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CURRENT COMMENT.

A COMPLETELY satisfactory test of the new fire alarm apparatus in the White House has been made.

An unlocked lamp alongside the corpse of a workman named Morris explains the last colliery explosion in Wales.

HENRY M. STANLEY will leave Cairo on the 26th for Nice, where he will remain a week and then proceed to Brussels.

A BILL fixing the salary of the District court judges at \$8,000 per year has been favorably reported by the Judiciary Committee.

THE O'Brien divorce case will probably not be tried until fall as further time has been asked for by Mr. Farrell to secure evidence.

FRANCIS BISMARCK is said to be firm in his intention of retiring. He says: 'I have done my work and want rest and recreation.'

THE remaining indebtedness of Ives and Stayer, in connection with Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton affairs, is to be compromised at five cents on the dollar.

THE wages of the steamship firemen and seamen at Liverpool have been advanced ten shillings a month, and all trouble so far as these men are concerned is over.

HENRY M. STANLEY will arrive in London April 25, and on May 5 he will deliver a lecture at Albert Hall. Emin Pasha has accepted the invitation to visit London.

BECAUSE William Dudley, aged eighteen, son of a minister at Eau Claire, Wis., was late at school and the class was deprived of a half holiday, several of the boys gave him a terrible drubbing.

INFORMATION has reached Detroit of the existence near Pott, Oceola County, of one of the most infamous stockade dens that ever disgraced Michigan. Thirteen girls are held in slavery by one Jim Murfin.

THE sessions of the international labor conference will be held in the large hall of Prince Bismarck's College, where the congress of 1878 was held. Baron von Bismarck, Prussian Minister of Commerce, will open the proceedings.

THE Foreign Corporations bill passed both houses of the Maryland Legislature and awaits the signature of the Governor to become a law. It imposes a tax ranging from one to two per cent. on the gross receipts of all corporations outside of Maryland, doing business in the State.

THE correspondence between Germany and Great Britain relative to the scope of the international labor conference has been made public. In his letters on the subject Lord Salisbury, the British Prime Minister, declined to favor any scheme looking to a legal restriction of the hours of labor.

IN the British House of Commons Sir James Ferguson, Under Foreign Secretary, responding to a question as to the position of the British government, declined to say anything until he should be able to communicate to the House such information as might be imparted without detriment.

THE Whitney mansion at New York was thrown open for the first time in four years on the 11th, and many guests were hidden in the rooms. Assisting Mrs. Whitney to receive were: Mrs. Grover Cleveland, Miss Winthrop, Miss Amy Bond, Miss Fletcher, Miss Helen Hewitt and Miss Belle Hargrove.

AN official trial of the dynamite guns of the cruiser Vesuvius has been made. The cruiser was towed to a point in the Delaware river near Marquibook. The test was on the point of range, aim and distance. Wooden boxes loaded with gunpowder were used and the test is reported to have been eminently satisfactory.

IT is stated in Berlin that in the course of an interview between Prince Bismarck and Dr. Windthorst the Chancellor asked the Clerical leader to support the Government in the Reichstag. The Government is preparing for introduction in the Reichstag proposals for financial support to the Military Department which will be startling in their magnitude and scope.

THE Frankfurt lottery is making a great effort to prevent the Kentucky Legislature from putting an end to its operations. It is charged that its agents have been attempting to bribe legislators. Hon. Evan Slette, of Owenton, says that he was offered money as a reward, ostensibly for his services as a legislator, but really in the nature of a bribe. Feeling in the Legislature against the lottery is growing strong.

THE Supreme Court of New York has decided that pool selling on races was legalized by the act of the Legislature in 1887. The decision was in a case where a man used a racing association to recover winnings on a pool ticket. The defense moved to dismiss the complaint on the ground that it was gambling. The lower court granted the motion, but the general term reversed this ruling and ordered a new trial.

A DEAL has been consummated, it is reported, by which Kookak Irons, will become the most important hog market between Chicago and the Missouri river. The hogs have been purchased and contracts made for the erection of sheds, the building of buildings and all the necessary appliances to put the institution in readiness to care for 5,000 hogs a day. E. M. Horne, lately of the Pacific coast market, will be president of the company, which will be known as the Kookak Armour stock yards.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned By Telegraph and Mail.

CONGRESS.

IN the Senate on the 13th Senator Hoar, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, reported on the Cherokee Call...

The British Government, in reply to a question by a member of Parliament, states that it has no power to approach the Russian Government on behalf of the Siberian exiles.

PRESIDENTY HARRISON and party visited Charleston, S. C., on the 14th.

DR. CHARLES F. TROWEN has declined the Chancellorship of the University of Kansas tendered him by the Board of Regents.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

EDWARD HARRISON and Noah Loder, wholesale dry goods merchants of New York City, have assigned with \$400,000 liabilities and nominal assets in excess of liabilities.

By an explosion of dynamite on the Brooklyn aqueduct near Rockville Center, L. I., two men were blown to pieces and two others badly hurt.

The sale of the Burlington & Northern, it is thought, will have a quieting effect on the rate troubles.

FOUR of the party who lynched Olson at Whitehall Wis., October 24 last have been found guilty, among them Olson's wife, who urged the lynching and provided refreshments for the mob.

THE Rio Grande railway recently had 200 snow shovellers at work opening the snow blockade across the San Juan range at Cumbyra, on the east side of the divide. The snow was reported sixty feet above the top of the telegraph poles and for miles on each side it was from twenty-five to forty-five feet deep.

An epidemic resembling influenza is creating havoc in India.

By an ordinance at San Francisco all Chinamen residents are required to move their residences and places of business within sixty days to certain sections of the southern part of the city. They number 90,000.

TWENTY thousand men employed as engineers in Northeast England have organized a strike for shorter hours.

In the Lower Rio Grande country in Texas cattle are suffering for water.

A TERRIBLE landslide occurred in a cut on the West Virginia Central railroad, forty miles west of Cumberland, Md., on the 14th. A work train was wrecked and three men were killed and four injured, mostly Italians.

The river reached the highest point known at Memphis, Tenn., on the 14th.

BUSINESS failures (Dun's report) for the seven days ended March 13 numbered 232, compared with 200 the previous week and 291 the corresponding week of last year.

SECRETARY WINDOM has received a letter from Secretary Blaine, asking for an additional appropriation of \$25,000 to meet the expenses of the international marine conference held in Washington last autumn. The original appropriation was \$30,000.

THE L. Lauric woodenware factory, Potowasky, Mich., was destroyed by fire the other day, causing \$100,000 loss.

Two men were burned to death recently while asleep in the workmen's building near the new bridge at Johnston, Pa.

SECRETARY WINDOM has executed a lease with the North American Commercial Company, of New York and San Francisco, for the taking of fur seals on the islands of St. Paul and St. George, Alaska, for a period of twenty years from May 1 next.

THE steamship George H. Chance, of Astoria, Ore., with a crew of fifteen men has not been heard from for a month and is reported lost.

GREAT damage to wheat in Central and Southern Illinois by the recent cold snap is reported to the State Board of Agriculture.

A SWITCH near Andover, O., was splintered by microbeats the other night to wreck a fast passenger train. Fortunately a slow freight preceded the express and struck the switch. Little damage was done.

Two boys went under the ice while skating at St. Paul, Minn., on the 13th.

THREE fishermen were lost on the lake near Chicago the other night. They must have been captured or perished with cold on an ice floe.

THE three desperados who escaped from the Rio Grande County (Col.) jail recently were overtaken in the mountains and on resisting arrest were killed.

CLEARING house returns for the week ended March 15 showed an average increase of 4.1 compared with the corresponding week of last year. In New York the increase was 3.1.

By a landslide on the west side of Warren's hill at Troy, N. Y., recently, two dwellings were demolished and three persons killed and several injured.

THE Senate was not in session on the 15th. The House listened to eulogies on the late William D. Kelley, of Pennsylvania.

Two workmen were torn to pieces and several other persons were badly injured by a boiler explosion at the north-west colliery near Carbondale, Pa.

By the burning of Robert William Livingston's farm house near Quebec, Can., the other night, two children perished.

A DISPATCH was received at Baltimore, Md., on the 15th that the United States steamship Dispatch was ashore at Oadai Point, Secretary Tracy and party were on board bound for Newark.

THE late revolt in Afghanistan ended in a complete victory for the Afghans, who captured many of the captured leaders.

SECRETARY FRONCOIS has issued an order transferring the headquarters of the Department of the Missouri from Leavenworth, Kan., to St. Louis, Mo.

THE New York Star says that William Hunt, the distinguished sculptor, is insane. He had been wandering around the country, but was finally found by his friends.

THE new French Cabinet is: President of the Council and Minister of War, M. De Freycinet; Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Arbellot; Minister of the Interior, M. Constant; Minister of Finance, M. Rouvier; Minister of Justice, M. Fallieres; Minister of Commerce, M. Boucher; Minister of Public Instruction, M. Bourgeois; Minister of Agriculture, M. Derville; Minister of Public Works, M. Guyot; Minister of Marine, M. Barbet; Minister of Colonies, M. Eyraud.

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STRIPPING THE STRIP.

Exit Ordered By President Harrison.

Belated Individuals Continue to Arrive—Cavalry Ordered to the Scene—No Trouble Thought Likely.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The President has issued the following proclamation: To Whom It May Concern: The lands known as the Cherokee Strip are not open to settlement. The bill pending in Congress and intended to provide a civil government for the country known as Oklahoma does not provide for opening the Cherokee Strip or Outlet to settlement and has not as yet received the vote of the two houses of Congress or the approval of the President.

The entrance of settlers upon these lands is unlawful, and all persons are hereby warned against entering thereon. When these lands shall become open to settlement, prompt public notice will be given of that fact, but in the meantime it is my duty to forbid all persons therefrom, and those who enter unlawfully will only involve themselves in unprofitable trouble as they will be promptly removed.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL KELTON telegraphed General Merritt at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to use troops if necessary and with prudence, as heretofore, to enforce the proclamation by the President relative to intruders upon the Cherokee Strip lands. The order is sent by direction of the Secretary of War.

The President has appointed Senator Cameron, of Wisconsin, a member of the Commission to negotiate for the cession to the United States of the Cherokee and other Indian lands in the Indian Territory, vice General Lemus Fairchild, resigned. This appointment fills the only vacancy in the Commission.

The members of the Commission will arrive in Washington within a few days to receive instructions from the Secretary of the Interior, after which negotiations with the Cherokees will be immediately resumed.

J. B. Mayes, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, in the city, having come here for the purpose of protesting against the Government taking the Cherokee Strip. The news of the occupation of the Strip by the boomers has angered him, and he said he hoped the boomers would be at once ousted.

MILITARY MOVEMENTS.

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 17.—General Merritt has directed the commanding officers of the posts at Fort Supply and Reno in the Indian Territory to send, with the least practicable delay, two troops of cavalry from their respective posts to the Cherokee Strip and drive out all trespassers.

These are all the movements that have been ordered from this department. The four troops represent a strength of 240 men and can reach the points in the Strip within two days. The Supply cavalry can reach there before that time by forced march. This will likely be done.

The only action taken by the Department Commander was to notify the commanding officers of the posts named to hold their cavalry in readiness for an emergency. This precaution was taken prior to the receipt of orders from the War Department. Reports that the troops at this post are under marching orders are not correct. No such orders have been issued and no such move is contemplated by these troops.

BOOMERS LEAVING.

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., March 17.—The situation yesterday was virtually unchanged, save that colonists were continually leaving the Strip and looking for other quarters.

Reports from Caldwell and Hunsell state that there has been no excitement at either place during the day beyond the advent of a few belated settlers who had not heard the news and were still looking for the promised land. None of them appeared to be greatly encouraged by the outlook.

The only break in the monotony here was the advent of Lieutenant Charles Dodge, Jr., of General Merritt's staff, sent from Fort Leavenworth to ascertain the exact condition of affairs. Speaking of the situation Dodge said: 'I am convinced reports have greatly exaggerated the number of boomers and would not place them above 1,500. I am also convinced there are large numbers of these who will come out voluntarily when they learn the conditions, but a few will stay until ordered out by the military. You may state with authority that should troops be called out they will not be located at any border town, but somewhere in the southern part of the Strip, where they can make effective patrol. It is not the purpose of the department to aid in booming any of these border towns or to give countenance to the reports that such is their plan of action.'

MAY FLY WITH THE WINGS.

PHILADELPHIA, March 16.—The court of common pleas has refused to grant the Philadelphia National League Club an injunction to restrain William Hallman from playing with the Philadelphia Players' League Club. The Philadelphia National League Club claimed that under the 'reserve rule' the club had an option on Hallman's services for the season of 1900.

FIRE IN A MILITARY STORE.

ATKINSON, Kan., March 16.—The military stock of Mrs. G. May was totally destroyed by fire last night. Loss, \$14,000; insurance, \$8,000. Origin of the fire unknown.

ACCIDENT TO A SURGEON.

NEW YORK, March 16.—While Prof. George Tuttle was illustrating an abdominal operation on a subject before a number of students in the dissecting room of Roosevelt Hospital Wednesday morning he accidentally ran the needle into his right hand. He bathed and cauterized the wound, but blood poisoning set in and now the doctor is in danger of losing his arm. Dr. Tuttle is one of the best known abdominal operators among the surgeons of this country. Should it be necessary to resort to amputation to save his life it will practically put an end to his career.

A GREAT RUSH.

A Misunderstanding Causes a WILD Run For the Cherokee Outlet—Boomers Starved.

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., March 15.—When the report came in Thursday evening that the House of Representatives had passed the Oklahoma bill and declared the Cherokee Outlet to be open for settlement, the city went wild with joy, and a general jollification was immediately instituted by the citizens and boomers who have been congregating here waiting for the glad tidings.

It was not long, however, before the celebration changed into a common desire to proceed at once to the Strip and search for locations and claims. As this idea spread the boomers began to pack up their belongings, and by midnight the whole town was on the move, getting ready for a grand invasion. As the work proceeded a panic appeared to strike the boomers, and the migration began before daylight. As the crowd began to move a regular stampede occurred, and wagons, buggies, horsemen and footmen went helter skelter across the country as fast as possible, as if they were afraid the claims would all be taken before they could get there.

All day long a steady stream poured over the border and by midnight the city was almost depopulated, and not less than 5,000 people had gone into the Cherokee Strip in the mail. Some carried tents, some had houses on wheels and some had portable houses loaded up on wagons, which went at a gallop across the prairie to the claims which have been staked out for some time waiting for this day.

In the rush across a small bridge the crowd became so great that the structure gave way and the passers were precipitated into the stream, causing the breaking of three legs and the killing of a horse.

ALL A MISTAKE.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—One of those unfortunate errors of transmission occurred yesterday in the report of the House, wherein Mr. Perkins was made to say that the Cherokee Outlet was open to settlement by the provisions of the Oklahoma bill which passed the House.

This error had been followed with such grave consequences all along the border that Mr. Perkins felt called upon to rise in the House yesterday in explanation and correction. The Strip is not declared public land in the bill, but No-Man's-Land is, and this is what caused the error.

POSSIBLE HOSTILITIES.

Great Rumors Concerning the Fisheries Dispute With Great Britain.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Considerable uneasiness exists in a subdued way since it is whispered about confidentially that trouble is imminent at the Department of State over the fisheries question which, unless accommodated, is likely to precipitate hostilities with Great Britain.

It is said that the representatives of the two Governments are inharmonious over the fisheries issue and matters bear the appearance of a rupture between the high contracting parties. It is not divulged, however, upon what particular propositions the disagreements exist, but it is believed that within three or four days matters will culminate one way or the other with the chances favoring a rupture.

It will be remembered that some weeks since Foraker, of Ohio, made the statement that he had been called upon last fall by the War Department authorities to advise them as to how many men he could throw into Canada upon a sudden crisis but the War Office people explained that this was only a question relating to the general operations of the militia and had no reference whatever to any threatened or impending trouble with Great Britain.

It is now believed that Governor Foraker's statement was extremely significant, although he may not have realized it, and that the explanation made by the War Department was only a ruse to cover the real purpose of the inquiry. This opinion is strengthened by the fact that the War Department authorities were furious and denounced Foraker for 'giving the thing away.'

TRAGEDY AT PLEASANT HILL.

A Conspicuous Suicide—Suicide of His Acquaintance.

PLEASANT HILL, Mo., March 15.—Constable A. D. Frazer was mortally wounded yesterday by E. H. Stonaker, who in turn took the knife and plunged it into his own heart. This is the case. Stonaker was a man of dissolute habits and had several times been arrested by Frazer for drunkenness. Yesterday they met. Frazer was drunk and angry words passed between them, owing to former arrests, which had nettled Stonaker considerably. Words only increased the bad blood and Stonaker's knife was soon in use and had wounded the officer. Supposing that he had killed him, he immediately stabbed himself in the heart and died. Frazer is still alive, but it is believed he can not live.

REPORTING BOOMERS.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 15.—The Indians at Crow Creek agency, S. D., are raising serious objections to the quantity of rations issued to them each week. As many of them are well enough civilized to be self-sustaining the Indian agent has gradually reduced the rations furnished them in order to make them have more dependence upon themselves for their daily bread. There was quite a serious disturbance when rations were distributed last Monday.

THE Worst Grow of Cows.

CAIRO, Ill., March 15.—The high water is subsiding and the rice coming from above will not materially check the fall here. The rice in the Mississippi, unless very high, will not affect the stage of water here. The Ohio being so high will cause backwater in the Mississippi, and this water will all run out through the lowlands of Missouri. Trading from the north are all running and also from the south on the Illinois Central and Mobile & Ohio. The Illinois Central between Cobden and Wabasha has delayed trains some on that road, but they expect to have every thing going by noon. The weather is cloudy and cool.