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## EASTERN.

### News of the Week from Beyond the Rockies.

#### A COAL FAMINE IMMINENT.

On account of Strikes, Thirty Thousand Laborers out of Employment.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—At the Coal Exchange the dealers say if a settlement is not effected very soon, nothing can save this city, New England, and northern New York, from a coal famine. There is not more than a week's supply in this city, they say, and every channel to the districts most effectual at present has been stopped. There is little probability of their resumption of traffic until great damage has been done—thousands of men discharged, hundreds of factories shut down, large sums lost on unfilled contracts, and, again, suffering for

#### THIRTY THOUSAND MEN UNEMPLOYED.

It was learned this afternoon that at least 10,000 men have been thrown out of employment, and 30,000 persons are suffering. As a result of the strike, 30,000 coal handlers and strikers are scattered all along the coast, from Providence to this city. They have been sure they would win, as they thought they had the coal supply of New England entirely cut off. Now it appears the New York & New England railroad has been using cars of every description in rushing hundreds of thousands of tons of coal into New England daily. This has been kept secret, but on its leaking out today it seemed to depress the strikers. The first advances toward a reconciliation are said to have been already made by the strikers.

#### DISSOLUTION PROBABLE.

Complications of the Situation in English Affairs.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Referring to the question of the dissolution of parliament about Easter, the Post's London correspondent says he is convinced it has passed from the region of political forecast to that of practical certainty. The government is simply crumbling to its fall. In three months Lord Salisbury has lost three of his ablest ministers, Carnarvon, Churchill and Iddlesleigh. The unionist alliance is cracking all around. A considerable caste of the young Tory members are ready to support Churchill. There will be great discord in the cabinet on the coming local government bill, which was supposed to be an immense conservative success. The difference of opinion is so great that influential conservatives inside and outside the government are urging Salisbury not to attempt to introduce the measure. Although its introduction means the instant and complete collapse of the party, yet it is difficult to see how he can avoid doing so. The enforced retirement of Lord Iddlesleigh was a piece of sharp practice on Salisbury's part. When coalition became necessary all the ministers sent in their resignations formally, in order to leave Salisbury free handed. Naturally among them was Iddlesleigh, who never dreamed that he would be the one chosen for the massacre. Salisbury jumped at the opportunity and accepted the resignation by return post. Churchill is in high spirits. He said yesterday privately that everything was going as well as possible for him.

#### A Steamer Abandoned.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—The steamer Celtic Monarch, from Cardiff to Philadelphia, was abandoned at sea on January 2nd. The passengers and crew are safe.

#### THE NOMINATIONS.

Selecting a Man to Succeed Logan in the Senate.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 13.—Charles B. Farwell was nominated by the republican caucus this afternoon, to succeed General Logan in the United States senate. The democratic caucus was called to order at 7:30 this evening, by Senator Shutt, of Sangamon. An informal ballot for a candidate for U. S. senator was taken, which showed: Morrison 28, Stephenson 16, Black 11, Prendergast 11, scattering 16. On the third ballot Morrison received 43, and Stephenson 32, giving the nomination to Morrison. It was then made unanimous.

#### The Absorbing Topic.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The absorbing topic to-night in the hotels, clubs, and on the streets, is what action the senate will probably take to-morrow on the interstate commerce bill. The interest has been increasing daily as the debate progressed, till now it is all-absorbing. The telegraph offices are kept busy forwarding and receiving messages relating to the bill. Clubs, labor unions, and railroad officials in other cities are hourly informed by agents here of any change in the outlook. The number of senators who dread to face the issue is said not to be small.

#### War Thought Inevitable.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—The Star's London cablegram says: Bismarck's speech has created a general uneasiness on the continental bourses. It is accepted as a convincing proof that Germany regards war as inevitable and is resolved to be the first in readiness for the field. It is a challenge to France to assume the offensive as soon as she likes. The tone of the German press is proof of the increas-

ing strained relations. The French press generally treats the speech as a warning to be prepared for a German invasion without an hour's delay. In French military circles the feeling is general that the French preparations are not complete but that France will take the field before Germany.

#### Cluervius Hanged at Last.

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, JAN. 14.—Thomas J. Cluervius was hanged in this city at 1 p. m. to-day, for the murder of Fannie Madison March 14th last. He made no confession. His case has been a peculiar one, and has gained widespread notoriety.

#### THE OREGON SENATORS.

Their Actions and Opinions upon the Interstate Commerce Bill.

WASHINGTON, JAN. 14.—With reference to the adoption by the senate of the conference report on the interstate commerce bill, the question will naturally arise, what do these Oregon senators, who have privately consulted with their brother senators on this bill, and have in a measure participated in the discussion arising thereon, think will be the effect of the measure, should it become a law, on the transportation of the northwest? The only answer is, they do not know. They are, however, in precisely the same situation as every other senator in congress. Not one of them has been able to say to a certainty what will be the ultimate effect of the bill; but, of course, the majority holds that, as a whole, it will have beneficial results.

Dolph voted nay on a motion to recommend to the conference committee, fearing a recommitment would have the effect to prevent any law being enacted this session. He voted for the bill, although he questions if in practice the clause relating to long and short hauls will not be detrimental, if not actually disastrous, to much of the trade of the northwest, and he also questions if it will give that relief to interior towns which they have looked for.

Mitchell states that he voted "aye" on the motion to recommend, as he thought another conference committee would be able to eliminate some of the objectionable features of the bill and to incorporate others which would be beneficial. He, too, fears that the bill will not give relief to the interior northwest that it is expected to do.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—August Spies, the leader of the condemned anarchists, will marry Miss Van Zandt, daughter of a wealthy chemist, in jail on Tuesday. Spies was to have been hanged on December 2nd, with the rest of the convicted bomb-throwers, but his case is now on appeal.

#### A Prairie Fire.

TAYLOR, TEXAS, Jan. 15.—A prairie fire has been raging near this city. Five thousand sheep and an immense amount of pasture and fencing have been destroyed.

#### A NEW TREATY.

China Concludes that Her People will not Assimilate with Ours.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Secretary Bayard has completed and will send to the senate, it is said, early next week, a draft of the treaty with China, which it is hoped will meet all the difficulties of the Chinese immigration question. The treaty is the result of long and frequent conferences with the Chinese minister, who has been in constant cable communication with his government. Briefly, the treaty provides that the importation of Chinese coolies into this country shall be stopped by means and precautions to be adopted by both governments, with equal care. The treaty is reciprocal, and no American laborers are to be allowed to enter China, American merchants and missionaries are to be fully protected and to be given every advantage and facility China can furnish. Several other concessions of minor importance are also made. The Chinese minister declares that his government has come to recognize the fact that his countrymen will never adapt themselves to this country and will never assimilate with Americans. Such being the case, nothing but harm to both countries can result from their constant influx here, and the treaty is made on the part of China with the utmost frankness. Some curiosity is expressed among Pacific slope people here as to whether the treaty has been so intelligently drawn as to meet the ready evasions which Chinese have handily invented, and to prevent the trade in certificates which numbers of Chinamen are carrying on between San Francisco and China, by means of perjury, etc.

#### GEN. HAZEN'S DEATH.

The Chief of the Government Signal Service Dies Suddenly.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Gen. W. B. Hazen, chief signal officer of the United States army, died in this city at 8 o'clock this evening. He had been ill since Thursday, but no danger was apprehended until this afternoon. The cause of his death was diabetes, from which he had suffered for some years; but, of late, he had improved in health and strength, and hopes were entertained of his complete recovery.

#### The Interstate Commerce Bill.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 16.—The World says: The passage of the interstate commerce bill is a triumph of the people over corporations, pool makers, and stock gamblers. The bill itself may not be either perfect or adequate in all

its details. Undoubtedly it is not, but there is sufficient discretion given to the government's agents and enough adjustability in the provisions of the bill to insure against any great injustice or harm to the railroads. The important thing was to assert the power of the people over the corporations that they have created for their service, but which have proved in too many instances instruments of oppression and extortion. The bill does this. It proclaims that the master has not yet abdicated to the servant.

Troy, N. Y., Jan. 17.—Three persons were killed by fuel gas in this city to-day. They were found sitting as though they had been conversing when the gas overcame them.

#### The Dominion Parliament Dissolved.

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—The Dominion parliament has dissolved. The new elections have been ordered for February 22.

#### THE FOOLISH GIRL.

Miss Van Zandt, to Marry Anarchist Spies, Disowned and Disinherited.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 17.—Upon the receipt of associated press dispatches from Chicago saying Mrs. John Arthur, the aunt of Miss Van Zandt, had telegraphed from this city to marriage clerk Zegur, forbidding him to issue a license for the marriage of the young lady to Spies, the anarchist, a commercial reporter called upon the lady at her residence, in Oakland, to ascertain the feeling of Miss Van Zandt's friends in regard to her conduct. Mrs. Arthur seemed heart-broken. To the reporter she said: "I spent nearly the entire Sabbath on my knees, in prayer for the infatuated girl, and when I opened the paper this morning, and saw that Mr. Eugene Zegur, the Chicago marriage license clerk, had refused to issue a license, so she could not marry, I thanked God for what seemed a direct answer to my prayer, and the next thing I did was to send a telegram to Mr. Zegur thanking him for his manliness and courage in daring to refuse the license. The first intimation which her relatives had of the existing state of affairs was the announcement in the papers Saturday morning last."

The shock to Mrs. Arthur and to her distinguished father and mother can be readily imagined, especially as Miss Van Zandt's mother, who is the only sister of Mrs. Arthur, had been visiting her parents and sister just two weeks previous, and with the exception of jocularly remarking that Nina expected to marry some nice young man in the spring, had made nothing known, and had not given them the slightest hint in the true direction. On reading the news, so great was the prostration of Mrs. Arthur's father, Mr. Wm. B. Clark, that Mrs. Arthur was obliged to write to Van Zandt a message he wished to send. The letter was mailed by 10 o'clock Saturday morning, imploring them to prevent the wedding. This was closely followed by another, and the Van Zandt family were informed that henceforth they were not to be considered in the light of relations; every connection socially and financially was dissolved forever, and Miss Nina utterly disinherited.

#### Cold Weather.

St. Paul, Jan. 18.—The people of this section are suffering from excessively cold weather. The thermometer stands thirty-six degrees below zero in this city.

#### The Western Union's Powerful Rival.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The Post's Montreal special says: Erastus Wiman, president of the Great Northwestern telegraph company, has issued a manifesto to the shareholders of the Montreal Telegraph company, announcing that the money for the dividend due on Jan. 1 has been forwarded from New York, but stating that the Western Union company will not guarantee further dividends until some arrangements are made by which the company's rights can be protected from its powerful rival, the Canadian Pacific. He says the Canadian Pacific is destroying existing telegraph interests and rendering them unprofitable; that it has no limitation on the extent of expenditures, and that the Great Northwestern company is not powerful enough to fight it single-handed.

#### The Portland Custom House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—It will not occasion great surprise here if within a few days the president sends to the senate the name of a man to succeed F. X. Shurtleff for collector of customs at Portland. There may or may not be special significance in the fact that less than a week ago Mr. Cleveland sent to the treasury department for a list of all the applicants, their endorsements and all accompanying papers. These are now in his hands. It is not his custom to send for such documents unless he means business, yet there has been now and then a case where he has done this without immediate action being the result.

#### PROMINENT APPLICANTS.

An official near the president being asked if when application papers are requested one is warranted in drawing an inference that a new appointment will soon be made, replied with a significant shrug of the shoulders and ironic emphasis: "Sometimes that is the result." Among prominent applicants for this position are Hyman Abrams, Frank T. Dodge, and Al. Zeiber. If the strength and number of recommendations will decide Mr. Cleveland in the choice of an appointee, Abrams will be the fortunate man. It is said there have been few, if any, names ever presented from Oregon that had as influential endorsements as has his. Dodge, who left here for New York on the 12th, thence for the west, is largely building on influence from relatives and friends in this city to give him the position.

## PACIFIC COAST.

### News by Telegraph from West of the Rockies.

#### Murder in the Second Degree.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—Late this afternoon the jury in the case of George D. Gardiner, charged with the murder of Eugene F. Guindon on August 29 of last year, brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree. The jury had been out since 12 o'clock yesterday. Defendant's attorney will immediately move for a new trial. Guindon had escorted Gardiner's daughter to the Mechanics' fair and as they had refreshments after leaving there they did not return to her home until rather late. Gardiner was much irritated at this, and when he heard them arrive he rushed out and shot young Guindon as he was walking away.

#### Diphtheria Prevalent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—The prevalence of diphtheria is causing much apprehension in this city. During the month of December seventy-six deaths have already been reported this month. Six cases were reported yesterday and ten this morning. That portion of the city south of Market street is especially infected, owing to the sewerage there being defective.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 13.—John W. Barzee, a prominent citizen and capitalist of Portland, and owner of the St. Charles hotel building, died in this city at 4 a. m. to-day, of rheumatism. Deceased was well known in business circles, and was one of the promoters of the Morrison street bridge.

#### The Case of X. N. Steeves.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 13.—The case of X. N. Steeves, on trial before Judge Shattuck for conduct unbecoming a lawyer and a gentleman, is on trial, the defendant trying to show cause why he should not be discharged. A decision will probably be reached some time to-morrow.

#### THE COWARDLY DYNAMITERS.

They are Yet at Work on the San Francisco Street Railways.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13.—Residents on Post street, between Larkin and Polk streets, were startled between 7 and 8 o'clock this evening by the sound of a tremendous explosion, and by the shattering of glass about their ears. A dynamite cartridge had been placed on the track of the Larkin street branch line of the Sutter street cable road, and had exploded under dummy No. 34. The dummy was completely wrecked, and the windows of the car and of the houses in the vicinity were demolished. Mr. Hilderbrandt, his wife and brother, were sitting on the dummy on the side where the explosion took place and they were all thrown into the street. Mrs. Hilderbrandt, it is feared, is seriously injured. She was taken into a neighboring house and medical assistance summoned. Later in the evening she was conveyed to her home. It was a miracle that there were no others injured, as several persons were on the dummy.

#### STILL ANOTHER.

People in the vicinity rushed to the scene of the disaster, and soon a large crowd congregated. Officer Conboy, who was on the dummy, describing his sensations said that the explosion had the effect of momentarily stunning him, and it was fully half an hour before he recovered his hearing. The excitement caused by this explosion was intensified when it became known that another explosion had taken place on the Sutter street cable road near Dupont street, about nine o'clock. The explosive, which is believed to have been a giant powder cartridge, was exploded by the dummy wheels running over it. The dummy was disabled and had to be taken to the carhouse for repairs. It was quickly replaced by a new one and the road continued to operate its cars as usual during the remainder of the night. No one was injured by the latter explosion, as the charge in the cartridge evidently was small. The authorities are entirely at a loss as to the authors of these outrages and have as yet not obtained the slightest clue to the perpetrators of any of these frequent attempts at the destruction of life and property on the Geary and Sutter street cable roads.

PORTLAND, OR., JAN. 14.—The steamer N. S. Bentley, recently sunk at Albany, arrived safe here to-day, and will be repaired and ready for service in a couple of weeks.

#### Lawyer Steeves' Case.

PORTLAND, OR., JAN. 14.—Lawyer X. N. Steeves is still on trial. The testimony is very damaging to Mr. Steeves. There will probably be no decision before to-morrow.

#### Hearst for the Senate.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 14.—Hearst was nominated on the first ballot by the democratic caucus for the U. S. senate. Hearst received 54 votes, Wilson 3, Temple 3, and Helman 3.

#### Coal Miners' Strike.

NORTH YAKOMA, Jan. 14.—There is a strike at the Roslyn Coal mine and forty miners have quit work. About ten car loads of coal per day have been passed down the road for a week or more, and every thing was going on well until this

strike, which began yesterday and continues.

#### The Columbia Bridge.

Orders have been received to go forward at once with the building of the Northern Pacific railroad bridge over the Columbia river between Kennewick and Pasco.

#### Driving out Chinese.

VICTORIA, Jan. 14.—The people of Vancouver, headed by the mayor, several aldermen, and Knights of Labor, have driven about 100 Chinese from town, and threaten the balance, about the same number, who remain. The expelled Chinese have brought suits against the mayor and others, claiming damages in the sum of \$5,000.

#### The Case of Mr. Steeves.

PORTLAND, JAN. 15.—The examination of witnesses in the case of Lawyer Steeves is still progressing slowly.

#### Gen. Hazen's Successor.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—A special to the Examiner from Washington says: "The next few days' rumor will be busy assigning a successor to Gen. Hazen, whose death occurred this evening. The position of chief signal officer carries with it the rank and pay of brigadier-general. Gen. Hazen's successor will be appointed by the president, who may select whomsoever he pleases, without regard to rank. Capt. Greeley, the Arctic explorer, is believed to be better fitted by training and experience for the place than any other officer of the army. He is at present acting in Gen. Hazen's stead. The strongest possible influence will be brought to bear on President Cleveland to nominate him as Gen. Hazen's successor."

#### The Case of Lawyer Steeves.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 17.—The decision in the case of X. N. Steeves, the lawyer who is being tried upon the substantial charge of being a shyster, will probably be announced to-morrow.

#### Evicting the Chinese.

VICTORIA, Jan. 17.—The Chinese in Vancouver are still being compelled to move. The provincial authorities are inquiring into the matter. It is intended to clear the town of every Chinaman.

#### Frightful Holocaust.

VICTORIA, Jan. 17.—Early Saturday morning the Arlington hotel at New Westminster burned to the ground. Two men, George Campbell and Rufus T. Brown, were burned to cinders. Thos. McKay jumped from a third story window and was fearfully mangled. His feet were driven through a wooden sidewalk, where he was held and roasted before the eyes of the onlookers. The fall must have instantly killed him. The building was an old wooden tinder box and collapsed in fifteen minutes. The other inmates escaped in their night clothes. The building and furniture were insured. The fire is thought to be incendiary.

PORTLAND, OR., JAN. 18.—Mrs. Kelly, the plaintiff in the breach-of-promise case against Highfield, of Oregon City, has decided to accept \$7,000 damages, half of the original verdict. The costs of the case are nearly \$1200.

#### A Big Blaze.

OAKDALE, CAL., Jan. 18.—Five principal buildings burned in this city to-day. The loss is \$20,000.

#### PORTLAND'S CITY AFFAIRS.

Frank Vaughn Resigns as Supt. of Streets -- W. S. Chapman Elected.

PORTLAND, OR., JAN. 19.—Mr. Frank E. Vaughn to-night resigned the office of superintendent of streets, and Mayor Gates appointed and the full council unanimously confirmed W. S. Chapman to take his place. E. W. Pagett, assistant surveyor, was then appointed and unanimously confirmed city surveyor in place of W. S. Chapman. The salary of each of the above officers is twenty-four hundred dollars per year. Four prisoners escaped from the county jail this evening.

PORTLAND, JAN. 19.—The decision in the Steeves case will be announced on Saturday. It is snowing quite briskly here at 8 p. m.

#### Dynamite Explosion.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19.—A telegram from Pottsville, Pennsylvania, says that a trunk containing dynamite exploded there to-day and wrecked a baggage car on the Pennsylvania railroad. Several persons were injured. The owner of the trunk was arrested, but denies that it contained explosives.

#### Can't Marry Spies.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—The sheriff denies admission into the jail of Miss Van Zandt, the pretty and foolish heiress who wants to marry Anarchist Spies to-morrow, so the marriage will not take place.

#### A CURE FOR DYSPEPSIA.

Citizen (seeking free information)—If you had a case of dyspepsia, doctor, what would you do?  
Physician—I would treat the patient with my best professional skill and charge him a fair price for it.

It is rainy weather but F. J. Caterlin goes right ahead making the finest photographs ever turned out in the city, rain or shine.

## FOREIGN.

### Record of News from Over the Atlantic.

#### European Affairs.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Defeat of the army bill by 29 majority, and the dissolution of the reichstag were not the end but the beginning of a new struggle between the two opposing forces, bound up in the German constitution. Good judges think it is doubtful whether the government can win the elections, but a gain of fifteen members would give them a majority. Taxation grievances, socialism, particularism, clericalism, and many other influences will be invoked against Bismarck, but the German people know Bismarck intends to have his own way in any measure which he deems vital to the empire, and will dissolve the next reichstag if it proves intractable, as the has dissolved this one. The talk about France seizing the occasion to attack Germany is idle. What France will do is to vote the larger credits which General Boulanger asks for the army.

#### A Speck of War.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Dispatches from Constantinople state the fact that reinforcements have been sent from Constantinople to Crete. An outbreak is feared on this historical island of the Mediterranean against the Turkish authorities. It is only since 1869 that the Cretans have been subject to the Turkish yoke, and serious trouble is feared.

#### The Stanley Expedition.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Henry H. Stanley told a reporter to-day that the Emir Bey relief expedition will go by the way of Zanzibar; that the enterprise would cost \$100,000, and that it would leave Zanzibar composed of 1000 men. Of these eight would be English and the rest natives of Zanzibar. Stanley said he expected that news of the progress of the expedition would reach Europe by July.

#### The Emperor Falsely by the Defeat.

BERLIN, Jan. 17.—Emperor William, in receiving the president of the Prussian landtag to-day, referred to the dissolution of the reichstag and the rejection of the army bill. "The rejection of this measure, so important for the preservation of peace to Germany," the emperor said, "has deeply saddened me. After so many happy days have been vouchsafed to me in my old age, and especially after completing eighty years of service in the army, the rejection of the bill impressed me deeply and most painfully. It is impossible, from a military point of view, to regard the three years' bill proposed by the majority of the reichstag as sufficient. I hope the government measures will be passed in the near future."

#### A la Hibbs.

PARIS, Jan. 18.—The chief clerk of the postoffice of this city has stolen forty thousand dollars, and fled. His whereabouts are unknown to the French authorities.

#### A British Gunboat Wrecked.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The British gunboat "Firm" was wrecked on the Northumberland coast. Nineteen of the crew were saved. The fate of the others is unknown.

#### IRISH EVICTIONS.

The Tenants Resist the Police and Bailiffs--The Officers Return.

DUBLIN, Jan. 18.—The sheriff and a force of police from Gweedone, while on the way to evict tenants at Bloody Fassland, county Donegal, to-day, found the road blockaded with immense granite boulders, and were obliged to proceed on foot. The blowing of horns and ringing of bells brought together a large crowd of peasants, who threatened the police with violence. The police resisted, and were assailed with a shower of stones. A desperate fight ensued, in which five police were badly wounded. A priest who was present finally quieted the people, and they allowed the police to proceed. A tenant named Gallagher was evicted, but for various reasons the other tenants were left undisturbed. Meantime the people carried Gallagher back to his home, made a fire, and reinstated him. The priest then persuaded the people to allow the police to retire. While the sheriff and his escort were on the way home masses of granite were rolled down the hillsides, and the officers narrowly escaped injury. It is thought no further attempts will be made to enforce the writs.

#### A Panic, and Loss of Life.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—To-night the Hebrew Dramatic Club gave an entertainment at the theater, Princess street, Spitalfields, which was attended by about 500 people, mostly Jews. Some one in the gallery, for a joke shouted "Fire!" The gas was turned off, and a terrible panic followed. The people rushed in a solid mass for the doors. When the panic subsided it was found that twelve women and youths had been trampled to death, in the rush, and many others injured.

#### A Better Price for Wool.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Since the last sales a good demand for wool has been maintained, which is chiefly attributed to an improved French trade. Four thousand bales have been sold at an advance of 5 to 10 per cent. over the lowest prices of December. This, with the light stock in most markets, brightens the prospects for the sales which commence on January 25.