

[SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.]

## By Telegraph.

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Washington.—The Commissioner of the Revenue has decided that no tax shall be levied upon sales or loans to building associations.

Memphis.—Captain Geo. Gift left last night for San Francisco and China, for the purpose of bringing Chinese immigrants for a new company recently formed here.

Selma.—The reports are confirmed of the appearance of caterpillars in the cotton-fields in the northern part of the State.

Captain Joseph Sutton, the well-known commander of the Pacific Mail Steamship service, died in this city yesterday.

Cleveland, O., 25.—It is stated that powerful combinations of manufacturers have been formed at Cleveland, Youngstown and elsewhere in the State for the purpose of testing the validity of the new Boiler Inspection law.

Boston.—Shortly after leaving the dock this morning the East Boston ferry boat *Lincoln* was discovered to be on fire. She was immediately put back and the passengers safely landed. The damage done to the boat is estimated at eighteen or twenty thousand.

Washington, D. C.—The Secretary of the Treasury is in receipt of a letter from the collector of customs at New Orleans, covering the communication of Wm. McCreery, relative to importing coolies into this country, asking for instruction of the Department. He replies that McCreery mistakes in stating that the act of '62, prohibiting American citizens from engaging in the coolie trade has been abrogated; and that on January 16th, '67, resolutions were unanimously passed in both houses of Congress expressing the abhorrence of the people of the United States for the coolie trade.

In conformity with this resolution, Secretary McCulloch addressed the Collector at New Orleans a letter on the 19th of August, '67, of which a copy is enclosed. In addition to this, article five of the treaty between the United States and the Chinese Empire, which now awaits the action of the Emperor, reprobates any other than voluntary emigration, and agrees to make it a penal offence to take Chinese subjects from China without their free and voluntary consent. The Department of State, by the circular of the 17th of January, '67, addressed to the Ministers and Consuls of the United States, directs that the Consul at every port where coolies may embark, be required to certify, after a full examination, that such embarkation was not procured by fraud, but voluntary; and further requires such Ministers and Consuls to use all the authority, power and influence at their command towards preventing and discouraging the carrying on of the traffic referred to in any way. Such being the facts in the case, the Collector is authorized and directed to use all his vigilance for the suppression of this, which the Secretary says, is a new modification of the slave trade.

The fires in the woods in Washington Territory are raging with renewed violence.

Memphis, 26.—A severe shock of earthquake was felt here at two o'clock this morning; several large meteors fell during the night.

Chicago.—Wm. Weber, from Ft. Russell, Dakota, was found dead in his bed at the Sherman House yesterday; the cause, probably, heart disease. He was on his way to visit his friends in Indiana.

Chicago.—A man named Thomas Wilson, formerly an officer in the British army, brutally murdered his wife yesterday, on Fourteenth Street; Wilson, for years, has been a drunken wretch, and abusive to his wife, who was a woman of uncommon personal attractions, and evidently superior to her present station. The murder was committed when Wilson was drunk; he is in jail.

Memphis.—Mike Dougherty, a laborer at Elmwood cemetery was shot and killed by another laborer, while attempting to prevent the latter shooting Mr. Hills, superintendent of the cemetery; the murderer fled.

New York.—The Anglo-American Telegraph Company announce the gross receipts from the Atlantic Cable, since the landing of the first one, July 27, '66, is upwards of £645,000 (six hundred and forty-five thousand pounds) sterling; the number of messages is steadily increasing from a daily average of 29, under the £20 tariff, to 230

during the last month, the first of the £2 tariff; while the daily average of dispatches to June, '69, is more than double that to June, '68, under the £5 tariff. The daily average of the receipts shows, by the same comparison, an increase from £447 in June, '68, to £521 in June, '69.

Louisville.—A singular and terrible accident occurred near Princeton, Ky., on the 20th. An immense mill stone weighing nearly a ton, was half rolled off the wagon on which it was being hauled along the side of a steep hill, and rushed with fearful velocity down a hill into a farm yard at its foot, crossing through the fence over several beehives into a pasture beyond, where it ran over and killed two calves and a horse. The bees attacked some children playing in the yard, and stung them so severely that one has since died, and two others are blind and speechless and not expected to survive.

Ex Governor Hahn, of La., has had an interview with Secretary Boutwell, during which he remarked that the sugar frauds at New Orleans were a great injury to honest importers and sugar planters in his State, and should therefore be severely punished; but the people of New Orleans did not believe that the investigation in some cases had been prosecuted and the criminals brought to justice, on account of their high position and that some of the officials were implicated. Secretary Boutwell replied that the parties would be tried on the evidence presented and that no compromise would be accepted, even should more money be offered by them than is due to the Government. That the suit both civil and criminal would be pressed with rigor, with the determination that the guilty parties be exposed. Should there be no conviction it will be owing to the corruption of the judge and jury.

The Commissioners of Internal Revenue have decided that the use by collectors of a *fac simile* of the die to impress their names on stamps for distilled spirits cannot be allowed hereafter, the regulations requiring their actual signatures.

St. Louis.—Wm. Ploeger shot and killed Ernest Niemir, on the street last night; both are Germans and had been intimate friends. The improper intimacy of Niemir with Ploeger's wife is the alleged cause.

Dr. P. Anderson, yesterday, was dangerously cut by a woman who accused him of giving her medicine to produce abortion.

Fortress Monroe.—An immense 20-inch gun, made at Pittsburg, weighing fifty-seven tons, was landed here today.

Boston.—James L. Dempsey, who lost an arm in the engagement between the *Kearsage* and *Alabama*, and was the last survivor of the wounded in that fight, died last night.

Washington.—Postmaster General Cresswell met with an accident yesterday at his home in Maryland. A chair broke under him and he fell and dislocated and broke his left arm.

Troy.—The Shattemuc mills, at Waterford, with 12,000 or 15,000 barrels of flour and several thousand bushels of grain, were burned today. Loss, \$80,000.

Chicago.—The *Tribune's* Washington special says the result of Boutwell's administration appears in a proposition from a German house at Frankfurt, to loan the Government three hundred million at five per cent., which the Secretary is, of course, obliged to decline. He thinks we may, within a year, borrow all the money we want at four, or certainly at four and a half per cent., and he will probably recommend such a loan next winter for the purpose of paying off the five-twenties. A private letter from a well advised source in England, expresses the opinion that a loan at four and a half per cent could easily be negotiated within six months.

San Francisco.—The Committee of Ways and Means left for the East yesterday. After a thorough investigation they express satisfaction with the management of federal affairs on this coast. The past few days of their stay were devoted to obtaining information with regard to the Alaska fur trade. The representatives of the two leading Chinese companies of this city have accepted an invitation of the Chicago commercial party to accompany them to Chicago as guests, afterwards they will visit New York and other eastern cities and will thence proceed to the Southern States to give their attention to the Chinese immigration question. Since the Secretary of the Treasury directed the collector at New Orleans to use all his efforts to prevent the Chinese coolie trade, his attention has been called to this port, where it is alleged the law of

1868, prohibiting the importation of persons of color, who are held for service or labor, and that of 1862 against the coolie or slave trade, has been totally disregarded. It is also suggested that a society be organized here to procure the enforcement of the above laws.

Key West.—Admiral Hoff, with his flagship and two gunboats, arrived at Santiago on the 11th. Great excitement prevailed, the people supposing the squadron had come for the purpose of bombarding the place. The admiral exchanged correspondence with the governor, after which visits were interchanged. The Admiral made a thorough examination of the circumstances attending the murder of Americans. The Governor stated that he could not resist the clamor of the volunteers for blood, and consented to their execution on the ground that the late Captain General Dulce's proclamation declared filibusters pirates. Admiral Hoff severely condemned their execution without trial and made a sharp protest against it. The Governor agreed to allow prisoners to be tried in future, but orders will be issued to the Spaniards not to bring in prisoners hereafter, but to kill them on the spot.

Chicago.—A dispatch from Omaha says that James W. Davis and his associates and sub-contractors have brought a suit in the State District Court, against Oliver Ames and others, contractors on the U. P. R. R., for \$604,000, the amount due for work performed and money expended and breach of contract. Defendants allege that the claimants and their associates are already overpaid by fifty-seven thousand dollars.

It is stated that there is information at the Treasury Department that the counterfeiting of U. S. securities in some European countries is being carried on to some extent.

Washington.—The enforcement of the revenue laws, in at least a portion of the State of Georgia, appears to be a matter of some difficulty, if not danger. Three gentlemen have declined the appointment as Assessors in one district, and have abandoned the field to disorderly parties. The district complained of is known as the third Georgia District, comprising 23 counties in the central and eastern part of the State. Collector Beecher has forwarded to Commissioner Delano his last appointee, Wm. E. Haycord, with a statement that he found it impossible to discharge his duties, owing to threats of intimidation and actual violence. Three unsuccessful attempts had been made to assess property in these counties. The matter will be brought to the attention of the President on his return, and if necessary, the military will be used to enforce the law.

Bankers and others are warned to take the necessary precaution against counterfeit coupons, which purport to have been attached to the one hundred dollar 5-20 bonds, issued in '67, fourth series, received by Gen. Spinner, today, and paid in New York. The paper on which they are printed is of a poorer quality than that used by the government. A close examination shows it is merely a well executed photograph.

St. Louis.—The second deposit in the match between McCoole and Allen was put up on Saturday night. Allen took up his quarters today at West Home, four miles from this city, where he will be handled by Coyne, his trainer. McCoole is going to training under Tom Kelly near the Fair Grounds in a few days. Gallagher is training at the Six Mile house for a fight with Allen on the 17th of August. He is said to be in fine condition.

San Francisco, 28.—William H. Seward arrived at Victoria, Vancouver Island, July 20; his reception was enthusiastic. He was escorted to the Saint George Hotel, where the principal citizens, headed by the mayor, called and presented an address of welcome. Seward visited the acting governor and was received in a becoming manner. In the evening he was serenaded and returned thanks, closing his speech with expressions of friendship to Great Britain. After visiting parts of Puget Sound he proceeds to Alaska and returns in about three weeks.

A destructive storm passed over Jacksonville, Oregon, yesterday; it commenced with thunder and lightning, accompanied by a tornado which leveled fences, sheds and trees. Afterwards an immense body of water rushed down the creeks, carrying away bridges and gardens, and in some instances cattle. The supposed water spout burst in West Place.

Admiral Dahlgren has been ordered to the command of the Washington Navy Yard, August 10th.

The fire is still burning in Washington Territory; the smoke is so dense at Monticello that objects fifty yards distant are hardly discernible.

The Secretary of State has appointed a committee to select a site for a new State Department to prepare plans for the building. The commission consists of the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of War, Clark the Architect of the Capitol, Mullett, Architect of the Treasury, and General Michler, Superintendent of public buildings.

The members of the Miners' Union of Treasure City, Nevada, yesterday visited the principal mines in the White Pine district and compelled the men working for less than five dollars a day to stop work, using violence in some cases. Even those laboring under contract, were compelled to desist, and no one was allowed to work in the Eberhart mine in any capacity.

Charleston.—A negro riot, which, at one time, threatened very serious consequences occurred last night on the occasion of the departure of the visiting base ball club from Savannah. The club was accompanied by a brass band, composed of colored men, who were said to be Democrats. As the club was leaving in procession for the Savannah boat the members were attacked with sticks, stones and brickbats by a mob of several hundred men. Several shots were fired on both sides. Mayor Pillsbury was powerless to quell the riot and was compelled to call on Major Oglesby for the assistance of the troops. The club was escorted to the boat between platoons of the 8th infantry, followed by a large crowd of yelling and infuriated negroes, throwing stones, and compelling the soldiers to occasionally face about and threaten to fire. Several persons were wounded, mostly members of the colored band.

Wm. A. Sylvius, President of the National Labor Union, died suddenly at Philadelphia this morning, of congestion of the bowels.

White Sulphur Springs.—At a meeting held here to-day, composed principally of southerners, resolutions were unanimously adopted expressing the gratitude of the Southern people to George Peabody for his munificent gift in the cause of education in the South. Resolutions will be formally presented to-morrow.

The *Chicago Republican's* special says several colored rioters, who interfered to prevent the conservative negroes from voting at the recent city election at Washington, have been sentenced to twenty years imprisonment.

It is reported that Gen. Canby will be transferred to the command in Mississippi to supervise the election in that State. In that case McDowell will be ordered to the command in Virginia.

The *Tribune's* special says Charles L. Green, naval surgeon, recently of the *Nipsic* is on trial by court martial, on charges preferred by commander Selfridge for disobedience to orders in refusing to discharge a seaman from the sick list. The important point is involved as to whether a commander can give such an order to a surgeon; also whether the captain or surgeon is the proper person to say when a man is fit for duty.

The editor of the *Washington Star* writes from Salt Lake of the highly favorable condition of the Union Pacific. He says the company is laboring energetically to make it one of the strongest and smoothest roads in the country.

A special from New York says that most of the distillers in New York have stopped operations. A prominent revenue official says he believes that orders for stoppage came from Washington with the approval of Commissioner Delano, through a desire to favor western distillers. Another official says the leading distillers in the west agreed to pay a dollar for every barrel they make, to officers engaged, for the suppressing of the manufacture in the east.

Kingston, Mass.—The people of Duxbury, with the invited guests, are celebrating the completion of the French cable. The dinner took place in a large tent on Abraham's Hill. It was a splendid affair, 60 people being present! Hon. S. N. Gifford, the President of the committee of arrangements, called the assembly to order in fitting remarks, after which the Rev. Jeremiah Moore, of Roxbury, offered prayer. After the dinner was discussed a number of toasts were read and appropriately responded to. Among the speakers were Governor Claflin, Mayor Shurtliff, Sir James Anderson and others. Mayor Shurtliff read a congratulatory dispatch, received by him from the Prefect of Paris, with his reply thereto. Speeches were made

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