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NEW YORK, 4.—The Times says: J. W. Seligman & Co., cabled to Paris yesterday for further details of the reported formation of a syndicate for the construction of the Panama canal, but received no answer up to the close of business last evening. The syndicate was formed on Saturday and it was decided to emit a loan of 400,000 francs about the 20th of this month.

Trenor W. Park, president of the Panama Railroad Company, said last night, to a reporter of the Times that when De Lesseps visited the Isthmus last fall he met him there in pursuance to an arrangement previously made, and an agreement was entered into for the sale of the Panama Railroad to the Canal Company in case De Lesseps was successful in forming the syndicate with sufficient capital to carry on the enterprise. Recently Park was called upon by Seligman, De Lesseps's agent, who desired to know if the Panama Railroad Company was ready to deliver the road to the Canal Syndicate in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Park replied that he was. Park also stated that by the terms of the grant of the Columbian government to the Panama Railroad Company no canal can be constructed within its territory without the awarding of damages to the railroad company by a board of arbitration, and no railroad can be constructed at all across the isthmus without the unqualified consent of the Panama Railroad Company. As it is first necessary to have the railroad before the canal can be built. De Lesseps concluded to purchase the Panama road outright.

Park thinks that the canal is entirely practicable, and believes its construction will shortly be entered upon. The capital of the syndicate he understood to be \$50,000,000.

He did not believe the United States government would put any obstacles in the way of the enterprise or that any attempt would be made by Congress to enforce the Monroe doctrine. He said if the Columbian government had the money in the treasury to proceed with the work in its own account as an internal improvement no one could deny its right to do so. The principle is the same, if it sought outside its own boundaries for the capital required.

Park also said that no American capital could be asked for as required by Lesseps, who undoubtedly could attain all he desired in Paris.

WASHINGTON, 4.—On the 30th of June the Postoffice Department had 5,862 contracts for transportation of mails on public routes; 1,857 special offices, each with carrier whose pay from the department is not allowed to exceed the net postal yield of the office. Of the public routes in operation there were 1,111, aggregating in length 343,380 miles at an annual cost of \$18,747,991. Adding the compensation of railway, postoffice clerks, route agents, mail route messengers, local agents, etc., amounting to \$3,558,278, the aggregate cost of the entire service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880, was \$22,296,269. The service was divided as follows: Railroad routes 85,320 miles in length; annual transportation, 96,497,463 miles; annual cost, \$10,539,271; of which amount \$1,259,216 was for railway postoffice car service. Steamboats, 23,320 miles in length; annual transportation, 5,668,538 miles; annual cost, \$887,221. Other routes on which mails are required to be conveyed with celerity, certainty and security, 235,248 miles in length; annual transportation, 76,077,995; cost, \$7,321,499. During the year railroad routes were increased in length 5,239 miles, and in cost \$971,681. Steamboat routes were increased 2,081 miles in length, and in cost \$132,833. Star routes were increased in length 19,768 miles, at an increased cost of \$919,667. There was an increase over the preceding year in total length of routes of 27,177 at an increase in annual cost of \$2,024,183; increase in cost for railway office clerks, route agents, etc., amounted to \$359,214, making the total increase in the cost of the service over the preceding year \$2,283,897.

HARTFORD, 4.—The town elections took place to-day. This city elects the republican ticket by 400 majority. The town clerk is the only Democrat elected. Of seventy-six towns so far heard from, forty-six are republican, twenty-four democratic and six equally divided.

The constitutional amendment giving the appointment of the Judge of the Superior and Supreme Courts to the Governor, subject to approval by the Legislature, is carried by a large majority. Heretofore Judges have been selected by party caucus and in the Legislature.

DENVER, 4.—It seems to be the impression East that the Colorado election takes place to-day, but under the new constitution, it is to be held on November 2d. The republicans claim the State by 3,000 to 5,000 majority. The democrats concede this and the Governor, but claim the election of the balance of the State ticket by small majorities. They claim that the immigration has been so largely democratic as to overcome former republican majorities.

TOPEKA, 4.—W. H. Fairchild, the man arrested in Chicago charged with the murder of Richard French, the stepfather of his wife, in Harper County, two years ago, has confessed. He claims he found French and his wife in illicit relations, and that after some words, in which he called French a liar, he struck him twice with an axe, killing him instantly. He further says he has never tried to evade arrest.

OTTAWA, Ill., 5.—At daylight on Sunday, smoke was found issuing from the recorder's office in the courthouse. The vault door was found unfastened and a number of books on fire which had been piled up behind the door. On the floor were four tin cans bound in felt cloth, and what was supposed to be a torpedo six inches long. There was also a satchel of charcoal at the door of the vault. Had the plot been carried out, the court house would have been blown to flinders, prisoners and the jailor's family killed and records valued at three millions wiped out. Only 14 books were destroyed, filled with records of mortgages and deeds, breaking the chain of title in many instances. Suspicion points toward an abstract firm. It is believed the tin cans contain nitro-glycerine.

NEW YORK, 5.—The Herald's Paris special says: A syndicate for the construction of the Panama canal was definitively formed yesterday. Mr. Seligman and Messrs. Loubeyran and Denier are at the head of it. It has been ascertained that the cost will be much less than at first estimated. The emission of a loan for 400,000,000 francs will be made about October 20.

The Herald has the following from Newport: There has been some skirmishing to-day in and about the summer residences of wealthy republicans. The skirmishers were Chauncy J. Filley, of St. Louis; Edward D. Page, of New York, and George C. Gorham, of California. These gentlemen called upon James R. Keene, and Congressman Levi P. Morton, of New York, for the purpose of showing how important it was for the party to have funds for the "legitimate" expenses of the campaign in Indiana and also in other doubtful states. There is no doubt that the object of their visit was accomplished as they left here to-night for Indiana, via New York. Fortunately for the visiting statesmen, Keene, Morton and others were in town.

A member of the legislature of California, in '61, writes the Tribune showing how California was saved to the Union that year. He says: California was saved from the attempt at secession by the foresight and prompt and prudent action of President Lincoln. Shortly after his inauguration he commissioned General E. V. Sumner and ordered him to repair to California and relieve General U. S. Johnston, then in command of the Pacific Department. Sumner went aboard the steamer in New York incognito, and his departure was not known publicly until he reached his destination. Reaching the Golden Gate at midnight, he commanded the Captain of the steamer to come to anchor in the harbor until daylight, while the General took a small boat and went ashore. Calling upon Johnston at his lodgings at the Oriental Hotel; he advised the latter he had been appointed his successor. Johnston replied that if he would call upon him at headquarters in the morning the department would be turned over to him. Sumner producing his commission, said to Johnston: "There is the authority under which I am directed to take the command of the Department of the Pacific, and I insist upon being placed in possession here and now." The transfer was then made, and the news telegraphed all over the state on the following morning, and never was a set of men so chopfallen as

were the secessionists both in and out of the legislature. Lincoln, Gen. Scott and a republican congress were bitterly denounced for the gross outrage upon the above General. Upon repairing to the barracks Gen. Sumner found thousands of arms and accoutrements stored there of which no loyal man in the State had any knowledge. The presumption was that they were the quota which had been sent to California in the grand distribution of Buchanan's cabinet, preparatory to the organization of the rebellion, and that Gen. Johnston had been placed in command with instructions to aid in carrying the State into rebellion. This secret was undoubtedly in the possession of the democratic members of the legislature. Gen. Sumner at once re-shipped the surplus arms and ammunition to Washington, where they were so much needed in the early days of the war, and Gen. Johnston went to southern California, where Hancock is reported to have been stationed, organized a company of secession sympathizers, stole an equipment of arms from the State, marched across the continent, joined the Confederate army, and was killed in the battle of Shiloh. That is how California was saved to the Union, and in the affair Gen. Hancock took no part, nor was he known there then as a man of any prominence or known at all.

Grant in his interview, speaking of Hancock said, down to 1864 he seemed like a man ambitious to do his duty as an officer, but in 1864, when McClellan was nominated, Hancock received one vote, and that greatly excited him and changed him, he was so delighted that he smiled all over. It crazed him. Before that time we got on well, after that he would hardly speak to me. I was working to enforce the laws of Congress, and he was working for the presidency. Perhaps he thought I did not praise him enough, but any way he hardly spoke to me. It was on my nomination that he was made Brigadier General in the regular army. When I was made General, Stanton told me it was a compliment to me and that I could name the men to fill the vacancies in the Lieutenant Governorship and Major Generalship caused by my promotion. I nominated him for a vacant major generalship in the regular army. He acknowledged it manfully. He was a very fair corps commander, but was never thought of for any great place. When the army of the Potomac was hunting for a commander it took almost everybody, and even came over into the west for officers, but nobody ever even suggested Hancock for the place. After he received that vote in 1864 he had "the bee" in his bonnet and shaped everything to gain democratic and southern favor. He has watched and planned and waited till, at last, he has received the democratic nomination."

DENVER, Col., 5.—A systematic robbery of the Kansas Pacific road, which has been going on for several months, has just been unearthed by detectives and the principal conspirators, three conductors and a baggage-master, arrested. Their scheme was to sell bogus tickets over the Kansas Pacific road, cautioning purchasers to leave Denver on a certain train, thereby taking them through to Kansas City under the supervision of the three conductors engaged in the conspiracy. The amount stolen is unknown.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Hayes is having a fine time in Oregon.

A process server was murdered in Ireland. One arrest.

Epizootic is prevalent in St. John, N. B. Some fatal cases.

Offenbach, the musician and composer, died this morning in Paris.

The European fleet is assembled in Tevdo Bay, forming a line two and a half miles long.

The metallic resources of the Imperial Bank of Germany decreased \$42,350 in the past week.

The epizootic is sweeping over the city of Philadelphia. Already five per cent. of the horses are affected.

Heavy rains have caused disastrous floods in Bengal. Many lives have been lost and crops are much injured.

Parnell addressed a meeting of 10,000 persons at Kilkenny on Saturday last. Nine members of Parliament and 50 Catholic priests were present.

In the town election in Meriden, Conn., the entire republican ticket was re-elected by an average majority of 350.

General Garibaldi was escorted through the principal streets of Genoa by trade societies, with bands and banners.

One person was killed and 20 injured in a Catholic church in Manchester, England, by the giving way of the gallery floor.

Thirty feet of masonry and an immense mass of rock has fallen in St. Gothard Tunnel. Four men were killed and many wounded.

It is believed at St Petersburg the government intends to re-open negotiations with Marquis Tscing, the Chinese ambassador.

The negotiations between Admiral Seymour and Prince Nikita and the negotiations between Ambassadors and the Porte are not quite harmonious.

Turkish deliberations which have been going on during the past week have resulted in a plan for settling the various questions pending with the Powers.

Seven members of a family in Milwaukee were poisoned by eating wild parsnips for dinner. The parsnips were purchased at the regular family grocery.

The German Government intends to adopt sharp measures against the social democrats in certain towns of Holstein, such as Altena, Ottensen and Wandsbeck.

The tourist party of Chief Justice Donahue, of New York, while returning from the Yosemite in a six-horse coach, capsized near Walton. One man was killed.

A sash and blind factory, also a large quantity of lumber in Cincinnati was burned yesterday. The fire was caused by boys dropping sparks from their cigars.

Mr. Lum has been found out to be secretary to a democratic congressional committee, and is pronounced by the greenbackers to be a black-mailer and untrustworthy.

Gen. Garibaldi landed in Genoa at 8 o'clock this morning and was received with great enthusiasm. Perfect order prevailed. He drove straight to his daughter's house.

Jos. Abbott, on trial at Elmira, New York, for the murder of a fellow convict at the reformatory, was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged on the 19th of November.

Ayob Khan has passed through Farrat, leaving Sirdars as governor. He declared his intention of going to Herat and settling his affairs and then returning to attack Candahar.

In the election at South Norwalk, Conn., a republican was elected mayor, also a full board of republican councilmen, by 110 majority. The city went 48 democratic last year.

In Canada, to-day, two brothers named Fahre quarreled, and the elder struck the younger on the forehead, inflicting probably a fatal wound. Their father seeing this fell dead.

A St. Petersburg periodical entitled, the *Annals of Fatherland*, publishes the internal programme of the government for the next seven years, as communicated by Melikoff.

Admiral Seymour arrived at Cotro to-day and immediately proceeded to Cettinge, Montenegro, and declares his unwillingness to attack Dulcigno unless he can obtain the effective concurrence of the fleets.

Senator Bruce has returned from Indiana and is confident the republicans will carry the State. Second Assistant Postmaster General Brady also expressed the same opinion. Hallett Kilbourne has been in that State several days and says the republicans have an even chance to win.

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