

CHRONICLES BY THE CABLE.

Miscellaneous Matters of Interest from the Old World.

The Government in accordance with Gladstone's announcement laid before Parliament a list of official papers relating to the Afghan frontier question.

The British Admiralty decided to have the combined naval reserve squadron, including fourteen first-class men-of-war, assemble at Portland, and proceed thence to Bantry Bay, Ireland, to engage in a naval demonstration of extraordinary importance.

Hundreds of officers and soldiers from the remnant of Wolsey's Nile expedition are arriving at Wady Halfa and Cairo, many of whom are on the sick list.

The La Republique Francaise insists that France must adhere to the French proposals regarding the international supervision of the Suez Canal.

The British government issued diplomatic papers which state that her majesty's government will be compelled to regard as a hostile act any movement of Russia toward Herat.

The Czar has sent General Komaroff a sword of honor. The hilt of the sword is of gold, and the scabbard is richly set with diamonds.

The approach of the general election is bringing forward an unexpected political strength among the British workmen.

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The excitement at Madrid over the seizure by France of the settlements on the Gulf of Guinea claimed by Spain, is intense.

Dispatches from Winnipeg state that Col. Otter made an attack on Poundmaker, and after a severe battle captured him and took 150 prisoners.

The English Government is considerably worried by Italy's demand that the agreement be fulfilled by which she was to garrison the Red Sea ports.

Gladstone was annoyed in the house of commons by Lord Churchill's repeated interruptions of his reply to Sir Stafford Northcote's inquiry as to the status of negotiations with Russia.

The Morning Post claims to have information that Lord Dufferin, Viceroy of India, has written the government giving an alarming account of the effects produced by the yielding of the ministry to Russia's demands in regard to the Afghan frontier.

A Constantinople dispatch announces that the Turkish government is planting torpedoes in the straits of the Dardanelles.

It is authoritatively announced that Russia demands that both Zulifikar and Marushuck be considered as in Russian territory.

THE ILLINOIS SENATORIAL CONTEST.

A Protracted Political Fight Ends in the Choice of John A. Logan for United States Senator.

Springfield (Ill.) dispatch: During the joint session of the legislature on the 19th there was a great jam in the house, both on floor and in the galleries.

Barry withdrew his vote from Logan, but stated that he would allow no other democrat than Morrison to be elected.

Mr. Logan was then appointed to conduct the general to the house, and, upon being introduced, he made the following speech, thanking them for the honor conferred upon him:

Colleagues of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Illinois: I congratulate you on having brought to a conclusion this most remarkable contest which has been going on for nearly four months.

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Reduction in Grain Rates to New England Points.

A cut on grain and flour by the western trunk lines from New England, says a St. Paul dispatch, created a disturbance in the rate on flour, especially at such points.

Cause of the Cincinnati Calamity.

A boy, John Meyers, who could give an authentic account of the Sullivan fire, was found at his home by a newspaper reporter.

Positive, wait; comparative, wait; superlative, get it yourself.

A JUMP OF 135 FEET.

How a Professor Ended His Life in Endeavoring to Accomplish a Great Feat.

This morning, says a New York dispatch of the 19th, a cab left the New York entrance of the Brooklyn bridge and was driven to the middle of the great span.

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A Reconciliation Between Gladstone and the Parnellites.

London dispatch.—In the house of commons Gladstone announced a bill to amend the purchase clause of the land act.

A CYCLONE IN KANSAS.

Death, Desolation and Destruction Follow in its Wake for Miles.

Topeka (Kansas) Dispatch: Reports are just to hand detailing the facts of a cyclone in the western portion of the state, occurring late Saturday night.

Attacked by a Mob in Sacramento.

Sacramento dispatches: The Salvation army had a grand gathering. Delegates were present from different cities of the state.

Mysterious Absence of a Bank Teller.

John A. Van Gelder, receiving teller of the Union National bank, 34 Wall street, New York, has been missing for some time from his home, 56 Jones street, Jersey City.

A passionate reproof is like a medicine scalding hot; the patient cannot take it.

Current Notes.

During the recent ice jam in Chesapeake Bay millions of ducks were crowded into small open spaces of water.

The Royal Irish Rifles, nearly nine hundred strong, the only regiment at Halifax, has been ordered to make ready for active duty, and expects to be sent to the Sudan.

Paper is used as a substitute for wood in the manufacturing of flooring. A skating rink in Indianapolis is furnished with a paper floor which is as smooth as a sheet of ice.

The royal commissioners appointed to inquire into the effects of Chinese immigration into British Columbia found that last year the Chinese paid 25 per cent of the whole import duties.

A barometer is simply a bent tube filled with mercury, like a U with one long leg and one short one.

Fishermen who supply the markets in central and southern Illinois are said to use nets with meshes so small that the young fish are taken with the old.

In the United States there are 17,000 dentists who use a ton of gold and five tons of other metals and make 4,000,000 artificial teeth annually.

Quails are now so abundant in California that they throng the roadways, while rewards are offered by farmers in southern counties for killing this bird.

An entry in Washington's diary, dated February, 1768, shows the great number of visitors he entertained at that time.

Limit of the Functions of Government.

We have, however, with our present idea of the functions of government, just the two evils to choose between—the Scylla of the spoils system and the Charybdis of bureaucracy.

Now, Mr. Spencer says: The whole trouble arises from your having so many offices to dispose of, and that comes of your having crowded so many functions upon the Government.

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Prof. Henry of the Wisconsin Experiment Station is satisfied that 100 pounds of skimmed milk is worth a half bushel of corn meal for feeding hogs.

THE RESCUE OF GREELY.

Commander Schley's Account of the Pathetic Incident.

The strange fascination which attaches to stories of exploration, danger and suffering in the bleak and desolate arctic region will cause a book to be published in a few days by Charles Scribner's Sons to be read with eagerness.

The story is an old one, but as authoritatively and pathetically told by Commander Schley, it is worth retelling. And so, passing over the discovery of Greely's records, which are given entire, on Brevoort Island, we make a condensation of the narrative, taking it up at the point where the cutter of the rescuing party approached the spot where the provisions of the wrecked Proteus had been left:

At last the boat arrived at the site of the wreck cache, and the shore was eagerly scanned, but nothing could be seen. Rounding the next point, the cutter opened out the cove beyond.

Who are there left? "Seven left." As the cutter struck the ice, Colwell jumped off and went up to him.

Before this colloquy was over, Lowe and Norman had started up the hill. Hastily filling his pocket with bread and taking the two cans of pemmican, Colwell told the coxswain to take Long into the cutter, and started after the others with Ash.

Directly opposite, on his hands and knees, was a dark man with a long matted beard, in a dirty and tattered dressing-gown with a little red skull cap on his head, and brilliant, staring eyes.

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As soon as Colwell understood the condition of affairs, he sent Chief Engineer Lowe back to the cutter to put off to the Bear with Long, to report what had happened, and bring off the others with the surgeon and stimulants.

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begged piteously to be helped again protesting that it could do them no harm. Colwell was wisely deaf to their entreaties and threw away the can.

The weaker ones were like children—petulant, rambling and fitful in their talk, absent and sometimes a little incoherent. While they were waiting for the return of the boat, Colwell and the ice masters did their best to cheer them up by telling them that relief was at hand, and that the others would soon arrive.

Meanwhile the Bear had arrived and Lowe had gone off in the cutter, taking with him Sergeant Long. In reply to questions, Long, in a husky voice, told his story—that all were dead except Greely and five others, who were on shore in "sore distress—sore distress."

With most of them the rescue hardly made a revulsion of feeling. Except the commander, they took it as a matter of course. There was a little, a very little excitement, and they were perhaps more than ordinarily talkative, but in general they did not seem to rise or fall much above or below the level of ordinary good spirits.

De Lesseps on the Sudan. From an Interview in the Paris Matin. I have repeatedly warned the English that to send an expedition to the Sudan was to send soldiers to certain death.

The reduction of the dividend of the New York Central Railroad to 4 per cent, per annum marks another epoch in the long period of depression which has so greatly afflicted the country.

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