

to make much of them in this chain they are weaving.

Guiteau—I owe about \$1,000, and I suppose that ought to hang a man. If these people will send in their bills now, I'll give them checks for them and get them out of the way.

Scoville denounced the witness Shaw. He believed he had deliberately perjured himself in this case, as had also a contemptible little Jew clerk, who came down here to help Shaw out.

The First Comptroller of the Treasury has rendered a decision in the case of Quartermaster Dorsey who received a contract for carrying mails between White River, Colorado, and Rawlins, Wyoming, for \$17,000 per year. Dorsey sub-let the contract to Eugene Taylor for \$15,000 a year, and Taylor was to give notice 90 days before handing over the contract, but did so without giving notice. The Sixth Auditor certified that \$5,933 was due Taylor for the time he served, from which decision Dorsey appealed to the First Comptroller. Judge Lawrence decides that the contractor may appeal to the First Comptroller; that the clause in the sub-contract declaring 90 days' notice shall be given by the sub-contractor to the contractor or any intention to use in carrying the service, and failure to give such notice, should work a forfeiture of pay that may be due the sub-contractor, and that the Sixth Auditor is authorized to retain such sum for the use of the contractor is void so far as it attempts to give authority to impose duties on such auditors.

Belford introduced in the House to day a bill to provide for the leasing of public lands in Colorado in tracts of 5,000 acres, to any one person, for a period not exceeding 20 years. The bill is intended to prevent further donations of public land to corporations and for the encouragement and protection of the business of raising cattle and sheep. This bill materially differs from the desert land act, passed several years ago, that enabled parties to obtain absolute title to large tracts without expense, whereas this bill retains a title in the government and provides simply for leasing lands at a fair rental.

A memorial from some of the chiefs of the Sisseton Sioux of Dakota, which will be presented to Congress to-day, sets forth the advance made by the tribe in civilization, and asks that they may have lands granted to them in severalty, and they be treated with common fairness and honesty.

New York, 16.—Frank Burr, engineer of the Tarrytown train which collided with the Chicago express, on Friday evening last, made a statement to-day to Commissioner Merkle. We left Tarrytown at 6 40 p. m., five minutes behind the regular time, because of waiting for the Chicago express to pass. It went by Tarrytown at 6 45, stopped at Spuyten Duyvil at 7 14. About a mile above Spuyten Duyvil station, and according to time card, we were 13 minutes behind the Chicago express. After leaving Spuyten Duyvil we entered the cut, going at a speed of from 18 to 20 miles an hour. There were no danger or warning signals ahead of me, and I passed on to a curve, looking ahead, and saw a flag man with a red and white light in either hand. He was swinging the red light across and down the track at the same time. I saw the red light at the rear of train No. 6 before me. When I first saw the red light of the flagman giving signals, he was not more than two car lengths ahead of me, and the train was not more than 35 feet distant from him. I had a train of three cars, and immediately put on the air brakes, reversed the engine, pulled the throttle wide open, blew the whistle and did all in my power to come to a stop, but failed to do so in time to prevent the accident. I remained at my post until the train stopped and assisted in extricating the injured passengers. The engine was mashed through the rear car.

The Chamber of Commerce to-day adopted the recommendation of a special committee that the law requiring the transportation of mail for a sum not exceeding the postage received be repealed; that all property engaged in the foreign trade to and from Pacific ports be exempt from all United States, municipal and State taxes; that a general law be passed by which the individual liabilities of the ship owner shall be limited under all circumstances to the proportion of any and all debts that his individual share of the vessels represents to the whole; that all fees for consular service be abolished.

lished; that the government shall establish bonded warehouses from which all vessels engaged in foreign trade or to and from Pacific ports may withdraw all goods, stores and supplies of foreign production and manufacture free of duty, the same as is permitted in Great Britain; that for the encouragement of shipbuilding, they recommend that all foreign materials of every kind and character entering into the construction and repairs of vessels be made duty free, and proper legislation to secure this end adopted.

SIoux CITY, Iowa, 16.—Information from a semi official source says: The Central Pacific will not build East to the Missouri River, but only to the Wyoming coal fields, and send a branch from there South to the Union Pacific line somewhere near Green River, and take through passengers and freights there. The same informant says the Southern Pacific is making contracts for the transportation of California wheat to England and New Orleans, at the same rate as was paid for the all sea route. The wheat cars will be fitted up to carry emigrants West, and a fare of \$30 from Eastern points to California is promised.

KANSAS CITY, 16.—Frank Simons, 410 West Fifth Street, was found dead on the floor of his store this morning with two terrible gashes in his back and head, and an axe lying near with the butt end covered with blood. Simons had considerable money, and from appearances he was making a loan when killed. His money was gone. Suspicion falls on Fitzmaurice, alias Wild Jack, as he had quarreled with Simons.

SAN FRANCISCO, 17.—The annual product of precious metals in the States and Territories west of the Missouri River, including British Columbia and receipts at San Francisco from the west coast of Mexico reported to Wells Fargo, gold, \$31,869,686; silver, \$46,677,839. California shows an increase in silver and a decrease in gold, Nevada a falling off. Utah, Colorado and Arizona an increase.

WASHINGTON, 17.—Scoville resumed his argument and was at once interrupted by Guiteau, who had been looking over towards the jury for some minutes in an anxious or expectant manner.

"Hadden't I better deliver it now," he called out.

"Oh, yes," replied Scoville, "I had forgotten;" then turning to Judge Cox: "He desires your honor to prefer a request that he be allowed to address the jury. I have looked over the speech which he desires to make and see nothing of an objectionable character."

Judge Cox nodded assent, and Guiteau said:

"I have written down what I wish to say, and I will read it. It is in regard to my speech." He then read with considerable emphasis: "I intend no disrespect to this honorable court. I intend no controversy with this honorable court. In general I am satisfied with the law as proposed by your honor, but I have suggested a still broader view, which I ask your honor to follow, to wit, that if the jury believe that I believed it was right to remove the President, because I have special divine authority so to do, and was forced to do it by Deity, they acquit me on the ground of transitory insanity. Sickles, McFarland and Hilscock were acquitted on the ground of transitory insanity.

In my speech, published in all the leading American papers yesterday, and which I presume your honor has read, I gave my reasons for asking your honor to charge. Reed made a brilliant and lawyerlike plea for my defense and Scoville is making a strong argument for his theory, but neither Reed nor Scoville represent me in this defense. I am here as my own counsel and as stated at the opening of the case, no one can represent me to that jury. I know my feeling and my inspirations in removing the President and I have set it forth to my satisfaction in my speech published yesterday and as your honor in the name of justice, in the name of the American people to allow me to address the jury of my countrymen when my life may be at stake. If a man on that jury has doubt as to his duty in acquitting me, my speech will probably settle him in my favor, and therefore in the interest of justice it is of the greatest importance that they hear me in my defence. Your honor can decide the matter if you have any doubt as to your duty.

Scoville began with a general complaint of the alleged unfairness on the part of the prosecution, particularly of the prosecuting attorney.

He had from the beginning prescribed who should visit the jail and who should not. He had introduced persons into the prisoner's cell under a false guise to worm out his secrets, and when the prisoner said anything which might inure to his benefit, the prosecuting attorney has been very careful to let it become known. He complained of Corkhill's unfairness in destroying the notes of stenographer Bailey, so that the defense could not have the benefit of them. The conduct of the prosecution in the court room, he alleged, was not only unfair to the defence, but was often discourteous and more befitting a police court than this.

NEW ORLEANS, 17.—The steamer *City of Dallas*, from Belize, brings news of the loss of the British schooner *Weathergauge* off Collins Point in a squall. She was loaded with 25 mules and 10 passengers and was on her way from Omea for Belize. She was running under a light breeze at eleven o'clock at night, Dec. 31st, with all sails set, when she was struck by a whirlwind. The vessel was lifted by the stern and went down by the bow end and sank. Captain Alvarez, the mate and crew Mr. Stapleton's servant and a passenger named Henriquez clung to the mast and were finally picked up by a floating dory and made their way ashore. Nothing was saved and the following named passengers were lost: Devere Stapleton and M. Hayden of the Honduras Railway, Eliza Melgham, Rebecca Bellize and child, John Augusta, Frederick Huize and a Spaniard.

DENVER, 7.—The Denver, Utah & Pacific road, between Denver and Longmont, is open for business. Freight is now being run through via Denver and the Rio Grande & Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe roads, without breaking bulk between Denver and Kansas City.

#### FOREIGN.

LONDON, 16.—The *Observer* says: It is understood that the Archbishop of Canterbury, Cardinal Manning, Earl Shaftesbury, Dean Bradley and Canons Lydon and Farrar, are in communication with each other on a scheme of organizing a conference or committee, with a view of calling public meetings throughout the country, to raise funds for the relief of homeless Jewish families in Russia, and facilitate their emigration. A prominent Israelite has volunteered to head the subscription list with £10,000, and thinks £1,000,000 will be necessary to carry out the project.

PANAMA, 8.—The latest from Peru is to the 28th of December. The American Commissioners had left Lima for Chill. The day after they arrived at Callas, there was quite a severe earthquake. Great expectations had been built upon the arrival of the gentlemen by the Peruvians, but so far as heard from, nothing has yet resulted from their visit, and affairs remain in *status quo*. It is not believed Chill will be so rash as to threaten war with the United States. A serious misunderstanding between the countries is looked upon as probable, unless the diplomacy of Messrs. Treseott and Blaine prove equal to the emergency. The Chilians are in bad temper and will require soothing down.

Work on the canal has been interrupted for the past week by a strike among the laborers. The price asked is \$1.50 per day. They say that rent, food and clothing have advanced so much that it is impossible to live at the old rate of \$1.20 per day; besides which it is quite true that the money used in paying off is at a discount of 20 per cent, and amounts to 80 cents on the dollar. It is thought that the canal, railroad and steamship companies might very well afford to restore the currency with which they pay their employees to the value of American, English or French gold and silver. As it is now, these great incorporations may be accused of taking a rather small advantage of the necessities of the poor laborers.

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