

THE FENIAN FIEND.

He Carries His Dynamite to London and Terrifies the Natives.

The Municipal Offices Demolished and Parliament Thoroughly Shaken Up.

O'Donovan Rossa Charged with the Crime Before the Smoke Disappears.

'The Assassin Press of America' the Active Ally of the Fiend.

Tremendous Excitement in London.

Special Dispatch to The Bee. LONDON, March 15.—A terrific gas explosion occurred in the local government board offices at Westminster at 9 o'clock to-night, destroying much property. The report was heard in the houses of parliament and caused alarm. The explosion was so great that it shook the side galleries and reporters' gallery. Being the dinner hour but few members of the house were in the hall. The Duke of Edinburgh was in the peers' gallery and seemed alarmed. The speaker rang his bell and asked the cause of the alarm. No one was injured. The wildest rumors are afloat. The report resembled the discharge of an eighty-ton gun.

LATER.—It is now believed the explosion was caused by dynamite, and was the deliberate attempt to blow up the government offices. The explosion being the subject of consideration in the commons, Harcourt, home secretary, said he did not think it right to say anything about the matter until official inquiry had been made. He had heard an attempt was made to blow up The Times office, but no injury was done.

The explosion was heard a distance of two or three miles. Yesterday evening a canister containing explosive material was found behind The Times office, with it is rumored, a lighted fuse attached and the police are making investigations. Officials think the explosion was caused by gunpowder or dynamite. Officers of the gas company declare they can find no evidence that it was caused by gas. The force of the explosion shatters large portions of masonry across the street. Harcourt has had a conference with the chief of police, at which several witnesses were examined. The conclusion reached was that the explosion occurred inside the room and not outside. The force of police at the houses of parliament was doubled. The government offices and residences of ministers are strongly guarded. The Times attaches little importance to the explosion which occurred at its office. The canister contained only a small quantity of powder. The Daily News says: "It is of course obvious that the explosion was the result of a premeditated design. We are confronted with the fact that there are in London persons bold enough to act on the wildest counsels of O'Donovan Rossa. It is impossible to connect the author of this outrage with certain phases of the Irish crime and the assassin press of America."

The Times says: The Fenian answer to Gladstone's speech on the land question was not long delayed. We are in the presence of the first attempt of the dynamite party to carry out the policy of bringing the war into the heart of London. The explosion at our office occurred at 7:45 Wednesday evening, but the falling of the canister prevented any serious damage. There is reason to believe two attempts of this kind were made by the same miscreants.

The explosion was undoubtedly the work of Fenians. The adjacent streets are filled with myriads of fragments of glass, and heavy plate glass is lying in heaps upon the ground. A stone weighing 200 pounds was projected against King street station, making a hole the size of a man's head. Nothing will be touched until the inquiry is made. The full extent of the damage cannot be estimated till daylight. Five hundred constables are guarding the scene.

The building has the appearance of having been bombarded. A deep trench ten feet by three was made in one room, the floor of which had been literally ploughed. Two children, sleeping in a room in the corner of King street, were thrown from their bed by the force of the explosion and their faces badly cut. They were taken to the police station. Every pane of glass in the vicinity was shattered. A man was arrested at midnight on suspicion of being concerned in the explosion.

THE OLD WORLD. ENGLAND. Special Dispatch to The Bee. LONDON, March 15.—Kennard will move in the commons that, in view of the complete satisfying of all demands of American citizens upon the sum of the Geneva conference allowed in regard to the Alabama claims, the house is of opinion that the balance should be restored to Great Britain.

LONDON, March 15.—Oxford won the race by one length. The Oxford had the best of the uneven start. They pulled a regular stroke, and nearly forty to a minute, and were almost clear of the Cambridge boat at Craven Steps, about six furlongs from the start. The Cambridge boat here defied to ward the Middlesex shore. The Oxford at the end of the first mile, which they covered in 4:15, were two lengths ahead and rowing well together. Here the

darkness thickened and snow began to fall. The Cambridge crew splashed considerably by the time the soap works were reached. The Oxford came in easy winners. The result causes greater excitement than at any previous race, in consequence of heavy betting on the Cambridge crew, who at the start were favorites 7 to 2. The defeat of the crew on whom such odds were laid is unprecedented.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS. Special Dispatch to The Bee. PARIS, March 15.—Four anarchists have been sentenced to two years imprisonment and to pay a fine of 3,000 francs for delivering seditious speeches. At the socialist's meeting at Camps de Mars Sunday, if the crowds refuse to disperse after three legal warnings have been given, the rioters will be arrested.

BRUSSELS, March 15.—The emperor declined to accept the resignation of Admiral Van Stocq. Nothing is known here concerning the reported death of Karl Marx.

DUBLIN, March 15.—James Mullin, the murderer and conspirator, has given information implicating Patrick Egan and others. The information is sufficient to justify the arrest of Egan when he returns.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 15.—Parliament is closed for the session, which attempted suicide, has been suspended from office. The defalcations of Makoff, president of the society for regulating the social condition of Russian Jews, and who committed suicide, is eleven million rubles.

BRUSSELS, March 15.—The court of appeal has decided the case of E. B. Delmont vs. Mr. De Rousselle, bishop of Tournay. The decision acknowledges the bishop of Tournay ceases all opposition to surrender to the delegate of Belgium government of money and papers deposited by Canon Bernard in America.

THE HAGUE, March 15.—The court has authorized the government to negotiate a loan of 60,000,000 florins.

ROME, March 15.—At a consistory to-day the pope appointed several bishops, including the bishop of Halifax, Charleston and Grand Rapids.

DUBLIN, March 15.—The Catholic clergy of the diocese of Swinford, county Mayo, have passed a resolution in which they charge the government with neglecting the distressed people, and condemn the remedial offered, namely: the "work house or emigration."

LONDON, March 15.—The Chamber of Commerce and Oxford race takes place at 4 o'clock this morning.

VIENNA, March 15.—The Russian government has proposed to the other powers that an international despatch force be organized to cope with the anarchists, nihilists, fanatics and socialists. France, Switzerland and Austria have acquiesced in the proposition.

A Free Fight Among Senators. Special Dispatch to The Bee. HARRISBURG, Pa., March 15.—At the close of the afternoon session of the senate, Senator Lee accused Senator McKnight of working against the interests of his constituents and dodging the free pipe bill, to which McKnight angrily retorted. Senator Emery standing by, also accused McKnight of purposely avoiding the matter. Angry words followed and Emery slapped McKnight in the face. McKnight then struck Emery. Other senators interfered and order was restored. Reconciliation was effected before the senators left the chamber.

Turning Informer. Special Dispatch to The Bee. LITTLE ROCK, March 15.—McDonald, one of four who stopped the Fort Smith passenger train at Mulberry, a week ago, murdered the conductor and wounded the brakeman, and is now in jail at Van Buren, to-day offered to conduct the officers to the cave where they were to rendezvous if he would testify to the facts of the evidence. There is evidence enough already to hang McDonald. The other three robbers are surrounded in the mountains and bloodhounds have been sent to drive them from cover. The reward on their heads is \$1,000.

The Braidwood Disaster. Special Dispatch to The Bee. BRAIDWOOD, Ill., March 15.—Three million five hundred thousand gallons were removed during the last twenty-four hours. The pumps are working well, and the water is lowered six inches to-day. The stench from the sludge grows worse. The morgue is nearly completed and will amply provide for the reception of the bodies when disinterred. The relief fund still grows, and is now \$28,000. No immediate addition is felt necessary.

Declined with Thanks. Special Dispatch to The Bee. LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 15.—Some time ago the managers of the Louisville southern cotton exposition hearing the Prince of Wales intended visiting America, extended him an invitation to attend the exposition. A reply from the Prince's secretary was received to-day, dated Berlin, February 27, stating that the Prince had no intention of visiting America during the present year, and thanking the managers for their invitation.

Sullivan's Reg. Special Dispatch to The Bee. NEW YORK, March 14.—John L. Sullivan, the pugilist, hewed with wine in a speech at Harry Hill's to-night, termed Slade a "half breed stiff and no good" whom he was anxious to fight. Harry Hill said if Sullivan knew as much of Slade as he did he would not talk so.

New York Notes. Special Dispatch to The Bee. NEW YORK, March 15.—Robert Mahan and Charles M. Smith, students of Columbia college, were arrayed for a dual to-day. Mahan and a friend were arrested on departing for the battle ground and held for an examination.

The Mexican Peninsula Telegraph & Telephone company was incorporated to-day, capital stock \$500,000, divided into 50,000 shares of \$10 each. The incorporators were Frederick M. Delano, Henry C. Deriviera and Ohas. Rabadan, who hold all the stock. The line will run from New York in as direct a line as possible to Yucatan, Tobacco, Chiapas and Oaxaca, Mexico. A large number of personal and political friends called to see Patrick Egan to-day.

Mayor Egan this morning united in marriage at the city hall, Elio, youngest son of George Francis Traie, and Eliza Brown, step daughter of the late Charles B. Thorne.

The Mail and Express says: "It is extremely probable that the Wabash road will be leased to the Iron Mountain system. If the Wabash is leased to the Iron Mountain southwestern system, which now terminates at St. Louis, it would be extended to Toledo, and the roads centering at St. Louis would not complain if the Missouri Pacific gave its business to its own line, which by the present policy arrangement is now divided in St. Louis. This would make Toledo instead of St. Louis the distributing point and the Wabash, instead of getting 8 per cent of the business, would reasonably expect to get 50 or 60 per cent, and this amount of business would make with the Wabash all the difference in the world. The Wabash would then probably earn a dividend on its common stock the first year after the new arrangement took effect."

TELEGRAPH NOTES. Special Dispatch to The Bee. Albert C. Danner has been elected president of the Bank of Mobile. The Mississippi river commission leaves Cairo this morning on the steamer Mississippi. In the shooting contest in St. Joe, yesterday, Bogardus scored 63, Carver 92, clay pigeons. Bogardus is sick. John Baldwin killed Wm. Watkins, at Roscoe, Va., and then himself. Both were colored slaves in love. The Massachusetts house defeated by an overwhelming majority the bill to compel corporations to pay employees weekly. H. N. Holdsworth, cashier of the bank of Hotop & Holdsworth, Elizabeth town, Kentucky, has disappeared with \$2,000. Three children, aged 9, 7 and 5, were fatally burned at a hotel in Sleepy Eye, Minn., while sleeping on the floor. A lamp tipped over. The Baltimore & Ohio telegraph company have been granted permission to lay wire under ground in the built up portion of Philadelphia. It is reported in Nashville, and generally believed, that Polk's attorney has made a proposition for full settlement of his deficit to the state. Mrs. Ellen Berninghaus died in Louisville Thursday, aged 107. She was a native of Tippecanoe, Indiana, and came to America forty years ago. The New York Evening Post says the bonds issued by the Northern Pacific terminal company for the purpose of building depots and elevators at Portland, Oregon, have all been sold. In the trial of Enoch S. Crowther, to a \$100,000 bank robbery, in St. Joseph, Mo., the defense are attempting to prove a self-defense. His wife testified to-day that Crowther was at home all the time on the night of the robbery. Aolph Kappella, surviving partner of the firm of Doughty & Kappella, ship builders, Philadelphia, has assigned. The assets largely exceed the liabilities. There will be a surplus after paying all debts in full. Kappella had the contract to dredge, "Cunt De Lesseps," attached by S. P. Morris & Co., who furnished the machinery.

Denouncing Duke's Acquittal. Special Dispatch to The Bee. UNIONTOWNS, Pa., March 15.—A great indignation meeting was held to-night to give expression to public sentiment touching the acquittal of N. S. Duke for killing Captain A. O. Natt. Every prominent citizen of the town was present. The action of the jury was condemned in the strongest terms by reverend ministers and other speakers. Resolutions condemning the jury and judge were adopted. The jurors were obliged to leave town hastily on account of fears of violence.

Leasing the Wabash. Special Dispatch to The Bee. NEW YORK, March 15.—The proposed leasing of the Wabash to the Missouri Pacific or Iron Mountain, is creating some discussion here. Business men are surprised that Gould, who regards the southwestern system as among the best railroad properties in the United States should consent to an addition of less remunerative lines. It is said he is not satisfied with the management of the Wabash, and looks to this method as a way to improve it. Russell Sage says the scheme is likely to carry in April.

DOUBLING UP.

Judge Wakeley Takes His Seat on the Bench.

And Delivers a Brief but Interesting Inaugural Address.

Several Court Items Gathered Yesterday.

For some days past there has been considerable conjecture as to when, where and how the newly appointed judge of this district would begin to hold his court. The question was settled yesterday by the action in the district court. Upon the convening of court Judge Neville asked Judge Wakeley to come up and sit with him behind the bar, and then introduced him to the members present as their new judge, and asked him if he would say anything to the court. Judge Wakeley rose and said that while it was not customary to make a speech on such occasions, he would address a few words to those present, and thereupon said: Having taken the oath of office under my recent appointment as one of the judges of this court, I am now ready to perform my duty. With permission of the judge presiding I desire to add to this statement a few words. I know that it is not usual—possibly it may be unprecedented—for an incumbent to speak from the bench of the circumstances under which he has been called to it. I choose, however, to-day, to follow the strong promptings of my heart, even though it shall violate usage, and thus publicly express to the members of this bar, collectively and individually, my grateful recognition of their united and most generous action which was potential in calling me to this judgment seat. Fifteen years of personal and professional association, and of sharp contention, at many times, in the struggles of the law enables them to know me well. That they were willing, notwithstanding, in reliance on my fidelity, discretion and impartiality to commit to my judicial keeping and determination the weighty interests and rights represented by them was a testimonial which deeply moved me, and which I regard as among the most valued of my professional life. Yet even this brings me to also this burden. I can say to you with great sincerity that what most oppresses me at this moment is not the apprehension that I shall be unable to perform the duties of this office reasonably well; nor that I shall not be able to do so, but that I shall expect more of me than I am, and shall be compelled to disappoint you. If I shall be able to meet all your just expectations and reasonable requirements it will be an ample reward. If I shall fail to do so I shall have reason to feel that the fleeting honors of this place have been secured at too great a cost. We all recognize the due relations of the bench and the bar. The court has its solemn duties, and its just and stern prerogatives. These duties must be performed; these prerogatives must be maintained, or the court falls to keep itself on the high level of its ordained and constitutional functions. The bar has its rights, its duties, its privileges. It has been of it, and with it too long I trust, to overlook this. I hope I shall not remain on the bench long enough to forget it. Yet when these rights have been accorded, and these privileges enjoyed, in the full measure of justice and approved custom, and the question goes to the court for judgment, such judgment, given in duty and in conscience, does not make the bar the fair minded lawyer will command respectful acquiescence, cost what it may to his cause and his client. For myself, I can promise you only a faithful and honest endeavor to walk with judicial rectitude in the path of the law, lighted by justice, lead wheresoever it may. I am fully conscious that no court is independent of the aid furnished by the learning, the research, the trained logic, and matured thought of the bar. Of these aids I shall always be most glad to avail myself. Finally, gentlemen, I shall be zealous, in co-operation with my judicial associate and yourselves, to do my full part in the effort to reduce the number of untried causes which confront us as terms after term, and bring justice somewhat nearer to the suitors in this court."

Following this came the calling of the docket to find some cases which could be taken up by consent of both parties at once, the council chamber having been secured for Judge Wakeley to hold court in for the present. A very large number of cases were called over before one was found that could be taken up. This proved to be the case of Preston vs. Rippen, upon error, with Kennedy and Godwin for the plaintiff, and Redick and Redick for the defendant, which was the first case heard by Judge Wakeley under the new dispensation.

Next Monday Judge Wakeley will go to Olinville to hold a term of court for Judge Post. Judge Neville holds the Sarpy county court next week, and upon adjourning Saturday the court here will adjourn until a week from next Monday, at which time both judges will resume the trial of causes, and business will be pushed with energy and vigor.

WARREN'S CASE. The trial of W. W. Warren on the indictment for obtaining money under false pretenses from the B. & M. railway company, by means of fraudulent road tax receipts, resumed Wednesday in his acquittal, the jury being instructed by Judge Neville to return a verdict of not guilty. Immediately after the conclusion of the above case the trial of Warren on an

indictment for obtaining \$225 by false pretenses from the United Pacific was begun and is still in progress. District Attorney Godwin and Hon. J. M. Thurston appear for the prosecution, and J. C. Owin and Mr. Webb for the defendant. It is considered that this is a much stronger case, and the prosecution is firm in the belief that they will send the accused over the road.

IOWA BREWERS. They Pay Omaha a Friendly Visit, And are Banquetted at Wirth's.

Upon the invitation of Messrs Krug & Son, the Iowa brewers' association yesterday visited Omaha in a body. They were met at the depot with carriages and visited the State Fair grounds and the various points of interest about the city.

At 2 o'clock they sat down to an elegant dinner at John Wirth's, it being the first public celebration of Wirth's opening since the first of the century was held at the place. Mayor Boyd presided at the table, and in addition to the guests as named above there were among the Omaha gentlemen present, Krug and Son, the Metz, P. E. Iler, E. Suesenbach, Hertz and son, and Gottlieb Siech.

Champaign in liberal quantities washed down the excellent and substantial banquet provided on such short notice by Mr. Wirth and there were speeches from both Omaha and Iowa gentlemen.

The visitors returned home by the 4 o'clock train.

THE FISH COMMISSION. They Hold a Meeting to Arrange the Coming Year's Campaign.

The Nebraska board of fish commissioners, consisting of Mr. Low May, Dr. R. R. Livingston and B. E. B. Kennedy, Esq., of this city, held a meeting Wednesday afternoon at the office of the latter, the full board being present.

At this meeting they laid out their work for the present year, covering the building of additional ponds, a hatching house, superintendent's house, and an iron fence about the grounds. Also the purchase of the necessary apparatus for carrying on the work at South Bend so as to bring the greatest return to the citizens of the state.

This is absolutely the only body of state officials who draw no salaries, per diem or other remuneration for their services, and not only that, but one member of the board paid out \$500 from his own pocket for recent improvements, which the state appropriation would not cover, and never asks for a cent of it back.

The gentlemen composing the board represent the sportsmen's interest throughout the state, working for the good of every club as well as of citizens at large, and one of the noted sportsmen makes the suggestion that these organizations ought, and could easily make some provision by which it would at least cost nothing to be a commissioner, and would be invested so as to return an hundred fold. He proposes to start the good work with a fifty dollar note whenever a move is made in this direction.

Commissioner May will probably visit the London Exposition next summer to obtain some valuable information in the line of their work.

POLITICAL NOTES. Special Dispatches to The Bee. The Maine legislature has adjourned. The anniversary of Hungarian independence was celebrated in New York to-night. The Rhode Island republican state convention nominated Augustus O. Brown for governor.

Tammany Hall adopted resolutions on the death of the late Governor Morgan, Jewell and Stephens. Charles de Hove (Steensma), one of the most noted politicians of Belgium, is a passenger on the steamer Switzerland, due in New York Saturday. He intends to stay only a few weeks.

A new political party is in course of formation in Montreal, to establish the anti-London Exposition next summer in the line of education and support of Jesuits in their claims for the recovery of confiscated lands. The republicans of Cincinnati nominated A. M. Warner for the superior court (long term); E. O. Eshelby, city controller; William B. Estter, treasurer; Henry Karb, board of public works. Resolutions were adopted condemning the civil service reform act.

Senator Blair, of New Hampshire, denies that he has combined forces with Rollins in the coming senatorial contest, and declares he will never form an alliance with Rollins, Briggs, Chandler, or make a combination with any candidate; that while acknowledging himself a candidate, he will not fight for reelection.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Mr. Brady Expedites His Story of Western Star Routes,

And Inflates the Character of Contractors for Honesty and Truth.

Al. Wyman Promoted Chief of the National Treasury.

Consuldrums on the Tobacco Tax -- An Uncommon Flower on Life's Pathway.

THE STAR ROUTE TRIAL. Special Dispatch to The Bee. BRADY'S STORY CONTINUED. WASHINGTON, March 15.—The criminal court room was well filled this morning when General Brady resumed his testimony in the star route trial. The direct examination was concluded without developing any startling testimony, and Bliss began the cross-examination.

Bliss called witness (Brady's) attention to a postmaster's letter protesting that the proposed fifty hour schedule on the Parrot City route was impossible. Brady replied that nothing was impossible in that direction. Witness said he made over 10,000 orders of the same kind in connection with star routes, and he could not therefore recollect all details. After a sharp examination by Bliss concerning several routes, Davidge interrupted, saying, "I think the witness is getting the better of Mr. Bliss; I think he better be stopped."

Bliss—Davidge need not protect me; there are others needing his protection. Witness asserted that 18 of the 19 routes in question were expedited at less than pro rata. He proceeded by statements and calculations to establish the assertion. Witness did not assume a man was a second class because he was a contractor. He assumed they were honorable men.

Ingersoll questioned Bliss why he did not ask Brady whether he was in collusion with Peck. Bliss—You can ask him yourself. Bliss then appealed to the court to stop the running comments of counsel on the other side. On more than one occasion, while the witness had been under examination, his answers had been guided by suggestions from that source.

Ingersoll—It could not have been from a better source. Witness, indignantly—I say that is not true. Witness was asked if he had not allowed compensation up to the limit fixed by a statute in each of the nine star routes. He answered all were expedited at less than pro rata.

Court—You don't include Elmwood Tongue river route. Witness—Yes, sir, that was expedited at less than pro rata. Bliss asked how far the schedule would allow a horse to travel per day. Objection made and sustained. "That is like the story of the Irishman who asked how far it was to town," began Ingersoll.

"That is out of order," interrupted the court; "an Irishman always is." (Laughter.) Witness did not know of any better way of regulating the expedition than that of using contractor affidavits. He did not care a snap of his finger whether contractors had experience or not—there was no better rule. Adjourned.

CAPITOL NOTES. Special Dispatches to The Bee. TREASURER WYMAN. WASHINGTON, March 15.—The president to-day appointed A. W. Wyman treasurer, vice Jas. Gillilan, whose resignation has been accepted, to take place the first prox. The secretary of the treasury will appoint a committee to verify the treasury balance of March 31st, and count the money so the funds may be transferred to the new incumbent for opening of business on the first prox. when he assumes the duties of office. The selection of assistant treasurer, which office will be made vacant by the promotion of Wyman, will depend entirely upon the wishes of the new treasurer. It is pretty well settled the appointment will be made from the treasurer's office.

VACANCIES IN THE RETIRED LIST. The provisions in the last army bill relieve the regular retired list to the extent of making thirteen vacancies, which will be filled at once by the retirement of disabled officers.

THE COTTON CROP. Returns to the department of agriculture of cotton sent to market from plantations, make the aggregate 5,900,000 bales gross forward up to March 1. This is about 86 per cent. of the crop, as indicated by the last returns of the product.

AN INVITATION TO ARTISTS. The department of state has been notified by the Italian government that it desires to invite artists of all nations to compete in furnishing designs for the national monument to be erected at Rome in honor of King Victor Emmanuel. Plans may be sent in from November 15 to December 15, 1883. A royal commission will decide upon the designs and the successful artist will receive 50,000 francs as a prize, and 50,000 francs (additional) will be divided by the commission among the most meritorious competitors.

A DOUBTFUL OUID. A question has arisen at the treasury department regarding the following provision of the tobacco schedule in the new tariff act: "Leaf tobacco, of which 85 per cent. is of the requisite size and of necessary fineness of texture to be suitable for wrappers, and of which more than 100 leaves are required to weigh a pound, if not stemmed, 75 cents per pound; if stemmed, \$1.00." The doubt is as to

whether 85 per cent is to be the duty upon the whole quantity of tobacco embraced on the invoice or upon the contents of each separate package. The matter has been referred to the collector of customs and New York and Boston, with instructions to consult the trade and report a rule for the government of the department on the question.

BUYING BULLION. The treasury department to-day purchased 405,000 ounces of silver for delivery at Philadelphia, New Orleans and San Francisco mints. AN HONEST MAN. Ex-Representative Flower, of New York, returned to the treasurer \$458.50, the amount over paid him on account of his salary and mileage as a member of the Forty-seventh congress.

KANSAS LANDS. Ex-Gov. Crawford, resident agent of the state of Kansas, to-day filed at the interior department a brief in support of the position taken by the state authorities on sundry long-pending questions in regard to the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad land grant. The case will probably come before the recorder for oral argument at an early date. The brief argues that the adjustment of the grant under the supreme court decision of 1875 concerning it would give the state title to about 80,000 acres of land alleged to have been illegally certified to the railroad company, and that in any event the state is entitled to some 30,000 acres now held by the railroad.

A Whisky Windup. Special Dispatch to The Bee. CINCINNATI, March 15.—The firm of Pfirman & Pfau, whisky dealers, suspended to-day. The liabilities amount to \$825,000; assets, \$900,000. The rumor that a failure was likely to occur caused good deal of anxiety in business circles early in the day, but as soon as it became known that it was Pfirman & Pfau who had been driven to the wall, a sense of relief was experienced, and no bad results are likely to follow on account of the failure. The suspension is due to over-production and the failure of congress to pass the bonded whisky extension bill. Two small drafts, each for less than \$5,000 each, went to protest. An extension could probably have been secured, but there was no probability that the situation would improve. There is evidently little chance of loss of any of the creditors.

Dana and His Friend. Special Dispatch to The Bee. NEW YORK, March 15.—Charles A. Dana, of the New York Sun, left for Harrisburg to visit his old friend, ex-Senator Simon Cameron. The two had arranged to start this week on a trip to the south and west. The senator recently received such injuries from a fall that the journey had to be postponed. The two friends expected to start in about two weeks. They will be accompanied by their friends. They will go to New Orleans and thence by some southern route to San Francisco. The Yosemite and other places of interest will be visited. Paul Dana will assume the editorship of The Sun during his father's absence.

Longfellow's Bust at Westminster. Special Dispatch to The Bee. DORSET, March 15.—The Longfellow Memorial association has a letter from Bennoch, of London, saying that all the preliminaries for placing the bust in Westminster abbey are now arranged, sufficient capital being subscribed, the sculptor engaged and the position for the bust selected. The latter is a column standing between the Memorial niche of Chaucer and the independent bust of Dryden, with a stream of light falling on the position, so that the bust will occupy a most conspicuous place in the poet's corner.

New Mexican Pionees. Special Dispatch to The Bee. SAN ANTONIO, N. M., March 15.—Pete Mackel and Frank Kiser engaged in a shooting match at White Oaks, caused by the latter's intimacy with the former's daughter. Kiser received a mortal wound in the breast, and Mackel's hip was shattered beyond repair. A young woman named Trujillo, living at Rincon, gave birth to a child and immediately choked it to death. She tells the story of "innocuous conception."

School House Burned. Special Dispatches to The Bee. FORT MOINES, Ia., March 15.—The fourth Ward school house at Iowa City was destroyed by fire at about 5 o'clock this evening. Loss, \$4,000; no insurance.

The Tennessee Debt. Special Dispatch to The Bee. NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 15.—The bill to settle the state debt at 60 cents with 5 per cent. interest, as it came from the house of representatives, to-day passed the senate, and awaits the signature of the governor.

Two Madis Perish. Special Dispatch to The Bee. HARTFORD, Connecticut, March 15.—The house of two maiden ladies, named Judson, in East Hartford burned this morning and both perished in the flames.

A Strike Threatened. Special Dispatch to The Bee. LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 15.—Some cigar-makers of this city say there will be a general strike May 1st, unless \$1.00 per thousand be added to their wages. They claim the proprietors have a benefit of \$3.00 tax reduction, and can easily afford to pay the additional cost.

The French Kicking. Special Dispatch to The Bee. WORCESTER, Mass., March 15.—The French Canadians, in a large meeting to-night, protested against the statements of F. H. Foster, of Cambridge, before the commission on education and labor, at Washington, that they are the Chinese of the east.