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BY TELEGRAPH.

AMERICAN.

NEW YORK, 20.—Gen Van Buren, ex-commissioner to the Vienna Exposition, has arrived here from Europe.

The *Herald* has a letter stating that Col. Hughes, Republican candidate for governor of Virginia, is ineligible, having conveyed a challenge to fight a duel, to Elbert Fowler, Bristol, Tenn., in 1870. The constitution of Virginia provides that no person who knowingly conveys a challenge shall be allowed to vote or hold any office of honor, profit or trust.

It is reported here that a tow of thirty fine canal boats, on the Hudson river, loaded with grain, broke loose early this morning, and twenty-five or thirty were sunk opposite Stony Point, with men, women and children on board.

OSWEGO, 20.—The schooner *New York* is ashore above the piers, and is breaking up. She will be a total wreck. The storm is the severest of the season, and it is feared that other disasters have occurred.

MEMPHIS, 20.—There was a heavy frost this morning, which had a favorable effect on the fever, but is fearful on the thousands not clothed for winter and made destitute by the succession of calamities the past year. The majority of societies and relief boards are unable to supply applications for assistance. A proposition has been received to take some orphans, but a great many more have yet to be provided for.

WASHINGTON, 20.—The Supreme Court of the U. S., to-day, affirmed the decision of the lower court, in the appeal of the New York Central Railroad from the decision of the circuit court of the southern district of New York, awarding damages to a drover named Lockwood, who received injuries while riding on a drover's pass, with the payment of interest at the usual rates in such cases in New York, sustaining the rulings below, that the contract made by the defendant and the pass issued to him were no impediment in the way of recovering if he was not guilty of neglect in the use of ordinary care and prudence.

The assent of his government having been obtained, Sir Edward Thornton has consented to serve as umpire for the U. S. and Mexican claims commission, and he has signed the requisite declaration in office.

A storm of wind and rain has prevailed here the past twenty-four hours. The only disaster thus far reported in the neighborhood is the wreck on the Low canal boats, on the Hudson, but the loss of life and property is said to be less than at first reported. The telegraph wires are considerably damaged.

The *Gazette d'Italia* asserts that the financial crisis in America has caused great excitement at the Vatican: It has never been kept a secret that a great part of the money received from Peter's Pence,

and part of the private property of the prelates, has been deposited in American banks by Cardinal Antonelli.

NEW HAVEN, 20.—An incendiary fire, to-day, destroyed a building in Westville, occupied by a number of small industries; loss \$40,000, insured for \$18,000.

The Berlin *Deutsche Nachrichten*, of the 3rd gives the following official information of the present state of relations between Italy and Germany: A formal basis for an agreement had already been fixed before the visit of the King of Italy to Berlin took place; but an offensive and defensive alliance can only be concluded on a well defined basis, and two military conferences have taken place between Field Marshal Count Von Moltke and Gen. Bertole Viole, in the presence of other officers of high rank. This will show pretty nearly the nature of the preliminary negotiations. No definite resolutions have been taken by the two allied governments with reference to the steps eventually to be taken by them.

MEMPHIS, 20.—The streets are crowded with vehicles and the sidewalks thronged with pedestrians, and there is more activity in business than for a month past. The disease is rapidly yielding to the cold weather. At noon the mortality report showed twenty yellow fever deaths and six others.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, 20.—The safe in the treasurer's office, Jackson Co., on Sunday night was robbed of \$20,000.

PEEKSKILL, N. Y., 20.—Later investigation shows that six canal boats were lost in last night's storm, all heavily laden; the loss is estimated at \$150,000. No loss of life has been definitely ascertained.

BUFFALO, 20.—The first snow storm of the season to-day.

BEDFORD, Ohio, 20.—Thomas Christopher, a one-legged blacksmith, last night detected a neighbor named John Morrow, a guest, criminally with his wife, and enraged he stabbed his three children, then his wife, and then Morrow. Morrow disarmed and killed the husband, stabbing him a dozen times. The murderer, Morrow, was arrested. It is thought the wife and one child will die. All the parties were heretofore respected.

BOSTON, 21.—The boards of directors of nearly all the mills at Fall River have appointed committees to confer with the representatives of corporations in other places in regard to a partial suspension of work during the present dull season.

CHICAGO, 21.—A Washington dispatch says that a bill has been prepared by Minnesota gentlemen for presentation early the coming session, providing for the United States guaranteeing the interest on the bonds of the Northern Pacific R. R. It is claimed by them that they have secured the support of nearly the entire Minnesota and Wisconsin delegations in Congress. A draft of this bill was prepared before the failure of Jay Cooke & Co., and as long ago as July last parties were engaged in the matter, and they have spent the greater part of the summer in perfecting their plans for pushing it through Congress.

The Department of Justice has to-day sent definite instructions to several judicial districts whose expenditures are regarded as unnecessarily great, to reduce them. In several cities the junior assistant attorneys are to be discharged. Those in Boston and Cincinnati have already been designated as those to be dropped.

A monument to Philip Embury, the founder of Methodism in this country, was unveiled yesterday at Cambridge, N. Y., in the presence of a large concourse of people. Bishop Kanes and Simpson and others made addresses.

POTTSVILLE, Penn., 21.—The rain caused much damage here. Minersville bridge on the People's railway was washed away just after the train passed. The furnaces at St. Clair are considerably damaged. On the Philadelphia and Reading railroad several land slides have occurred. At Girardville, two chil-

dren were drowned by the submerging of a vehicle in which they were driving home with their parents.

Fishhook Puddle and rail mills have suspended, six hundred hands brown out of employment.

SAN FRANCISCO, 21.—James Lick, a wealthy citizen of this place, proposes to the Academy of Sciences to endow an astronomical observatory, to be established at some point on the Sierra Nevada mountains, ten thousand feet above the level of the sea. The plan is taking a definite, tangible shape.

DETROIT, 21.—The fiercest gale of the season has prevailed for the past twenty-four hours. A number of disasters, including loss of life are reported on Lake Huron, but as yet nothing definite has been learned. A large number of vessels and steamers run to Port Huron and Tawas for shelter. There was a very heavy sea on Lake Michigan, but no important disasters are reported.

MEMPHIS, 21.—The reports to noon were not favorable. The mortality report shows twenty-four deaths from yellow fever, and six from other causes.

NEW YORK, 21.—The National Life Insurance Company, N. Y., has been paced in the hands of a receiver, at the suit of the stockholders, it appearing from an examination by the State superintendent, shows a deficiency in the Company's reserve fund of \$160,000, their assets being stated at \$44,000, their liabilities at \$173,000.

The freshet along the Oswego and Midland railroad, through Sussex county, is the most severe ever known. Three thousand acres of land are overflowed, in some places covering the tops of the fences. The loss by the accident last night was between twenty-five and thirty thousand. A raft is being constructed to transfer passengers and baggage over the Peconock river, where the accident occurred.

It is stated that not over one hundred thousand will be realized for the benefit of the policy holders of the National Life Insurance Company.

ALBANY, 21.—Heavy rains yesterday have swollen all the streams in this vicinity. The water in the river is over the docks, and in some of the adjacent streets is flooding cellars and first stories. Some damage has been done north and west of here by carrying away of bridges.

OSWEGO, 21.—In an accident on the New York Midland railway, caused by the abutment of a bridge being undermined by the storm, the engine and one milk and one produce car were wrecked. Barnes, the engineer, Tierney, the fireman, and Sheridan, the brakeman, were severely injured.

A dispatch from northern New England reports the heaviest rains since 1871. The streams are all high and rising rapidly. There has been some detention of railroad trains, but so far no serious damage.

WASHINGTON, 21.—A delegation arrived from Pittsburgh, to-day, in the interest of ex-Postmaster Stewart. They will urge the government to withdraw the criminal prosecution against him upon his refunding the amount embezzled by him.

The friends of Col. Hughes deny that he is disqualified for the governorship of Virginia by reason of delivering challenges in the case cited. He acted as mediator, instead of bearing challenge. Moreover, while the provision of the constitution of Virginia applies to principals sending or accepting challenges outside the State, it does not apply to one delivering a challenge unless delivered in the state.

CONCORD, N. H., 21.—The Merrimac river is very high, and rising. The country round about Plymouth is flooded, and trains have stopped since yesterday. At Franklin the paper mills have suspended, owing to the high water, and at Waterbury the temporary bridge for the Onion river has been washed away.

CLEVELAND, 21.—A light snow fell this morning. The storm of yesterday and last night did considerable damage in and about this city, blowing down chimneys,

signs, and one unfinished building.

NEW YORK, 22.—A Washington dispatch says that the receiver of the First National Bank is busily engaged, daily, in verifying the accounts at present against the bank, and in the course of two or three weeks to announce a dividend of 30 per cent.

A delegation of the Ute Chiefs and one Apache, from Colorado, had a talk with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs this a. m., in regard to the re-location of their agency, and a Chief named Olary was the principal speaker.

Four men are reported arrested on charges connecting them with the recent immense forgeries of New York Central bonds; the evidence against them is said to be furnished by the engraver who made the plates from which the forged bonds were printed.

Amalgamated engineers and machinists, in consideration of the present financial crisis and anticipated scarcity of payment, and consequent reduction of wages during the approaching winter, have resolved that a communication be made to other unions with a view to some consideration of the subject, and to take such measures as will either tend to arrest or at least mitigate the evil, and if possible devise means for the present and future settlement of all trade questions by arbitration and conciliation.

MEMPHIS, 22.—The weather is warm, and there is no favorable change in the disease. There have been 30 fever deaths in the past 24 hours.

PEEKSKILL, N. Y., 22.—A strange woman died here suddenly the other day, and was buried hastily. The body has been exhumed, and a medical examination showed that death was caused by malpractice. A man who accompanied the woman is understood to have intended to leave by steamer to-day for Germany, and the New York authorities have been informed. The woman's name was Hern, and she was from Dresden.

Nine canal boats were lost in the storm the other night, involving a loss of \$200,000.

PITTSBURG, 22.—Lizzie Schuttler confessed this a. m. that she murdered Mrs. Braunlen on Thursday evening last. She states that no other members of the family had any connection with the crime. John and Catharine Schuttler are held as accessories.

WASHINGTON, 22.—The Treasury Department has notice that fifty thousand ounces of silver have been received at the mint in Philadelphia from Chicago, with a request that it be coined and returned in halves and quarter dollars and dimes. It will furnish change to the amount of \$62,500. Silver is now paid out to a limited extent in this city. Dr. Linderman, director of the Bureau of the Mint, says silver will be in general circulation as currency on November 1st. All the mints in the country have been ordered to work to their full capacity in coining silver.

BUFFALO, 22.—It is understood that after November 1st the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern R. R. will reduce the wages of its employes fifteen to twenty per cent.; also the New York Central and Hudson River R. R. have concluded to reduce ten per cent. or discharge a portion of their help. It is estimated that since the financial panic from 8,000 to 10,000 persons have been thrown out of work here.

Shanks, the city editor of the *Tribune*, was to-day, committed to the Brooklyn City jail by Judge Gilbert for contempt, in refusing to disclose the name of the writer of an article in a recent issue of that paper, reflecting severely upon Judge McCue, of Brooklyn. The information was desired in order to prosecute the writer for libel.

The steamship *Isralia*, which left this port for Glasgow, Sept. 29, has not arrived at her destination, and the owners think the machinery has been disabled. She carried no passengers. The vessel is valued at \$200,000.

The jury in the case of Mechella, for killing United States Marshal Stevenson, in Jersey City, to-night returned a verdict of murder in the

BRYAN, 22.—Two deaths and seven new cases of yellow fever in the past twenty-four hours; business almost entirely suspended.

YANKTON, 22.—The grand jury of the Territorial Court, to-day, returned an indictment for manslaughter against Wintermute, who shot Gen. Ed. McCook. There was great indignation among McCook's friends, and there are often charges of bribery against part of the jury.

NEW ORLEANS, 22.—The *Picayune* special says that Galveston is full of refugees from Bryan, Calvert and Columbus. Telegrams from Columbus report that the fever is increasing fast, and is very fatal. The place is almost depopulated. A special relief train was forwarded to-day with physicians from Galveston. Calvert telegrams report nine deaths in twenty-four hours. The disease continues very violent.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, 22.—At the morning session of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Ohio, a resolution was adopted appropriating \$500 for the benefit of the Masons of Memphis. If more is needed the call will be answered by every lodge in Ohio.

MEMPHIS, 22.—City Register Richardson, the oldest citizen, and R. J. Freelen, Secretary of the Board of Health, were among the deaths from fever to-day. There was a steady rain this afternoon, and hopes for the early abatement of the disease have failed. The sudden changes in temperature and warm rains causes more fatal cases than continuous warm weather. One day the report of few new cases leads to hopes to be crushed by the succeeding days' development, owing to sudden changes in the weather and the increased number of victims. There is no safety here yet.

The following circular appears in to-morrow morning's papers:

"Office Howard Association,
"Memphis, October 22.

"To all sympathizing with suffering humanity everywhere. The yellow fever is not abating, and God only knows when it will. New cases appear daily. Over one thousand are now sick. Our funds will not pay expenses for six days. From the sick and dying the cry of distress and suffering comes, great and loud. For their sake send money and relief to procure nurses, stimulants and nourishments. We require more than ever. Send donations to A. D. Longstaff, President Howard Association."

The trial of Captain Clark, of the ship *Sunrise*, is pending before the United States circuit court. The testimony for the prosecution shows acts of brutality almost incredible. One witness swore that he was tied upon a gallows two days, his toes touching the deck, and was only released long enough to eat a little bread and drink a little water. It is generally believed among the crew that the three men who committed suicide did so because they were driven to desperation by the cruelty of the captain and his mates. One of the crew, Peter Johnson, was beaten and abused till he lost his reason, and he is now almost idiotic.

SPRINGFIELD, Ills., 23.—Moses Williams, a young fellow sentenced to the penitentiary a few days since for larceny, claims to be able to solve the mystery surrounding the death of ex-secretary of State Sharon Tyndale, who was murdered in this city in April 1871, and whose murderers have, so far, eluded detection. Williams says there were four men implicated, and he offers to point them out, provided, in case of their conviction, that he receives pardon for his present offence. He claims that, in denouncing them, he also revenges himself upon a gang who helped his last conviction because he knew too much. Williams, although young, is a noted thief, and has heretofore been the chief of a gang infesting this city.

DIED.

Yesterday, Thursday, Oct. 23, 1873, at 3 p. m., of summer complaint and cholera, GEORGE Q., infant son of John and A. C. West Hoagland, aged 9 months and 24 days.

At the residence of R. T. Burton, in this city, October 27, of congestion of the lungs, JULIA HORNE, only child of William S. and the late Julia M. Burton, aged 11 months.