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## GENERAL NEWS.

DEATH AND DISASTER AT SEA

And Cyclones and Blizzards on the Land.

Official Reports of the Postal and

Navy Departments.

Death of Charles Francis Adams.

Etc.

By Telegram to the News.

The Postmaster General's Report.

WASHINGTON, 22.—The report of

Postmaster General Vilas for the year

ended June 30th, 1886, says:

"In immensely and extent of means,

expenditures, performance of ser-

vice, the postal machinery of the

United States exceeds in some points

far beyond that of any other nation

on the globe. The entire length of all

the railways employed in the United

States nearly equal the combined ex-

tent of those of all other countries in

the world, while the other post routes

more than quadruple the total of any

single people's besides, and the mile-

age of last year of our mail transpor-

tation exceeded by more than 125,000

miles the service rendered by any other

government. No other nation has one

third our number of offices. It is

estimated that 100,000,000 letters were

mailed in the United States than in

Great Britain, and nearly twice as

many more than in Germany, France

and Austria combined. The

proportion of each inhabitant is esti-

mated in the United States at 60, Great

Britain 57, Germany 19.

At the close of the fiscal year the

total number of postoffices was 53,614,

besides 73 branch offices. Of these

2,244 were Presidential offices."

Concerning appointments the report

says:

"The appointments of postmasters

during the last fiscal year numbered al-

most 22,712. Of these, 12,000 were

made to fill vacancies occasioned by

resignations or expired commissions,

and 10,712 were made to fill vacan-

cies occasioned by the expiration of

commissions. The number of appoint-

ments made by the President, vacancies

having occurred from the following

causes respectively: By resignation, 2,031;

by death, 24; by removal or suspen-

sion, 34; and by office, which had

been assigned from the fourth to the

seventh of the year. The work per-

formance of the postoffice is sum-

marized as follows: The number of

pieces of mail matter, counting

collections, delivered during the year

was 1,649,529,579, an increase over the

previous year of 24,946 or 1.5 per

cent while the carriers increased but

11.08 per cent in number.

The money order system has been

extended to 311 additional offices dur-

ing the year, while 10 were dropped from

the list. During the year there were

issued 7,940,302 domestic orders,

amounting to nearly \$114,000,000; 5,

999,428 postal notes, amounting to \$11,

715,000; and 433,123 international orders

amounting to \$1,738,621. Besides the

payment of foreign orders, the total

amount of fees received was \$2,124,-

000, less by \$280,000 the cost of

establishing the special deliv-

ery system limited its privileges to

500 postoffices. During the full year of

the fiscal year, the total amount of