on the tariff. They say the issue is already defined and that the gold bugs, who have control of the treasury department, will drive the silver to the wall if they can.

Opinion Regarding This Week's Session of the Senate.

Special telegram to THE BEE. WASHINGTON, March 8.—No trustworthy opinion regarding the length of the session can be formed at this time. A considerable number of nominations are expected to-morrow, and should the new cabinet ministers be able to determine the personnel of their staffs without delay. The work of the session may be brought to an end within a fortnight. But the probability is recognized that it may require a few days more acquainted with the men about them, before making any changes they may desire. The intention recently entertained by the members of the committee of foreign relations of bringing forward new treaties during the session, as now in suspension owing to the wish of many senators to get away as early as possible. It is thought moreover that the new administration may, as it has a right to do, recall for amendments some or all of the more important treaties. On the other hand it is said to be contemplated to bring up the Nicaragua treaty during this session not for the purpose of

had held under Secretary Schurz and Teller.

From remarks that have been made by the new secretary it is evident his intention to adopt a very conservative course in making changes in the personnel of the interior department, and he is said to be thoroughly in sympathy with President Cleveland's views upon civil service principles. Postmaster General Vilas also received a number of callers, but left the department early in the afternoon, thus preventing the assistant postmaster general from presenting their resignations.

CALLERS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

The rush of visitors to the White House continued to-day with no decrease in number. The majority merely called to pay their respects to the president, but many came on business. There was a senatorial delegation called.

PHIL THOMPSON AFTER OFFICE.

Phil Thompson of Kentucky, is making a strong fight for the commission of internal revenue. He is supported by Messrs. Blackburn and Cleveland's reception.

MISS CLEVELAND'S RECEPTION.

Miss Cleveland held her first Saturday afternoon reception at the White House to-day. The callers, both ladies and gentlemen, and numbered several hundred, the majority of whom were strangers to the city, were in attendance at the inaugural ceremonies.

ARMY NEWS.

It is understood counsel for General Grant will challenge all the members of the court martial on the ground that the act of acting as accuser in the case and also made the detail for the court, thus legally taking the character of a judicial body.

INVESTIGATOR GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Brigadier General De Los B. Sackett, senior inspector general of the United States army, died this morning at his residence in this city.

IMPROVEMENT OF WATERWAYS.

Major Burke director-general of the New Orleans expedition, announces that the managers have set apart the 7th and 8th of April as "Improvement of Waterways days." Those days will be given to a discussion of what measures are necessary to revitalize the work of the river improvement. An invitation has been extended to the president of the United States and members of the cabinet, United States senators, representatives, governors of states and mayors of cities to participate in the movement.

THEIR RIGHTNESS WAS FILTHY RAGS.

President Cleveland remained at the white house to-day, much to the disappointment of the largest congressional assembly in the history of the republic for public worship at the New York Avenue Presbyterian church. The edifice was crowded in every part, every foot of standing room being occupied. The president's presence attracted an excellent audience, but it was plain that the absence of the president left an aching void.

THE B. & O. TELEGRAPH AND THE PUBLIC.

Special telegram to THE BEE. NEW YORK, March 8.—William H. Armstrong, United States commissioner of railroads has completed his report on the charge of the Union Pacific railroad company's grant of special telegraphic facilities on its line to the Western Union telegraph company. The Baltimore & Ohio telegraph company recently asked the office of the Union Pacific company for the same privileges and facilities extended to the Western Union, but the application was denied. President Bates, of the Baltimore & Ohio telegraph company, visited Washington a few days ago and had an informal interview with Commissioner Armstrong and the counsel for the Union Pacific company. The Union Pacific people said that the company was limited as to the territory in dispute really belongs to the answer or not, for there is a mass of testimony on both sides, but nothing clearer than that certain things would be a casus belli, and these things Russia has coolly done. The Russian forces on the frontier are in command of General Komaroff, who is a hot-headed man, and who quite likely has exceeded at least the spirit of his instructions, but the imperial authorities are too proud to order him to withdraw. On the other hand, England has had to make her double the number of her army, and her army's fidelity by giving pledges to defend every inch of territory.

Speculations Concerning Russia and Great Britain.

Special telegram to THE BEE. LONDON, March 8.—In all the capitals of Europe there is a general idea that Russia does not want war, but that she does intend to take advantage of England's present African embarrassment in order to grab all that is safe to touch, short of provoking actual hostilities. England wants war even less, but is in an awkward position, having declared that certain things would be a casus belli, and these things Russia has coolly done. The Russian forces on the frontier are in command of General Komaroff, who is a hot-headed man, and who quite likely has exceeded at least the spirit of his instructions, but the imperial authorities are too proud to order him to withdraw. On the other hand, England has had to make her double the number of her army, and her army's fidelity by giving pledges to defend every inch of territory.

Death of an Old Miser.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 8.—Pelegr Kenyon, aged 69, recently died in Griswold, a rural manufacturing village in the eastern part of this state, leaving property worth \$750,000. He died, a miserable old miser. As a boy, he left the farm, went to Boston and became a watchman in the warehouse of Henry Henderson. One day the payment of \$105,000 was received late and was placed in the office safe. That night Kenyon stole the entire amount and secreted it. The extreme penalty was seven years in the penitentiary, and his conviction doubted. He was released by returning \$30,000, keeping \$75,000 himself. He returned to his old home and began to accumulate wealth. Dejected and abandoned by his neighbors, he led a hermit's life. He was found dead in front of his chest, sitting half upright in a chair.

The Illinois Legislature.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 7.—When the house convened at 11:50 o'clock a protest was read against the action of the temporary speaker on Thursday, who adjourned the joint convention without allowing a vote to be taken. Discussion took place on the protest, during the course of which Kimbrough protested that such lying documents should not be spread upon the Journal. Before the question was decided the senate was announced, and the joint session began. Thirteen senators and fifty-five representatives were present. Streeter voted for John C. Black, and Speaker Hines for Richard Bishop. Adjourned to 12 m. Monday.

Gen. Waltrath to Succeed Senator Lamar.

NEW ORLEANS, March 8.—A dispatch from Vicksburg to the Times-Democrat says: News has reached here that Governor Levee has appointed General Waltrath, to succeed Secretary Lamar as United States senator.

CABLEGRAMS.

Colonial Assistance Assured to the Home Government.

Death of 123 Men in the Austro-Silesian Coal Miners.

Ruction Between the Royal Irish Regiment and the Police.

The Afghan Question Amicably and Satisfactorily Settled.

French Method of Breaking Up the Rice Trade.

The Belaguered French Forces in China Relieved After Fighting Eighteen Days.

ROYAL IRISH ROW.

LONDON, March 8.—At Waterford, Ireland, yesterday, there was a regularation between the Royal Irish regiment, under orders for Egypt town police. The soldiers broke into the spirit house and public houses, and treated each other without paying. The police were called on to eject them, but the soldiers refused to go, and at once assaulted the police, with whom, after a short but bloody battle, they were finally dispersed. Several were badly hurt on both sides. At the latest advice the Royal Irish were parading the town and levying contributions of whisky from the inhabitants. Troops were summoned from Dublin.

THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

threatens to terminate the Latin monetary union unless concessions are made to enable Italy to coin a certain amount of silver. The treasury holds 200,000,000 francs in silver of the old Bourbon government. It is desired to recoin it in five franc and five pieces.

ST. STEPHEN'S REVIEW.

St. Stephen's Review says Gladstone recently bought over a hundred hats and that his mind is giving way under the strain to which he has been subjected.

PARIS, March 8.—The Gaulois states that the czar impressing upon him the necessity of reaching an agreement with England.

RETURN OF THE VOYAGERS AT MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, March 7.—Two hundred of the Canadian voyagers arrived to-day. The Emperor Victoria at the treatment they received, but the Indians and bona fide voyagers say they did not go to Egypt on a pleasure excursion, but to do a manly deed.

PREPARING FOR WAR.

VICTORIA, March 7.—In view of an anticipated foreign complication the militia are ordered to assemble for drill twice a week.

THE AFGHAN QUESTION APPARENTLY AMICABLY SETTLED.

LONDON, March 8.—Orders were sent to Sir Peter Curzon, British official commissioner on the Afghan frontier question, to direct the Afghans to evacuate Fergandah on the withdrawal of the Russian forces from Akko. The Russian ambassador in London promises that the Russian troops shall retire.

HERBERT BISMARK'S VISIT TO LONDON.

BERLIN, March 8.—The North German Gazette denies that Herbert Bismarck's visit to London is connected with the Afghan frontier question. It says the difficulties between England and Russia is not acute enough to require the intervention of a third power.

THE BELAGUERED FRENCH FORCES RELIEVED.

PARIS, March 8.—Gen. Briere Laisant, French commander at Turin, telegraphs that he has relieved the beleaguered garrison at Thuyenquy. He says: "This siege should be counted among the list of brilliant sieges of our history. The French garrison fought eighteen days, and sustained seven assaults which resulted in an immense loss of the enemy. Gen. Nopier has destroyed the line of fortification which the Chinese frontier and blowed up the fortification known as the Gate of China.

GRANVILLE'S SPEECH AN APOLOGY.

BERLIN, March 8.—The majority of the papers here think that Granville's speech in the lords on Friday will terminate the present strained relations between England and Germany. The speech is spoken of as an apology.

PROSPECT OF PEACE BETWEEN ENGLAND AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, March 8.—The Daily News states that there is a constant exchange of dispatches between the English and Russian governments. "Although there is a possibility of a peaceful settlement," says the News, "the condition of affairs is critical. The British government demands that the Russian retire from the Afghan frontier whether put in the form of an ultimatum or final. The choice of peace or war lies in the hands of the Russian statesmen."

THE MAHDI REWARDS BRAVE.

SCARF, March 8.—A reconnaissance to-day showed 10,000 of the Mahdi's different battalions. Arabian papers say the Mahdi sent his lieutenant at Metemah \$5000 reward for his bravery, and has ordered him to advance upon Kofi.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 8.—United States Minister Wallace has resigned.

OSMAN DIGNA SENDS HIS REGARDS.

SCARF, March 8.—Osman Digna sent a letter to the British general in command at this place, recounting the Arab successes, announcing the fall of Vassala imminent and warning the English that they would be defeated and driven out of the sea if they ventured outside the city.

THE AUSTRO-SILESIA COLLIERY VICTIMS.

LONDON, March 7.—One hundred and twenty-three of the 147 men in the colliery at Karwin, Austria Silesia, at the time of the explosion yesterday, have been found dead. But five have thus far been rescued alive.

THE TORIAN'S NEW PROJECT.

The Tories now hope to attack the government with success, as the deficit in the budget between the revenue and the expenditure of the current year has been ascertained to be £1,600,000. An equal deficit is estimated for next year. With the increased war estimates the chancellor of the exchequer will be obliged

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

A WHOLE FAMILY POISONED. LAHOURS, Dak., March 7.—Joseph Hall, wife and three children, living six miles south of here, retired at the usual hour last night in good health. A woman called at the house this morning and found them all unconscious but the woman. One child, aged 5, was dead. Mrs. Hall was barely able to speak and could give no explanation. They had apparently been poisoned. Hall's face is terribly swollen and discolored. The doctor thinks the entire family will die.

NARROW ESCAPE OF SIX FIREMEN.

EAST BRIMFORD, Mass., March 7.—The James school house caught fire this morning while seventy-five pupils were in the building. A panic ensued but the children were all gotten out unharmed. Six firemen were in the school when the ceiling fell through, carrying the men with it. No one of these is seriously injured. The building is a total loss.

A REGION OF TERROR.

NEOAUWER, Mich., March 7.—Deputy Sheriff Kohl, who was shot by Patsy Bennan last night, died this morning. "The Car" house of prostitution, where Bennan was stopping, was burned yesterday and the inmates, ten in number, were taken in custody by the sheriff. Five hundred men were scouring the woods for Bennan, and unless he is captured his whole gang will be lynched. A reign of terror prevails, which caused the crooks to hurry from the city.

SHOT HIS WIFE AND HIMSELF.

CHICAGO, March 7.—Henry Legg, a bricklayer, who had a quarrel with his wife, and had separated from her, went into the yard on Augusta street this afternoon, where she was washing a heavy iron and mangle with a revolver, mortally wounding her, and then killed himself. Jealousy was the cause.

AN UNNATURAL CRIME.

NEW IBERIA, La., March 7.—Dr. Emile Henckel and Ernest Vanhorne, hearing screams issuing from the residence of William Burgniller, rushed into the house and found Burgniller in the act of grossly assaulting his daughter, Henckel shot the father dead. The daughter's flight was cut off by Henckel and Vanhorne surrendered. Henckel and the daughter were engaged to be married.

FAILED IN THE ATTEMPT.

PHILADELPHIA, March 7.—Dr. Georson, who was hanged for wife murder yesterday, informed his spiritual adviser that he had concealed poison in a cell occupied by him two years ago. The jailors were informed and the poison found. It is the general opinion that he obtained the poison to take his life when all hopes for a reprieve were gone.

A BREAK FOR LIBERTY.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Dr. Eli Quigley, under two indictments for grave robbing and arson, broke jail last night and is still at large. While the truck was passing in food to the prisoners Quigley succeeded in pushing his way through a heavy iron door and escaped him until nearly helpless. Quigley then pushed the truck inside and jumped to the outside door and made his escape in the darkness. A reward of \$50 is offered for his arrest.

THE LAST OF THE BAIN BURNERS.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, March 7.—Simon Paul, one of the famous ragoutown gang who terrorized Austintown township in this county, for barn burning, attempted assassination and general chicanery, and for whose apprehension a reward of \$1000 was offered, gave himself up to Sheriff Walker this morning at 2 o'clock. The gang to which he belonged has made life a burden in the southern part of that county, to have a bad citizen. There were originally six in the gang, who exploit rank with those of the Buzzard family in Pennsylvania. Two have been captured and have been sentenced to the penitentiary. The chief, known as "Old Fox," was captured in east Pennsylvania last week by the sheriff after a long and exciting chase. The chief is now in jail here awaiting trial, and one is yet free. The depredations of the gang were atrocious, and at the trial of the first of the gang, the chief witness for the prosecution all had their barns burned and were shot within a week. This so intimidated the citizens that it was difficult to get witnesses at the trial. Every one is rejoicing that the gang is broken up.

A MINNEAPOLIS MURDERER GETS OFF EASY.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 7.—After twenty-three hours deliberation the jury in the case of Andrew Campbell, charged with the murder of Policeman Eclaugh, to-day brought in a verdict of manslaughter in the first degree. The crime was committed July 23 last, while the Grand Army of the Republic reunion was being held in this city. The officer, in attempting to arrest Cantyney, was shot and killed. A mob at the time broke down the door of the jail with the intention of hanging the prisoner, but was baffled by the militia, which was called out. The verdict caused considerable excitement, as it is the general impression that Cantyney was strung up. A motion for a new trial has been made.

POISONING CASE.

LAURENS, March 8.—The poisoning case of the Hall family, which was held as a case of asphyxiation from coal gas. The children may recover.

OSZALOTA DOES NOT INTEND TO BE LEFT OUT OF THE CIRCLE.

Citizens there have organized a company with \$3,000, for the erection of a skating rink and town hall.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT ALBANY, MO.

ST. LOUIS, March 8.—The opera house block at Albany, Missouri, burned early last Saturday morning. Loss \$60,000 to \$75,000; insurance, \$3,000. In addition to the business losses all the county records since the county was organized are totally destroyed.

Gen. Grant's Health Improving.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Gen. Grant passed a restless night last night, but slept from 5 to 11 a. m. The doctors pronounce the patient generally better.

Dakota's Peripatetic Capitol.

BISMARCK, March 8.—Governor Pierce will probably veto the bill, removing the capitol from Bismarck to Pierre, to-morrow.

SALVATION ARMY.

It Invades Wicked Chicago and Has a Rumpus.

They Have a Hand to Hand Conflict With Roughs, and in Which the Army Gets the Worst of It.

Owing to Superior Numbers of the Ruffian Horde,

No Serious Wounds Inflicted by Breaking Up the Services.

The Police Succeed in Arresting One Most Terribly Aggressive and Depraved Sinner.

THE SALVATION ARMY.

CHICAGO, March 8.—The services of the Salvation army were interrupted this afternoon. First some one from the outside threw a stone through one of the windows. Then a number of rough characters in the rear of the hall drowned the hymns with ribald songs. Finally a hand-to-hand conflict between them and the officers of the army took place, in which the latter got much the worst of it, being borne down by superior numbers. No serious wounds were inflicted, but the service was broken up. One man was arrested.

South Chicago Rolling Mill Strike Ended.

Special Telegram to THE BEE. CHICAGO, March 8.—About 1,800 men will return to work at the South Chicago rolling mill on April 1. They have been on a strike for some months. Their wages have been regulated by fluctuations of the market. Hereafter they worked eight hours a day; heretofore they worked twelve hours. This is practically a reduction of 33 1/2 per cent in wages.

A LICK WELCH, A SCHOOL TEACHER.

In a neighboring country town, brought suit against the directors, alleging that they taxed her pay \$25 a month, for her position, and when she refused to pay it, they longer stopped her salary. She got judgment for the work of the books of the school district are in bad shape, with no entries since early in 1883. A neighboring school teacher was paid over two thousand dollars for her furniture and repairs, though the school house is new. There will be a further investigation.

The Weather.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Upper Mississippi: fair warmer weather, southerly winds in the northern portion, westerly in the northern portion with falling barometer.

Business Failures.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—George A. Davis & Co., dealers in agricultural implements, assigned to-day to A. J. Robinson. Liabilities \$175,000 nominal assets, \$190,000. The principal creditors are eastern manufacturers. It is thought the firm may be able to resume.

The Clearing House Report.

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