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## AMERICAN.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—A report was transmitted to Congress by the Secretary of the Interior concerning frauds and corrupt practices of Indian agents. It mentioned the names of eight removed or suspended on account of frauds, corrupt practices, etc. George W. Frost at Crow Agency, Montana; W. H. Danielson, at Fort Hall Agency, Idaho; F. S. Godfrey, agent at Meseles, Apache Agency, New Mexico; A. W. Jones, at Quapaw Agency, Indian Territory. The others are Livingstone, Bridgeman, Whiteman and Hart.

A statement issued by the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, shows the total value of exports of domestic breadstuffs from the United States during April was \$21,679,115, and during April of the previous year \$14,168,630; for the ten months ending April 30th last, \$207,306,613; for the corresponding period the previous year, \$149,085,266.

The House sub-committee has reported favorably to the full committee, a bill authorizing the Postmaster General to contract with American lines of steamers for ocean mail service.

The Senate Judiciary Committee recommend the passage of Bayard's bill regulating the pay and appointment of deputy marshals.

SALINA, Ky., May 17.—A fire has destroyed the business part of this town. Loss, \$20,000; incendiary.

CHESTER, Pa., May 17.—The "Barrens," Delaware county, are ablaze and much property has been destroyed.

Bricksburg, N. J., 17.—The fire is still raging above us; the sun and sky are obscured; the air is stifling and the flames fierce about Cedar Ridge and Kettle Creek. Protestant churches had special prayers yesterday for rain. At Post's station, a house and barn and four cattle were burned on Saturday night. The devastation is great in Cumberland and Atlantic counties. Railroad men report great ravages by the fire among the vineyards of the German population of the county. The loss is very heavy. Yesterday afternoon the residents of Asbury Park and Ocean Grove were startled by the intelligence that the forest fire had reached the gates of these summer cities. Sparks and cinders, some very large, shot up from the burning woods. The fire departments of both places turned out and saved the houses from the flying sparks, while the citizens successfully fought the flames in the woods by back fires, aided by a change of wind. It is reported that the flames have destroyed everything about Hammon, Ellwood and Egg Harbor. The atmosphere is so full of smoke it is difficult to breathe. The vineyard country from here to Egg Harbor is totally destroyed. The people have given up all hopes, are prostrated by their efforts in fighting the flames and are helpless with despair.

Philadelphia, 16.—The Continental Brewery of John Gardiner & Co. was damaged by fire between \$150,000 and \$200,000. The flames originated from an explosion in the malt-house, caused by friction.

Dallston Springs, 17.—The Prospect Mountain House on Lake George was destroyed by forest fires this afternoon. The fire is extending through the forest to Caldwell village, where Fort William and Henry's Hotel are situated and fears are entertained for the safety of the village.

TUCSON, 17.—The following dated at the head of San Francisco River, May 4th, via Apache and Ft. Lowell the 17th, has been received here:

I arrived here to-night, and have traveled hard three days and two nights in pursuit of Victoria's Indians, but they are still a day ahead of me. They got away with 30 horses from here last night. They have so far to my knowledge killed 11 men, two women and four children. I hear of 22 others being killed. I left Silver City on the 4th with crackers, bacon and coffee for myself and men for four days. We have since been living on what little we could get from citizens. I had to abandon one of my horses to-day and rest. He was utterly worn out. I fear I will now have to abandon the chase. Everything now leads to the belief that they are heading for Stephen's ranche, or somewhere in that vicinity, to procure ammunition. I am of the opinion that Victoria's band has been largely reinforced. The country people of

this region are excited, and whole settlements are being broken up. (Signed) MADDEN, Capt.

This confirms the report of extensive Indian depredations in New Mexico. Stevens, an Indian, reports that Tupper and Kramer have overtaken Victoria near Clifton and lost one man killed. Madden had probably joined Tupper or General Hatch. The latter is due somewhere in this vicinity. He was in San Francisco valley, ninety miles northeast of Bayard, on the 11th, on a large Indian trail, numbering about 500. Kramer fought only a part of the Indians with Victoria on Ash Creek on the 7th. General Carr is organizing another command to be sent from Camp Thomas under Captain Henting, to the head of San Francisco River, to a command to consist of Companies D and F, 6th Cavalry, Company A Indian scouts.

WEST POINT, 17.—In an interview to-day Whittaker states that last evening he was invited to Gen. Schofield's house, the latter saying he had sent for him to say that there was considerable hard feeling against him, and asked him if he had nothing more to say or wished to make any confession and that if he did that it would be a good time to do it. Whittaker replied he had nothing further to say, that he had told all he knew and it was the truth, and if he hadn't told the truth and desired to confess anything Gen. Schofield would be the first man he would go to on account of the General's uniform kindness towards him. Whittaker said the General advised him to collect the letters he had written lately because in that way it might be possible to ascertain who it was that had imitated his handwriting. He said that the General told him he had his best wishes, and Whittaker judges from that remark that the General believes he is innocent or he never would have said it. Whittaker was asked how he accounted for some of the discrepancies in his statements, and he said he could not account for them. He argued that the presence of discrepancies show that he was honest, for, said he, "If I had invented the story, I would have learned it by heart, and then there would have been no discrepancy." He was asked how it was that he never noticed that the writing in the note of warning was like his own, he said he had never thought of it, and, if he had written it he would not have exhibited it to four or five persons. He was asked what he thought of the expert's discovery that both the sheets were of one paper. He said that didn't amount to anything, because all the cadets use the same kind of paper, and that he wanted to say he found the note of warning on his chair by the side of his table in the evening. He was in the habit of tearing whole sheets into halves to write on, and the person who wrote the note might have come to his room and taken a piece of his paper, and with samples of hand writing before him might have forged the note. General Schofield says the report of the court is to be presented to him, he does not want to say anything on the subject. Any reports of fears of disorderly action by the cadets against Whittaker are premature, as it is understood among them to allow the court to take care of the whole case. Prof. Gruner still claims that Whittaker is innocent, and says he has some important points which he intends to make known over his own signature, but not to the court.

WASHINGTON, 17.—Hon. William Hunter, Assistant Secretary of State, suffered a stroke of apoplexy to-day. It is feared he will not live through the night.

LOUISVILLE, 17.—A fire this morning did considerable damage to several tobacco firms, to Hackett & Co., undertakers, and others. The total loss is about \$30,000, chiefly on Hackett & Co.

CHICAGO, 17.—The Journal's Washington special says: At a meeting of the House Pacific Railroad Committee to-day a letter making charges of corruption and bribery against a Pacific railroad company, written by J. O. George, a contractor, was submitted. The letter charges that \$90,000 in money and \$100,000 worth of land grant bonds were paid to a United States Senator, and that \$1,000,000 worth of bonds were distributed among members of the House. The writer says he can produce evidence and furnish witnesses to sustain the charges and asks for an investigation. No action has been taken in regard to the letter, the committee desiring first to ascertain as to the responsibility of the writer, and whether he is not

merely engaged in a stock jobbing affair, before asking the House to order an investigation. The matter has caused quite a sensation among the members who have been informed about the letter.

The steamer *Ruby*, an excursion boat, while lying off North Pier, burned this morning, the captain and one seaman making a narrow escape. Loss \$12,000; insured.

NEW YORK, 17.—The *World* is furious over the action by the House of Representatives, and says: Fortunately it takes the concurrence of two houses to adjourn Congress, and fortunately also the counsels of the democratic majority in the Senate are likely to be wiser both for the democratic party and the country than the counsels of the republican minority in the House carried into effect, as these counsels were carried into effect by the help of a knot of democratic stragglers working under the orders of the Pennsylvania Protectionist who is the Speaker of the House, in aid of what he conceives to be his own private and personal interest in national politics.

This morning 1,432 emigrants arrived. The total number thus far in May is 31,346, more than the number arrived in any entire month of May excepting in 1852, when 52,195 landed.

SAN FRANCISCO, 17.—The Workmen's State Convention met to-day in this city, effected a temporary organization, appointed committees and adjourned till 8 p.m. Only a portion of the counties of the State are represented. It is not certain whether the convention will choose any delegates to the National Greenback and Labor Convention, the main object being to revise the constitution and organization of the party. The vote on temporary president would seem to indicate that the greenback element lacked a majority.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., 17.—Delegates to the State Convention on Wednesday have arrived, and politicians are already gathering. Intense excitement is manifested, as the possibility of Grant's nomination may be settled by it.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., 17.—Geo. D. Roseberry, spike and nail manufacturer, has failed. Liabilities, \$50,000. Shrinkage in price of iron is the cause.

HARRISONBURG, Va., 17.—Col. Chas. H. Lewis, ex-United States Minister to Portugal, died here to-day.

WASHINGTON, 18.—The Treasury Department having determined to dispatch the revenue steamer *Cornwin* to cruise in the waters of Alaska for the enforcement of the provision of the law and the protection of the interests of the government on the Seal Island, instructions were issued to-day to Captain Hooper, in command of the vessel, directing him to take on board without delay supplies of provisions, fuel and water for a six months' cruise and to leave San Francisco not later than the 22d inst. The vessel will proceed from San Francisco direct to Oun-alaska, at which place a fresh supply of coal will be taken. She will then proceed to Norton Sound, touching at Seal Islands. If practicable, an officer and two men will be left on Otter Island to protect the seals there. The commander is instructed to use every endeavor to apprehend the presence of vessels at Kotzebue Sound, in the Arctic Ocean, alleged to be engaged in illicit traffic of fire arms with the natives of Alaska, and if found, to break up their illegal trade. He is also to make diligent search for the whaling barks *Mount Woolaston* and *Vigilant*, reported to have been caught in the ice within the Arctic Ocean last autumn, while endeavoring to return through Behring Straits. From their season's whaling, and if found, to render all the assistance possible. Authority is given to transport contributions of provisions, etc., which may be tendered for the relief of these whalers. The instructions further direct that careful inquiries be made regarding the progress and whereabouts of the steamer *Jeannette*, engaged in making exploration under the command of Lieutenant Commander Delong, U.S.N., and if practicable to communicate with, and extend any needed assistance to the vessel. If opportunity offers, an investigation will be made of the rumor regarding the wholesale starvation of the inhabitants of St. Lawrence Island in Behrings. While cruising in the Arctic Sea, the commander is required to make careful observations as to currents, tides, etc., and to obtain such information as may be practicable regarding the numbers, characters, occupations and general

condition of the inhabitants of the adjacent coasts.

The House passed the river and harbor bill under a suspension of the rules yesterday, by an overwhelming vote, with much less opposition than was expected. The Pacific Coast members voted for it, except Horace Davis. He cast his vote in the negative as a protest against the manner in which the bill was made up, more than half of the total amount of its items having been granted to States that are represented on the committee of commerce, while others apparently as deserving of consideration are strikingly neglected thus far.

As an instance, Maine is given \$25,000 and Massachusetts about \$200,000. The committee granted \$300,000 for the improvement of the Tennessee River alone, while the entire Pacific Coast, with a sea line of 1,200 miles, and such rivers as the Columbia, Sacramento and San Joaquin, to be provided for, obtained at the hands of the committee only \$375,000. Per contra, it should be understood that California and the whole Pacific Coast are granted by this bill a much larger percentage of engineers' estimates than the average for the rest of the country.

The Senate judiciary committee yesterday reported favorably on Farley's bill to authorize the sale of the college ranch in Santa Barbara County, by the Roman Catholic bishop, and he will undoubtedly procure its passage.

The Secretary of the Navy is inclined to the opinion that the *Adams* left the territorial waters of Colombia previous to the issuance of the alleged order directing the vessels to suspend operations. He also reiterated the statement heretofore published that so far as he was aware of, there had been no surveying done by the commanders of the vessel.

SAN FRANCISCO, 18.—In the workmen's convention last evening a real fight came up on the adoption of the majority and minority reports of the committee on permanent organization and the order of business, the former providing for the election of a State central committee instead of entrusting the management of affairs to Kearney as president, as heretofore, and the election of delegates to the national greenback labor convention. The minority report provided for the continuance of the old organization of the party, and ignored the question of electing delegates to the national convention. After a hot debate, the minority report was adopted, 81 to 24, and the convention adjourned till this morning.

LOS PINOS AGENCY, Cal., 16.—The reported massacre by White River Utes of Bradbury's party of prospectors from Del Norte is disbelieved. Chief Ouray has no confirmation. Acting Agent Sherman, under orders from the Department, and at Ouray's request, followed the party nine miles up the north fork of the Gunnison to warn them off the reservation, and of the danger they were incurring. He found it impossible to overtake them as they were evidently making marches for Eagle river. Several days previous to his arrival at their abandoned camp at the junction of Water and Garrison rivers, a parley of some kind occurred, as the Indians report that Bradbury claimed to be "Mormons" bound for Utah, though traveling in an opposite direction. Dr. McKenzie's scout, Gibson, is here, but does not report any forward movement of the troops. The Gunnison country is swarming with prospectors.

NEW YORK, 18.—The following letter is published here:

PORTLAND, Maine,  
May 16th, 1880.  
To R. H. McClelland, Galena.

Too unwell to attend to anything, but express to all my friends my earnest hope that they will support Gen. Grant.

(Signed) E. B. WASHBURN.

ERIE, 18.—The Canadian detectives here are interviewing the Goss-Ryan party of prize fighters, but got no information. Fleet left at midnight for some point in Canada.

DEADWOOD, 18.—The party of frontiersmen which followed and fought the murderers of Deffenbach, are very indignant because refused at Fort Keogh permission to talk over the military wire and secure reinforcements.

PHILADELPHIA, 18.—General Calixto, issued a proclamation to the people of Cuba upon his arrival, in which he denounces the Spaniards bitterly, and advises that the hottest kind of warfare against them be waged in behalf of all kinds of

liberty. In an address to the army he calls them to arms, declaring his willingness to die with them if necessary, and says there shall be no armistice, no treaty not based on the recognition of independence.

CHICAGO, 18.—Returns from all the counties in the State are now in. Three came in last night. Calhoun with four votes did not instruct so far as our information goes. The other two gave Grant two votes, Blaine three and Washburne three. The Blaine Bureau now claim that on account of the unexpected result, they will have a clear majority of anti-Grant delegates in the State Convention, leaving Cook County out of the question. On the other hand, the Grant people claim they have a majority, even if the Cook County regular delegation is admitted intact. The fact is, neither side can be sure of a majority until the pulse of the uninstructed delegates is felt, and that is not likely to be until the convention actually meets and a test vote is had.

## FOREIGN.

LONDON, 17.—The *Mark Lane Express* says: The aspect of agricultural affairs is but little advanced since last week. The night frosts in many districts have checked the development of wheat, which is generally backward and frequently thin. Unless genial weather sets in speedily, the chances of ultimate mischief to the crops will be considerably increased. Scotch advices are somewhat better. Although both in Mark Lane and in the provinces, the demand for English wheat is somewhat inactive, last week's prices were well maintained and even occasionally exceeded the imports of foreign, which have been sufficient to meet the ordinary requirements without swelling stocks. This circumstance and the unusual shortness in continental reserves increased the confidence of buyers. If the price of wheat had not already fallen comparatively low, doubtless trade would require all the support, extraneous influence could afford to overt a further decline, being caused by liberation of ring stocks in America and increased imports consequent on re-opening the Northern Russian ports. Of late, however, a strong undercurrent of steadiness is observable, and the opinion is gaining ground that wheat at the present range of prices can be safely bought for speculation or consumption. Holders have strongly resisted any further reduction.

The explosion at Birchells & Hall's iron works Saturday caused more destruction than at first reported. Twenty-five persons were killed and about 60 injured.

A telegram from Mozambique to the government announces the capture of two slave dhows.

The German Ultramontanes are resolved to recommence the war against Bismarck and stir up the Catholic population against the government. The first important meeting of Catholics has been held at Dortmund, Westphalia, at which 20,000 persons were present, including many noblemen and influential leaders. The meeting fully approved the attitude of the Centre party in the Reichstag and expressed the hope that the Catholics would move in the Reichstag for a law making ministers responsible for their acts and also to demand the total abolition of the May laws.

It has transpired that Bismarck accused Baron Von Ruthart of conspiring with the Jews of Hamburg. The minister immediately left Bismarck's palace and asked for letters of recall, which the King of Bavaria has not yet granted, but the Baron will leave Berlin in a few days.

Intelligence has reached St. Petersburg from Peking that the sentence of Chung How has been confirmed. He is to be beheaded.

The Pope has recently undergone successive painful operations. He would much like to spend the summer at Berugia, Perugia, but is not prepared to face the storm of opposition, reproach and menace he would have to encounter if he did so. It is, meanwhile, no secret to his medical advisers that to remain in Rome all summer is perhaps to run the immediate risk of life and certainly to shorten it.

The chances of a pacific settlement of the Afghan trouble are increasing.

Gen. Roberts pursues his march through Logar Valley towards Maidan. The new Wali of Candahar has returned from Arghastan, after completely pacifying the disturbed districts. He was formally inducted