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WASHINGTON, 17.—A decision was also rendered in the case of O. J. Holister, Collector of Internal Revenue, against Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution, in error from the Supreme Court of Utah. The question raised by this case is whether certain due bills, or orders for merchandise, issued on an extensive scale by the Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution, and used for circulation, are "notes" within the meaning of the act of Feb. 8th, 1875, which provides that all persons and corporations, other than national banks, shall pay a tax of ten per cent. on all notes used for speculation and paid out by them. This court holds that the obligations here in question are not notes in the meaning of the law and are not taxable. It was no doubt, the Court said, the purpose of the Congress imposing this tax, to provide against competition with the established National currency for circulation as money, but as it was not likely obligations payable in anything else than money would pass beyond a limited neighborhood, no attention was given to their affecting the value or volume of currency. The judgment of the Supreme Court of Utah was affirmed.

JACKSON, Tenn., 17.—A fire destroyed King's Opera House and several adjacent business houses. Loss, \$100,000; insurance, \$73,000.

Philadelphia, 17.—President Lusk telegraphs from Pocahontas to the office here of the Southwest Virginia Improvement Company: The loss of life by the mine explosion is 112 men. Preparations are making to flood the mine. Work in the west mine has been resumed.

Denver, 17.—Republican's Leadville: News is received of a disastrous snowslide at Carey Small mining camp, Comundrum Gulch, 70 miles north of here, in which five miners were killed. Their names are: J. F. Tate, Millard Thorn, S. E. Steele, Geo. Morris and J. P. Steele. The avalanche was several hundred feet wide and 50 feet deep.

St. Paul, 17.—There was a heavy fire at Knife Falls to-night in the mills. C. Nelson, of a Duluth lumber steamer, was telegraphed for and sent out. At last accounts the fire was under control. It is impossible to get particulars to-night.

Youngtown, Ohio, 17.—Last night the employees of the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio railway laid the switches, frogs, etc., torn up in the afternoon by the Pittsburg, Cleveland and Toledo men, where the roads cross at Hazleton near here. They then ripped up about 500 feet of the Pittsburg, Cleveland and Toledo track, and placed two large locomotives so as to block each end where the track was torn up. The Pittsburg, Cleveland & Toledo men ran a train of flat cars loaded with rails into the obstructing locomotives, and a conflict between the men of each road seemed inevitable for some hours. All are said to have been armed. The court has granted an order restraining the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio company from further work until the hearing to-morrow. The sheriff was obliged to make several arrests before order could be enforced, and a box car was made to serve for a temporary jail. The excitement ran high. Everything is quiet now. The Pittsburg, Cleveland & Toledo had a force of men at work to-day relaying the tracks torn up.

Dayton, Ohio, 17.—On January 11, 1867 Christian Kett, a pretty girl eighteen years old, was murdered in her home on Oak street, and no clue was ever discovered to the murderer until Saturday, when her brother made a death bed confession that her own mother had committed the deed. As related by the son, his mother on her death bed made a confession of guilty. The murdered girl had gone away to call on a lady friend, and returned home an hour late. The mother in a fit of passion struck her with an ax handle, crushing her skull. Appalled at her crime, she smeared the dead girl's face with gunpowder, and afterwards deposed herself in such a manner as to entirely elude detection.

Galveston, 17.—John Duffield, aged twenty, a son of Green J. Duffield, a prominent Galveston capitalist, was met in the street this morning by a trio of hard characters, who, just previously had been refused admission to a certain house in which the young man was, and at the point of a pistol was made to throw up his hands. Duffield obeyed, but only to grasp the assailant's weapon with his left hand, and with the right to plunge a bowie knife six times into Jno. Kelley who had the pistol. The latter has since died. Duffield and others were arrested.

Chicago, 12.—Frederick W. Gagon and wife, who came here a month ago from Leipzig, Germany, were found dead in their sleeping room in a west side boarding house to-day, having committed suicide by hanging. They couldn't speak English, and the cause assigned is despondency from failing to find work.

Sherman, Texas, 17.—McFadden, charged with being implicated in the Pacific Express robbery, was taken to St. Louis this morning on a requisition.

Marshal, 17.—It is reported that one Milliken who, with a fellow known as Clark, murdered a seventy-five year old couple named Rogers in Onachita parish, Louisiana, eleven years ago, were lynched at Pulaski to-day, and that the citizens are in hot pursuit of Clark. W. J. Rogers, a son of the couple, is said to be with the posse.

Windsor, Ont., 17.—Yesterday morning at 8 o'clock two prisoners confined in the Sandwich jail for robbing the Harrow postoffice, shot and killed Jallor Leech, and fatally wounded Turnkey Davis, and escaped. The Windsor police and the citizens of Sandwich and Windsor scoured the country. Kennedy, one of the murderers, was captured just as he was about to cross to Detroit. Kennedy says Leech shot O'Callaghan, the other murderer, and the latter on the road between Windsor and Walkerville by-came faint from loss of blood that he crawled over a fence and will probably die. The search fails to reveal him.

New York, 18.—Newly elected directors of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad company met to-day and organized by re-electing the former officers.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., 18.—An independent republican State convention assembled here this morning with delegates representing half the State. Hon. Geo. H. Corless has been nominated for Governor, but it is not yet announced whether he will accept. Adjourned till to-morrow.

WASHINGTON, 18.—There seems no doubt that Col. David S. Stanley, of the 22nd infantry, will succeed General MacKenzie as brigadier general.

OTTAWA, 18.—The House sat until 3:30 this morning, debating the motion that the bill incorporating Orange Societies be read a second time. It was defeated 105 to 68, causing great rejoicing among the Irish societies.

TOPEKA, KS., 18.—The State Legislature convened to-day. Governor Glick said: The measures to be adopted are entirely for your judgment to dictate. I can only offer the suggestions that the State should at all times employ an educated, competent veterinary surgeon, whose duties should be clearly defined by law. Provisions should be made for quarantining stock brought into the State from places where contagious diseases exist. The law should provide for the destruction of diseased animals, when necessary to prevent the spread of the disease, and compensation should be provided for in such cases. As there are many dangerous diseases that may be imported into the State, the whole ground should be covered so that in any emergency in the future, there will be no doubt as to the malady and no delay in the eradication of the disease.

Wapello, Iowa, 18.—Dr. N. H. Paaren and Simon Beattie, the experts sent here from Louisa County by the *Breeder's Gazette* of Chicago, to-day visited a herd of cattle belonging to Jonathan C. Drake, a short distance west of this place, this herd having been said to be affected with contagious foot and mouth disease. They found 15 head of the herd of 50 affected with foot rot, all being calves but two. The disease was found in various stages from those just beginning to show, to others that had lost the entire foot. The condition of the diseased cattle here is exactly similar to those described as existing in Effingham, Ill., the various stages being identical to those. The herd of Mr. Drake is the only one that can be learned of in this section that is in any manner diseased. The malady with which these cattle are suffering has no relation whatever to contagious foot and mouth disease.

Boston, 18.—The United States Veterinary Association to-day adopted the following resolution, after a discussion of the subject of foot and mouth disease.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the association that the manure on the premises infected with foot and mouth disease in the neighborhood of Portland, Maine, should be destroyed; that the hay and feed on the infected premises should be burned; that the United States quarantine authorities are, through carelessness and incompetency, responsible for the spread of the infection, and that the United States government is, in a monetary point of view, responsible for the loss to the citizens of the neighborhood of Portland and the State of Maine; that the roads which have been traversed by the infected animals, and the premises used by them, should be properly disinfected.

CINCINNATI, 18.—The New Lexington Grand Jury has reported seven indictments, involving 23 persons; one for murder in the second degree, in the Hickey lynching case, and seven for riot in the McDewitt case. Father Oberlin was not indicted.

New Orleans, 18.—The *Picayune's* Morgan City special reports a severe storm there this morning. Several small dwellings and fences were demolished. Roofs were damaged, and the Presbyterian Church was moved from its foundation. The church at Berwick is completely wrecked.

Augusta, 18.—Two little colored children were brutally murdered this morning and two mortally wounded on the place of O. E. Uster. The father and mother were in the field at work when the crime was committed.

Wilmington, Del., 18.—Last evening a valise containing \$5,000, obtained from the Treasury Department by Paul Schmellick of Philadelphia, was thrown by a thief from the window of the car on the Congressional express and seized by a confederate. Schmellick pursued, firing a pistol and regaining the valise.

Brooklyn, 18.—The health department, at the request of the society for the prevention of cruelty to children, has analyzed the candy known as "Rye" and "Rock." The chemist found the candy flavored with the "essence of whisky," or fusil oil, in the proportion 0.7353 grains to the pound. The fatal dose of fusil oil is from 1.4 to 1.6 grains, or about the quantity found in two

pounds of candy. A smaller quantity produces dizziness, headache, a sense of falling and suffocation. A good deal of this candy is purchased by school children.

Toledo, 18.—Chas. Werner, an insane German, who has relations here, arrived recently from Hamburg, and it is believed here his friends in Germany shipped him here to get rid of him, as he is dangerous at times. An inquest of lunacy was held to-day, and he was found insane, and United States Commissioner Hall will send him to the German Consul at New York, to be returned. This will open up the nice point in international law whether a foreign country can send her insane here to be cared for at the public expense.

St. Louis, 18.—George McFadden, the alleged confederate of Prentice Teller in the robbery of the Pacific Express Company, arrived here this evening. He and Teller and the express officials had a conference at the office of the chief of police, but nothing new was elicited. Teller persisted in saying he had no accomplice, and McFadden denied he had anything to do with the robbery. Both were placed in the hold over. No warrant has been issued against either of them, or will there be until the express people gain additional information from them, which they desire. General Manager Morahan of the express company says there is a discrepancy of about \$15,000 between the amount found on Teller and the money now ascertained to have been in the company's safe on the day of the robbery. He believes this sum went to Teller's confederate, and the efforts of the company are now directed to find out who that confederate is.

CHICAGO, 19.—*Journal's* Springfield, Illinois: J. E. Salmon, veterinarian of the Department of Agriculture, telegraph from Kinsley, Kansas:

"Foot and mouth disease at Neosho Falls not spreading. No contagious disease in counties farther west."

Dr. Ranche, Secretary of the State Board of Health, has a report from Xenia, Clay County, Ill., that twenty head of cattle have recently died on the farm of R. F. Fortin, in Wayne County, adding there is no doubt that the cattle died of foot and mouth disease. Dr. Parren, State Veterinarian, has gone to investigate.

BOSTON, 19.—Policeman Kendall captured James Donovan, a burglar, this morning, but while taking him to the station was tripped up by Donovan and brutally beaten with his own club. Kendall, however, succeeded in drawing his revolver and shot Donovan in the mouth inflicting a wound from which the burglar died 11 minutes after.

WASHINGTON, 19.—Adjutant General Drum has received a telegram announcing the death of Lieutenant Colonel Godfrey Weitzel, of the engineer corps.

CLEVELAND, 19.—The still at Mariam & Morgan's oil works exploded this morning. The escaping oil instantly submerged August Fisher and August Guenther, employees, and taking fire, they were quickly burned to death, in sight of the horrified crowd, unable to assist them. The rushing stream of oil overtook Wm. Stohman, another employee, and he too was burned to death. Meriam & Morgan's loss is \$15,000; no insurance. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

St. Johns, 19.—A violent earthquake shock visited Trinity Hants, Harbor Grace, Brigus and Holdrod, yesterday afternoon. The disturbance lasted for 15 minutes.

NEW YORK, 19.—Lawrence B. Pett sailed to-day for Liverpool on the *Galatia*. He plays in the Irving Lyceum Theatre, London, beginning April 16.

PROVIDENCE, 19.—The Democratic State Convention this morning was largely attended. John M. Brenner nominated George H. Corless for Governor.

St. Johns, 19.—At Heart's Content, several houses were violently shaken by an earthquake yesterday. At Clark's Beach, the ground heaved in undulations, and the ice in the lakes was cracked and rent. Two woodsmen, who were compelled to fly the woods, describe the hills as rocking and shaking. To-night the western sky is illuminated as with a conflagration.

NEW YORK, 20.—Chas. B. Wright, of Philadelphia, has been elected director of the Northern Pacific. Vice-President Henry Villard resigned.

PITTSBURG, Pa., 20.—The Chicago limited express coming east ran into a land slide near Columbiana, Ohio, this morning at four o'clock, and was wrecked. No particulars of the accident have been received here yet, but as a special train with physicians left for the scene, it is believed that a number of persons have been injured.

Philadelphia, 20.—At the office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company nothing has been learned up to one o'clock regarding the accident on the limited express at Columbiana beyond what the Associated Press has from Pittsburg. The wires between Pittsburg and Columbiana are in trouble, but the officials are making every effort to get them in working order from here to that point. They are also arranging for a list of the injured.

Philadelphia, 20.—The company learns that the train ran into a landslide, near Salem, 67 miles west of Pittsburg. The recent rains had loosened the earth and it fell upon the track. The engine and train were derailed. Engineer James Richards and fireman C. Rhoads were instantly killed, and eight passengers were slightly cut and bruised; some of the injuries are serious, but no bones are reported broken. The brakeman and baggage-master were also slightly injured.

A wrecking train was sent to the scene of the accident. The passengers were transferred and will reach Pittsburg about five hours late.

It is reported that all the injured passengers will be able to go through to their destination.

Official reports say the limited express was coming down the Franklin grade, three miles east of Salem, Ohio, at the rate of 40 miles an hour, when the engine struck an obstruction of some kind, and jumping the track went over the embankment. The entire train left the rails, but only the baggage car and smoker were upset. When the engine was overturned, the boiler exploded. James Richards, engineer, and Charles Rhoads, fireman, were blown several hundred yards and instantly killed. Baggage-master Basil and brakeman Linds were slightly injured. Six passengers were also painfully hurt, but none dangerously. Their names could not be learned. The other passengers were badly shaken up but uninjured. A train was sent out from here immediately and the passengers were transferred. It will arrive some time in the afternoon, when particulars will be obtained.

Youngstown, O., 20.—It is now known that only the engineer and fireman were killed. In the list of wounded are J. H. McKnight, of Fort Shaw, Montana, and H. T. Douglas, of Fort Yates, both of whom sustained severe scalp wounds. Eight others were badly but not dangerously hurt.

Plymouth, Mass., 20.—Herbert L. Jackson to-day earned ten dollars for mutilating the marble tablet on the tomb of Daniel Webster, at Marshfield.

FOREIGN.

LONDON, 17.—General Graham has been ordered not to push his reconnaissance far beyond Houdouk. It is not true that the Turkish troops are going to Suakim or that the British government has decided to send an expedition to Sinkat and Berber. The offer of a reward for the head of Osman Digma was made against the order sent to Gen. Graham to make overtures with the rebel sheiks, including Osman. Graham and Sir Evelyn Baring have been asked for explanations. Admiral Hewitt and Captain Speedy, who are going on a mission to King John, of Abyssinia, have been authorized to offer the king a strip of the Red Sea coast south of Dankala, with two ports including Massowah, and a large section of Southern Sudan and a permanent treaty of friendship with England.

Sixteen Egyptian camel drivers have been flogged for bolting during the battle at Tamanieb. Spies report Osman Digma trying to collect a fresh force. The officers of the Black Watch regiment, which suffered most severely in the recent battle, received a dispatch from Gen. Wolseley saying, "Black Watch, well done."

Cairo, 17.—Robeh Pasha states that no settlement of the Sudan question will be stable without the supreme power at Khartoum; that suzerainty is essential, and trade is the best antidote to slavery.

Paris, 17.—The latest advices from Bacninh say the French forces, while pursuing the Chinese near Pulangscyn, crossed the river and carried the fort. Three men were killed and several wounded.

A silver mine near Schwatza has been flooded by a subterranean spring and several miners were drowned. The damage to the works by the water is very serious.

London, 17.—Dawson, liberal member of Parliament, speaking at a meeting in Glasgow, said the agitation conducted by Parnell in Parliament and Davitt outside, resulted in a gift of £45,000,000 to Ireland.

The police of New-Castle-on-Tyne have received information of a plot to explode the principal buildings of the city, including the Central Railway station and postoffice.

A box of powder, with fuse attached, has been discovered in the postoffice at Birmingham.

There is a rumor current in the lobbies of the House of Commons to the effect that the resignation of Gladstone and other members of the government has been under consideration at three cabinet councils.

A majority of the cabinet favor a prolonged occupation of Egypt, to which Gladstone is opposed. The air is full of rumors of dissensions in the cabinet, the resignation of Gladstone and the dissolution of Parliament. The fact is that Gladstone is suffering from catarrhal fever, and is too hoarse to speak. There are undoubtedly differences in the ministry as regards the length to which Great Britain should go in the Sudan war, but not enough to cause a split. The Ministerialists are confident that whatever happens Gladstone will insist upon a final decision of Parliament on the county franchise question.

A banquet was given in London in honor of the day. No loyal toasts were offered. Parnell, in proposing the toast, "Ireland a Nation," urged Irishmen not to depend upon any body of Englishmen, but to rely upon themselves. He said Ireland's future was promising; that the time was near at hand when the Irish Parliament would send a message of peace to the English Parliament.

Madrid, 17.—General Velarde, a cavalry en-ign, three sergeants and two civilians, were arrested at General Velarde's house Saturday. Several others were arrested at other places, including Brigadier Villacampa. The

Government has for some time been aware of a conspiracy being hatched for a military uprising, similar to that of August last. Many more persons will be arrested to-day, including Moran, Secretary for Sorilla, a priest, fourteen sergeants and three army officers. The Government has forbidden the proposed Communistic banquet and public serenade in honor of Portoondo, the well known democratic deputy.

SUAKIM, 18.—The spirit of Osman Digma and some of his fanatical adherents is far from broken. He has returned with as many as two thousand followers to the neighborhood of his former encampment. He adopts the same tone in his intercourse with his people as before the last disaster, and is exhorting them to a religious war. He assures them that in the third battle success will be theirs. But the tribes are much demoralized as they reflect upon the full significance of their crushing defeat. Osman does not hesitate to make use of stern measures towards any followers who show signs of disaffection. Two sheiks who attempted to leave camp have been placed in chains. Admiral Hewitt's proclamation offering a reward for Osman's head, reached the hands of sheiks with him. They read it and spurned it with supreme contempt. Osman's scouts to the number of 150 are watching close about Handoub. They are ordered to kill all stragglers, whether English or of friendly tribes.

London, 18.—To-day's Bulletin regarding Gladstone's health states that he is slightly better. Absolute rest has been enjoined.

Paris, 18.—The *Gaulois* says Li Hung Chang, Viceroy of China, is submitting a basis of peace to the English and American ministers at Peking and asking them to interfere.

It is asserted that France will demand a heavy indemnity from China, and will occupy Chinese territory to guarantee its payment.

Warsaw, 18.—The police suspect that Degaleff, the leader of the party of Nihilists who murdered Col. Suderkin, is here. Fifty arrests were made last night. The hotels have been directed to report to the police the arrival of all strangers.

Madrid, 18.—Gen. Terror has been arrested. Search is being made for Gen. Hidalgo. These officers are believed to be implicated in the widespread conspiracy against the government.

London, 18.—Marquis of Hartington, War Secretary, has received the text of Admiral Hewitt's proclamation offering £1,000 for Osman Digma's head, and has ordered it withdrawn in the most judicious manner possible. The Marquis of Hartington stated this afternoon in the Commons, that he had received a dispatch from Admiral Hewitt explaining his reason for issuing the proclamation. He asserted that Osman had killed two of his messengers and he therefore considered the rebel chief a murderer.

In the House of Commons to-day the army estimates bill passed. The amount appropriated is £4,230,000. The Marquis of Hartington stated the elastic terms of the service and the bounties, were inducing men to prolong the period of their foreign service, and it had attracted the past year over 33,000 recruits. This is the largest number known in one year. Regarding the heavy naval ordinance in process of construction, he said there were three guns of 110 tons, the most powerful in the world, four of 63 tons, and three of 43 tons to be finished the present year.

Lord Edmund FitzMaurice, Under Foreign Secretary, announced the interruption of telegraphic communication between Shindy and Khartoum continues. The last dispatch from Gordon was dated March 1st.

The scene about the House of Commons this afternoon, where numerous Commons were sitting, was of the most unusual character. Clerks and porters who were carrying bags and boxes to the committee rooms were stopped by the police and the parcels subjected to thorough examination to prevent the possibility of the introduction of dynamite.

Paris, 18.—A manifesto from Prince Napoleon is regarded as imminent. He has gone to Switzerland to avoid arrest, taking with him his papers and valuables.

Berlin, 18.—The German government has asked the Austrian authorities to postpone the execution of Hugo Schenck, the wholesale murderer of servant girls, pending inquiry in regard to the girls whom Schenck is believed to have murdered in Germany.

Paris, 18.—Prime Minister Ferry has been interviewed upon the question of the general disarmament by the European powers; he pronounces it an impossibility, and says the discussion thereof is a waste of time.

LONDON, 18.—At 8 this evening it is announced that Gladstone's condition is rather worse.

The tenor of Minister Lowell's letter to the Secretary of State on the exclusion of American live cattle from England, was telegraphed from New York, appears in the papers without comment. In Paris, Martin refers to the communication as a parallel of Minister Sargent's letter on Germany's exclusion of American pork, with the difference that both political parties in England accept the truth of Minister Lowell's statements, which tend to raise him in English estimation.

Paris, 18.—By an explosion of gas in a merchant's house to-day, a police officer and a fireman were killed and twenty persons injured, including a number of passers by.

There were several banquets here on