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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

ECUADOR has sent notice to the State Department at Washington of her intention to be represented at the conference of American States next fall.

SENATOR MANDERSON says many Senators who voted against the confirmation of Murat Halstead were not actuated by personal feelings, but believed Halstead too impetuous.

SECRETARY TRACY is said to have been pleased with his visit to the Brooklyn navy yard.

IT is understood that the new Sioux Commission will consist of William Warner, of Missouri; Charles Fistock, of Ohio; John H. King, of Nebraska; Major-General Crook and a Democratic member not yet decided upon from Iowa.

AN order will soon issue from the Navy Department concerning a court-martial for the trial of Lieutenant-Commander George M. Book, who is charged with having left his vessel (the Pinta) in Alaska and returned to the United States without permission from the department.

REAR ADMIRAL THOMAS H. PATTERSON, United States navy, retired, died at Washington on the 10th after a long illness. He was sixty-nine years of age.

THE court martial to try Major Armes for pulling Governor Beaver's nose met at the War Department, Washington, on the 11th.

THE Commissioner of Patents has removed Jerome B. Burke, a division chief, and reinstated John W. Baboon in the position.

IN the case of Steve Russell, convicted in the United District Court, Western district of Arkansas, for murder, and sentenced to be hanged on the 19th of April, the President has commuted the sentence to imprisonment for life.

THE President has appointed Henry S. White, of West Virginia, to be United States marshal for the district of West Virginia.

PERRY BELMONT recently resigned as Minister to Spain. Secretary Blaine, in response, requested him to remain in Madrid until his successor arrived.

THE EAST.

MRS. THEODORE THOMAS, wife of the musician, died at New York recently after a lingering illness.

THE Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has decided in favor of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital trustees, of Philadelphia, in the suit by the heirs of Dr. Scott Stewart to break his will bequeathing $269,000 to the institution.

A SPLIT occurred in the switchmen's strike at Buffalo, N. Y., on the 8th, which consequently gave the Erie road its full force and ended the trouble.

GOVERNOR BEAVER has received a letter from Major Armes, who assaulted him in Washington. It contains a most abject apology for his outrageous conduct and begs him to interfere at Washington to prevent the court-martial. Armes says that rather than submit to the disgrace of being court-martialed he will commit suicide.

GOVERNOR HILL has nominated Dr. Allen Hamilton to be health officer for the port of New York.

A SERIOUS fire occurred at Boston on the 9th, breaking out in the freight house of the Lowell division of the Boston & Maine railroad. The loss was estimated at $500,000.

THE spinners of Clarke's thread works at Newark, N. J., have resolved to strike.

BY a collision between a yard engine and a street car at Jersey City, N. J., the other morning two men were dangerously and four were seriously injured.

THE Saxton Ballot Reform bill has passed the New York Assembly by yeas 74, nays 44.

AT the request of the New York merchants the return time of excursion tickets to the Washington inauguration centennial has been extended to May 26.

NATHAN F. DIXON, of Westerly, has been elected by the Rhode Island Legislature to succeed Chace in the United States Senate.

AT the Rhode Island by-elections at Newport, Cranston and Bristol to fill vacancies, the Republicans secured a majority and will control the next Legislature. This gives the Republicans a chance to elect a Governor of the State.

CAPTAIN STUBBS reports at New York that his schooner, the Carrie A. Bucknam, was fired on by a Dominican war vessel.

THE New York Yacht Club has decided to accept Earl Dunraven's challenge to a match for the America cup. A committee was appointed to arrange the preliminaries to determine which yacht shall be put forward against the Valkyre.

THE new cruiser Baltimore has been docked at Philadelphia for the purpose of having her propellers put on.

THE storehouse of the Suffolk Cordage Company at Chelsea, Mass., has been damaged $50,000 by fire.

RUSSELL H. HARRISON, son of the President, was arrested in New York recently for publishing a libel in the Montana Live-Stock Journal on ex-Governor Crosby. The libel was a reprint from a Buffalo paper, which accused Crosby of stealing jewels from a Washington lady.

THE Planet jute mills were destroyed by fire at Brooklyn, N. Y., at one o'clock on the morning of the 12th. There were rumors of loss of life, many of the night force having to jump from windows to save their lives. The loss was $500,000.

BILLINGS & EATON, wholesale hide and leather dealers of Boston, have made an assignment. Their liabilities are about $700,000. Assets fair.

A MARRIAGE license was issued recently at Pittsburgh, Pa., to Samuel Welner, aged seventy-two, and Edith P. Wilson, aged fifteen. The disparity of ages excited much comment, but the union was not illegal, the parents of the girl entering no protest.

THE steamer Conanicut was reported on the rocks near Newport, R. I., on the 12th. The passengers were landed by a tug.

GEORGE CALDER, a prominent cotton manufacturer, of Lancaster, Pa., proprietor of the Fulton cotton mill, has made an assignment. The liabilities are at least $150,000 and the assets may reach $50,000.

THE final result of the recent elections in Rhode Island leaves the Legislature on joint ballot at 59 Republicans to 49 Democrats.

THE WEST.

DURING a small fire at Kokomo, Ind., the other night three firemen were injured by a falling wall.

Two men were killed by foul gas in the vat of the mineral bath house at Port Huron, Mich., the other day, and the proprietor barely escaped with his life.

THE first step to nullify the recent election in Chicago resulted in a failure.

REPORTS from Anaconda, Deer Lodge and Missoula, Mont., show that they and Butte City went Democratic, while Helena, Bozeman and Great Falls went Republican.

JUDGE TRAVERS, of the circuit court sitting at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, has decided that cider is an intoxicant under the Prohibitory law and its sale is illegal.

AN epidemic of scarlet fever has been raging in Fairbury, Ill., and churches and schools have been closed. Six deaths and twenty cases have been reported.

THE eviction of settlers on the Des Moines river lands in Iowa, has, it is said, been indefinitely postponed.

BY a collision on a curve near Peach Springs, Ariz., the other day between passenger trains four engines were wrecked and thrown down a high bank into a stream and a tramp was killed.

WILLIAM WILSON, who stole the ballots in a precinct in Chicago after they had been counted in the municipal election, has been sent to jail for 300 days.

OWING to the lightness of the snowfall and the lack of rain in Upper Michigan lumbermen are unable to get their logs to market and over a billion logs are waiting in the streams for a freshet.

THE directors of the First National Bank of Anoka, Minn., claim that the amount of Cashier Pratt's deficit will not be over $25,000, and depositors will be paid in full.

ON the suggestion of Senator Ingalls, Eugene F. Ware, of Fort Scott, Kan., has been selected as poet at Arlington on Decoration day.

THE people of Sioux City, Iowa, have subscribed $1,500 and prepared three car loads of supplies for the relief of the Dakota prairie fire sufferers.

A FREIGHT engine dashed into a private car on the Santa Fe at Lorenzo, Ill., recently and the locomotive boiler exploded, causing the death of four persons and the shocking injury of several others.

MISS BEECHLER, who killed Henry King, Jr., whom she claimed as her husband, was acquitted by the jury at Omaha on the 10th. Her defense was insanity.

ABOUT fifty persons were overcome by a suffocating black smoke from a fire which broke out in Sanger, Rockwell & Co.'s factory at Milwaukee, Wis., on the 10th. Twenty of the victims had to be carried home in patrol wagons.

FIRE in Rising Sun, Ind., the other day caused $35,000 loss to various business firms.

FOUR small children of a German named Merdam were poisoned recently near St. Joseph, Minn., by eating wild parsnips. Three died.

ONE man was fatally and four seriously burned in a foundry at Youngstown, O., by the explosion of molten metal in a casting form.

JUDGE THAYER, of the United States district court at St. Louis, has decided that the tops of mail boxes are not receptacles for mail, and taking papers from them is no criminal offense.

THE Braman beef bill to require the inspection of beef on foot before being killed was defeated in the Ohio Senate by a vote of 13 to 16. The bill originated in the House and passed that body by an almost unanimous vote.

THE Michigan House has passed a bill prohibiting the sale or giving away of cigarettes.

AN order to reduce wages on the street car lines in Minneapolis resulted in a strike on the 11th.

MR. BEDDINGER, another Dakota prairie fire victim, is dead. This made six deaths in Hyde County caused by prairie fires. The total loss in Hyde County was $40,000.

MISS BEECHLER, who has just been on trial at Omaha for the killing of H. W. King, Jr., expects to sail for Europe soon.

HARRIET'S tailoring concern at Detroit, Mich., an establishment for manufacturing ladies' silk garments, was robbed the other morning and about $5,000 worth of silks stolen.

OFFICER O'BRIEN is at the point of death at Chicago as the result of an injury received at the Haymarket riot. O'Brien has a piece of the bomb in his side.

THE United States grand jury at Port Townsend, Wash., have found twenty-five indictments against William Harned, special deputy collector, eleven against Herbert F. Beecher, ex-treasury agent, and twelve against Quincy A. Brooks for stealing from the Government.

FIFTY persons in the general offices of the "Q" system at Chicago have been discharged in order to curtail expenses.

THE Ohio Senate committee to investigate Railroad Commissioner Capellar reported finding him guilty of questionable conduct, both as an officer and in private life.

MEREDITH STANLEY, of Cincinnati, jumped recently from the bridge on the Cincinnati Southern railroad over the Kentucky river, a height of 285 feet. With the exception of coughing up a little blood he was uninjured. He did it to beat Steve Brodie, the New York jumper.

FRANK RINGO, the well-known base-ball catcher, committed suicide at Kansas City recently after a protracted spree.

AN uproar was caused in the Western Freight Association by the discovery that a secret rate existed between the St. Paul road and the Armours. The other roads were forced to make the same rate, as the contract had three years to run. The Inter-State Railway Association threatened prosecution, which a general manager thought mere buncombe.

THE SOUTH.

VIRGINIA farmers report heavy loss of stock from drowning during the late gale. Between Fort Monroe and York river fishermen lost nets valued at $20,000.

J. C. HEMPHILL, city editor and chief of staff of the Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier for five years, has been elected manager of the paper, to succeed the late Captain Dawson.

GENERAL JAMES LONGSTREET'S residence in Gainesville, Ga., was destroyed by fire the other day, causing $10,000 loss.

THREE large mountain fires which are doing great damage are now raging near Edgemont, Md.

THE Canadian river in the Panhandle of Texas is out of its banks because of rains, and an $18,000 bridge at Canadian, Tex., has been washed away.

THE wife of W. P. Woods and five of his children were burned to death near Clayton, Ga., recently, by his house taking fire.

BALTIMORE business men have subscribed $500,000 toward a great sugar refinery.

THE Alabama giantess, a colored woman weighing 350 pounds, died at Birmingham, Ala., the other day. The coffin was six feet seven inches long, forty inches wide and thirty inches deep.

THE raid on moonshiners in Eastern Kentucky was successful, seven moonshiners being captured without bloodshed.

ELIAS CALVERT, a well-to-do farmer, and his wife were drowned near Mineral Wells, Tex., the other day, while attempting to cross the Brazos river.

THE crew of the wrecked schooner Richard W. Denham, of Bath, Me., numbering four men, were picked up at sea by the steamer Pirate and taken to Baltimore, Md.

GENERAL.

THE barge Sunrise foundered near the Delaware breakwater during the recent storm. The captain, his wife, two children and a seaman were drowned.

GENERAL BOULANGER has made application to the Swiss Government for permission to reside in Geneva. The story of his expulsion from Belgium is denied.

A DISPATCH from India says that hundreds of houses have been destroyed by fire at Surat. The loss is placed at £200,000.

THE provision trade has been excited by reports that England would exclude American dairy products unless adulterations were stopped. Steps have been taken by the Chicago Exchange to secure legislation to prevent the frauds complained of.

OWING to the prevalence of cholera the pearl fisheries of Western India have been a failure the past season, causing a loss of $300,000 to the British Government.

THE Prince of Nassau takes the oath as Regent of Luxemburg, the King of Holland, who is Grand Duke of Luxemburg, having been declared incapable of governing.

A DISPATCH from Zanzibar to the Independence Belge says that the rumor that Stanley and Emin Pasha were marching in the direction of Zanzibar was an Arab invention.

THE premium on gold in the Argentine Republic has reached 64 per cent.

A CIRCULAR issued by General Manager St. John, of the Rock Island, announces the appointment of Mr. John Sebastian as general ticket and passenger agent of the entire consolidated Rock Island system, with headquarters at Chicago. Mr. Sebastian first entered railway service in 1869 as clerk in the general ticket office of the Santa Fe and has steadily risen until reaching his present position. He is a thorough railroad man, who makes himself popular with the traveling public.

THE Belgian Government has informally warned General Boulanger to abstain from political agitation, and has informed him that if he complies with the wishes of the Government in this respect he will not be expelled from Belgium.

THE construction of the Tehuantepec railroad has been commenced in earnest, and the contractors are using every effort to push the work.

THE Government of New South Wales, Australia, proposes to abolish all specific duties and impose direct taxation in their stead.

MICHAEL EUGENE CHEVREUL, the famous chemist and centenarian, died at Paris on the 9th. He was born August 31, 1786.

WHOLESALE dealers in eggs have had a very poor season. Many have lost much money, and it is questionable whether any have a profit out of their sales. The trouble seems to have been an over supply.

ARCHBISHOP PAUL, of Bogota, United States of Colombia, died suddenly of heart disease recently.

IT is officially denied that the Marquis of Londonderry intended to resign the Lord Lieutenancy of Ireland.

THE lower house of the Austrian Reichsrath passed the Army bill with the amendments made by the Hungarian Diet.

A MESSENGER who has returned to Suakim from Khartoum, brings letters from Slaten Bey and members of the Catholic mission. He also brings the supposed head of Rasalula, the Abyssinian General, who is said to have been killed in battle at Galiabat. The head was a present from the Khalifa to the Governor of Suakim.

SPRING emigration to the United States has assumed large proportions. Four thousand emigrants, mainly Germans and Swedes, sailed on the 10th from Liverpool. All available steerage space on several steamers there and at continental ports has been taken up for intending emigrants.

PASTEUR'S microbe rabbit exterminator has been pronounced a failure in Australia.

IT is announced that an agreement has been reached between England, Germany and the United States by which one war vessel of each power will be located at Samoa.

A TERRIBLE explosion occurred in the colliery at Castrap, Westphalia, recently. The men were at work in the pit at the time and twenty were killed.

THE Berlin correspondent of the London Daily News says that Germany has not protested officially against the appointment of Mr. Bates as one of the American Commissioners to the Samoan conference, but that the Government would prefer to have some one else appointed in his place.

SEVENTEEN Boulangists will be indicted by the French Senate court.

KELL & Co., woolen and plush manufacturers at Bradford, England, with a branch house at New York City, have failed with $500,000 liabilities.

THE bankers who were receiving subscriptions to the stock of the American Meat Company, the new dressed beef trust, have withdrawn from the scheme and the amounts already subscribed will be returned on application. The collapse is said to be due to pressure from the Armour syndicate, which is a large customer of the cotton oil trust.

EUROPEAN bourses were depressed on the 11th because of extensive rumors of an attempt on the life of the Czar, who was said to have been wounded by a shell thrown at him at Gatchina.

THE American bark C. D. Bryant has been seized by the Hawaiian Government for smuggling.

THE French Chamber of Deputies has adjourned until May 14.

OWING to the scarcity of water the area of cotton culture in Egypt is much restricted.

IT is stated in London that the Prince of Wales is an admirer of Parnell and that a conference between the two will be arranged.

THE last arguments were made in the "Q" conspiracy trial on the 12th and the case given to the jury.

THE Pensacola has been docked, her hull being injured, and the loss is placed at $500.

THE steamship City of Chester reported at Queenstown on the 12th that four days previously she had found the steamer Danmark, of the Thingvalla line, abandoned and sinking. The Danmark had on board about 750 passengers and crew and grave fears were expressed of their fate.

THE LATEST.

CLEARING house returns for the week ended April 13 showed an average increase of 14.8 compared with the corresponding week of last year. In New York the increase was 16.4.

BUSINESS was active on the London Stock Exchange during the week ended April 13, American securities receiving a good share of attention. Prices were firm, except in coal shares, which fell an average of four per cent. Money matters were buoyant and prices firm on the Continental bourses.

HON. JOHN P. USHER, who was Secretary of the Interior under President Lincoln, died at the University Hospital, Philadelphia, on the 13th. Judge Usher was well known in Kansas, having lived in Lawrence for several years. He was born in Madison County, N. Y., in 1816. His death leaves only two of Lincoln's Cabinet surviving—Hon. James Harlan, of Iowa, and Hon. Simon Cameron, of Pennsylvania.

THE steamship which arrived at New York on the 14th from Hamburg reports that in a fog she had struck the pilot boat Commodore Bateman, sinking her at once and drowning Pilot John Handran and the colored cook, Harry Halford.

CHARLES HODGE, a fire boss, and Evan Madden, a pump runner, were passing through an abandoned working in the Grand Tunnel mine at Wilkesbarre, Pa., recently, when their lights ignited a large amount of accumulated gas and both men were blown to pieces.

THE steamship Alameda arrived at San Francisco on the 13th, bringing full particulars of the terrible hurricane of March 15, 16 and 17 at Samoa. She also brought several cadets from the wrecked steamer Trenton. The disaster to the war vessels was due to the feebleness of the machinery, the British corvette Calliope escaping the deadly reef by the sheer force of her powerful engines. The Samoans acted nobly in rescuing those in peril and caring for them afterward. The German cruiser Olga, which had been beached, was floated after the storm and reached Sydney, N. S. W., safely, where she was docked for repairs.

BY an accident on the Cairo Short Line near Belleville, Ill., recently, thirteen loaded cars were smashed to splinters and about $30,000 worth of merchandise destroyed. Brakeman Samuel Patten was fatally and Brakeman Pat Brown seriously injured. Engineer Tobin and Fireman Noble were hurt slightly in jumping for their lives.

NORMAC won the six-day's race at Pittsburgh, Pa., covering 501 miles.

A BANQUET of Boulangists at Versailles was broken up on the night of the 13th by the military.

JOHN JACKSON, a capitalist and president of the elevator on Biddle street, St. Louis, hanged himself the other morning. The suicide was due to the hopeless condition of his business affairs.

THE Samoan Commission sailed from New York for Berlin on the 13th.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

EDWARD C. MAHER, living eighteen miles northeast of Imperial, in Chase County, was murdered in the sand hills, about eight miles from Imperial, the other day. He had gone to Imperial to prove up on his homestead. He made his proof and got a loan on his place of $500, $250 of which he used that day to liquidate a debt. He left for his home next morning and was not seen afterwards until his body was discovered. He had been murdered and robbed. The man who is suspected of the crime was traced as far as Ogalalla.

A RECENT prairie fire near Valentine destroyed about $15,000 worth of property, C. S. Hadlund losing every thing on his place except his house and live-stock, two stables, three granaries, cribs, hay, about fifteen hundred bushels of corn and oats and all his farming implements. Fritz Johnson, living with Hadlund, also lost a stable, granary, hay and a lot of corn and farming tools. E. White lost a feed shed and a lot of fence, together with about ten tons of hay. William Graves lost a stable and a lot of hay. Thomas Grigsby lost several tons of hay.

SAM COCKEROW, aged eighteen, was recently gored to death by a vicious steer near Fairmount.

PRAIRIE fires recently burned a stable, two mules and other property of George Cummings, near Ord, and Guy Barnum had four miles of fence and much hay and timber destroyed near Columbus.

MRS. GOODSON, an old lady was run over by a street car at Omaha the other day and fatally injured.

WHILE a number of children were playing on the tracks of the Union Pacific road at Omaha the other day the seven-year-old son of Mrs. Mary Maloney was run over and killed.

KNUD NELSON, an Omaha contractor fifty-seven years old, recently fell into his cistern and was drowned. He had been ill for some months and his first day out he went to the cistern to examine it when he fell in.

THE young wife of a cooper named Morris, living in South Nebraska City, attempted suicide the other night in the presence of her husband by swallowing laudanum. Doctors were called in and her life saved. Her husband was out of work and about to leave the city in search of another job, and she could not bear the separation.

SEVERSON, who killed Constable League at Jackson last December, because League dunned him for seventy-five cents which he promised to pay League's boy for work, was recently acquitted at Dakota City. The verdict occasioned great surprise.

WHEN Hervey Pemberton, living six miles south of Oakdale, went out to feed his team the other morning he found the stable in ashes and the charred remains of four horses and two mules. The fire was the result of leaving a lighted lantern in the stable.

LIBBIE BEECHLER, who killed Harry King, son of the Chicago millionaire, in the Paxton House at Omaha some months ago, was recently tried at Omaha. The trial lasted seven days and was attended by throngs of people of both sexes. Judge Cowan spoke two days for the defense and interest in the result was intense. When the case was concluded the jury in five minutes returned a verdict of acquittal, at which the audience applauded wildly.

FRED WOOD, on returning home near Benkelman, the other day, found that his wife had abandoned his home. She sent the children to town with the hired man for provisions and clothing, and left a note stating that she had gone for good, and all search would be of no avail. Mr. Wood assigned the act to the reading of trashy literature. They had been married fifteen years and have two boys and a girl.

BECAUSE a young woman rejected his suit W. E. Crouse, station agent at Roca, recently shot himself.

EDGAR N. SEAMAN, who owns a farm about four miles south of Pender, was arrested the other day on a requisition from Illinois. Seaman is charged with embezzling $5,100 in that State some three years ago. His arrest was a great surprise to the people in the vicinity, as he had been universally regarded as a straight man.

MRS. J. M. MCGINLEY recently took morphine with suicidal intent at Chadron, with every prospect of being successful.

THE Governor has issued a proclamation organizing Hooker County, and located the temporary county seat at Mullen.

IT is said of a Schuyler young man that he forgot to secure a marriage license on the day set for his wedding, and the ceremony had to be postponed because the county judge was out of the city. It was a great disappointment to the assembled guests as well as to the prospective bride and groom.

THE other day a seven-year-old boy named Lair jumped into a bin of the North Loup elevator and was carried to a bin below and covered with several hundred bushels of oats. Men tried for some time to shovel him out, but being unsuccessful they opened the shoot below, and when the boy's body came through the opening he was pulled out. He was unconscious, but after several hours' work was resuscitated.

HOMER is proud of its girls. Johana Christopherson, of that town, recently killed fifty-eight snakes, and Miss Nina Beam, of the same place, gave the alarm which saved a lot of valuable property from being destroyed by prairie fire and outran all of the men to the scene of the conflagration.

A. G. A. R. POST has been organized at Huntley.

GOVERNOR THAYER has issued a proclamation declaring Monday, the 22d day of April as a day to be observed as Arbor Day, and earnestly inviting all the people of the State to observe it as such, and devote the day to this most worthy and beneficent purpose, namely, the planting of trees. The Governor earnestly calls upon the people to "plant trees and shrubbery; plant them in groves; adorn the homes and highways; plant them in parks and places of resort; plant them in cemeteries. It will be a graceful tribute to the dead and will beautify their silent home. Let all engage in the performance of this duty and they will confer a blessing upon our State."

A TEAM belonging to Clark Pepper, a farmer residing five miles northwest of Ashland, ran away with a stalk cutter one day recently. One of the animals, valued at $175, had a hind leg cut entirely off by the blades of the machine.

THE infant child of Frank Bannister, of Central City, recently swallowed a bean which lodged in its windpipe and caused its death in a short time.

THE body of an unknown man was found floating in the Missouri river at Bellevue the other evening by some fishermen. The body had been in the water for some time.

HENRY Chinn, a butcher, recently skipped out from Craig, leaving many farmers who had furnished him with cattle and other creditors to mourn.

A GRAND ISLAND man named Bowen, who was bitten by a mad dog, went all the way to Lafayette, Ind., to have a mad stone applied. The stone adhered to the wound and Bowen believes that he is cured.

THE ladies' cornet band at Fullerton is making good progress, and although it has only been organized six months and has never had an instructor, the members are said to furnish excellent music.

WHILE working in the stone quarries at Louisville John Gyle recently had his face and hands burned to a crisp by an explosion of gunpowder.

THREE men named Bandt, Roth and Edwards, were severely burned in a prairie fire in Wheeler County the other day.

THE SAMOAN DISASTER.

Arrival of the Alameda Bringing Details of the Fearful Work of the Hurricane.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—The steamship Alameda, Commander H. J. Morse, arrived here yesterday morning, having sailed from Sydney March 20. She stopped at Tutuila, an island of the Samoan group, March 29, where she found the American schooner Equator, with the American mails and ten cadets from the American warships wrecked at Apia. Commander Morse, upon learning of the disaster to the American ships, at once sailed for Apia. On the way he met the mail cutter and received the German mails at Apia.

The Alameda took on board thirty-six wounded seamen; Lieutenant Ripley and twenty-nine seamen are to come upon the Honolulu steamer.

The Alameda brought from the man-of-war Trenton the naval cadets, R. Stocker, F. W. Hebbs, R. C. Decker, B. W. Wells, W. S. Cloke, G. W. Logan and R. Jackson, and naval captains H. A. Wiley, L. A. Stafford and J. A. Lejeune, of the Vandalia.

The Alameda also brought the following account of the disaster from the Western Associated Press correspondent at Apia, Samoa:

The little group of Samoan or Navigators' islands, which a few months ago attracted the attention of the civilized world by a fierce civil combat between two native factions and the consequent possibility of serious complications between the great powers of the United States and Germany, has been visited by a disaster more appalling than all of the wars ever waged here. In attempting to effect a solution of the Samoan difficulty, and to protect their respective interest on the islands, the United States and Germany have lost nearly 150 lives and $2,000,000 worth of property.

The most violent and destructive hurricane ever known in the South Pacific ocean passed over these islands on March 16 and 17, and as a result a fleet of six war ships and ten other vessels were ground to atoms on the coral reefs in the harbor or thrown on the beach in front of the little city of Apia, and 142 officers and men of the American and German navies sleep forever under the reefs or lie buried in unmarked graves thousands of miles from their native lands.

The United States frigate Trenton, flagship of the Pacific squadron, which arrived here from Panama March 11, lies within a stone's throw of the American consulate a total wreck. The great hull of the magnificent vessel which steamed into the harbor a few weeks ago rests on the bottom, fast going to pieces.

The United States steamer Vandalia, which arrived from San Francisco February 28, is buried out of sight between the Trenton and the shore. Her shattered foremast and stark rise from the water to mark the spot where the gallant vessel struck and lay for twelve hours before the awful torrent of water which swept four officers and thirty nine men from her decks and riggings. Her commander, Captain C. M. Schoonmaker, was among the first who perished in the waves. The other officers who met their death were Paymaster Frank H. Arms, Lieutenant Frank Sutton of the marine corps and Pay Clerk John Roach.

The United States steamer Nipsic lay for several days alongside the Vandalia with her bow high on the beach and within five feet of the water's edge. The vessel, though badly damaged, was hauled off a few days after the storm and is the only war ship afloat in the harbor. Several of the officers and crew are living aboard. All of the Nipsic's officers are safe, but she lost five men by the swamping of a boat, and two others who jumped overboard were also drowned.

The three American men-of-war were swept ashore almost at the same point.

It was on the little German gunboat Eber that the greatest loss of life occurred. The Eber had a complement of six officers and seventy-six men. Five men were ashore during the storm. When the vessel struck the reef she sank completely out of sight and a minute later there was not a vestige of her to be seen, and all on board were lost except one officer—Lieutenant Gaedeke—and four sailors. The other five officers and sixty-six men were either instantly killed when the vessel crashed to pieces or were drowned in the roaring torrent of water that broke upon the reef. A small part of the Eber's prow was afterward washed ashore near an American vessel. This and a few pieces of broken wreckage near the point where she struck are the only portions of her that have even been seen since the moment she went down.

Just on the edge of the reef, about 300 yards west of the Trenton, is all that remains of the Adler, the flagship of the German squadron in Samoan waters. The Adler was washed on top of the reef and turned completely over on her side. She has remained in that position since and is almost entirely out of water. Nearly every man aboard was thrown in the water when the Adler struck, but only twenty sailors were drowned and all her officers were saved.

The German corvette Olga is fast upon a windflat about a quarter of a mile east of the American vessels. While the storm was raging and the vessels fighting for their lives, the Olga came into collision with nearly every man-of-war in the harbor and was badly damaged above her water line. It is thought that she can be towed off. No lives were lost on the Olga.

The only other man-of-war in the harbor was the British corvette Calliope, which arrived here in February and relieved the Royalist. Her machinery was very powerful and she was capable of steaming at the rate of sixteen knots an hour, but she narrowly escaped going ashore at the same place with the Adler, but just as she was about to strike the reef she let go her anchors and in the face of a terrible wind steamed out of the harbor and put to sea.

The beach is strewn with wreckage from one end of the town to the other. Over 200 American and German sailors are quartered in Apia, and for a few days after the storm subsided the greatest confusion existed everywhere. A large number of men on the Vandalia and several on other vessels were badly injured by falling from the rigging and being thrown about decks by the terrible seas, and it was necessary to provide a temporary hospital for their accommodation.

Persons on shore were powerless to render assistance to the ships. Hundreds ran to the water's edge and stood in the blinding storm watching the great vessels pitch about on the waves or drift to total destruction against the reefs. The sea broke upon the reef with a roaring sound and washed far up on the beach, carrying with it great quantities of wreckage. The watchers on shore were submerged time after time and many were injured by the floating wreckage. Great clouds of sand filled the air and cut face and body like a knife. Every one was drenched with the rain, but stood shivering in the storm, prepared to render whatever assistance might be possible.

The natives waded far out into the surf where a white man could not live, and many a life was saved through their efforts. Americans and Germans were treated alike, no thought was given to the state of war existing between the Germans and themselves, and the men who fought the Germans at Vailele a few months before now battled with the waves and risked their own lives to save their enemies from a watery grave.

The storm raged furiously for nearly two days and when the wind finally abated the scene of destruction was awful.

—Monkeys have an aversion to cruelty. In Hindoostan, where three varieties of sacred monkeys enjoy the freedom of every town, these four-handed pensioners often assist the police in enforcing the riot laws by charging on masses for the scene of every dog fight or school-boy scuffle. They will rescue worried cats, and, for greater security, deposit them on the next roof, or suppress rowdyism in general. The stout Rhesus baboon, for instance, being physically as well as morally qualified to quell the aggressive disposition of the fiercest cur. On the platform of a public warehouse the British residents of the Agra, a few years ago, witnessed a scene which put that character trait in even a stronger light. A little street Arab had spread his pallet in the shade of a stack of country produce, and had just dropped asleep when the proprietor of the Planters' Hotel strolled up with a pet leopard that had learned to accompany him in all of his rambles. A troop of tramp monkeys had taken post on the opposite end of the shed, and, like the beggar boy, seemed to enjoy a comfortable siesta, but at the sight of the speckled intruder the whole gang charged like a squadron of sphinx, and instantly forming a semi-circle about the unconscious little sleeper, faced the leopard with bristling manes, and evidently resolved to defeat the suspected purpose of his hostile visit.—Our Dumb Animals.

ABANDONED AT SEA.

A Thingvalla Line Steamer Reported Abandoned and Sinking at Sea—Seven Hundred Lives in Peril.

NEW YORK, April 13.—A dispatch from Queenstown says: "The Inman steamer City of Chester reports that on April 8 she passed the Danish steamer Danmark, from Christiania, Copenhagen, etc., for New York. The Danmark had been abandoned by her crew. She was sinking." The Danmark belonged to the Thingvalla line. Great excitement prevails.

The Danmark had on board when she left Christiansen for New York March 28, 650 passengers, presumably all immigrants. Including the Captain, S. M. Kundsen, the crew numbered forty men.

The office of the agents of the steamer has been thronged with people, anxiously inquiring for further news of the vessel. Mr. Elye, of the firm, does not concede the correctness of the report. He has cabled his London and Copenhagen agents.

The Danmark was formerly the freight steamer Jan Brevdel of the White Cross line. This was the vessel's first trip from the other side under her new name.

The New York agent of the Thingvalla line said: "The Danmark had been completely overhauled and it was thought by all that she was the best of our fleet. There were on board at least 750 people. Of these 650 were passengers. There must have been at least sixty in the crew, and the number may have reached 100 or 125. There are therefore to be accounted for the lives of from 710 to 755 people.

"We have taken steps to discover if there is truth in the story. At 10:30 we sent off two cables. One was to the Lloyds in London asking for further particulars of the abandonment, if such were to be had, and also for the name of the ship that says she sighted the Danmark in such a condition. The second of the two cables was to the home office in Copenhagen also asking for particulars and for advice, and for the names of those 650 people who sailed on the Danmark.

"The position in which the Danmark is said to have been sighted is one in which she might very easily have been at the time, April 8. She had at that time been out from Christiansen thirteen days. I do not think it at all improbable that some fearful calamity has befallen her, but we do not believe that she has been abandoned."

Further particulars of the sighting of the abandoned steamship Danmark by the Inman line City of Chester slowly arrived after noon. The Danmark was rapidly sinking when the Chester saw her. The Chester had sighted her from a distance and had been struck by the apparent absence of any life on board. She had drawn near and investigated and afterward made sure that no one was on board of the abandoned wreck. The Chester lay to and about for several hours. The stern of the Danmark was on a level with the sea. Her bow was far out of the water in the air. There were no visible signs of a collision. No wreckage was floating about. The boats were all gone from their davits and nothing indicating haste and panic were noticeable. After lying to near the wreck for some time the City of Chester proceeded.

OKLAHOMA LANDS.

The Commissioner of the General Land-Office Explains the Manner of Entry—An Important Opinion.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The Commissioner of the General Land-office has made public the following letters as being of general interest to persons contemplating settlement in Oklahoma:

O. M. Wilson, Esq., Arkansas City, Kas.:

GENERAL LAND-OFFICE, WASHINGTON, April 12.—Sir: Your letter of the 4th inst., addressed to the honorable Attorney General in reference to the Oklahoma lands, which are to be opened to settlement under act of Congress of March 2, 1889, has been forwarded by him to this office for answer.

In reply, I have to state that the lands in question are to be disposed of to actual settlers under the Homestead laws only. A party desiring to become an actual settler under the Homestead laws may initiate his claim by entry at the district land office, after properly examining and selecting the land required, in which case he is allowed six months from date of entry within which to establish his actual residence on the land. Or, if he so elect, he may initiate his claim by actual settlement on the land, which must consist of some act or acts connecting himself with the particular tract claimed, said act or acts to be equivalent to an announcement of his intention and from which the public generally may have notice of his claim. Thereafter he is allowed three months within which to make his claim of record by entry in the district land office.

I inclose for your further information copies of circular of January 1, 1889, and April 1, 1892.

Respectfully, S. M. STOCKSLAGER, Commissioner.

AN IMPORTANT OPINION.

Hon. J. J. Ingalls, United States Senate:

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Dear Sir: I have the honor to receive by reference from you and herewith return a letter addressed to you by Mr. G. T. Sommers, dated at Oklahoma Station, Indian Territory, the 29th ultimo. In reply I have to state that the act of March 2, 1889, to which Mr. Sommers refers, provides as he states that no one shall be permitted to enter or acquire any right to any of the Oklahoma lands, to be disposed of thereunder, who violates its provisions by entering upon and occupying the same prior to twelve o'clock noon of April 22, 1889, the date fixed in the President's proclamation of March 23, 1889, for the said lands to become open to settlement. The statutes makes no exception to this provision. I am inclined to think, however, that when a person was already within these lands at the date of the approval of the act by proper authority his presence there should not be regarded as a violation of this provision of the act. The primary jurisdiction to act upon applications to enter rests with the district land officers, and Mr. Sommers may present his application to enter to them with proper proof of his allegation. Should they refuse to permit an entry he may appeal from their action, which would bring his application and proofs before this office for its adjudication of the case. Respectfully, S. M. STOCKSLAGER, Commissioner.

Boulanger Snubbed.

BRUSSELS, April 13.—Upon the arrival of General Boulanger in Deputy Somzee's house last night, the French embassy who were among the guests, departed. Prince de Chimaye, Belgian Minister of Foreign affairs, and most of the other foreign ministers present declined to be introduced to the General and also left the mansion. The other diplomats mostly held aloof from the General.

Another Eastern Storm.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 13.—A heavy thunder, wind and hail storm visited portions of Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and Maryland yesterday, doing considerable damage.

At Ela Garden, Md., a flash of lightning instantly killed John Geber, aged eighteen years, and two horses.

At Franklin, Pa., a tank containing 2,000 barrels of naphtha was struck and destroyed.

At Masontown, Pa., the roof of the $15,000 public school building was lifted off, plate glass windows broken and store fronts blown in.

At Steubenville, O., hailstones as large as eggs fell.

Fight With Robbers.

CENTRALIA, Ill., April 13.—Three robbers entered the post-office here at four o'clock yesterday morning. They were discovered by two policemen and a desperate fight ensued, many shots being exchanged. One of the robbers fell, wounded, and the other two ran away. The police pursued them a short distance and when they came back found the wounded man had escaped, leaving his revolver and shoes. The robbers secured what money was in the stamp drawer, a little over $1. Later, a large negro was found dead at the Central City bridge, terribly mangled. He had no shoes on, and is supposed to be the robber shot by one of the officers.

THE GREAT DAY.

The Santa Fe Issues an Important Circular—Oklahoma Land Officers Receiving Instructions.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 14.—A circular signed by Manager A. A. Robinson and General Superintendent George L. Sands, of the Santa Fe, was issued yesterday morning and has caused considerable comment. It reads as follows:

To all Concerned:

First—In order that persons visiting the Oklahoma country with a view of locating land on and after April 22 may have no grounds of complaint against the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Company or its employes, all persons in the employ of the company are hereby absolutely prohibited entering or attempting to enter any lands in Oklahoma, and if there are any persons in the employ of the company contemplating the entry of lands in Oklahoma they are hereby requested to hand in their resignations at once.

Second—For the information of those who are unaware of the existence of peace laws in the Indian Territory, the following information is given: An act of Congress entitled "an act to establish a necessary court in the Indian Territory," approved March 1, 1889, provides for the establishment of