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WASHINGTON, 17.—General Sheridan has forwarded the following dispatches to Sherman:

"I have already ordered General Merritt to join General Crook, but he will be delayed a few days in attempting to intercept the Indians who have left the Red Cloud Agency. I would suggest to Crook to unite with Terry and attack and chase the Indians, but I am so far away that I will have to leave them as I have done."

"Campton, Goose Creek,
"Wyoming, July 13, via
"Fetterman, July, 15.

"My last information from the Red Cloud agency was that the Cheyennes had left there to reinforce the enemy in my front. As this takes away all the disturbing element from that section, I have availed myself of the Lieut. General's permission and ordered eight companies of the 5th cavalry, under Col. Merritt, to join me at this point. The best information I can get from the front is that the Sioux have three fighting men to my one. Although I have no doubt of my ability to whip them with my present force, the victory would likely be one barren of results, and so I have thought it better to defer an attack until I can get the Fifth here and then end the campaign with one crushing blow. The hostile Indians are, according to my advice, camped on Little Horn, near the base of the mountain, and will probably remain there until my reinforcements come up. I have received a dispatch from General Terry this morning asking me to co-operate. I will do so to the best of my ability.

(Signed)

"GEO. F. CROOK,
Brig. Gen'l."

The committee on Indian affairs, to-day, directed E. H. Danforth, Indian Agent at the White River Agency, to allow all the Ute Indians who wish to join Gen. Crook to leave the reservation for that purpose.

Gen. T. W. Bennett, recently nominated by the President for Governor of Idaho Territory, declines the office.

Gen. Sherman, president of the Society of the Army of Tennessee, has appointed Admiral D. D. Porter, Gen. Wm. McKee Dunn, Col. A. H. Markland, Capt. S. L. Phelps and Col. John M. Bacon a committee of arrangements for the annual meeting to take place in this city on the 16th and 17th of October next, at which time the statue of Gen. McPherson will be unveiled.

HARTFORD, 17.—The reception to Gov. Jewell in this city to-night was a grand ovation. A committee of citizens of both political parties met him in Newhaven, and after the reception they came to Hartford by special train, stopping at Meriden, where there was a welcome address by Hon. O. H. Platt, and a response by Governor Jewell. At Hartford thousands of people assembled at the depot. A salute of fifteen guns was fired, and the arrival of the train was hailed with music and rockets.

NEW ORLEANS, 17.—McGill Monso was shot and instantly killed yesterday by Alex. Jones; the cause being a row among their children.

John Sylvester, colored, was shot and killed by Westley Edwards, colored.

BOSTON, 17.—Ex-U. S. Sergeant-at-Arms Ordway publishes a card in the journals declaring the reports of his irregularities false, and a deliberate attempt to blacken him. He says he visited Washington, but the committee would not give him an opportunity to appear and explain.

NEW YORK, 17.—F. E. Lathrop, cashier of the Fourth National Bank of this city, was killed at Lake Mahopac by a railroad train on Saturday night.

The persons appointed by the Chancellor of New Jersey to receive proposals for the purchase of Stevens' battery met to-day, at Hoboken, to receive bids; five were received. It is understood that two foreign powers are bidders for the battery.

The yacht *Countess of Dufferin*, has arrived from Halifax, to contest for the Queen's cup.

BOSTON, 17.—General Butler has withdrawn from the congressional caucus.

BOSTON, 19.

A terrible fire has been raging in the woods of Cape Cod, in the neighborhood of Yarmouth, since yesterday afternoon. It was started by some boys near Weir village, and rapidly spread to the town of Dennis, and crossed to Middletown, destroying several buildings. At noon to-day the fire was raging, and rapidly nearing the Harwich track, being ten miles long and two or three wide. Some thirty square miles of territory have been burned over, and the loss is roughly estimated at half a million. A force of three hundred men vainly endeavored to stop the progress of the fire.

NEW YORK, 19.—At the auction sale the bulk of the purchases were made by Western houses. Four months credits are given. Prices realized twenty per cent. below the regular market and twenty-five below manufacturer's cost prices.

CHICAGO, 19.—Brick Pomeroy this afternoon issued the first edition of a democratic paper under the name *The Great Campaign*, which will be published daily, and while, as it says, it is untrammelled by party, it will represent reform, will oppose the nomination of the St. Louis convention, will insist on the repeal of the resumption act on paper currency, and will bitterly oppose Tilden as being the tool of Tammany, and unfit for representative of the American people. The first edition names no candidate for President.

The following official report of Col. Merritt was received at the military headquarters to-day:

"Red Cloud Agency, July 18, via Fort Laramie, 19.

"As indicated in my last dispatch, I moved, by forced marches, to the main northwest trail on Indian Creek, in thirty-five hours, my command made about seventy-five miles, reaching the trail on Sunday evening about nine o'clock. The trail showed that no large parties had passed north. At daylight yesterday morning I saddled up to move on the trail towards the agency. At the same time a party of seven Indians were discovered near the command, moving with the intention of cutting off two couriers who were approaching Sage Creek. A party was sent out to cut these off, killing one of them. The command then moved out at once after the other Indians seen in this direction, and pursued them, but they escaped, leaving four lodges and several hundred pounds of provisions behind. After scouring the country thoroughly in our vicinity, we moved at once towards the agency at a distance of twenty-five miles to the northwest of the agency. The Indians broke camp and fled so fast that we didn't succeed in catching any of them. The trail was much worn, and indications were that hundreds of Indians were driven in by our movement. From repeated reports, which I cannot give in this dispatch, I was certain of striking the Cheyennes. To accomplish this I marched hard to get on their trail, taking my infantry along to guard the wagons and to fight if necessary.

"Reports received from this part led me to believe that many of the Sioux warriors were with the Cheyennes. I am now satisfied that the number of Indians leaving the agency are exaggerated in the report, and I am certain that not a hundred Indians, or rather ponies, have gone north on the main trails in the last ten days.

"The Cheyenne, whom we drove in yesterday, took refuge on the reservation near Spotted Tail. If they leave again I think it will be to go south to the agencies, as they seem to be thoroughly frightened out of the northern trip. Our appearance on Indian and Hat creeks was a complete surprise to the Indians in the vicinity, but those farther on were informed by runners, so that they got out of the way.

"I have just received your dispatches of the 15th. I will move without delay to Fort Laramie, and as soon as possible move to join Crook. My men and horses are very tired, but a few days reasonable marching, with full forage, will make them all right.

Four companies of the Fifth Cavalry are here now, and will leave for Fort Laramie in a few days; whether they will join the regiment and go north or remain to guard the settlements and watch the agency is not yet fully determined.

James McCoy, for whom a reward of \$1,500 was offered by the miners in the Deadwood district, for murder, was brought into Fort

Laramie this evening, and will be taken back to Deadwood.

A report reached Fort Laramie to-night that thirty Indians were seen this evening twelve miles below that post on the Platte river.

Capt. Egan with his company started to hunt them down.

Lay Bly was killed near Pawnee Springs, Neb., while returning to the North Platte from South Loup with an ox team. He was shot twice, it is not known whether by Indians or not.

A number of Eastern papers published a statement accrediting the officers at Fort Laramie with having denounced the conduct of General Crook in the late action; at a meeting called at that post to-night resolutions were adopted denying the charges, and on the contrary upholding and applauding the General's action, characterizing it as wise and prudent, and that any criticism thereon would be unsoldierly.

A man named Fay, who came into Sidney to-night from Red Cloud, reports that an Indian, named Lamadeer, came into Red Cloud, reported that Crook had had a fight and lost many. As there is no such news at Fort Laramie, which has later dates from Red Cloud, we do not credit this.

SPRINGFIELD, Ills., 19.—The Secretary of State has issued a certificate of organization to the National Democrat Company of Chicago. Capital, \$25,000. The object of the corporation is to publish a daily and weekly.

WASHINGTON, 19.—The House this morning passed a resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to employ engineers to re-measure the distance between Omaha and Sacramento upon the Pacific road, the present measurement being considered incorrect.

LONG BRANCH, 19.—The cottage of George M. Rullman was robbed of diamonds and jewelry valued at \$2,500, last evening. The thieves entered the sleeping apartment of Mrs. Rullman, where the property was kept in a bureau. In the same drawer was \$3,000 worth of jewels, which the thieves failed to secure.

LONG BRANCH, 19.—The California Polo Club, all native Californians, play a game at the race course on Thursday and Saturday of this week. One of the party, P. Mowry, the champion long distance rider of California, has eight teen mustangs at the course.

SARATOGA, 19.—A boiler exploded to-day at the Pine saw mills. Lave river, and four men were killed.

MILWAUKEE, 19.—Albert Simler, for fourteen years county treasurer of Washington county, is a defaulter in the sum of \$50,000. He was a prominent German democratic politician in the State, and was a delegate to the St. Louis convention.

CHICAGO, 20.—The *Tribune's* New York special says that John H. Platt, assignee in bankruptcy of Edwin Booth, the actor, filed his final report, the proceedings having occupied over two years and a half. His creditors have virtually given him his discharge, as all of them sold their claims to friends of his.

WASHINGTON, 20.—The sundry civil appropriation bill, as sent to the President for his approval to-day, contains the following items: For the Pacific coast, besides those making appropriation for lighthouse service, Benicia arsenal, coast survey and fish propagation, concerning all of which there has been no agreement between the House and Senate, \$80,000; for San Francisco appraiser's stores \$27,000; for San Francisco sub-treasury building \$50,000; for Mare Island dry dock \$25,000; for surveying private land claims \$3,000; for incidental expenses of California Surveyor General's office, \$2,500 for his salary and \$8,000 for clerks; \$2,200 each for salaries of the surveyor generals of Nevada and Oregon, \$1,500 each for incidental expenses, and \$3,500 for clerks, and similarly reduced appropriations for Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada, New Mexico and Arizona; \$300,000 is appropriated in a lump sum for surveying the public lands throughout the whole country, to be distributed in the discretion of the Department, and the rates to be paid for the work of surveying are those fixed by the House as heretofore published.

A letter from ex-Senator Stewart arguing that the principal cause of the universal depression is the contraction of the world's stock of money and the demonetization of silver. He maintains that the United States have the right and

power to stop this contraction, and says all the mints should be set to work coining the standard silver dollar, abrogated by mistake or covert design in 1873, and when coined use it to pay the debt according to the contract. This alone will reduce the price of gold until the gold and silver dollar shall again be equal. This would restore silver as money, restore property to its real value, secure the development of the silver mines, and save the country from bankruptcy. The letter is brief and forcible, and has attracted considerable attention.

The President to-day returned to the House, without his approval, the bill amendatory of the postal laws. The reasons assigned for this veto are given in a statement of Postmaster General Tyner, who regrets exceedingly that a mistake should have been made in the title.

Under the sundry civil appropriation bill, as passed, Clapp, public printer, is legislated out of office. It is understood, however, that the President will immediately send in the name of Clapp for public printer, and there is no doubt of his speedy confirmation.

SARATOGA, 20.—The athletic sports of the collegians at Glen Mitchell began to-day by a three mile walk, ten starters. Noble, of Princeton, won in 28.21; Merritt, of Bowdoin, second, 29.14.

The first hundred yard race was won by H. R. Stevens, of Williams; W. J. Wakeman, of Yale, second; time eleven seconds.

Merrill, of Dartmouth, and Downs, of Wesleyan, walked the graduates' mile walk; the latter won in 9.45.

W. J. Wakeman won the hurdle race, making the fastest time on record, eighteen and a quarter seconds.

Green, of Princeton, won the mile run in 2.16.

NEW YORK, 20.—The dry goods sale closed this afternoon. The sum realized being about two million five hundred thousand. The prices at which goods sold were about 20 per cent. below the lowest market prices of to-day, and will have a moral influence on governing the rates for the season. The rooms were well filled and the competition was lively. During the bidding there did not seem much excitement, but as soon as a price had been fixed it appeared as if every person in the room was desirous of securing the goods.

The heat continues intense. The mortality among children is frightful. For the past twenty-five days the deaths among children under five years of age averaged nearly 100 daily.

In Brooklyn last week the deaths were 530, the largest death-rate ever recorded there; of this number 390 were children under five years of age. Many fatal cases of sun-stroke to-day.

Commodore Garner had invited a party of friends to sail with him this afternoon, on the *Mohawk*, and they were preparing to start when a storm came up. The story of the disaster is told by eye-witnesses as follows:

"Thos. B. Hunt, one of the seamen of the *Countess of Dufferin*, near to which the *Mohawk* had her anchorage, says about 4.20 was standing on the deck of the *Countess of Dufferin*, and after the hauling of the yacht's sails, noticed that the *Mohawk* had all her sails except the foretop sail set. He remarked to one of his shipmates, 'The *Mohawk* has all her sails set and here comes a squall, let us see how she takes it,' and had hardly finished speaking, when the squall struck her. She capsized, whereupon he and George Clancy and Henry Featherstone lowered a boat, cutting one of the stanchions in their hurry. They at once proceeded to the wreck, but found that they could only save one man, whom they put on board the yacht *Dreadnought*, but in doing so the boat got so damaged that they were compelled to return at once to the *Countess of Dufferin*. Saw several men on the *Mohawk*, whose companions were under water, crying out for an axe to cut away the rigging so that the yacht could right herself. The whole affair did not last over ten minutes.

On passing the *Mohawk* they distinctly observed several people in the cabin looking through the windows and crying for help, which it was impossible to render them. Capt. Johnson, who owns a number of small boats, was standing on the beach at the time, and noticed that the centre board of the *Mohawk* was up and all sails set. He remarked to a bystander that if

those on board did not look out there would be an accident very soon. The squall almost immediately struck the yacht, which keeled over."

The *Herald* furnishes the following—Mr. John E. Haight, an old sailor, related the occurrence as follows: "I was at Captain Stillwell's place on the shore at Clifton, Staten Island, this afternoon, about half-past 4 o'clock, in company with Capt. Silvey; the latter gentleman, looking out on the bay, suddenly cried out, 'There goes the yacht *Mohawk* over.' I jumped to my feet from the lounge on which I had been lying, and looking toward Stapleton saw, at a distance of about half a mile or more, the yacht referred to, which had just righted again, having been clear over on her beam ends. She remained upright some three or four minutes, and then being caught by a stiff puff of wind from land, went over on her broadside again.

"The craft had just got under way when the squall first capsized her, and while she remained righted I watched intently to see what would be done by those on board. Every stitch of canvass was set, and yet so far as I could see not the slightest effort was made to save her; not a single sheet was started that we could see from the shore. Captain Stillwell was very much excited, and cried out, 'That's the damdest piece of work I ever saw in my life. Why don't they let her come up in the wind?' There was plenty of time after she righted to let go all the sheets forward; if that had been done and the peak of the mainsail laced in away, she would have come up in the wind, and no harm would have come. As the yacht went over I looked at her through a glass; her masts were lying flat in the water and her head was towards the shore; one side was lying out of the water exposing her keel, and on her bilge some fifteen or twenty people were gathered. Several ladies were lying down, clinging to planking, and some gentlemen were standing up out upon the topmast, which was flat in the water, a number of sailors were struggling and several others bestrided the jib.

"A boat at once started to the rescue. The steam yacht *Ideal* was lying within about three-eighths of a mile from the *Mohawk*, with steam up, when the latter capsized. She started at once to render assistance to the unfortunate passengers, but instead of going directly alongside the capsized vessel, the *Ideal* steered clear around her, even going outside of a craft that lay some thirty fathoms beyond. When she did reach the *Mohawk*, instead of making fast to the bow, which was highest out of water, the *Ideal* made fast to the stern, and actually pulled the *Mohawk* under water. There was only six or seven fathoms when the accident occurred, and as the *Mohawk* has some forty-two feet of beam, a portion of her side was still visible above the water, the other probably resting on the bottom. Two small boats which put off from the shore reached the capsized vessel before the *Ideal* had finished her circuit of it. I at once started for the club house and saw no more of what occurred at the scene of the disaster. Mr. Haight was intensely emphatic in his condemnation of the persons in charge of the luckless vessel, as were also several other boating men who witnessed it. As the storm approached it looked so threatening that the master of the yacht *Countess of Dufferin* stripped his vessel of all sail, even taking down the awning."

The *Times* says Commodore Garner himself could easily have escaped, as he was standing on the deck at the time of the accident, but he rushed down the hatchway to save his wife, and was drowned with her. Mr. Louis B. Montant, another passenger, succeeded in saving Miss Edith May, a sister of Jas. Gordon Bennett's fiancée, and would have saved Miss Hunt, but the rush of water tore her from his grasp. The captain of the *Countess of Dufferin*, in common with all the spectators, was surprised at the *Mohawk* carrying sails. The disaster is generally ascribed to the criminal negligence and poltroonery of the sailing-master Rawlings carrying such a press of canvass in the face of a squall, and then neglecting the ordinary precautions for righting her. Rawlings was among the rescued, but he disappeared immediately on reaching the shore, and it is rumor-