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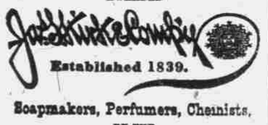

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FORTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

By Telegraph to the NEWS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The Senate passed the bill to repeal the tenure of office act.

Butler offered a preamble and resolutions reciting the close proximity of Mexico and the United States and the desirability of maintaining the closest of friendship between the two countries and providing for the appointment of a select committee of five Senators to visit places along the frontier and the city of Mexico, with the approval of the Mexican Government, to enquire into and report upon any disturbances that may have occurred between the citizens of the two countries with power to send for persons and papers and to employ a stenographer and such other persons as may be necessary and to sit during the recess of Congress. Laid on the table and ordered printed.

On motion of Allison, it was ordered that when the Senate adjourned to-day it be till Monday.

On motion of Miller and after a brief statement by him the Senate took up and passed without discussion and without division, the bill for the retirement and recoinage of the trade dollars.

On motion of Conger the House bill to extend the free delivery system of the post office department, (passed by the House on the ninth inst.) was taken up and passed.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Morgan to rebate the fees and salaries of United States District Attorneys in New Mexico and Arizona.

On motion of Mr. Conger, the bill (passed by the House on the 9th instant) authorizing the employment of female messengers in the postal service, was taken up, amended and passed, and a conference asked.

Mr. Aldrich introduced a bill to provide for the reduction of the interest on the bonded debt of the United States. Referred.

Blair moved to take up the bill reported by him on the 28th of June from the committee on pensions to give the right of trial by jury to pension claimants whose applications have been rejected.

The Senate then proceeded to the consideration of the private calendar. After passing two bills, the Senate took up the unfinished business of yesterday, being the bill to repeal the tenure of office act, and without further discussion the bill was passed—yeas 30, nays 22.

The Senate then took up the special order, being the bill to prohibit members of Congress from acting as attorneys for subsidized railroad companies, but, as Evarts had requested that it should not be acted on in his absence, it was laid aside.

On motion of McMillan, the bill for the appointment of an inspector of hulls and boilers at Duluth, was taken up and passed.

After an executive session, the Senate adjourned till Monday.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec., 17.—Belmont of New York introduced the following bill, which was referred to the committee on Foreign Affairs:

That the President be and is hereby authorized to appoint a commission to proceed to such places in the United States or elsewhere as may be designated by the Secretary of State, to take testimony under oath or affirmation, in relation to losses and injuries inflicted since the 31st of December, 1885, by the British authorities, Imperial or Colonial, upon citizens of the United States engaged in fisheries on the northeast coast of British North America. This commission shall everywhere have in respect to the administration of oaths or affirmation and taking of testimony, the same powers as a commission of the Circuit Court, and shall be paid the same fees as are prescribed for similar services of a Commissioner of the Circuit Court, together with traveling expenses.

Negley, of Pennsylvania, asked unanimous consent to strike from the bill the paragraph providing that no person shall be eligible to a position or employment in the government or management of any soldiers' home who is interested in, or connected with, directly or indirectly, any railroad, brewery, mercantile house, manufactory, dramshop or distillery, in the State where such home is located.

Atkinson, of Pennsylvania, moved to recommit the bill, with instructions to the committee on appropriations to report it back with an amendment, increasing from $1,600,000 to $2,000,000 the appropriation for the outdoor relief of persons entitled to admission to soldiers' homes. Lost—yeas 125; nays 137.

The bill was then passed.

Dingley of Maine presented the memorials of the New England Shipping Association requesting that in the revision of the treaty with Spain all American vessels be placed on the same footing is Spanish American ports as vessels carrying the Spanish flag, and that no discrimination be made against sailing vessels. Referred.

The House then took a recess until 7:30, the evening session to be for the consideration of pension bills.

The House at its evening session passed eighteen pension bills, and at 10 o'clock adjourned until to-morrow.

GENERAL NEWS.

PERILS OF THE DEEP—THIRTY-ONE LIVES LOST ON THE "ATLANTIC."

An Artificial Earthquake—Several Acres of Land Sink In Pennsylvania.

Extensive Exodus of Negroes From Mississippi.

By Telegraph to the NEWS.

Advancing Freight Rates.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The following has just been made public:

"By the vote of the joint committee, it has been agreed to advance the eastbound rates to the basis of 85 cents on ninth-class, and 30 cents on tenth-class freight from Chicago to New York, taking effect Monday, December 27th. The circulars will be issued to-day.

(Signed) "ALBERT FINK."

The Murderer Confesses.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—Sylvester Granda, alias Golinders, under arrest for complicity in the Haddock murder, will be taken to Sioux City. The *Star* will publish a confession made to-day, in which Granda admits that he was with the party and drank with them. They had agreed to attack Haddock and another prominent prohibitionist named Arenzdorf. He says that the first shot killed Haddock. Granda with his wife and Koshnitzki, who is now under arrest at Sioux City, floated down the river on a flat boat. Koshnitzki went to California.

Exodus of Negroes from Mississippi.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—A special to the *Picayune* from Edwards, Miss., says: The exodus of negroes from this vicinity continues unabated. Every train carries off car loads of men, women and children, the victims of emigration agents who make them believe that the bottom land section is a veritable negro's heaven. A mass meeting of the best citizens was held here on Thursday and resolutions were adopted and ordered to be printed, warning the emigration agents to desist from their efforts among the negroes or forthwith leave the community. The meeting appointed a committee whose duty it is to wait on, in a becoming style, all such agents who refuse or neglect to comply with "our modest but earnest demand."

Drink, Disease and Death.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 17.—A horrible scene of poverty and death has been discovered in the dilapidated frame house, No. 156 Woodbridge Street, in this city. The house was occupied by a stone cutter named Thomas Grears, with his wife and five children. Mrs. Grears died last Sunday and was buried Wednesday, her babe being carried off by the neighbors. Since the funeral, the house has been closed, and nothing was seen of Grears or his children. Becoming suspicious that something was wrong, the neighbors broke in the door and found the children on the same bed which the father lay on, who was crazy drunk. All the children were down with a virulent attack of scarlet fever. The girl, three years old, was dead, the boy, eight years old, was strangling and dying, and the other children were so ill they could not move. The Poor Commission will do everything possible to relieve the children.

Serious Cave-In.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Dec. 17. — Between three and four o'clock this morning the people living along West Coal Street in the northwestern section of this borough, were aroused by a creaking noise and the swaying of houses, resembling a series of successive shocks of earthquake. The sensation was produced by a cave-in which took down fully four acres of that section of the town upon which stand upwards of fifty houses. The greatest alarm prevailed from three o'clock until after daylight. After the surface sank the houses swayed and tottered and the frightened people, many of them with children in their arms, ran in search of places of safety, while the men collected their most portable property and conveyed it from the doomed district. The surface settled from two to four feet and damaged property to the extent of from $50,000 to $75,000. The cave-in was caused by robbing the workings of the Robinson Colliery which is located under that portion of the town.

The Lost "Atlantic."

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—The following is Captain Warren's statement of the wreck:

"We were towed out to sea yesterday afternoon. There was a heavy swell and no wind. The currents were so strong we could not get out of the swell. We let go both anchors, but the sea swept the deck and was so heavy the anchors could not hold. We dragged ashore and struck at 1:30 a. m. The men were being washed off during all this time by immense waves which dashed over us. The vessel went to pieces an hour and a half after she struck. There was a very heavy fog and it was pitch dark. We succeeded in lowering two boats, but both capsized before getting two boat lengths away from the ship. The first boat contained Z. H. Doty, first mate; Anthony Petry, third mate, and four or five of the crew. That was the last we saw of them. In the second boat was myself, Second mate Pung and five men, when we were swamped, the sea carried us in till we touche bottom, when we dragged ourselves ashore. We made no signals of distress as it was too foggy for any to be seen."

As soon as the captain reached shore he made his way in an exhausted condition to the life-saving station, a few hundred yards away, and gave the alarm. The apparatus was immediately got out, but owing to the darkness and the fog it was some time before the wreck could be located. A line was then shot over her, but proved of no service, as it became entangled in the floating wreckage and the vessel shortly went to pieces. The vessel is valued at $10,000, and her outfit at $15,000; insurance $5,000. The captain and crew number 42 persons, and up to the present only 11 are known to be saved. Only one body thus far has been recovered.

It is rumored that a large portion of the crew were intoxicated, and that 25 were below sleeping off their liquor when the vessel struck and thus met their deaths. There is some doubt as to the number on the ill-fated bark. When she left yesterday, the Custom's officer gives 42, while the Captain states there were but 38. The ship's Captain and the pilots express the opinion that the tug which towed the vessel out left her too soon. She should have taken her at least four miles further to sea, where she would have been beyond the inshore sweep of the incoming tide.

Claus F. Kruger, keeper of the Life Saving Station, says the first knowledge he had of the disaster was when Captain Warner made his appearance there at 2 o'clock a. m. Two men who patrol the beat all the time were at the further end of their beats and knew nothing of the wreck until an hour after the vessel struck.

MAJOR T. J. BLAKENEY,

superintendent of the Life Saving Service for this district, was early on the scene. In regard to the ineffectual efforts of the Life Saving crew to render assistance he stated he had made a thorough investigation and was unable to discover any incompetence or lack of vigilance. Major Blakeney inspected what was left of the wrecked vessel and called attention to the vessel's timbers. He said: "They are so rotten that a slight blow will break them. The same state of things exists in every part. It seems to me that a rigid investigation should be ordered and those responsible made an example of. In my opinion this is little short of cold blooded murder."

The statements of a number of the survivors corroborate Major Blakeney's assertions.

New Bedford, Mass., 17.—The whaling bark *Atlantic*, reported lost at San Francisco this morning belonged to J. & W. R. Wing of this city. She had discharged her Arctic catch and shipped a new crew and sailed north to cruise. She was commanded by Thomas P. Warren of Southampton, Long Island, and Zenos E. Doty of Falmouth was the mate. She was valued at $25,000, and as far as known was not insured.

A Bloody Duel With Swords.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—A duel with swords was fought Thursday morning in Humboldt Park. A little before seven o'clock two closed carriages entered the Park. Each carriage contained a principal with his second and surgeon. They alighted in a secluded spot and the arrangements being completed the principals drew swords of the cut and thrust pattern and the duel began. So little skill was manifested on either side that both were soon wounded, one through the breast and the other by a slash across the face. The party quickly entered carriages and were driven to a drug store where the wounds were dressed. It is said the cause of the affair was the disputed right to the hand of a lady and that the rivals are the editor of the *Pharmaceutical Journal* and a medical student. The Park policemen witnessed the duel from a distance and were too dumbfounded to interfere.

FOREIGN.

A CABINET COUNCIL CONVENED ON AFFAIRS IN EGYPT.

The Nationalists will Continue the Campaign in Ireland.

Russia Flatly Refuses Prince Ferdinand for the Throne of Bulgaria.

The Campbell Case.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Sir Charles Russel, counsel for Lady Colin will finish his argument to-morrow.

Continuing his argument Mr. Finlay said the evidence of Dr. Hicks, who corroborated Dr. Bird in the assertion, based on a medical examination, that Lady Colin had not had a miscarriage, was worthless because the witness' mind was imbued with the views of Dr. Bird on the subject of which the evidence showed Dr. Hicks was a thorough partisan. Concerning the *alibi* claimed for Lady Colin on Sunday, August 13, 1883, Mr. Finlay contended that the evidence was of the weakest character possible. It rested solely on the testimony of witnesses belonging to Lady Colin's family. Where was the Baroness Francis, who Lady Colin said was in her company on Saturday, Aug. 12th, and Sunday, Aug. 13th, 1883, when Lord Colin alleged that plaintiff was at the Purfleet with the Duke of Marlborough? On the other hand, the defense had clearly proved that Lady Colin was absent from home on that Saturday and Sunday. Where was she but at the Purfleet? Neptune Blood's attempt to disprove manservant O'Neill's statement that through the keyhole of the dining room in Cadogan Place he had seen lady Colin and Chief Shaw in a compromising position, had also broken down, and O'Neill's evidence remained unimpaired. As to General Butler, Mr. Finlay contended that as a co-respondent he would, if innocent have appeared in court and denied the charge against him.

The case was then adjourned.

A Cabinet Council on the Egyptian Question.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A Cabinet Council was held to-day, lasting three hours. The chief business was in relation to Egypt. The Cabinet approved the circular note to the Powers, explaining England's views on the Egyptian question, both financial and military. The action of the Irish Executive was also approved.

STARTED FOR IRELAND.

Brady, Secretary of the Irish Parliamentary party, states that a number of Irish Commoners have started for Ireland to take charge of the campaign, which they will prosecute vigorously. The Nationalists are laughing at the stupidity of the police in not acting sooner than they did. They might have seized thousands of pounds by taking action earlier.

DILLON'S PROGRAM.

Dillon was confined to his room today from the effects of the runaway accident. He looked weak and wearied. He will announce at the League meeting in Dublin on Tuesday whether or not he will give bail and thereby compel the authorities to try him before his recognizances are escheated.

Mr. O'Brien's hands were torn and his left arm sprained in the runaway accident. O'Brien says that, profiting by the old press experience, when he saw a number of police in citizen's clothes at Loughrea, he made arrangements for the safety of the money and documents. He intends to continue the campaign with caution and circumspection. He will speak on Sunday, and Sir Thomas Esmond will speak at Garey.

Prince Ferdinand Refused.

VIENNA, Dec. 17.—The *Political Correspondence* asserts that the Russian Government has sent a telegram to Prince Lobanoff, Russian Ambassador here, refusing to countenance the candidacy of Prince Ferdinand of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha for the throne of Bulgaria.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—The *Journal De St. Petersburg* says: The offer of the Bulgarian throne to Prince Ferdinand of Saxe Coburg-Gotha reported to have been made by the Bulgarian deputation which is now visiting the European capitals, could not have been made seriously. The deputation, says the *Journal*, has no authority to offer the Bulgarian crown, and it is doubtful if anybody would accept the crown under such conditions. It may be, says the paper, that the deputation made an offer tentatively on the part of the present dictators of Bulgaria, in order to throw out the idea that they mean to continue to make demonstrations against Russia. The reckless assertion that no Power would oppose the election of Prince Ferdinand to the Bulgarian throne is unworthy of discussion.

Refusing the Mails.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—An interim injunction has been granted, restraining Cunard and White Star Steamship lines from refusing to carry any mails offered for America. The companies undertook to carry only consignees' letters, and notified the Government to that effect. The Postmaster-General announces that the mail arrangements for the trans-Atlantic service will expire on February 28th, and he invites fresh tenders. He says that experience has proven that the tri-weekly service via Queenstown is best, but while giving preference to Queenstown, other things being equal, he is prepared to consider offers from other points. He prefers to engage monthly or quarterly most efficient vessels, but will entertain tenders for a one-year contract from March 1st, or for a longer period if the terms are completely satisfactory.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

A dispatch from Burmah says: The Shans have mustered in great force and occupy the passes leading to the ruby mines. The British column has been reinforced.

An Owensboro, Ky., dispatch says: The warehouse of the J. T. Welch Distillery Company burned last night, consuming 1,800 barrels of whisky. It is thought the fire is of incendiary origin.

A Detroit dispatch says: Governor Alger will give each of the 477 Detroit newsboys a suit of clothes for a Christmas present. The boys will be measured next week and the suits delivered at their homes Christmas evening.

A Louisville dispatch says: Gratlot Washburne, the son of Hon. E. B. Washburne, and Secretary of the General Council to the American London Exhibition, who arrived here yesterday in the interest of the Exhibition, dropped dead at the Galt House to-day of cerebral apoplexy.

A St. Louis, Mo., dispatch says: Mrs. Juliet Cunningham, who was seriously injured some time ago by jumping from the street car of the People's Line which was in imminent danger of colliding with a railroad train at the Fourth and Poplar Street crossing was to-day awarded $25,000 damages by a jury of the Circuit Court.

The committee of the German Reichstag to which the Government military bill had been referred, Thursday, rejected by a vote of 15 to 12 the clause proposing to fix April next as the date to put into effect the contemplated increase of the German army. The committee also fixed the peace-effective force at 450,000 men for three years.

A Chicago dispatch says: When Joseph Rose, a tailor, returned home from work Thursday night, a ghastly spectacle greeted him as he opened the door. Before his eyes dangled the dead bodies of his wife and thirteen months old child, hung to the transom by shawl straps. The woman is believed to have been temporarily insane.

A Brussels dispatch says: Letters enclosed in packets have been found behind furniture in the reading room of the Grand Hotel in this city. The letters are part of the mail which was recently stolen from the Ostend express. Waiters in the hotel recognized a photograph sent here by the London police as that of a former guest of the house.

A Madrid dispatch says: In the Chamber of Deputies Thursday, Signor Sagasta, President of the Council, denounced the revolutionary doctrines of the extreme Republican party whose conditional offers of peace the Government was unable to accept. He warned the Republicans that their liberty depended upon their own acts, and said that the Government would carry out its program of reforms despite all threats of revolution.

A New York dispatch says: A decision of the Court of Appeals was handed down this morning which puts an end to the scheme to gridiron the city of New York with cable roads. The Supreme Court had denied the motion of the New York Cable Company to confirm the report of the Commissioners under which it was allowed to build over seventy miles of railway in the streets of this city. The Court of Appeals sustained the Supreme Court.

An Atlanta, Ga., dispatch says: Thursday morning, after midnight, the house of John Swilling was burned down. Inside were Mr. Swilling, his wife and three children, all of whom were burned to death. Francis Sanders was arrested and confessed that he had crushed in the skulls of the sleepers, saturated the bed clothes with coal oil, applied the match and left. The citizens seized the murderer and carried him off to lynch him. A rumor has reached here that Sanders was tied to a tree and burned to death.

ST. GEORGE STAKE QUARTERLY CONFEFENCE.

The usual quarterly gatherings of the people for Conference purposes began in St. George by sisters of the Relief Societies of St. George Stake opening their Conference at 10 a. m., Friday, 10th, Dec., 1886.

On the afternoon of the same day, the Stake Conference of the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations was held.

Our Stake General Conference began its session at 10 a. m., Saturday, 11th inst., and closed at 4 p. m. Sunday, the 12th. We were favored with the presence and free administrations of Apostles John H. Smith and Heber J Grant. Every one of the nineteen wards of the Stake was represented by Bishop, Counselor or delegate, and a large attendance of Priesthood and Saints from the wards adjacent to St. George. A full, free flow of the Holy Spirit characterized the teachings of the servants of God.

The statistal and other quarterly reports were read to the Conference, and the general authorities of the Church, also the Stake authorities, were presented to and unanimously sustained by the votes of the people assembled.

The evening of Sunday, the 12th was occupied by the Stake Conference of the Young Men's Improvement Associations.

JAMES G. BLEAK,
Clerk of St. George Stake.

CORRESPONDENCE

SALT LAKE CITY,
December 17, 1886.

Editor Deseret News:

Now that the venerable F. A. Brown, of Ogden, has, for the second time, been discharged from the custody of Utah's regenerators, it may not be amiss to publish a letter received from him by the writer of this soon after his re-arrest, on the charge of unlawful cohabitation with his wives. If men of his advanced years can afford to reassume such trying responsibilities and to pass through the second time for conscience sake, "will it pay" for younger and healthier men to cry *peccavi* and shrug their shoulders on the approach of prospective corporal punishments by those who are doing so much to advertise the peerless fruits of our matchless faith by giving them the world-wide boom and reputation they never before enjoyed?

Fear not the murderer, who can but kill the body, says Jesus, but fear those, who, through the influence of their corrupt practices, depraved hearts and seductive duplicities and blandishments, may send both body and soul to hell. D.

F. A. BROWN'S LETTER.

OGDEN CITY, July 7, 1886.

Elder ——

Your welcome letter of the 3d, making inquiry of my prospects of escaping the vengeance of our enemies, came to hand last evening, and in reply I will say, that if they will let evidence govern them, I defy all the armies of the Philistines to convict me, for I am an innocent man. But what the result will be, I am unable to state at this writing. Time alone will reveal the sequel. I have to plead at 10 o'clock to-day, and I feel calm as a summer's morning. I am conscious of the rectitude of my course and the justness of my cause; and I feel before I will turn traitor to God and His cause, and recreant to my family God has given me, I will rot in the penitentiary, or suffer execution in any other manner.

I highly appreciate your sympathy and good feelings for me, and know that they emanate from a noble and generous heart. I thank you for your good advice and wise counsels, and pray that God may continue to preserve you from the clutches of our ungodly enemies.

Accept much love and kindly remember me to all who inquire after me in friendship, and believe me

Your true brother in the Gospel of Christ, F. A. BROWN.

THE E. E. ACCIDENT.

Details of the Tragedy from a "News" Correspondent.

ROCK SPRINGS Wyoming,
December 15th, 1886.

Editor Deseret News:

A collision occurred at Wilkins, a place about seven miles from Rock Springs, between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning, between two freight trains, causing the death of one of the firemen and severely injuring the other. One of the engineers escaped with a few scratches, the other had an arm broken and a wrist sprained. From what few items of information I could gather, it seems, the two freight trains were to have passed each other at Wilkins, where there is a switch, but the train from the west, whose place it was to stop on the track and let the train from the east switch to the side track, from some cause or other not yet explained, passed both switches and met the other train on a curve, with the result above stated.

The engineer of the east-bound train says he lost control of his air brakes and could not stop his train in time. The engineer of the other train says he knew nothing till the headlight of the other train appeared round the curve like a flash of lightning, and he became unconscious.

Traffic was delayed all day. The passenger train from the east stayed all day at Rock Springs, but left about 6:30 p. m.

The injured men and the deceased fireman were taken on to Rawlins this afternoon. A coroner's jury was empaneled this afternoon, but owing to the absence of the witnesses, the investigations were postponed till to-morrow (Thursday).

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