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EASTERN STATES.

Carrying of California Wheat.

New York, Nov. 24.—C. P. Huntington, in an argument before the New Orleans common council a day or two since, said that he proposed to compete with sailing vessels which go around Cape Horn, for carrying 1,250,000 tons of California wheat which goes to foreign countries; that in competing with sailing ships for the trade he had found that ships which go to San Francisco for wheat carry there cargoes of coal from England, Australia, and elsewhere. In order to compete with them at this point, he had bought extensive coal deposits on Puget sound, and was building a ship to freight this coal to San Francisco. In this way he could supply a large amount of the demand for coal, and thereby render it unprofitable for wheat ships to bring coal there. He was already in with foreign ship owners to put on such a line of steamer. These ships will be of the largest class, and fast sailers, leaving New Orleans and the other side of the Atlantic at a regular given date.

The Trade Dollar.

New York, Nov. 25.—A Wall street money broker said yesterday that since the practical retirement of trade dollars in this market he had shipped 250,000 of them to China. He also stated that one rich brewer of this city had about \$100,000 in trade dollars, and would not part with them for less than par.

Ship Canal Incorporation.

MANFIELD, O., Nov. 24.—Harlem Commons, a syndicate which held its first meeting last August here, met again to-day. The syndicate is an incorporation under New York laws, the reputed object of which is to make a ship canal from the North to the East river. The property to be used is claimed to be owned by the heirs of the five original trustees. Matters considered were the issuance of stock to the heirs, and a proposition to excavate the canal. The next meeting will be held in New York during the holidays.

A Crank Wants to Kill Arthur.

New York, Nov. 27.—The World says: A stranger made his appearance at the Fifth Avenue hotel yesterday, when Detective Prior accosted him, saying, "What do you want prowling about this hotel?" "I have a duty to perform," answered the stranger. Detective Prior turned the man about and directed him to the stairs. He did not stop until the stairs were reached, and then straightening to his full height and throwing back his hat, which covered his forehead, the man almost roared, "I am a colonel from Kentucky, and I have made this trip for the express purpose of shooting President Arthur." A law should be passed to hang such cranks. Such utterances against the chief magistrate of a nation should meet with the severest punishment.

The Postal Notes to be Changed.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—Before leaving Washington for the west, Postmaster General Gresham decided that the postal notes furnished by the Homer Lee Company of New York were not on a quality of paper up to the standard required by the contract. The paper is too soft in texture and too light in weight. The color has also been found objectionable. It was guaranteed by the contractors that the ink of the payer's signature, and that of the stamp of the paying officer, could not be removed without changing the color of the note, and thus insuring the detection of attempted fraud. The guarantee, it has been found, is unfounded, and new paper and a new tint are therefore required, and the contractors are now preparing for a change. The new tint will probably be blue, and some change will also probably be made in the form or the design of the note.

DIVISION OF TEXAS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The disclosure of the fact that the project to divide Texas in order to strengthen the democratic party in the senate and electoral college is being discussed in the private councils of the party, has created considerable comment. Opinion is divided upon the subject, even among the members of the present congressional delegation from Texas, as it is urged against the scheme that the state can be handled now with ease and certainty, whereas, if division takes place there may complications arise to jeopardize at least a part of the control. A modification of the scheme is talked of, and the argument is put forward, that the vast extent of territory renders legislation cumbersome, inconvenient and expensive. Although Senators Maxey and Coke disavow sympathy with any movement to divide Texas into four states, in accordance with the stipulation contained in the resolution of March 1, 1845, annexing the Texas republic, the democratic managers are quietly working up a sentiment through which, in event of democratic success in 1884, it can be accomplished. This matter will be secretly considered by the democratic national committee, upon its assembly to fix the time and place of the next nominating convention, and form the most important topic to be presented to that body.

PROTRACTED CABINET MEETING.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The cabinet meeting is protracted, and it is understood that the Franco-Chinese troubles are under discussion.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Burners of Peace Between France and China.

PARIS, Nov. 23.—The Government is discussing the advisability of dispatching 7,000 more troops to Tonquin, in view of the possibility of war with China. It is stated, however, that an active exchange of communications is going on between M. de Lesseps, and Prime Minister Ferry, for the purpose of finding a fresh basis for negotiations. It is asserted that China has made the proposition that she shall retain the north bank of the Red river, leaving to France the south bank.

Preparations of China for war.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—A Crossman a merchant well known here and a man of disrepute, has just returned from China, and speaks as follows of her chances in a war with France: "China is far better equipped to go to war than Europeans or Americans generally think. I don't know the number of troops in the Chinese regular army, but I have no doubt that at a necessity she could, on very short notice, raise from 500,000 to 1,600,000 well-drilled and finely equipped men. The standing army of China is drilled on the European plan by European instructors. There are eighteen viceroys in China, and each viceroy has an army of his own, which would be at the command of the general government in case of war. These viceroys' troops are more than militia—they are regulars. China has for years been supplying herself with improved arms. She has purchased through German merchants doing business in her towns, all the needle guns which Prussia used when she went to war with Austria in 1863. She has fully 2,000,000 of them, besides Schneider rifles and also some Remington rifles. I have no doubt that China could easily arm 500,000 men with these improved arms. China has purchased, through European houses, a number of Kruppian Armstrong cannon. The Chinese navy is of formidable strength. It includes about a dozen men-of-war of the latest armament and power, a dozen corvettes and another dozen revenue cruisers. Each of the latter carry three heavy guns. Some of the vessels were constructed in England and some in Germany. All the war vessels have English engineers and some of them are officered by Englishmen. The Chinese are making modern cannon themselves now. They have foundries near Shanghai, where they are casting steel cannon. These are made exactly as Europeans make them. Apparently there are large arsenals in different parts of China where arms and vast quantities of ammunition and other material of war is stored. Certain it is that the bulk of artillery belonging to the government is in fine condition.

Emperor will fight.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 25.—The North China Herald says: The emperor has privately instructed the viceroy at Nanking to begin hostilities against the French, in the event of an attack on Bac Ninh, and has strictly enjoined him to maintain order at treaty ports.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 25.—The emperor of China in his instructions to the viceroy at Nanking in the event of an attack on Bac Ninh, says: "The fact that Annam is a vassal of China is widely known, yet the French have dared to invade. Moreover Bac Ninh constitutes the gate to the celestial realm, yet France has repeatedly sought to encroach there. We therefore command the prince and ministers to inform the French envoy that if France dares to encroach further on Bac Ninh, China will forthwith dispatch a large army to fight the French."

Paralyzed at Hong Kong.

HONG KONG, Nov. 25.—The possibility of war has caused a great drain of specie at Canton. Wealthy Chinese have withdrawn \$5,000,000 in the last three months from a Chinese bank in Kwan Tung province. Chinese mercantile interest at Hong Kong and Shanghai are paralyzed.

Disorganization in Ireland.

NEWRY, Nov. 27.—At a meeting of Orangemen an arrangement was made to hold a demonstration to counteract the demonstration of nationalists held Sunday afternoon. Two thousand five hundred Orangemen promised to attend. Railway officials have made arrangements to run a special train from Belfast. The magistrates have applied for a large force of police and dragoons to preserve order. The Orangemen have arranged to place 1000 men on the principal roads to prevent nationalists entering the town.

FRANCE ON AMERICAN PORK.
PARIS, Nov. 27.—The cabinet council to-day decided to rescind the decree forbidding the importation of American pork into France, provided the municipal authorities or chambers of commerce in localities interested will agree to organize a system of pork inspection as advocated by the merchants and authorities of Paris and Marseilles.

FRANCE TAKES BACK-WATER.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Secretary Feltgen has received a telegram from the United States minister at Paris stating that the Official Journal to-morrow will publish a decree cancelling the prohibition of the importation of American pork into France.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

CAMPAIGN FUNDS—A NEW SCHEME TO RAISE IT.

General Rosecrans is the reputed author of a new scheme for the organization of the democratic party for the next presidential campaign. He proposes to divide the democratic voters into sections of tens, fifteens, hundreds, thousands, ten thousand and twenty thousand. Each section shall have a chief, whose duty it shall be to see that the voters under him shall be in line for party service, at the polls or elsewhere, in obedience to orders received by him from the head center. The chiefs are also to be entrusted with the duty of collecting campaign funds, and of distributing campaign documents, as well as the management of campaign work within their jurisdiction. The national committee, under this system, would issue its order to the state committee, and they would in turn instruct the chiefs of twenty thousand, and so on, down to the chiefs of tens. It is understood that General Rosecrans also proposes to raise campaign funds by voluntary contributions of five cents each from every enrolled democrat in the organization. He estimated that the returns from such a subscription would amount to \$1,500,000 per year, upon the basis of the Hancock vote of 1833. It is proposed that a proportion of one-half of this million and a half dollars be reserved annually among the states for use in local and congressional campaigns, while the other \$750,000 will be stored in the vaults of the democratic national committee, for use in close contests, etc.

AN ARTHUR DISPATCH.

There have been assertions and denials without number made in regard to President Arthur's supposed desire to succeed himself in the presidential chair. This is a long secret, and his most intimate friends admit that, while he is in no sense an applicant for the honor, he will not decline the nomination. So far no very large republican has been willing to step in the ring and contest the nomination with him, Blaine has been away from the city for some time, but has been telegraphed for and will be here next week, when his friends will talk the matter over with him. He, too, has stated that he was not a candidate, and that his two efforts to get the nomination were all that he wanted in that direction. His friends now are confident that he will not allow the use of his name as against Arthur, under the circumstances. Several republicans, who were prominent as candidates, seem to give up all hope. Edmunds was the first to draw out, and Win-dom followed when he found he was beaten for the senate. The boom for Logan and Harrison died out on their own account, and the Gresham boom was never weighty enough for a respectable consideration. That cleared up the list, and only Arthur and Blaine are left, and there are many well up in the political affairs of the country who regard the race for the nomination as between them. The President's New York friends are losing no opportunity now to impress others with the belief that he will accept the nomination if tendered it.

NATIONAL BANK CIRCULATION.

The portion of Comptroller Knox's report relating to contraction of the national bank circulation is the most interesting and important part of the document, and has not been published. The comptroller refers to the probability that all of the 3s are to be called for redemption within the next three years, and says this will reduce bonds held by banks from \$255,000,000 to \$151,000,000, and cause a contraction of the national bank circulation of about \$83,000,000 per annum. It is evident that unless there is additional legislation the bonds held as security for circulation will rapidly diminish. New legislation may, however, postpone payment of the public debt, or cause the profit on the circulation to increase sufficiently to induce national banks to invest in long 4s, which are not to mature for twenty-four years. Contraction of bank circulation may be avoided by a reduction of revenue, and no doubt this is the true policy. Contraction of bank circulation may also be avoided by conversion of long bonds into 3 per cents, and by offering an inducement to holders of bonds to exchange them for 3 per cents, to mature in 1907, the government paying the holders thereof a reasonable amount for the difference in value.

THE TRICHINA INVESTIGATION.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The commission appointed by the state department to investigate the causes of trichina, has closed its labors at Chicago and other western points. It will report in favor of creating a separate board to study the matter at great length, for which a liberal appropriation will be required. The action of the French and German governments is not believed to have been warranted by facts obtainable.

WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

The masons have stopped work on the Washington Monument, leaving the shaft for the winter at the height of 410 feet. At this elevation it is the loftiest structure on the continent, and, with very few exceptions, in the world. When completed it will be 550 feet high. It is stated the decree rescinding the edict prohibiting the importation of pork from America has already been signed by President Grey, and will be officially promulgated to-morrow.

PACIFIC COAST.

Violated Law.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—A Call editorial on the wholesale landing of the so-called Chinese traders, says: The record of this country furnish no parallel for the violations to which the Chinese Restriction Act has been subjected. The work commenced in the Cabinet and has been continued in the courts, until under the present ruling the law only puts our officers to some trouble and the Chinese companies to some expense.

Mormon Press Indignant.

SALT LAKE, Nov. 25.—The Mormon press is very indignant over a dispatch to an eastern paper, saying that secret clubs, similar to that of Cleveland, were being organized all over the west. It calls them "dark sciences" and warns them to go slow. It does not believe that such is the case. Such, however, is the case, as they are now established all over Utah, Idaho and Montana, and meet regularly in this city. The Mormons have more fear of this new movement than any other yet made.

Australian Mail Contract Renewed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25.—The mail contract between the Pacific Mail Steamship Company and the New Zealand and New South Wales colonies has been renewed. The contract was continued from the time of the expiration of the present agreement in next November, to extend for a period of not to exceed two years. The steamship company is to receive a subsidy not to exceed \$50,000 annually, of which the portion to fall on the colonies shall not exceed \$18,750 for carrying mail matter between San Francisco and Australian colonies. In the contract is a proviso that unless the contribution in aid of the line is received from the United States or some other source, the renewal service shall only continue for twelve months. It is desired that the United States government shall contribute at least one-third of the annual subsidy of the extended contract. Every month from 25,000 to 30,000 letters are shipped from the San Francisco postoffice to Australia, not including several thousand more sent to the various South Sea islands, where many of our business men have large mercantile interests. By the present mail line letters go direct to Australia and all the South Sea islands, and should this line be withdrawn all correspondence would have to make a circumference of the globe.

Arrival of Chinese Lepers.

Notwithstanding the precautions which the city authorities are supposed to take, Chinese lepers manage to find their way here. Dr. Foye, of the Twenty-sixth street hospital, reports that two more lepers have just been admitted, and two others will be brought in to-day. All of them have arrived here within the last month.

Southern Pacific Robbers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—Railroad officials have telegraphed from here, offering \$2000 for the capture of each of the cowboys who robbed the train near Gage station Saturday last, and \$10,000 for the capture of the whole party, the amount to be divided between the railroad and express companies.

Counterfeit Dollars.

Detective Finnegan, of the United States secret service, reports that a large quantity of spurious standard dollars are in circulation. The counterfeit is of white metal. It is dipped in silver wash, and the die and milling are nearly perfect, but they lack the ring. In a lot of \$12,000 taken to the treasury by Wells, Fargo & Co., twenty of these counterfeit dollars were found. The counterfeiters are supposed to be Italians, operating principally on railroad lines.

Complaints Against Turkey.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 25.—General Wallace, United States minister, has again complained of the inaction of the authorities of Bitlis in not furnishing the authors of the recent assaults on American missionaries. In a fresh note to the porte he insists that unless the governor of Bitlis is dismissed, the trial of the assailants shall be held at Constantinople, as no confidence will be placed in the present governor for the proper execution of a sentence against the malefactors.

German Hog.

BERLIN, Nov. 24.—It is thought probable that the decree forbidding the importation of American pork will soon be withdrawn. In confirm the report of the hygienic committee Dr. Bonnell states that the cases of trichinosis in Saxony were produced by German meat.

CANDIDATES FOR SPEAKERSHIP.

Candidates for the speakership have passed a quiet Sabbath. Randall remained at home all day. Carlisle visited his headquarters. Cox is in New York, and Springer, with his solitary henchman, Riggs of Illinois, remained undisturbed at his parlors in the National hotel. M. F. Elliot, representative at large from Pennsylvania, Forney of Alabama and Buckner of Missouri arrived here to-day. The first named representatives will vote for Randall, and Buckner will probably support Carlisle. Mr. Forney says that five members of the Alabama delegation will vote for Randall, Carlisle counts upon four votes from Alabama. The delegation is composed of eight representatives.

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