

CAUGHT BY MEXICANS.

A Captain and his Troop and Marshal Held up.

THE APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

The Steamship Abyssinia Burned at Sea.

NO LIVES REPORTED LOST.

The Russians Will Take all That is Sent -- A Steamer Captained--Fell Down the Elevator Shaft.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The president today nominated the following postmasters for Washington: Francis O. Cole, Snohomish; Converse G. Cole, New Whatcom; George W. Cline, South Bend.

The secretary of state received a dispatch from the United States consul, at Laredo, saying that Captain Kardec, of the third cavalry, and his troops together with the United States marshal, were surrounded near Fort McIntosh Texas, by a large body of Mexican insurgents, under Garcia. It is not known whether the Americans are at liberty or are prisoners. The matter was referred to the war department, and a telegram and inquiry was sent to General Stanley, commanding the department of Texas, and a reply was received saying that he had ordered troops to the scene of the reported trouble.

The army officials do not attach much significance to the consul's telegram.

A Steamer Burned.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The steamship Abyssinia of the Guion line, which sailed from New York on the 13th of December for Liverpool, burned at sea. She carried eighteen cabin and thirty-eight stowage passengers, and a crew of eighty men. All on board were saved. The Abyssinia which is valued at \$200,000, carried a valuable cargo of merchandise, but what it is worth cannot be ascertained yet. For the past five years the Abyssinia has been running between Vancouver, B. C., and Hong Kong, as one of the Canadian Pacific line steamers and this was her first regular trip for the Guion line, since then.

May Help all They Want Too.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Charge De Affaires of the Russian legation, in replying to a letter asking for information as to the famine in Russia, and whether the movement for help was necessary, said that the population from twelve provinces, over twenty million people, are starving and that any assistance given would be much appreciated.

A Steamer Captained.

MEXICANO, Calif., Dec. 22.—The steamer West Coast, which arrived here from San Francisco, December 16, and was loaded with railroad ties, was capsized off Point Arena yesterday and nine of her crew drowned. The captain and three men were saved.

A Lucky Man.

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—W. E. Russell, a carpenter, employed on the new Oregon building, fell this afternoon down the elevator shaft, a distance of one hundred and thirty feet. Several of his ribs were fractured but it is thought he has received no fatal injuries.

The Entire Force Discharged.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 21.—All shopmen, round-house men and terminal employes of the Rock Island road, about sixty in all, were discharged last night. The men aver they do not know why and the local officials plead ignorance.

Fought for Three Hours.

PARLOR GROVE, Ky., Dec. 21.—Two bantam-weights, Jimmy O'Connell and Mickey Norton, fought for three hours yesterday. After forty-five severe rounds the fight was decided a draw.

Trying to Settle the Will Case.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 22.—Dispatches state that negotiations are pending at Butte, Montana, for the settlement of the celebrated Davis will case which it is stated will never come to trial again.

Killed by an Icicle.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 22.—Bernard Ready, was killed and Henry Linnen fatally wounded, by the fall of an icicle in the shaft on the Lehigh Valley Coal Co.'s mine at Pittstown.

J. I. Case Dead.

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 22.—Jerome I. Case, the well known manufacturer and horse breeder of this city, died here early this morning, aged 70 years.

Cold for England.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Intensely cold weather prevails throughout England, which is causing more or less distress everywhere.

The Nomination Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The senate in executive session confirmed the nomination of S. R. Elkins as secretary of war,

Enos H. Nebecker, Indiana, United States treasurer, Wm. Simonds, Connecticut, commissioner of patents. All the military nominations, 262 in number received up to the present date were also confirmed. The judicial nominations were not considered as they have not yet received action by the committee on judiciary.

Is In No Hurry.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 22.—Gov. Humphrey denies the rumor that he will resign and have the lieutenant-governor appoint him as senator to succeed Plumb. In addition to those named last night ex-Governor Crawford, Joseph W. Addy, United States district attorney and Major Hudson, editor of the Topeka Capital are mentioned as candidates for the vacancy. Governor Humphrey says he is in no haste to make the appointment.

Don't Want to Pay Taxes.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 22.—The Union Pacific this morning obtained a temporary injunction restraining the city of Omaha from collecting the taxes on the property of the roads. The petition alleges that the property is already returned for assessment to the state auditor and collection taxes by the city will be a double assessment.

An Iowa Zephyr.

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa, Dec. 22.—A storm having all the elements of a summer hurricane struck this section shortly before nine o'clock last night, causing much damage. The house of Andrew Oleson, of this city, was blown down and burned. Oleson was caught in the wreck and so badly crushed that he will die. Many barns and buildings were demolished and trees uprooted.

Still Wateting the Americans.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Herald's Valparaiso cable says that Minister Egan today officially requested the Argentine minister, Senor Urriburu, to note the presence of Chilean police agents in the immediate vicinity of the American legation, as also the attempted arrest Saturday night of Frank Egan, the minister's son. Senor Urriburu in his diplomatic capacity will call a meeting of the foreign ministers for the purpose of requesting the attention of the Chilean government toward the action of the municipal authorities in maintaining police surveillance of the American legation. An additional insult was offered the American minister yesterday in the case of one of the refugees who applied for release upon furnishing bonds as recently granted Balmeada's minister of war, Valasquez. The government replied the refugee must first leave the American legation and surrender himself to Chilean authorities and submit to imprisonment.

China and the World's Fair.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A special high commissioner of the Chinese empire has arrived from France. He is Chue Yow Sing an attaché of the legation in Paris, and comes by direct appointment of the Pekin government to investigate the question of a Chinese exhibition at the world's fair. To a reporter Chue Yow Sing said it was his first visit to this country. "I do not know the intentions of the Chinese government," he said, "concerning an exhibit at the world's fair. I understood the government declined to exhibit, but my instructions are to make a searching inquiry into the conduct and probabilities of the exposition. I suppose the government's decision will be influenced by my report. I want to see what preparations have been made and above all, to try and learn just what interest the American people take in the fair. If China makes any exhibit I think it will be a creditable one.

A Missing Hair Turns Up.

CORTLAND, N. Y., Dec. 22.—John Givens, missing heir to the immense Givens estate here, has been found in Wheeling, W. Va. He has been missing since June, when he left for San Francisco. He was heard from there and then all trace was lost. His baggage was found in San Francisco and it was supposed he had been murdered and the body concealed. He was mourned for as dead here. The executor of the estate, Hulbard, heard from him this morning.

Caused by a Defective Flue.

MORROVIA, Cal., Dec. 22.—At 2 o'clock this morning four of our largest business buildings and contents were consumed by fire. Large & Wheeler's furniture store, A. Holdzkom's harness shop, Mushrusb & Adair's meat market and carriage repository were totally destroyed. The Johnson block was partially destroyed. The loss is heavy on all, and only a little insurance. The fire originated in a defective flue in the harness shop.

Caused by Despondency.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 22.—Jacob Heft, the capitalist, after living four days with two bullet-holes in his head, is dead. Heft was conscious most of the time after the shooting until last night, when he grew delirious and struggled to get up. The day after he shot himself he made his will, leaving the bulk of his property to his wife. The cause of the act was despondency over unprofitable investments.

Suicide of a Veteran.

RACINE, Dec. 22.—Captain E. L. Baker committed suicide last night by shooting. His body was found this morning in an open lot. He was 39 years old and a veteran of the war. He has a son in California and a daughter in providence, R. I.

THE COMMITTEES.

The Speaker Announces the Following Committees Today.

HEAVY FIRE IN SACRAMENTO.

Senator Plumb's Remains Arrive at Kansas City.

RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNOR.

A Cargo of Dynamite Blew up--A Custom Officer Discharged--Fatal Explosion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Following is the composition of the principal house committees as announced by Speaker Crisp today:

Ways and means—Wm. Springer, Illinois; McMillin, Tennessee; Turner, Georgia; Wilson, Vermont; Montgomery, Kentucky; Whiting, Michigan; Shively, Indiana; Cochran, New York; Stevens, Massachusetts; Bryan, Nebraska; Reed, Maine; Burrows, Michigan; McKenna, California; Payne, New York and Dalsell, Pennsylvania.

Elections—Oferrel, Vermont; Moore, Texas; Copp, Alabama; Paynter, Kentucky; Brown, Indiana; Lockwood, New York; Lawson, Georgia; Gillespie, Pennsylvania; Johnstone, South Carolina; Hanger, Wisconsin; Taylor, Tennessee; Doan, Ohio; Johnson, Indiana; Rebyburn, Pennsylvania and Clark, Wyoming.

Appropriations—Holman, Farney Sayres and Breckenridge of Kentucky, Dockery, Mutchler and Breckenridge of Arkansas, Barnes, Compton and O'Neill of Mass., Livingston, Henderson, Campbell, Bingham, Dingley and Groat. Coinage weights and measures—Hland, Charles Tracy, Williams, Kilgore, Robinson, Pierce, Epps and Williams of Massachusetts; McKeighan, Bartin and Taylor, of Illinois; Stone, of Pennsylvania; and Johnson, of North Dakota.

Judiciary—D. B. Criberson, Gates, Bynum, Stockdale, Goodnight, Boatner, and Buchanan, of Virginia; Chapin, Layton, Wolverson, and Taylor, of Ohio; Buchanan, of New Jersey; and Ray Powers Berdeck.

Interstate and foreign commerce—Mills, Wise, Price, Raynor, Brickner, Gray, and Honk, of Ohio; Mailly, Patterson, and O'Neill, of Missouri; O'Neill, Ponne, Livid, Randall and Ketchum.

Rivers and harbors—Blanchard, Cathings, Stewart, and Lester, of Georgia; Clark, of Alabama; Haynes, Wordock, Jones, Paige, Byrnes, and Henderson, of Illinois; Herman Stephen and Stone, of Pennsylvania and Quakenbush.

Foreign affairs—Blount, McCreary, Hooker, Chipman, Filch, Andrews, Cable, Isador Raynor, Hill, Harmer, O'Donnell, Sanford.

Agriculture—Hatch, Lewis, Alexander, Yonmans, Shell, Farman, White, Camanetti, Moses, Long, Funston, Wilson, Jolley, Waugh and Chestnut.

Pacific roads—Riley, Lanham, Lane, Brown, Kellis, Covert, Castle, Hodge, Snodgrass, Raines, Elliott, Lind, Taylor. Banking and currency—Bacon, Wike, Grans, Cate, Dickerson, Sperry, Gantz and Cox of Tenn., Cobb of Missouri, Walker of Mass., Brosius, Townsend and Henderson of Illinois.

Public lands—McRae, Pendleton, Tucker, Meraman, Bailey, Dearmand and Zerley of Ohio; Stout, Pickler, Townsend, Sweet and Clark of Wyoming.

Indian affairs—S. W. Peet, Allen, Turpen, Rockwell, Bradley, Lynch, English, Clover, Kem, and Wilson of Washington, Joseph, McKenna, and Hooker of New York, Hopkins Penn., and Harvey of Oklahoma.

Territories—J. A. Washington, Kilgore, Monsur, Campbell, Parrett, Branch, Terry, Jerry Simpson, Donovan, Kife and Smith of Illinois, Perkins, O'Donnell and Joseph.

Pensions—Wilson, of Missouri, Henderson, Bankhead, Morton, Parrett, Barwig, Jones, Moses, Stewart, Senn, Waugh and Hook, of Tennessee, and Bowers.

Postoffices and post roads—Henderson, Blount, Kyle, Pattison, of Ohio, Crosby, Hopkins, Caldwell, Wilson, of Washington, Bergen, Laud, Calne.

Merchants, marine and fisheries—Fowler, Fithian, Moore, Caruth and Buchanan of Virginia, Forest, Magner, Stump and Wheeler, of Michigan, and Hopkins, of Illinois; Atkinson, Wilson and Perkins, of Iowa.

A Fire for Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 23.—The most disastrous fire that has occurred in Sacramento for years broke out this morning and destroyed the Baker & Hamilton agricultural implement warehouse, containing valuable stock. The contents of the warehouse were: wagons, reapers, buggies and agricultural implements. About 1,000,000 gun cartridges were among the contents and their explosion kept up a lively noise. Forty pounds of sample powder exploded just as Foremen Steve Miller and Dick Trenjone were

entering the door and they were blown backward and seriously but not dangerously burned and otherwise injured. The warehouse building belongs to William H. Howard of San Francisco and is insured for \$8,000, which will cover the loss as the walls are intact. The contents were valued at between \$75,000 and \$80,000, which is nearly a total loss, but is fully covered by insurance.

Senator Plumb's Remains at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—The train bearing the body of the late Senator Plumb arrived here early this morning. Those who formed the escort were Governor Humphreys, of Kansas, his staff and the officers of the state, Timothy McCarthy, department commander of the G. A. R., of Kansas, his staff, and a delegation from the various parts of Kansas. The pall bearers were Mayor Hannon and the members of the city council of Kansas City, and a committee of representative men of that city, and a detachment of the metropolitan police. Governor Humphrey formally received the body from the sergeant at arms of the senate.

Blew Up the Ship.

ANTWERP, Dec. 23.—This morning a cargo of dynamite which was being discharged from a lugger into a lighter, exploded, shattering one vessel and sinking the other. Twenty men who were employed on the vessel were either instantly killed or blown into the water where they were drowned.

A Custom Collector Discharged.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The president today issued an order for the removal of Samuel D. Warmaster, collector of internal revenue taxes for the 23rd district of Pennsylvania at Pittsburg. Warmaster is charged with neglect of duty.

Killed By an Explosion.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 23.—The ammonia tank in Armour's establishment exploded this morning and four men were killed.

TROUBLES IN CHINA.

A Fierce Battle With the Rebels In Which They Come Out Victorious.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Particulars of the recent battle reported near Foochow, in which it was stated that the rebels had been routed, have just been received here, and showed that the imperial army suffered a crushing defeat. The people had risen en masse in the district of Tuk Fa, three days' journey from Foochow, in a northeast direction, and had slaughtered several officials. Five thousand imperial troops were sent against the rioters by Viceroy Pin and a bloody engagement ensued in which 2000 of the soldiers were killed, the remainder fleeing panic-stricken. A new subject for discussion and excitement in Foochow is just now detouring some attention from the rebellion, and the authorities hope it will help them in the suppression of the rioters. It is talk about a possible war between Russia and China. Doubtless this has been caused by dispatches from London reporting the advance of the Russian expedition over the Chinese frontier. The authorities are fanning the flame and making the most of it.

Oakland Printers on a Strike.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 23.—All the compositors on the Times went on a strike last night. They state that about three weeks ago the proprietor of the paper left notes on the cases of several printers saying that their services were no longer desired and warning them not to come around the office again. The grievance was immediately referred to the Oakland Typographical Union, and negotiations failing, the union ordered the strike last night. The men walked out quietly.

Chilian Cabinet Will Resign.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A correspondent of the Times at Santiago de Chili says that the entire Chilian cabinet will resign December 26, when President Montt will be formally installed in office. The president will then appoint a new cabinet. Advice state that the ravages of yellow fever in Brazil are growing heavier daily. A wide-spread panic has seized upon the people, and all those able are fleeing to the mountains for safety.

More Trouble in Brazil.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A dispatch was received in this city today from Buenos Ayres saying reports are current there that political troubles in the Brazilian state of Rio Grande have broken out again. Disorders occurred in various parts of the state, and where the civil and military authorities attempt to suppress the independents the movements are succeeding rapidly.

Rough Weather at Sea.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The steamship City of Puebla arrived this morning from Puget sound, and reports being struck by a heavy sea off Cape Flattery, which badly battered the vessel and shifted the cargo. Three men were severely injured, one having his ribs and arms broken.

Chicago Wheat Market.

CHICAGO, December 24.—Close, wheat, steady; cash, December 90 3/4 @ 3/8; January, 91 1/2 @ 3/8; May, 96 3/4 @ 3/8.

Portland Wheat Market.

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—Wheat, Valley 1.62 1/2 @ 1.65; Walls Walla, 1.55 @ 1.57 1/2.

Weather Forecast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Forecast for Oregon and Washington: Fair weather.

San Francisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Wheat, buyer, year, 1.81 1/2; Season 1.88 1/2.

GOOD CHANCE FOR WAR.

The Government Moving Troops and Forwarding Munitions of War.

PREPARING TO MOVE 10,000 MEN.

The Administration is Getting Tired of Being Fooled With.

SEVERE FOG IN ENGLAND.

Several People Lost in It--The Mexican Revolt--Field is not Improving--The Cherokee Election.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—A Washington special says: "There are some facts that point strongly to the probability of war." The war department is forwarding recruits in squads of forty or fifty as rapidly as possible to fill complete regiments. "In the far west and on the Pacific," General Schofield said: "There are 10,000 men available to send out of the country, but no more could be spared from the general army." Gun carriages are being shipped to San Francisco, in sections and guns will follow at an early date. General Schofield has been twice summoned before the cabinet and has given it as his opinion that if ten thousand men are sent out of the country, it will be quite possible to fill their places in the regular army at home by the temporary enlistments from the militia. A certain quota of the regulars equipped for actual service at army posts are to be called for from each state. In case the 10,000 men transported to Chili should not be enough, it is reported that the president may call for 20,000 volunteers for one year.

The Administration is Weary.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—It is stated semi-officially that the patience of the administration is nearly exhausted regarding the Chilian situation. Secretary Blaine is now at work on an American view of the case, and when finished, the president will incorporate it in a special message to congress. The case will be such that congress can take but one view. There is no doubt among the foreign legation here whose opinions are of any consequence, that the United States must hold Chili responsible for the violence of its mob, or fail to perform its duty under the international stipulations.

Lost in the Fog.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The fog that settled down over the city Tuesday last still hangs over it and everywhere it is as black as night. Business is interrupted and the money loss is serious as people will not venture out even to make Christmas purchases. The saddest feature of the situation is the great loss of life caused by persons losing their way and wandering into rivers, canals and ponds. Already seven bodies of unfortunate who have fallen into the river and drowned have been recovered. Four other men and girls are reported missing and there is scarcely any doubt they perished as the others did.

The Mexican Revolt.

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 24.—Reports have been received from Carriso in Seapota county, by Captain Hardie's troops at the United States cavalry station were to the effect that there is no doubt that Garcia crossed the line with one hundred men into Mexico at a point between that city and Brownsville. Also that Garcia's men met the Mexican troops at Lastovillas, 70 miles from the border and defeated the latter. There were about forty men killed on both sides. This is doubtless authentic, as it comes from an officer on the ground.

Field No Better.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Edward Field manifested no interest in the decision rendered by the lunacy commissioners in his case. He is seemingly as oblivious to his surrounding and fate as heretofore. He still refuses food, and refuses himself to all callers. He today denied himself the one thing that seems to have been his only comfort, newspapers. Cyrus W. Field condition is still hopeful, but Lindley is slowly sinking.

Receiver Appointed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Leo C. Dossar has been appointed receiver for the firm of Donnell, Lawson & Simpson, bankers, on supplementary proceedings connected with old matters, on the application of judgment creditors.

To Run to Puget Sound.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The steamer Keweenaw from San Diego, she will be taken off the freight line between New York and this port and be placed in the Puget Sound coal service.

Cruiser San Francisco is Ready.

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Deed of a Jealous Husband.

OMAHA, Dec. 22.—Nicholas Fox this morning shot his wife at South Omaha, and then cut his throat with a razor. Mrs. Fox will recover, but her husband will die. Jealously was the cause.

tion of Blackfoot Indians who are visiting this city were given a reception by the president this afternoon.

Senator Plumb's Funeral.

EMPORIA, Kansas, Dec. 24.—All that is mortal of the late Preston B. Plumb was placed beneath his native soil today. The whole city is in mourning. Service commenced with a private funeral service at the family residence, which was of the simplest nature, and was attended only by members of the family, the congressional delegates and a few intimate friends. The funeral car was then escorted to the church where the casket was placed upon the catafalque and the lid was removed. At 2 o'clock the funeral services were held.

A Novel Suit.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Evening World says: "Unless a compromise is effected, Russell Sage will probably be made the defendant in a most novel suit. Preliminary steps have been taken to bring action against Sage for heavy damages for having used Brokers Clark and W. R. Laidlow to shield himself when Narcross, the dynamiter, exploded his bomb in Sage's office. It is understood that the amount of damages to be claimed has been placed at \$100,000.

The Parnellites Ahead.

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—The election in Waterford yesterday to fill the vacancy in the commons caused by the death of Powers, passed off without any serious disturbance of the peace. The Parnellites carried the day. This is the first election won by that section of the Irish party since the split occurred. The returns show that John Redmond (Parnellite) received 1,725 votes and Michael Davitt (McCarthyite,) 1,238.

Will Probably Go to Chili.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The flagship San Francisco will sail at noon on Saturday next, unless contradictory orders are received. As her orders are sealed, her destination is a matter of conjecture, but there is little doubt but that she is bound for Chili. It is expected that supplies and mail for the steamship Charleston will be transferred to that vessel, probably at Acapulco.

The Cherokee Election.

TABLEQUAH, Ind. Ter., Dec. 24.—C. J. Harris has been elected the principal chief of the Cherokee nation, to succeed J. B. Mays, who died last week. Stephen Teehee was elected second chief.

Preparing for an Emergency.

PANAMA, Dec. 24.—The Star-Herald says: "The United States government is said to be endeavoring to secure a coaling station in the Galapagos islands.

One Husband Too Many.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Bonapart divorce case came up for further hearing yesterday. Justice Jenne decided when the case first came up that the petition should be so amended as to include the charge of adultery, and ordered if the petition was not so amended it should be taken off file. When the case was called the petitioner failed to amend her petition as directed by the court. Prince Clovis Bonapartes then presented a counter petition asking for a dissolution of his marriage to petitioner on the ground that the ceremony was void because the woman's first husband was living.

Money for the Russian Poor.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—The czar has had Colonel Wendrick Tobostoff invested with absolute power to organize the railway tariff so as to effect the distribution of corn. The czarovits has just donated 50,000 rubles to the famine fund, while the Grand Dukes George, Alexander and Sergius each contributed 40,000 rubles. Money for relief purposes is also flowing in freely from other sources.

Worse off Than Before.

ODESSA, Dec. 22.—A party of Polish peasants, who some time ago emigrated to Brazil in the belief that their condition would be greatly improved, have returned in a destitute condition. They found it impossible to gain a livelihood in Brazil.

Canadian Legislature to be Dissolved.

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—It is now stated the Quebec legislature will not be summoned the 29th inst., but that the lieutenant-governor will immediately issue a proclamation dissolving the legislature and ordering a new election.

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