

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

BERLIN, Jan. 19.—The military bill as amended passed its first reading before the Reichstag committee today. The committee approved the right to formulate several proposals on the second reading.

M. Stourdza, member of the Roumanian cabinet, has come to Berlin to obtain an insight into Bismarck's views on the political and military contingency involving the interest of Roumania.

Advices from the frontier report further arrivals of Russian troops. One infantry division arrived at Doubno, another at Rovno. The work of fortifying Doubno goes on without cessation. The condition of the Russian troops on the Galician frontier is growing worse. Typhus fever is raging, especially at Camp Zeutowschaw. The Warsaw commissary is hastily forwarding provisions.

BERLIN, January 19.—Karl Streisguth, manufacturer, has been arrested at Strasburg on returning from the branch of his works, at Nancy, France. The arrest was due to a confession made by Deitz, a spy recently arrested, to the effect that Streisguth had received money from the French government for revealing the instructions given to the Alsatian railway authorities with reference to the operation of the lines in the event of the mobilization of the German forces. The police are searching the houses of Strasburg and seizing all compromising papers.

SAN DIEGO, California, January 19.—A year ago a rancher in Moosa Canon named Luis Stone went east. During his absence a family named Goen, a widow, with two sons and a daughter, took possession of his ranch and cabin. On Stone's return he instituted legal proceedings to eject the parties. His title to the property was confirmed, and last Wednesday, when Sheriff Breidlove went to take possession, the whole family of Goens faced the officers of the law with revolvers. Breidlove snatched the revolver from Mrs. Goen, who was at the door. She seized a gun and shot him in the face. In the melee which followed Citizen Reed was

FATALLY WOUNDED

by Percy Goen; the married daughter of Mrs. Goen was accidentally shot in the neck by her brother, and fell dead. Freeman was severely stunned by a blow on the head. Percy Goen is shot through the head and arm fatally. His sister and brother were dead when the officers retreated with their wounded and Mrs. Goen still holds the fort, declaring she will not leave the place alive.

JOLIET, Ills., Jan. 19.—The charge of arson against Lambert & Bishop, wire manufacturers, has fallen through. The grand jury adjourned without returning an indictment.

MORRISTOWN, Pa., Jan. 19.—Miss Mary A. Brown, broken down in spirit and financially ruined, today made an assignment to B. Percy Chain.

MISS BROWN

is a maiden lady and was reputed to be worth \$15,000. All this has melted into nothing, together with thousands that she borrowed to put into a scheme that promised enormous returns. The court records show that there are outstanding against Miss Brown, judgments on mortgages aggregating over \$19,000. Miss Brown's financial ruin was effected by a woman whose name is withheld for the present. The woman, a Philadelphian, was an old acquaintance of Miss Brown's and enjoyed her confidence. Miss Brown began lending her money about a year ago on her personal promissory notes, and when her own funds were exhausted borrowed of the banks and friends. Quite recently, Miss Brown requested the borrower to make a return of a portion of the money, and on January 9th received a check on the Third National Bank of Philadelphia for \$10,000, dated January 18th. The check was presented for payment, but was returned marked

"NO DEPOSIT."

The borrower wrote Miss Brown saying, "Don't write to me again; I have no money, but will pay you some time." It is stated that the borrower was neither the woman who conducted the famous "Bank for Women" in Boston nor the celebrated Mme. La Touche. Whoever she was, she promised Miss Brown returns for the loans.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19.—The "lady broker" who is said to be concerned in the investment of \$30,000 for Miss M. A. Brown, of Norristown, Pa., has apparently been identified as Mrs. Cordella Hendricks, of No. 1527 Girard Avenue.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 19.—Great public indignation has been aroused in the State of Puebla over the assassination within four months, in a remote part of that state, of several Free Masons whose political and religious ideas were repugnant to the fanatical circles. Free Masons throughout the republic support the re-election of Gen. Diaz, and this fact partly explains such acts as those which have shocked the respectable and law-abiding citizens of Puebla. The clericals in the district mentioned have declared they would kill every Free Mason. It is quite probable that the criminals will be severely punished.

It is reported that a monster petition against allowing bull fights in the federal districts will shortly be presented to the government. There is a strong sentiment here against these spectacles and most of the daily papers attack them as barbarous. In

spite of this the fights are attended by people from the first ranks, as well as the masses.

It is reported there is a rich find of gold at Guanajuato.

PIERRE, Dakota, Jan. 19.—Trains have been ordered to await the abatement of the storm. The signal officer at Fort Sully reports another blizzard from the north and predicts a terror. The mercury is now 15 below and still falling.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 19.—This was a very cold morning throughout the south, the temperature at 7:30 a.m. being 26 here and 28 at Jackson. It was

BELOW FREEZING

at almost all points in Florida, but no serious damage to fruits is anticipated.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 19.—The first snow storm of the season is now prevailing, and is one of the heaviest for years. Reports from all parts of the province say the roads are blocked, and that there are bad snow drifts. In the midst of the storm, a mail contractor at Arshat sent a 14-year-old boy named Guernong, with the mail to Robbins' fish establishment. The boy has not been seen since.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 19.—A special to the *Times-Democrat* from Opelousa says: The coldest weather experienced here for years has prevailed for the past four days. Sleet and rain fell alternately on Monday and Tuesday, covering the trees with ice

AN INCH THICK.

The ground has been frozen ever since. Business has been practically suspended and travel almost stopped on account of the impassable condition of the roads.

A special from Brownsville, Texas, to the *Times-Democrat* says: The weather here during the past week has been very severe. Telegraphic communication has been interrupted since Friday. Monday was the coldest day experienced on this frontier since 1880-81, the temperature being 21 degrees below, December 31st and January 1st of these years. This year the mercury fell to 18 on both sides of the river. Stock has suffered much, and there have been considerable losses in cattle, horses and sheep. Poor and ill prepared people have

SUFFERED TERRIBLY.

On Tuesday beeves were killed and distributed in the market by Señor Villareal, president of the Red Club, and today the Beef Club distributed nearly 800 large rations of beef and corn and supplied wood to the poor. Three persons, Francis Hezza, aged 92, Marcos Rojas, a teamster of artillery, and an unknown man, have been found frozen to death.

JACKSONVILLE, Jan. 19.—The ice formed here this morning. The orange crop, however, is uninjured, even in North Florida, and the weather is now moderating.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 19.—Specials to the *Pioneer Press* indicate that to-day's storm in Southern Dakota and Minnesota, while severe and accompanied by extreme cold, is not to be classed as a blizzard, and is not likely to be followed by the disastrous consequences of its immediate predecessor. It has, however, had the effect of again

FILLING UP THE CUTS

and temporarily suspending the railroad traffic that was just beginning to be resumed.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 19.—The *Pioneer Press* learns from Wapeton, Dakota, that the storm which began at 1 o'clock last night is raging furiously tonight. Trains on the Milwaukee road have been abandoned. The Northern Pacific branch is closed up. Manifesto trains are twenty-four hours late. Temperature 33 below.

DULUTH, Jan. 19.—The house of August Westross burned yesterday morning, ten miles west of here and the family were obliged to trudge nearly a mile barefooted and in their night clothes to a neighbor's house. All were badly frozen. Father Westross will probably lose his feet and legs. A school teacher living in the houses was also seriously frozen.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The Serbian government has signed a contract for 150,000 Schuchhoff repeating rifles.

Count Mejapolski has been making a tour of Galicia chateaus, endeavoring to promote the combined rising of Austrian and Russian Poles. He met with no success.

CORK, Jan. 19.—Mrs. Crooke, cousin of Dr. Cross, who was executed recently, has been arrested on the charge of starving her husband, a gentleman of property, aged 57, who died a short time ago. Mrs. Crooke and her husband lived in the same neighborhood with the Cross family. Stories of foul play led to an inquest, at which several doctors swore death resulted from starvation. The jury returned a verdict that the wife was responsible for her husband's death. The woman was admitted to bail.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Dr. McLain, of the Department of Animal Industry at Washington, who has been engaged for the past year in stamping out pleuro-pneumonia among cattle in Westchester County, went to New Rochelle today and slaughtered about 70 registered cows on the farm of Frank J. Casanea. In and about the county several hundred head of cattle have been slaughtered.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—A western congressman has written to Emigrant Commissioner Stephenson stating that an entirely insane Swedish girl had arrived at Boone, Iowa, directly from the old country. The Swedish au-

thorities had paid her passage. The letter deprecated the admission of such immigrants, and expressed the hope that the present Congress would amend the immigrant laws. Commissioner Stephenson has replied that the existing laws

ARE ADEQUATE,

if strictly enforced, but that by the decision of the Secretary of the Treasury in August last, in contravention of the intent of the statute, as the commissioner thinks, the power to return people of that class to the country from whence they came, was taken from the immigration commissioner and vested in the collector of the port, and that this official never sees the immigrants and is compelled to rely on the statements of interested parties mostly. The commissioner presents statistics showing the result of this change in the method: From July 1, 1897, 1,285 persons, representing mostly the heads of families (which in gross numbers would amount to 4,500 persons, counting the women and children) have been reported to the collector of the port as persons liable to become a

PUBLIC CHARGE

upon the people of the United States in the opinion of the superintendent of the department who made examinations and forwarded them to the collector. The sworn statements of the immigrants have, in 1,148 out of 1,285 cases reported, been overruled by the collector, and only 137 out of more than 125,000 immigrants that landed at Castle Garden between July and January of last year have been prohibited from landing.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19.—John L. Lee, chairman of the Employers' Executive Board, has issued an appeal for support from organized labor wherever found.

The Rollins Mill Association has decided upon a general reduction of wages in the mills represented in its organization, from the basis of 22 cents to 2 cents per bar, on account of the depression in the iron trade.

DUBLIN, Jan. 19.—Balfour, chief secretary for Ireland, attended the judge's luncheon today. He was nooted on entering the building by the crowd which had gathered outside, and which waited for his reappearance so they could hoot him again. When the chief secretary finally emerged from the building, he was smoking a cigar and smiling. He was greeted with fierce yells and jeers, and cries of "Balfour, the liar," which were continued until he was out of sight.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—It is stated that Spain is organizing an expedition for Morocco to consist of 25,000 men.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 20.—A Browns Valley, Minn., special says: We have been blockaded for three weeks. Unless a train comes in with fuel within two days there will be serious suffering here and all about. There is no wood nor coal in the market.

JACKSONVILLE, Wis., Jan. 20.—A boiler in George Kastner and Co's. grain elevator exploded this morning, killing Mr. Kastner, a man named Kennedy and James Bracker. The building took fire and at last accounts there was danger of a general conflagration, as the water supply was giving out. The flames were working towards the tobacco warehouse and the northwestern depot.

BOSTON, Jan. 20.—James E. Nowlin was hanged at Cambridge jail this morning at 9:23, for the murder of George A. Codman, his employer, on January 4, 1897. The details of the murder, which was committed for money and for which young Nowlin was executed, mark it as the most horrible in the history of New England. Nowlin, who was only seventeen, was employed by Codman to deliver milk. According to Nowlin's confession, he went to the barn and waited for Codman early in the morning, and when he appeared struck him in the neck with a knife, killing him instantly. He afterwards cut up the body so he could carry it, putting the parts in an old milk wagon, drove about fifteen miles away and threw out the pieces, where they were found by a farmer.

DUBLIN, Jan. 10.—Wm. O'Brien, editor of *United Ireland*, who has been confined in prison since October 31st, was released from Tullamore jail today. He proceeded to a priest's house in Tullamore followed by a large crowd, which cheered him repeatedly. There was no disorder.

Father McFadden, of Gweedore, has been arrested at Aramagh for taking part in opposition to evictions.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—Telegrams from various points throughout the north-west announced the arrival of another cold snap. In Iowa the thermometer last night ranged from 10 to 20 degrees below zero. A high wind caused the snow to drift badly, delaying trains very generally. At Lincoln, Neb., the thermometer registered 16 degrees below at 7 o'clock this morning, and at Quincy, Ills., 8 below.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 20.—There is no storm at this point and very little wind. The thermometer at midnight stood 15 below, and at noon 12 below. Trains north and west are abandoned on account of badly drifted roads from yesterday's wind.

DUBLIN, Jan. 20.—Blane, member of Parliament for South Armagh, was arrested at Aramagh at the same time Father McFadden was taken into custody. He was committed for trial on the charge of making speeches inciting tenants to resist the authorities.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—The investigation by Collector Magone into cases of

under-measurement of textile fabrics imported from Europe, fixed the value of goods imported in excess of the invoiced quantity at \$20,000. Three large firms are said to be involved.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The subject of the Reading Railroad strike came up before the House committee on commerce today, though a request by the sub-committee to which had been referred the Anderson resolution providing for inquiry into the strike, that it be discharged from further consideration of the matter. As a reason for making this request, the sub-committee stated that it regarded the subject as one of such gravity as to demand consideration at the hands of a full committee. After a short discussion the request was granted and an

EARNST DEBATE

ensued upon the merits of the proposition. It appears that the committee is pretty evenly divided, a number of its members favoring immediate inquiry into the strike, while perhaps as many more take the ground that if the strike concerns anything more than private interests, it is properly a subject for investigation by the government. The inquiry should be made by the Interstate Commerce Commission which has jurisdiction of the public rights concerned. This matter will be further considered next Tuesday, when an effort will be made to dispose of the resolution. It is understood that a delegation from the

KNIGHTS OF LABOR

will try to secure a hearing upon that day to present their side of the case.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—At the Pure Food Convention this morning this resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this convention, recognizing the importance of preserving the purity of the food supply of this country, and of devising means for the preservation of the health and interests of the community from injury by the use of adulterated foods, drinks and drugs, hereby recommend and urge the necessity of the immediate enactment of laws to prevent this evil.

Nearly all of the morning session was consumed in the discussion of the proposed food adulteration bill.

At 1:30 the President received the delegates in a body.

The consideration of the adulteration bill was resumed at the

BERLIN, Jan. 20.—According to the *Post's* report of the Emperor's remarks to the president of the Landtag, his majesty concluded with an expression of regret that the Landwehr bill in the Reichstag made considerable financial demands, but these, he said, were absolutely necessary in view of the increasing armaments of the neighbors of Germany.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 20.—The sheriff will tomorrow, sell out the handsome dwelling and contents belonging to Mrs. Celia Hendricks, at 1527 Girard Avenue, under an execution for debt. The creditors are several tradesmen and retail firms. Mrs. Hendricks is the woman who Miss Mary A. Brown, of Norristown, loaned at various times some \$30,000 upon representations that Mrs. Hendricks had a fortune of \$50,000 locked up in the hands of an agent in New York. As the investigations of the transactions which Mrs. Hendricks had with other confiding acquaintances progressed,

NEW VICTIMS

develop, and it is stated that up to tonight creditors whose claims aggregate over \$100,000 have been located. In each case the money was given willingly upon the representations made by Mrs. Hendricks that she had a large fortune which was for the time out of her reach. In one or two instances she exhibited a paper, which purported to be, and which she declared was, a bond of the United States government of the amount of \$750,000 for the payment of a mythical legacy, and in this manner reassured her victims. Mrs. Hendricks has disappeared and her husband and son profess not to know anything of her whereabouts. They also say they did not know she was engaged in any such practices as are charged against her. Some of her victims still maintain confidence in her.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Jan. 20.—In the second trial of Cora Lee, for complicity in the Sarah Graham murder, today, Charley Gramam testified regarding what he saw between Cora Lee and Graham at Elgin, Illinois. At Washington, Kansas, Graham was manager of a paper known as the *Morning and Day of Reform*, and Cora worked in the office. His mother, Sarah Graham, managed the household. He had seen Graham and Cora in bed together after Sarah had gone down stairs in the morning; saw Mrs. Malloy in bed with Graham twice; saw all three in

BED TOGETHER

at the Malloy farm. Witness then told at some length about going to Springfield, and mentioned that Cora asked if his mother had come with him. When the body was found Cora went to the well out did not want the children to go. He saw Cora and Elta Malloy burning letters written by Cora to Graham. On cross-examination witness and when he and Roy were going to the Malloy farm, Graham told them they must say they last saw their mother in St. Louis. He also told them she was really in Pierce; that he owned half the Malloy farm and that as soon as he could he would own it all. He would send for her and send for Cora and Mrs. Malloy. He also told witness of meeting Sarah in

Springfield. When asked why the latter and Roy were not taken to see her, said he did not know she was going to be there. Other witnesses testified as to suspicious actions of Cora before and after

THE MURDER.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 20.—The government closed its case against Benjamin E. Hopkins of the Fidelity Bank this afternoon. The jury was then dismissed to enable them to visit their homes with instruction to return Monday afternoon. In the meantime counsel began the argument on the demurrer.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Horace Webster, of the wholesale liquor firm of Horace Webster & Co., was arrested today in a civil suit, brought by W. H. Thomas & Son, of Louisville, Kentucky, for the recovery of \$3,500, the value of a warehouse receipt given to Webster & Co. as security for a note, but disposed of by them. Bail was given by the prisoner. Mr. Webster knew nothing of the details of the business of the firm, having been in California for a time, and

TRUSTED IMPLICITLY

In his partner, Charles W. Lawrence. His first intimation that his trust was not well placed came with the news that Lawrence had made an assignment in the name of the firm, and had fled with \$25,000 of the firm's assets. He is now supposed to be in Paris, France.

Webster is held responsible for his partner's action.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—An extra edition of the proceedings against Chas. Benson, the roving swindler, who victimized the Mexican to the amount of \$65,000 by selling bogus Patti opera tickets, were begun today before United States Commissioner Lynn. Lynn's lawyer had three Mexican witnesses who happened in town at the time of Benson's arrest, and also marshaled manager Abbey and sub-manager Mayer. The old complaint of forgery was withdrawn by the prosecution, and instead Benson was charged with

HAVING FORGED

the name of Henry E. Abbey to a letter, and that of Marcus R. Mayer to tickets, both of which acts were committed in the City of Mexico. A number of witnesses were examined, after which, at the request of Abbey's counsel, the case was continued one week.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Daniel Driscoll, the condemned murderer, has given out a letter bitterly attacking Warden Walsh of the Tombs prison as a man morally and mentally unfit to occupy the position. He charges the warden with allowing social privileges to prisoners who fee him, such as sleeping in hospital beds and receiving female visitors in the privacy of their cells; with brutal cruelty to prisoners and with locking boys under fourteen years in a dark cell in cold weather.

WITHOUT BEDDING

for weeks at a time. Walsh says some of the charges are false and others exaggerated.

Driscoll says he has seven bullets in his body and that he is willing that after his execution the doctors may have his body to trace their course in the interest of science.

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MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 20.—It is clear and cold here today, with no indications of snow and not much wind. The mercury was 34 below during the night, and is now 21.

A Watertown (Dak.) special says: The railroad blockade has closed in again, with the mercury 35 below at six o'clock this morning. All railroad travel is

SUSPENDED AGAIN.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Jan. 20.—A terrible storm raged 50 miles west and north of here last night. It was the worst of the season. The thermometer was 27 degrees below zero.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 20.—The thermometer indicated 30 below here this morning. The state board of railroad commissioners has investigated the reports of suffering from scarcity of fuel on the Crown Valley branch of the Manitoba Railroad which has been blockaded a month. They found no suffering, but the coal supply was running very low. General Manager Manville promised to double the force employed to open the road.

An evening paper figures the loss of life in last week's blizzard at 235. A dozen

NEW CASES

are reported from Vermillion, Dakota. Over thirty persons were frozen to death in Lake County, and the local authorities are suppressing the news. This rumor lacks confirmation.

BOSTON, Jan. 20.—The *Commercial Bulletin* gives tomorrow a special report on carpet wools and the advisability of removing the existing duty on that grade of fleeces. The opinions are contained in letters from the largest carpet manufacturers in the country; leading wool-growers, including the president of the national association; leading blanket and woolen manufacturers; leading importers and the chief dealers. From the replies, it may be said that free carpet wool will