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**BY TELEGRAPH.**

FOR THE SEVENTH CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, 23.—Harris presented a memorial and report of the Memphis Cotton Exchange upon the danger to the riverfront of Memphis from encroachments of the Mississippi.

George introduced a joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to issue orders for the relief of laboring classes in the district overgrown by the Mississippi river. A telegram from Governor Lewis of Mississippi was read, requesting immediate relief, representing the destruction of property and stock as immense, and starvation imminent. George sought the number of laborers rendered destitute would reach 50,000 to 75,000.

Garland spoke of the widespread destruction in Arkansas by the overflow of the Mississippi river, and the subject was referred to the military committee.

The Senate bill relating to Indian trading passed. It prohibits any person, other than an Indian, from trading on any Indian reservation without license, but specially excepts traders with five civilized tribes in Indian Territory.

The Grant retirement bill was taken up.

Hayward moved to amend by substituting therefore a provision to pay every President of the United States, who shall have served or may hereafter serve in said office and who shall have retired from the same, a sum annually during his life equal to one-fourth part of the annual Presidential salary, but this is not to be paid in case of a second Presidential term.

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**Grant Retired.**

The Senate passed the Grant retirement bill, and adjourned without determining what bill shall be next taken up. Several motions in behalf of immediate consideration of various bills, including one introduced by Miller to take up the Chinese bill, are still pending.

Hayward has offered a substitute for the bill to retire Grant, providing a pension for the President's family annually to one-fourth the amount of his annual pay while President.

**The Old Galia Claim.**

The House committee on private land claims will report for passage a bill providing for the issuance of land scrip to Mrs. Myra Clark Galia, in lieu of about 700 acres of land in Louisiana, the title to which has been known to be confirmed to other parties.

**NEW YORK, 23.—**The *Graphic*'s Washington correspondent has written another South American scheme for the annexation of a foreign policy, that has not heretofore come to light, and which is almost on a par with the Pevsian Company and Credit Industrial. The project was to erect a great mine in Bolivia. A syndicate was to be formed with something like \$75,000,000 capital, and a bonus, of \$500,000, was to be given to the syndicate in return for a royalty from the production. American capital was to work it, and blocks of stock were to be distributed among a large number of leading political clubs, who were to contribute to the prosperity of the enterprise by assisting in shaping the foreign policy of this country in certain channels. The manager proposed to induce the Government to interfere and prevent Chile from overrunning Bolivia and absorbing the province which embraced the mine. It was urged that they went abroad at once and put in American capital, the Administration could not decline to insist that Chile should respect the property rights of our citizens. Bolivia gave sufficient guarantees on her part, the inducements being twofold: First, a royalty from the now idle mine; and second, the protection of the United States under cover of preserving the rights of its citizens within the territory of a sister republic, whose title at the time of investment was not jeopardized. Whether any of the syndicate gave commitment to the scheme is not known; but one at least who was offered a block of stock in the Bolivian syndicate is known to have declined to have anything to do with it. Should a congressional inquiry into South American matters be ordered, it will doubtless come out.

**THE CONTENTED MAN.**

The *Mail and Express*'s Washington special says: The House committee on elections will take a vote to-morrow on the disputed election case between Cannon and Campbell. The following points have been agreed upon, and will be reported that day to the House: First, that the election was not contested; second, that Campbell was not elected; third, that Cannon, having received a majority of all the votes cast, should be given the seat unless disqualified by some Constitutional objection; fourth, Cannon, admitting that he lives in polygamist relations, thus violates the law, and not being a Constitutional officer of the Government, like a Member of Congress, but simply a Delegate from a Territory holds his place at the will of Congress; fifth, that the committee intend to notify the citizens of Utah in spite of the admitted citizenship of Cannon, that polygamy will not be recognized in the United States, report that he should be excluded from his seat in the House.

**LEGISLATIVE LOSSES.**

The *Truth* editorially says: Our regular Paris correspondent mentions the most conspicuous victims of the recent collapse of the religious banking house. Among these are the Emperor of Austria, who has lost \$5,000,000; the Count de Chambard, whose investments in Union Generale amounted to \$1,000,000; the Prince and Princess de Broglie, who lost \$400,000; and the unfortunate Duke of Cumberland, blind King George's son, whose wife is sister of Wales, King of Greece, and the Empress of Russia. These investments were made, whether by sovereigns, princes or pretenders, because the financial enterprise had been blessed by Pius IX. and was accordingly endowed with religious sanctity. They wanted to enrich convents and themselves as well.

**LOGAN ON LIQUOR.**

A Washington special to the *Graphic* says a vigorous crusade against the liquor traffic will surely be inaugurated by Senator Logan, who has carefully prepared a measure favoring a bill providing that all revenues of the government hereafter derived from the tax on the entire amount of new stock to be issued by the States and Territories in proportion to their population, exclusively for educational purposes. Logan will oppose both the reduction and repeal of the internal revenue taxes, but will urge most energetically that the proceeds of the manufacture and sale of liquor be devoted to free schools and thus relieve the people of that burden. He has been gathering statistics on the subject and says they show the expense of carrying on the educational system of the States and Territories does not exceed \$75,000,000 which is just the sum that it is estimated will be received from the tax on liquor during the present fiscal year. Logan at once becomes popular as well as permanent.

**COLORADO SPRINGS, 23.—**At a meeting of the stockholders of the Mexican National Construction Company, held here to-day, nineteen-twentieths of the stock represented by a unanimous vote. The capital stock was increased by \$1,000,000. Nearly the entire amount of new stock was taken by the present stockholders. This amount will enable the company to complete, equip and put in operation 725 miles of the road. The completed mileage will entitle the company to \$5,400,000 in subsidies from the Mexican government, payable in stipulated sections as completed. Of this mileage 302 miles are complete and in operation. Rails and rolling stock are already provided for 725 miles, the grading is completed 550 miles and ties have been bought and delivered for 550 miles. It is expected that the 725 miles will be completed and in operation before the end of the year. The system for which concessions have been granted covers 2,392 miles. When 725 miles are completed there will remain a gap of 470 miles to connect the City of Mexico with the United States.

**CHICAGO, 22.—**Dispatches indicate that the anniversary of Washington's birthday was generally observed throughout the country. The boards of trade closed and in a number of places suitable ceremonies were held.

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turned to duty by witness as duty sergeant. Varden Crocker described the location of Cannon's cell, and said the arsenal troops could be witnessed from the cell window. Guitau, when not reading or writing, spent some time looking out of the window.

Bigelow, counsel for Mason, objected to testimony as to Guitau looking out of the window, unless the Judge Advocate engaged to show that this had been known to Mason.

The Judge Advocate said he proposed to show this.

The Court sustained Bigelow's objection.

The Judge Advocate then announced that he intended to prove Mason knew of the habits of Guitau.

Mason, rising from his chair, exclaimed: "I will clear that, Judge; I did know."

The president of the court peremptorily ordered Mason to be silent.

No material fact was elicited to-day.

The arrival of Mason's wife and little boy seems to have a soothing effect on him. He continues to complain bitterly of the food and the quarters furnished him, and complains of the treatment accorded him by the military authorities, and that accorded Guitau by civil officers at the jail.

**Railroad Land Taxes.**

Van Wyck has introduced a bill in the Senate to compel railroads to pay State taxes on unpatented lands donated them by the government. The bill says that railroads of the land grant of 1862, in that railroads must pay the cost of surveying lands. Companies hold land in the West which they have not surveyed and patented, and the courts have held that the State cannot tax these lands because the United States still holds an interest in equity in them, in reason of the fact that under the condition imposed by the grant, the lands might revert to the government through the failure of the railroads to comply with these conditions. It is claimed that the railroads have the lands unpatented to avoid taxation, and Van Wyck's bill releases and quit claims to any State that proceeds against the lands for the collection of taxes and interest in equity of the general government. It is thought this will encourage States to collect these taxes.

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**The Searchers.**

St. Petersburg, 23.—Lieut. Harber and Master Schultz, United States Navy, left to-day for Irkutsk via Orenburg. They will proceed down the river Lena in a steamer and along the coast to the east in search of the *Jeannette's* third boat. Lieut. Danenhauer starts from Irkutsk for St. Petersburg in a few days.

**LONDON, 23.—**Hill, Mackmaster & Plant, merchants of Manchester, have failed. Liabilities, £70,000. Mackmaster has absconded. The Bank of France and the Bank of Belgium have reduced discount to 4%.

**Bradlaugh.**

The Court of Appeals reversed the decision of the Court of Queen's Bench, granting Bradlaugh a new trial in the case of Clark vs. Bradlaugh with costs against Bradlaugh.

**The Bank of France.**

PARIS, 23.—The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows an increase of 99,000,000 francs in gold, and 4,800,000 francs in silver.

**BRIEF TELEGRAMS.**

Washington's birthday was generally observed throughout the country.

Senator Edmunds is very reticent on the subject of his nomination to the Supreme Bench.

At Cincinnati the flood is practically over. The damage will not be very great, as the people have prepared for it.

In New York Mrs. Gould Hoyt, daughter of Gen. Winfield Scott, died yesterday at the residence of her husband.

Shaw and a man named Davis, guards of convicts building a railroad, at Atlanta, Ga., quarreled, and Shaw killed Davis.

At Richmond, the General Assembly today elected Allen, auditor, and Martin, railroad commissioner, both reelected.

At Gloucester, Mass., the school-ers Edith M. Peep, Looma and Paul Revere, are believed to be lost with their crews, probably 50 men.

The President has nominated Col. Rufus Ingalls, Assistant Quartermaster General, to be Brigadier General and Quartermaster General.

At Philadelphia Judge Butler gave decisions for the government in five suits against sureties on the bonds of Wells, Star route contractor.

General Rucker, lately appointed Quartermaster, was placed on the retired list to-day, and General Rufus Ingalls appointed to fill the vacancy.

The House committee on naval affairs agreed to recommend immediately an appropriation of \$10,000,000 to begin the construction of a new navy.

A railway having been chartered runs from Laredo up the Rio Grande to Eagle Pass. Among the directors are John Pratt and Theo. H. Fried, of New York.

The government witnesses in the Star route cases, who appeared before the grand jury, have been allowed to go home to prevent hardship by remaining here on \$1.25 a day. Some witnesses came 4,700 miles.

At Cincinnati judgment was rendered in the case against the defaulting clerk of the United States Court, Thomas Ambrose. In the case against Ambrose and his sureties, the judgment for \$15,000; against Ambrose individually, \$23,000.

Three cars of California wheat arrived this morning in St. Louis, being the first of 100,000 bushels recently purchased by the millers of this city. The remainder is now in transit or ready to move, and will reach here as fast as it can be got over the roads.

At Hico, Texas, J. W. Forris, postmaster and leading merchant, was called out of his house night before last by two men, who asked him to go to his store and sell them goods. He went, but returned in a few minutes and told his wife the men had shot him, and died almost instantly.

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The whole affair lasted only half an hour. The Meladi then turned upon the Shilluk, and after a sanguinary conflict routed him and killed Khartoum, the Shilluk king, and his entire suite. To-day would also have fallen had not Zeliges Pasha, with 400 Egyptian troops, arrived by forced march from Khartoum just in time to strengthen its fortifications that Mehdi prudently declined to attack. The Meladi, master of the whole country, and backed by all the Beasas tribes numbering about 10,000 fighting men. They were armed with double barreled percussion guns, but their chief weapon is the remarkably long heavy and inflexible made lance. They are excellent horsemen. Everything will remain at a standstill in the Soudan until the arrival of reinforcements from Cairo, which have been imperatively demanded. The present Egyptian army, however, is by no means anxious to serve its country in the field where,

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