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AMERICAN.

WASHINGTON, 29.—The Secretary of the Interior has decided a question which came up on the application of the Central Pacific Railroad Company for patents to certain land lying opposite a constructed and accepted part of its road. As the Central Pacific Company has not completed its entire line within the time prescribed by the granting act the question thus presented to the Secretary is similar to that decided by the U. S. Supreme Court in the case of *Schulenburg*, of Kansas, and *Harriman*, in which the Court held that the provision for completing the road within a certain time was a condition subsequent; that although the time for building the road had expired the grant remained unimpaired, and the land did not and could not revert without the intervention of legislative or judicial action, and without such action no effect whatever could be given to the forfeiture clause. The Secretary says in view of this decision which was made more than eight years ago, and since reaffirmed, and the further fact that although the attention of Congress has been repeatedly called to the effect of the decree and no action taken by that body, it must be presumed that Congress intends the land grant companies to have the benefit of the decision.

The committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the Supervising Architect's office met this morning, and adjourned till Thursday. The Washington correspondent of the New York *Herald*, in a long dispatch to his paper explaining the necessary delay in the pending investigation of the affairs of the office of the Supervising Architect of the Secretary of the Treasury Department, says: "This investigation which the Secretary of the Treasury has ordered into the management of the office of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department, recalls the fact that the office itself as it is carried on under the present management is one of doubtful legality; and that in all probability the next Congress with a large democratic majority in the House, will give this so-called department of the government such an investigation as may result in saving large sums now annually frittered away upon the construction of public buildings.

Decoration Day was generally observed.

STANFORD, Conn., 29.—Engineer Rice is found guilty of manslaughter in killing a man named Wyman with his train.

New York, 29.—Ex-Assemblyman James Irving, one of the proprietors of the notorious Empire saloon, is sentenced to the penitentiary for two years, and to pay a fine of \$250.

Omaha, 29.—On the afternoon of April 17th, Miss Anna Bauerlin, aged 25, daughter of John Bauerlin of this city mysteriously disappeared from home. Diligent search by detectives was unsuccessful. No clue was obtained until to-day, when a dispatch from Bonnaville, 150 miles below on the Missouri River, announced that her body had been found in the river by a fisherman, and identified as that of Miss Bauerlin. The body had evidently been in the water some time. An examination revealed a bullet wound in the back. No other marks of violence were apparent, and the jewelry upon her person was undisturbed. The fact of murder is established almost beyond a doubt, but the circumstances surrounding it remain a complete mystery.

Denver, 30.—At Salda this evening, two drunken miners raised a disturbance. City Marshal Baxter Stangley started to arrest them. A man named Evans started for the Marshal with a knife when the Marshal shot and killed him. The other miner, named Thomas Nimmeyer, then shot Marshal Stangley, Deputy Marshal James H. Butthurst, and a man named Thomas D. Yannon, after which he started for the mountains. A party of citizens went in pursuit. Before he was captured Nimmeyer shot and killed Wm. H. Brown one of the pursuers. At the present writing the dead are Brown, Evans and Yannon; Deputy Marshal Butthurst is dying, and Marshal Stangley is in a critical condition. There is great excitement, and strong talk of lynching Nimmeyer.

Franklin, Neb., 30.—A Baptist preacher named Byard was tarred

and feathered by a mob for beating his daughter, who had informed her mother of his adulterous relations with other women.

St. Louis, 29.—The man killed at the Reliance mine last evening has been identified as Fred Hoffmeister, a glass blower from Pittsburg. He has been in Belleville two weeks. The glass blowers of Belleville are on a strike and some of them were with the striking miners yesterday, which accounts for Hoffmeister's presence at the mine. The Edwardsville militia remain at the Reliance mine but the Verdun and Taylorville companies have returned home. There seems to be no doubt that deputy sheriff Anthony ordered the troops to fire on the mob, but not until several pistol shots had been fired by the strikers, two of them aimed directly at Anthony and Gen. Reese who were standing by the side of the train consulting as to how it should be done.

Later dispatches from Belleville say the tone of the press there this morning is favorable to the strikers, and many citizens are on their side. They believe the militia acted very badly, and did wrong in firing on the crowd. The prisoners, about 30 in number, were brought into town about noon; and a great crowd met them at the depot. The entire police of the city and a number of deputy sheriffs were present to maintain order. The men were taken toquire Medart's office, where after consultation between the State's attorney and counsel for the prisoners, the latter were released on their own recognizances after which the great crowd of strikers present took them in charge and paraded through the court-house square.

The inquest began about noon. All the law officers testified that the miners fired the first shots last evening, and 15 witnesses, with their women, swore that the troops fired first. The name of the dead man is now ascertained to be Henderson, not Anderson; he will be buried to-morrow. All miners in the district are ordered out, and a great demonstration will be made.

The miners are now ready to arbitrate. A committee of three is appointed to meet with the Board of Trade of Belleville, and counsel with the mine owners, and effect, if possible, some compromise under which the men can return to work. The Governor has ordered the militia away from the Reliance mine, and 20 deputy sheriffs now guard there.

St. Louis, 30.—The committee appointed by the Belleville Board of Trade to consider the relations existing between the miners and mine owners in the district, and see what can be done towards settling the present difficulties, have made a report in which they recommend that all railroad companies carry coal to St. Louis furnish a copy of the weights of coal produced by each hand working in the mines to Chas. Nesbit, President of the Miners' Union, on the 5th and 20th day of each month; and that Nesbit furnish a copy of the same to each mine; that a uniform seven-eighths screen be established at all the working mines, and that the owners of machine mines be allowed to operate them without any reference to the regulations governing hand-mining. The committee also recommend that the State Legislature provide for a commission of arbitration, to whom all difficulties between operator and miners shall be submitted; the decision of the committee to be final.

The inquest is still in progress, and may not conclude to-day. Two companies of militia at Decatur have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness to start to St. Clair county at a moment's notice; but their services are not likely to be needed.

The funeral of Wm. Anderson, the miner killed by the military, took place at 3 o'clock this afternoon. There were 1,500 miners who attended the funeral.

It is believed some way out of the difficulty will be found, and work resumed at all the mines next week.

New York, 30.—From the *Swan* extra: There was a crush at the steps of the New York approach to the Brooklyn bridge this afternoon. A panic followed, and at least 14 people were killed and many wounded. The crush began shortly before four. At that hour there were thousands of people on the bridge, most of them coming from Brooklyn. The air was clear and brisk, and the people rapidly walking. As the crowd approached a short flight of steps, those in front pushed back for fear they would be precipitated

over the steps, a distance of about six feet. These people, in dawning back from the steps, formed the nucleus for a jam for thousands behind them, who pushed on, unheeding. Almost instantly the people began to shout "Stand back!" and "Give us room." Meanwhile the crowd from New York, which was at the front of the steps, got blocked. The men at the head of the New York crowd fought their way back, leaving a clear space at the foot of the steps. The shouting and crowding from the Brooklyn side increased. It was utterly inexplicable. People in the advance guard of the Brooklyn crowd were pushed toward the steps. They seem to have a horror of going over the steps, although the flight is only five to six feet high. They locked arms and pushed furiously back against the thousands coming steadily from the Brooklyn side. In a few minutes at the point of just five steps there was a slow yielding to the frightful pressure from behind and the front of the crowd was forced nearer and nearer the edge of the steps. Women and children were screaming for help and men were shouting confusedly. Umbrellas, parasols and canes were thrown over the rails by the people who needed their hands to fight their way out of the crowd. At last, with a single shriek that cut through the clamor of the thousand voices, a young girl who lost her footing on the perilous edge, fell headlong. She struck the hatchway at the foot of the steps, and lay for a moment. She raised herself on her hands and would have got up, but in another moment she was buried four deep under the bodies of others who fell over the steps after her. She was dead when they got her out more than half an hour afterwards. The men sprang upon the rails at the side and waved the crowds back from the New York and Brooklyn sides, but the people continued to crowd toward the steps. No police were in sight. The very great excitement grew worse. Men in the crowd lifted their children above their heads to save them from the crush. People were still paying their pennies at both gates, and squeezing in. At last the people at the New York end of the bridge understood what was happening, and the gates were closed. Word was sent to Brooklyn to close the gate there. Messengers were sent to the police station in Oak street, but before any outside help came the bridge police, assisted by citizens, pressed two grocers' wagons into the ambulance service. They were loaded up with the dead and dying, and driven off the bridge followed by crowds of distracted men and women. Twelve dead bodies have been laid in the basement of Chambers Street Hospital. At 8 o'clock two of the dead were identified as George Smith and Ellen Reardon.

Among the wounded were E. F. Dale, Withemine Lowe, Thomas Reardon, Mrs. Charles Vogeler, Mamie Smith, Ellen Regua and Frank Barnett.

It was not until the dead wagons came out that the public knew any thing of the catastrophe. The wagons were followed off the bridge by women crying for their children and by men crying for their wives. Several of the women were half naked; many had on only rags. One woman had both her shoes torn off. All were bareheaded. There were hundreds of them disheveled and crying. Their faces were white, and in many instances were covered with dust and dirt.

Mrs. Edward O. Colburn, of Brooklyn, came into Chatham Street leading a little boy with each hand. She had lost her husband in the throng.

Mrs. Colburn said: "It was an awful experience. I saw one woman fall backward from the steps; as soon as she fell she was jumped upon by men who were forced after her. They trampled her to death. I was pushed up against the railing, turned around, my clothing was torn, and I was exhausted. When I last saw my husband, he was holding our youngest child up in the air, and was being crowded toward the edge of the crowd. I clung to the railing. At last some one grasped my wrist and pulled me up out of the crush. A few moments later they got my two boys up. At that time the bodies lay deep at the foot of the steps. One man who was as white as a sheet, struggled out of the mass with his child above his head. He was screaming. I stood by the rail, looking for my husband and our other children. I do not yet know if they are safe."

The following injured are reported to the New York hospital at midnight: Peter Regan, aged 84, No. 47 Park Street, lacerated scalp wound; an unknown man, ribs and arms broken.

When the approach was cleared at last, it was literally covered with articles of clothing and personal property abandoned in the struggle.

In the excitement of the crush, Wm. Oxford, aged 45, a drunken man, deliberately jumped from the bridge approach into William St., and received severe internal injuries and external bruises. The place on the bridge where the accident occurred is the danger spot in the structure.

Cincinnati, 29.—Ex-Alderman John Geiger and wife were drowned during the rain storm last night. The fact of the drowning was not known until late to day, and the bodies are not yet recovered. They were returning from a visit and drove into a culvert under the railroad, through which a swollen stream was running. The current caught them and bore them away. The wagon was found a mile away in Mill Creek.

Reports are received of a terrific tornado two miles north of East Lebanon, O., last night. The houses and barns of Luther Babbitt, Joseph West and Walton Barnhart were leveled to the earth. Nobody killed; several injured at West's house.

Bowling Green, Va., 29.—The dwelling of K. R. Fors burned last night. His son and daughter, children, perished.

Queenstown, 29.—A flaw was discovered in the shaft of the *Britannio* Sunday when 600 miles west of fastnet. She returned to port with her crank shaft out of order. Her mails have been landed and will be taken by the steamer *Republic* sailing to-morrow for New York, which will also take some of the *Britannio's* passengers. Several of the passengers proceeded to Liverpool.

Boston, 29.—The flagstaff and cornice of a building on Washington Street, during a high wind to-day fell on an omnibus, fatally injuring the driver, crushing the skull of an unknown man, and injuring two or three other persons.

Norristown, Pa., 29.—A gang of railroad laborers were buried by a cave on the Philadelphia, Norristown & Pottsville Railroad at Conshohocken this morning. Andrew Gurlich, A. Johnson and George Scoopgon were fatally injured.

Knoxville, Tenn., 30.—To night an accident occurred causing damage to the Knoxville water works. The bottom of one of the reservoirs dropped out, emptying in five minutes 500,000 gallons of water into a cave beneath. The water does not come to the surface, though the reservoirs are on a hill several hundred feet high. The existence of a cave was not previously known. The other reservoir was not damaged.

Pittsburg, Pa., 30.—The steamboat *Jack Gumbert*, plying between McKeesport and Elizabeth, Pa., struck a rock in the river, four miles from McKeesport, this morning and sank in a few minutes. About a dozen passengers were on board at the time, but all were rescued.

Boston, 30.—The yacht *Skylark* capsized in the harbor this morning, and the following persons were lost: David Butler and Matthew Kenner, Forest Hill; Jas. Wood and James Clary, Boston; Richard O'Brien, South Boston; and another unknown man.

The steam-gauge cock on board the steam barge *Andrew Noster*, but this morning, on the way from Point of Pines, severely scalding John J. O'Leary, of Boston, and Ed. Hart, engineer, who will probably die. Burt McNamara and Henry McCarty, of East Boston, and Andrew McIntyre were also severely scalded, probably fatally.

Lynchburg, Va., 30.—The most disastrous fire that ever visited this city broke out at 10 o'clock this evening and is now raging furiously; \$500,000 worth of property is already destroyed, including the *Daily Virginian* building and fixtures, the Commercial Bank, the large hardware establishment of Jones, White, Bros. & Co., the large tobacco manufactory of Flood & Peter, and other business houses. Several residences are also destroyed, a strong wind blowing and the fire department is unable to cope with the flames. Telegrams have been sent to Richmond for assistance.

The fire was got under control after raging two hours and destroying property to the amount of over \$300,000. The *Virginian* is totally

destroyed, and besides two large establishments, a number of smaller buildings were destroyed on which there was partial insurance, and others partly damaged by water and fire. Five men, Halsey Gouldman, policeman James Vaughan, Felix Baldove, Jas. Clemon and Capt. Wm. R. Moore, the last a conductor on the Norfolk & Western Railroad, were buried under the falling walls of the *Virginian* building and killed.

Quebec, 30.—A frightful accident happened at Beichuan, 25 miles below Point Esquimaux. Fourteen men from the seal fishery were dividing two kegs of gunpowder in their houses; one of them was smoking, and a spark flew into the powder. The house was blown to atoms and two men carried about 100 yards. The entire party were badly burned; none killed outright.

Cincinnati, 30.—Reports are still coming in of the storm on Monday night up the Little Miami Valley. Something like a cloudburst occurred, driving the people off the first floors with the flood.

At Freeport a bridge across the Miami was torn from the piers and a flouring mill wrecked in Shelby.

In Indiana the destruction of barns, fences, timber and growing crops is almost immeasurable, yet not a single person was hurt.

In Butler Co., Ohio, a family near West Chester, were badly injured by falling walls. A great number of walls were unroofed and two or three dwellings demolished. At Lancaster, Owen Co., Indiana, Mr. Williams, wife and child and four brothers were killed by timber falling on them. Several other points in Ohio and Indiana report high wind, extraordinary rain, hail and lightning.

Boston, 31.—This morning a freight train on the Grand Trunk railway went through the iron bridge at Stratford Hollow, Vermont. The accident was occasioned by a broken rail. The engineer and fireman were killed.

Cincinnati, Ohio, 31.—The statement of Mrs. Phil. B. Thompson, the first she has yet made for publication in relation to matters causing the killing of Walter Davis, by her husband appeared here this morning. She denies pointedly that she was drunk at the St. Clair Hotel, and calls God to witness that Walter Davis was innocent of any wrong towards her when she went into his room that night. She says they could not wake Miss Buckner and therefore she went into Davis' room. Her story was told at Mrs. Davis' house and in her presence.

CHICAGO, 21.—From interviews with managers of leading iron mills in and about this city, it appears inevitable that all the mills will close down to-morrow owing to the failure of the mill owners to accede to the Pittsburgh scale. The controversy will no way affect the steel rail mills which will continue operations. The managers of the mills join in asserting that the advantages rest with them as the market is inactive and prices only moderate, while employees were only recently engaged in a long strike from the effects of which they have not yet recovered.

FOREIGN.

DUBLIN, 30.—At a meeting of the Irish National League to-day, Harrington announced that 389 branches of the League had been formed. Sexton made a speech in which he referred to the success of the League in America. Referring to the Pope's circular, he declared the interference of the Pope in the Parnell testimonial indicated perilous and intolerable intervention in the future political course of the Irish people; but that the priests maintained a dignified silence, with which, he said, Parnell's admirers were satisfied.

The correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* says the Pope confirmed the appointment of the Very Rev. Thos. J. Carr, rector of Maynooth College, to the Bishopric of Galway, after being assured that he was not connected with the agitation in Ireland. Another encyclical letter will shortly be issued by the world, denouncing secret societies. He will enjoin the priests to refuse the sacrament to all persons connected with seditious movements.

St. Petersburg, 30.—A fire occurred in the small Iron Works, causing a loss of 300,000 roubles. The workshops were destroyed in which rails were made.

Moscow, 30.—The Emperor and Empress to-day received the congratulations of the Grand Duchesses