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WASHINGTON, 6.—On Tuesday, Gen. Slocum expects to report the Fitz John Porter bill from the committee on military affairs, and an effort will be made during the week by its friends to have it considered. As some doubt has arisen in regard to the power of the committee on military affairs to sit as it did during the holiday recess, the committee will again consider the Porter bill to-morrow, in order to prevent delay that might otherwise occur when reported.

The sub-committee on pensions presented to Commissioner Dudley for consideration some changes that it proposes to make in the law. One of them is a reduction of the number of agencies where funds are disbursed from 18 to 10 or 12 at the most prominent commercial centres. Commissioner Dudley recommended that the number of examining boards be increased to about 400. The sub-committee favors an increase of the number, but desire that the pay of surgeons be \$2 for each examination of the first five cases, and \$1 for each additional case examined in a day. The commissioner is expected to give his opinion of the proposed changes to-morrow. Members of the committee wish to act harmoniously with the commissioner in every change affecting the appropriation. He is reported this week.

The House committee on military affairs authorized General Slocum to report the bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter.

ST. THOMAS, 7.—Search for the dead at Belleville was resumed this morning. The bodies were all near each other, and the Mother superior's body seemed to be the centre for the ghastly circle of black remains. A bone was picked up here and upon being drawn came loose from some particles of roasted flesh. Her burned skull was found and also an arm, while the trunk burned into a solid crisp was dug up immediately under them. There was an awful exhalation, and more than once the workmen faltered because of the sickening sensations which overcame them. It seemed as if the horrid heap would never be exhausted, and every few minutes there was the report that a new body had been taken out. Shreds of burnt clothing clung to the sickening mass. It was impossible almost to find any identity of the bodies, the fire having effaced every line of countenance and form. The bodies in some instances clung together and the heap as it was uncovered to the eye was absolutely indescribable.

NEW YORK, 7.—A short time ago Marie Prescott, actress, got a verdict for \$12,500 against the American News company for circulating a newspaper containing an alleged libel. The general term of the superior court reverses the judgment and orders a new trial.

ST. LOUIS, 7.—A brief report from Jerseyville, Ill., says the court house and jail burned and four prisoners in the latter were suffocated to death.

Bishop Ryan of St. Louis, preached here to-day. He said religion and patriotism had been pitted against each other in Ireland and the former had triumphed. The clergy loved the people too well to inculcate false principles among them.

CINCINNATI, O., 7.—Proctor & Gamble's extensive soap and candle works, the largest in the city, are on fire with the prospect that they will be a total loss. A general alarm has sounded. The loss will probably aggregate \$200,000.

CLEVELAND, O., 8.—A fire this morning destroyed the Opera House block, at Meadville, Pa.; loss, \$100,000.

NEW YORK, 8.—The Woman Suffrage Party by the State Executive Committee, denounce Senator Edmund's proposition for the disfranchisement of the women of Utah, as a gross wrong, alike to non-polygamists and to polygamists by compulsion, and as a punishment without trial of those who believe in polygamy. New York Senators and Representatives are called upon to resist the proposition.

It is understood that the Oregon and Trans-Continental have practically completed arrangements by which the bulk of those holding Oregon R. & N. and North Pacific stock can deposit in the Farmer's Loan and Trust Co. for one year. This arrangement includes a loan of \$18,000,000 for one year on the pledge of 91,500 shares of Oregon railway and navigation, 51,500 shares of Northern Pacific preferred, and 91,500 shares of Northern Pacific common stocks to be lodged with the Farmer's Loan and Trust Co. \$8,000,000 will be used to take up an equal amount of the company's bills payable. A Commission will be payable to the lenders at the end of the year, but no stock bonus will be allowed.

MCKEESPORT, Penn., 8.—Work was resumed to-day by the National Rolling Mill and Forge Co., the workmen accepting a reduction of 12% to 25 per cent. The National Tube Works will resume work to-morrow at a similar reduction in rates.

Reading, Pa., 8.—Work has been resumed in all the departments of the Reading ironworks. These works employ a thousand men. The sheet mill puddlers are reduced from \$3.50 to \$3.25. A number of other manufacturers are preparing to resume work, and the outlook in the iron trade generally is brighter.

NEW YORK, 8.—The five-story coffin factory, Nos. 24 & 25 Christie Street,

took fire early this morning and was destroyed; as the London theatre, in the Bowery, almost adjoins the rear of the factory, reports spread that another theatre was burning. The factory stands between tall tenements and abuts in the rear on an alley cutting in from the Bowery and Rivington Street, inhabited by a dense population. The denizens of the alley, threatened by the tottering walls of the burning factory, were hustled out by the police. Loss said to be \$900,000.

MONTREAL, 8.—A very large excited meeting of shareholders of the Montreal Loan and Mortgage Co. was held here. The auditor's report shows the books irregular, and the absconding secretary and treasurer Geo. W. Craig, a defaulter to the amount of at least \$50,000.

BALTIMORE, 8.—Archbishop Gibbons, in a letter dated Dec. 21, says: The National Council of Catholics, it is expected will be opened at the Cathedral of Baltimore, Nov. 9th, 1884. He will preside as apostolic prelate. The purpose first entertained was the appointing of Archbishop Sepiecci, but they yielded to the strong representation of American prelates in favor of one of their own body being designated. The Archbishop reiterates the statement that no action will be taken by the Holy See in regard to the Irish question in the United States, and no remonstrance will be sent to this country on that subject. The American prelates had an hour and a half's conference with the Archbishop's text was written.

RICHMOND, Ky., 9.—The snow here is 14 inches deep; the heaviest ever known in Central Kentucky.

Huntington, W. V., 9.—Snow 16 to 18 inches deep.

CHICAGO, 9.—The authoritative announcement is made from Washington that Senator John Sherman has been tendered the presidency of the Northern Pacific, but while he has not yet declined, it is believed he will unquestionably do so, owing to the pressure of political obligations; as by his retirement and his successor being a democrat, it would give the Virginia readjusters the casting vote.

Senator Sherman's attention was called to the reports of the presidency of the Northern Pacific Railway having been tendered him, and he declined to talk, neither confirmed nor denied the reports, but refused to say anything to the public at present. The matter, he said, was a private one as far as any action of his was concerned.

NEW YORK, 9.—President Coolidge, of the Oregon Navigation Company, has appointed G. S. Morrison to investigate the affairs of the company on the Pacific Coast. Morrison leaves for the West to-morrow. Officials of the Oregon Transportation Company state that there is nothing in the published rumor of the discovery of a million and a half additional liabilities.

COLUMBUS, Ga., 9.—The Columbus Female College was burned this morning. The hydrants were frozen and the firemen had great difficulty in thawing them. All the inmates were aroused in time and escaped. Loss \$30,000. There were in attendance 120 young ladies.

ATLANTIC CITY, 9.—A gale and high tide last night carried to sea boarding houses, stores, dwellings, bath houses and other buildings.

Howard's Pier was more than half washed away. Much damage was done at South Atlantic City, and to the West Jersey railroad. Their trains are not running from this place to-day.

NEW YORK, 9.—Coney Island suffered terribly. Residents were up all night dreading a tidal wave that might submerge the place. The water flooded the meadows. The loss is estimated between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. The track of the Marine railway between Manhattan and Brighton Beach was almost entirely destroyed. Culver's iron pier was wrecked at the outer end and upwards of one hundred feet carried away. The old iron pier also suffered to a considerable extent. All the sheds and houses nearest the beach were either entirely or partly demolished. The bathing houses helleved to be at a safe distance from the sea, were borne out to the ocean.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., 9.—Since midnight the storm has increased to a terrible gale which is raging throughout Wyoming Valley. The wind is blowing with violent fury and the atmosphere is filled with sleet. Many buildings in course of erection are threatened with demolition.

CHICAGO, 9.—Daily News, Independence, Mo.: Frank James' condition is growing worse very fast. His friends have about given up hopes of his recovery.

TORONTO, 9.—The inquest on the railway accident at Humber was adjourned until Tuesday next. The investigation, so far, shows that Barber, the conductor of the freight train, disobeyed orders by not stopping at Mimico Station, where he was to cross the suburban train. Barber does not attempt to excuse his neglect of duty; only says he forgot.

PORTLAND, Me., 9.—The schooner Etna, with railroad iron from Bath, Wilmington, went down near Bang's Island in the storm last night. Crew not heard of.

NEW YORK, 9.—Bar. Silver, 10%; Central Pacific, 65%; Burlington, 20%; Northern Pacific, 26%; Northwestern, 17%; New York Central, 13%; Pacific Mail, 42%; Panama, 68; St. Louis & San Francisco, 22; Texas Pacific, 19%; Union Pacific, 76%; Wabash, 18%; W. F. Ex., 6; Western Union, 75%.

BUFFALO, 9.—The snow storm continues. The fall is the heaviest for this section in two years. An accident occurred on the Buffalo Bell Line of road this morning. The Michigan Central

train due at four o'clock, came in collision with the New York Central engines which were stalled, badly wrecking two engines. Engineer Brown, of the Michigan Central, had his wrist broken, and Fireman Johnson was internally injured. All the trains are three to four hours late. The Grand Trunk and B. N. Y. and P. abandoned all trains. The Canada Southern brought one train in with seven engines.

DENVER, 9.—The Tribune's Colorado Springs: The Denver & Rio Grande filed a mortgage in the county clerk's office at El Paso, this morning, bonding its lines, rolling stock and lands to the Union Trust Company of New York for \$50,000,000, to run 30 years at 5 per cent. per annum.

BOSTON, 9.—The annual Jackson banquet by leaders of the democratic party of Massachusetts on the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans, was held this evening. General Butler, speaking of Jackson's character, said that when Jackson desired anything done by a foreign nation it was done. No British minister dared to snub him. Referring to the prospects of the democracy in the coming presidential election, he said he hoped for the party. It was a fact recognized by all good men, that it would be a calamity to the country if the democrats don't win this year, because, under government of the republican party, which he said had allied itself to capital, the rich were made richer and the poor poorer, and the time when that condition of things must cease. Governor Abbott, Governor Carleton (Maine) and several others made speeches.

CHICAGO, 8.—News' special from Sycamore, Ill.: Interest in the grave robbing cases is unabated. Two of the supposed robbers, Wateman and Shinkle, were arraigned to-day, waived an examination, and were committed in default of bonds. Although abundantly able to procure bail they considered it safe to be behind walls, out of harm's way.

Another shocking robbery was discovered at Rochelle. Sheriff Wood, while searching the college for the corpse of old Mrs. Hoyt, discovered the body of a young girl. Investigation of the graves at Rochelle proved the body to be that of Mrs. Craft, an old schoolmate and friend of Shinkle. Hall and Coffey, the first parties arrested, have been released, it being proven that they were only the teamsters who drove the wagon. They have given valuable information.

ST. PAUL, 9, midnight.—Information is just received from Stillwater that the prison yards of the State penitentiary are burning. The yards include the immense building of the Northwestern company, and car works owned principally by D. Sabin. Stillwater authorities have telegraphed here for fire engines, and a special train containing three engines have just left.

Stillwater, Minn., 9.—Fire last night in the penitentiary yard destroyed the engine rooms in the cooper and blacksmith shops. Cause unknown. It is supposed to have been started by convicts. The building burned belongs to the Northwestern Manufacturing Company, D. M. Sabin president. Total loss to the Northwestern Manufacturing Company \$115,000. Loss to the State, \$75,000. Total insurance, \$109,000.

NEW YORK, 9.—Lieutenant John J. Augur, United States navy, escaped from Bloomington lunatic asylum last night during the terrible storm, and this morning his body was found in the roadway. Death was due to cold and exposure. The father of the dead lieutenant is General Augur, in charge of the military post of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Lieutenant Augur had been in the navy since 1870. He was one of the officers sent out on the expedition for the search of the Arctic exploring steamer Jeannette. The hardships there affected his mind. He has been off duty since last summer, and was placed in the asylum on December 24th last.

CHICAGO, 8.—Daily News Toronto: The Marquis of Landsdowne, Governor General of Canada, and Lady Landsdowne and party, arrived here to-night from Ottawa, and are the guests of Lieut. Gov. Robinson. This is the first time Landsdowne has ventured away from Ottawa since his arrival from England. The special train by which he traveled was well guarded by a posse of government police. Unusual precautions seemed to be taken in all his movements. He was met here at the depot by 100 volunteers, who will escort him wherever he goes during his stay. It was originally intended that the Marquis should visit Niagara Falls, but owing to the recent excitement caused by Fenian dynamiters, the programme was changed. The party return to Ottawa on Saturday.

NEW YORK, 10.—It is stated that the Oregon Navigation Co., contemplates an issue of twelve million dollar five per cent. bonds, to retire outstanding bonds bearing a higher rate of interest and acquire branch roads originally built by the Oregon Transcontinental against which bonds guaranteed by the Northern Pacific were to be given in payment.

WASHINGTON, 10.—At a meeting of the Senate committee on postoffices and post roads they determined to begin one week hence the consideration of several measures proposed to establish a postal telegraph. Senator Edmunds gives his views in support of his bills.

SUSPENSION BRIDGE, N. Y., 10.—The remains of Captain Webb, recently killed in his attempt to swim the whirlpool of Niagara were transferred to Oakland Cemetery and buried according to Masonic rites. Mrs. Webb was present.

NEW YORK, 10.—Bar silver, 10%; Central Pacific, 67; Burlington, 21%;

Northern Pacific, 26 1/2; Northwestern, 17 1/2; New York Central, 13 1/2; Pacific Mail, 43; Panama, 68; St. Louis & San Francisco, 22; Texas Pacific, 19 1/2; Union Pacific, 77 1/2; Wabash, 19 1/2; Wells Fargo, Ex., 6; Western Union, 75 1/2.

NEW YORK, 10.—The jury gave Bridget Cronin six cents damages in her suit against Rev. Florence McCarthy, of Brooklyn for \$30,000 damages for alleged assault. Bridget was formerly organist of the church of which Father McCarthy was pastor.

WASHINGTON, 10.—At a meeting of the ways and means committee Morrison announced the following committee's changes in tariff laws—Mills, A. S., Hewitt, Kelley; changes in internal revenue laws—Blount, Hurd, Kasson; to refunding customs duties—A. S. Hewitt, J. K. Jones, McKinley; refunding taxes on tobacco—Blackburn, Herbert, Hiscok; refunding taxes on spirit and malt liquors—Herbert, Blackburn, Russell; refunding miscellaneous internal taxes—Hurd, Blount, Russell.

ST. LOUIS, 10.—A brief dispatch from Belleville says the funeral of the identified bodies of victims of the convent fire who are residents of Belleville, took place this morning. Services were held in St. Peter's Church, which was heavily draped. A solemn requiem mass was sung. Bishop Batters of Acton, officiating, assisted by Reverend Father Abbella, of Milwaukee, the spiritual director of the order of Notre Dame. A large number of priests of the diocese were also present. Two funeral orations one in English and one in German were delivered after which the procession consisting of boys and girls of the parochial schools, young men and ladies societies, surviving sisters, clergymen, Mayor and City Council of Belleville and a very large number of citizens and strangers formed in procession and proceeded to GreenMound Cemetery, where the interment took place, and the last sad rites were performed. Business was entirely suspended in the city, and nearly everybody in the place took part in the sad ceremonies.

CHICAGO, 10.—The meeting of the Trans-Continental Railway Association was resumed this morning, all the representatives being present, with the exception of the general manager. The meeting adjourned at 2.15 to 3 o'clock, having discussed matters affecting rules and regulations of the Association only. The question as to the admission of roads east of the Missouri is to be considered this afternoon.

WASHINGTON, 10.—The House committee on public lands will hear an argument on Monday on the question of the forfeiture of the Texas Pacific territorial land grant now claimed by the Southern Pacific. The United States filed in the Court of Claims a counter claim against the Union Pacific of \$899,667 alleged indebtedness, including 5 per cent. of the net earnings.

FOREIGN.

LONDON, 6.—Henry George arrived to-day. He was received in Euston depot by a committee of the land reform union. Fifteen hundred persons awaited his arrival. On alighting George was greeted with loud cheers. When the party reached Euston square, George mounted a wagonette and thanked his friends for this kind reception. He said: "I appreciate the compliment because I recognize it as a proof of principles dear to me, and dear to you. This is a premonition of a great revolution destined to sweep the world. I am glad to be received by workmen. Landlords will not receive me." (Laughter.) George referred to the words of the apostle: "He that will not work shall not eat," and then called attention to the fine houses which were tenanted by men doing nothing, an anomaly which was attracting world wide attention, and an injustice which caused workmen to confederate. This movement, he continued, is destined to go forward. Be true to it and to yourselves. Power must always be with the masses. Do not ask for patronage or charity, but demand justice, your own rights and the rights of those below you. In this way we shall conquer."

Dublin, 6.—Edward Harrington, proprietor of the Kerry Sentinel, who in last June was sentenced to six months' imprisonment on account of the publication of a placard desiring persons to join the invincibles and attend meetings, was released from jail, his term of imprisonment having expired. Bands paraded in honor of his release, and Messrs. Sullivan and Harrington addressed a meeting of his friends.

LONDON, 7.—During December imports decreased, as compared with December of last year, £1,898,000; exports increased £794,500.

VIENNA, 7.—A box containing \$100,000 is reported missing from the Pesth Postoffice.

LONDON, 8.—The government of Dutch East India has sent troops to the west coast of Acheen to compel the Rajah to surrender their crew of 25 men of the steamer Nisero wrecked there in November last. The vessel was plundered and destroyed by the Acheens. The crew consisted of Moors, two Italians, two Germans, two Norwegians and one American. The British gunboat Pegasus sent to their relief in December, was unable to communicate with the Rajah, and British Consul Kennedy reported that if the Pegasus had fired upon the tribe, the prisoners would have been massacred.

LONDON, 8.—Two thousand steel workers refuse to work at a reduction of wages. Nubar Pasha, the Egyptian Minister

of War in '78, it is reported, has accepted the premiership of the new ministry and appointed Edgar Vincent Minister of finance.

HONG KONG, 8.—An attack upon Bacninh by the French will probably be made on the 11th. It is thought that it will not prove a *casus belli*, China being seemingly unprepared for war.

PARIS, 9.—The French press bitterly attacks England for abandoning the Soudan to El Mahdi.

CAIRO, 9.—The recruiting of black troops under Zebehr Pasha has been abandoned.

The government is undecided whether it will recall Baker Pasha, who has gone to Suakin to arrange for a campaign against El Mahdi.

A military commission under Sir Evelyn Wood will make the necessary arrangements for the evacuation of the Soudan by the Egyptian troops, to accomplish which it will, it is thought, require a year.

Berlin, 9.—Emperor William sent this letter in reply to congratulations sent by the magistrates of Berlin on New Year's day:

"I praise God in his goodness that he has still vouchsafed me the privilege to inaugurate the proud monument on the banks of the Rhine which is designed, not only to perpetuate by commemoration the happily regained unity of Germany, but also constitutes an earnest sign of the invigorated and true might of a united German Empire. The grand festival in honor of Martin Luther's birth in which, after four centuries the whole of evangelical Christendom united with me, will not the less ever remain for me an elevating remembrance which affords me the greatest satisfaction. The new year has come under circumstances which verify the hope of quiet, undisturbed times. I am convinced that under the blessed protection of peace, for the maintenance of which I have obtained fresh guarantees through personal intercourse with friendly princes of the nations, will in future find a prosperous development."

HONG KONG, 9.—An explosion at Hanoi on the 28th ult., destroyed two batteries of French artillery. One man was killed and three were injured. Several houses and barracks near the battery were badly damaged.

Two thousand Anamites attacked a French post held by 50 marines. After several hours hard fighting the Anamites retired with a loss of 100 killed and wounded.

A column of French troops, under command of Col. Massian, has left Hanoi to hunt pirates on the Red River and may possibly advance to Hong Hoa above Sontay. Col. Brionval overtook some bands of pirates in the province of Namdinh, which retired before the French troops to a strong position, where they were attacked, and after severe fighting for several hours the French routed them. The French cruiser Mytho has arrived at Haiphong.

PARIS, 9.—General Bicket holds Sontay with 1,000 French troops. The country for ten miles around is clear of the enemy. Hung Hoa, above Sontay, on the Red River, has been abandoned by the Black Flags. A large number of Anamites are flocking to the French headquarters at Hanoi, bringing with them Chinese stragglers.

It is stated that disunion in the ranks of Anamites and Black Flags caused the loss of Sontay. The arms found at Sontay are marked Foo Chow, China arsenal. Some correspondence was also found compromising Anamite officials of Hue and Chinese officials.

PARIS, 9.—A duel with swords, between Aurelien Schall, and a journalist named Dion, was fought to-day, in consequence of an article in *Evènement*. Schall was wounded in the side, Dion's sword breaking and leaving a fragment in the person of his antagonist.

MADRID, 8.—In the Chamber of Deputies Col. Portuondo, republican, declared he thought the republicans approved of military reforms, but they would not support a monarchy. Great tumult followed, and the Premier, amid cheering, observed that the officer who had taken the oath of allegiance to the king could not as a deputy attack the monarchy in the Cortes.

ST. PETERSBURG, 10.—Journal de St. Petersburg in an article on the New Year letter of the Emperor of Germany to the authorities of Berlin, welcomes the German Emperor's assurance of peace which it asserts will inspire confidence.

Berlin, 10.—Inspection of the literary collections of the Late Herr Lasker reveals a surprising wealth of material in the shape of many unpublished and some unfinished manuscripts, all temporarily placed under seal. The papers found will, the executor declares, shed much light upon some heretofore obscure points in German parliamentary history. No codicil to the will has been found.

PARIS, 10.—Le Royer was re-elected President of the Senate. He received 125 out of 154 votes.

The official report of the losses of the French at the capture of Houtay gives 4 officers killed, 11 seriously and 11 slightly wounded, 77 men killed and 231 wounded.

Rome, 10.—It is said that the Pope is about to issue an encyclical letter regarding the Freemasons, in which it is believed that a distinction will be made between Continental and English Societies.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS:

WASHINGTON, 8.—At a meeting of the Senate committee of finance on the Sherman bill, authorizing national banks to issue circulation to 90 per