

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Brief Proceedings in Congress Yesterday.

Resuscitation of the Inheritance of Secretary Frelinghuysen.

In the Form of a Letter From Earl Granville to Minister West.

Being an Exhaustive and Exhausting Review of the Panama Canal Question.

Miscellaneous Notes of a National Character.

CONGRESS.

National Associated Press.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 17.—Mr. Coke, on the committee on commerce, reported favorably the bill making an appropriation for continuation of the improvement at Galveston harbor, and it was passed.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE.

The speaker announced the regular order of business to be the motion to lay on the table the motion submitted at the close of yesterday's session by Mr. Springer to reconsider the vote by which the house rejected the amendment offered to the appropriation bill by Mr. Colerick.

The following is a summary of the bill as finally adopted: The first section gives 325 members, distributed to states as telegraphed in these dispatches last night. The second section provides when a new state is admitted the representation assigned to it shall be in addition to this number, 325.

After passage of the apportionment bill, the house took up the private calendar. The first bill was to restore Thomas Little, a court-martialed captain in the army, to his rank.

THE CANAL CONTROVERSY.

National Associated Press.

A LETTER FROM EARL GRANVILLE.

WASHINGTON, February 17.—The following letter from Earl Granville to the British minister here was the most important document among the correspondence sent to the house by the president to-day in response to the resolution:

It is dated January 7th, 1882, and says: In a dispatch of the 13th ult. I informed you that the United States minister to this court had communicated to me the substance of a dispatch which he had received from Mr. Blaine, then secretary of state, on the subject of the convention of the 19th of April, 1850.

could be regarded as a military route to the Indian. For years afterwards the whole mass of reformers of India was sent by way of the Cape of Good Hope. Nor has any addition been made to the strength of these positions since the opening of the canal beyond what has been the natural consequence of improvement in military science.

territory lying between that waterway and the United States belongs practically to an independent position as that which they now do. These are consequences that in the conviction of her majesty's government would almost certainly follow from the claim on the part of the United States to assume supreme authority over the canal and all responsibility for its control.

FATAL FIREWORKS.

That Went Off Prematurely in Chester, Penn.

Instantly Killing a Large Number of People and Injuring Others.

Full Particulars of the Catastrophe With Names of the Killed and Injured.

Extensive List of Casualties That Happened Elsewhere.

Yesterday's Record of the Work of The Flames.

CASUALTIES.

National Associated Press.

AN AWFUL EXPLOSION.

CHESTER, Pa., February 17.—This is the blackest day in the history of our fair city. Death in most frightful shape has laid low nearly a score of our people, and many more have been wounded.

You are authorized to read this dispatch to the secretary of state and to give him a copy of it if he should desire it. I am, etc.

Barber, assistant foreman of one of the trucks. James Wunderlich, a well known citizen. McNeal, employed near the manufactory. Hissard Williams, a police officer.

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WAYLAIN AND CLEANED OUT. YOUNGSTOWN, February 17.—Jas. McCarty, of Hazelton, a suburb of this city, was waylaid last night, knocked down and robbed of his money and a portion of his clothing. Frank Frost has been arrested for the crime.

MEXICAN DUELS. LAREDO, Tex., February 17.—The Mexican news announces two duels. Monday Senora Rabago and Guerdno fought near the City of Mexico; the former's arm was shot off. Two editors fought in Guadalupe; both were killed.

SHOT A SERENADER. VICKSBURG, Miss., February 17.—A party of young men were serenading Dr. J. B. Clayton, at Good-man, and Clayton shot and killed F. L. Lester, one of the serenaders.

AGAIN RESPIRED. NEW MADRID, Mo., February 17.—Martin Palquist, who was to have been hanged to-day, has been again respited.

OREGON STAR ROUTERS. WASHINGTON, February 17.—The grand jury are examining the conduct of star routers in Oregon, and this morning examined a number of witnesses from that state.

THE OWNER UNDER BONDS.

NEW YORK, February 17.—Orlando P. Potter, who owned the old World building, gave bonds before Coroner Hermann to-day in \$5,000, to appear before the grand jury.

PADDY RYAN ROBBED.

Paddy Ryan, ex-champion, made a tour through the French sporting houses on Green street Wednesday, and lost \$800 and his watch. He does not know who picked his pocket.

GUILTY OF MURDER.

LOUISVILLE, February 17.—At Lancaster, Ky., the jury in the case of Wm. Austin, charged with the murder of his Aunt Betsy Bland, returned a verdict of guilty and fixed his punishment at death.

RAISED MONEY ON BOGUS CHECKS.

F. M. Nevins, engaged in tobacco speculations here for the past two years, recently procured cash on checks from a number of persons who were not in business, who, on presenting the checks at the bank, found that Nevins had no funds on deposit.

Sullivan's Challenge to Ryan.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, February 17.—John L. Sullivan, the prize fighter, writes to the Herald from Detroit offering to fight Paddy Ryan again. He says "I will give him \$500 to spar me four rounds, Marquis of Queensbury rules, with soft gloves, any of my exhibitions; also, I challenge him to spar me with boxing gloves a stated number of rounds, the result to be decided by the greater number of clean hits. I will wager \$1,000 that I can defeat him."

INDICATIONS.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, February 18.—For the lower Missouri valley: Warner, cloudy weather, with rain or snow, east, veering to south winds, lower pressure.

CAPITAL NOTES.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 17.—The senate committee on territories heard a delegation of Choctaws, Chickasaws, Cherokee and Seminoles in opposition to the bill extending the jurisdiction of the United States court over Indian territory.

MIRACULOUS CURE.

The house banking and currency committee to-day agreed to the bill making the trade dollar legal tender until July 1st, 1884, and for its recoinage whenever received at the treasury.

WORTHY OF PRAISE.

As a rule we do not recommend patent medicines, but when we know of one that really is a public benefactor, and does positively cure, then we consider it our duty to impart that information to all. Electric Bitters are truly a most valuable medicine, and will surely cure Biliousness, Fever and Ague, Stomach, Liver and Kidney complaints, even where all other remedies fail. We know whereof we speak, and can freely recommend to all.—[Ex. Sold at 50 cents a bottle. Ish & McMahon. (7)]

ROUGH ON RATS.

The thing desired found at last. Ask druggist for "Rough on Rats." It cleans out rats, mice, roaches, flies, bed bugs; 15c boxes