

AROUND THE EARTH

OCCURRENCES THEREIN FOR A WEEK.

FAMOUS CASE ENDED

GOVERNMENT BEATEN BY BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY.

Involves the Berliner Patent—Company Granted Control of the Invention Until the Year 1908 by the United States Supreme Court.

The Berliner Patent Case. Through a decision of the United States supreme court rendered Monday the Bell Telephone Company won the case brought against it by the United States to annul the last Berliner patent. This decision has the effect of continuing the control of the telephone by the Bell company seventeen years from the date of the last patent granted in 1891.

The government asked to have the patent set aside on the ground that a delay of thirteen years in the patent office was fraudulent and through the fault of the telephone company in collusion with patent officers. The court, in an opinion delivered by Justice Brewer, held that there was no evidence of corruption or undue influence exercised over the patent office by the telephone company, and that no evidence of delay in granting the patent was brought about by the company. Justice Harlan dissented and Justices Gray and Brown took no part in the case, presumably because they were interested. It is claimed the Berliner patent practically controls the telephone, covering both the receipt and transmission of sound.

FOOD SCARCE IN HAVANA.

Weyler's Reports More Colored as the Situation Grows Worse.

A New York Herald's Havana dispatch says: There is grim humor in the official announcements as to the state of the insurrection and the outlook which causes a sneer in Havana, where food is scarce and sound money scarcer. As the situation grows worse at every point, the palace reports become more rose colored.

For instance, for a centen which is worth \$5.30 in Spanish gold one may get an equivalent of \$11.30 in paper money today in Havana. During the ten years' war the centen was worth \$13 in paper and no one doubts that the billets will reach or pass that point again. Two months ago the centen was worth \$8.50 in paper and then there was less talk of pacification and reforms than now.

Gen. Weyler is in Santa Clara again and his arrival there does not well accord with the announcement that he has made so recently that the province was pacified. It may be that he has heard the same rumor which reached Havana and which was to the effect that Sagua La Grande is threatened by the concentration of several thousand insurgents in the hills there, and an attack is evidently meditated.

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS ILLEGAL.

Court Holds that Religious Instruction Violates the Constitution.

Judge Carpenter of Detroit, Mich., granted a mandamus upon the relation of Conrad Pfeiffer for the board of education to show cause why the reading of the Bible should be further continued in the public schools. A book entitled "Readings from the Bible" was introduced in the public schools by the board. The court declared that constituted religious instruction, and that the petitioner as a taxpayer was clearly compelled to aid in supporting the instructor.

In conclusion, Judge Carpenter said: "Our constitutional provisions respecting religious liberty mean precisely what they declare. They forbid any legislative authority compelling a person to pay taxes for the support of a teacher of religion or diminishing or enlarging the civil rights of any person on account of his religious belief."

Rumor of Collapse of a Pool.

The rumor is prevalent that the beam pool has collapsed, though the manufacturers of the product at Pittsburgh, Pa., will not discuss the matter. It was composed of the Carnegie Steel Company, the Lackawanna Steel Company, the Illinois Steel Company, the Shenango Steel Company and Jones & Laughlin. It is said that within a week prices have dropped from \$1.55 per pound to 95 cents.

California Capitalist Asphyxiated.

William Bramwell Carr, a capitalist, mine and land owner, and at one time a political leader of California, was found dead in bed at his residence in San Francisco, by his wife. His death was evidently due to accidental asphyxiation.

Mrs. Cyrus Fillmore Dead.

Mrs. Cyrus Fillmore, widow of the brother of ex-President Millard Fillmore, fell from the porch of her daughter's residence in Sturgis, Mich., Sunday and died shortly after from concussion of the brain.

Sultan's Claims.

A dispatch from Constantinople says: "Turkey will certainly claim a fair allowance of the rights of a victor and in this claim she will be supported by Russia and Germany."

Avalanche in India.

A British officer and thirty coolies were killed by an avalanche at Simla, India, Monday morning.

Tells Story of Bribery.

The greatest sensation that has developed so far in connection with what is known as the Humphrey bills, extending street car franchises fifty years, was created at Springfield, Ill., by a reported attempt to bribe the committee clerk, who was mis-taken for a member of the house.

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ENGLISH PRESS VERY BITTER

Comment on the Rejection of the Arbitration Treaty.

The London papers are bitter at the rejection of the arbitration treaty by the United States senate. The St. James Gazette publishes a long article headed "Free Trade and Brotherly Love," in which it says: "Great Britain has removed every hampering tariff and thousands of square miles of American territory; scores of its cities and millions of its citizens thrive by virtue of the English market. Yet the senate committee has piled up the most vexatious and impenetrable wall of tariffs any nation ever formed against another, while the senate has decided against a permanent machinery for the peaceful settlement of the disputes. The much abused diplomats were advised that the treaty would be accepted, but the politicians preferred to listen to the counsels of an ex-convict and sworn enemy of England, who, having taken the oath of allegiance to the queen, spends his vacation in Washington, advising the senators to hope and work patiently for an opportunity to twist the British lion's tail?" We rejoice at the new Canadian tariff for many reasons, not the least of which is that it restores to us a weapon with which to fight our rivals in the future. Free imports at any price de-prived us of that weapon."

CLOSE OF THE TURNFEST.

Laural Wreaths Bestowed on Victors in Athletic Games.

The twenty-seventh national festival of the North American Gymnastic Union, or Turnerbund, close a most successful meeting at St. Louis Sunday, and prizes were awarded to the visitors. Like those given by King George of Greece to the successful competitors in the Olympian games at Athens last year the prizes consisted of laurel wreaths. It had been expected to make Sunday the banner day of the festival, but the wet weather caused a curtailment of the program. The mass exercises had to be abandoned, but the competitors in field sports, groups 1 and 2, were able to finish. The great work of computing the results of the many contests kept a corps of ten men busy night and day from the beginning of the contests until late Sunday evening.

ILLINOIS OFFICIAL INDICTED

Grain Inspector Andrews Accused of Embezzlement.

The grand jury at Chicago on the 8th returned seven indictments against Dwight W. Andrews, state grain inspector, and Benjamin F. Jenkins, cashier of the state grain inspector's office. Both are accused of embezzling state funds.

Andrews is accused of embezzling a total of \$11,450, and his bonds are fixed at \$9,500. Jenkins is charged with embezzling \$3,200. He is accused of having been accessory in all the charges against Andrews and his bonds are fixed at \$9,000.

Andrews is said to be at Owatonna, Minn., and Jenkins was said to be in Joplin, Mo., but the state's attorney received information to the effect that Jenkins was in Chicago in hiding, and deputy sheriffs went in search of him, but no trace has been found of him.

Estimated Sugar Duty.

The Republican members of the senate finance committee have furnished the Democratic members of the committee rough estimates of the revenue to be derived from the tariff bill as prepared by them and compared with the house bill and the McKinley and Wilson laws. A rough calculation given on the importation of sugar indicates a probable total of about \$90,000,000 of duty, compared with a probable total of about \$50,000,000 as provided by the house bill.

Test of Armor Plate.

The government test at the Bethlehem (Pa.) Iron Company's proving ground of ten inch plate, representing side armor for the cruisers Kearsarge and Kentucky, was successful in every respect. The penetration projectile entered only three inches and then shattered, while the cracking shot failed to make a single crack. The test, although severe, was a triumph for the company, and the entire group of plates was accepted by the government.

Carriagemakers Fail.

B. Vandeville & Co., large carriage manufacturers of New Haven, Conn., have made an assignment. Losses through a trusted employee and business depression are given as the cause.

Virginia Banker Suicides.

N. W. Nelson president of the Metropolitan Bank of Richmond, Va., was found dead in his bed room with the gun turned on. It is supposed he suicided as the result of sickness.

Oregon Bank Closed.

The Dalles National Bank at Dalles, Ore., was closed on the 8th by Bank Examiner Charles Clary. No statement of assets and liabilities has yet been made.

Weekly Bank Statement.

The weekly bank statement shows a reserve decrease of \$4,822,000. The banks now hold \$54,096,000 in excess of the legal requirements.

Condition of the Treasury.

Saturday's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$232,157,396; gold reserve, \$148,387,825.

The socialists of Leek, Staffordshire, Eng., have purchased an old quaker meetinghouse and turned it into a labor church. The edifice is two centuries old, and stands in a well-tufted enclosure, surrounded by tall old trees, where open air meetings will be held in summer.

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SIXTEEN LIVES LOST

STEAMER LEONA TAKES FIRE IN MID-OCEAN.

Victims Were in the Steerage, and When the Fire Was Discovered All Escape Was Cut Off—Desperate but Unavailing Efforts to Save Them.

Sixteen Lives Are Lost.

The Mallory line steamer Leona, which left New York on Saturday bound for Galveston took fire at sea, put back and arrived in port Sunday night with sixteen coxswains on board. The dead were thirteen steerage passengers and three members of the crew, who succumbed to a terrible fire which occurred off the Delaware capes at an early hour Sunday morning. Those who are dead were penned up below the decks, and although frantic efforts were made by the officers of the vessel to save them, the fire had gained such terrific headway before the danger was discovered that all escape was cut off. The steamer carried in her cargo many bales of cotton. It is not certain how the fire originated, but when it was discovered it burst forth with such fury that it was impossible to reach the steerage. Even then the steerage passengers apparently were unmindful of the danger, else the smoke and flames had not reached them. The saloon passengers were first aroused and in such a manner as to cause little alarm. When it became apparent that the fire had cut off the steerage, the captain and his men poured great quantities of water down the ventilators, and the most frantic efforts were made for those penned up. In this way eight of the steerage passengers made their escape. The passengers were all transferred to the City of Augusta in safety and the work of fighting the fire was continued. About 9 o'clock in the morning the flames were under control and the steamer out of danger. The passengers were sent back to the steamer Leona and the City of Augusta continued on her way to Savannah. The Leona put about and returned to port under her own steam.

ATLANTA'S MILITARY SCANDAL

Capt. Romeyn Will Get Off with a Reprimand.

Capt. Henry Romeyn of Atlanta, Ga., will not be fully acquitted by the court-martial which set on his case a week ago. He will receive a reprimand for unsoldierly and ungentlemanly conduct for his behavior on the parade ground in knocking down Lieut. O'Brien. The court-martial practically vindicates him on the other charges, holding that current criticisms of Mrs. O'Brien's conduct were such as to justify the strictures he passed on it. The members of the court-martial were practically agreed before the conclusion of the session as to the verdict, but hesitated over what terms to employ in expressing it. They felt that leniency was due the accused for his loyal service to the country, extending over a period of thirty-four years, and now that he is to retire in four weeks they did not wish to cast any more serious reflection on his fair record than this.

NASHVILLE'S FAIR.

Total Attendance of 73,500 for the First Week.

The first seven days of the centennial exposition showed an attendance of 47,500, Saturday, the eighth day, more than surpassed all expectations. Twenty-six thousand admissions were registered during the day and night, several thousand more than attended on the opening day, making a total so far of 73,500 who have attended, although the government building is not open to visitors and the pictures in the parthenon were not all in place. Thus far no accident or injury has occurred within the exposition grounds and the second week bids fair to open most auspiciously.

FIVE DEAD AND FIVE DYING.

Drank Water from a Stream Which Had Been Poisoned.

Someone put poison in Ball Creek spring, Pikeville, Ky., and as a result five persons are dead and five more are dying from drinking water from the spring. Ambrose Free's son, a boy, a farm hand, a peddler named Moss and Annie Low, a colored woman, are dead.

Flattering Accounts of Crops.

The traffic officials of the western and northwestern roads declare that they are receiving the most flattering accounts of the crop conditions in Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota and the Dakotas. They say that the reports of their agents are to the effect that not in any recent year have the conditions been so favorable and they are looking for a large business in the fall. This is largely counting the crop before it is in the ground, but the majority of the reports from railway agents are of so sanguine a nature that the roads are feeling very cheerful over the prospects ahead of them.

Another Tin Plate Mill Opened.

The American Tin Plate Company has started another mill at its plant at Elwood, Ind., and this makes seventeen in full operation. Additional men were furnished employment, and the outlook is good for a further increase. The work on the big steel plant is progressing finely, and it will be completed July 1, when it will be started with 300 men.

Eaten by the Natives.

According to private advices F. M. B. Lichtenburg, the son of a prominent and wealthy London family, and an ex-missionary whose name is not known, who went to the Santa Cruz Islands to trade, have been killed and eaten by the natives.

A number of papers of interest to Methodists have been discovered in two boxes at the Wesleyan Conference office in London. Among them are forty-four letters of John Wesley to his brother Charles, and eighty by Selina, Countess of Huntingdon, the founder of the sect known as the Countess of Huntingdon Connection, written to Charles Wesley.

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PROFIT BY TARIFF TIPS.

Senators Said to Have Made Large Sums in Sugar Stocks.

A Washington special says: Monday last a certain stock broker in this city filed an order for 9,000 shares of sugar stock in Wall Street. His customers were three United States senators. In filling this order the broker began buying at 113 $\frac{1}{2}$ and bought up to 115. Tuesday this deal was closed out at from 117 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 118. The profit on the transaction was about \$30,000. This is what one broker did. How much stock was handled by other brokers here and in New York for senatorial account no one knows.

It is pretty well understood that senators who were able to get inside information concerning the sugar schedule in the finance committee revision have been buying in Wall Street for a week or more. They were speculating on a sure thing.

There is a great deal of gossip about the senatorial investments in sugar, but it is not considered probable the senate will order an investigation. The senate does not care for any more sugar speculation investigations.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW.

A Better Demand for Staples at Various Points.

Bradstreet's says: Favorable business features this week include the continued decline of water in flooded districts of the Mississippi River valley, in a portion of which planting has begun; better demand for staples at Baltimore, St. Louis, Omaha, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Sioux Falls; larger sales of iron ore to western furnaces; and a revival of activity among country merchants in some central western states.

Cool weather west has checked the retail demand and complaints are received from wholesale dealers in boots, clothing and dry goods. Low temperature has retarded the growth of cotton and corn in Texas, and in Kentucky the leaf tobacco crop will short.

Exports of wheat from both coasts of the United States and Canada this week, four included as wheat, amount to 1,799,322 bushels, as compared with 1,882,000 bushels in the week a year ago. Exports of Indian corn amount to 3,127,781 bushels this week, compared with 1,891,000 bushels in the week a year ago.

MASSACRE IN EPIRUS.

Greek Non-Combatants Slaughtered by Turks.

A special from Athens says: "Colonel Manos wires from Arta that the Turks have begun a wholesale massacre of the inhabitants in the interior of Epirus. Almost all of the inhabitants of the village of Kanavarina have been murdered, a few only escaping to the mountains. From other parts women are arriving at Arta in the most miserable condition, begging for protection for their husbands and children, who are being murdered by the enraged Turkish troops. Many of these poor creatures have gone mad. Some are unable to articulate a single word, others relate unnameable atrocities.

A Wisconsin Butcherery.

A double, and what may yet prove a quadruple, murder occurred at the farm home of Alexander Harris, who resided in the southeastern corner of the township of Waukesha, Wis., early Saturday morning, the victims being Harris, his wife, hired girl and hired man. The crime was committed, it is supposed, by a farm hand named William Pouch, who had been sheltered by the farmer over night.

Kansas Orators Victorious.

The third annual debate between the state universities of Kansas and Nebraska was held at Lawrence, Kan., Saturday night in the university auditorium. Kansas, which was represented by Fred Wood, C. M. Sharp and W. C. Coleman, was victorious. The subject was: "Should it be the policy of the United States to extend Her Dominions