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PHILADELPHIA, 20.—A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Florida Ship Canal & Transcontinental Company adjourned to-day after a four days' session. Among those present were Hon. John C. Brown, president; Geo. C. Gorham, secretary; Governor Cameron, Senator Mahone and others. Chief Engineer Howe made an exhaustive report as to the practicability and cost of construction of the canal. His report was eminently satisfactory. General Stone states that he made a personal examination of the proposed route in company with a corps of efficient engineers, and he says a ship canal of sufficient depth to allow the passage of two sea-going steamers of the first-class without inconvenience can be constructed at a total cost of \$46,000,000, as follows: Excavations, \$38,000,000; harbor at the terminus, \$4,500,000; engineering, right of way and contingencies, \$5,500,000. Total length of canal, 137½ miles, and highest elevation in crossing the water shed, 143 feet; but this deep cut will be only for a short distance. He says much of the excavation can be made by steam dredges. Stone reports the engineering difficulties decidedly less than he expected. Of the commercial advantages of the canal, Stone mentions the following as the most important: First, the great saving of distance between Gulf of Mexico ports and ports of the Atlantic States and Europe; second, the complete avoidance of the great danger of navigation through Florida Straits; the saving of distance on steam vessels between New York and New Orleans is 500 miles; New Orleans and Liverpool, 412 miles; New York and Pensacola, 600. Stone also states that the canal will lessen insurance rates, which are now very high, on vessels passing Florida Straits; being as much as \$500 to \$800 per day on the largest class of steamers. Stone reports that within six weeks he will be prepared to begin the detailed location of the surveys.

Syracuse, 21.—A fire at Danforth this morning devoured the dwellings of Capt. Edward A. Beel and T. K. Fuller; loss \$20,000.

Struthers, O., 21.—By neglect some one left the switch at the east end of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie yard open at Hazelton, two miles east of Youngstown, Ohio. The passenger train No. 5 due at Youngstown from Pittsburgh at 11:30 p. m., ran into the rear end of a freight train standing on the track, telescoped the caboose, and ploughed through the coke car, completely demolishing both cars and wrecking the engine of the passenger train, which was running at the rate of 30 miles per hour. Engineer Samuel Rose reversed his lever, stood by the throttle, and came out of the wreck miraculously, not receiving a scratch. Fireman Louis Kirtze jumped and was badly bruised and cut about the face and hands, and badly but not fatally hurt. Wm. Johnson, express messenger, Cleveland, was considerably bruised and his right arm sprained. Chas. A. Walsh, brakeman, was also severely injured. The train took fire, but was extinguished with buckets by passengers. About 100 passengers were on the train, but none injured.

Pensacola, Fla., 21.—Up to 2 p. m. no new cases of yellow fever at the Navy Yard. For 24 hours no deaths. Surgeon Owens is reported dying; his case has never been pronounced yellow fever.

Detroit, Mich., 21.—A burglar named J. P. Kennedy was shot and killed while attempting to commit burglary at Birmingham, 18 miles from the city at an early hour Sunday morning. But little is known of him in this city, but the police say he was known as a dangerous man and professional burglar.

New York, 21.—The steamship *New Orleans*, which arrived to-day from New Orleans, reports that 20 miles south of Long Branch she saw a brig-rigged British steamer ashore with tugs alongside. The forward half of coasting schooner was passed off Hog Island, the vessel having evidently been cut in two by a steamer and sunk.

Boston, 21.—The yacht *Mystery*, from New York for Nantucket, is missing. She sailed on the 10th inst., and had on board Leicester Sargent of New Haven, Rupert Sargent of New York, Mr. Hawkins of New Haven, and Mr. Barlett of New York.

Rehoboth, Me., 21.—The steam

yacht *Idle*, with her owner, T. J. Havemeyer, on board, and bound from Bar Harbor for Campbell's, ran ashore near Lubec Sunday afternoon in a thick fog. All saved. The vessel is in a dangerous position. There were four ladies on board.

Bar Harbor, Me., 21.—In addition to the forest fires which have been raging for several days, fire have broken out in several new places. Smoke like a heavy fog envelopes the island and renders respiration difficult. A heavy fire has just broken out in the forest on the north-west side of the Green Mountain. A gang of men are fighting the flames to keep them off the railroad and Summit House. So many and such destructive fires have been unknown for years here, and a large amount of valuable timber is doomed to destruction.

Later—Another fire has broken out on the other side of the mountain, and from below looks as if the Mountain House at the summit was surrounded. A heavy rain is the only hope for extinguishing the flames.

Chicago, 21.—The five story stone building on the corner of La Salle and Washington streets, occupied by the Western Union Telegraph Company, Union National Bank, International Bank, Associated Press, and numerous commission offices, partly burned this morning at 6.30, and was made completely uninhabitable by the streams of water thrown into the building. The fire originated on the fifth floor used as the operating room by the Western Union, and within twenty minutes every description of property on the floor was ruined. The fire originated by duplex battery wires near the switch board, and everything was in a blaze in a moment.

The Western Union immediately began the removal of its property to a building on the north side of Washington Street, where the equipment of the Mutual Union Company enabled it to continue to handle a portion of its business, and preparation was at once made to remove the entire business into this structure for the time being. Market and stock quotations have ceased for a time, and business is stopped on 'Change. The loss of the Western Union may reach \$75,000, but it is thought it will fall below that. Loss to the building, \$30,000. By the prompt action of the fire patrol, the loss to banks and offices is estimated light; insurance, \$13,000.

Circuits to the West and Northwest were cut out during the greater part of the day, and dispatches in these directions had to go East and South. To-night the company has its Northwestern circuits in working order.

Later investigation goes to show that the original theory was incorrect, and that it was due to the close proximity of a gas jet to the switch board, setting it on fire, and not to the crossing of duplex wires, as stated.

St. Louis, 21.—Another one of those mysterious disappearances for which St. Louis has become somewhat famous, occurred here Sunday evening, and has caused great grief in several well known families. On Sunday evening, Col. James O. Church, vice-President and manager of the Western Anthracite Coal Company and his wife went out for a short drive, leaving at home their daughter Mary about seventeen years old. On their arrival about 8 o'clock, the daughter could not be found. No clue to her whereabouts has yet been discovered. The young lady is described as follows: About five feet three inches high, straight and light brown hair, and grayish blue eyes, oval face and regular features; sometimes wears her hair banded.

Boston, 21.—An attachment for \$30,000 was placed upon the property held by the commission and brokerage firm of Merrill & Heald, Lawrence, at the instance of R. Harvey & Co., Chicago, with whom they have done business. This has led to a rumor that the former firm had suspended; but they claim this is untrue, and that the attachment was the result of a misunderstanding as to their respective accounts, which will speedily be settled by the court.

HELENA, M. T., 22.—Both ends of the Northern Pacific railroad will connect to-day, a few miles west of the Mullen Tunnel. The golden spike will be set on the 8th of September by President Villard and Jay Cooke. It is estimated that 30,000 people will be in Helena from the 1st to the 15th of September.

Ample provision has been made to accommodate all in the city.

DENVER, 22.—The Denver Soap-works were burned this morning; loss \$20,000; fully insured.

Chief Signal Officer Hazen arrived this morning from a tour of inspection of the western signal stations. He reports the department in excellent working order.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., 22.—The west-bound passenger train on the Memphis & Little Rock railroad, which left here at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon, met with an accident last night four miles west of Forest City. The cars, while crossing a short trestle, broke a rail which caused two second class passenger coaches, a baggage and express car to go through the trestle, killing J. B. Salinger and Henry J. Goldberg, merchants and cotton planters, Arkansas, and J. Adair, of the Little Rock road. Several other passengers were injured.

CHICAGO, 22.—The reading of the report of the committee appointed to investigate the charge of adulteration of lard, made against Fowler Bros., on the floor of the exchange this morning verified the statement made in these dispatches. The particular charge against the firm of tendering a quantity of adulterated lard to McGeehan, Everingham & Co., was not verified and the committee exonerated the firm on that point. The report proceeds, however, and takes the stand that Fowler Bros. deserve unqualified disapproval and censure for the methods they have observed in manufacturing "prime steam lard." The employment of secret pipes and other appliances, the report declares, lays the firm open to suspicion of using cotton-seed oil and other contraband articles and until suspicion is removed the board of trade should be relieved from all responsibility in the matter. The report concludes by expressing gratification at the results obtained by the investigation and declares that as the result of scientific research provoked by the trial, the detection of impurities in lard by the employment of the microscope can be easily detected and that the placing of an impure article upon would be made practically impossible if the proper inspection takes place.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., 22.—The *Journal's* Gallatin, Mo., special: To-day finished an interval in the James' trial, the court having adjourned until to-morrow noon in order to give the attorneys an opportunity to prepare challenges. The sheriff will present the panel of 40 men to-morrow, from which the 12 will be selected. The interest is still sustained, although the crowd to-day was naturally smaller than that of yesterday. James' few persons, except his attorneys. He maintains an undisturbed demeanor and does not manifest anxiety as to the result of the trial. His mother, wife and child are here.

The *Journal's* Gallatin, [Mo., special: The community was thrown into a high state of excitement to-night by the fact becoming known that two of the most prominent citizens of Gallatin, Hatfield Davis and Alexander Irving, who are witnesses in the James' trial, had received threatening notices through the postoffice. Both were active in their efforts to capture the murderers of Captain Sheets in 1869, and took part in the pursuit and had a running fight with the James party at the residence of Mrs. Samuels. Notes were dropped into the office addressed to each man written by the same hand, and running thus: "You better be careful about your evidence against Frank James. (A friend)" These notes have aroused a strong feeling among the citizens, many regarding it as a cowardly course to intimidate the witnesses, while the theory of James' friends is that the notes were written by his enemies to prejudice public sentiment against him. One thing is assured, the witnesses for the State cannot be intimidated by such a course.

It is learned to-night that the attorneys for the defense will take the full time for challenging the jurors, and the jury will not be announced till Friday; hence the court to-morrow will simply meet and adjourn till Friday.

Later—A meeting of James' counsel has just been held, and they bitterly denounced the letters to Irving and Davis as a trick of the enemies of James to excite popular opinion against him.

WINONA, Minn., 22.—At 11 o'clock last evening a cyclone struck the north part of the city of Rochester, Minn., making a clean sweep. Ele-

vators, residences, the railroad engine house and other property along the railroad, were completely demolished. Mayor Whitton telegraphs that 24 are killed and 40 wounded. The city is in need of clothing and food. Superintendent Sanburn, of the Winona & St. Paul railroad, telegraphs that the list of killed and wounded is hourly increasing. The storm swept other towns. In Utica and St. Charles, in Winona County, Job Thornton was killed and several others injured. The report from Dodge County indicates much damage, with loss of life. Mayor Ludwig, of Winona, with a corps of surgeons, left for Rochester this morning.

At 10 o'clock the Governor received the following:

Rochester, Minn., 22d.

To Governor Hubbard, St. Paul:

Rochester is in ruins. Twenty-four people are killed and over forty seriously injured. One-third of the city is laid waste. We need immediate help.

(Signed) T. W. HILLER, Mayor.

In less than three minutes \$5,000 was raised and sent to aid the sufferers. Telegrams have been sent to all the cities in the state calling on them for aid.

Tenatonna, Minn., 22.—Meagre telegraphic advices are received here early this evening of a terrible accident which occurred between Rochester and Zumbato, Minn., on the Rochester and Northern division of the Chicago & Nevada railroad, by which about a hundred people were killed and wounded. The train wrecked was that which leaves Rochester about 4.45, arriving at Zumbato about 6 p. m. It was caught in a severe wind and hailstorm that prevailed in that vicinity between 4 and 6 o'clock in the morning, and while running at high speed, was lifted from the rails. Gentlemen who have been at the scene of the disaster, describe it as one of the most horrifying railroad accidents ever seen. Every car in the train was completely wrecked and almost literally shattered to pieces by the sudden stop caused by the train leaving the rails, burying the unfortunate passengers beneath the debris, killing many and injuring nearly every person aboard the train. The gentlemen stated that two dead bodies were taken from the ruins and a large number of those who were seriously injured were removed to Rochester and Owatonna. At the time they left the wreck, the extricating of the unfortunate victims was still progressing.

St. Paul, 22.—The cyclone which raged at Rochester, Minn., last night, is reported to have been very severe. Twenty-four are reported killed, and fifty or more injured. Vague rumors of a train disaster by being blown from the track, are also coming in, but there are no particulars.

Passengers from Owatonna state that 25 were killed in the railroad accident, and 35 injured, who were taken to the hospital at Owatonna. The Mayor of Rochester telegraphs for assistance. He states that 25 were killed and about 40 injured. One-third of the town is an entire wreck. It is believed here the whole country surrounding Rochester is in ruins. The killed may number into the hundreds. The governor has sent \$5,000 to aid the sufferers.

A passenger train on the Rochester & Northern road, was blown from the track last night during the cyclone, and 100 were killed and wounded.

Governor Hubbard has just received word from Rochester, Minn., stating that the town is in ruins, and 40 persons are killed. It is impossible to learn any details, as the telegraph is down.

New York, 22.—A fire broke out shortly after 11 o'clock this morning in the packing shop of the Empire oil works, Long Island City. The shop is a brick structure, 22 feet by 700 feet. Over 100 men and boys were employed in the shop, and the wildest excitement prevailed among them. The flames spread rapidly, and the shop was soon a mass of flames. The tin shop building next caught and was followed by the barrel shop. The flames next spread to one of the largest agitators in the yard, containing 50,000 barrels of oil. The Brooklyn fire department was called on for aid and several engines quickly responded, but although they worked hard the flames spread in every direction. The Hone lard works are in danger. The damage is already estimated at \$500,000. Patrick Coony, a workman, was very badly burned and

three other workmen were also injured severely.

Hunter's Point, L. I., 22.—A fire is raging in the Standard oil tank in this place. It is said one tank was burned to death.

Washington, 22.—A surgeon of the Marine Hospital service has received a report from Brownsville, Tex., from which it appears that smallpox is prevailing with great mortality in the towns of Tamaulipas and Puercisco, Mexico; that low fever is reported at Tampico and Panama, and black smallpox prevalent in Guatemala, the victims being principally foreigners. There were 160 deaths from cholera at Bardonia, Oaxaca, during the month and 477 deaths from yellow fever in Vera Cruz for the same month. Early in August there was a shower of thousands of fleas in Mont Morels, and an earthquake at Patateca, causing twenty deaths and the destruction of 30 houses.

Pittsburg, 22.—A Punxsutawney, Jefferson County, Pa., special: During the payment of railroad hands yesterday, a dispute arose about wages, culminating in a riot in which a Hungarian named Peter Ryder was killed and two fellow workmen were shot, and an Irish man named Tom Kearney unmercifully beaten.

Galveston, 22.—News' Home special: Dr. Abraham, a prominent physician and ex-Catholic surgeon, was shot and probably mortally wounded by a negro named Clark, in an affray yesterday, in which the parties fired several shots. The negro claims to have been the victim of a system of petty persecution. The doctor alleges that Clark looked through a window at Mrs. Abraham, while making her toilet.

WASHINGTON, 23.—A telegram to the Acting-Secretary of the Navy from Pensacola, dated the 22d, says: There is one new case to-day, a child of Paymaster Brown. Deaths. Surgeon Owen is dying.

KANSAS, Minn., 23.—O. Anderson's wife was fatally injured and her mother instantly killed by the cyclone. Christian Olsen's wife was also killed. Houses and barns were entirely destroyed at Custer, south of here. The house and barn of Balke were ruined, also the house and barn of Mr. Balmbrecht are gone and his wife cannot be found. Horses and cattle are found dead in all directions.

Rochester, Minn., 23.—The force of the cyclone on Tuesday night was felt more or less in all parts of the city, and its freaks were simply wonderful. It demolished well-built structures on Broadway, doing much harm to adjacent buildings. Many streets are rendered impassible by broken branches of trees. That portion of the city north of the railroad, called Lower Rochester, seems to have received the most damage, there not being a house there that is not injured in some way. It looks at a distance as though there never had been a building standing in that portion of the city while in other sections the remains of houses show the terribly destructive force of the wind, while a complete survey shows the extent of the horrors. Commencing at the L. House on St. Paul road, which was entirely demolished, the cyclone next took Leland's residence, and outbuildings, not leaving a single standing, then it swept through the lower town, and from the appearance of the ground it seemed as though a flood had been over this section. The principal losses in the city, as near as can be estimated aggregate \$400,000.

The dead are: Jno. M. Cole, business man owning four miles of land. Every bone in his body was broken. Mr. McQuillans, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Firerath and August Herson, Mr. Osborn and aunt, Mrs. F. Clough, Mrs. Weatherly, Mr. Helsell, Wm. Higgins, Mrs. Quick and child, Mrs. McCormick. Eight bodies were taken into the country by freight before the names were learned, four are still unclaimed. The killed 26, and 50 wounded more or less seriously.

Rochester, Minn., 23.—The cyclone of Tuesday night started near Owatonna and followed a line nearly a mile south of the railroad, crossing it at Rochester, and following north of the road, passed east 2½ miles. Three miles north of the railroad it varied in width from one to three miles, and did not shift as usual, but made a clean sweep in its track, of houses, barns and crops. As far as heard from, six persons were killed outside of Rochester, and the loss to crops is estimated at about \$300,000.

NEW YORK, 23.—Elizabeth Cameron, 28 years old, was shot through