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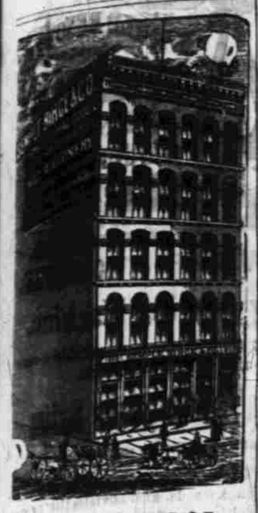

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EASTERN.

Colored Postmasters in Trouble.

WASHINGTON, 2.—The Post Office Department has sent a special agent to Louisiana to take action regarding two novel cases. It appears that a colored man, named Samuel Chapman, was commissioned last January as postmaster of the Clinton, East Feliciana, office, worth about nine hundred dollars a year. Under date of New Orleans, May 18th, he wrote to the Postmaster General, stating that on account of the unsettled condition of affairs he made no attempt to occupy the office until May 15th, and that while in the act of taking possession he was confronted by Charles McVery, a democratic judge, and T. B. Syms, a member of the legislature, who told him so far as they were concerned, they were willing he should take the office, as he was born and raised among them, but had made himself very obnoxious to the white people of the parish by upholding Packard's thieving government before the senate committee. As far as they were able they would protect him, but added, "There is no law that will protect you from a mob in case you attempt to take the office." He therefore asks the Postmaster General what course he shall pursue. The other case is that of a colored man named Durlo, who was appointed postmaster at St. Francisville, West Feliciana, last December, and who reports not only that he is afraid of his life if he attempts to take possession of his office, but also that he has not yet received his commission, although the department has at different times sent three to him. The special agent is therefore directed to first install the new appointees in their offices and afterwards report whether they should be removed.

Wool Market.

BOSTON, 2.—Wool active, prices well sustained, market almost bare of fine wool. Sales of Ohio and Pennsylvania 70,000 pounds; medium and X Ohio 40 @ 42½, X X Ohio and Pennsylvania 46 @ 48; the market is firm at these prices. Wisconsin and Michigan 38 @ 40. Considerable fat sheep wool is arriving and sales have ranged from 25 @ 35. Some considerable lots have also been purchased, to arrive in this range. Texas wools meet with a good demand, sales include 61,000 pounds at 23 @ 32½, mostly from 27 @ 30, pulled wools have been in very fair demand. The sales of the week, comprising 278,000 pounds, principally at from 35 @ 46 for super, and 37½ @ 40 for X. The demand is for the best lines of super and X, while the low pulled is neglected. New Cala Spring is arriving freely, sales comprise 911,000 pounds at 20 @ 33½; most desirable lots of northern are selling at 40 @ 33½. The stock of Fall is much reduced; sales of 75,000 pounds at 15 @ 18.

Destruction of Property by Forest Fires.

OSCODA, Mich., 2.—Heavy fires are raging in the woods south and west of Au Sable and along the north shore towards Greenbush. Business is reported suspended at Au Sable, and the entire population of the village is out fighting the fire. Further particulars from the upper peninsula confirm the destruction by fire of Onota, Mich. Seven hundred people are rendered homeless, and property to the extent of $100,000 is destroyed.

Sentenced to be Hanged.

ELMIRA, N. Y., 2.—Peter H. Penwell, aged sixty-six, was sentenced to-day, to be hanged on July 20th, for the murder of his wife.

Pardoned.

NEW YORK, 2.—Ernstein Bastinslay, convicted a short time ago in the United States courts of passing counterfeit half dollars, was pardoned by President Hayes, to-day.

WESTERN.

Further Details of the Wreck of the "San Francisco."

SAN FRANCISCO, 2.—Captain Waddell and purser Jerome, of the steamer *City of San Francisco*, Moses H. Sargent, of Boston, and Kingsland Sutton, of New York, passengers, arrived by the train, to-day, from San Diego. The evening papers publish interviews giving further particulars of the disaster. The captain and purser were unwilling to make statements until the former had submitted his report to the agents of the company. The officers avoid giving theories concerning the rock on which the ship struck. The passengers say there is deep water all around it. The Mexican gunboat officers say they knew nothing of it before the shock, when the ship struck about thirty seconds duration. In a few minutes after the striking the boats were cleared away without confusion and the passengers seated in them ready for lowering. Full steam was put on, the ship grounding about four miles from the shore. The boats were instantly lowered and pulled for the beach. On landing, out of nine boats, only one escaped upsetting. The surf was combing twelve or fifteen feet high, and when it struck the boats it came with such force that the occupants were hurled ten or fifteen feet. Babies were thrown from the arms of their mothers. Even the garments and jewelry of the men and women were wrenched from them by the waves. When the first boat touched the shore those in it threw out a rope and ranged themselves in line to help the next comers, and this system of rendering assistance was followed until every soul was safe on land. One baby was rescued just before life was extinct, and it took some time to restore vitality. One of the ladies was caught under the keel and held there for some time, but as the next swell of sea raised the craft she managed to escape. There was no time for delicate handling; the men, knowing that the safety of lives depended upon prompt and vigorous action, hustled the children as if they were so many bags of sand. In attempting to launch a boat to return to the wreck, the assistant engineer had his leg broken. Captain Waddell was the last to leave the ship, at five o'clock in the evening, when only about fifteen feet of her remained above the water. The waves washing over her and knocking her to pieces; he with thirty-five others came ashore on a life raft, which went over the surf without capsizing. Capt. Waddell reports that the cargo of the *Acapulco*, from New York, May 1st, was not on the *City of San Francisco*, except one package of fast freight.

A court of inquiry to take testimony on the loss of the steamer will be held next week.

FOREIGN.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Lisbon Tramway Case.

LONDON, 2.—The appeal of Baron Grant in the Lisbon Tramways case has failed before the court of appeal by a tie vote. Two of the Justices were of the opinion that the contracts omitted from the prospectus were not within the act of 1867, but stated that in all other matters their opinion was adverse to the defendants. The particular case of Twycross against Grant was originally for £700, but it is said to be a test case on claims involving many thousands.

Eastern War News.

A telegram from Syria says discouragement exists in official circles in Constantinople because it is not known how a sufficient force can be collected to resist the Russian advance. The hopes that the capture of Sukum Kaleh would lead to an insurrection in the Caucasus have now disappeared. The Circassians feared Russia, and have laid down their arms. Turkey is weak from material causes, which render it difficult to maintain a long resistance.

The departure of the Egyptian contingent from Cairo for Turkey is postponed until the arrival of the Turkish war ships, the Egyptian fleet is totally unfit to act as their escort.

It is officially announced at Constantinople that the reported recapture of Ardahan is erroneous.

Last Night's Dispatches.

EASTERN.

Black Hills Mines.

DEADWOOD, D. T., 3.—Pierson's ten-stamp mill, located at Central City, after a nine days run, cleaned up 350 ounces of gold, which is now on exhibition in the window of the bank of this city. The ore, 157 tons, which was crushed, came from the Fairview mine. The value of the retort is $7,100.

Bribery and Corruption.

NEW YORK, 3.—The *Times'* Constantinople special says interviews with several officers convince me that bribery and corruption are now going on so great that Turkish success is impossible. There are no horses, no money, and no order of management. All carriage horses have been siezed. More Softas have been expelled. The Sultan is a nonentity with 300 women and 5,000 persons of all classes to feed. The strain on the treasury is enormous. There is no patriotism among the officials.

The Weather.

The weather is very warm, the maximum thermometer, yesterday, was 93 degrees. It still continues close and oppressive, with signs of rain.

The Ellenton Cases.

CHARLESTON, S. C., 3.—Chief Justice Waite, last night, summoned the jury, in the Ellenton cases, into Court, and found, on interrogating them, that they could only agree upon a verdict in the case of one of the eleven persons charged with conspiracy. This was Abner W. Atkinson, who was acquitted. The judge discharged the jury, and the ten remaining prisoners were released on giving bonds for their appearance at the next term. The counsel think it unlikely that these cases will ever again be tried.

$160,000 Fire.

A fire broke out in the town of Union, to-day, in the store of W. R. Briggs, under a high wind, and half of the best business portion swept away; loss $160,000, insurance $30,000.

Diabolical Scheme to Plunder a Railroad Train.

ST. LOUIS, 3.—As an express train on the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad reached a point near Woodend station, fifty miles from St. Louis, last night, the engineer saw an obstruction on the track and instantly applied the brakes, but not quickly enough, for when reaching the spot where the obstruction was, the engine and baggage car left the track, plunged down an embankment forty feet high. Samuel Richardson, fireman, and Dr. E. L. Atkinson, who were on the engine, were instantly killed, and Frank Caton, the engineer, so badly wounded, that he died in two hours. Conductor Wilson heard pistol shots, and a ball passed through his hat. Several shots were fired, and the passengers say they saw five men standing near, who were revealed by the flashes from their pistols. On examining the track it was found that the fish plates connecting the rail on both sides of the track had been unjointed, and the ends of the rails moved so that the train would run down the embankment. There is no doubt that a diabolical scheme had been planned to run the whole train down the bank, rob the express, and plunder the passengers. There is no clue to the perpetrators of the fiendish act.

FOREIGN.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Grand Banquet in Honor of Gen. Grant.

LONDON, 3.—General Grant was entertained, last night, at a grand banquet at Apsley House, given in his honor by the Duke of Wellington. It was a splendid and hearty reception. The banquet was served in the famous Waterloo Chambers, where the old Iron Duke loved to meet the war generals of 1815, on the 18th of June every year, and celebrate the anniversary of the great battle, which for ever closed the fortunes of Napoleon Bonaparte. General Grant was given the precedence, in honor of the evening, of escorting the Duchess of Wellington to supper and afterward escorting her to the reception, at which were present the Duke and Duchess of Cleveland, the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland, the Duke and Duchess of Manchester, and many others. The Prince of Wales gave a private audience to the ex-President, to-day, at Marlbourough House, introducing him to his household in the most friendly manner, and sat with him quite a long time in ordinary, pleasant conversation. The Queen has given orders to the Lord Chamberlain to waive the usual presentation ceremonies, out of regard to the nation's guest, and extend to the General and Mrs. Grant invitations to all court entertainments. This is almost unprecedented and shows the great esteem which he is held in England.

Eastern War News.

The Turkish cavalry, under Maussa Pasha, has been defeated and dispersed near Bechrachef. The Russians captured two mountain guns, four ammunition wagons and two standards. The Russian loss was seven killed and thirty wounded. The Turks left eighty-three dead on the field.

A dispatch from Erzroum says, during the night of May 29th, the Russians defeated and routed Maussa Pasha's Circassians at Bekli Ahmed, near Kars. Bekli Ahmed was burned.

Kars is amply provisioned, but as a precautionary measure, the garrison has been put on half rations.

The van guard of the Russian right wing has appeared before Olti. The Turks are retreating from Olti.

A detachment of the Russian centre has reached Soghanlu.

Kars is completely invested. Telegraphic communication ceased two days ago.

A dispatch from Erzeroum says it is confirmed that scouts belonging to the Russian centre column patrol as far as the Soghanlu Mountains.

The Turkish headquarters have fallen back on Henprikoi.

The vanguard of the Russian right wing has passed Olti and Kisilkelisen.

The arrival of the Russian forces at Soghallu and Kisilcilissa brings two strong Russian columns within six hours' march of Erzeroum.

Intelligence has been received that Mukhtar Pasha is falling back on Ziam. His army is considered to be in a grave position.

Preparations are being made at Erzeroum for the defence of the town.

The Czar, the Czarewitch, and the Grand Duke Vladimir have arrived at Bucharest.

There are 240,000 Russians in position on the Danube, without counting the Roumanians or reserves that are being brought forward, who amount to 60,000 men.

There are 80,000 men east of Ibrail, and 20,000, with considerable reserves at Botgrad, which is the point of support for this part of the line. The strength and position of the works at Reni and Ibrail indicate that they are defensive and not offensive, the precautions taken being directed against an attack by the Turkish fleet, and to prevent the passage of the river by the Turks.

At Ibrail there are three batteries, one west of the town, sweeping the Danube, with four twelve-pounders and two guns of larger calibre off to a point formed by the Matchin Channel, and two east of the town, raking the Matchin Channel, one of which is armed with four guns of position and four howitzers, and the other with eight pieces of still larger calibre and two mortars, from which projectiles are said to have reached Matchin.

There is a fourth battery of lighter guns on an island opposite Matchin.

From Ibrail up to the lines of Bucharest and Oltenitza, and Bucharest and Giurgevo there are no troops except the number requisite to guard against a possible surprise, but between Bucharest and Giurgevo the concentration is on a large scale. The forces are in three camps, each containing 30,000 men, to which must be added 10,000 at Giurgevo. Thus there are 100,000 men now concentrated on the Bucharest and Giurgevo line along the railway, who may be directed against the line of Rustchuk and Turtukai or Rustchuk and Sistova. On the spot it is believed that the latter will be chosen, and that the demonstration at Oltenitza is merely a feint.

The second concentration is on both sides of the river Aluta. East of the river are 60,000 men, in two camps, both on the high road to Turnumagarel. West of Aluta are a few camps, representing about 80,000 men. This may be regarded as the centre of the line. Farther west, on the line of Kalafat and Turnseverein, the last accounts stated the number of Russians to be over 40,000.

The Turkish army on the Asiatic side appears to have been deplorably neglected. The troops are worse disciplined, worse equipped and provided than those on the Danube, but the nature of the warfare in Asia, to some degree, makes the deficiences of the armies less vital. The campaign will be one in which hard fighting will be of more importance than strategy. Even the irregular troops may be able to do service in some positions, which it is in the power of Mukhtar Pasha to defend.

The Russian right wing has advanced from Ardahan *via* Ulut to Pennek, fifteen miles north of Bardes. Of the centre we have no reliable information, but it has been reported that they have taken both Dutmusa and Getchevan. According to another account these places are being attacked by detachments, while the main force is following the northern road over the Soghanli range.

The right and centre are well down towards positions from which an attack could be made on Mukhtar Pasha, but the left wing has not yet advanced far enough to participate in a combined movement. This delay is, to a great extent, in consequence of the difficulties of the country through which the left wing is marching. All supplies have to be drawn from Erivan, from which place the only easy road leads through Persian territory, the other routes being mountain passes.

If the battle which is to decide the fate of Erzeroum is not fought until the Erivan column has forced the Turkish positions at Toprak Kaleh, progress is likely to be very slow. It is not impossible that the right and centre, with the aid of a force from Bateum, operating on the Chorok River, may attack Mukhtah Pasha from the direction of Olti and Soghanli.

The latest news of him represents that he was falling back from the Bardes and Erzeroum positions.

Positions of the Russians and Turks.

On the Danube the Russians have occupied chief positions, and their lines extend from Galatz to Kalafat, but until the river returns to its normal summer level it will be impossible to take the army across. It is now hardly possible that the Russians can execute this great military operation for the next three weeks. They may come to close quarters with the Turkish armies about the beginning of July, so that the campaign will probably be prosecuted under the greatest heats of summer. The region of the lower Danube is terribly unhealthy for strangers, so it may be presumed that the Russians will endeavor to traverse with all celerity, the more unhealthy districts. Those troops will fare worse who will have to sit down before a fortress or guard a strong place in the chain of communications. The character and duration of the struggle in Bulgaria are the subject of much speculation, particularly in Germany and Austria, where every officer seems to have made his own particular study of the campaign. The general tenor of these criticisms is adverse to the Turks, not from any doubt that they will make a good fight, and even inflict serious repulses on their enemy, but from the prepossession that superiority in numbers, efficiency of organization, and strategical ability, are on the side of the Russians.

TURKEY.

Will Fight to the Last.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 3.—The Minister of War says Turkey will fight to the last. The Sultan has given up all hope of aid from the English government.

EGYPT.

Conditions Accepted.

CAIRO, 3.—The King of Abyssinia accepted the conditions proposed by Gordon Pasha, and peace has been concluded between Egypt and Abyssinia.

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