

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Our Over-worked Congressmen Take a Rest Till Monday.

But Still Weariness Does Not Allow the Committee Appointments to Sleep.

And They are Kindly Made in Advance for Speaker Carlisle.

The Doings and Sayings of a Day in Washington.

THE FORTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS. SENATE.

WASHINGTON, December 20.—In the senate today, Mr. Cullom introduced a bill to establish a board of railroad commissioners and to regulate inter-state commerce.

Mr. Van Wyck's resolution introduced yesterday calling on the secretary of the interior for information regarding lands granted to railroads, was called up.

Mr. Ingalls said he had no objection to the preamble except as tending to commit the senate to an inter-rotation of the decision of the supreme court.

Mr. Van Wyck insisted that his preamble was correct, and in the course of the debate referred to the opinions of Attorney General Devens and Justice Harlan on the same subject.

He criticized the opinions as well as the practice of the general land office for following the law, as laid down by those opinions rather than by the supreme court of the United States. Replying to questions by Mr. Allison regarding Justice Harlan's opinion, Mr. Van Wyck said it was strange, indeed. Marvellous things have taken place in the supreme court, as well as in the land department of the government, in reference to public lands. He (Van Wyck) thought the senator from Iowa (Allison) would concede that fact at least. There was abundant evidence of that in his (Allison's) state and in the sufferings of the people by the deprivation of their property. Millions of acres of the public domain had been given railroads, Mr. Van Wyck said, before the supreme court decision referred to the fact, which they are not entitled to under the decision, and although for a time the general land office followed that decision, it finally followed the opinion of Attorney General Devens and Justice Harlan. This course Mr. Van Wyck censured.

The discussion closed by the insertion in the preamble of the words, "It is alleged," so as not to commit the senate to any special interpretation of the supreme court decision, and thus amended Mr. Van Wyck's resolution was agreed to.

The senate went into executive session and on reopening the doors resumed consideration of the new rules, but after a short debate the matter was postponed till after the holiday recess.

The chair laid before the senate a communication from the secretary of the committee transmitting copies of papers relating to the attempted transfer of the Texas Pacific railroad company's land grant to the Southern Pacific railway company in Arizona, New Mexico and California. The secretary concludes his communication with the statement that no action has been taken by the department on the subject.

A message was received from the house concurring with the senate amendment making the date of the reassembly of congress after the holidays Monday, January 7th.

The senate concurred in the joint resolution of the house relating to the celebration of the centenary of the surrender by Washington of his commission as commander-in-chief of the patriot forces of America. Adjourned till Monday.

HOUSE.

A long discussion sprang up over a resolution offered by Mr. Geddes to grant a month's extra pay to discharged employes, which was advocated by Messrs. Geddes and Keifer and opposed by Mr. Reagan, on the ground that the house had no right to be charitable with other people's money, and by Mr. Cobb on the ground that it would include in its provisions persons put on the rolls at the close of the last session.

Mr. Reagan moved to commit the resolution to the committee on accounts with instructions to inquire and report whether there were persons turned out of positions at the close of the last session and others put in their places who performed no duties.

Mr. Blackburn, from the committee on rules, reported a resolution that hereafter the committee on postoffices and post-roads consist of fifteen members, and the committees on banking, currency, foreign affairs, military affairs, territories, public buildings, and District of Columbia, thirteen members each. He stated that the increased membership fully met the views of the speaker. The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Blackburn called up the report submitted yesterday relating to the appointment of a committee on rivers and harbors to consist of fifteen members.

Mr. Horr opposed the resolution and asked why had not the over-worked committee on ways and means been divided into two committees, one on ways and one on means. There could be given one committee all the bills to build up home industry and to the other all to tear it down and thereby both wings of the democratic party would have a committee. [Laughter.] The committee on foreign affairs might be divided and to the new committee could be referred the whole Irish question, this also, said Mr. Horr, would relieve the speaker of the trouble which, according to the head of that committee.

Mr. Robinson, of New York, said that what he complained of was that congress did not pay attention to its Irish citizens, but shamefully neglected all Irish citizens and there has not been energy or patriotism enough to condemn that outrage as thoroughly as it should have been done.

Mr. Springer offered an amendment referring to the committee on Mississippi levees all bills making appropriations for the improvement of the Mississippi. He considered the improvement of that great highway an acquisition of sufficient importance to necessitate a special com-

mittee. At present the Mississippi appropriation was used as a pack mule to carry through appropriations for other streams. The Mississippi river should stand on its own merits as a great national highway and have all the fostering care congress could give it. The amendment was rejected and the original report adopted.

Keifer called up the resolution reported yesterday for the appointment of a committee on woman suffrage. Mr. Reagan opposed the resolution on social and constitutional grounds. He argued that a committee could not report a measure which any court could enforce or which would not be unconstitutional. He protested against kicking about the old constitution, which had been too long forgotten, granting the right of suffrage to women which would tend to degrade them. Congress should not try to over-drag the social statutes of the world.

Mr. Keifer spoke in favor of the appointment of a special committee to which should be referred all petitions and measures pertaining to the subject of woman suffrage. The resolution was rejected, yeas 88, nays 124.

Mr. Hobbitt, from the special committee having the matter in charge, reported a joint resolution requesting the president to issue a proclamation recommending the people, either by appropriate exercises in connection with religious services, or by such public observance as they deem proper on the 24th inst. to commemorate the surrender by Washington of his commission as commander-in-chief of the army. The president is also requested to order a national salute from the various forts on the 24th.

The joint resolution passed. Adjourned until Monday.

CAPITAL NOTES.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS.

WASHINGTON, December 20.—A number of representatives who profess to have knowledge of Speaker Carlisle's intentions, give the supposed make-up of the ways and means committee to-day as follows: Morrison, Tucker, Hewitt, Mills, Harsh, Blackburn, Blount, Eaton, Kelley, Kasson, McKinley, Hiscock and Anderson. Some doubt is expressed, however, as to the appointment of Anderson, (of Kansas). One or two, though, known to be selected, assert that he should be chosen because from the same state as Haskell, who would have been a member had he lived. The chairmanship of the foreign affairs committee is determined. Cox and Belmont are still prominently spoken of for the position. Blount says he is entitled to it as he was the first democrat on the committee of the last congress. A number of chairmanships are predicted as follows: On appropriations, Randall; judiciary, Tucker; banking and currency, Buckner; navy, Hewitt; shipping, Belmont; public buildings, Converse; commerce, Reagan; education, Willis; Kentucky, labor, O'Neil; District of Columbia, Barbours; Pacific railroads, Throckmorton; public lands, Blackburn or Cobb; rivers and harbors, Dunn, Arkansas; postoffices and post roads, Money, Mississippi; war claims, Sherman; justice, Vance; inland navigation, Matheson; agriculture, Hatch, Missouri.

THE COLORED MEN'S MEMORIALS.

The executive committee appointed by the late Louisville colored convention resumed its session to-day with a full attendance. The committee appointed to draw up a memorial to congress in regard to the Freedman's bank, made a report. The memorial prays that the necessary appropriation be made to fully indemnify the creditors for all losses sustained by depositors. A memorial was reported in favor of national aid for education in the states founded on the census report of illiteracy and in regard to political outrages in the south. The memorialists demand the protection of American people towards the colored people. A memorial upon civil rights was reported by the committee, of which Fred Douglas and Register Bruce are members. It endorses the decision of Justice Harlan, urges the passage of the Wilson amendment and Edmunds bill. The memorial gave rise to a discussion but were formally adopted.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

The senate in executive session to-day confirmed a batch of over 140 appointments of postmasters, that for Nebraska and Iowa offices being: Nebraska—Wm. K. Coutant, Omaha; William H. Wideman, Norfolk; Joseph N. Davis, Wahome; Solomon J. Fayette, Blue Springs; Edward Whitcomb, Friend; Hiram Rice, Albion; Lemuel J. Gandy, York; Peter F. Peterson, Tekamah. Iowa—Francis R. Bennett, Odebolt; Henry J. Brown, Sebley; H. P. Duffield, Shenandoah; Eugene R. Hastings, Carroll; A. B. Funk, Spirit Lake; Alfred D. Eldridge, Clear Lake; Edward M. F. Evans, Intero; J. C. Harwood, Clarion; Lafayette F. Millins, Atlantic; John Morrison, Sigourney; Wm. Whiner, Greene; Elliott R. Shurtz, Marshalltown; Wm. W. Smith, Cedar Rapids; Wm. W. Worth, Indianola.

Ten Indian agents were also confirmed, also a number of collectors of customs, surveyors of customs and naval officers.

RUSSIA'S PETROLEUM.

Fulton Paul, United States consul at Odessa, Russia, has forwarded to the state department a report of the petroleum development of Russia, in which he says: The residuum oil is much greater in quantity than in the United States, and besides being converted into benzine, gasoline and various other useful products, is used with a steam jet on locomotives and also on steamers on the Caspian Sea, the Volgo and other rivers. Experiments are now in progress to utilize it in the new torpedo boats now in course of construction for the Russian navy. Crude oil is also used to sprinkle the streets, and is much more effectual than water in laying the terrible dust that exists in the streets there.

A CONTEST.

Formal notice of contest for a seat in the house as representative for the First North Carolina district, has been served by Pool against Skinner, the sitting member.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

The bill introduced by Senator Cullom to-day to establish a board of railroad commissioners to regulate inter-state commerce provides for the appointment by the president of five commissioners at a salary of \$5,000 each, who shall exercise supervision over the inter-state commerce of railroads, canals, other transportation companies and the commerce of foreign

countries and investigate all complaints made by the railroad commissioners of the states and others of discriminations in charges made by such transportation companies for their services as common carriers.

IT MAKES THEM SQUIET.

The Texas Pacific land grant papers, sent to the senate to-day, were accompanied by a number of letters on the subject from C. P. Huntington and Crocker, of the Southern Pacific. Both capitalists attempt to demonstrate that the Texas Pacific land grant lawfully became a portion of the Southern Pacific lands when the latter was absorbed by the former. Secretary Sherman opposes the appointment of a commission in this matter, and advises a congressional investigation.

NEBRASKANS AT THE CAPITAL.

The Postoffice Spoils.

Special Dispatch to THE BEE. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.—The senate this afternoon confirmed the following appointments: Postmasters, Charles K. Coutant, Omaha; Joseph M. Davis, Wahome; Edward Whitcomb, Norfolk; William H. Wideman, Norfolk; Hiram Price, Albion; Peter F. Peterson, Tekamah; W. W. Morrison, Beatrice; George Little, Plumm Creek; J. Gandy, York; Solomon F. Fayette, Blue Springs. Ben C. E. Westadau has been appointed railway postal clerk from Omaha to Ogden.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

THE EMMA BOND CASE.

HILLSBORO, Ill., December 20.—Sheriff Haines testified, in the Emma Bond case to-day, making a thorough examination of the clothes of Montgomery, Clements and Pettis, which had evidently been worn several days, and finding no blood stains on them. During the afternoon of the day the sheriff took the prisoners to the jail. Clements and Pettis were in a cell, and Montgomery was out looking for a bondman. They were taken to the jail in the morning, and not put in a cell till noon. This offsets the convict Myer's testimony, who swore the prisoners had a consultation in the jail in the morning.

Charley Masters, 9 years old, testified to being the only scholar at school, and to playing about the coal house at recess and noon time. He said the Montgomerys, father and son, during the recess, going along the road past the school house. Witness said: "John asked me why I wasn't playing with the school children. I said there wasn't any. He said, 'well, wait and I'll come back and wrestle with you.' When Miss Bond came back we went in the school house. I told her there was a noise in the loft, and she said I thought it was made by a tramp. She said, 'no, it's rats.' The scuttlehole was open all day, and I saw mud, that morning, on the wall under the scuttle. I said to the teacher, 'look at that.' She said nothing."

WILLIAMSON, Ill., December 20.—Caleb Washburn quarrelled with his niece, Jennie Washburn, last night about a small amount of money, when the niece seized a heavy stick and struck her uncle on the head, inflicting a wound which resulted in death an hour later.

HE WAS TOO FAST.

CINCINNATI, December 20.—Edward Ducheman, aged 21, reported at the police station to-day that he had killed his wife, and she showed the knife with which the deed was done. He was locked up. It was found he had stabbed his wife and supposed she was dying. He then went and got breakfast before going to the station house. She says they have been married but three months. She lived with her husband but three weeks, and twice in that time he has threatened to kill her. She is but 18 years old.

A MAIL THEFT.

CLEVELAND, December 20.—Chas. A. Willard, a railway clerk on the line Lino, arrested for stealing letters, has confessed. The amount stolen is unknown, but is probably large, as robbery of the mail has been going on for some time and is finally traced to him.

A DANGEROUS MAN.

FRANKFURT, Ky., December 20.—Thos. Buford, who in 1873 killed John Elliott, of the court appeals, and was sent to a lunatic asylum, from which he escaped to Indiana, has returned to Henry county and is said to have threatened other members of the court. He is in a desperate condition and asserts that judges who decided the case against him have some of his money. The judges are uneasy.

STEAMER BURNED.

LONDON, December 20.—A portion of the crew of the Spanish steamer Saint Augustines, from Manito for Liverpool, has arrived at Dartmouth. They report that the steamer took fire on Sunday last in the Bay of Biscay. Eighty-two of the crew and passengers took to the boats. The first boat reached an English brig, the second returned to the burning vessel, and the third has not been heard from. The fourth contained 14 persons, and landed at Dartmouth. When these people got aboard. It is thought that they were rescued, as a steamer was seen bearing down towards the steamer. LATER.—A Corinne (Spain) dispatch says a brig has landed there with a portion of the crew of the steamer Saint Augustines. This is probably the brig which picked up the people in the first boat.

A Winter Cruise.

St. Louis, December 20.—The yacht "Ramblor," from Milwaukee, having aboard a party of excursionists bound for New Orleans, arrived here to-day from Chicago via the Illinois and Michigan canal and Illinois river, and after a brief stop passed on down the river. Information is received to-night that the yacht grounded on a sand bar twenty miles below the city and is in danger of being damaged by running ice. A relief party was sent out, but no news from there is expected to-night. Heavy ice is running.

Land Lectures.

NEW YORK, December 20.—Henry George has sailed for England, where he is to lecture on land nationalization in behalf of the Land Reform union.

ON AND OFF THE RAILS.

Still the Troubled Pool is not Reached By all the Lame.

Who Wish to Plunge in, that They, too, May be Healed.

Several Accidents with Serious Results and Narrow Escapes From Death.

Cutting Rates from New York to the Missouri.

RAILROAD MATTERS.

THE TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT.

NEW YORK, December 20.—The directors meeting of the Union Pacific railroad company was held this morning. President Dillon in the chair. Directors F. T. Ames, C. F. Adams, E. H. Baker, F. G. Dexter, S. H. H. Clark, G. M. Dodge, A. H. Green, John Sharp, A. Schell, Jay Gould, Solon Humphrey, and government directors, Bromley, Conger, Farrah, Haven and Hoyt were present. Resolutions were adopted, instructing General Manager Clark to invite the other roads to enter the new alliance. The tripartite agreement was unanimously adopted, and the meeting adjourned.

THEY ALSO DO IT.

CHICAGO, December 20.—Representatives of the passenger department of the St. Paul, Rock Island, Burlington and Alton roads met here to-day to consult upon steps to secure the sale of tickets to Missouri river points equal to the advantages given the Northwestern and Washburn lines by order of Vice Commissioner Pearson, of the trunk lines pool, permitting the latter to sell tickets from New York to the Missouri, via the Northwestern and Washburn, at a reduction of \$4 from the tariff. The representative of the Burlington stated that while the objects of the meeting met the approval of his line its relations toward the Rock Island and St. Paul, owing to the tripartite agreement, were such that he could not take formal action with a decision to adjourn from day to day till the tripartite difficulty is settled. In the meantime it is generally understood that the roads represented in the meeting are selling tickets to the Missouri river through scalpers at 88, a cut of \$6.80.

WILL THEY COME IN?

CHICAGO, December 20.—A rumor was reported on the Stock Exchange from New York to-day to the effect that the Northwestern, Washburn and Burlington roads have applied for admission to the tripartite alliance, and is fully credited by railroad men as being the first two, because their representatives in the board of directors of the Great Pacific railroad voted for admission to-day. The business part of the city and many residences were draped in mourning. Flags floated at half mast, bells tolled in business houses and churches, and the city gave itself up to paying its respects to the honored dead. The city was crowded with representative citizens from all parts of the state. All state officials attended, senators and congressmen from Washington and members of the press. The funeral services were held in the Congregational church of which Mr. Haskell was an active member. Hon. John K. Casson, delivered a brief eulogy which concluded in the most touching and eloquent language. Dr. Richard Cardley, formerly pastor of the church, Dr. James Main and Rev. George E. Scott's spoke in glowing terms of Mr. Haskell's character and noble life. The body was conveyed to Oakhill cemetery under the escort of the De Molay commandery, Knights Templars, and was followed by an immense crowd. At the grave the exercises were very solemn and impressive, after which the members of the congressional committee took formal leave of Mrs. Haskell and at 2:30 the party left by special train for the east.

A Grand Reception.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 20.—A grand reception was tendered General Hancock this evening. The building was handsomely decorated for the occasion. The general was accompanied from the Palace by Governor Stoneman, Mayor Bartlett, state and federal officers, and a detachment of state militia. Five thousand invitations were issued. On entering the main hall the immense concourse rose and saluted the general amidst a burst of cheering and waving of handkerchiefs. The mayor made a formal address, to which the general responded in happy terms.

A Fatal Collision.

BURLINGTON, December 20.—Passenger train No. 1, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy telescoped the rear Pullman car on train No. 5, at Gladstone, Ill., at 8 o'clock this evening. The car ignited and burned completely up. Richard Somers, superintendent of the dining car service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road, of Chicago, was instantly killed, and the body burned almost beyond recognition. Six other passengers were more or less injured. Two coaches were burned. Loss \$6,000. The engineer of No. 1 did not see the rear lights of No. 5.

DURBUQUE'S NEW ROAD.

DURBUQUE, December 20.—The city is rejoicing over the result of the election on the question of a 5 per cent tax for the Dubuque & Northwestern railway, the tax having been carried by a majority of 1,151. Every ward gave a majority for the tax. The projected road is a direct line from Dubuque to Hamarek, Dak., a distance of 90 miles, which will make it by far the shortest route from the great northwest to Dubuque.

BALKING THE SCALPERS.

NEW YORK, December 20.—At the meeting of the passenger agents of the trunk lines to-day Assistant Northern Pacific President presided. It was agreed that a new form of ticket be adopted for reduced rates and a new form decided on which will render them less convenient for scalpers to handle.

A ROAD SOLD.

HARRISBURG, Va., December 20.—The Washington, Cincinnati & St. Louis railroad has been sold to a syndicate composed of A. H. Martin, of New York; H. D. Cooke, of Washington; Vice President Joyce of the Shenandoah Valley road, and others. Work on the road will begin soon.

NOT PROPERLY GUARDED.

KANSAS CITY, December 20.—A switch engine belonging to the Fort Scott road ran into a street car in West Kansas City late this evening. The car was overturned and badly shattered. It contained eighteen passengers, all of whom escaped serious injury. There was no watchman at the crossing.

THE MANITOBA FARMERS.

THEIR DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.

WINNEPEG, December 20.—The Manitoba and Northwestern Farmers' union resumed the discussion of a declaration of rights this morning. Resolutions were adopted, reciting the agricultural character of the country, the consequent necessity of the repeal of the burdensome duty upon agricultural implements, declaring the monopoly of the carrying trade by the Canadian Pacific railway as injurious, and that the public laws were improperly administered. It was resolved that the association demand the right of the local government to charter railways in Manitoba, absolute control of public lands, including school lands, compensation for lands sold and used for federal purposes, that the duty on agricultural implements and building material, be removed, that the customs tariff on articles of daily consumption be greatly modified, also that it was the duty of the provincial government to make such amendments to the municipal act as to empower the municipal councils to build elevators, grain warehouses and mills and to appoint grain inspectors.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

A FRENCH VICTORY.

PARIS, December 20.—A dispatch from Hong Kong says the French captured the principal outposts of Sontay, embracing five strongly fortified villages. The French loss was 200 men and fifteen officers killed and wounded. Admiral Courbet, commanding, had 7,000 men, 4,000 engaged in action, the remainder in reserve. The Chinese still hold the fortress of Sontay. The principal fighting occurred at the river bank, and several villages were captured at the point of the bayonet. The French advanced within a mile of the citadel, but there will probably be very heavy fighting before they reach the place. The Chinese lost heavily from the shells of the fleet.

DESPERATE FIGHTERS.

Admiral Peyson, minister of marine, has received the following telegram from Admiral Courbet, dated before Sontay, the 10th: "The expedition left Hanoi on the 11th, captured Fort Uyen and all earthworks back of the Red river opposite Sontay. The enemy were very well armed and fought desperately. The condition of the spirits of the French troops are excellent. To-day we commence the attack on Sontay."

TERMS OF PEACE.

It is understood Marquis Tseng proposes to France the following fresh basis for settlement of the Tonquin question: The Delta of the Red river with the city of Sontay to belong to France. The Delta of Song Chau river and Bacchin to belong to China. The northern and western provinces of Tonquin to be neutral, China to renounce her suzerainty of the kingdom of Annam.

MORE CREDIT GIVEN.

In the senate to-day a supplementary credit bill for 9,000,000 francs for the Tonquin expedition was adopted 211 to 7. Subsequently the Tonquin credit bill of 200,000,000 francs was also adopted 215 to 6.

KERRIGAN KILLED.

DUBLIN, December 20.—It is reported that Kerrigan, the informer, was shot during a disturbance in Cong. County Mayo. His testimony in the Huddy family murder case in 1882, convicted three men who were hanged; also in 1883, he was hanged for the murder of a man named O'Connell.

KING YOU DUC.

SAIGON, December 20.—According to advices from Hue of the 14th, You Duc was proclaimed king of Anam. The natives are greatly excited and an attack on the French legation is feared. The firm attitude of Thamepaux, the French resident minister, alone prevented an attack.

"VIVA OBERDANK."

ROME, December 20.—During the sitting of the chamber of deputies to-day, two men in the gallery caused great confusion by shouting, "Viva Oberdank," and throwing copies of Oberdank's will into the body of the chamber. The men were arrested. Oberdank was the man who was hanged at Trieste for engaging in a plot to assassinate the emperor of Austria.

THE HAPPY IRISHMEN OF CANADA.

LONDON, December 20.—Lord Lorne lectured upon Canada last evening. Sir Alexander T. Galt, in introducing the lecturer, disavowed for the Catholic Irishmen of Canada any sympathy with the atrocious sentiments of the Fenians of New York. The Irishmen of Canada were as happy and contented as the natives of England.

No Sparring There.

KANSAS CITY, December 20.—Sullivan and Slade advertised a sparring exhibition to occur to-morrow night, but the chief of police called attention to the statute forbidding such a matter in this city, and it was announced this evening that the exhibition would take place across the line in Wyandotte, Kansas.

He Must Tell It.

CHICAGO, December 20.—Graves, a banker of Dubuque, Iowa, was to-day taken by a witness in a matter in connection with the bankrupt grocery firm of Boies, Fay & Conroy of this city.

Money or the Sugar.

NEW YORK, December 20.—Six thousand bags of sugar were seized at the Brooklyn refinery for non-payment of freight, the plaintiff being the National Steamship company, of England. The freight claimed to be due is \$100,000.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

A corn mill elevator and warehouse at Baltimore were damaged \$70,000 worth by fire. President Arthur has gone to New York. Laborers on the new railroad at Cornwall Pa., have struck on account of a reduction of wages from \$1.50 to \$1.30 per day. The New Jersey Steel and Iron Works reduced wages 10 per cent. Rey, Wm. David Walker was consecrated in New York city, bishop of North Dakota.

Frank H. Walworth, formerly of Saratoga, and Corinne B. Brambleth, of Louisville, were married this afternoon at Mechanicsville, N. Y. Walworth is the grandson of Chancellor Walworth, and the bride is the daughter of ex-Governor Brambleth, of Kentucky. Walworth is the youth who killed his father in a New York hotel seven years ago.

Ex-Police Officer Wm. Coffey, of New York, who killed Pete Keenan with a club and pistol the night of November 3, was sentenced to be hanged the 8th of February next. A new trial was denied.

Six thousand French troops will start for Tonquin within the next fortnight.

THE IRATE SARAH.

How She Flourished Her Little Whip and Dagger at Columbian.

Further Details of the Scrimmage which Bernhardt Had with Sarcastic Marie.

Sarah's Young Man, Who is Spoiling to Shed Some Gore.

And One who Had no Gore to Shed Over a Hair Pulling Match.

WHIP AND DAGGER.

HOW BERNHARDT SETTLED WITH MARIE COLUMBIEN.

PARIS, December 20.—The extraordinary dramatic episode in the apartments of Marie Columbian, on Tuesday afternoon, continues the subject of animated gossip in all quarters. It appears now that Sarah Bernhardt had a dagger about her person, and during the scrimmage she held the dagger in her left hand, while she wielded a small whip across Columbian's face and neck with her right hand. Columbian attempted no defense, but sought to escape by the back stairs, carrying numerous painful welts. On leaving the "battle field" Sarah presented the whip to the concierge, remarking as she did so: "This whip was presented me by the distinguished Marshal Conrobert, but as it has been laid across the visage of such an odious person as Marie Columbian, no longer give it to her, but present it to Columbian as a souvenir." While the war waged in the upper chamber in the lower part of the house one of Sarah Bernhardt's friends said if Columbian had any one willing to defend her in any particular he was ready to fight him. Another friend tore Sarah's picture from the wall, executed a fantastic dance on it asserting it had been desecrated by proximity to Marie's portrait.

The appearance of Bernhardt at the theater, to take part in the rehearsal of the new play, "Nana Sahib," occasioned great comment. Her friends gave many evidences of sympathy. The coolness of her acting after the real drama in which she played "leading lady" was the theme of considerable applause. The general opinion is that the affair will have its sequel in the law courts. Jehan Soudan, on behalf of Columbian, has challenged M. Richepin, one of Bernhardt's friends, to fight a duel. Both men were present at the fracas. Richepin has declined the challenge. Soudan consequently published the following notice to-day: "I have found Richepin a coward in the presence of women, and have found him a coward with men. This is logical."

The Louisiana Democrats.

NEW ORLEANS, La., December 20.—Gov. McRae was renominated for a first ballot. The convention also nominated Clay Noblock for lieutenant governor, Ma. E. A. Burke for state treasurer, J. M. Cunningham for attorney general, and Oscar Arrago for secretary of state.

Bringing Home a Wife.

GRAND HAVEN, Mich., December 20.—Miss Mary Fairfield, daughter of Professor Fairfield, was married to-day to Hon. A. W. Field, of Lincoln, Neb. The bride and groom left this evening for Lincoln.

Cattle Notes.

Stock men in Utah are holding on to their cattle and increasing their herds, hence the number of beef animals sent out the past season is much smaller than in previous years. The number shipped in 1882 aggregated about 45,000, and their number of this year will not reach much over 25,000.

The fence question is becoming one of considerable importance to the cattle owners in Texas. Captain Anderson, of Santa Fe, has bought the Stevenshead herd of cattle, with horses and ranges, for a sum well up to \$100,000. The range is on the Dry Canon, and is one of the best in New Mexico.

A great many Colorado cattle are being driven into the Texas panhandle. The report that 500 cattle belonging to the New Mexico Land and Cattle company, near Antelope Springs, had died recently from want of water, proves to be false.

Cattle owners just in from the plains say that the snow is not melting very rapidly, but sufficient to keep the valleys and small streams well supplied with water. They look for an easy winter for their herds.

M. V. Warren, of Trinidad, has purchased 1,000 head of cows, bulls and steers from a New Mexico firm, for \$200,000.

One of the heaviest transactions in cattle has ever taken place in this country, occurred in Denver on the 8th, the cattle owned of D. H. and J. W. Snyder & Co., purchasing 30,000 head from Texas parties. The cattle purchased ranged in States all county Texas, between the forks of the Brazos river, and the sale included 400 head of horses, ranches, etc. The consideration was \$500,000 cash. The firm is composed of D. H. Snyder, Wm. Snyder, Mrs. H. J. Brown and J. P. Brown who own also the "Hill" herd in Weld county, consisting of 24,000 head of cattle and 600 horses. Being the largest herd of 50,000 head of cattle this firm ranks among the very largest cattle owners.