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NEW YORK, 19.—The ship *Hudson*, from Antwerp, arrived to-day. She reports that on February 6th, latitude 35 degrees 4 minutes, she struck a terrific hurricane from east southeast, shifting to northwest, with a heavy cross sea; February 10th, latitude 35 degrees 48 minutes, longitude 62 degrees 54 minutes at midnight she sighted a vessel showing signals of distress; hauled up to her and found her to be the bark *Minnie Gray*, Capt. Moncriff, from Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 2d, for London, with a cargo of rosin and turpentine, totally dismantled, her deck swept away and making water, the crew having been at the pumps four days; provisions all spoiled, etc.; laid by until next morning and put out a boat and took off the captain and crew, nine all told, and brought them to this port, saving very little effects. January 11th, John Buck, a seaman, about 30 years old, a native of St. Louis, fell from aloft and was killed.

LOUISVILLE, 19.—W. S. Hickman, a farmer, brought information to-day of a domestic tragedy in Hardin County, near Hodgenville, Ky. Ben Coombs and Jake Mason, neighbors, have been at outs for some time. Jealously was the cause. Yesterday Coombs told his wife he was going to Elizabethtown and would not return until next day. He suspected Mason of intimacy with his wife, and hid himself in the vicinity. Mason came to the house in the afternoon. Coombs' suspicions being confirmed, he got a gun and fired both barrels at the gully pair, filling their heads, necks and faces with large squirrel shot. Mason was killed almost instantly, and Mrs. Coombs was badly injured. After the shooting, Coombs went to Mason's house and told the dead man's wife what had happened. The two then packed up their things and went to the railroad station, where they took the train for Nashville or Memphis. The wounded woman dragged herself a mile distant to Mr. Hickman's house, where medical treatment was given her. It is thought she will die of her wounds.

Nine large business houses were almost completely burned out, six damaged and four others incurred losses which many thousands of dollars will not repair. A complete square on Letitia Street is burned. The loss is roughly estimated at \$250,000.

John McCourt, fireman, has since died from injuries received. A body taken from the ruins, and which was supposed to be that of Joseph Blyler, has since been identified as that of Thomas Marshall, a drayman, who was in the building where the fire originated at the time the wall fell. Blyler was also in the building just previous to the falling of the wall, but escaped.

MOBILE, Ala., 19.—The schooner *E. V. Oliver*, Wm. Clark master, with fruit, went ashore last night on Dixie Island, at the entrance to Mobile Bay. She is a total loss. The vessel had a crew of five men, one of whom was taken from the rigging this morning, but died shortly after. No trace of the others.

WASHINGTON, 19.—News of a serious collision on the Virginia Midland Railway has just reached this city. It is reported that the northbound mail, due here at 10:25 p.m., ran into a freight train about four miles above Alexandria, and several persons were killed. The cars of the passenger train caught fire after the collision and are still burning. A wrecking engine has just been dispatched to the scene of the accident.

The wrecking train has not yet returned from the scene of the accident, on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, between this city and Alexandria, and the details which can be obtained are meager. The collision occurred in or near the short tunnel at Four Mile Run, the colliding trains being the New Orleans mail over the Virginia Midland, which should have reached Washington at 11 p.m., and a freight train going south. Both trains are badly wrecked and shattered. The cars took fire, the flames being fed by petroleum from two oil cars in the freight train.

Thirty-three cars were burned, including baggage and mail cars, with contents. Andrew Auger, conductor of the freight train, was killed, and several train men are missing. Seven or eight persons were injured, some of them seriously. The wounded were taken to a farmhouse in the vicinity.

Later.—The killed are Geo. Freer, engineer of the freight; Tom Darley, fireman of the passenger; Andrew Auger, conductor of the passenger, and Bruce, engineer of the passenger. The name of the mail agent—who was injured—could not be learned. None of the passengers were seriously injured. All were taken back to Alexandria after the collision.

DENVER, Col., 19.—The *Tribune-Republican's* Los Vegas, N. M., special says: Don Miguel Mentano, a wealthy Mexican and a leading local politician, together with his wife, were foully murdered last Tuesday night by Jose Trugello, who fled to the mountains and is not yet captured. It is reported that Trugello was in love with Mrs. Mentano, who repelled him, and that he killed both out of revenge.

QUEENSTOWN, 16.—Orders were received at the naval station here to-night to send assistance to the *Poonah*, the transport on which the Canadian voyageurs were brought from Alexandria, and from which they were about

to be transferred to the *Hanoverian* for their voyage home. A gunboat, carrying a strong force of marines and infantry, was at once dispatched to the aid of the *Poonah*. All information as to the nature of the trouble is refused by the officials, and there is an evident desire to have the facts suppressed. It is alleged that the voyageurs became intractable and showed signs of mutiny and that the officers of the *Poonah*, having only a small number of marines on board, were compelled to call for assistance to quell the outbreak.

Later reports referring to the trouble on the *Poonah* state that there was a disturbance among the Canadian boatmen, during which three soldiers under arrest made their escape in boats.

NEW YORK, 20.—Threes, 1; 4's, 12%; 4's, 22%; Pacific 6's, 25; Central Pacific, 33; Burlington, 22%; Northern Pacific, 18; preferred, 42%; Northwestern, 93%; York Central, 94%; Oregon Navigation, 65; Transcontinental, 13%; Pacific Mail, 55; Panama, 98; St. Louis & S. F., 20; Texas Pacific, 12%; Union Pacific, 48%; Fargo Express, 9; Western Union, 58%.

CHICAGO, Ills., 20.—The cold weather continues, but freight trains on the Western roads are now generally moving, although greatly delayed. Eastern roads centering here are clearing out their yards, and hope to be able to accept all offerings to-morrow. Reports received here from Kentucky, Tennessee and Southern Missouri, say no damage has been done to the winter wheat in the States.

NEW YORK, 20.—The Marvin Safe Company's factory, a huge eight-story building, embracing Nos. 324 to 332 West 37th Street, was destroyed by fire during the night. The tottering walls of the building threatened the surrounding tenements, which were cleared by the police. Hundreds of half clad children, women and men were shivering in the sharp frost, being driven from their homes, or found shelter with the neighbors. The tenements Nos. 329 and 334, adjoining to it on either side, were more or less damaged by the falling walls. The loss of the Marvin Safe Company was \$230,000, of which \$100,000 is on stock, \$50,000 on machinery, and \$80,000 on the building. Insurance \$125,000, in 30 companies. Two hundred and fifty workmen were thrown out of employment by the disaster.

NIAGARA, 20.—The river was blocked here last night and crossing commenced this morning. The river is now blocked from Queenston two miles out into the lake, making an ice bridge nine miles long.

CINCINNATI, 20.—The Ohio and Mississippi train leaving North Vernon, Ind., this morning encountered a broken rail, and the rear sleeper was thrown down an embankment. In the wreck two persons, as far as known, were killed and several injured.

PHILADELPHIA, 20.—Returns to the American Iron and Steel Association of the Bessemer steel production of the country for '84, show a reduction of only nine per cent. below the maximum output which was made in '82.

CINCINNATI, 20.—The Ohio and Mississippi train leaving North Vernon, Ind., this morning encountered a broken rail. The rear sleeper was thrown down an embankment and wrecked. Two persons, as far as known, were killed and several injured.

Late this afternoon another dead body was taken from the wrecked sleeper. It was found to be L. P. Plaup, of St. Louis. He was badly crushed. The body of Elbridge was brought to this city. The fire which resulted from the collision destroyed thirteen through registered mail pouches coming from New Orleans, Mobile and other points in the South, and destined for Washington, New York and eastern cities. These pouches are known to have contained money and valuables, but to what amount cannot yet be ascertained. The fire also destroyed 100 sacks of ordinary mail matter, a heavy miscellaneous mail and 180 registered letters taken up for delivery along the line and not inclosed in pouches. The ordinary mail lost is supposed to have come from Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi and other southern States. It is impossible, as yet, to tell where the blame for the disaster rests, as all who could throw any light on the matter are dead or so badly injured that the facts cannot be ascertained. The safe of the express car had been opened shortly before the accident, and the flames made such headway the express agent could not close it, and its contents burned. On account of the way-bills having been burned, it cannot now be told just how much money was in the safe, but it is variously estimated all the way from \$75,000 to \$150,000. About a bushel of silver dollars were taken out of the wreck, being badly burned, and many more were melted into a solid chunk. The postal officials say the collision caused the largest loss of mail matter of which there is any record in the department.

PHILADELPHIA, 20.—At the coroner's inquest this afternoon, in regard to the death of the twenty victims of the recent fire at Blockley's Almshouse, a sensation was developed by the confession of Joseph Nadine, a young negro, that he had set fire to the building, and that he was instigated to the act by Peter J. Schroeder, one of the chief attendants. Nadine is about 23 years of age, and was committed to the institution as an imbecile, but it is said by physicians of the institution that he is morally responsible, and that he was frequently permitted to go home unattended. As the result of Nadine's confession, Schroeder was arrested. Nadine said Schroeder had given him a match on the night of the calamity and

told him to set the place on fire. Nadine then went to the drying-room, and, lighting the match, applied it to some rubbish on the floor. He then called Schroeder, and the two, with the assistance of an attendant named Mullen, endeavored to get the patients out, but the fire gained such headway that they were themselves compelled to leave the building.

BOSTON, 20.—George Oliver, aged 30, probably fatally stabbed his wife this evening and then cut his own throat.

A young woman living in the lower part of a house, on Winter street, hearing shrieks, ran to Oliver's apartments. There she saw Oliver holding his wife to the floor by the hair of the head and savagely plunging a jack-knife into her neck. He then went to the rear kitchen door and cut his own throat from ear to ear. He fell down an entire flight of stairs to the woodshed below, where he was found by the officers. Mrs. Oliver was removed to the hospital. She may recover. Oliver has been out of employment six months, and is spoken of as a mild-mannered man, but given more or less to drinking. He was sober to-day when he committed the double crime.

CLEVELAND, O., 20.—Milton Morton, proprietor of a hardware store, last Sunday arranged a loaded revolver in such a manner that when a window was opened the contents would be discharged into the breast of the intruder. Two days later the window was found partly raised and the weapon empty. The police to-night arrested Michael Murray at No. 12 Hanover street as the guilty party. He was conducted to the Central station. A bullet hole was found in Murray's right chest. The youth confessed an attempt to burglarize the place.

GALVESTON, 20.—A *News* Big Springs special says: John Manning, a ranchman, shot and killed Tom Green to-day near Mannheim Station, ten miles west, on the Texas Pacific Railway. February 11th Green stole a team from Manning and a wagon from a man named Cuney. That night Green caught Manning's 12-year-old daughter, gagged and tied her to the bottom of the wagon and fled to the hills, making for California. Manning returned home on the 12th, and, with three friends, started in pursuit, overtaking Green to-day. He found his daughter still tied to the bottom of the wagon. Green, when approached, showed fight, and was shot instantly by Manning.

NEW YORK, 20.—Three thousand mill hands employed at Alexander Smith's Sons carpet mills at Yonkers struck to-day. It is said the strike is due to the action of Superintendent Coyne, who had some of the hands dismissed because they joined the New York Trade Union.

GALVESTON, 20.—A *News* Fort Worth special says: The loss by the burning of Joseph H. Brown's wholesale grocery house last night was \$200,000; insurance on stock, \$167,000; on building, \$30,000; on office furniture, \$3,000.

DUBLIN, 20.—Dr. Walsh, rector of Maynooth College, is the probable successor of Cardinal McCabe. He is *persona grata* with the nationalists, although never a partisan.

GALVESTON, 20.—The startling news comes from Morelia that Luis Gonzales, editor of the *Explicator*, whose recent arrest and subsequent release by the government caused so much excitement, was assassinated Tuesday. Five soldiers in civilian's dress shot him on the street. They escaped. He lived but a few minutes.

DENVER, 20.—A *Tribune-Republican* Santa Fe special says: Two trains, freight and passenger, collided on the Atlantic & Pacific road near Blue Water station, Arizona, last night, instantly killing John Breed, Jr., and fatally injuring Morris Barth. Both are young merchants of Holbrook, Arizona.

MONTREAL, 20.—The drapery around the corpse of Madame Ricot caught fire from a candle, and the fire spread so rapidly that some of the boarders were forced to jump from the third story window. One was severely injured. A servant girl was badly burned. The corpse was burned to a crisp.

CHICAGO, 20.—Rosewell Miller, assistant general manager of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road, was to-day appointed to succeed the late S. S. Merrill, whose duties he has been performing since the latter's death. Joseph F. Tacker has been tendered and has accepted the post of assistant general manager of the same road, in charge of the freight traffic. Mr. Tacker was for a number of years traffic manager of the Illinois Central, and is one of the best known traffic men in the country. The appointment will go into effect about March 1st.

At a meeting of the eastbound passenger agents to-day, the Niagara Falls Short Line withdrew its claim to differential on Boston business.

PHILADELPHIA, 20.—A special from Muncy Valley, Pa., says: Jos. Haberecker, wife and three children went sleighing last evening. On their way home the horses ran away, the sleigh overturned and the occupants were dragged 500 feet, when the horses fell. The father's neck was broken, and the child Harry had both legs cut off and died shortly after. The wife and remaining children it is thought are fatally injured.

CLEVELAND, O., 20.—A Youngstown special says: Mrs. Wm. Clark, of Leech's Corners, Pa., gave birth to a child last night, and this morning, during the absence of her husband, she cut his throat from ear to ear, and clad only in night clothes, she secreted the body in a lumber pile. It is thought she will die from exposure.

WASHINGTON, 20.—In the Swaim court-martial to-day

General Swaim was called, and testified that he never foraged horses he did not own. The examination then closed and the defense rested their case. The court decided to hear no arguments and immediately went into secret session to consider the case.

The court remained in secret session but ten minutes and then adjourned sine die. There is an impression abroad to-night that Gen. Swaim has been acquitted.

Nominations—Registrars of Land Offices: Patrick H. Winston, Jr., of North Carolina, at Lewiston, Idaho; Chas. F. Earley, Santa Fe, N. M.

Confirmations—Postmasters: C. H. Sproule, Elko, Nevada; J. J. Smith, Oroville, Cal.; Jas. P. Reddick, Telluride; Col. J. W. Haverstick, receiver of public moneys at Los Angeles, Cal.; Warren Truitt, registrar of land office at Lakeview, Ogn.

WASHINGTON, 21.—About 800 people were seated at the base of the Washington Monument to-day, to listen to the ceremonies of its dedication.

PHILADELPHIA, 21.—A fire broke out between 6 and 7 this morning in the house of Jno. A. King, No. 1539 Pine St. The flames made rapid progress, and three dwellings were destroyed. The occupants of King's residence who were asleep in the upper stories, were aroused by the heat and smoke only to discover that the usual means of egress was cut off. They ran to the windows and most of them jumped out. King appeared at the fourth story window and was seen to make an effort to jump out, but was overcome by the heat and fell back into the flames. Three people who jumped to the ground, (two female servants and a sister of Mrs. King) also lost their lives. Mrs. King appeared at the window crying for help. A mattress was held by firemen and she was told to drop her baby first and then jump herself. She did so and received severe, but not dangerous injuries. The baby was killed. The body of Mrs. Hamilton, sister of Mrs. King, has been recovered. Four people in all were killed. The Kings were among the most fashionable and popular people of the city.

CHAPPAQUA, N. Y., 21.—The Chappaqua Mountain Institute was burned at 3 o'clock this morning. The 75 scholars were all safely removed, although there were some narrow escapes. Many children were carried out insensible through the smoke and flames upon the frozen, snow-covered ground in their night clothes, bare footed and partly naked. The neighbors were soon at the scene and the half frozen children cared for. The institute was started 16 years ago as a Quaker School for boys and girls.

PITTSBURG, 21.—A terrific explosion of natural gas occurred in the two-story brick dwelling occupied by Helsey Bros., cigar makers, at Wellsburg, W. Va., at 1:30 this morning. The building together with the adjoining property, was entirely demolished. Six persons are reported killed.

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HALIFAX, 21.—At a meeting of the short line railway committee of the City Council and Chamber of Commerce, strong resolutions were passed blaming the Dominion government for giving virtual aid to the Canadian Pacific Railroad Co., to extend their line to Portland for the winter terminus. The resolution set forth that the Canada Pacific Railway is the great national highway built of national funds and therefore should be so constructed as to bring wealth, not to people of a foreign country, but the tax-payers of Canada who built it. The winter terminus should be on the Canadian seaboard.

FOREIGN.

LONDON, 20.—The Ministerial speeches in Parliament yesterday concealed the true situation in Sudan. Lord Wolseley has applied for reinforcements on the Nile, and it is reported that he wants 2,000 English troops to try and march from Korosko across the desert upon Abu Hamed, where Gen. Brackenbury has been ordered to remain until a simultaneous advance with Gen. Graham's forces from Suakim can be made upon Berber. Should the Mahdi threaten Dongola, Lord Wolseley will retire to Debbeh. It is feared that the appearance of the Mahdi near Dongola would lead to a general rising in his favor in Nubia and Upper Egypt. Egyptian troops are echeloned between Assouan and Wady Halfa. The disaffected tribes are ready at any moment to declare for the Mahdi.

Consuls yesterday touched 98%, the lowest since 1878.

Sir Stafford Northcote's motion for a vote of censure against the government was skillfully worded and meets with the approbation of all sections of the Liberals. A number of government supporters will be absent on the occasion of a division on this motion. The fate of the ministry depends upon the decision of the Irish party—which side they will support, or whether they will abstain from voting.

The morning papers comment harshly on Gladstone's studied silence in regard to Gen. Gordon. They say it could have done the Premier no harm particularly to have expressed some admira-

tion for the heroism and some regret for the fate of the defender of Khartoum, because he would have had the applause of the whole people, without distinction of party, for such expression. One writer says: "Gladstone has exhibited an apparent want of feeling which would have been deemed incredible twenty-four hours ago, and for which we are wholly unable to account."

Gen. Brackenbury, commanding the troops under the late Gen. Earle, has telegraphed from Ussie Island, that the cavalry corps entered Salamat on the 15th inst., finding it deserted. The cavalry were then about five miles in advance of the infantry. The horses and camels had got safely through Shukook Pass, which had been prepared for defense, but was also abandoned by the enemy. Gen. Brackenbury doubts if he can concentrate there before the 29th, owing to the necessity there will be of crossing the mounted troops to the other side of the river. An estimate of the time necessary to do this, Gen. Brackenbury says, must be very uncertain, because of the difficulties presented by the Nile at its present stage.

Gen. Buller's retreat from Gubat is considered at the war office to have been inevitable, and a most fortunate escape. Gen. Buller will reach Gakdul Wells to-day, and will return with his entire force to Korti.

Korti, 19.—Gen. Dormer and Gen. Grenfel have arrived here. The natives around Gakdul Wells assert that the rebels are in strong force at Abu Hamed.

LONDON, 19.—In the Commons to-day Gladstone, replying to certain interrogatories about the government's conduct in Egypt, said the present situation did not allow the government to make overtures to El Mahdi, because such overtures might defeat their own object.

Sir Stafford Northcote followed the Marquis of Hartington and Prime Minister, saying he would defer discussion and merely take occasion at the present time to pay a tribute to General Gordon. Sir Stafford Northcote gave notice that he would move, on the earliest day possible, which he hoped would not be further off than next Monday, that an humble address be presented Her Majesty, the Queen, representing that the course pursued by the present Liberal Government in regard to Egypt and Soudan had involved a great sacrifice of valuable lives and heavy expenses, without any beneficial results (cheers), rendering it imperatively necessary to the interests of the British empire and the Egyptian people that the government should distinctly recognize and take decided measures to fulfill the responsibility now incumbent upon them to insure a good, stable government in Egypt and those portions of Soudan necessary for Egypt's security. (Cheers.)

Gladstone stated that the policy of the government to evacuate Egypt eventually, remained unchanged. He said he had done all he could for Gen. Gordon and was not to be held responsible for his death.

Gladstone, replying to a request from Sir Stafford Northcote, said he would name to-morrow for discussion of the proposed vote of censure.

Earl Granville frankly stated that the government left it entirely to Gen. Wolseley to decide whether the British forces should proceed to attack Khartoum at once, or delay the attacks until later—say some time next autumn. Earl Granville further admitted that the Government believed Wolseley would decide upon the postponement of aggressive operations.

Salisbury responded as follows: "If the country is not satisfied with the government's explanation, it will visit bitter censure upon those answerable for so fruitless a policy. [Cheers.] We do not propose to anticipate the discussion which must inevitably come later on, but we must hope that England will not retire from Egypt leaving no record of our presence there except of mischief done and the bones of our soldiers."

Gladstone in his remarks to-day said: "Our policy in the Soudan is still for evacuation. Recent events there have prevented the immediate application of this policy. The fall of Khartoum altered in a military sense the whole situation in Soudan. Lord Wolseley is authorized to take what measures he sees fit to overthrow the Mahdi at Khartoum. No further communication will be made to the Mahdi, but any received from him will be considered."

Adjourned till to-morrow. Discussion of the redistribution of seats bill was fixed for Monday. Gladstone gave notice that he should move that this bill should take precedence of the motion of censure.

The *Times* Tai Wan Foo correspondent says: The Chinese are exasperated over the treatment by the French of Chinese prisoners at Kelung. When the prisoners were unable to work for want of food, the French attacked them with bayonets. If that failed to move them, they were shot.

Three large French men-of-war were recently seen pursuing and firing big guns at one little Chinese junk. The ill-feeling of the Chinese is extending to the English for allowing Hong Kong to be used as a base for such operations. The situation is dangerous.

MARSEILLES, 19.—Therese Neranger, a cousin of Clovis-Hughes, whose wife recently shot Morin, to-day attempted to murder her paramour, Souchon, with a revolver. The bullet lodged in the man's lungs and he is believed to be dying. Therese wanted Souchon to marry her and he refused.