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LAST NIGHT'S NEWS

The Trouble on the Reading Railroad to be Investigated by Congress.

Earthquake Shocks in Various Parts of Maine New Hampshire and Vermont.

The Representatives of Dakota Earnestly Pushing Her Claims for Admission to the Union.

Important Business Impending at the Approaching Opening of Parliament.

The Bell Telephone Case Again Looming Up Before the Commissioner of Patents.

Incorporation of a New Road—the Chicago, Rock Island and Colorado.

Sullivan Sends Greeting to Smith—He Would Prefer to Batter Him With Bare Knuckles.

By Telegraph to the NEWS.

The Bell Telephone.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The hearing upon petition of J. W. McDonough for the reopening of the case in which Alexander Bell was granted a patent for the speaking telephone, was begun today before the commissioner of patents. The case has been before the department about a year and a half and involves the question of the priority of invention of the speaking telephone. It is expected the hearing will occupy the remainder of the week.

Dakota's Arguments.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. — Delegate Gifford, of Dakota was heard this morning by the House committee on territories in favor of the bill to admit North and South Dakota as separate States. He said the proposed States contain each nearly 75,000 square miles. Gifford read statements tending to substantiate the claim that the proposed States possess in an eminent degree conditions requisite to entitle them to admission to the sisterhood of States. "All persons will agree," he said, "that the treatment received by the Territory from the hands of Congress regarding this matter of statehood, is without parallel to the country's history in its neglect and injustice." He held that a good reason for the division and admission of the two parts of the territory as distinct states, was that the functions of the government could be better exercised by two states of medium size than would be the case with the territory in its large, unwieldy condition, were it admitted as a whole.

Arguments were also heard in favor of admitting Dakota as a whole.

The Public Debt.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Following is a recapitulation of the debt statement issued today:

Interest bearing debt—	
Principal	$1,041,763,062
Interest	6,837,237
Total	$1,048,600,299
Debt on which interest has ceased since maturity	$ 3,091,346
Debt bearing no interest	648,499,805
Total debt—	
Principal	1,693,177,232
Interest	7,014,219
Total	$1,700,191,451
Total debt less available cash items	1,295,441,827
Net cash in Treasury	85,23[illegible],746
Debt less cash in Treasury, Feb. 1	1,210,211,081
Debt less cash in Jan. 1	1,225,568,401
Decrease of debt during month	15,357,320
Decrease of debt since June 1887	69,217,655
Cash in Treasury available for the reduction of the debt	304,749,623
Reserve fund	100,000,000
Unavailable for the reduction of the debt	146,243,063
Total cash in Treasury shown by Treasurer's general account	550,992,686

McShane Explains.

Representative McShane (Nebraska) denies there is any truth whatever in the story telegraphed from Omaha that he is a suitor for the hand of Mrs. McNamara, a "dashing young widow" of that city. He says he never heard of her until he saw her name in the newspaper.

Confirmations.

The following confirmations were agreed upon by the Senate in executive session today:

J. R. Jordan, United States Marshal for the Western District of Texas.

Registers of the Land Office—R. Y. Hardin, Buffalo, Wyoming; T. W. Beane, Blackfoot, Idaho; J. N. Adams, Yakima, Washington Territory.

Postmasters—C. W. Yustum, Billings, Montana; Mrs. F. A. Helm, Cornwallis, Oregon; C. E. Dudley, Marysville, Montana; J. S. Wiseaver, McMinnville, Oregon; C. W. Price, Fort Benton, Montana; J. W. McConnell, Woodland, California; C. P. Bilderback, Boise City, Idaho.

MINORITY REPORT.

The minority of the House committee on postoffices and post-roads, today filed a minority report on Anderson's bill to require the Pacific Railroad companies to afford equal facilities to all telegraph companies in the transmission of telegraph business. While it expressed sympathy with the purpose of the majority to prevent any discrimination by any subsidized land-grant roads, it believes that the legislation proposed would not be wise if it were competent, and that the bill with its amendments is unconstitutional, as seeking to interfere with the vested rights of the Western Union, built at its own expense. Additional lines were built for railroads. It gave, and now gives, the use of its lines and employes for railroad business, and, in the opinion of the minority, there is no more right or power to amend such act by legislation than there is to legislate the title of a granger's farm into a base ball ground without the farmer's consent.

Sugar.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—The chamber of commerce recently appointed a committee to consider the subject of tariff as affecting the sugar interests on the Pacific coast. The committee have prepared two reports, which will be submitted to the chamber of commerce tomorrow. The majority report advocates that the present tariff be maintained and a strong protection plank is included in a resolution which will be presented. The minority report proposes that the duty on raw sugar be partially or entirely taken off and that a compensating bounty be paid for domestic sugar, claiming that this would afford protection to producers in California and elsewhere in the United States.

Raw sugar declined in price today to 5½ cents per pound, and the cause of the reduction is said to be that a surplus is expected on the coast during the coming year. Much sugar is being imported from Manila and Central America to compete with the Hawaiian trade. It is thought that the refineries in this city will have a surplus of 60,000 tons, which will probably be sent to New York in a raw state.

A prominent sugar dealer said today the Hawaiian crop is estimated to be at least 125,000 tons, while the importations from other sources will amount to 35,000 tons, making the total receipts 160,000 tons. The consumption of the whole Pacific Coast is but 75,000 tons, while 25,000 tons of refined sugars are shipped annually to points as far east as the Missouri River. This will leave a surplus of 60,000 tons for the year, all of which will no doubt be shipped around the Horn to New York.

Booming Texas.

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 1.—The convention of the Southwestern Immigration Association was held here today, 400 delegates being present. Colonel Elliott, secretary of the State Immigration Committee, delivered the address of the day. Among other things, he said the California craze had long since reached its refluent tide and capital and people are floating towards the southwest. In Kansas and Nebraska lands at $50 per acre are too high for emigrants, when Texas soils, unrivalled in richness, are freely offered at from $2 to $5.

A Call to Cattlemen.

DENVER, Feb. 1.—President R. G. Head and Secretary Leary, of the International Range Association, tonight issued a call to members of the association for the annual meeting in this city on March 28. An urgent request is made for a large attendance, as it is desired to take decisive steps to procure legislation for absolute immunity from contagious diseases, to prevent unjust discrimination against the beef industry, as well as other laws necessary for the success of the cattle industry.

Sullivan's Reply to Smith.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—John L. Sullivan, replying to the proposals of Fleming, manager of Jem Smith, says he would prefer to fight Smith in a prize ring with bare knuckles, and the number of spectators be limited to ten on each side, and the battle to take place a fortnight after his meeting with Mitchell.

Sullivan asserts that Smith's backers proposed to him to take part in a sham affair in public, with the object of making a big haul of gate money.

A Draw.

BOSTON, Feb. 1.—Mike Daly of Bangor and Jimmy Carroll of Holyoke, well-known light-weights, fought 15 rounds tonight for a purse of $500. In the first round Daly started in to force the fighting and inflicted some terrible blows upon Carroll, knocking the latter to the floor twice during the round. For the next twelve rounds both men did some savage work, although Daly seemed to be the favorite. In the 15th round the two men gathered themselves for a hard fight, when the police stopped the fight, which was called a draw.

Trouble in the Congregation.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—For some time past rumors of a disagreeable nature have been disturbing the minds of the congregation of Ada Street Methodist Episcopal Church, and they have at last culminated in a scandal that has caused unprecedented excitement among that quiet and religious community. The alleged culprit is Rev. J. P. Buckingham, pastor of the above-named church. He was arrested this evening on a warrant charging illegitimate parentage, sworn out by Miss Eva Parker, a young lady of 18 who has recently become a mother. Buckingham's legal adviser said to a reporter that his client had never heard of the charge until the child was born. He then immediately called a meeting of the official board of the church which, after due deliberation, passed a resolution expressing belief in his innocence, and a determination to stand by him. The lawyer charges that the whole thing is an attempt at blackmail. Mr. Buckingham gave bonds in $800 to appear before the circuit court. He will also have a church trial, which will take place soon, and in the meantime will suspend his labors as pastor.

Railroad Bumbles.

DENVER, Feb. 1.—Articles incorporating the Chicago, Rock Island & Colorado Railroad with a capital of $5,000,000, were filed with the Secretary of state today by Joel F. Vail, H. Griffiths, Harlan P. Parmalee, Chas. W. Betts and Henry F. Jolly, of Denver. The road runs from the eastern boundary of Elbert County, where it will connect with the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska railway, west to Colorado Springs. From this point branches will be run north and south to Denver and Pueblo.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—A conference is now being held between President Ingalls of the Big Four road and C. P. Huntington. It is said they are arranging to take the Chesapeake & Ohio out of the hands of the receiver and as soon as that is accomplished Ingalls will be made president of the Chesapeake & Ohio.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—"The law allowed the Pacific railroad companies to take contracts with telegraph companies, and of course they did it. That's all I know about it," was the answer of C. P. Huntington yesterday morning, when the Anderson bill was brought to his attention.

Dr. Norvin Green, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, said: "The bill affects us very little, because we have our own wires there. Anderson's bill undertakes to pass upon the judicial question whether the railroads had a right to make contracts with telegraph companies. The courts have already decided that they had such right. The question is a matter of much more importance to the railroad companies than to us. We have no lines there, and the only damage it would do us would be to put us to the expense of a few more offices on the line of route; but as we should get all the receipts, instead of giving the railroads one half, as we do now, our increased expense would be more than met by the increased revenue."

A Cabinet Council.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—Lord Hartington has issued a circular to dissident members of the House of Commons, saying that important business will require their presence immediately upon the opening of Parliament. A cabinet council will be held on Friday for the purpose of moulding the statements in the speech from the throne. The ministerial circle is confident that the reference to the foreign situation will be optimistic in tone. The speech will also congratulate Parliament upon the improved condition of Ireland; upon the general revival in trade, and upon the hopeful prospects of the national finances.

A group of ultra-radical members of Parliament are communicating with Parnellite members with the object of concerting obstructive tactics during the coming session. Large contingents of Parnellites will join the groups refusing to adhere to the Gladstone-Parnell policy of non-obstruction.

Arrested.

PARIS, Feb. 1. — A telegram from Constantinople regarding the arrest at Damascus by a Turkish soldier of an Algerian alleged to have been under French protection, says: "The arrested Algerian was charged with fourteen offenses. He was not arrested inside the French consulate, but outside the buildings. The French government and the Porte have appointed a commission to inquire into the case and also to investigate the position of Algerians in Syria with the view of rectifying the condition of affairs of which France has frequently complained. The French member of the commission, M. Imbert, will embark at Marseilles tomorrow for Constantinople."

French Duel.

PARIS, Feb. 1.—A duel with swords was fought today between M. Vignon, formerly secretary of M. Rouvier, and M. Bauer, editor of *Gil Blas*. Vignon's left arm was pierced by M. Bauer's sword.

The Emerald Isle.

DUBLIN, Feb. 1.—Ex-Lord Mayor Sullivan, in a speech after his release from prison, said he once desired a greater measure of independence for Ireland, but now thought Gladstone's proposals were a fair compromise and would unite the two nations in peace and good fellowship. He urged the people to join the National League and to meet secretly if they could not meet openly.

Sixteen youths of Dromore were sentenced to imprisonment for one week with hard labor for lighting bonfires to celebrate the release of O'Brien.

Lords Ripon and Morley were escorted from the station to their hotels tonight by a torchlight procession, in which fifty trades were represented.

Father McKenna, a priest of Kildysart, has been summoned for the denouncement of the resident magistrate of Ennis (before whom Mr. Cox was tried) as a dog, scoundrel, blackguard and traitor.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—John Morley and Marquis Ripon went to Dublin today; they received ovations at different stations at which their train stopped.

The committee having in charge the proposed demonstration in honor of O'Brien and Sullivan, has been boycotted by all the owners of large halls in London.

Earthquakes.

BOSTON, Feb. 1.—Earthquake shocks were felt at many points in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont at 11 o'clock this morning. No damage has been reported, but the shock was severe enough to rattle windows, etc.

LITTLETON, N. H., Feb. 1.—A severe shock of earthquake was felt here at 11 o'clock today. Some people were so alarmed that they fled from their houses. No damage was done.

German Jottings.

BERLIN, Feb. 1.—The tone of the government organs on the anti-Socialist bill indicates a complete surrender by the government and willingness to accept a two years' prolongation of the operative period of the present law and to abandon the offensive amendments.

The Crown Prince went on a long excursion today to Ospepalatte. He was accompanied by the Crown Princess, Duke of Hesse, Princess of Saxe-Meiningen and Dr. Mackenzie.

The *Sachriston* referring to the report that Lord Randolph Churchill desired to visit Prince Bismarck, while in Germany, but received through Herbert Bismark an intimation that the Chancellor was so fully occupied with public business that he could not receive him, says that those in a position to know the facts, state that if Lord Randolph had intimated a desire to see Prince Bismarck, the latter would have been ready to receive him, even though the visit might not have been convenient on account of ill health or press of business.

Fire in Charleston.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 1.—Fire at the Union wharf this afternoon destroyed 1,200 bales of cotton belonging to the Union Cotton Press, and destroyed or damaged 800 bales belonging to other parties. Less, $100,000, fully insured.

The Prince.

SAN REMO, Feb. 1.—The official bulletin regarding the Crown Prince Frederick William says that a partial thickening has supervened in the interior part of the right side of the larynx, but in consequence of the detachment of dead particles, the swelling on the left side has diminished. The prince's general condition is normal.

California's Canal.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—The Merced Canal that has been built to convey water from the foothills of the Sierra Mountains to San Joaquin Valley, was formally opened today. The reservoir in which the water is stored, contains 640 acres. The canal is 27 miles long and has been five years building. It will irrigate over a quarter of a million acres.

Deaths.

GALVESTON, Feb. 1.—Cyrus S. Oberly, for several years past staff correspondent of the *News*, died suddenly this morning at Houston. He was the younger brother of Civil Service Commissioner Oberly.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Hon. G. W. Schuyler, a descendant of Gen. Philip Schuyler and a well-known politician, died at Ithaca today, aged 78. He was a trustee of Cornell University.

Geo. I. Finkle, leader in the famous anti-rent war in Hudson and Mohawk Valley in 1844-45, died today, aged 80.

New Minister.

LISBON, Feb. 1.—Señor Souza Rosa Portuguese minister to China, has been appointed minister at Washington to succeed Señor Nogueiras, who recently died.

The Argentine Loan.

BEUNOS AYRES, via Galveston, Feb. 1.—Negotiations for the Santa Fe loan are progressing favorably. The amount of the loan is £4,000,000.

Buried.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 1.—The remains of General John Finnell of Covington, Kentucky, who died at Helena, Montana, were interred here today.

Krupp Guns.

VIENNA, Feb. 1.—Herr Krupp, the gun maker, had a private audience with the Emperor today. It is supposed the Emperor gave him large orders for artillery.

Crimes and Criminals.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 1.—Gov. Wilson today issued requisitions on Gov. Buckner, of Kentucky, for Tom Chambers, Andy Vadney, Selkirk McCoy, L. D. McCoy, Moses Christian, David Mahone, D. D. Manone and Phant Mahone, citizens of Logan County, alleged to have been engaged in the recent border feud.

TORONTO, Feb. 1.—Summonses have been served upon ex-Mayor Manning, president of the Traders' Bank; H. S. Straby, manager of the Traders' Bank; R. Suelling, the bank's solicitor, and Elias Rogers, a coal merchant, to answer to the charge of compounding felony in being parties to the destruction of forged promissory notes.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The trial of Thos. Collon, formerly of Lowell, Mass., and Michael Hopkins, of Philadelphia, alleged dynamiters, was begun today at Newgate.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—A dispatch from Batoum, says the cashier of the Trans-Caucassian railway has been murdered by two Nihilists disguised as guards. The murderers decamped with 12,000 roubles. One of them has since been captured.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Feb. 1.—E. Short, railroad agent at Knoxville station, was assassinated today. The assassin fired through his window. Short's daughter and wife were in the room with him. His wife was shot in the back.

ADEN, Feb. 1.—The Somalis have murdered an English officer and 23 natives of Berbera.

FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Coke presented a memorial signed by mercantile men of El Paso, Texas, representing that an extensive amount of smuggling is done between the border towns of Mexico and those of the United States under the Mexican free zone law, and asking that a reciprocity treaty be entered into with Mexico in order to prevent such smuggling.

Morgan remarked that if Congress would pass a law to carry into effect the provisions of the treaty with Mexico which was ratified two or three years ago, the purpose of the memorial would be substantially accomplished.

Coke concurred in the opinion and added that nothing could help the commerce of this country with Mexico more than the execution and enforcement of that treaty.

The memorial was referred to the committee on foreign relations.

Frye, from the committee on foreign relations, reported back, adversely, the bill to facilitate the settlement and development of the resources of Alaska, and to open an overland route between the United States and Asiatic Russia and Japan. Indefinitely postponed.

Among the other bills reported from committees and placed on the calendar, were the following:

For the inspection of meats for exportation, from the committee on foreign relations.

It authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a careful inspection to be made of all sales of pork and bacon intended for exportation, and to authorize the proper customs officers to give a certificate stating the condition of the meats. It prohibits the giving of clearance to any vessel having on board salted pork or bacon found on inspection to be unwholesome; but it provides that meat may be exported without inspection when it is proven to the satisfaction of the collector of customs that it has been properly salted and packed more than sixty days beforehand, and a certificate may be issued to that effect. It is made a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine and imprisonment and forfeiture, to import any adulterated or unwholesome food or drink. The President is granted power to suspend by proclamation the importation of any article from any foreign country, or of all products of any foreign country, whenever he becomes satisfied that any adulterated article is about to be imported into the United States, or that any foreign state is making unjust discriminations against articles exported from the United States. The importation of diseased or infected meat, cattle, sheep and swine is prohibited, and the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized, at the expense of the owner, to place in quarantine all cattle, sheep and swine imported into the United States.

Also the bill granting pensions to soldiers and sailors who have lost both hands.

Among the bills introduced and referred were the following:

By Cameron, to place on the pension roll all officers and enlisted men who have served in the army or navy between the 4th of March, 1861, and the 1st of February, 1866, at the rate of one cent per month for each day's service.

Frye wanted to call up the resolution on Canadian resources, but Riddleberger objected.

Call addressed the Senate on his resolution instructing the judiciary committee to report legislation to prevent the United States courts from managing railroads through receivers and from depriving creditors of their liens, through receivers' certificates.

After Pugh had spoken on the Blair education bill, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Glass (Tennessee), from the committee on agriculture, reported a bill to promote agriculture. Committee of the whole.

The House then took up the report of the committee on commerce relative to the proposed investigation of the Reading strike.

Clardy (Missouri), chairman of the committee, said the majority of the committee concluded that Anderson's resolution for congressional inquiry ought not to be adopted. There had been no testimony before the committee showing that inter-state traffic had been interfered with on the Reading road with the exception of the brief interruption at Port Richmond. On the contrary, he thought it appeared affirmatively that there had been no sort of interference or interruption in inter-state commerce. It had been stated that the Reading Company, in making the allotment of cars to mining companies discriminated in favor of some companies and against others. This was a matter that was entirely within the jurisdiction of the Inter-State Commission. It was also stated that the Reading Company and Philadelphia Coal and Iron Company were practically one and the same and this was in violation of the Constitution of Pennsylvania. If this were true, the remedy would be found in the state courts of Pennsylvania.

Rayner (Maryland), said the Reading road had broken and violated the compact it had made with its employes, and now it commanded them to surrender under threat of proclaiming to the American people that this great tributary of commerce should be closed and that not a ton of traffic should be freighted over its road. Congress had power beyond that which belonged to the Inter State Commerce Commission to bring this great monopoly to time today. While the commission was investigating the workingmen would starve to death.

Randall (Pennsylvania), said the controversy between the railroad company and its employes was but one branch of the investigation. The most important branch was that relating to the controversies existing between the coal companies and the miners. In his judgment, the miner's case was a vast deal stronger than that of the employes of the road, and he therefore suggested an amendment extending the investigation into the differences in the Lehigh and Schuylkill coal regions between the mining corporations and the miners.

After further debate the following resolution was adopted without division:

Resolved, That a special committee of five members be appointed to investigate forthwith, the extent, causes and effect upon inter-state commerce of the continued failure by the Reading Railroad Company to transport commerce and to report to the House by bill or otherwise for consideration at any time, such legislation as is necessary to secure to the public the regular and complete execution by the railroad company of its obligations to serve as a common carrier of inter-state commerce and to investigate the differences existing in the Lehigh and Schuylkill regions of Pennsylvania, between the corporations mining coal and the miners, and further, to investigate all facts relating to mining corporations and individual miners of anthracite coal in connection therewith, and report the same to the House with such recommendations as the committee may agree upon.

Adjourned.

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