

TROUBLE IS EXPECTED.

The Telegraph Operators Must Quit Their Order or Their Work.

THE MEN REFUSE TO COMPLY.

The Insurance Rates Being Raised on Wholesale Houses.

THE WATER WAYS CONVENTION.

They Want Congress to do Something--Not so Bad as Reported--Killed on Suspicion.

OMAHA, Dec. 18.—An order was sent out yesterday to the telegraph operators working for the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri valley road, notifying the men that they must leave the order of railway telegraphers or leave the services of the company. This morning the superintendent of the road received a reply from several men refusing to obey the order and trouble is expected. It is said that similar orders have been sent to all men employed on the entire Chicago and Northwestern system.

Insurance Rates Going Up.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 18.—The local insurance agents have received instructions from their home offices that dating from today rates on risks on wholesale mercantile establishments are to be advanced from 20 to 40 per cent. This advance is to be general over the country. This is the result of the alarming prevalence this year of disastrous fires in jobbing establishments. The companies declare that the losses from these fires have more than absorbed all the premiums paid during the year on all classes of risks.

The Water Ways Convention.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 18.—When the deep water ways convention re-assembled this morning the committee on resolutions introduced a memorial to congress urging that body to authorize immediate commencement and speedy completion of an unobstructed channel not less than twenty feet in depth and of sufficient width through the lakes and their connecting waters between Chicago, Duluth and Superior and Buffalo.

Not so Bad as Reported.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 18.—Reports from reliable sources in every state of the republic, are to the effect that the rumors of great distress caused by the famine, and of rioting by the impoverished people are untrue. In Chihuahua, Durango, Zacatecas, Chihuahua and Potosi, the crops failed, causing some suffering, but measures for the relief of the needy are already taken. There has been no actual starvation reported in any of these states.

Killed on Suspicion.

LIVE OAK, Fla., Dec. 18.—Just before 12 o'clock last night a mob of about 100 men, armed with rifles, called on Sheriff Pottsamer and overpowered him. They then made a rush for the jail, and took from their cells two negroes suspected of murder. The prisoners were bound to trees a short distance from the jail and the bodies ridged with bullets.

Federated Labor Resolutions.

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 18.—The convention of the American federation of labor adopted a resolution at its morning session favoring a women suffrage amendment to the constitution. The convention refused to adopt a resolution recommending political action on the part of a trade union.

A Good Reason for Being Crazy.

NEW YORK, Dec.—As the investigation by District Attorney Nicoll, in the failure of Fields, Lindley, Weichers & Co., progresses the horizon darkens for E. M. Field. So far it is discovered that the crooked transactions of the defunct firm foot up to nearly four hundred thousand dollars.

A Night Earthquake.

HARRISBURG, Penn., Dec. 18.—A very perceptible earthquake shock was felt in this city and the surrounding towns at 8:30 this morning.

No Damage was Done, but the Houses were Shaken as if by an Explosion.

A New Ball League Organized.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 18.—The consolidated ball league, now known as the National League and American Association, adjourned at four o'clock this morning. The two old organizations held separate meetings this morning and terminated their affairs, and dissolved. Nick Young was elected president, sec-

retary and treasurer of the new league, and Chas. Phelps was chosen as solicitor. The headquarters will remain the same as the old league at Washington. The board of directors was drawn by lot, and composed of members equally from the Eastern and Western circuits. The members of the league organized on an iron clad ten-year basis, and no club can be dropped without the unanimous consent of the clubs, including the one to be dropped. The terms of settlement with clubs dropped are said to have been satisfactory to all parties.

Decided to Settle.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A large meeting of English holders of the Virginia debt was held today, and it was decided to accept the agreement effected between the Virginia state debt commission and the Alcott committee for settlement.

The Rumor Not Verified.

DENVER, Dec. 18.—The sheriff's posse patrolled Crested Butte all night. The strikers were turbulent, but no actual violence was offered. The rumor that troops were ordered there cannot be verified.

Four Persons Killed.

SHAMAKEN, Pa., Dec. 18.—A collision occurred in a tunnel on the Catawissa branch of the Reading railroad this morning, by which four persons were killed and several injured.

Guilty of Forgery.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The grand jury today returned an indictment against Edward M. Field of the defunct firm of Field, Lindley & Co., charging him with forgery in the second degree.

Caused by Dynamite.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 18.—The supposed earthquake was caused by an explosion of 250 pounds of dynamite at Steelton. There was no one hurt.

Another Indian Loss.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 18.—Troops have been ordered to Crested Butte and will leave as soon as possible.

The Southern Pacific Strike.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The telegraphers' strike is still on, according to the reports of Mr. Cumstock, and still off according to the reports from the Southern Pacific headquarters. D. G. Ramsay, grand chief of the order, is expected here tomorrow, and a meeting to welcome him will be held in Oakland. No disorder to the regular train service is reported in consequence of the strike.

Tampico is Now a Safe Port.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 18.—United States Consul Sutton, of Nuevo Laredo, reports from personal inspection of the Tampico harbor improvements that the problem of securing deep water has been solved. There are now thirteen to twenty feet of water on the bar, and Tampico has become a great port, and the only safe one on the Gulf of Mexico.

Two English Vessels Lost.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Advices from Swatow state the British steamer Yunnan was wrecked and the cargo lost. The steamer Longshan, while endeavoring to assist the Yunnan, went ashore, and will probably be a total loss. No lives were lost.

Distinguished Marriages in Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Duchess de Dino, nee Stevens, of New York, was married yesterday to Count Orlovski, a Polish noble. Count Grenaud de Saint Christophe was married to Gabrielle, daughter of Edouard Herve, editor of Le Soleil.

Queen Victoria's Christmas.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The queen, Princess Beatrice and her children left Windsor castle today and went to Osborne house, Isle of Wight, where Christmas will be spent.

Starving Peasants of Russia.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—It is reported that a state of siege is declared in many of the famine-stricken districts of Russia, owing to the prevalence of brigandage and anarchy among the starving peasants.

The Miantonomah to Be Floated.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The monitor Miantonomah, which is to be the first ship in the navy, will be floated out of the dry dock of the Brooklyn navy yard next Wednesday.

It Was Time to Resign.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 18.—Chief of Police Delbrugge was caught Wednesday night in a low house raided by his own officers. Yesterday he resigned.

Damaged by Fire.

LONG ISLAND CITY, Dec. 18.—Happens' tin factory, near Laurel Hill, was damaged by fire last night; loss, \$75,000.

Death of an English Bishop.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Right Reverend Harold Browne, D. D., bishop of Winchester, is dead.

Mills is Better.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Representative Mills is much better.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Very Little Business Being Done Yet Outside of Committee Reports.

GETTING READY FOR 1892.

The National Republican Clubs Hold a Meeting.

TURNED THE PRISONERS OUT.

The Officers Have Been Having a High Time With Their Charges--Served Them Right.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—It is being understood that there will be but a short session of the house this morning. The attendance of members is very small. The report of the committee on rules was presented, empowering the speaker to appoint a committee of the last house with the following charges: membership, committee, ways and means committee to be increased from thirteen to fifteen numbers; quadro centennial committee from nine to eleven numbers. The committee on Indian depredation claim was dispensed with and the name of the committee on commerce was changed to committee on rules of state and foreign commerce. A concurrent resolution was agreed to providing for a holiday recess from Wednesday, the 23rd inst., until Tuesday, the 5th, proximo. Enloe, of Tennessee, offered a resolution of the appointment of a special committee of five members to inquire as to the charge made against the commissioner of pensions and the administration of his office, which was referred to the committee on rules.

Chipman, of Michigan, announced the death of his colleague, Melbourne H. Ford, and in respect to the memory of the deceased, the house adjourned until Wednesday, with the understanding that on that day no business will be transacted except that of referring to the recess resolution and to the announcement of committees by the speaker.

A Meeting of the National Republican Clubs.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—A meeting of the president and secretary of state's republican league clubs was held this morning. James D. Clarkson, president of the national republican clubs, presided. The states of Illinois, Iowa, Ohio, Indiana, Kansas, Nebraska and Minnesota were represented. The meeting was held with closed doors, but it was learned that the session was given up to matters pertaining to the dissemination of literature during the next campaign. One of the most important features will be the collection of figures and statistics to prove the prices since the McKinley law bill passed were made lower instead of higher.

He Turned the Poisoners out.

READING, Pa., Dec. 10.—A sensation was created here in court today by the ex-night watchman of the county prison, Reuben Rhodes, pleading guilty of releasing from prison Beatrice Collins, a female counterfeiter, and John Miller, a burglar. He made a statement describing the most shocking disorder, and drunken carousals in which the female prisoners and jail officers participated in at night. The court has ordered a full investigation of the matter.

Served Them Right.

PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—United States Prosecuting Attorney Mays this morning filed libel against the cargo of the British bark Ochtetyre, for \$28,000. The cargo, which was seized by the Customs last night, consists of hardware which was shipped to Portland from New York by way of Antwerp, in violation of the statute prohibiting shipping of domestic merchandise in foreign vessels between two American ports.

Will Soon Know All About the Chilean Matter.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Times from Santiago De Chili states that the publication of the correspondence between the government of Chili and the United States in relation to the assault upon the sailors from the American man-of-war Baltimore is completed. The dispatch adds: "The public is apparently satisfied with the course pursued by Chili."

The Seal Question to Be Settled.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—It is announced that an agreement has been reached with the British government as

to a basis of arbitration in regard to the seal fisheries. The number and power of the arbitrators are fixed and it is confidently expected that their appointment and term of arbitration will be announced in a few days.

Had to Give Up the Plunder.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—Jesse Waterman, a young man employed by Schuster Brothers, wholesale jewelers, was robbed of a box containing twenty thousand dollars worth of loose diamonds and other precious stones this morning, but the thieves failed to get away with the gems, as being closely pursued they threw the box into the street and made good their escape.

Stockmen the Same as Other Shippers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—At a meeting of the live stock agents of the Western roads, which were in session the last two days in this city, resulted in the adoption of a resolution, by which, taking effect January 1st. The issue of free transportation to live stock shippers, is to be abolished, except that provided for in classification and tariffs.

The Weather.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The weather bureau states that this season rains are in excess in Western Washington and Oregon and extreme Northwestern California. Elsewhere there is a general deficiency that ranges from four to five-and-a-half inches in the Sacramento valley. Rain is falling steadily here today.

A Slight Blow.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—A two-story frame building in a part of the city known as the Western Addition was blown down this morning by the wind and Owen O'Donnell, a hod carrier, was killed, and two carpenters are probably fatally injured and the inmates of the house, Mrs. Kreuz and her two daughters were more or less bruised.

A Blast Furnace Exploded.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 19.—The explosion of a blast furnace of the Illinois Steel company at Bay View, this morning killed two men and injured several others.

Felt Better Now.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 19.—J. A. Hayes, a resident of Fulon, today committed suicide by taking "Rough on Rats." Ill health is assigned as the cause of the deed.

Passed a Tariff Bill.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 19.—The colonial parliament, after a disorderly sitting of thirty-six hours, passed a government tariff.

Needed Looking After.

HEBON, S. D., Dec. 19.—The Huron national bank has been taken charge of by the national bank, examiner.

Three Men Killed.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 19.—Three men were killed this morning by the explosion of a boiler.

Guilty of Smuggling.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The sum of \$70,000 has been paid into the treasury department of the firm of Neuberger, Reiss & Co., the members of which were indicted for smuggling. This is supposed to be in satisfaction of the claims of the government against them, and it is believed the civil suit will be dismissed. The case dates from last September, when a case of goods consigned to the firm fell from a dray and burst open, revealing the smuggled goods. The entire consignment was seized, as were several subsequent consignments, and nearly all proved to be falsely invoiced. Nearly all the invoices received by the firm during the year were inspected by L. M. Cashin, deputy collector, who has been dismissed for alleged complicity in the smuggling.

Evidence of Other Forgeries.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—District Attorney Nicoll says: "I have learned by looking over the books of the bankrupt firm of Fields, Lindley, Weichers & Co., that Field was very hard pressed for money for sixty days before the failure, and hypothecated all the securities he could lay his hands on, and paying out the money right and left in stock speculations. The books show that on November 24th Field drew checks for over \$400,000, which he paid to various firms of stockbrokers. There are evidences of other forgeries besides those two bills of lading."

Washed Up on Shore.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 19.—Parties just arrived down the beach from Gardiner report the finding of a boat right side up and the dead body of a man on the beach, three miles north of the mouth of the Umpqua river. The boat was intact and the position of the body indicated that the occupant of the boat had reached the beach alive and died soon afterward on account of his weak condition and exposure. It is supposed to be the lost ship's boat of the General Butler and one of its six occupants.

SENATOR PLUMB DEAD

The Capitol Crowded With Friends of the Dead Senator.

THERE IS NO DANGER OF A FIGHT

Secretary Tracy Thinks There is no Liability of War With Chili.

AN IMPORTANT CASE DECIDED.

Which Involves the Title to Valuable San Francisco Property--Minor Mention.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Today the United States senate, the house of representatives, the executive and judicial government, representatives of foreign powers and his many friends paid the last tribute of affection and respect to the memory of the late Senator Preston B. Plumb. This morning there are but a few callers at the house, the most of these being senate employees. At 10 o'clock the casket was borne from the house to the hearse by eight capitol police. Immediately the small funeral cortege, consisting of the hearse and a single carriage, arriving at the capitol, the casket was placed near the president's chair in the senate chamber on black catafalque and all were requested to retire.

When the senate met at noon the chamber was partly arranged for the funeral obsequies. The desk and chair of the deceased senator were heavily draped. The galleries were crowded with spectators, except the diplomatic and vice president's galleries, which were reserved on motion of Manderson. The reading of the journal was dispensed with and Peffer rose and made an announcement of Plumb's death, after which he offered the usual resolutions, eloquently enclosing his late colleague. The senate then took a recess.

At 1 o'clock p. m. the senate was called to order. During the half-hour recess the work of preparing the chamber for the funeral was completed. A row of arm chairs were placed in the area in front of the clerk's desk and the western side of the chamber was set apart for the occupancy of the members of the house and representatives. The public galleries had become too crowded.

At 1:20 the speaker and members of the house, with members of the diplomatic corps, the chief justice and supreme court and President Harrison and his cabinet entered and were assigned to seats. The floral offerings were large. At 1:45 the funeral committee of the two houses, escorting the dead senator, appeared at the main entrance and the procession moved up the aisle, the chaplain reciting the opening sentences of the funeral service. When the chaplain had finished reading the service and appropriate selections from the scriptures had been read, followed by prayer, the body of the deceased senator was borne out to be taken to the railway station. The senate then adjourned till tomorrow.

No Trouble Anticipated.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Secretary Tracy who was here for a day or two, in answer to the inquiry if he thought the Chili difficulty would be settled satisfactorily said: "Yes, I believe so. I do not anticipate war with Chili. The Yorktown is the only United States man-of-war in Chilean waters at present. The Boston is, however, on her way there and should reach Valparaiso this week." Secretary Tracy said there are twenty-two new ships in course of construction in the navy including cruisers and battle ships, and they would be completed by 1894, if congress continued the appropriations necessary for the work.

An Important Case Decided.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The supreme court today reversed the decision of the supreme court of California in the case of Thomas Knight vs. the United Land Association and Clinton Tripp. This case has attracted much attention on the Pacific coast and concerns the title to property in San Francisco of great value. The effect of the decision is to sustain the rulings of the interior department. The case involved a controversy as to the line of boundary of the city of San Francisco.

Caused by two Large Hats.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 21.—A traveling

man will bring suit against Manage Calkins of the grand opera house on account of two big theatre hats at Saturday evening performance. His view of the stage was obstructed by two enormous hats in front of him. The usher declined to give him another seat and Calkins refused to refund the price of admission, hence the suit.

No More Solitary Confinement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The supreme court today affirmed the decision of the lower court declaring the provision in the New York law which provides for solitary confinement of persons condemned to death and other features of the law as unconstitutional. The legality of the punishment of death by means of electricity was not attacked.

A Big Shortage.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The firm of A. Lusk & Co., dealers in canned and dried fruits, was attached this morning by the bank of California for \$90,000 for monies advanced. It is stated that Lusk owes a number of firms in addition to the bank of California, but no statement of the firms' liabilities is yet made public.

Field Indicted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Two indictments were returned today against Edward M. Field by the grand jury. Both indictments specify grand larceny in the first degree.

Failed to Open Its Doors.

ALTOONA, Penn., Dec. 21.—Tyron's bank, a private institution failed to open its doors this morning. The assets and liabilities are not known.

Used the City's Money.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 21.—True bills were found today against Mayor Wyman and ex-mayor Pearson, of Allegheny for embezzlement.

No Truth in the Report.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—In regard to the report from Nebraska that the telegraph operators on the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley road has been directed to abandon the Order of Railway Telegraphers under penalty of being dismissed from service, General Manager Newman, of the Chicago & Northwestern, which controls the Elkhorn road, said today: "There is no truth in it and no foundation for it. Nor such order has been issued."

A Band of Robbers Defeated.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—News was received from Hanoi, the capital of the province of Tonquin, of an engagement in the Dong Tsesien mountains between a detachment of French troops and the band of the notorious robber Lunky. The robbers were finally defeated and fled leaving the troops in possession of their stronghold. It is believed this victory will result in restoring peace in this district.

Government Troops Retreating.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 19.—Advices from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, state a very strict censorship of telegrams is enforced there. Regarding the uprising the shme advices state that the government troops were obliged to retreat at every point and that the rebels received some supplies of arms by way of Salvador.

An Alabama Riot.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 19.—Another riot occurred at Coaburg today, near the scene of last night's riot on the passenger train. The trouble tonight was between whites and blacks. John Stephens, colored, was shot and killed by Dr. D. Hudson and his son George, both of whom were also fatally shot.

Presided at a Banquet.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—General John C. New, United States consul-general, presided at the annual banquet of the association of foreign consuls last evening. Members of the London corporation and other prominent persons were present.

Accidentally Shot.

BOISE CITY, Dec. 20.—This evening Frank Meinder, a cigar maker, formerly of Tacoma, was walking along the street when a revolver dropped from his pocket. The weapon exploded and the bullet broke a bone in Meinder's left leg.

The Strike Leaders Arrested.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 19.—The strike at Crested Butte is about over. The Italian ringleaders of the strikers were arrested yesterday by Sheriff Shores and a large force of deputies.

Chicago Wheat Market.

CHICAGO, December 21.—Close, wheat, steady; cash, .90½; January, .91½; May, .97@.97½.

Weather Forecast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Forecast for Oregon and Washington: Fair weather.

San Francisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Wheat, buyer, .91, 1.80½; Season 1.88½.