GEORGIA CENTRAL R. R. The Morning Star. NEW YORK. Great Fire at the Standard Oll Works New Schemes for the Control of the -A Merchant Makes an Assignment Road. -Third Avenue CarHorses Poisoned. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WILMINGTON, N. C. NEW YORK, July 20.-The conferences (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) between parties holding control of the THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 21, 1887

THE LATEST NEWS. FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD WASHINGTON.

Appointment-Seizure of Vessels for Illegal Scaling-The President Back at the White House-The Dutiable Value of Sumatra Tobacco-Harvey, the Treasury Forger, Sentenced to Twelve Years' Imprisonment-Inter-State Commerce Decision.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, July 20.-The President and Mrs. Cleveland, Secretary and Mrs. Fairchild, and Col. Lamont arrived in Washington at 9:30 o'clock this morning. The President and Mrs. Cleveland proceeded directly to the White House and other members of the party went to their respective homes. They are all in good health, and speak enthusiastically of their tour in New York. Though somewhat tired, the President went to work soon after reaching the White House. Most of the day was devoted to considering the mail which accumulated during his absence. He was assisted in this duty by Col. Lamont. Secretary Fairchild spent was soon licked up by the flames the day at the White House and will resume his duties at the Treasury Department to-morrow.

Assistant Secretary Maynard to day gave a hearing to a representative of the importers of Sumatra tobacco and of growers of domestic leaf tobaeco, in regard to the general question of the proper method of determining the dutiable value of Sumatra obacco

Mr. Shroeder, of New York, representng importers, asked that the present regulations of the department requiring a close inspection of all bales be assorted so that all packages which do not contain 85 per cent. of wrappers be admitted at the rate of 35 cents per pound. Mr. Lachenbach, of New York, representing the Leaf Tobacco Board of Trade, urged that the department insist on its former ruling, that Sumatra tobacco wrappers, no matter how packed, shall be assorted and made to pay duty at the rate of 75 cents per pound.

Mr. W. V. Hensel, of Lancaster, Pa. representing domestic growers, contended that Congress intended to impose a tax of 75 cents per pound on all Sumatra wrappers, and that Sumatra tobacco is never imported for other use than wrappers except to evade the law.

Arguments were made by other representatives of both interests. The importers asked that the department instruct appraisers to make their appraisements in such manner that the package iustead of a leaf, shall practically be the unit of appraisement; that if a package contains less than 85 per cent. of wrappers the whole bulk shall pay a lower rate of duty.

The hearing lasted several hours. Assistant Secretary Maynard took the question under advisement, and promised to give it careful and thorough consideration.

New York, July 20.-By 6 o'clock this morning the great fire at the Standard Oil Works, at Constable Hook, N. J., which broke out at 12:30 was under control. Two large warehouses, three immense tanks, four big docks and over ten thousand barrels of oil were destroyed. At one time it looked as if several warehouses, a dozen or more tanks in the neighborhood, a large brick storehouse, the docks along the river front and the manufactories of the Bayonne chemical works, the Oxford Copper and Sulpur Co., the Standard Match Co., and the large lumber yard of A W. Booth & Bro., would be destroyed.

The Standard people seeing their danger telegraphed to their works at Greenpoint for assistance. Five powerful tugs were sent from that place, and they arrived at Constable Hook at half past one o'clock. Though the firemen kept throwing powerful streams upon it, the tanks which were all that separated the large frame warehouse also used as a cooperage, from the flames, also caught fire and was blazing. For about half an hour the firemen kept the destroying element from crossing a dozen feet that still intervened, and they might have saved the threatened building had not the pipe at the base of the tank burst and hurled the burning fluid upon the struct-ures and fired it. As it was started with inflammable material it which then got beyond control and swept down toward the river. At the docks there had been a large number of vessels. These had, however, been towed out into the stream, but none too soon. First one pier took fire, then another and another, until four large piers were also in flames, casting a lurid glare upon the waters of New York bay. By this time the tugs had arrived and they fought the fire from the water. Each of them threw several streams upon the burning piers and it was only the efforts of the men on the tugs that checked a spread of the flames and saved the factories and lumber yards along the water front On the land side the fire had also been gotten under control and office, storehouse and neighboring tanks were saved. The Stan dard people estimate their loss at about a million dollars. There was no insurance. NEW YORK, July 20.-Orlando B. Hastings, doing business under the firm name of Hastings & Todd, at 26 Beekman street, made an assignment to-day to Fred. C. Launsbury, with preferences amounting to \$21,727. NEW YORK, July 20.—It seems that 125

of the Third Avenue Car Company's horses have been poisoned by cyanide of potassium, instead of twenty, as first stated. Twenty-nine have died, and several more are unable to work. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals say that they have evidence to show that the poisoning was intentional.

The Standard Oil Co. state that the loss by fire at Constable Hook last night is not over \$100,000; earlier statements being greatly exaggerated. The company have an insurance fund of their own.

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Georgia Central R. R. continue, but none of those present at the meetings will give any information as to their purport. It is stated, however, by brokers connected with the management that the only object of the meetings is to devise a way in which to market the stock. The syndicate which bought control is said to have found their oad too burdensome, and some of its members are thought to be contemplating some scheme by which the syndicate can be dissolved so as to enable them to realize on their stock. The whole trouble is said to come from the high price paid for Ceatra

property. WASHINGTON, July 20 .- The New York Times rail road news columns this morning contain the following on the foregoing subject: "Capitalists who bought control of the Georgia Central R. R. Co. some months ago, and whose movements have dinand of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. Led by attracted a good deal of attention in Wall officers of the army they paraded the street, have been holding a conference in this city for a day or two past. Two or three schemes of consequence are under advisement, but the men most interested exert themselves to wrap all their proceedings in mystery. Those attending the meetings are Gen. E. P. Alexander, of the Ga Central R R., President; Henry Blun and E. M. Green, of Savannah; C. H. Phinizy, of Augusta, Pat Calhoun and John C. Calhoun; all interested Southerners.

Among the New Yorkers giving the conferences attention are Emanuel Lehman, Alfred Bully, A. L. Rice and H. B. Hollins. Boiled down, according to the information of Wall street, the purpose of the conferring capitalists is to arrange some plan by which control of the company may be put into more tangible shape than the mere existence of the original purchasing syndicate would provide. "Pat" Calhoun and John C. Calhoun control the charter of the corporation known as the Georgia Investment and Banking Co., which they have been willing to turn over to the syndicate, contemplating an exchange of a controlling block of the railroad stock for trust bonds and stock of the new corporation. This would tie-up the control of the Georgia Central effectively, and at the same time make way for profits through the marketing of new securities of the Investment and Banking Company. But for some reason it appears that the Messis. Calhoun have been unable to convince other members of the syndicate that the Investment and Banking Company was just what was needed. Another project comes up and was considered yesterday providing for the use of the charter issued in North Carolina for what is known as the Georgia Company. It practically duplicates the Investment and Banking Co., but has some provisions that are held to be more liberal. The issue of new Georgia Company securities for exchange with the syndicates majority of the Georgia Central Railroad stock is the chief principle involved. The basis of exchange has not been determined. Indeed, further conferences may result in an entire change of base, and even an abandonment of the hole underlying scheme of the new com

FOREIGN.

The Manchester Markets-Two More British Iron Clads in Collision-Violent Opposition to Prince Ferdinand in Bulgaris-France Preparing for a Sanguinary Struggle-Egyptian Cotton Crop Attacked by Worms.

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THE MAILS.

By Cable to the Morning Star. LONDON, July 20 .- Two more of the great British iron-clads have been in collision. The Agincourt was run into to-day at Portsmouth by the Black Prince and damaged. The Agincourt is an iron-screw ship, armor-plated, of 10,690 tons, and 6,870 horse power, and the Black Prince is an iron armor plated ship of 9,210 tons,

and 5,770 horse power. PARIS, July 20,- A dispatch from Vienna to the Temps, says: The Bulgarian Government is intercepting telegrams to and from the Bulgarian capital. There have been violent scenes in the Sobranje; members of the opposition, including ex-Premier Radoslavoff, being forcibly expelled. Troops at Rustchuk have made a hostile demonstration against Prince Fer-

streets, uttering cries of "Long live Rus-PARIS, July 20.-The Senate has ap proved the treaty of commerce between France and Mexico, embracing a modifi-cation of article six, demanded by the Mexican Government.

LONDON, July 20 .- According to letters received from Bucharest, M. De Coutouly. French Minister there, in a speech at a banquet on the 14th inst., said that the French republic was preparing for a sunguinary struggle which would be more formidable the longer the outbreak was delayed, and he concluded by offering a toast to the health of the Russian Minister-M. Olassof-whereupon all present should, Success to Russia, the friend of France.' CAIRO, July 20. - The cotton crop in the Province of Menudeh has been attacked by worms and much of it has already been de-

stroyed. MANCHESTER, July 20.-The Guardian says : The tone of the market is a trifle quieter. The moderate general buying for early delivery has somewhat lessened. There is no material change in prices Business for distant delivery is mostly in abeyance, and buyers and sellers are apart. India and China merchants have bought less; South Americans purchase moderately. Export yarns have been sold in small quantities. Prices are steady. The home inquiry is poor. In the cloth market there is an annimated business, but mostly of a hand to mouth character. India shirtings of ordinary widths are steady. There have been some sales of particular makes to a moderate amount, and prices are generally steady.

CHICAGO MARKET REVIEW. Effect of Drought and Fire in the Wheat Pit-Corn Excited - Provisions Active.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CHICAGO, July 20 - The destruction of about one million bushels of wheat by fire at Minneapolis and drought news had a firming influence on the wheat market at the opening. August started # higher, at pany. Southern men now here are all 711. Fluctuations of the first hour sent it down to 701@71, and up to 711 The latter figure brought out such liberal offerings that it took but short time to bring about a reaction to 701; still later it firmed up again to 711, principally in private dispatches reporting damage by chinch bugs in the southern part of the State. At noon August stood steady at 711, subject to fair amount of local trade of a scalping character. The close was slow, at 707 Corn was decidedly the centre of attrac tion. At the opening the crowd all at once woke up to the fact that there was too much company on the long side of corn and that the drought had not yet assumed a dangerous aspect. Nearly everybody began selling and the pit was soon a seething mass of excited brokers. The few bears saw their advantage and helped to fan the excitement into a fiercer flame. August corn opened 1 lower at 381, and sold down to 375 before the excitement was stayed Additional drought news came in and a reaction set in which took it back to 38 At this figure the market became quiet, steady and firm. A Little after noon reports were circulated showing that the growing crop in this State is not seriously injured as was supposed, and the longs began to sell freely, causing August to sell off to 371, from which figure it reacted to 374, and closed at 374. Oa's were easier, and with the exception of July sold down #c. August opened at 261 and closed at 251. Provisions were quiet and active and the market was considerably unsettled. Large receipts and lower prices of hogs, together with improved prospects for the corn crop, had a weakening influence on provisions and the longs were disposed to realize The demand was quite active, mainly from the shorts. Lard was essier: August opened at \$6 65, sold down to \$6 60, the closing figure.

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Ladies' and Gents' Summer

James N. Lipscomb, of S. C., was today appointed Chief Clerk of the Patent Office, vice Schuyler Durgee, resigned.

The acting Secretary of the Treasury today received a telegram from Captain Shephard, commanding the revenue steamer Rush, dated Ounalaska, July 5th, confirming the press dispatches in regard to the seizure of the British steam schooner Annie Beck and the American schooner Challenge, for illegal sealing.

WASHINGTON, July 20.-Oscar J. Harney, the Treasury Department forger, was arraigned in the District Criminal Court this afternoon and pleaded guilty to the charge set forth in the indictment. He was sentenced by Judge Montgomery to twelve years imprisonment at hard labor in the Albaay penitentiary, In passing sentence Judge Montgomery said that while the situation of the prisoner's family appealed to him, the protection of society was to be considered and an example made. There was but one way to stop crime, and that was to punish it. The prisoner had robbed the government, not through a sudden impulse but through a scheme pursued for months. The reasons urged for lenient sentence were matters White Star laundry, \$25,000, insurance \$20,000; Wrigley Bros, \$15,000, insurance for consideration of the Executive. He, himself, could do no less than sentence the \$5,000. accused to twelve years imprisonmentthree years on each count of the indictment The prisoner received the sentence with composure.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 20.-The Inter-state Commerce Commission to day rendered a decision covering three cases of the Chicago and Alton R. R. against the Pennsylvania Co. and the Pennsylvania R. R. Co., two cases, and the Rock Island Road against the N. Y. Central, growing out of the refusal of the defendant companies to sell through tickets and check through baggage over complainant's lines, because complainants refused to join in an agreement to abolish ticket commissions. The complaint is dismissed. Commissioner Morrison filed a dissenting opinion.

TENNESSEE.

Depositions in the Case of a Colored Man-Ejected From a Train-Denial of Yellow Fever Reports From Memphis.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CHATTANOOGA, TENN., July 20.—By order of the commission depositions were taken to-day in the case of W. H. Council, colored, president of the State Colored Normal College at Huntsville, Ala., against the Western and Atlantic Railroad. Council claims damages for ejection from a train on that road near Dalton. The case has excited great interest in this section and the result of the investigation is watched with great interest.

MEMPHIS, July 20.-Editors, bank officers and the Board of Health unite in denying that yellow fever exists here, as has been reported in New York. The Health Board says: "There is no yellow fever in Memphis, nor any suspicion of any; nor is there any grounds for the report that there has been any suspicious case here."

CLOSELY GUARDED

A Bank Vice President Put in Jail at Dayton, Ohio, with Other Thieves and Placed Under Strict Surveillance.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. DAYTON, O., July 20.-F. L. Harper, vice president of the Fidelity National Bank of Cincinnati, was brought here at 10 o'clock last evening. Harper came in charge of Deputy U. S. Marshal Costello, accompanied by Mrs. Harper, their child, son-in-law Harris, and Harper's sister, Mrs. Matthews. He was locked up in one

Destractive Fire at Cincinnati-Loss, \$150,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CINCINNATI, July 20.-Briggs-Swifts old pork house, on the corner of Ninth and Sycamore streets, which was recently remodeled for manufacturing purposes, was burned this forenoon, involving a loss of \$150,000. The fire started in the ice cream freezer factory of the Gorch Freezer Co. which occupied the first and second stories of the four-story structure. The place being filled with dry lumber, the fire almost instantly communicated to the whole building. The entire fire department was called out and succeeded in sav ing adjoining buildings. The other occupants of the building were Wriley Bros., manufacturers of paper boxes, and the White Star laundry; all were completely burned out. Of three hundred employees in the building when the fire started, all succeeded in escaping without injury, so far as known. There is a rumor that one girl is missing, but it cannot be verified yet. The losses are as follows: Gorch Freezer Co., \$75.000, insurence \$14.000: Briggs-Swift, \$30,000, fully insured;

HAIL CYCLONE.

Effects of a Storm in Indiana-All Vegetation Completely Swept away. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, July 20 .- A special from Wabash, Ind., says a genuine hail cyclone passed through the northern part of the county yesterday, doing an immense amount of damage. The storm came f:om the west, through Miami county, and caossed the Lake Erie and Western Railway at a point between Denver and Peru. Its path through this county was from two to three miles, and in that space no vegetation escaped. The hail was phenomenal every way. The stones were the size of hen's eggs, and could be gathered up by the bushel after the storm. A great number of fine forest trees were broken off and piled up in an interminable mass. Not a field of grain escaped destruction in the pathway of the storm. Corn was riddled and stripped of the ears and silk. Oats were threshed out and driven into the earth. Apples, mellons, grapes and all small fruits and vegetables were cut to pieces and nothing can be saved.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Conflict Between Miners and Strikers in the Coke Regions-Call for Militia.

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.] PITTSBURG, July 20.- Λ special to the Chronicle Telegraph from Greensburg, Pa., report a conflict between miners at work on the Mammoth coke works, and strikers. A party of forty strikers marched to the works this afternoon, and after driving off Sheriff Byers and six deputies, forced nineteen new men at work to quit. In the melee three of the non-union men were severely beaten. Sheriff Byers has called upon the Governor for militia to protect the men, as he says his force is inadequate and destruction of property and perhaps loss of life may result. The strikers are ugly and the impression in West Moreland county is that the strike is very far from settlement, notwithstanding the action of yesterday's convention at Everton and Scottdale, where at both the Amalgamated Association and the Knights voted to return to work.

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deeply interested, however, in accomplish ing something definite without such delay.

BALTIMORE & OHIO

The Big Deal Off-All Negotiations with the Syndicate Absolutely at an End.

(By Telegraph to the Morning Star PHILADELPHIA, July 20.-The Record

will to morrow publish the following: Elberon, N. J., July 20, 1887. - Hon. Wm. M. Singerly, Editor of The Record, Philadelphia: Dear Sir-In reply to your courteous inquiry as to the real status of the negotiations called by the press "The Baltimore & Ohio Deal," I beg to say that all such negotiations are terminated. The syndicate which was to acquire a block of stock of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company in such a way as was believed would be beneficial to all parties and railroads concerned, did not at the appointed time comply with their engagements, and all arrangements or negotiations with them are now absolutely at an end. I have not purchased the stock of Johns Hopkins Uni versity, as stated in some of the new spapers I had an option on that stock and also upon that of several other holders, but I have not exercised these options; nor do I now intend to do so. The statement in some of the papers that I purchased large blocks of Baltimore & Ohio stock is a mistake. As I have stated, I had options, but circumstances rendered it unnecessary to close them

The Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, its properties, including its large telegraph system and ownership of its stock, remain now as they were at the opening of negotiations. The widespread public interest which these negotiations have excited and the many false and foolish rumors to which they have given rise, justify me in departing from my usual course and making this formal statement of their final termination.

Thanking you for the kindly terms in which you have been pleased to refer to the Baltimore and Ohio Company and its future, and acknowledging the correctness of your judgment and that of many other friends as to the propriety of making public this letter, I am as ever, Very truly, yours, ROBERT GARRETT

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Two Lives Lost by the Burning of a Turpentine Distiliery-A Notorious Burglar Caught-The Hot Spell in

Charleston. By Cable to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, July 20 .- The temperature at Charleston to-day was about five degrees lower than Tuesday, but there was no sign of a break in the hot spell. Two deaths from heat were reported up to six clock this evening.

COLUMBIA, July 20.-The turpentine distillery of Hilliard Goodwin, in Lexington county, was burned last night. The fire was caused by careless handling of a kerosene lamp. Thomas Graffin, distiller. and a negro laborer whose name is unknown, were caught in the flames and literally burned to a crisp.

Stout, who was arrested at Groveton. Sunday, for burglary, turns out to be a notorious cracksman. He is also known by the names of James Kelly, William Kelly, and James Lambert. He burglarized Stelling's store in Augusta two years ago, burglarized at Harmon Grove and Norwood, Ga., recently, and is thought to have been of a gang doing burglar work in Georgia recently. Last month he was arrested and jailed at Key West, Fla., for

VIRGINIA.

Verdict in a Murder Trial at Alexandria.

iv Telegraph to the Morning Star. !

ALEXANDRIA, July 20 .- The jury in the case of Douglas Kidwell and four companions charged with the murder of Geo. Wertenbaker, a brakeman on the railroad between this place and Washington, to-day returned a verdict of guilty of involuntary manslaughter as to Douglas Kidwell and not guilty as to the others. Kidwell was sentenced to pay a fine of five dollars and be imprisoned in jail for three months. The five men were put off the cars by train men for disorderly conduct, and in a fight that occurred Wertenbaker was struck in the stomach by a rock thrown by Kidwell and instantly killed. The defence claimed that the brakeman was killed by a stone thrown at another train man to protect themselves from assault

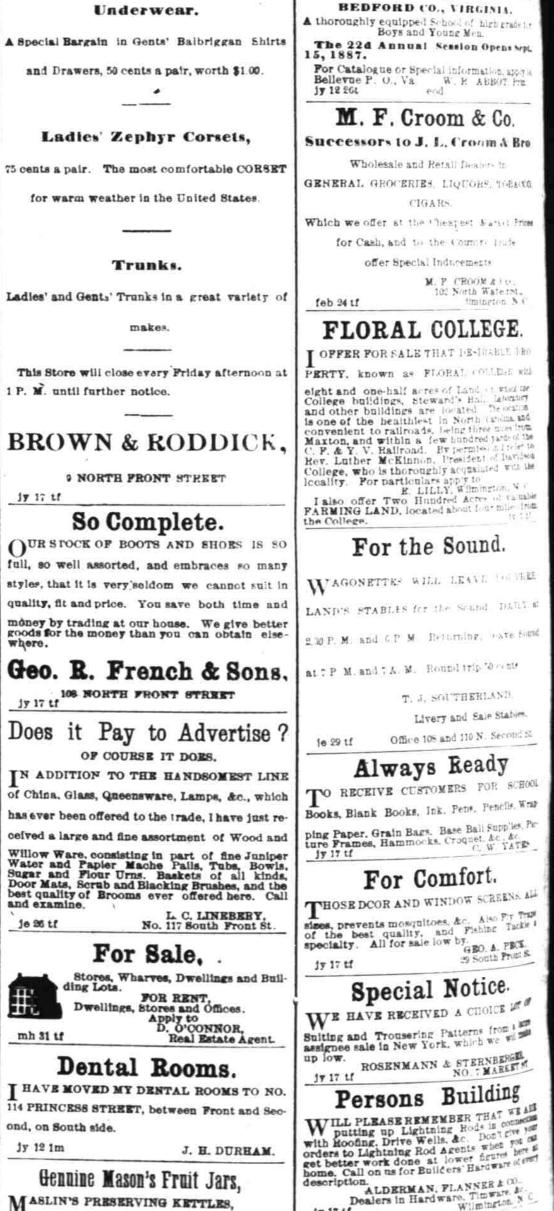
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