

LAIRD'S CRITICAL CONDITION.

The Second District Congressman at the Point of Death.

AT HIS HOME IN HASTINGS.

Attacked by a Severe Chills Thursday Followed by a Violent Fever and Hemorrhages—Too Close Attention to Business.

Congressman Laird Very Ill. Hastings, Neb., August 16. [Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Laird, a member of congress from the Second Nebraska district, is lying at the point of death at his residence in this city. For the past few months his progress toward recovery has been so favorable that his friends and physicians have repeatedly expressed their utmost confidence in his ultimately regaining his health.

FORN TO PIECES BY GLASS.

A New York Man Meets with a Frightful Death.

New York, August 16.—At 8 o'clock this evening an explosion of gas in a crockery store, at the corner of Grand and Clinton streets, drove the contents of the store through the plate glass windows into the streets and shook the neighborhood. One man was killed and another probably fatally injured, and about thirty persons wounded.

ACCEPTED A REDUCTION.

The Illinois Miners Finally Agree to a Compromise Cut.

CHICAGO, August 16.—W. L. Scott, of Pennsylvania, and other owners of coal mines in northern Illinois are in the city to-day for the purpose of conferring with the representatives of the laborers at the various Illinois coal fields.

AFTER THREE YEARS.

Dr. Bowers, of San Francisco, Dismissed from Custody.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 16.—Dr. J. Milton Bowers was convicted in this city in 1886 of poisoning his wife to obtain the insurance on her life, amounting to about \$17,000, and was sentenced to be hanged. He took an appeal to the supreme court of the state, and on October 23, 1887, before that tribunal had rendered a decision, the dead body of Henry Benham, a brother of Bowers' wife, was found in a room in this city.

MINNESOTA'S MEAT MEASURE.

General Belief That the Bill Will Be Passed.

ST. PAUL, Minn., August 16.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The Minnesota meat inspection law is doomed. As previously noted, the district judges of Duluth have declared it unconstitutional, on the ground that it restricts commerce between the states.

THE WEATHER FORECAST.

Local forecast for Omaha and vicinity—Fair weather.

DOMESTIC TROUBLE DROVE HIM CRAZY.

HOON, Ia., August 16.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—David B. Sillard, of Amesbury, Iowa, has been driven to insanity by the cause being domestic trouble. His wife recently separated from him and secured alimony of \$2,000, and got out attachments on his property.

THE BOUTIQUE MANIFESTO ISSUED.

LONDON, August 16.—The manifesto signed by General Boulanger, Count Dillon and Henri Rochefort is published. It calls the action of the senate court an orgie of arbitrary rule, calumny and mendacity, and declares that in spite of a fresh coup d'etat the republic will continue to exist.

POSTAL CARD CONTRACT AWARDED.

WASHINGTON, August 16.—Acting Postmaster General Clarkson to-day awarded the contract for furnishing postal cards to the postoffice department for four years, beginning October next, to Albert Dargatz, of New York.

DEATH OF A PROMINENT LAWYER.

BOSTON, August 16.—Henry Weld Fuller, a prominent lawyer and horticulturist, died Wednesday night at Boston.

A TERRIBLE RAILROAD WRECK.

Three Killed Outright and Twenty-Five Injured.

PITTSBURG, August 16.—The south bound passenger train on the Butler branch of the Western Pennsylvania railroad, which left Butler, Pa., at 2:35 o'clock this afternoon, jumped the track at Sarver's station, and the entire train, consisting of two passenger coaches and a combination smoking and baggage car went over the embankment and was totally wrecked.

THE CONVENTIONS.

Bismarck Made the Capital of North Dakota.

BISMARCK, N. D., August 16.—The convention has completed the consideration of the article on corporations. Any combination between individuals, corporations or associations, having for its object the controlling of the price of any product or article of manufacture is prohibited, declared unlawful and against public policy, and that any and all franchises shall, when the owners violate this article, be null and void.

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