

A DEVIL'S DEED.

Frightful Explosion on a Philadelphia Ferry Steamboat.

Scores of Innocent Women and Children Endangered.

A Fortunate Escape from Wholesale Slaughter.

Two Illinois Braves Indulge in a Slugging Match—The Usual Quota of Crime and Casualty.

A BOAT SHATTERED.

DESTRUCTIVE EXPLOSION ON A FERRY BOAT.

PHILADELPHIA, August 17.—A boiler explosion has just occurred, the steamer S. M. Felton of Chestnut street wharf. It is reported several lives were lost.

LATER.—The explosion on the steamer S. M. Felton occurred just after she had left the dock on a trip to Wilmington, Del. When opposite Pier No. 8, South wharves, a terrible explosion took place which shook the boat from stem to stern.

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SOUTHERN SEAS.

A Promising and Productive Field for American Commerce.

Which Our Navyless Nation Prevents It from Utilizing.

The Commission's Report of Their Visit to South America.

The Cholera Will Not Come This Way—Whispered from Washington Over the Wires.

THE COMMISSION'S REPORT.

ITS VISIT TO URUGUAY AND THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

WASHINGTON, August 17.—The commission appointed to visit the Central and South American states, in the interest of more intimate commercial relations between those countries and the United States, have submitted a report to the department of state of their work in Uruguay and the Argentine Republic.

They stated that both at Buenos Ayres and at Montevideo the commission sought from the commercial communities information concerning the present condition of commerce, and suggestions as to the best means of promoting trade with the United States, which will be submitted with the report to the president now in course of preparation.

The report in part says: The share of the United States in the enormous commerce of the river Plata country, which includes Paraguay, Uruguay and the Argentine Republic, is lamentably insignificant, and less than it was half a century ago.

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THE MARKETS.

An All-Round Feeling of Weakness, With Lower Prices.

Review of the British Markets—The Visible Supply.

Nuggets of News, Gathered from the Four Winds, and Presented in Readable Shape.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

CATTLE.

Special Telegram to The Bee.

CHICAGO, August 17.—Trade slow and the general market dull, with a decline of 10¢ to 20¢ on all sorts of native fat cattle, except first-class exporters, and steers nearly as good.

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THE COUNTRY SAFE.

NO DANGER OF CHOLERA CROSSING THE ATLANTIC THIS YEAR.

Special Telegram to The Bee.

WASHINGTON, August 17.—A Washington special to the Bee says: Surgeon General Hamilton, of the Marine hospital, says that there is as yet nothing to alarm the people of the United States in the reports coming by cable of the spread of cholera, despite all that has been said about the probability of the epidemic reaching our shores this year.

There is every indication that this year's outbreaks are to follow the course of those of last year, and are to be confined to the most ordinary precautions of cleanliness and disinfection.

Dr. Hamilton says America's danger is mainly from cholera in England or in Cuba. It has been the impression that it comes from the United States that it would come by way of Cuba, and for this reason the efforts of the service have been directed mainly against contact in that direction.

WASHINGTON WAIFS.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS.

WASHINGTON, August 17.—Robert B. Lamont, of Illinois, has been appointed a member of the board of pension appeals in the office of the interior, vice Harrison L. Bruce, resigned.

The resignation of Henry J. Armstrong, agent for the Crow Indians in Montana, has been accepted.

GEOLOGICAL CHECKS.

The following promotions have been made in the geological survey. Almon H. Thompson, of Kansas, from geographer to chief geographer; Robert S. Woodward, of Michigan, from astronomer to geographer.

WORK AT THE NAVY YARDS TO BE RESUMED.

WASHINGTON, August 17.—Orders will be sent from the navy department in a few days declaring that work shall be resumed at all navy yards. Already work has begun in the yards at Mare Island and Brooklyn.

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THE GRAIN PIT.

WHEAT.

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CHICAGO, August 17.—There was a decidedly weak feeling in wheat again to-day, and the market finally closed 1/8 down Saturday.

Receipts did not show any particular increase, but the shipping demand was light, and with the expectation of a large increase in the visible supply, the tone was very much easier.

Large amounts of "long" wheat was thrown overboard, when the price for October fell under 85¢.

Owing to exhausted margins and the generally packing atmosphere, the covering of "short" wheat sustained the market somewhat, and there was some purchasing of "long" wheat, but it was not sufficient to end any buoyancy, and the close was tame.

Stock in New York increased 21,000 bushels during the week.

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LABOR'S KNIGHTS.

A General Strike Ordered To-Day on the Wabash Road.

To Extend Over the Entire Lines of the Company.

An Honest Peoria Distillery—The Cholera—General Foreign and Domestic News.

A WABASH UPRISING.

A GENERAL STRIKE ORDERED BY THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

ST. LOUIS, August 17.—On last Friday there came to this city four members of the general executive committee of the Knights of Labor. The mission of this committee was to confer with Col. A. A. Talmage, general manager of the Wabash railroad, in regard to the relations existing between members of the Knights of Labor and the railroad company, which are said to be in a quite disturbed condition.

Talmage has been out of the city and the consultation could not be had, but a telegram was sent by the committee asking him where a consultation could be held.

To this Talmage replied that he saw no reason why he should meet a committee for the purpose named; that he was not aware that any dissatisfaction existed among the employes of the road, and declined to confer with the committee.

The apparent outcome of this there was pronounced to-day at Peoria, Mo., where the Wabash railroad has extensive shops, an official order commanding the Knights of Labor to practically shut down all points to quit work on Tuesday August 18, at 12 o'clock noon, and remain out until further orders. This order was signed by the secretary of the road, the order has created quite a sensation in Peoria, and the strike ordered is looked upon as one of the most serious for many years.

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