

# TELEGRAPHIC.

## WASHINGTON ITEMS.

The Supreme Court Finally Disposes of the Chinese Case.

THE CHINESE MINISTER TALKS  
With Lawyers in Trouble.—To Decide What a Saloon keeper Is.—Appointments.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—The mandate of the Supreme Court of the United States to the circuit court for the southern district of New York, affirming the decision of that court in the exclusion case, was transmitted yesterday. This disposes of the matter finally, unless the case again comes before the court on a new question, the present indications pointing strongly to the assumption that a copy of the majority opinion of the court will certainly be forwarded to the Chinese government through diplomatic channels before any extended system of hostile action under the law will be inaugurated. The probabilities seem to favor a prolonged status quo on the Chinese exclusion question.

### THE CHINESE MINISTER AND SECRETARY OF STATE.

An authentic statement has been obtained by us in the interview with the Chinese minister at the state department Wednesday last. The interview was entirely devoid of tone and feature of any suggestion of emanating from Washington. However, we find by the minister's own admission, any possibility that the Chinese legation in Washington would be withdrawn as a result of the enforcement of the law, and it can be stated that the minister has no such intention. He has not received an intimation from any source that any such proceedings are contemplated. During the interview the Chinese minister assured Secretary Gresham that he believed the Chinese government would not resort to any retaliatory measures and there would be nothing done by his government that would disturb the present friendly relations between the United States and China.

The minister is of the opinion that no trouble will result from the law. The interview was pleasant throughout and lasted about twenty minutes.

### EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.

The chief of the bureau of statistics, in a statement to the secretary of the treasury, reports the total value of exports of merchandise from the United States during the twelve months ended April 30, 1893, at \$1,000,427,000, an increase of \$169,749 over the preceding year. The value of the imports during the same period is \$202,151,988, an increase of \$24,000,617.

During the twelve months ended April 30, 1893, the exports of gold amounted to \$10,039,028, and the imports to \$19,541,000; the excess of exports, \$9,499,225. During the corresponding twelve months last year the exports of gold amounted to \$7,614,762 and the imports to \$49,160,925, an excess of exports of \$32,546,163.

During the twelve months ending April 30th, the exports of silver amounted to \$20,950,757, and the imports to \$18,451,931. During the corresponding twelve months of the preceding year the exports of silver amounted to \$29,755,573 and the imports to \$18,561,747, an excess of exports of 11,275,826.

TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THEY SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED.

The commissioner of patents has issued a rule upon W. E. Simons late engineer of the American Bell Telephone company, directing him to appear before him next Wednesday, May 24th, and show cause why they should not be dismissed from practicing before the Patent Office.

### THE TRIAL OF THE MONTNEY.

Secretary Herbert has detailed a board of officers to consist of Captain George C. Moore, Major General Lieutenant Commander Gilmore Lieutenant Burnham Naval Constructor Taylor to conduct the final trial of the coast defense vessel Montney.

### LABOR ON MERCHANT.

Assistant Secretary Curtis of the treasury department has been called upon to decide whether a Chinese saloon keeper is a laborer or a merchant.

### POSTMASTERS APPOINTED.

Presidential postmasters today were appointed as follows: Charles Lynn, at Great Falls, Mont.; William O'Fallon, at Walla Walla, Wash.; C. C. Biggs, at Alton, Ill.; C. W. Lewis, at Hunter, Ind.; and Peter Shoo, at Sweet, Ida.

### Arrival of the Indians.

QUARANTINE, S. I., May 19.—The Indian who had been on board the steamer Iroquois this evening, Prince Anatole de Bourbon, the husband of the princess, is with her on the steamer.

The steamer bearing the princess was not expected until some time tomorrow, but was sighted on a quick trip this morning off Long Branch this afternoon. The bar was reached at 7:00 p.m., when the vessel had to wait for the night. A lug having on board a representative of the Association of Indians, Christian Richard Bostman, secretary of the Iroquois, received the correspondent. His sister's trip from Havasu was a most pleasant one. Beyond fatigue the Indians suffered but little inconvenience.

### NORTHERN PACIFIC.

Plan for Funding the Floating Debt Approved.

New York, May 18.—The directors of the Northern Pacific today formally approved the plan for funding the floating debt. The plan provides for an issue of \$15,000,000 certificates to notes to be used to cover interest and mature in five years. All four's Long and Trust company will be the trustees. The security back of the notes will be consolidated bonds and other assets now pledged for the

floating debt and in addition St. Paul & Northern Pacific stock in the company's treasury and the Northern Express company's franchises. The intention of the trust company is to have fully \$12,000,000 in notes at present. The amount which will be offered for subscription generally is expected to be about \$6. Villard said the subscription list to the underwriting companies was not yet complete, but he had no reason to believe it would not be successfully organized. He said there was plenty of time to complete the work, as the date did not mature until September 1st.

### Wise and Fire.

BORDEAUX, May 18.—The wine vessels of Beaumonts have been destroyed by fire. The loss is computed at \$1,000,000 francs.

### Strikes in Australia.

SIDNEY, N. B., May 18.—George L. Hignett, of the Marine, and Billy McCarthy of Australia, fought tonight for a \$2,000 purse in the arena of the Crescent City Athletic club, which was crowded. McCarthy won in the six-round bout, but was in poor condition. The Marine was about six pounds over weight, but which he forfeited the money paid. McCarthy entered the ring first, followed shortly after by La Blanche.

### Insurance Rates.

New York, May 18.—The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the National Board of Underwriters was held this morning. President D. W. C. Stetson of the Prudential Insurance company of Newark, N. J., presided. The board adopted the annual address. The president declared that in view of the experience of the last year he was convinced of the necessity of an increase in the average rate of insurance.

### Van Wyck Stricken.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., May 18.—United States Senator C. H. Van Wyck was stricken with paralysis while on his way to the city from his country home this morning.

### Victims of Alcohol.

New York, May 18.—David C. Houston, lieutenant-colonel for engineers of the United States army, died this morning at St. Vincent's hospital.

He was 65 years old and a native of New York. Two days ago he was stricken and accompanied by a woman known as Mrs. Minnie Parker went to the Evergreen house, and they were assigned to separate rooms. Mrs. Parker was taking care of the couple and trying to supply Mrs. Parker with liquor after learning the amount she was consuming. Friday last some of Colston Houston's friends called at the hotel and found the army officer in such a condition that they at once sent for a physician.

The woman kept up the demands, procuring liquors outside the hotel. Sunday her condition became so bad that the hotel physician had her removed to Belvoir hospital where she was placed in the electric ward. Before leaving the hotel the unfortunate woman told the housekeeper that her home was in Tennessee, and her husband, son and daughter live there. At the hospital today the physician said the woman could not live.

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### A Strange Mother.

LANSING, Mich., May 18.—Last night the body of the nine-year-old son of Mrs. Frank Harre, who died Monday night, was claimed by some who said he had been stricken with a heart ailment.

The mother later confessed to having poisoned her son to prevent him from growing up to be a thief. She was arrested. The neighbors think she is insane.

### Why Gould Resigned.

NEW YORK, May 18.—George J. Gould refused to accept a new term as president of the Pacific Mail Steamship company. C. P. Huntington will succeed him. Mr. Huntington

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