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EASTERN STATES.

Business in the United States.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—General trade not only continues slow, but there appears to be, to a large extent, an unprofitable shrinkage in values, and failures in unexpected quarters have created a caution that has been carried to the verge of timidity. The consequence is that merchants refrain from buying, except for actual requirements, and to complicate and make matters worse those who hold accommodations refuse to discount mercantile paper not believed to be of the highest grade. The volume of money was never larger, and prices are, as a rule, upon a safe basis, when measured by the cost of production. Yet so widespread is the feeling of distress that speculation of all kinds moves slowly, and that trade there is very little. The depression of the iron market continues, but producers are stubbornly resisting a further decline. The production of iron has been much reduced in this country, and imports have also largely decreased. This, combined with the decrease of production and importation, is one of the most favorable features in the future prospects of the trade.

Prohibition Losing Ground.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—Times: Constitutional prohibition appears to have encountered a serious set-back, even in the state of Iowa. A careful canvass of the newly elected members of the legislature shows that few of them are prepared to sustain the decision of the supreme court on ratification of the old amendments, and that a decided majority is opposed to re-submission. Even prohibition by statute has lost ground to an amazing extent, and it is doubtful if it can be carried in the new legislature. This shows a strong drift of public opinion in that state, which has revealed to many republicans that there is no safety in binding the party to this issue, and that if they were to persist in doing so it would not be long before the ascendancy of the party would be lost, even in that state. The result of this inquiry is calculated to check the movement everywhere in favor of prohibition by constitutional amendment, and even to give a new aspect to the whole project of temperance legislation.

ARTHUR A CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY.
NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—Post's Washington special: A member of the administration said to-day: "Chester A. Arthur is a candidate for presidential nomination. I know it, and I do not know that there is any necessity for keeping quiet about it any longer. I think that before long the party will have no doubt that he is a candidate."

Dull Times.

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—A Pittsburg telegram gives a gloomy report of the outlook for rolling mills in that district. Few have orders enough to keep them busy the entire year, while others find it necessary to shut down or accumulate stock, which they do not propose to do in the present state of the market. Oliver Bros' mill, in Allegheny City, shut down this morning, and the superior Rail mill will stop Tuesday, or before. Men in the establishment do not know when work will resume. A roller in the Superior mill said the concern had not been running more than half time for two or three months, and although different excuses had been given by the firm, he knew that a lack of orders was the only reason for the stoppage. It is rumored that two or three other mills will close this month.

The Nicaraguan Canal Scheme.

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—Engineer Menscal, who is now in Washington, and who has been conspicuous for his connection with the Nicaraguan canal enterprise, is preparing an expedition to Nicaragua, to make some additional surveys of the route. It seems that some objections were raised, owing to the difficulty of improving the harbor at Greytown, and the uncertainty of whether the best route for the canal has been chosen, has appeared important enough to the projectors of the enterprise to make further investigation, and see if it cannot be removed in some way. It is understood that Menscal's party will remain a year or so in Nicaragua, but will have some results in time to send back for the information of the present congress.

Fire at Charleston.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Nov. 12.—A fire broke out this afternoon in Hayne street, in Wilbur's clothing manufactory, spreading to the store of Robertson, Taylor & Co., wholesale grocers. Both buildings were gutted. Luding's barrel factory, adjoining, was damaged. The loss is estimated at \$60,000. Eight women and a man and boy were employed in Wilbur's manufactory, most of whom jumped from the third story. Ellen Heron was killed; Susie Bond was mortally injured; Mary Wolfe was badly burned, but may recover; Abigail Gay and Laura Green are supposed to have been burned to death in the building. A little boy named Lighthouse jumped and was caught unhurt. Only eight of the persons named were on the third story. The fire broke out under the stairway, cutting off escape. As the fire spread rapidly persons on the second floor escaped with difficulty.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Franco Chinese Difficulty.

PARIS, Nov. 12.—Le Temps says a great sensation has been caused among the French colony in Egypt owing to China having bought arms and cannon, which had accumulated during the military regime.

VIENNA, Nov. 12.—The governor of Manchuria has been ordered from Peking to have 6000 Mogul irregulars ready to embark for Tonquin at a moment's notice.

Canada's Wheat Crop Short.

TORONTO, Nov. 12.—The wheat crop of Canada is believed to be at least 10,000,000 bushels short. The millers are organizing to secure the abolition of the duty on imports of grain from the United States.

Irish Immigration.

DUBLIN, Nov. 12.—Freeman's Journal published the full text of a circular proposing wholesale emigration from Ireland, which, it is alleged, the government issued. Though the authorities disavow any connection with the paper, Freeman's Journal declares it is but a continuation of a policy under which Irish were kidnapped and transported to the West Indies in the days of Cromwell, or, as they are packed in coffin ships to-day.

Reciprocity Protection.

SAN ANTONIO, Nov. 13.—Colonel Valdez and Lieut. Ord, of the Mexican army, are here, it is understood to meet General Mackenzie, department commander, and effect reciprocity protection of the frontier by troops of the two governments against Indians and organized marauders.

Severe weather in England.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—Winter has suddenly made its appearance. Great frosts have set in everywhere throughout England. A heavy snow storm has fallen in Dorset, and surrounding counties. The dense fog which still hangs over the Clyde and the Mersey has stopped to a few more than twelve hours. Several collisions have occurred, but no loss of life.

Spain on Suffrage.

MADRID, Nov. 13.—To-day the ministers discussed the policy of the government in view of the controversy between the organs of Senor Sagasta and the extreme left, in regard to a reform constitution and universal suffrage, which the Sagasta organs opposed. No decision was reached. It is rumored the ministers are not in complete accord.

CHURCH AND STATE.

ROME, Nov. 13.—American Catholic bishops held their first meeting to-day at the College of the Propaganda. All the cardinals of the Propaganda were present. The principle question discussed was that of addressing a demand to the government of the United States that the relations of church and state be based upon canon law.

INSURRECTION IN TURKEY.

BELGRADE, Nov. 13.—The districts of Ernakkeka and Kufa-Kevaz are in a state of siege. All available troops, have been sent. The rebels no longer retreat from the troops but encounter them in a determined manner. Some desperate fighting has occurred. The insurgents hold Alivizatz.

FRENCH IN CHINA.

HONG KONG, Nov. 13.—Three thousand French reinforcements have arrived in Annam, and will be sent to Hai-Noi immediately. It is expected an advance will be made on Soutage in a fortnight.

The Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Governments strong. The stock market has been remarkably free from rumors or special influences all day, and until a late hour showing a gain over Saturday's prices for nearly all stocks. But in the last hour there was a reaction, which left the general market a fraction lower than Saturday.

Great Fire at Shenandoah.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Nov. 12.—Fire broke out at noon in the United States hotel, a large three story frame building, at the corner of Main and Center streets. The wind was blowing a hurricane at the time, and continued during the afternoon. The building was soon enveloped in flames, which communicated to adjoining buildings north of Center street. The flames then communicated to the block on the opposite side of the street. At 3 o'clock the fronts of sixteen blocks were destroyed, including the United States hotel, Odd Fellows' hall Academy of Music, Herald office, the Row opera house, and the Mining Herald and Evening News offices. Assistance was telegraphed for, which was responded to from Pottsville, Ashton, Tamaqua, Mahoning City and other places. Many families are homeless, having lost everything. The loss is estimated at between three quarters and a million dollars. It is impossible to give the amount of insurance, but it is supposed to be large.

But few serious accidents happened. A young man named George Henton, on his way home, attempted to jump on a passing engine and had both feet taken off. He will die.

Large Purchase of Cattle.

OMAHA, Nov. 13.—A cattle company organized by Alexander H. Swan, of Omaha, has paid \$1,250,000 for cattle, W. A. Paxton received \$700,000.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—The November report of the department of agriculture gives the local yield per acre in October. In the final report the condition of corn, which averaged 78, was interpreted to mean a product close to 1,600,000,000 bushels, and the average yield per acre appears as 23.1 bushels, 1 1/2 bushels per acre lower than the yield of 1882. This gives a result practically identical with that of October. On the acreage reported in July, the exact figures would be 1,577,000,000 bushels. In revision of the season returns, this result will not be materially changed, and the product will therefore be about 40,000,000 bushels short of the previous crop, notwithstanding the increased area. The potato crop is large amounting to 175,000,000 bushels.

SPEAKEESHIP.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Carlisle of Kentucky is in the city. He says there are only three candidates in the field for the speakership—himself, Randall and Cox—and that Springer of Illinois has withdrawn. Carlisle says he heard it positively from Henry Watterson that Randall has the backing and influence of Tilden, and that Watterson's recent visit to New York was mainly for the purpose of securing it. Carlisle further asserts that he is not working with Cox, and that he has enough votes pledged to elect him on the second or third ballot.

CHANGE OF TIME.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—The attorney general has decided that the proposed change of standard time in the District of Columbia cannot be effected except through congressional action.

RASCALITY WITH INDIANS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Secretary Teller has prepared his report. He has undertaken a work never before done, which is to find out exactly the financial relations existing between the government and the various Indian tribes, under the treaties. It seems that the United States is really a great rascal, when considered as a person who, at various times, voluntarily incurred certain obligations. There has been a perfect indifference manifested to paying its debts under the treaties, and it owes in the vicinity of \$3,000,000. There is due and unpaid to the Sioux agent, for school purposes, under the treaty of 1863, \$1,000,000. By that treaty the United States agreed to support a school for every thirty Indian children, which it has not done. This was a part of the consideration to the Indians for relinquishing their land, and Mr. Teller holds that the money it would have cost is honestly due the nation for school purposes.

Again, there are 25,000 families who, under the treaty, should have received a cow, a yoke of oxen and \$100 worth of tools, because they have settled down as required, but none of these things have been given them, because congress failed to provide means.

All information necessary to the honest discharge of these obligations will be laid before congress this winter, so that there will be no excuse for a failure. It is understood the secretary will make a very sweeping recommendation for cutting down to a rational basis all great Indian reservations, and giving each Indian so much in severalty. He sees no use in allowing an Indian two or three square miles of land, when, on average, they do not cultivate one-tenth of an acre apiece. He will, especially call attention to the great reservations in Montana, which stand as a bar to immigration. It is understood, also, that he will recommend the repeal of the pre-emption act, and make suggestions for radical changes in the timber land laws.

REPORT OF TREASURER WYMAN.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—The annual report of Wyman, treasurer, shows that the total net revenue is \$398,287,581, a decrease of \$5,237,668. The only increase of receipts was from the sale of public lands. The condition of the treasury, and the causes therefor, are set forth at great length, but the main points of interest have been published from time to time. The treasurer recommends that appropriation be made to pay express charges for worn and mutilated United States money, and for distribution of fractional silver and minor coins. He also recommends a discontinuance of the three cent pieces, and that the compensation and mileage of members of congress be made by a disbursing officer instead of the treasurer. He urges a restoration of salaries in the treasurer's office, reduced in 1876.

The new contrivances for saving the flour gold on the Snake river placers are working well. Two parties are working the new system, one of which, composed of three men, are cleaning up \$100 of fine gold per day, and the other, though refusing a statement, are certainly doing as well.—Ex.

It is definitely settled that the recently discovered Coeur d'Alene placers are located within the boundaries of Shoshone county, Idaho. All accounts agree that the mines are rich and extensive, but all equally agree in advising prospectors to stay away until the winter is over.—Ex.

PACIFIC COAST.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12.—Since an agreement was adopted by the agents of Iowa lines to suspend cutting of rates, numerous schemes have been employed to detect violations. Late this afternoon the first break was discovered and officially noted by a notary in the form of an affidavit covering the points of the case. It is learned that an immigrant applied at the agency of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad and asked for a third-class ticket to New York, the schedule fare being \$71. W. R. Vice, the clerk, under pretense of keeping within the rule, offered the immigrant a ticket at the same rate, offering to return \$2.50. The immigrant thought he could do better, and called on Clinton Jones of the Rock Island, and while negotiating for a ticket, told his adventure with Vice, Jones and Charles Oberg, the latter of the Chicago and Alton, grabbed their man and walked him to a notary and took his affidavit. They then sold him a ticket over the Rock Island and forwarded the affidavit east, where it is expected a heavy penalty will be attached.

Battle Between Chinamen.

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 12.—A regular pitched battle between two armed forces of Chinamen occurred last evening, resulting in the killing of two and the wounding of many. The indignation is unbounded that the city should be outraged by such an open affront of peace and order.

Surveying a Route.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—The South Pacific Coast Railroad company is engaged in surveying a route from their present terminus in Oakland to Berkeley. It is stated that the object is to make a connection with the projected California and Colorado railroad.

The Views of Fourteen Bankers.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—The Commercial Bulletin presents the views of fourteen leading national bank presidents and cashiers of this city, respecting what ought to be the future basis of circulation for national bank notes, in view of the rapid calling in of 3 per cent. bonds. Banks here are not buying 4s and 4 1/2s, but are preparing to contract their own circulation. This is favored by fair crops this year, and the contractions not being developed until harvest, no disaster had, as yet, followed. But bankers and commercial men look with apprehension to next fall, when a large amount of money will be again in demand, and a contingency may arise long before that period, when the contraction of bank notes will be a serious injury to the country. All of the gentlemen called upon acknowledge the magnitude of the subject.

The Danville Riot.

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—George Gorham has written a long letter for publication at Washington to-day. It is on the subject of the Danville riot. He has made a special investigation of this outbreak, and has prepared a full report upon the subject of circulation in the north. The point of the letter lies in a charge that the outbreak was the result of the shotgun policy to kill the independent movement, just as the republican party in the south has been driven out. Without the terrifying results of the Danville riot, Gorham believes Mahone would have carried Virginia.

Speaker of the House.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 13.—Congressman Springer denies the assertion of Carlisle, that he Springer is out of the race for the speakership of the next house, and that Carlisle will have the Illinois delegation. He says he has not spoken to any of them personally, but he has good information to the contrary. He will not begin the canvass till he gets to Washington. He says newspaper candidates are always beaten in a canvass.

Anti-Mahone Demonstration.

LYNCHBURG, Nov. 13.—Last night the greatest demonstration ever witnessed in Lynchburg was held in celebration of the defeat of the Mahone. The whole city was ablaze. Resolutions were passed guaranteeing the negroes full justice before the law in all matters, and deprecating the exaggerated and partisan reports of the Danville riot as injurious to the state, and as the malicious invention of Mahone to excuse his overwhelming defeat.

Health Association.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 13.—The American public health association, attended by persons well known in sanitary matters from every state in the Union, began a session here this morning. The existence of Texas fever in cattle, and cholera in swine, as contagious diseases, was asserted in papers read before the association.

Prohibition in Iowa.

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—The Daily Evening Capital has a long article on prohibition prospects in Iowa, in which it assumes that fifty republican and two greenback votes in the house are certain to be cast for prohibitory laws, and thinks the opposition is not certain to exceed forty-five out of one hundred members. This estimate is pronounced correct by many other well informed men.

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