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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS. THE WHEAT MARKET.

Various Reports from the Four Great Marts of the World. CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Wheat firm; December closed at \$1.05 1/4; January \$1.06 1/4; May \$1.11. NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Wheat market to-day is firm. December \$1.04 1/4; January \$1.05 1/4; February \$1.07 1/4; May \$1.11 1/4. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Wheat firm. Buyer the year \$1.47 1/4; buyer the season \$1.56 1/4; December \$1.55 1/4. LIVERPOOL, Dec. 15.—Wheat dull; California 7s. 8 1/2 d.

FOREIGN NEWS. THE SITUATION AT SUAKIM.

The English Parliament Discussing a Suspension of Hostilities—Who Are Osman Digma's Prisoners? LONDON, Dec. 15.—In the House of Commons to-day Lord Randolph Churchill asked whether the announcement of the capture of Emin Pasha and Henry M. Stanley by Osman Digma was well founded, and if the government would negotiate for the release of Europeans imprisoned at Khartoum before beginning hostilities. Goschen, replying for the government, said it was impossible to suspend the proposed measures for the relief of Suakim during the many weeks necessary to ascertain the fate of Emin Pasha and Stanley. Morley urged the suspension of operations in Suakim until Monday. Goschen declared that the government could not comply with Morley's request, but promised that the government would refrain from giving instructions to hurry operations. THE STORY BELIEVED AT SUAKIM. BRUSSELS, Dec. 15.—The Belgium consul at Suakim telegraphs to his government that the military and political authorities there believe the story that Emin Pasha was captured and his force dispersed, but are in doubt about the capture of Stanley. SUAKIM, Dec. 16.—It has been ascertained that the date 1869 was stamped upon cartridges which accompanied Osman Digma's letter, announcing the capture of Emin Pasha and a white traveler, and which were alleged to have been taken from the letter.

GLADSTONE SPEAKS. He Criticizes Salisbury, and Says the Attempt to Conquer Soudan is a Hopeless Task.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Gladstone was enthusiastically received at Lime House town hall to-day, where he made an address to a large audience. He congratulated the liberal party on the result of the Maidenstone election, which was held yesterday, in which the Tory party was largely reduced. He said it showed that their cause was advancing. He strongly condemned Salisbury's allusion to Dada Bhai Nasroji as "Black man," and said the unfortunate speech of the Premier gave pain to millions of Indian fellow countrymen. Gladstone protested against "his attempt to conquer Soudan, and described the case as a hopeless attempt to fight nature.

A Late Report Denied. OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—Sir John Macdonald denies the truth of the London dispatch announcing that the Canadian Pacific railway has formally proposed to the Dominion government to sell its transportation rights in Manitoba for three million pounds. No communication has been received from the Canadian Pacific since the last session of parliament.

Annexation or Independence. MONTREAL, Dec. 15.—The Club National, of Montreal, the leading liberal club of Canada, held a meeting last night to discuss the best system of government for Canada. Every mention of annexation or independence was greeted with cheers, but no definite action was taken.

A Loaded Woman. QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 15.—Among the passengers on the Umbria from New York, which landed here this morning, was a woman named Gallagher. She was arrested and searched, and fifty cartridges were found concealed in her dress.

The Postponement Bill Rejected. PARIS, Dec. 15.—The committee appointed by the chamber of deputies to consider the bill postponing the payment of the Panama Canal Company's liabilities, has rejected the measure.

A Titled Fellow Dead. BERLIN, Dec. 15.—Prince Alexander, uncle of the Grand Duke of Hesse, who has been ill for some time, is dead. The Prince was born in 1823.

Another Paris Duel. PARIS, Dec. 15.—Mannuel and Clemenceau of the chambers of deputies have fought a duel with swords. Clemenceau was wounded in the shoulder.

A Republic special from Mt. Pleasant, Texas, says: News is received from Cookeville to-night that the dwelling of John B. King was burned early this morning, and the bodies of King, his wife and six children were found in the ruins. It is believed that the family was murdered and the house fired to conceal the crime.

Madame Boulanger, in an interview has denied that she had refused to live with her husband. She complained that he was trying to play Napoleon, and make her his Josephine. She then burst into tears and begged to be excused from answering further questions.

EASTERN NEWS. OPIUM SMUGGLERS ARRESTED.

A Big Conspiracy Unearthed in St. Paul—Over 800 Pounds Seized in One Wagon on the Dakota Line—Big Profits of the Smugglers. ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 15.—The United States secret service officers here are on track of a gigantic smuggling conspiracy. They learned that an organized, well-equipped band of smugglers has for years been operating across the Northwestern boundary, bringing into the States the costly, high-tariffed drug. One of the gang was arrested recently at Denver, Colorado, and made a full confession. Acting on the information given by him, the Deputy Collector at St. Vincent went West to a point on the Dakota line Wednesday, and intercepted a wagon load of 800 pounds of opium in a crude form. The whole outfit was seized, and the driver of the wagon, a half-breed, was arrested. Authorities here maintain absolute silence when asked for full details, but don't deny the story of the arrest and subsequent seizure. At St. Vincent they admitted the smuggling conspiracy, but will go no further. The case is in the hands of officers detailed from the secret service of the Treasury Department at Chicago. On 800 pounds already seized the smugglers would have defrauded the government out of \$8,000, and could have pocketed that sum as their profit on the transaction.

FIGHT ON A TRAIN. Two Robbers Rob a Passenger Train of \$2000—A Lively Fight in Which a Young Man Was Killed.

NEW GRENADA, ILL., Dec. 17.—A passenger train on the Illinois Central was robbed last night one mile north of Duck Hill. When the train stopped at that point two men boarded the engine and commanded the engineer to pull out fast, covering him with a revolver. One mile north of the station they compelled him to stop and the engineer and fireman were marched to the express car. One of the robbers knocked on the door, which was opened by the messenger, and the robbers entered and took three thousand dollars. The firing of pistols before they entered the car attracted the attention of the conductor, who rushed out, and was fired upon when he returned to the train. A passenger then ran out with a Winchester rifle, and as he stepped to the ground from the smoking car he was fired upon and fatally wounded. The death of this young man, whose name is Hughes, is very sad, as he was the only support of a widowed mother. Nine shots were afterwards fired by the conductor and a travelling passenger agent.

SPOKANE FALLS NEWS. A Manslayer Convicted—Letter Carriers—A New Bank.

SPOKANE FALLS, Dec. 17.—The jury in the case of Frederick Klehm, who has been on trial for the murder of Oscar Gabriel for the past three days, rendered a verdict of manslaughter to-day. Klehm stabbed Gabriel in the abdomen in a quarrel. There were no witnesses to the stabbing, and the prosecution had to depend entirely on Gabriel's dying statement. Four letter carriers will be employed when the free delivery system goes into effect, January first. There are fifty-four applications for the places. Spokane Falls is to have another bank, the Citizens National, which will open March first, with a capital stock of \$100,000, all paid up.

TWO REPORTS. One That Hayti is Scared, Another That She is Preparing to Fight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Kingston, Jamaica, says that the Haytian government has become alarmed over the announcement that the United States war vessels are on the way to demand the release of the steamer Haytian Republic, and has decided to send the seized steamer to New York before their arrival, so as to avoid trouble. Another report from Port Au Prince is of a decidedly different nature. It states that three gun boats and one man of war are equipped for active service there, and are ready to receive the American cruisers.

A HAND-CAR'S MISHAP. Six Men Injured, it is Thought Purposely.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.—This morning six employees on the Narrow Gauge railroad boarded a hand car at Avondale Junction to come here. When the car came flying down the track in the vicinity of Gilbert avenue, it struck a stone, throwing it down an embankment, and four men, Jos. Pfeiffer, Jas. Powers, Chas. Shelly and T. Sullivan, were dangerously injured. Pat Dunkell and an unknown man were slightly injured. It is supposed the stone was put purposely on the track.

NOT OUR JOHN. The Missouri Pacific Railroad Defeats a K. of K.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—The United States Circuit Court has overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of John McGarry vs. the Missouri Pacific railroad. McGarry, who was master workman of a K. of K. assembly, secured judgment against the company for \$15,000 for false imprisonment during the strike of 1885.

Yellow Fever Refugees Returning. NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The steamer Iroquois has sailed for Jacksonville with three hundred yellow fever refugees, who are returning to their homes.

STATE AND COAST NEWS. A Tough Character.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Andrew Martin is a young fellow who backs up the assertion that he is real bad man, by the statement that he is a Swiss in Oregon some time ago and was acquitted the charge. To-day while in a saloon he got into an altercation with another Swiss upon whom he drew a self-cocking revolver, which he would undoubtedly have used with murderous effect if an officer had not arrived in time to disarm him.

A New Style of Robbery. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—While James Monaghan was standing drinking a glass of beer, two men approached him, one displaying a policeman's star, and authoritatively demanded that he be searched, as they believed he was an escaped prisoner from San Quentin. Monaghan, believing the men to be officers of the law, threw up his hands and the thieves searched his pockets and relieved him of two hundred dollars.

A Child Burned to Death. VANCOUVER, W. T. Dec. 17.—Yesterday a three year old daughter of Wm Stevens, living opposite Vancouver, came too near a fire place while alone, and her clothes caught fire and she was burned to death.

No Hope for the Yaquina Bay. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Yaquina Bay to-day says the steamer Yaquina Bay still remains on the rocks along side the jetty. She is gradually breaking up. There seems to be no further hope for the vessel.

Charged With Murder. SAN JOSE, Dec. 15.—Jack Logarbo, who stabbed his seventeen-year-old step-daughter to death in a moment of jealous rage a few days ago, has been charged with murder by the coroner's jury.

MORE ANSWERS. La F. Knight Expresses Some Characteristic and Plain-Spoken Opinions—He Would Not Tax Improvements on Real Estate.

ALBIA, Oregon, Dec. 12, 1888. To the Editor of the East Oregonian. 1. How can a full and fair assessment of property be secured? By getting men of integrity for assessors, who are acquainted with the men and property in the territory they are assessing. 2. What sorts of property should be the subjects of taxation? If any should be exempted, what, and why? All sorts, except public property; that should be exempt because it is the result of taxes, State, county and school district. 3. Are you in favor of a State Board of Equalization? If so, wherein will it work a benefit? I am not. Let each county put a full value on its own resources, and take it at its own estimate of itself. How often have we been insulted with the sneer that this is a locality of sage brush and rim-rocks. Let each locality establish the price of its egotism and pay the taxes on it. 4. Are you in favor of precinct, instead of county, assessors? I am. John Edlington might assess Centerville correctly and quickly; but he could not do the same for Camas, while Col. Berkley could. 5. Are you in favor of a graduated income tax; and, if so, how can it be assessed and collected? I am not. A tax is not practical on that which cannot be sold at auction, and the goods transferred. Besides that, incomes—like Mr. Blaine's trusts—are mostly private affairs, and an attempt to try to tax them would breed a new set of liars, as useless as the old ones, and twice as ugly. 6. What are your views upon the "single-tax" theory, or the placing of taxation upon land values only? Lands of the same quality for farming purposes should be assessed at the same price, regardless of frechold improvement. Apply the same rule to town lots also, and assess all personal property. 7. Do you think the bill prepared by the tax commission of 1886 an improvement upon our present law? In what respect would you recommend a change in it? I am not posted on the bill. 8. Are you in favor of deduction for indebtedness? I am not. Shiftlessness, prodigality and laziness should not be subsidized. Might deduct \$1.00 or so for each baby in the family after the first six. Each precinct should elect its own assessor. The assessing should be done in some one month. Assessors should meet, or the county court should make a schedule of property values for land and also for stock for the use of assessors, so they would work alike. LA F. KNIGHT.

One of the Hoodie Raisers. Mayor Fittler of Philadelphia talks freely of the "hoodie" raised for the Republicans in Quaker City. He says that he called a meeting of business men at his office, contributed \$10,000 himself and appointed sub-committees to collect subscriptions from various trades. He innocently remarks that "it was represented to the manufacturers that the money so expended would return to them in their business." He asserts that Thomas Dolan, John Wanamaker, A. J. Drexel & Co., Harrison, Frazier & Co., Hamilton Dixon, John and James Dolson and S. V. Williamson gave \$10,000 each, and that altogether Philadelphia raised not less than \$400,000 for the Republican National Committee.