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## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

## EASTERN.

## Washington News.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The President has decided to give Whittaker a court martial in a few days.

Ramsey is to be retained as Secretary of the Navy although under the law his appointment expires every twenty days.

Gen. Walker, Superintendent of the Census, will have all the necessary data for a reapportionment law in readiness for consideration by Congress upon its re-assembling, but there appears to be a disposition among Republicans members to let the subject go over to next winter, and both for this reason and also because of shyness of the session the chances are now against the passage of any important bill by the present Congress.

Congress will not much longer endure such interference with the rights of the people as has been exhibited lately by railroad managers and others. There is a strong feeling in favor of national legislation to bring Government supervision of railroads. Regain proposes at the first opportunity to call up his inter-state commerce bill, and it is said that he will get at least 20 more votes in the House for his bill or some similar one than he would have got a month ago.

## Cold Weather in the West.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Cold weather continues. At dawn this morning the mercury was at 19° to 22° in the city. At 8 o'clock it was 15° below. Here and at other points in the northwest it stood as follows: Detroit 11, Milwaukee 19, Winona 15, St. Paul 9, Dubuque 22, Peoria 10, Davenport 14, Keokuk 15, Des Moines 12, at below zero. The sky is clear and wind moderate. The prospects now are for a gradually rising temperature. Trains are usually impeded somewhat, but there are no accidents.

The mercury has been rising all the afternoon, and at midnight had reached zero with chances favoring milder weather to-morrow. Light snow is falling at present. Advice indicates warmer weather west of here and eastward. The cold spell has been more severe and lasting than any for eight years, but has been entirely free from casualties. Railroad trains are arriving quite late on all the roads, in some cases being six hours behind time. Considerable difficulty is experienced in handling freight and live stock, so that receipts have materially decreased at stock yards.

News from all points is to the same effect. Heavy snow storms extend South to Georgia and Mississippi, and the mercury 40° above zero at Shreveport, La., and 5 degrees below zero in Shumuck, Texas. Nothing like it known for many years.

## Mexican Railway Subscription.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Subscriptions to bonds and stock of the Mexican National Railway and Stock of the Mexican National Railway Company were opened yesterday at the office of Weisbacher & Co., to the amount of \$60,000,000. It is expected that considerably more than the amount required will be subscribed before closing the books to-morrow. Large subscriptions were received from Boston to-day.

## The Grant Fund in Philadelphia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The Tribune says: The fund of \$10,000,000 raised by Philadelphia for Grant is completed and awaits the General's order. One gentleman says the Philadelphia Record, a Philadelphian of large means, who is a warm friend of the General, sent his name at once for \$25,000, with a letter stating that it was necessary he would give his own check for \$100,000, or that he would be willing to pay a life annuity to the President of \$25,000 a year.

## More Steamerships for China.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The Commercial Bulletin is informed by the Captain of the Esmeralda, recently arrived here from Amoy, that the four ocean steamers ordered by the China Merchants' Company for service on a regular line between China and San Francisco will be finished next July, commencing a weekly service from China in August. They will be manned by native crews, and commanded by English and American Captains. They are being constructed at Glasgow, and will be 1,500 tons each. The Captain believes that there will be ample employment for these vessels.

## California Horse Show in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Tomorrow evening Professor Bartholomew will give, in Central Music Hall, an exhibition of his horses, trained in California and brought thither several weeks ago. Their performance is said to be wonderful.

## A Heavy Judgment.

GALVESTON, Dec. 29.—The United States Court has rendered a decree in favor of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company trustees, against the Texas Western Narrow Gauge Railroad, for \$42,000 and account of interest, directing a re-enforcement of mortgage and ordering sale of the road; allowing 60 days from the date of the decree for payment of the amount of judgment.

## Immense Business of 1880.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—To-morrow's Public will have an article showing that clearing house exchanges at New York for the past year were not only larger than ever before, but much larger than those of London or any city in the world. The Public says: There is one moderate sized room in New York in which the payments made during the past year have greatly exceeded the entire amount received and the entire amount expended by the United States Government from its first establishment down to this year. The aggregate receipts of the United States Treasury on all accounts, loans included, have been \$18,570,348,647. The aggregate payments, including all remittance of notes and bonds, have been \$18,334,754,202; but the amount paid in the clearing house by exchanges alone since Jan. 1, 1880, is \$38,664,240,758, and the balance paid during the same time amount to \$1,561,200,000. The largest transactions ever known before in a single year, were those of 1869, when a third of the exchanges probably was due to speculation in gold. The exchanges in 1870 were \$37,407,018,957, and the balance \$1,120,318,308. For the first ten months record has been exceeded, the largest transaction ever made in any year through the London clearing house, were 16,013,298,

000 in 1874-5, equal to about \$30,066,405,000, hence the price it made in 1880 in the room where Mr. Camp has charge, are the largest ever made during any year in any establishment on earth. The exchanges in all the other cities in this country during the year will be not far from \$12,265,000,000, or less than one third those at New York.

## Cold Weather in the Southern States.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A cold wave is reported throughout the South, making the weather the coldest for years. At Jacksonville, Florida, oranges are frozen on the trees. It is feared that all fruit is badly damaged, although in some to allow the oranges escape.

## Taxation of Insurance Companies.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Considerable opposition has arisen towards the law passed by the last Legislature imposing a tax of one half of one per cent, per annum on the net value or reserve of all life insurance policies held by residents of the State. Contrary to the anticipation of the originators of the measure, it is said that its effect, unless it be modified or repealed, will be to close the doors of every Massachusetts Life Insurance Company and to drive from the State every other company doing business here; and, owing to the assessment of the new tax, three or four companies have announced their intention of withdrawing their business from the State. Several States, under what are termed reciprocal tax laws, have notified all Massachusetts companies doing business in their borders that they will be required to pay the same tax on business done there when Massachusetts imposes an outside company. The immediate result of a continuance of the law will be a falling off of about 15 per cent, in the dividends of the policy holders, several of the companies will test the constitutionality of the new law. Such assessments as have already been paid are paid under protest.

## Financial.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Money—5 Government strong; stocks closed firm; Western Union, \$1½; Erie, 30¢.

## Chicago Wheat Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—When firm higher, 86½ bid, Cash, 61; January, 98; February.

## The Northern Pacific Train.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Subscriptions to the Northern Pacific train will be opened in this city Monday. Subscriptions received here in excess of \$10,000,000 will receive pro rata allotment in connection with subscriptions made in London, where books will remain open for all subscriptions tendered during three days beginning Monday. In other words, \$10,000,000 will be awarded to American subscribers and all subscriptions in equal allotment.

## Statistics of Mining Industry.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The Tribune prints over two pages of a tabular statement of mining industry in the United States. It says: It will be seen from the statistics presented that the previous year has not been a favorable one for speculative mining operations. Stocks have as a rule gone down and this rust has taken the place of buoyancy and exaggerated claims of success. At the same time the business regarded as a productive industry has more than held its own. The number of dividend paying companies has nearly doubled. The total yield of ore is remarkably steady and an exceedingly good percentage has been earned on capital actually invested in land, machinery and working expenses, while the industry is constantly expanding, comprising almost every month new fields and drawing to itself additional forces in the way of capital and men.

## A Good Thing for Grant.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The belief is gaining ground within the last few days that the Metcalf bill to pass the Geor. Grant, a bill to the amount of \$60,000,000, is to be passed that it will be voted for by the Senate and the House of Representatives. The bill is to be voted on in the next two months. It is suggested that Grant will appoint Garfield's man, so that State from joining the insurrection, and that a committee for the relief of sufferers has been formed.

## A Strike Immune.

AT a meeting of Bolton cotton masters last night it was unanimously decided to reject any demand of operatives for advances of wages as many of the masters are working at a loss.

## Operatives Give Notice for an Adjournment.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—It is reported from Cape Town on good authority that J. H. Brand, President of the Orange Free State, has wired that he is unable to retrain the Boers of that State from joining the insurrection, and that in a few days he may be compelled to resign.

## Outrages on Jews at Berlin.

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—On the morning of New Year's day large crowds, mostly students, made a示威游行 through the streets before a Cafe much frequented by Jews. They smashed the windows and mobbed all the Jews they met. The police were comparatively helpless. Another Cafe was invaded and emptied of Jews. A large and stormy meeting continued to be held, and the cause seems to be gaining momentum. Fists are now being substituted for tongue.

## Garfield in Germany.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A despatch from Berlin says: The German field has written to the editor of the G. Times expressing joy at the cordial relations which exist between Germany and the United States. There seems to be no real basis for the rumor that Carl Schurz will be designated by General Garfield to supersede Mr. White here.

## A Small Victory.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Premier of the Cape Government telegraphs on the 31st ult. that the Colonials have gained a signal victory over a set of rebels. 20 Rebels being killed, and 800 cattle and 5,000 sheep captured.

## Help for the Boers.

A Durban correspondent says: It is reported that if troops are sent from England to fight the Boers, the Dutchmen in the Free State will make common cause with the Boers.

## Work Will Commence.

PARS, Dec. 31.—The first detachment of engineers and workmen will start January 5, to prepare for the commencement of the Panama canal.

## Against the Jews.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—A great anti-Jewish meeting was held yesterday. Several members of Parliament were present, and the hall was so over crowded that the police had to close the doors, thousands of people remaining outside.

## Loss by Floods.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 31.—A great number of cattle and sheep have been lost by the breaking of dykes between Nieuwland and Vlymen.

## Russia and China.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 31.—The Agency Rover announces the conclusion of negotiations between a Chinese ambassador and the Russian government, and adds that the ambassador will remain at St. Petersburg pending the decision of China upon Russia's proposal.

## Matters in Iceland.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A despatch from Dublin states that in order not to come in contact with the police, a meeting which was called to take place at Diagheda Sunday and which was prohibited, was held there Saturday. After Hussey and Davitt had made speeches, two magistrates summoned the chairman to stop the meeting and the riot act was read. The people dispersed quietly. Ten thousand persons were present.

## A Monster Liniment.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The Paris correspondent of the Tribune railroads. De Lassere's means of raising the wind by his famous canalization is the red purpose, the true inwardness of the scheme, lies in the fifth article of the contract of the association constituting the company. This states that ten per cent. of the shares are to form a privileged class of stock for the founders of the company. If the whole stock should be realized, this privilege would amount to about 30,000,000 francs or \$6,000,000.

## Heavy Immigration.

HAMILTON, Ont., Jan. 2.—For a week past a reform party has been agitating the dominion against the Pacific railroad. Meetings have been held in nearly all prominent cities, and public sentiment has not been stirred by these in either, and it is thought the opposition will not develop to any serious extent.

## Soft Thing for Dr. Leopold.

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## Foreign.

SITUATION IN IRELAND.

## Dublin.

DUBLIN, Dec. 29.—Military authorities are adopting extraordinary precautions, and the extensive character of their arrangements appears to indicate grave apprehensions of imminent danger. All troops are confined to their barracks. Guard jackets have been augmented, and intruding tools and lanterns have been served out for the use of patrols in the event of gas lighting off from any of the barracks. There are now here 250 officers, 6,000 men, 1,000 horses and 16 guns, the power of the British army, besides strong bodies of constabulary. Magisterial investigation is going on at Limerick into the conduct of a corporal of the army who was arrested for illegal drilling.

## South Africa.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—300 Boers are watching Newcastle for the purpose of waylaying reinforcements. The republic was to be proclaimed at Utrecht on the 29th. Loyal fugitives are pouring into Durban. The government has proclaimed martial law there. Paul Kruger, rebel leader, is at Potchefstroom. Nearly all inhabitants of the town are prisoners, and the Boers have looted all shops.

Major Clark and 25 men surrendered to the Boers at Potchefstroom, after 48 hours' fighting. Large forces of insurgents are advancing on Utrecht. The Boers have taken Derby. At Utrecht all persons refusing to join the insurgents have been shot.

## PACIFIC COAST.

## Outrages by South Sea Islanders.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—By arrival of the steamer Zealandia from Australia last night, further outrages are reported from the Andam Islands by Cossack Indians early in September, and a party of French marines, all residents of Tasmania, were murdered at James Bay, Mosby Island.

English traders' stores have been looted at Poolestockroon. Only 120 British troops hold the campaign there. Their position is extremely critical.

## Eastern Affairs.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 29.—The Albanian League has summoned all males over 18 years of age to arms in every district in Northern Albania. A great gathering at Jacova has just approved of the war with Montenegro, and has decided to send two nobles to Cetinje to demand the evacuation of Dulevo. If Prince Nikita refuses, envoys are instructed to declare war on behalf of Albania.

The mounting of troops in the state of Greece is causing the Porte to take precautions. Two ironclads have sailed for the Archipelago, and fortifications of the Dardanelles are being strengthened.

## Steamer Lossed—All Hands Perish.

DUBLIN, Dec. 30.—The British steamer Garmon was wrecked in the North sea during a gale on the 12th inst. All hands, numbering seventeen, perished.

## Dull Trials.

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have notified all Massachusetts companies doing business in their borders that they will be required to pay the same tax on business done there when Massachusetts imposes an outside company. The immediate result of a continuance of the law will be a falling off of about 15 per cent, in the dividends of the policy holders, several of the companies will test the constitutionality of the new law.

## Presentation and Ball.

THE first regiment, N. G. C., Col. Dickinson, was presented with a stand of colors at the Pavilion to-night by Gov. Perkins, on behalf of the citizens of San Francisco. Tercio de la Guardia, Col. Marshall, and others, spoke. The sentiments of the meeting were decidedly with the settlers, and resolutions were adopted endorsing their acts.

## Murder.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Edward Scott, foreman of No. 9's engine who was shot Friday night by Patrick Mahan, driver of the engine, died yesterday. A charge or murder has been brought against Mahan.

## The Nevada Senator.

CARSON, Jan. 2.—The Legislature meets to-morrow; caucus to-night. Fair is trying to win Tom Wren out of the Republican camp. Patrick Pennell has been arrested at Tipon, charged with the murder of Lord Mountmorris in September last. It is claimed that he is the man who recently shot an Irish laborer at Rockville, and acted under order of the secret society.

## The Turkish Finance Minister.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 30.—Tewlik Pasha, who brought arms for Turkey in the United States, is the new minister of finance.

## Another Steamer Supposed Lost.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—It is supposed that the British steamer Montgomeryshire is lost off the Portuguese coast with a crew of thirty men.

## Secretaryship Accepted.