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GENERAL NEWS.

A Chapter of Washington Incidents.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE.

Destructive Fires and Avalanches in Colorado.

MEXICAN CREDITORS' PROPOSAL

By Telegraph to the News.]

Washington Business.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The Senate special committee on the centennial of the promulgation of the Constitution has decided that the celebration shall consist of an address and some civic and military displays which are to be settled hereafter. With respect to the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America, it had decided to recommend that a joint committee of the two houses be raised to take the subject of an appropriate celebration in 1892 into consideration.

Secretary Lamar and his bride arrived from the South this morning at 8:30 and were at once driven to their residence at No. 1315 North Street. The Secretary was driven to his office where he remained looking over his official mail and then called upon the President.

THE EMMONS CASE.

The investigation as to the mental condition of Mrs. Emmons was continued to-day in the old Circuit Court room, which was crowded to the point of discomfort, the ladies, as usual of late, composing the larger part of the audience.

Mrs. Emmons resumed her story. She said that when she gave up her bath room to the servants, her husband threatened to put her into a lunatic asylum. This frightened her, for she saw by his manner that he meant what he said. When her husband went away that morning she sent at once for Jas. Lowndes, a lawyer. She told him of the circumstances relating to her husband's correspondence with the Philadelphia woman, and then placed the papers in his hands. "I told him," said the witness, "that if I were mad, or dead, or put in a lunatic asylum, that he would have to vindicate me before the world and put out those letters to show why I was confined." When the husband came home she told him what she had done. He did not say anything, but pulled his moustache vigorously. [Great laughter.] Subsequently her husband told her he wanted her to use these letters to

GET A DIVORCE.

She told him she would do nothing so long as her mother lived to give her sorrow. He then ordered her to get a divorce and she said she would. He said he would give her the house on Vermont Avenue which was fully as much as his, and promised her a number of other things which were all partly hers. "On one occasion," continued the witness, Dr. Sims called upon me, bringing that man, Dr. Kempster—confound him—I, well, I won't say it—but it is through him that Mr. Emmons has got into this mess; either that or Mr. Emmons is to blame himself." This was too much for the gravity of the audience and a laugh broke out. "About the broken thermometer story," the witness said, "I had it for a long time, and was very sorry when it was broken, for I used to put it out of the window to see how cold it was, and thus catch General Hazen. [A great laughter greeted this sally, the marshal laughing so hard that he could not rap for order for some time.] Speaking of the

CHRIST CHILD INCIDENT,

she said the little colored boy Arnold came to where she was sitting and asked when she was going to light the tree. She took the child upon her lap, and then this Kempster began asking her foolish questions. She told him about the Christmas tree and tae German fable about the Christ child. He said: "How can you endure to be fond of a little nigger?" She said: "This child saves me much. This is my little Christ child. It saves me much."

Witness continued: "Then I commenced to bluff the stupid man. He hadn't wit enough to understand. He did not even ask me what I meant. He just took it all in."

She continued, "That child did save me much and I knew it when I said it, because if I wanted anything he would trot down stairs and tell his mother. He saved me in labor. He saved me in work. I said it was my Christ child, for I got the Christmas tree on his account and made him an excuse for having the tree."

HERE MRS. EMMONS

looked straight at Mr. Garnett and asked: "Does the black rub off from a clean negro child?" Then she went on to say: "You say 'yes' by nodding your head. Does it? I say it does not. I would like to know when people are dead and have laid off their skins whether it makes any difference to God whether their skins are black or white."

"Go ahead," said Mr. Garnett impatiently.

"That's a question," said Mrs. Emmons, "that ought to be answered by a Bostonian."

The witness said that Mr. Emmons had come to her house after the "legal separation," as she supposed it was. He used to come to the basement door, and she told him that if he came there he must come in the front door like others and send her a card. He did not stay all night, because she would not let him. He came there and remained late. "When I spoke to him he said: 'It is late now and I do not want to be found out.' I said, 'You cannot stay: it wouldn't be the proper thing; but he wouldn't go. I said, 'Very well, then; I'll go to a hotel.' He locked the door then and I called up the servants. He said to them, 'Don't let her go out.' I suppose I was insane then. I took the key from him and

UNLOCKED THE DOOR."

"Did he go?" asked Mr. Garnett.

"Yes, he went," said she with a laugh.

Mrs. Emmons then sarcastically described her husband's solicitude about her trip to Bloomingdale and concluded by declaring she was repeatedly supplied with whisky, so that it was comparatively easy to get her into the Bloomington asylum. Her touching description of her struggles and protests against confinement made a deep impression upon the audience.

Frederick J. Stanton, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, has been disbarred from practicing as an attorney before the Interior Department or any of the bureaus.

The Secretary of the Navy received a telegram to-day from Commander R. F. Day, announcing the arrival of the *Mohican* at Valparaiso, and stating that he was successful in securing a prehistoric stone image from Easter Island for the Smithsonian Institution. A German vessel secured one of these images a couple of years ago. The Smithsonian authorities were desirous of obtaining one, and requested the Secretary of the Navy to direct naval vessels to make an effort on their half when convenient. The commander of the *Mohican* was ordered a year ago to stop at Easter Island and to secure one if possible.

APPLICATIONS DENIED.

Upon the petition of citizens of Tulare and Fresno counties in California to the Department of Justice, asking that suits be instituted by the Government to test the title of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company to certain lands in those counties, on the ground that the road was not built on the line designated by the State charter to said company, and that the lands were settled upon prior to the issue of patents to the railroad company, Land Commissioner Sparks has reported that the grant by Congress was not for the charter of the line under the California act, but for a line to be designated as provided by the act of Congress making the grant, and that the rights of settlers is to be determined by the date when the railroad grant took effect upon the lands, and not the dates when the patents were issued to the company. He says no cause exists for the suits asked, and recommends that the applications be denied.

TIMBER SUIT.

The Secretary of the Interior has requested the Attorney-General to institute a civil suit against Mackie Brothers, of St. Helena, Oregon, for the manufactured value of timber alleged to have been unlawfully cut from the government lands in Columbia County, Oregon. It is stated in the request that the agent's report to the Department shows that the firm have cut and removed from Columbia County over 500,000 feet of fir, cedar and maple timber, board measure, valued at from $8 to $10 per 1,000 feet when manufactured into lumber, and $5 per 1,000 in logs at the mill. It appears that the cutting, at least on a portion of the lands, was done under color of title.

The National Convention of Bricklayers was in session most of the day and elected the following named officers: President, Alexander Darragh, of St. Louis; vice-president, Andrew McCormick, of Toronto, Canada; secretary, Wm. H. Stevenson, of Cincinnati; treasurer, Patrick Murray, of Albany, New York.

House Proceedings.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Crisp, of Georgia, presented the conference report on the inter-state commerce bill, stating he did not do so for the purpose of asking for action upon it at this time, but in order that it might be printed in the *Record* and in bill form.

This was ordered and Crisp gave notice that he would call up the report at an early day.

Morton, of California, from the same committee, reported the bill to extend the jurisdiction of the Light House Board to Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers. House calendar.

Scott, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on coinage, weights and measures, reported back the Senate bill for the refinement and recoinage of the trade dollars. Committee of the whole.

The House then, in the morning hour, resumed the consideration of the resolution reported by the committee on

MINES AND MINING

setting apart January 19th for the consideration of business reported from that committee.

After a short discussion upon the merits of the McGarrahan relief bill, the resolution was laid on the table.

Richardson, of Tennessee, on behalf of the committee on Pacific railroads, called up the joint resolution authorizing an investigation of the books of accounts and the methods of the Pacific railways which have received aid from the United States, and the House proceeded in committee of the whole to consider the same.

Outhwaite, of Ohio, hardly thought it necessary to say anything in favor of the resolution. No information had ever been rendered to Congress in an official form by which it could ascertain the value of the security which the government had for the payment of its loan to the Pacific railroads. In opposing the funding bill the gentleman from Indiana (Holman) had stated that at the end of ten years there would be a surplus of $144,000,000 of assets of the companies over

THEIR INDEBTEDNESS

to the government, but he asserted that an examination of the assets would show not a dollar of surplus.

Crisp, of Georgia, gave notice of an amendment directing inquiry as to the character and amount of the assets of such Pacific railroad companies as have received aid from the government in bonds, and what assets of each company are now subject to the lien of the government.

Anderson, of Kansas, gave notice of an amendment directing an inquiry as to whether any dividends had been unlawfully paid on the capital stock of the Pacific companies, and whether any new stock had been issued, or any guarantee of a pledge made without authority of law; also, to inquire into the facts relating to the pretended consolidation of the Union Pacific Railway Company, the Kansas Pacific Railroad Company and the Denver Pacific Railway Company into the alleged corporation known as the Union Pacific Railway Company.

THE MORNING HOUR

having expired the committee rose without action.

Hatch, of Missouri, moved that the House go into committee of the whole on the pleuro-pneumonia bill.

Sherwood of Georgia, rose to a question of privilege in regard to the publication in to-day's New York *World*, in which the name of T. M. Norwood appears in connection with the accounts of the Central Pacific Railroad. Last night he had been waited upon by a representative of that paper who asked him whether he had ever represented a claim against the Central Pacific. He then had forgotten which. He had replied in the negative and his statement had been published. Nothing had been said in regard to the Southern Pacific. He presumed he was the Norwood mentioned in the account in 1878. The year after his senatorial term had expired he had been engaged by the

SOUTHERN PACIFIC

as counsel in the contest between that company and the Texas Pacific, which ended two years subsequently. His services had been rendered publicly, and the items mentioned in the *World* he presumed to be fees paid from time to time upon his regular salary. This was his connection with the case. How these items appeared in the account of the Central Pacific Company with the United States, he did not know. He never in any shape had any connection with the Central Pacific or Union Pacific Company.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Tucker, of Virginia, Collins, of Massachusetts, and S. B. Taylor, of Ohio, as conferees on the

ANTI-POLYGAMY BILL.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the river and harbor appropriation bill.

The House, in committee of the whole, considered the river and harbor bill, but pending further debate the committee rose and the House adjourned.

A Denver Fire.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 15.—The Clifford Block, a three-story building owned by W. D. Daniels, was completely destroyed by fire this afternoon. The ground floor was occupied by Saigat & Altmore, clothiers, whose entire stock was destroyed, loss, $24,000, insured for $16,000, and R. Douglas, china and queensware, whose stock was a total loss, valued at $35,000 to $40,000, insured for $24,000. The contents of the upper floors, occupied as offices and lodgings, were entirely destroyed, the loss being from $15,000 to $20,000, partially insured. The loss to the block is estimated at $40,000, fully covered by insurance. The stock of J. G. Kilpatrick's furniture house adjoining, was burned and the building damaged by water and smoke. It is also fully insured.

Proposed Settlement.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 15.—The *Mexican Financier* announces the signing of an agreement with the Government of Mexico whereby Lionel Carden, British Consul, acting as agent for the English holders of the Convention debts, accepts a settlement at the rate of £184 of new bonds for each £100 of the Convention debt. The *Financier* says that the Government's policy of merging all debts into the new consolidated bonds meets with approval abroad.

Colorado Snowslides.

DENVER, Jan. 15.—An Ouray special to the *News* says: A snowslide at Marshall Basin yesterday killed two men, named Guss and Donavan, and seriously injured another. The slide swept away all the buildings of the Union mine and injured one of the men. It carried a man working on the Silverdam and one from the Menotes mine, burying them considerably.

FOREIGN.

Stanley Bids King Leopold a Tearful Adieu.

AN AMERICAN DAY IN PARIS.

Stanley.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 15.—Mr. Henry M. Stanley arrived here to-day and had a long and touching farewell interview with the king. The expedition for the relief of Emin Bey will start on the 22d inst. Mr. Stanley has received 400 applications from persons wishing to serve on his personal staff. There were originally five vacancies, however, and these had already been filled. Stanley, in an interview, said it was not true that the British Government had subscribed largely to the costs of the expedition.

Mr. Stanley returned to London this evening. He will hold a consultation with Mr. Junker at Cairo.

Oscar Wartl, chief in the Austrian expedition which has been exploring Africa, has arrived at Zanzibar. He has long been believed to be dead, having been for eighteen months in the interior.

In Memoriam.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—A banquet was given here this evening to celebrate the capture of Yorktown. General Boulanger was present, and toasted President Cleveland and Minister McLane. He also proposed the toast, "The Union of the Two People"—a union which, he said, had been cemented by the Statue of Liberty.

McLane, in responding, said: "I am here as minister and as a comrade of the descendants of the valiant soldiers of Yorktown."

After drinking to the health of President Grevy, Mr. McLane proposed "The French Army." In offering the toast he said that the army had remained worthy of the affection of France and America, and he had just received a striking proof of its efficiency and strength.

A Bull Fight.

PARIS, Jan. 16.—A bull fight took place at Landaise to-day. The exhibition was witnessed by 10,000 spectators. The toreadors appeared in Spanish costumes and many of them were tossed up by the infuriated beasts, but sustained no injuries. The exhibition elicited but little enthusiasm.

Preparing for Parliament.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Mr. F. H. Smith, first lord of the treasury and Conservative leader of the House of Commons, has sent a circular to the supporters of the government, asking them to make every effort to attend the opening of Parliament, as they will be invited to proceed directly to the consideration of questions of grave importance.

SUNDAY TELEGRAMS.

Terrific Marine Explosion Near San Francisco.

CLIFF HOUSE NEARLY GONE.

Resumption of the R. R. Disaster Industry.

DEATH OF GEN'L W. B. HAZEN.

Terribly Disastrous Explosion.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—At midnight last night the Merchants' Exchange received a telephone message from Point Lobos signal station, that the schooner *Parallel* had been driven on the rocks near the Golden Gate and would probably prove a total loss. An hour later another message was received that an immense quantity of giant powder on board had blown up, destroying the Cliff House and other buildings on the shore in the neighborhood. Reporters and police officers were hurriedly dispatched to the scene of the disaster. The

FOLLOWING PARTICULARS

were obtained: The *Parallel* sailed on Friday last with a cargo of general merchandise for Asuris, Oregon; she proceeded north until compelled by strong head winds to return. She reached the entrance to Golden Gate yesterday evening. The wind had died out, and being caught by a strong tide, the vessel was swept ashore at the south end of Point Lobos, inside the famous sea rocks, opposite the Cliff House. The life saving-station people near by were promptly notified and hastened to the scene of the wreck. The captain and all hands aboard had taken to the boats, but as it was impossible for them to make a landing on the heavy surf running, they stood off to the entrance to the harbor. After

BEING ABANDONED

the vessel drifted into a small cove, where she pounded against the rocks, and at midnight was rapidly breaking up. It was known that she had a large quantity of powder aboard, but no danger was apprehended. The men from the life-saving station, seeing nothing could be done and knowing that the schooner had been abandoned by the officers and crew, withdrew at a few minutes before 1 o'clock from the scene. They had hardly reached the station building when a

FEARFUL EXPLOSION

occurred, scattering destruction on all sides. The schooner, in beating against the rocks, had caused the powder to ignite and the entire quantity aboard, nearly 100,000 pounds, had exploded. To those living in the neighborhood the effect was frightful. The signal station was completely demolished; the life-saving station was also wrecked and the west side of the Cliff House, notwithstanding its elevation, was blown out and every window pane in the building broken. The large concert room on the beach and other buildings lower down had all the windows broken and were otherwise more or less damaged. The long carriage shed adjoining the Cliff House was tumbled into a

MASS OF RUINS.

Adolph Sutro's conservatory, on the heights above, was shattered to atoms and all windows in the house were broken. Three members of the life-saving crew, who built a fire on the beach and decided to remain near the wreck, were hurled in the air by the concussion and severely injured in being again dashed to earth. The remaining members of the crew, who had returned to the station, rushed to the rescue of the injured, as it was feared their close proximity to the explosion must have resulted to their injury. They carried them to where medical attention was summoned and everything necessary to relieve their injuries was done. One of them, Horace Smith, had his limbs so

FRIGHTFULLY DISJOINTED

as to make his sufferings intense. For a time his life was despaired of. The two others, Charles Rogers and John Wilson, escaped less seriously.

Captain Hanlop, in command of the life-saving station, described the explosion as follows: At 1 o'clock the sleepers were thrown from their beds by the great explosion, which upheaved the cliff as if a tidal wave had swept up from the Pacific. A great wave dashed up and vaulted over the Cliff House building. The whole shore and cliff literally trembled and shook as an earthquake has shaken the earth for years. The people were rudely thrown from their beds, by the force of the explosion, and furniture and bedsteads were tossed and heaped about the rooms.

The famous Cliff House presents a

SICKENING DESOLATION.

The west side of the building, overlooking the ocean, is completely ruined, and only held together by cross-beams. The windows are smashed, the doors twisted off the hinges, and the wall left in such a shattered condition that it will have to be taken down, what is left of it, even if it does not topple over into the ocean.

As nothing had been seen or heard of the captain or crew of the schooner up to daylight, fears were entertained for their safety. These, however, were dispelled on their arrival this morning on the ferry boat from Saucelito. On taking to the small boat, the tide was so strong, that they were carried to Saucelito before they could make a landing. The captain cared not to be seen, but Peter Hanson, one of the seamen, made the

FOLLOWING STATEMENT

to-night. When the captain realized the danger of his position he cast anchor, but it would not hold. As soon as the schooner struck, and knowing the dangerous character of the cargo, he ordered out the boat and all left the vessel; as it was impossible to make a landing through the surf the captain ordered the boat headed for the Golden Gate and the tide carried them to Saucilito. The powder was shipped by Bandmann, Nielson & Co. of tais city and was intended for railroad construction purposes. The vessel was literally obliterated, a few pieces of floating wreckage being all that can be seen.

The vessel was valued at $7,000, owned by S. B. Peterson, of this city, insured for $5,500.

THE EXPLOSION

was terrific, and occuring so close to the seal rocks, it was supposed an immense number of seals would be killed by the concussion. Such proves not to be the case, two dead ones only having been seen. A rumor is current that the explosion was caused by an infernal machine on board, but all the facts are contrary to such a supposition.

The explosion was distinctly heard at Oakland, San Jose, and even as far as Sacramento, a distance of 100 miles. Capt. Jordan, of the ship *Commodore*, which arrived to-day from Port Discovery, says he felt the shock 15 miles out to sea. The injured life-saving man is progressing favorably, and will probably recover.

Gen. Hazen Dead.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 16.—Gen. W. B. Hazen, chief signal officer of the United States army, died in this city at 8 o'clock to-day. He had been ill since Thursday, but no danger was apprehended until this afternoon.

Senate Business.

The unfinished business of the Senate is the bill providing for the creation of an agricultural experiment stations. This measure and the bill prohibiting members of Congress from acting as railroad attorneys, are expected to consume most of the time of the Senate not devoted to appropriation bills, and to secret sessions during the coming week. The army and pension appropriation bills are on the calendar ready for consideration of the Senate and the sundry civil bill is expected to be brought out of committee in session for action before the end of the week. The executive calendar of nominations reported from committees is said to be a long one, but it is thought that but few of these will provoke discussion. The conference report upon the electoral count bill will probably not consume much time.

Getting Back to Regularity.

WESTMINSTER DEPOT, Mass., Jan. 16.—The western express train on the Fitchburg Railroad, due in Boston at 3 o'clock, was wrecked this afternoon about 4 o'clock, at Westminster, a broken rail at a switch west of the depot causing derailment. The train consisted of three Pullman sleeping cars, one passenger coach, the smoking car and a baggage car. The engine, the baggage car and one sleeping car went over the rail safely. The sleeper "La Doga" was overthrown and ran a distance of one-eighth of a mile on its side. The sleeper "Newcastle" was smashed in and the forward end of the passenger coach was twisted sideways off the track, but the smoker clung to the track. Six freight cars on a side track were sent over on their sides and the two main tracks were completely blocked. It seems miraculous that no one was

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Beyond a few slight bruises, the passengers escaped unhurt. Fortunately the lamps had not been lighted, and not even a spark ignited from the stoves.

The May Fortescue troupe, which had been playing in Boston, was on a west-bound train, and it was not able to get by the wreck for some hours. The wrecking train has arrived here, but it will be midnight before the track can possibly be cleared.

PACIFIC COAST NOTES.

Butte County, Cal., will hereafter pay a bounty of 10 cents on jack rabbit scalps.

A San Diego County, Cal., stock man offers $1 each for coyote scalps and $3 for those of wild cats.

The real estate transfers at Los Angeles, Cal., last week amounted to over $1,000,000.

Graders on the Southern Pacific extension from Newhall, Cal., are within five miles of Santa Paula.

The celebrated Alviso ranch, in Los Angeles County, Cal., was sold last Saturday for $120,000.

The Digger Indians around Nevada City, Cal., are progressing rapidly in civilization, says the *Herald*. They build houses, own acequas and teams, some of them handle tools well and obey plant trees.

Two tramps stood up one of the Santa Rosa's, Cal., young dudes Saturday night, and after going through his pockets they found a scented linen handkerchief, a penknife with a broken blade, a pack of cards and 10 cents.

Forty houses are now in process of construction at Paso Robles, Cal. A shoe factory, to employ a large number of hands, is also being put up, and many other buildings are projected. Lumber is used as fast as it arrives in the yard.

In the Bozeman (M. T.) court one day recently, a lawyer took exception to some remarks made by the opposing counsel and promptly knocked him down. A rough and tumble fight ensued, and the Judge offered to adjourn court and let the men have it out.

A report has been received by Chinese merchants at Victoria, B. C., regarding a large number of Chinese who left there for Mexico several months ago. The poor fellows, it is stated, have been sadly neglected by the Chinese company and have been compelled to take refuge in the mountains, where they are starving to death.

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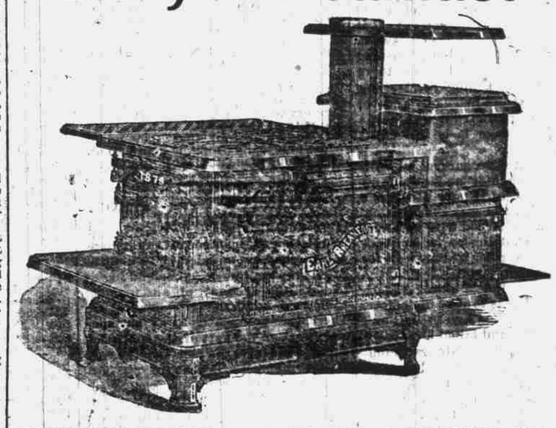
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